



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

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Our New Sermon Series "Simon Peter: The Making of a Disciple" begins on August 19th and runs through Sunday, September 23rd .

Simon Peter was an ordinary fisherman who transformed into a follower of Jesus. He was faithful, yet flawed. Peter was the first to profess Jesus as the Son of God, yet he later denied knowing. Peter went on to give his life for the sake of his call. In this series, we take an in-depth dive into the life, faith and character of Simon Peter.

August 19th-Sermon: "The Call of Simon the Fisherman"

August 26th-Sermon: "Walking with Jesus in the Storm"

September 2nd-Sermon: "Bedrock or Stumbling Block?"

September 9th-Sermon: "I Will Not Deny You"

September 16th-Sermon: "From Cowardice to Courage"

September 23rd-Sermon: "The Rest of the Story"

Meet the LD10 Candidates Forum

Wednesday, August 8th at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Our church cares about education and other local issues, which is why we're hosting, along with TV A-PLUS (Tanque Verde Association of Parents and Leaders United for Schools), a "Meet the Candidates" Forum!!

All candidates running for LD10 state senate or house have been invited...

Incumbents: Sen. David Bradley, Rep. Todd Clodfelter, and Rep. Engel.

Challengers: Marilyn Wiles (running for senate) and Domingo DeGrazia, Nikki Lee, and Catherine Ripley (all running for house seats)

Please come to this community forum to hear directly from the candidates and get answers to your questions before voting.

Please contact Barbara Drummond for any questions or further information (bsdrum@gmail.com)



DONATE TO THE INN PROJECT ONLINE

ATTENTION:

If you would like to donate items to The Inn Project online, here is the link!

<http://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/JLTPU1XKDHNO>

This will take you to a wish list that is labeled **UMCOR**. You are in the correct place. When you make your selections and proceed to **CHECKOUT**, One of the shipping address options is **UMCOR, Tucson, AZ**. Under this option, click on **DELIVER TO THIS ADDRESS**. The items you have purchased will be sent directly to The Inn Project with a note indicating who has sent them.

This is a great way to donate at your convenience and have a continually updated wish list from which to choose. If you have questions or problems with this link, please contact Mary Jo Floyd at 478-320-1780 or maryjofloyd39@gmail.com.

Living Your Best Life

We enjoyed a Friday afternoon movie together, with pop corn, candy and ice cold drinks!



Painting God's Beauty



COMING TO DESERT SKIES IN SEPTEMBER!

Music Together[®] Coyote Music Together



Hello Everybody! I would like to introduce myself and a wonderful music program that I have been involved with for many years. My name is Alicia Hagerman and I am a violinist with the Tucson Symphony and True Concord Voices and Orchestra. My background includes teaching orchestra in the Flowing Wells School District and in TUSD. While at TUSD, I was also a Kindergarten teaching artist for their arts integration program called OMA or Opening Minds Through the Arts. I am currently a music and movement teacher at St. Mark's Preschool and Kindergarten and Director of Coyote Music Together.

The music program I would like to introduce to you is Music Together[®]. Music Together is an internationally recognized early childhood music program for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, kindergarteners and the adults who love them. First offered to the public in 1987, it pioneered the concept of a research-based, developmentally appropriate early childhood music curriculum that strongly emphasizes and facilitates adult involvement. Music Together classes are based on the recognition that all children are musical.



As a musician, I truly appreciate the quality of the arrangements of all the songs in the Music Together collections. Different and varied tonalities, meters, rhythmic chants, and songs from different cultures keep not just children engaged but adults as well. As a parent, I love how Music Together can open up many more ways to interact and play with a child, and how it introduced me to so many wonderful and beautiful children's songs!

Starting this fall, I will be teaching a Mixed Ages class at Desert Skies. This is the essential Music Together class, one that a child can attend from birth through age five. The class fosters natural, family-style learning by grouping children of different ages. Younger children enjoy watching and imitating older ones, older children learn by leading younger ones. Each child participates at his or her own level in singing, moving, chanting, listening, watching, or exploring musical instruments. Any caregivers – parents, grandparents, nanny – can bring the children. The whole family is welcome for this truly wonderful musical experience.

Please visit my website at
coyotemusictogether.com
to learn more about our classes or to
schedule a free preview class.

I look forward to seeing you in September!



HOLY HUDDLES ON THE FUTURE OF THE UMC

August 1, 2018

Dear Members and Friends of the Desert Southwest Conference,

Peace to you in the name and spirit of Jesus who calls us to live in faith, hope, and love!

