



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

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Veteran's Day Celebration and New Patio Dedication





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.



Also, a special UMCOR offering will be taken for emergency aid to victims of recent hurricanes, floods, and fires.

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 Sun., Nov. 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 18 (Harvest Sunday)

Sermon: Glorious Diversity

November 25 (UM Student Day)

Sermon: Healing Relationships

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

Zippy 49er's Circle-there will be **NO November meeting**, since it falls on the day before Thanksgiving. Members are also reminded that our ministry focus has changed to Sister Jose Women's Shelter, so we will no longer be collecting clothing for SACAC as a group. Call Glenda Burdick at # 760-5520 for more information.

Alternative Gifts-Where are they? Look DOWN at the front of the kiosk as you approach the sanctuary. There are shopping lists available for each of four agencies. Take as many lists as you have loved ones on your mind. Fill them out and return them with your check to the decorated boxes on TOP of the kiosk or in the office. United Methodist Women will send your loved ones a card telling them of the gift made in their honor.

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.

All Church Clean Up-Trustees is having another all church clean up on Saturday, November 24th at 8:00 am. Please come out and help spruce up the grounds before Christmas. Bring your gloves and yard tools.

Veteran's Pictures-if you brought in a picture for the Veteran's day celebration, you can pick them up in the church office or on Sunday from the clear mail box in the Narthex. The large framed pictures will remain in the office for pick up.

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, November 13

9:00 am Helping Hands	Kitchen
10:00 am Screwtape Letters	Room # 5
3:00 pm Tutoring	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Missions/Social Concerns	Room # 5

Wednesday, November 14

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 15

6:00 pm Executive Team Meeting	Room # 2
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Saturday, November 17

8:00 am UMW & UMM Breakfast Meeting	Fellowship Hall
9:00 am Vail Band Practice	Sanctuary

This Week's Bible Reading

Nov. 13-Job 39, 40; I Cor. 13, 14

Nov. 14-Ps. 149; I Cor. 15, 16

Nov. 15-Job 41, 42; II Cor. 1, 2

Nov. 16-II Cor. 3-6

Nov. 17-II Cor. 7-10

Nov. 18-Ps. 124; II Cor. 11-13

Nov. 19-Mt. 1-4

Interested in joining
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