



# THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

September 25, 2018

## LAST CALL !!

### ELOY UMC'S "LORD'S PANTRY" NEEDS OUR HELP

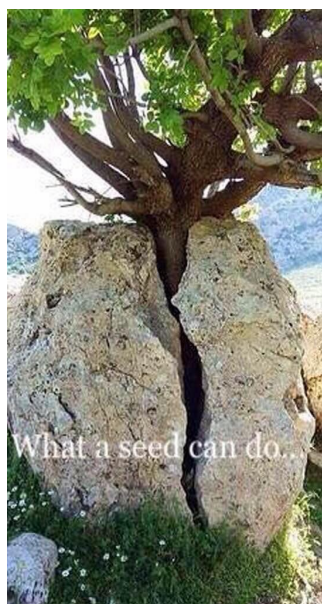


Eloy First United Methodist Church, with a church membership of approximately 30, began The Lord's Pantry in 2010 by providing food boxes to 35 families. In 2017, this congregation of 30 members expanded this ministry to 384 food boxes to 203-214 households feeding 900-1000 people every month. They are able to continue this ministry to their small community northwest of Tucson with donations (monetary and food). They receive two food deliveries a month from the Mesa Food Bank for which they pay \$400 a month. In the Spring of 2017, Desert Southwest Conference sent out an urgent plea for immediate donations, and DSUMC responded quickly. When we delivered the food to them from our ELF Ministry cupboard at the end of their food distribution day, their shelves were bare.

The **DSUMC 6th Annual September Food Drive** to support The Lord's Pantry of Eloy UMC will end on **September 30th**. We will "stuff the church van" with the requested items of cereal and peanut butter after our second service on Sunday. **Look for the table at the back of the sanctuary to place your donated items. THANK YOU!**



### **Our New Sermon Series "Seeding Possibilities: What If?" begins Sunday, September 30th and runs through Sunday, October 14th.**



What if?" That phrase can strike fear in all our hearts and minds as we consider all the things that could go wrong in our world, especially when it comes to our finances.

Security is one of our basic needs, and thinking about all the "what if's" can cause panic and anxiety when we think about future plans. But what if the "what if" question wasn't as much about fear, but about possibility?

What if when we trust God, God can do far more with what we give, in our lives and in the lives of others, than we could possibly imagine or do on our own?

Join us for our series, Seeding Possibilities: What If?, where we'll be imagining what God would do through us if we would really trust God with the marvelous abundance that comes from God.

**September 30-**What if...we prepare ourselves for extravagant giving?

**October 7-**What if...we have everything we need because we seek God first?

**October 14-**What if...we do something extraordinary?



## COYOTE MUSIC



## TUTORING



## UMM MEETING



## ZIPPY 49er's MEETING





## DESERT SKIES CHOIR TO PERFORM AT CARNEGIE HALL

Our Desert Skies choir has been invited by **Manhattan Concert Productions** to join other qualified choral groups in performing the **Schumann Requiem at Carnegie Hall on June 17, 2019**. The invitation was received because a recording of our Easter Cantata was submitted to their audition committee without our knowledge. As a result, all members of our choir were invited, but not required to participate in order to accept the invitation. Twenty-two members of the choir and five non-singers are available to travel to **New York City June 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>**. The cost of accommodations, music and travel will be approximately \$2,100 per person.

Dr. Alex "Doc" Shawn has organized a Task Force of choir members and non-choir members to plan the logistics in preparing for the trip and to organize some fundraisers. Most of the choir members are paying their own way but there are a few who will need some financial assistance in order to go. The first fundraiser is listed below. Please mark your calendars and come out to support our choir! Thank you.



