



# THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

April 3, 2018

## In Gratitude for Holy Week Miracles

What an incredible Holy Week...a week where miracles abounded here at Desert Skies United Methodist Church. Prayers were answered, healings took place, and teams throughout the church accomplished their parts beautifully to tell the story of Jesus' last week in a way that we will all remember.

I am grateful for vocal and bells choirs and musicians and their leaders who put in extra time, rehearsals, and love to create the meaningful and poignant music that walked us through all of Holy Week. For those who decorated, cooked, cleaned, changed signs, put up banners, served communion, built fires, designed sets and did what needed to be done to create the sacred space we needed to experience the amazing love of God in Christ Jesus...thank you. For those who created drama and video and altar spaces, for all who read and acted and ran sound and video, providing concrete pictures for us to see what we needed to see...you are an inspiration. Thank you, Youth, for feeding us well and helping us create the beautiful flower cross. And for Jerry and Larry and their crew, who, after countless hours of loving labor, completed our Sanctuary Patio in time for Easter Sunday...we can't begin to express how grateful we are for your time and energy and your ability to bring to pass the wonderful vision given to us by both Dan Elder, who designed this new community space for us, and the Patio Committee who put together the master plan. We LOVE it!

And finally, though certainly not lastly, my thanks for a staff who worked as a team to do what needed to be done...Rev. Matt, Doc, Raymond, Tammy, Michael, and Verna. You get what it takes to celebrate the love of Jesus and your willingness to do that has blessed so many! Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

It was a week of miracles...and it happened because of the amazing people of Desert Skies, a joyful community drawing people to Christ through loving action and a lot of hard work. I am grateful.

Shalom,

Rev. Candace





## **RISE AGAINST HUNGER 2018**

**Thanks to all for participating in the Lenten offering. The children collected 7,805 coins on Palm Sunday, and all of the noise amounted to \$649.29!** Your additional gifts of checks and paper currency bring our total to \$2,983.91. Your gifts raised about 50% of the \$5,800 needed to purchase the 20,000 meals that we will package at our **RISE AGAINST HUNGER EVENT THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 8th**. If you missed the Lenten Offering, you may still place a check in the offering or send it to the church with Rise Against Hunger on the memo line.

### **Here are a few things to keep in mind this Sunday:**

**Those who are willing and/or able to assist with unloading and set up, please come to the Fellowship Hall by 9:15 am.**

Everyone else who has signed up to participate:

1. Report to the Fellowship Hall **breezeway** and check-in at the registration table following the 10:00 am worship service
2. Have lunch on the Fellowship Hall patio
3. Meal packaging will begin in the Fellowship Hall by noon and be completed by 2:30 pm
4. Children as young as five can participate
5. Child care will be provided for children younger than 5
6. There will be sit-down jobs, **THIS EVENT IS FOR ALL GENERATIONS**
7. **WEAR YOUR DESERT SKIES UMC SHIRT**

**THIS YEAR OUR RISE AGAINST HUNGER FACILITATOR IS ALEX MARTINEZ**

**We are looking forward to this exciting event which gives us an opportunity to send our love to hungry children in orphanages and school feeding programs in one of 43 countries where Rise Against Hunger is making a difference. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS AND YOUR SERVICE!**

## **Celebration of Life for Herb Croft**

**The service for Herb Croft will be on Wednesday, April 18th at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. Please join the family for donuts and coffee on the sanctuary patio after the service.**

## Sunrise Service

This year the Sunrise Service was held on our brand new Sanctuary Patio. We had bagpipes, youth bells, a bonfire and the presence of the Lord. Couldn't have asked for a more beautiful morning or place to worship.



## Resurrection Sunday



## The M & M Circle

We delivered 38 Easter Baskets to TMM on Tuesday, March 27th. Once again, the congregation did a wonderful job putting together beautiful baskets filled with fun and functional goodies! The staff at TMM shared with us that a few of the children that were living there last year had already been asking if they would be getting Easter Baskets again this year! It is hard to imagine that a gesture as small as this, has such an impact on these children. Thank you so much for your help in making this special and memorable Act of kindness possible!





## Pancake Prep and Pancake Breakfast

The youth met on Saturday evening to prep for their Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. THANKS to all who bought tickets and/or made a donation towards their trip to Crownpoint, New Mexico area (a low income rural area, part of the Navajo Nation) this June where they will be repairing homes for the poor, disabled and elderly in the community. Our youth group, B.A.N.G. (Building A New Generation) has a real heart for serving others and they are excited to represent Christ and Desert Skies.





