



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

November 27, 2018

B.A.N.G. Youth Group

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with their family and friends. This past weekend our youth shared in a meal of thanks with our Adopted Grandparents. We did a lesson on gratitude including giving a blessing card to someone that you are thankful for.



READINESS 360 SURVEY



Thank you for all who took the time to fill out the Readiness 360 survey. I look forward to sharing the results with you!

Rev. Paul Nixon, a lead in Path One (the church planting arm of the United Methodist Church) will be compiling the results for us, and then, via a Zoom online meeting, will share what he sees with our church leaders on December 10th. Following that, a seven person team will be put together to build a plan for leading our neighbors to Christ, reaching out to new people, and discerning ways forward for our faith community. We will keep you apprised of our progress.

Grateful for you,
Rev. Candace



Las Posadas

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



Program, Craft,
Dinner & Piñata



December 2nd 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

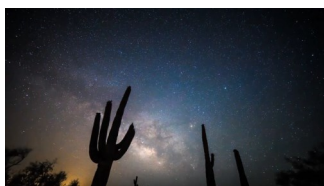
December 2nd – 4 pm Vail Campus
Intergenerational Fun, Fellowship, Crafts and Dinner

Christmas Eve Service

December 23rd – 4 pm Vail Campus
Family Candlelight Service with Praise Band

Christmas Eve Services:

December 24th – 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



Our New Sermon Series “Calm and Bright” begins on December 2nd and runs through December 30th .

This year is the 200th anniversary of the debut of ‘Silent Night, Holy Night.’ This hymn has become the best-loved worship moment of many Christians-even those who only come to church once a year.

Something mystical occurs as we light our candles and sing the hope of “all is calm, all is bright”-peace and light for the world.

This worship series will celebrate the carol’s message over the entire season of Advent and highlight its call for our lives that can guide us all year long.

December 2 (1st Sunday of Advent)

Sermon: Sleep in Peace-PEACE

December 9 (2nd Sunday of Advent)

Sermon: Redeeming Grace-LOVE

December 16 (3rd Sunday of Advent)

CANTATA-The Glory of Christmas

Sermon: Glories Stream-JOY

December 23 (4th Sunday of Advent)

Sermon: Let Us Sing-HOPE

December 24 (Christmas Eve)

Sermon: Calm and Bright

December 30 (1st Sunday after Christmas)

Sermon: ...Is Born

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!

THE INN PROJECT ALWAYS NEEDS SUPPLIES!

The Inn Project is a ministry of the UMC Desert Southwest Conference that temporarily shelters and cares for children and their families seeking asylum in the U.S. as they transition to the next part of their journeys. These families have already gone through Immigration and Customs Enforcement as well as Border Enforcement and are released to continue the immigration process.

New families are constantly arriving and leaving so **The Inn Project's** needs are great and help is appreciated from anyone with an open heart.

NEEDED ITEMS:

Children's clothing (gently used)
Small to medium sized adult clothing (gently used)
shoes
backpacks
bath towels
personal hygiene supplies
laundry supplies

If you would like to donate items, there is a bin for them in the church office or give them to Barb Reuter, Julie Jenkins or Mary Jo Floyd. (**Do not place them in a bin on the patio.**)

SPANISH SPEAKERS are needed! The Inn Project is experiencing an overflow situation that other churches have stepped up to help and several members from Desert Skies have been pitching in where they can. Having more folks that are able to speak Spanish would be very helpful. If you speak Spanish and can volunteer to help, please contact Julie Jenkins.

THANK YOU, DESERT SKIES, FOR BEING A SMALL CHURCH WITH A BIG HEART!



UMW COOKIE WALK AND CRAFT SALE

Sunday, December 9, is our annual DSUMW Cookie Walk and Craft Sale.

We need all kinds of baked goods - not just cookies - including breads, stolens, candy, pies, coffee cakes, and more. This second year of our Craft Sale, we are looking forward to a large array of crafts donated by all you crafty ladies.

