



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

September 4, 2018

SUNDAY SCHOOL FALL ROUNDUP

For all families with kids in preschool and elementary up to fifth grade, please mark your calendars and know that you are invited to our Sunday School Fall Roundup on **Sunday, September 9th at 11:15 – 12:45 am in the Fellowship Hall.**

It begins with lunch for the whole family followed by an opportunity for the kids to play while we introduce you to some of the themes for your kid's Christian education. We will also be looking for ways to support you as a spiritual leader in your home. **Hope to see you this Sunday!**

(New) Dragonfly Small Group

We're starting a new small group for our Dragonfly families, alumni, or families in similar situations as a place for moms to have fellowship with other moms dealing with life's daily struggles. **This group will be led by Lisa Gamboa and begin on September 9th as part of the Sunday School Fall Roundup activities, starting with lunch in Fellowship Hall.**

Additional Support Requests:

We are looking for church members who have special skills to support this small group. Any skill or connection with jobs, car maintenance, housing, budgeting or legal issues is very welcome. Please let us know about any resources or gifts you're able to offer our Dragonfly Small Group on the Connection Card found in your bulletin on Sunday mornings.

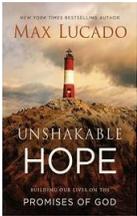
We'd also welcome donations to support this new ministry. We'd like to offer a token of support to each member to help them through each week, like a gas or food card. If you would like to donate, write Dragonfly Small Group on your check memo line and it will go towards items to support this small group. Thank you.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

The Fall Youth Kick-off will be on Sunday, September 9th, in the Fellowship Hall from 3:00-5:00 pm. The whole family is invited!!

One event will include Fall Calendar, taking care of necessary paperwork, welcoming new youth and families, a Youth vs. Parents Challenge and we will even feed you toward the end with an early dinner (or snack if you prefer).



NEW SERIES-**Unshakable Hope: Building Our Lives on the Promises of God** by Max Lucado

You are invited to this 12 week DVD Bible series that will meet on Sundays at 8:30 am in Rm. # 5 beginning September 9th. Nothing lifts us out of fear and weariness like hope. An anchor through life's storms, hope buoys our spirits and seeks to make a way when we face tough times. After 40 years of ministry and speaking to hurt hearts, Max Lucado has learned that the promises of God will give you the strength you need. The group will be facilitated by Steve Ellison and Rev. Matt Colby.



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 14th to 18th**. 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.

We have planned two fundraisers coming up this fall that will combine a fun-filled family evening with an opportunity to help a choir member. The first fundraiser will be a **Spaghetti Supper** followed by a **Silent Auction** of awesome Gift Baskets on **Wednesday, October 10th**. The meal will be prepared and served by the choir. There will be a basket provided for donations for those who do not wish to bid on a gift basket, or if you do not submit the winning bid, you may still donate by dropping your donation in the donation box provided. The second is the **Gaslight Theater** Christmas production, **Scrooge**. The Recreation and Leadership Committee has reserved the entire theater for DSUMC on **Saturday, Nov. 17th** and has designated the profit from ticket sales to the Choir **Carnegie 19** trip.

The Task Force will assess the results of the two Fall fundraisers before planning the two additional ones approved by Church Council. If enough funds are raised in October and November, it might be possible that no further events will be necessary. So please save these dates and we'll look forward to seeing you soon!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR CHOIR!

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 take place from September 9th – 30th. They are requesting cereal and peanut butter. Please watch for sales of these items in the next few weeks so that we can "stuff the church van" on September 30th. **Look for the table at the back of the sanctuary September 9th – 30th. THANK YOU!**



Church Council Committee Meeting

The Church Council meets on the last Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All our welcome to attend.





Volunteer Tutors Needed!!

The Desert Skies tutoring program will begin on Tuesday, September 4th at 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Tutors are needed each Monday and or Tuesday from 3:00 pm-4:30 pm throughout the school year.

If you would like to know more about the program, speak with Fred Killion, Sandy Kleen or Jeann Fishback or just come on September 4th!



Our Sermon Series “Simon Peter: The Making of a Disciple” 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.

September 9th-Sermon: “I Will Not Deny You”

September 16th-Sermon: “From Cowardice to Courage”

September 23rd-Sermon: “The Rest of the Story”

**SAVE THE DATE!
SEPTEMBER 30TH**

**DO YOU WANT TO HEAR OUR
CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS AND
STATE LEGISLATURE
ANSWER OUR QUESTIONS?**

Take advantage of this great opportunity to hear candidates for election or re-election in November **NOT GIVE CAMPAIGN SPEECHES!**

The purpose of this event is to inform and educate us about where those who wish to represent us stand on the issues that impact the future quality of life for the rest of us.

