



# THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

November 20, 2018

## *Harvest Festival*



### A TIME OF GIVING THANKS AND SHARING

**FRESHLY BAKED HOLIDAY BREADS, and FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES** were delivered this past Sunday to our thankful recipients at St. Luke's Home and Casa Maria Soup Kitchen. Thanks to all who donated food items and to those who helped deliver all that was collected.





## READINESS 360 SURVEY

You should have received an email requesting your participation in a survey that will help us multiply our kingdom impact. You have seven more days to find 20 minutes, login to the Readiness 360 with our survey code and help us get ready for insight into our church and our readiness to grow.

Please [click here](#) to log in and type in our congregation's survey code: [9089343881](#).

If you need help, please feel free to contact Sandy Kleen, [sandykleen@gmail.com](mailto:sandykleen@gmail.com) or Jeann Fishback, [fishback@ns.arizona.edu](mailto:fishback@ns.arizona.edu).

Thank you for helping us make decisions for our future!

Blessings, Rev. Candace

### UMM & UMW Joint Meeting

The UMM & UMW had their joint meeting last Saturday. We shared in a meal, had great fellowship and then watched a slide show, compliments of Merrill & Elsie Heinz.



## Annual Charge Conference Meeting and Dessert Potluck



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 PAST DUE AND NEED TO BE SUBMITTED TO TAMMMY A.S.A.P. by email: [office@desertskiesumc.org](mailto: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 25 (UM Student Day)**

**Sermon: Healing Relationships**



## Helping Hands

We packed lunches last Tuesday for Prima Vera Men’s Shelter. If you can spare an hour of your time, once a month, we’d love to have your Helping Hands!!



## Congratulations!!



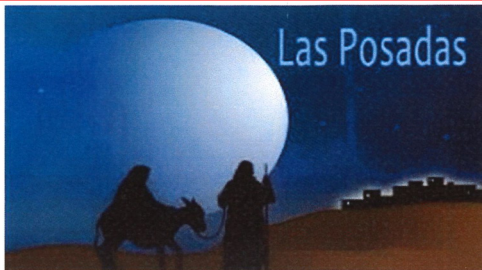
Congratulations to Desert Skies member, John Carruth (Vail Campus) for his appointment to the position of Chief of Staff for the Arizona Department of Education.

Currently the Associate Superintendent for the Vail School District, John’s heart for quality education and for the kids he serves will serve our state well.

Please keep John and Loren in your prayers as they transition to this new position.

## Romero Trailhead Hike

Led by fearless leaders Jared and Laura Goss, nine of us hiked from the trailhead at Catalina State Park up to Romero Pools. It was a perfect day, and the hike, while challenging, led to beautiful pools filled with water, which made a delightful spot for lunch. More hikes like this are planned for the future...watch for upcoming dates. And if you have a favorite hike you'd like to lead, let Rev. Candace know!!



Come join in the journey of Joseph and Mary as they travel to Bethlehem and attempt to find shelter.



December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4 pm  
Desert Skies United Methodist Church  
Vail Innovative Center  
10775 E Mary Ann Cleveland  
(just east of Empire High)



## Advent & Christmas Schedule

### Sunday Services:

Advent: Calm & Bright: Celebrating 200 Years of Silent Night  
December 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30  
8:30 and 10 am Houghton Campus; 4:00 pm Vail Campus

### Messy Church – Advent

December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4 pm Vail Campus  
Intergenerational Fun, Fellowship, Crafts and Dinner

### Christmas Eve Service

December 23<sup>rd</sup> – 4 pm Vail Campus  
Family Candlelight Service with Praise Band

### Christmas Eve Services:

December 24<sup>th</sup> – Houghton Campus  
4 pm Family Candle Lighting Service  
7 pm Lessons and Carols with Choir, Hand Bells and Candles  
11 pm Candlelight, Carols and Communion  
Child Care provided at 4 and 7 pm



## Flower Ministry Sign Up 2019



Would you like to present an altar arrangement for the Sanctuary on a date meaningful to you? Volunteer to deliver an arrangement after services on a date of your choice to brighten the day of a church family member? Look for the **Flower Ministry table on the patio on December 2nd & 9th** and see Altar Flowers Coordinator, Mimi Salber, and Flower Delivery Coordinator Doreen Hedger to sign up!

# Prayers for Our Churches 2019

You are encouraged to be praying for the churches and pastors of the South District. Several churches will be listed each month for your prayer covering. We would like to have the list published each month in your church newsletter and weekly in your church bulletins. It is encouraging to know that other churches are praying with and for each other. Please pray for the pastors, congregation, and community.