We will be setting up for this event Saturday afternoon, December 8th between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the kitchen. Please bring your items then - and stay and help if you can and get to know all of us better.

Our sale will be Sunday morning at 8:15 a.m. until sold out, in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and purchase your holiday goodies and your Christmas presents. All proceeds will be going to Sister Jose Women's Center.



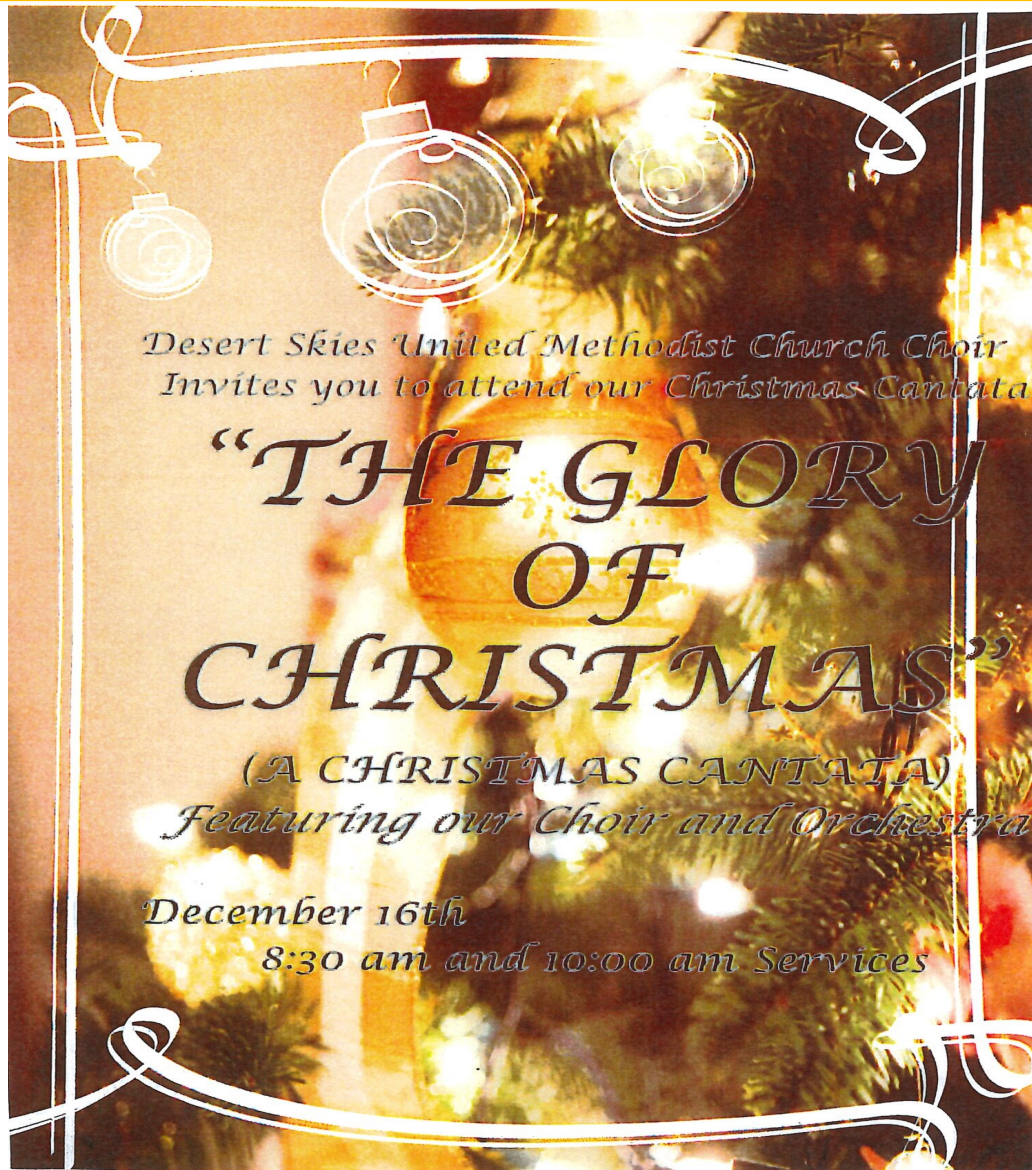
Annual Charge Conference Meeting and Dessert Potluck