**Representing Desert Skies United Methodist Church**

**A FUNDRAISER for the Choir to perform  
at Carnegie Hall in New York City**

# SILENT AUCTION

**AND SPAGHETTI DINNER  
(NO TICKETS NEEDED)**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10  
5:30 pm**

**Auctioning Gift Baskets with lots of fun gifts!  
(Starbucks, Sports and Entertainment Packages, U of A sports tickets, Gift  
Cards, Chocolates, Tools, Kitchen items, Holiday Getaways and MUCH MORE)**

**Desert Skies UMC @ 3255 N. Houghton Rd. Tucson, AZ. 85749**





## DESERT SKIES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Everyone,

***On Sunday, November 11, 2018, we will celebrate our military veterans!***

As part of that celebration we would like to ask for pictures of any veterans who are members, friends or loved ones of this congregation. (Living or deceased, MIA or POW)

The pictures will be displayed as part of our celebration. We will celebrate their service in our military honors circle around our flagpole.

With any picture you submit, please write the veteran's full name, branch of service, rank, years of service and other pertinent data on the back of each picture.

**Please give or mail pictures to Tammy in the office, on or before the deadline of Friday, October 26, 2018. (Pictures may be picked up after our service on November 11, 2018.)**

We look forward with you to honoring and celebrating the brave men and women in our church family!!

Blessings,

Linda Wheeler

*Planning Committee for celebration*



## SAVE THE DATE

Our SPRC and Annual Charge Conference Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 6th . SPRC will meet at 5:30 pm (room # 2) and the congregation will meet at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**ALL COMMITTEE REPORTS ARE DUE BY THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15th.** Please submit reports to Tammy by email: [office@desertskiesumc.org](mailto:office@desertskiesumc.org) or leave your hardcopy on her desk. THANK YOU.



St. Francis in the Foothills  
Lecture Series

***A Conspiracy of Hope:  
Reclaiming Our Public Square***

**"Polarization: What it is and How We Got Here"**  
Saturday, October 6th,  
4:30 pm. in the Celebration Center

Prof. Barbara Norrander, University of Arizona,  
School of Government and Public Policy

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Saturday, October 13th,  
4:30 pm. in the Celebration Center

Lisa Sanchez, PhD. University of Arizona,  
School of Government and Public Policy

**"The Convergence of Politics and Spirituality"**  
Saturday, October 20th,  
4:30 pm. in the Celebration Center

David Wilkinson, retired Pastor, St. Francis in the  
Foothills United Methodist Church

**"There's Something Happening Here!"**  
A Celebration of Democracy concert and dance!  
Saturday, November 3rd,  
7:00 pm. in the Celebration Center  
Doors open at 6:30 pm.

**This is a free lecture series.  
Donations are always welcome!**

## Missions/Social Concerns

The Missions/Social Concerns Committee thought this may be a Lecture Series that some of you may be interested in.

**Location: St. Francis in the Foothills UMC  
4625 E River Rd, Tucson, AZ 85718**

Desert Skies United Methodist Church  
**Church Council Meeting Agenda**  
Tuesday September 25th, 2018 at 7 pm

**Vision:** A Joyful Community Drawing People to Christ;  
**Mission:** Lead our neighbors to Christ; Love one another in caring community;  
**Learn to follow Jesus (2018 focus);** Live a Christ-like life that serves the world.

**Meeting Chair:** Mike Starace      **Recording Secretary:** Jeann Fishback

Remember to sign in on the attendance form before each meeting, print any necessary attachments you receive during the month and bring canned goods for our ELF ministry. Forward committee minutes and upcoming events to Jeann & Tammy.

Call to Order and Opening Prayer – Mike Starace      Theme Scripture: **Isaiah 41:6**

Each helps the other, each saying to the other, “Take courage!” The craftsman encourages the metalworker; the one who smoothes with the hammer encourages the one who strikes the anvil, saying of the welding, “That’s good,” and strengthening it with nails so it won’t move.

**Listening: - Jake** Our Stewardship theme this year is Seeding Possibilities. If money or people weren’t an obstacle, what new ministries would we like our teams to start in 2019?

Approval of the previous Church Council Minutes -

**Learning: Presentation of 2019 Budget** - Ken Winkelmann & Connie Kraska

**Leading:** Coordinating our Efforts for Ministry: Collaborating Together:

**Calendar & Christ Café Review** for Oct - Dec – Jake

Check the website calendar for any changes necessary on your team events and provide updated facility forms.