The final report of the Commission on a Way Forward has been officially released to the public. The report is 93 pages long and contains the important background information (how we got to where we are) as well as the text of the plan (One Church Plan) that was supported by a large majority of the members of the Council of Bishops and the other two plans (Connectional Conference Plan and Traditional Plan) that were considered by the Commission on a Way Forward and the Council of Bishops.

Reading through these plans is a time-consuming process, but by doing so, you will have a better sense of the nuances of the plans. I encourage you to read through them so that you will be informed about what the breadth of theological differences are in our United Methodist Church. However, let's also remember that numerous other proposals have been officially submitted for consideration by the Special Session of the General Conference in 2019. These, along with the plans included in the report of the Commission on a Way Forward, will be subject to debate and amending at General Conference 2019. Ultimately, what is adopted at General Conference may be dramatically different from any of these plans.

In order to better understand and prayerfully share our thoughts for our Church, I am inviting you to participate in a Holy Huddle on the Future of The United Methodist Church. The Holy Huddles will be helpful to us as we watch what happens in advance of and on the floor of General Conference. The Huddles being planned will consist of two parts. The first part, designed for clergy only, will focus on sharing ideas with the clergy of the Conference about how to lead our congregations with hope amid uncertainty with Christ-like respectful conversations and prayer.

The second part of the Holy Huddle will be for both laity and clergy together. The Holy Huddles are open to all persons who want to come and participate in Christian conversations about the future of our church. We will be hearing some background material to set the stage for our Huddles, but much of our time will be spent in conversation around tables, sharing our thoughts with one another. There will also be time for questions from individuals. All of this will be bathed in a prayerful, worshipful spirit and will include holy communion as the sacramental act which unifies us.

Some may ask why so much time is being devoted to these Holy Huddles. I believe we are in a very crucial moment in the history of our United Methodist Church and its predecessor bodies. Although we are not all able to vote on what plan is ultimately adopted by General Conference, we do have the responsibility to be aware of the implications of the plans. It is a privilege to pray and share around tables in Christ-like conversation. We join in expectation that our United Methodist Church will face the future united in hope for our future. I anticipate that we will be better prepared to continue our excellent ministries because we have these moments of Holy Huddle to inform and inspire us, centering us in the hope of Jesus Christ even as we undergo change. Our participation gives hope to our mission and ministry to all God's children in the name of Jesus.

A complete schedule of Holy Huddles can be found at the end of this message.

I am looking forward to opportunities beginning this Fall to gather together as United Methodists in our Desert Southwest Conference as we discern God's wisdom for us. Our conversations at the Holy Huddles will be part of our step forward into the future for our United Methodist Church. You are an essential participant in that future so I hope you will be present with us!

Prayerfully in Christ's love,



Bob

PLEASE NOTE: the corrections to the Holy Huddle dates below - Part One #4 and Part Two #2.

Part One for Clergy:

(Please note: while clergy are encouraged to attend the Holy Huddle within your district, you are welcome to attend any of the gatherings.)

1. **Friday, October 5**, for South District Clergy, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at Christ Church UM, 655 N. Craycroft Road, Tucson.
2. **Wednesday, October 10**, for East and West District Clergy, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon at Crossroads UMC, 7901 N. Central Ave., Phoenix.
3. **Wednesday, October 17**, for East District Clergy, 10:00 – 12:00 noon at Grace UMC, 2024 E. University Dr., Mesa.
4. **Thursday, October 18**, for Flagstaff, Verde Valley, Prescott Clergy, 10:00 – 12:00 noon, Location to be determined.
5. **Friday, November 30**, for Las Vegas area Clergy, Time and Location to be determined.
6. **Friday, January 11**, for Yuma area Clergy, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon, Trinity UMC, 3030 S 8th Ave., Yuma.

Part Two for Lay and Clergy:

(Please note: while lay and clergy are encouraged to attend the Holy Huddle within your district, you are welcome to attend any of the gatherings.)