A moderator from **Pima County Interfaith Council** will ask each candidate a question from the list created by PCIC, and each candidate must answer only “yes” or “no” and is given no more than two minutes to explain his/her answer. Any other response, and the candidate will be asked to be seated. All questions will be asked to all candidates.

PCIC
Pima County Interfaith Council

ACCOUNTABILITY SESSION

*Candidates for Congress & State Legislature discussing
Education, Healthcare, Immigration,
Ballot Initiatives
and more.*

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 30
3:00PM**

**St Pius X Catholic Church
1800 Camino Pio Decimo**

**HELP US EDUCATE THE CANDIDATES
AND
HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE!**

CHRYSALIS WEEKEND Is Happening In October

It's for all ages: 15-23

Any questions, please ask Stephanie Hartung or Karen Anderson.

Registration forms are located in the office or sanctuary.

Scholarships available!



CHRYSALIS is the name chosen for the YOUTH Walk to Emmaus because it symbolizes faith growth in the lives of youth – the spiritual growth that is necessary between adolescence and adulthood. It is a crucial time of maturing faith for discipleship.

What: Arizona Chrysalis Flight #39

When: Friday October 12- Sunday October 14, 2018

Where: Catalina United Methodist Church

2700 E. Speedway Blvd. Tucson, AZ. 85716

**Who: Youth Ages 15 (Freshman High School) to 23yrs
of Age.**

Why: To Develop Youth who:

- 1. Wish to Strengthen their friendship with Christ.**
- 2. May have unanswered questions about prayer, study and sharing their faith.**
- 3. Understand that being a friend of Christ, or Christian involves responsibility are open to dedicating their everyday life to God in and ongoing manner.**

Cost: \$25 Deposit with Application Balance of \$70 at registration

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Charlie Edwards @ 520-576-3494 or email Chrysalis at chrysalisarizona@gmail.com



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!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLORENCE FOSTER JENKINS



Living Your Best Life-The Friday afternoon movie for September 7th is "Florence Foster Jenkins".

In the 1940s, New York socialite Florence Foster Jenkins (Meryl Streep) dreams of becoming a great opera singer. Unfortunately, her ambition far exceeds her talent. The voice Florence hears in her head is beautiful, but to everyone else it is quite lousy. Her husband St. Clair goes to extreme lengths to make sure his wife never finds out how awful she truly is. When Florence announces her plans for a concert at Carnegie Hall, St. Clair soon realizes that he's facing his greatest challenge yet. **The doors in the Fellowship Hall open at 1:00 pm, movie starts at 1:15 pm. So come grab some snacks and enjoy!! Any questions, call Shawne at #885-5891.**

"Painting God's Beauty": Oil Painting Class will start on **Wednesday, September 12th at 6:00 pm in room # 7.**

The UMM's-first meeting will be **Saturday, September 15th at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.** Our program will be Aaron Alonzo, an economist, who will give an update on national and world economies. In October we will have a tax attorney speak on the new tax laws and in November we will meet with the UMW. **Let's have a good turnout on Saturday, September 15th. Come enjoy good food, fellowship and program.**

Zippy 49'ers United Methodist Women's Circle -will resume meeting on Wednesday, September 19th. We will gather in Fellowship Hall at 9:15 am and have a breakfast at 9:30 am. Our study this year will be the Adam Hamilton DVD series called "Unafraid." We will also continue our ministries of collecting new clothing for Southern Arizona Child Advocacy Center, as well as visiting church members who are unable to get out much. Members who have collected clothing during the summer are encouraged to bring it to our September meeting. If you have been thinking about joining a small women's group, we would be delighted to have you visit us, or call Glenda Burdick, 760-5520, for more information.

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. 3rd Ave. and E. 26th St, south of Santa Rita Park. Please contact Mary Jo Floyd at 478-320-1780, marvjofloyd39@gmail.com or catch me at church. **THANK YOU!**

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, September 4

3:00 pm Tutoring Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Vail Band Practice

Wednesday, September 5

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

Thursday, September 6

9:00 am Painting Apse Wall Sanctuary
2:00 pm Nominations Leadership Development Meeting Room # 2

Friday, September 7

9:00 am Painting Apse Wall Sanctuary
1:00 pm Living Your Best Life Fellowship Hall
Movie-"Florence Foster Jenkins"

This Week's Bible Reading

Sept. 04-Ezek. 22-24; Rev. 9

Sept. 05-Ezek. 25-28; Rev. 10

Sept. 06-Ezek. 29-32; Rev. 11

Sept. 07-II Ki. 25; II. Chr. 36;
Jer. 40, 41; Rev. 12

Sept. 08-Jer. 42-44; Ps. 48; Rev. 13

Sept. 09-Lam. 1,2; Obad; Rev. 14

Sept. 10-Lam. 3-5; Rev. 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