**Tech Update-** Connie Kraska

New Business and Reminders:

**Flea Market** -Max Crowell

**All Church Conference** – December 6<sup>th</sup> – Mike Starace – **reports due Nov 15th**

**Make A Difference Day TVUSD 10/22/18** – Mike Starace

**Holy Huddles** – October 6<sup>th</sup> Christ Church 1-4:30 – Mike Starace

**2018 Church Council Goals for October meeting** – Mike Starace

**Choir Fundraisers** – Doc Shawn

Silent Auction – October 10<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Gaslight – 6 pm Nov 17<sup>th</sup>

**Trunk or Treat** October 20<sup>th</sup> – Shawne Sidles

**Desert Skies Meet Yourself** on patio October 21<sup>st</sup> -Shawne Sidles

Action Items:

**Starfish Ministry Update:** Fred Killion

**Advent Studies and possible Wednesday night meals** 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19: Rev. Matt

6. Next meeting: Oct. 23rd at 7 pm agenda items due to Jeann in email or on paper by Oct 18<sup>th</sup>.

7. Prayer and Adjournment – Jake Beverage

HELPING



HANDS

## Would You Like to Lend a Helping Hand?

The United Methodist Women have two groups who work on "Helping Hands". One group packs Hygiene Kits for five facilities here in town - Emerge, St. Luke's Home, TMM, Interfaith Community Services and Youth on Their Own. The other group packs 30 lunches on the second Tuesday of each month for homeless men at Primavera who will be going out to day jobs. Volunteers from our church deliver the kits and lunches to the above locations the second Tuesday of each month. Barbara Drummond is in charge of the Hygiene Kits and Diana Barber the Primavera lunches. These two projects have been a part of the UMW Missions for almost twenty years.

Our UMW receives a generous donation from the Flea Market each year. A large portion of that is used to purchase the items for the Hygiene Kits. We encourage donations of food for the Primavera lunches and also use money from the Flea Market as needed. Items for the lunches that may be donated are: ham, turkey, cheese, bread, chips, fruit and cookies. Homemade cookies are a special treat for the men.

Some of the people who have helped with these projects are no longer able to do so. For this reason we are now looking for additional volunteers. We are especially in need of people who will be on a contact list to occasionally provide an item of food for the lunches or who would be willing to deliver the lunches and hygiene kits once or twice a year. The second Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. is when the lunches are prepared and then delivered along with the hygiene kits. People willing to deliver would need to arrive at the church at about 9:30 a.m. Directions are available for our drivers.

If you have any questions, or would like to donate your time and "Helping Hands" to any one of these wonderful ministries, please see Mary Broughton, Marilyn McKee or Diana Barber. Thank you.



## UMW-ASPIRE

**Saturday, November 10th**  
**Christ Community Church-530 S. Pantano Road**

**Christ Community Church will be hosting the group "Aspire" which is a 1 night, 3 hour event just for women and will be full of laughter, learning, stories, and music.**

**It is like a weekend retreat packed into one evening with National Speakers, Authors, Comedians, and Worship. The show begins at 6:00 pm and the admission is \$20.00 each for a group of 10 ladies or \$25.00 each general admission. This group travels extensively around the U.S. but this is the first time in our area of Tucson. I plan to attend and hope we can get at least 9 more of our ladies to join me. Call me soon for more information or a reservation. Marilyn McKee at 749-5672.**



## Christmas is Coming!

Just a gentle reminder that Sunday, December the 9th, will be our annual DSUMW Cookie Walk and Craft Sale. I know it is a bit early to make the baked goods, but crafts are much easier and better if started way in advance. We would love to have any of you ladies involved in making crafts, make items to donate to our Sale. If you will remember last year we made approximately one thousand dollars, all of which was donated to Sister Jose's Women's Center. Let's hope we can do as well this year with our donations for this extremely worthy facility. Thank you, Marilyn McKee



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Living Your Best Life: Friday Afternoon Movie-**We are showing, The Post starring Tom Hanks and Meryl Streep. This story revolves around Katharine Graham who is the first female publisher of a major American newspaper -- The Washington Post. With help from editor Ben Bradlee, Graham races to catch up with The New York Times to expose a massive cover-up of government secrets that spans three decades and four U.S. presidents. Together, they must overcome their differences as they risk their careers -- and very freedom -- to help bring long-buried truths to light.