## South District

### JANUARY

Huachuca UMC, Huachuca  
First UMC, Bisbee  
Patagonia Community UMC, Patagonia

### FEBRUARY

El Mesias UMC, Nogales  
New Hope UMC, Tucson  
St. James UMC, Tucson

### MARCH

Camp Ministry, UofA, Tucson  
Catalina UMC, Tucson  
Sanctuary UMC, Tucson

### APRIL

Community UMC, Bowie  
Christ Church UM, Tucson  
First UMC, Safford

### MAY

Desert Skies UMC, Tucson  
First UMC, Tucson  
Korean UMC, Tucson

### JUNE

Bishop & Staff of the Desert Southwest  
Conference  
Staff & Churches of the:  
East District, North District and West District  
Camping Program in South District

### JULY

Duncan UMC, Duncan  
Grace UMC, Douglas  
First UMC, Eloy

### AUGUST

Saint Mark's UMC, Tucson  
Sierra Vista UMC, Sierra Vista  
Vista de la Montana UMC, Tucson

### SEPTEMBER

St. Francis in the Foothills UMC, Tucson  
Menlo Park UMC, Tucson  
UMC of Green Valley, Green Valley

### OCTOBER

St. Paul's UMC, Tucson  
UMC of the Good Shepherd UMC, Kearny  
Willcox UMC, Willcox

### NOVEMBER

San Pedro Valley UMC, Sahuarita  
Sanctuary UMC, Tucson  
Trinity UMC, Bisbee

### DECEMBER

Chaplains & Counselors in the South  
District  
The Inn Project, Tucson  
TMM Family Services - people served and  
staff, Tucson

**UMC** - United Methodist Church

**UMF** - United Methodist Fellowship (Is a church start that has not been consecrated as a church)

## DESERT SKIES PROVIDES SCHOLARSHIPS FOR AFRICA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Africa University (a Methodist-related university) is located in Zimbabwe and has an enrollment of 1900 students representing 24 of the 55 nations of Africa. For the last eleven years Desert Skies has made the commitment to provide two annual scholarships. One is funded by the Flea Market and the other is funded by the **Christmas Offering** as an all-church giving.

Our current scholarship recipients are: **Hector Tiago** – Hector is in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year and is majoring in Business. He is from Mozambique, and this is the third year that he has been a recipient of a DSUMC scholarship. Hector and his parents send their thanks to Desert Skies for helping to make it possible for him to attend Africa University. He writes, “In the name of the Lord God, Thank you”.

**Rex Filimao Vilanculo** – Rex is in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year in the College of Health, Agriculture and Natural Sciences. He is from Mozambique, and this is his first year as a recipient of a DSUMC scholarship. His parents are Methodist pastors and he has three siblings. Until he received this scholarship, his parents were paying school fees for him and two sisters. He plans to use his education to work in agricultural training to help alleviate malnutrition in Mozambique. He writes, “I thank God for the sponsor who has provided me this scholarship. I thank my sponsor for giving me the opportunity to continue my studies. By helping me and giving me this opportunity, the sponsor is also helping my family, my community, and my country. May God bless you abundantly.”

**Mauro Malambane**, our former scholarship recipient from Mozambique also sends his thanks to Desert Skies for sponsoring his four years at Africa University and giving him the opportunity to receive a college education. He graduated in June 2018.

### THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THESE YOUNG MEN!

*“Education is the most powerful tool you can use to change the world.” Nelson Mandela*



**Rex Vilanculo**



**Hector Tiago**



**Mauro Malambane**

## 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. Sign up on the Connection Card if you are interested in joining.

**Zippy 49er's Circle**-there will be **NO meeting on November 21st**. 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.

**Little Things, BIG RESULTS**-The collection boxes for little things have been redesigned to reflect the new reality: Campbell's isn't playing anymore. However, McCurdy school Ministries is still collecting General Mills Boxtops for Education and Tyson A+ UPCs, and Ronald McDonald House is still collecting aluminum pop-tabs to recycle to help pay their utility bills. You can continue to help these organizations by saving these little things, General Mills puts their Boxtops symbols on all their cereal boxes and Nature Valley granola bars and other products. Tyson A+ symbols are found on their frozen (not fresh) chicken products. GM Boxtops have expiration dates, so don't hold on to them too long. Just drop them in the collection box (the big one is in the office, a smaller one among the collection receptacles on the patio each Sunday) anytime you come to the church. The UMW sends the Boxtop/A+ collection to McCurdy Ministries once a year, and delivers pop-tabs to McDonald House whenever we have collected at least 10 pounds. Thank you!

**SHOE BOX MINISTRY**-Stop by our table and pick up your shoebox name along with instructions. This is a wonderful ministry that provides our Snak-Pak students with a shoebox filled with Christmas gifts. This may be the only gift they receive this Christmas. Thank you for your participation.

**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 20

10:00 am Screwtape Letters	Room # 5
6:30 pm Finance	Room # 2
7:30 pm SPRC	Room # 2

#### Wednesday, November 21

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

#### Thursday, November 22-OFFICE CLOSED!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

#### Friday, November 23-OFFICE CLOSED!

#### Saturday, November 24

9:00 am Vail Band Practice	Sanctuary
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### This Week's Bible Reading

Nov. 20-Mt. 5-7

Nov. 21-Mt. 8-10

Nov. 22-Mt. 11-13

Nov. 23-Mt. 14-16

Nov. 24-Mt. 17-19

Nov. 25-Mt. 20-22

Nov. 26-Mt. 23-25

Interested in joining  
Desert Skies UMC?

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

We are on the web:  
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