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 or leave your hardcopy on her desk. THANK YOU.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA



*Desert Skies United Methodist Church Choir
Invites you to attend our Christmas Cantata*

**“THE GLORY
OF
CHRISTMAS”**

*(A CHRISTMAS CANTATA)
Featuring our Choir and Orchestra*

*December 16th
8:30 am and 10:00 am Services*

Alternative Gift Giving

My View: By David Fitzsimmons



Desert Skies United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday November 27th, 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: - 5min -Readiness 360 All Church Survey timeline– Mike Starace

Dec 10th-6:30 -8:00 pm Paul Nixon to review

Did you take the survey and how did that go for you?

Approval of the previous Church Council Minutes -

Learning: 30 min - 2019 Council Goals in mission terms. Jake Beverage

Leading: Coordinating our Efforts for Ministry: Collaborating Together:

Calendar & Christ Café Review for Dec & Jan – Jake Beverage

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

Reports, New Business and Reminders: Mike Starace

All Church Conference – December 6th – dessert pot-luck at 6 pm meeting at 6:30 pm

Finance and Tech Update- Connie Kraska

Action Items:

Advent Studies Mon am and Weds pm beginning Nov 26 through Dec 19th.

Sign-up.

Next meeting: January 29th, 2019 at 7 pm agenda items due to Jeann in email or on paper by Jan 18th.

Prayer and Adjournment – Jake Beverage



DECEMBER

02 Barbara Appleton, Brent Kyte
03 Joanne Evans, John Concienne
05 Jean G. Smith
06 Arnie Wheeler
09 Tom Benedict, Lyle Johnsen
10 Peggy Gale, Diane Hoffman
11 Steve Anderson, Sylvia Mozur
13 Heather Abaldo, Sylvia Flagg
14 Stephanie Hartung, Margaret Reasey
17 Clarlyn Elder
18 Nancy Karson, Jake Vogler
19 Max Freeman

20 Jean Smith, Cassie Sweet
21 Nancy Christopher, Gail Remaly,
 Agnes Koroma, Abby Maddox
22 Joy Barry, Del Holmer
23 Katy Conklin, Marian Polglase
26 Curt Brunner
27 Tom Henkle
28 Dan Elder
29 David Edwards IV
30 Duane Courson




03 Dale & Jackie Cole
07 Eli & Nancy Karson
11 Bill & Sharon Wagner
20 Bob & Donna Sisley
22 Dan & Clarlyn Elder
 Bill & Diane Ellison

26 Fred Killion & Sandy Kleen
 Frank & Linda Morton
27 Lynn & Sherry Adams
28 Alex "Doc" & Joanie Shawn



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This Month at Desert Skies

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2 8:00 Warm up Y H B 8:30/10:00 Worship 8:30 Advent Study 11:15 Lunch Bunch 12:30 Youth Group 1:00 Praise Band 3:00 Recital 4:00 Messy Church 5:00 Youth in Vail 5:15 Run for God	3 10:00 Advent Study 5:15 Emmaus	4	5 2:30 Worship Design Team 4:00 Grief Support Group 5:30 Advent Study 6:30 Adult Bells 7:30 Adult Choir	6 5:00 SPRC 6:00 Dessert Potluck 6:30 Charge Conference	7 1:00 Living Your Best Life	1 9:00 Adorn Sanctuary Vail Band Practice 8 3:00 Recital 9:00 Vail Band Practice 2:00 Prep for Cookie Walk
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