Doors open at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall movies starts at 1:15 pm. Grab some popcorn and candy and enjoy. Hope to see you there! Any questions call Shawne at 885-5891.

**DRIVER NEEDED FOR CASA MARIA DELIVERY:** Missions/Social Concerns is looking for a driver or drivers who are willing and able to pick up our Flea Market donations of clothing for Casa Maria at DSUMC on Mondays after 12 noon and deliver them to the Casa Maria Clothing House at the northeast corner of S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. and E. 26<sup>th</sup> St, south of Santa Rita Park. Please contact Mary Jo Floyd at 478-320-1780, [marvjofloyd39@gmail.com](mailto:marvjofloyd39@gmail.com) or catch me at church. THANK YOU!

**The Flea Market** needs grocery bags for their Annual Flea Market Sale. Please place the bags in the plastic bin on the Sanctuary patio on Sunday mornings. The Flea Market also needs medium and large boxes and small houseware items. Please place your donations in the metal shed outside of the Flea market barn. Thank you.

**GREAT WALL OF SODA/WATER-**It's that time of year!! We are starting to collect cases of water and soda (name brand only) for our Annual Flea Market Sale, November 1, 2 and 3. **Please bring your donations to the church office and place them in Tammy's office.** Thank you in advance!

**Friendly Reminder-**Tammy will be out of the office, October 8<sup>th</sup>-October 11<sup>th</sup>. Any information needing to go into the October 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> bulletins needs to be **submitted to Tammy by 8:00 am Monday morning, October 1<sup>st</sup>.** Thank you.

### This Week At Desert Skies

#### Tuesday, September 25

10:00 am Screwtape Letters Book Club	Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm Tutoring	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Church Council	Fellowship Hall

#### Wednesday, September 26

4:00 pm Grief Support Group	Room # 2
5:30 pm Wired Word	Room # 2
6:00 pm Oil Painting Class	Room # 7
6:30 pm Adult Bells	Sanctuary
7:30 pm Adult Choir	Sanctuary

#### Friday, September 28

1:00 pm Living Your Best Life	Fellowship Hall
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#### Saturday, September 29

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

Sept. 25-Ezra 2, 3; Lk. 8

Sept. 26-Ezra 4; Ps. 113, 127; Lk. 9

Sept. 27-Hag. 1, 2; Ps. 129; Lk. 10

Sept. 28-Zech. 1-3; Lk. 11

Sept. 29-Zech. 4-6; Lk. 12

Sept. 30-Zech. 7-9; Lk. 13

Oct. 01-Zech. 10-12; Ps. 126; Lk. 14

Interested in joining  
Desert Skies UMC?

Contact Rev. Dr.  
Candace J. Lansberry  
at 749-0521

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





## OCTOBER

01 Alonzo Montesuma, Olivia Goforth  
02 Del Schluchter, Sydney Harrington  
04 Dixie Beverlin, Sandy Elliott,  
Sandee Landsburg, Nancy Stewart,  
Allison Roberts  
05 Annette Estelle, Clyde Van Arsdale,  
Anne Wood  
06 Rebecca Frostrom  
08 Gayle Haag  
11 Julie Moffet, Fred Watts  
14 Darlene Bartman  
19 Florence Personeus, Mark Goforth  
20 Barb Crawford  
23 John Hokanson, Kyle Stivers

24 Bill Wagner  
26 Don Jennings, Peggy Maleski  
28 Marian Bool  
29 Brett McIntire, Paul Wicks  
30 Mary Ellen Bennett, Carolyn  
Eisenhuth



02 Shawn & Joy Coffee  
04 Raymond and Heather Abaldo  
06 Mike & Sara Leedy  
07 Joel and Wendy McInnis  
Rob & Lynne Van Sice

17 Jon & Cheryl Richards  
19 Sean & Kirsten Limesand  
24 Tom & Martha Henkle  
27 Ryan & Jaclyn Mahlstedt



# OCTOBER 2018

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