1. **Saturday, October 6**, for South District Lay and Clergy, 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm at Christ Church UM, 655 N. Craycroft Road, Tucson.
2. **Saturday, October 13**, for East and West District Lay and Clergy, 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm at Trinity UMC, 3104 W. Glendale Ave., Phoenix.
3. **Saturday, October 27**, for Flagstaff, Verde Valley, Prescott Lay and Clergy, 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm, Location to be determined.
4. **Saturday, November 17**, for East District Lay and Clergy, 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm at North Scottsdale UMC, 11735 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale.
5. **Saturday, December 1**, for Las Vegas area Lay and Clergy, Time and Location to be determined.
6. **Saturday, January 12**, for Yuma area Lay and Clergy, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Gila Mountain UMC, 12716 N. Frontage Rd., Yuma.

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Please mail the form and check to: DSUMC 3255 N Houghton Rd Tuc, AZ 85749

Patio Bench Fund Drive

Would you like to purchase one of the new Patio benches and dedicate it to a loved one?
A copper plaque will be designed for you with 2 lines and be placed at the top of the bench.
The donation price for a bench is \$135. A bench may be dedicated for many reasons.

In loving memory of:, Thank you for _____:, Dedicated to:, Any reason you wish:
Please try to limit yourself to approx. 25 characters per line. Spaces count as characters!
The fewer the letters the bigger the print will be !

Example:

In loving memory of	19 characters
Virgil and Harriett Killion	27 characters

Plant and Flower Pot Fund Drive

Would you like to purchase a plant or flower pot for the Patio?
A donation of any amount will support beautifying the Patio.

I am making a donation of \$

For (circle) Bench (\$135) Flowers/Pots any amount

Checks should be made out to: DSUMC

Please be sure to write PATIO on the memo line

If you are buying a bench, please PRINT 2 lines that you want engraved on the plaque.
Try to stay around 25 characters per line. The plaque size will be 1 inch by 5 inches.

Your contact Information

Name	<input type="text"/>
Phone	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>

Donation form and check may be placed in the offering tray or turned in at the office.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Council-At the Church Council Meeting on July 31st, the following were elected: **Lay Leader:** Mary Jo Floyd. **Endowment Committee:** Jerry Myers, Mimi Salber, and Pat Crowell. **Thank you for saying YES!**



Living Your Best Life-Friday afternoon movie for August 10th is, "Hidden Figures." Three brilliant African-American women at NASA -- Katherine Johnson (Taraji P. Henson), Dorothy Vaughan (Octavia Spencer) and Mary Jackson (Janelle Monáe) -- serve as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn (Glen Powell) into orbit, a stunning achievement that restored the nation's confidence, turned around the Space Race and galvanized the world.

Doors open at 1:00 pm movie starts at 1:15 pm. Come enjoy, feast on some candy and popcorn! Any questions, call Shawne at 885-5891.

The Flea Market-needs MEDIUM PACKING BOXES. If anyone has any boxes they can donate, please leave them in the metal shed outside the Flea Market Barn. Thank you.

Book Club- Dates/Time: Thursday, August 9th, and August 16th at 5:30 pm
Where: 8536 E. Tonbridge Ct. Tucson

Books: "The Sun Does Shine" by Anthony Ray Hinton
"The Hate You Give" by Angie Thomas

We will discuss the books in the above order, one each week, and I will provide a summer supper and beverage. Bring a friend. Share a ride. Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Stephens-Dawson.

We announce with saddened hearts the passing of Kate Brunner. She went to her heavenly home on Saturday, August 4th. Please keep Curt and family in your prayers.

This Week At Desert Skies

Wednesday, August 8

2:30 pm Worship Design	Room # 2
5:30 pm Wired Word	Room # 2
7:00 pm LD10 Forum	Fellowship Hall

Thursday, August 9

8:20 am Casa Maria	Off Campus
5:30 pm Book Club	8536 E. Tonbridge Ct. Home of Mary Ellen Dawson

Friday, August 10

1:00 pm Living Your Best Life	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, August 11

10:00 am Vail Band Practice	Sanctuary
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This Week's Bible Reading

Aug. 07-Zeph. 1-3; Jn. 9

Aug. 08-Jer. 1, 2; Jn. 10

Aug. 09-Jer. 3, 4; Jn. 11

Aug. 10-Jer. 5, 6; Jn. 12

Aug. 11-Jer. 7-9; Jn. 13

Aug. 12-Jer. 10-12; Jn. 14

Aug. 13-Jer. 13-15; Jn. 15

Interested in joining
Desert Skies UMC?

Join us on
Sunday, September 23rd
at 1:00 pm in room # 2.

Contact Rev. Dr.
Candace J. Lansberry
at 749-0521
if you would like to
attend.

We are on the web:

www.desertskiesumc.org