



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

November 6, 2018



MESSY CHURCH RETURNS TO DESERT SKIES...

We had a great time learning about Dia De Los Muertos! Fun was had by all as we shared in crafts, fellowship and dinner.



The 30th ANNUAL FLEA MARKET SALE

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all our amazing volunteers!



UMW GENERAL MEETING

A great time was had by all. We had wonderful fellowship, shared a meal together and then enjoyed our guest speaker, Dennis Treadwell from International Wild Life Museum. Please **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for a **joint meeting of UMW and UMM** which will be held in the fellowship hall on **Saturday, November 17**, with gathering time and coffee at **8:00 am**, followed by breakfast at **8:30 am**, and then visual and narrative presentation by Elsie and Merrill Heinz of their recent Safari in Kenya. They visited Sosian and Massi Mara, and will be sharing their photos of amazing wildlife and dramatic scenery. They are very excited to share their adventures. Everyone is welcome!



IN TEN DAYS...

Look for READINESS 360 in your email inbox...coming November 16!

We are taking seriously our mission statement, which guides us to lead our neighbors to Christ! We have begun the process of multi-site ministry by planting a new campus in Vail, and we are doing a study with the congregation to determine next steps, and our readiness to plant seeds that will help us grow and thrive.

We need YOUR help.

This survey takes about 20 minutes, can be done in the privacy of your home, and will help us greatly in determining our readiness to reach new people for Christ. We are working with a consultant, who will compile the results of the survey and help our teams implement new 2019 goals for ministry based on our results. The more people we have taking the survey, the more accurate we will be...so please plan on taking it between November 16-30!

Thank you for your help!!!

Your LEAD Team



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

Our Annual Charge Conference Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 6th. The congregation will gather at 6:00 pm for a dessert potluck, followed by the meeting with our District Superintendent at 6:30 pm. Please bring your favorite dessert to share. Drinks will be provided.

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



Our sermon series “Sacred Earth, Sacred Work” runs through Sunday, November 25th.

What if we lived life truly connected to the origins of Creation and the Creator? In the beginning God created all things and called them originally “good.”

In this series we will explore six essential ideas found in Creation Spirituality—a way of living within the community of earth that deepens our reverence for life, participates in the creativity of the cosmos, and develops our passion for justice and human transformation. It completes us to lead lives of spiritual inquiry, creativity, and prophetic action as our sacred work in the world.

November 11 (Veteran’s Day)

Sermon: Sacred Creative Vocation

November 18 (Harvest Sunday)

Sermon: Glorious Diversity

November 25 (UM Student Day)

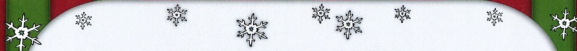
Sermon: Healing Relationships

SAVE THE DATE!!



On Sunday, November 11th there will be ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 9:30 am. Immediately following the service, please join us for a Celebration of our Veterans and then a short service for THE DEDICATION OF OUR NEW PATIO....then food, fellowship and fun!!

We are asking our church family and friends to bring their favorite finger food or appetizers. The food can be dropped off in the sanctuary kitchen. Desserts will be provided. Thank you in advance.



DESERT SKIES UMC PRESENTS

“SCROOGE”

AT THE

**GASLIGHT
THEATRE**

November 17th

Doors Open 5:30 p.m.

7010 E. Broadway Blvd.
Tucson, AZ

Tickets: \$30.00



Reserve your tickets NOW to be included in the head count
Tickets available on Sundays between and after services
Proceeds go towards DSUMC Choir’s Carnegie 19 trip to NYC



Hike

“Not all those who wander are lost”



What: Hike Romero Canyon Trail and enjoy a picnic lunch at Romero pools

Hike Length: 5.5 Miles

When: November 10, 2018

Time: 8 AM—3:30 PM

Meet at: Vail Innovation Center to carpool or meet at 9AM at the trailhead

Bring: Water Bottle (2) and Sack Lunch

Wear: Good walking shoes, hat, and sunscreen

Drivers: \$7 Park Entrance Fee, Military Free

POC’s: Laura and Jared Goss (404)- 783-8514





NOVEMBER 18TH A TIME OF GIVING THANKS AND SHARING

As we begin making our plans for celebrating and giving thanks with our families and loved ones, our Desert Skies family is preparing to share our love and generous giving with those in our community who are homeless and low income individuals and families.

The recipients of our Harvest Festival on Sunday, November 18th, are **St. Luke's Home** and **Casa Maria Soup Kitchen**. We are all familiar with these two programs/facilities at least by name but may not know what they do or who they serve.

St. Luke's Home is an Assisted Living Facility for those 55 and older of limited financial means. It was opened in 1980 with 27 residences for women. In 2000 it was renovated and re-opened with 64 units for women, men and couples. This community is built on ensuring independence, aging with dignity, respect and self-empowerment for all. Life at St. Luke's centers on live plants, animals, children and young adults and gives residents abundant opportunities to grow and learn.

Casa Maria is the largest soup kitchen in Tucson and operates 363 days a year (closed only on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day). This soup kitchen opened in 1981 and has been under the direction of Brian Flagg since 1983. The program of Casa Maria is built on daily works of mercy and justice. Beside the soup kitchen there is also a neighboring clothing house which contains shower facilities available on a sign-up basis. This program serves the homeless and the low income who must choose between paying utility bills or feeding and clothing the family. In 1983 Casa Maria was serving 90 single men, and today they provide 500 lunches and 150 grocery bags daily.