## Maundy Thursday Supper and Worship Service



## Good Friday Experience



## Good Friday Meditation Hike





## **Messy Church Easter Celebration in Vail**

A wonderful time was had by all who attended our Messy Church Easter Celebration in Vail. We had an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids, shared a delicious Easter meal and fellowshiped together.





## Our New Sermon Series “Dare to Dance Again” begins this Sunday, April 8th and runs through Sunday, May 20th .

As Easter people, we are called to dance our dances of freedom for all the world to see. Dances of hope. Dances of justice. Dances of love. During this season, post-resurrection stories point to the joy of living in the beloved community and extending that fellowship through our witness as we dare to dance and “sing out strong!”

### April 8

Sermon: “With Great Power:  
Dancing Together”

### April 15

Sermon: “While in Their Joy:  
Dancing Sure”

### April 22

Sermon: “By This We Will Know: The  
Dance of Love”

### April 29

Sermon: “From You Comes My Praise:  
Guide My Steps”

### May 6

Sermon: “Who Can Withhold?  
Break Forth!”

### May 13 (Mother’s Day)

Sermon: “Gone Up with a Shout:  
Clap Your Hands”

### May 20 (Pentecost Sunday)

Sermon: “Spirit Poured Out:  
Dare to Dance Again”

## **SUMMER CAMP AT DESERT SKIES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**(A combination of Vacation Bible School and Music Camp)**

**June 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>**

### **HALF DAY**

**AGES: PRE-K THROUGH 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

**COST: \$10.00**

**TIME: 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM**

**PRE-K (Children ages 4 & 5 who are potty-trained) Limited  
to 15 participants**

### **FULL DAY**

**AGES: FINISHING 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE TO 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

**COST: \$50.00**

**TIME: 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM**

**Final Performance June 10<sup>th</sup>**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Zippy 49er's Circle Meeting**-will be on **Wednesday, April 18th at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall** due to the Memorial Service of Herb Croft at 10:00 am. We will forego our usual DVD study and breakfast to join the family for the celebration of Herb's life with donuts and coffee on the patio after the service. Please plan to attend our meeting, as we will be deciding what we want to do for a ministry for next year, and what to do for our May meeting and a study for next year. If you have been thinking about joining a small group of women, a UMW circle, please come visit one of our meetings, or call Glenda Burdick at 760-5520.

**Walk to Emmaus**-Support Amy and Steve Anderson from our Church as they attend the Walks to Emmaus these next couple weeks. Send them a note of encouragement or just tell them how special they are to you and our church. There is a collection envelope in the church office at the front desk. The envelope will be collected on Saturday morning.

## ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION

**Avoiding probate or minimizing estate taxes at death requires proper planning.**

**As you plan, consider leaving a percentage of your estate to Desert Skies.**

### This Week At Desert Skies

#### Tuesday, April 3

9:30 am Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm Tutoring	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Youth in Vail	Abaldo's Home

#### Wednesday, April 4

2:30 pm Worship Design	Room # 2
4:00 pm Grief Support Group	Room # 2
5:30 pm Lenten Study	Baggins in Vail
The Wired Word	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Adult Bells	Sanctuary
7:00 pm Adult Choir	Sanctuary

#### Thursday, April 5

10:00 am Adult Spiritual Formation	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am Oil Painting Class	Room # 2
3:30 pm Endowment Committee	Room # 2

### This Week's Bible Reading

April 03-Judg. 17, 18; Ps. 89;  
II Cor. 3

April 04-Judg. 19-21; II Cor. 4

April 05-Ruth 1, 2; Ps. 53, 61;  
II Cor. 5

April 06-Ruth 3, 4; Ps. 64, 65;  
II Cor. 6

April 07-I Sam. 1, 2; Ps. 66;  
II Cor. 7

April 08-I Sam. 3-5; Ps. 77;  
II Cor. 8

April 09-I Sam. 6, 7; Ps. 72;  
II Cor. 9

Interested in joining  
Desert Skies UMC?

Join us in Room # 2  
on Sunday, April 22nd  
at 11:15 pm  
for our New Member Class.

Contact Rev. Dr.  
Candace J. Lansberry  
at 749-0521  
if you are interested!

We are on the web:  
[www.desertskiesumc.org](http://www.desertskiesumc.org)