The 14th Annual Harvest Festival will be Sunday, November 18th, 2018. We are asking for FRESHLY BAKED HOLIDAY BREADS, and will also need FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES, (NO canned or packaged foods). BRING BREADS, FRUIT AND VEGETABLES TO THE WORSHIP SERVICES ON NOVEMBER 18TH.



ALTERNATIVE GIFTS? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

As an alternative to giving more STUFF to your friends and loved ones who already have plenty of stuff, think about giving essential items (like food and shelter) to people who really need it, and honor the person you love by giving the gift in their name.

Your loved one will get a card telling them that a gift has been given in their honor. Those who lack basic necessities will have some of their needs filled and YOU will have found the perfect gift without using a tank of gasoline to drive to every mall in town. Desert Skies United Methodist Women provides Alternative Gift “shopping lists” for these four agencies:

Two local:

THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK distributes enough food each day to prepare over 28,000 meals for recipients who are referred through various social agencies. They run Kid’s Cafe in several locations where children can go after school for supervised activities and nutritious snacks. They also provide the basic foods for the Snac Pac program.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, TUCSON: This is not a give-away program. The organization builds houses with those in need and then sells the houses to homeowner partners. Because of low down payments and HABITAT’s no-profit, no-interest loans, and because houses are built primarily by volunteers, mortgage payments are reasonable for people who are unable to obtain conventional financing. HABITAT’s philosophy is to build simple, decent and affordable houses.

Two international:

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL: Provides food and income-producing animals like pigs, bees, chicks and dairy cows. The animals chosen are appropriate to the climate and terrain so they have the best chance of thriving. The recipient families are taught how to raise and care for their animals, and to share the offspring with their neighbors in order to raise the living standards for the whole community.

The **UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF (UMCOR)** provides tents, blankets, food and clean drinking water to disaster victims. They help refugees establish new homes, provide camping experiences for mentally and physically challenged refugee children, empower illiterate women by teaching them to read, immunize children against common diseases, and plant seedling for erosion control.

Look for the “shopping lists” on the front of the kiosk.



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

JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER-We will have ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11th at 9:30 am!!

Because of Bethlehem Study by Max Lucado-Four week series beginning Monday, November 26th from 10:00 am-11:00 am and repeated Wednesday, November 28th from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm. Because of Bethlehem, we have a Savior in heaven. Christmas begins what Easter celebrates. Because of Bethlehem, we have the promise God is always near us. Always for us. Always in us. Sign up on the Connection Card if you are interested in joining.

SAVE THE DATE!-2019 South District Leadership Event-Saturday, February 9th. Event is from 9:00 am-2:00 pm with registration at 8:30 am. Featured speaker is Rev. Hannah Adair Bonner from Frontera Wesley (Wesley Foundation). The topic is Solidarity Across The Generations (reaching younger generations). Location is at St. Paul's, 8051 E. Broadway. Cost-\$20.00 Registration will open in November.

DSUMC LOGO Shirts-If you would like to order one of the good looking Desert Skies LOGO shirts, please see Sandy Kleen on the patio this Sunday, (November 11th) to place your order. There are many options for you to consider: T-shirts (long and short sleeve), Polo, Nike golf, Women's V-neck (3/4 length sleeve), easy care dress shirts with pockets (long and short sleeve), Sport Tek t-shirt, women's v-neck, 3 styles of sweatshirts (crew, hoodie and zipper), and long sleeve denim. **If you are not able to place your order in person, feel free to call Sandy by November 11th at 520-270-5877.**

A Special Invite of Thanks- to all younger Sunday School children from your Senior/Junior High School Youth. When: Sun., November 18th at 10:20 am (regular Sunday school time, after Children's Moment at the 10:00 am service) in the Fellowship Hall. What: a service of Thankful fun to honor our church, our Military and spread His JOY!

De Colores-Come join in the fun, fellowship, and food at a Walk to Emmaus Gathering! November 17th, 4:00 pm at Catalina UMC.

A Special Thank You-for the cards, prayers, & visits during the time I was in the hospital/hospice. I appreciate you all. Blessings, Karen Davis

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, November 6

10:00 am Screwtape Letters Room # 5
3:00 pm Tutoring Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 7

2:30 pm Worship Design Room # 2
4:00 pm Grief Support Group Room # 2
6:00 pm Oil Painting Room # 7
6:30 pm Adult Bells Sanctuary
7:30 pm Adult Choir Sanctuary

Thursday, November 8

8:20 am Casa Maria Casa Maria Soup Kitchen

Friday, November 9

1:00 am Living Your Best Life Fellowship Hall

Saturday, November 10

Hike: 8:00 am meet at VIC to carpool or
9:00 am at Trailhead at Catalina State Park
9:00 am Vail Band Practice Sanctuary

This Week's Bible Reading

Nov. 06-Job 30; Ps. 120; Gal. 3, 4

Nov. 07-Job 31, 32; Gal. 5, 6

Nov. 08-Job 33; I Cor. 1-3

Nov. 09-Job 34; I Cor. 4-6

Nov. 10-Job 35, 36; I Cor. 7-8

Nov. 11-Ps. 122; I Cor. 9-11

Nov. 12-Job 37, 38; I Cor. 12

Interested in joining
Desert Skies UMC?

Contact Rev. Dr.
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We are on the web:
www.desertskiesumc.org