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



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 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

<u>December 9 (2nd Sunday of Advent)</u> 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 <u>church office</u> or give them to <u>Barb Reuter</u>, <u>Julie Jenkins</u> or <u>Mary Jo Floyd</u>. (<u>Do not</u> place them in a bin on the patio.)

<u>SPANISH SPEAKERS</u> 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

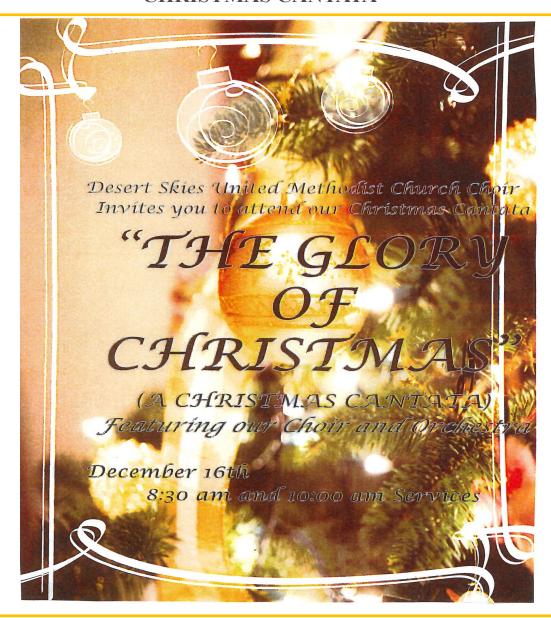


Our Annual Charge Conference Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 6th. The congregation will gather at 6:00 pm for a dessert potluck, followed by the meeting with our District Superintendent at 6:30 pm. Please bring your favorite dessert to share. Drinks will be provided.

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



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Just a Friendly Reminder-</u>Tammy will be out of the office from December 24th-January 6th. If you have any information that needs to go into the bulletins for 12/16, 12/23, 12/30 and January 6th, please submit to Tammy by December 10th. This will include information for the weekly newsletter as well. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Because of Bethlehem Study by Max Lucado— The Four week series started Monday, November 26th (10:00 am-11:00 am) and will be repeated on Wednesday, November 28th from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm. If you are interested, join us on Wednesday evening. The Monday class runs through Dec. 17th and the Wednesday class runs through Dec. 19th.

"Light of The World"-by Andy Stanley-Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year-not because of all the THINGS associated with it! Come join us in Adult Sunday School for a three part study beginning December 2nd at 8:30 am in Room # 5. Andy Stanley reminds us that the nativity narrative-like our own stories-is complicated.

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.

<u>Veteran's Pictures</u>-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.

<u>Africa University</u>-Please take a moment to stop by the table on the patio to sign Christmas cards for our Africa University scholarship students. **Sunday, December 2nd will be your final opportunity to add your name to the cards.** Thank you!

<u>Family Life-</u>Join us for our Friday afternoon movie in the Fellowship hall. Doors open at 1:00 pm and movie starts at 1:15 pm. The movie has not been chosen yet, so if there is something you'd like to see, call Shawne at # 885-5891 and let her know.

Advent Intergenerational Small Group-Interested in doing something family oriented during the hectic holiday season that combines mission and reflection? A group will be gathering on Friday evenings to build bags/kits that bring hope, love, joy, and peace in your community as well as reflect on the messages presented each Sunday. Jake and Stephanie Beverage will be leading this group...let them know if you are interested (beverages@justlikeadrink.com) or sign-up on the Connection Card found in your bulletin on Sunday mornings.

10:00 am Screwtape Letters	Room # 5
3:00 pm Tutoring	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Church Council	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, November 28	
2:30 pm Worship Design	Room # 2
4:00 pm Grief Support Group	Room # 2
5:30 pm Advent Study	Room # 5
6:30 pm Adult Bells	Sanctuary
7:30 pm Adult Choir	Sanctuary
Friday, November 30	
1:00 pm Living Your Best Life	Fellowship Hall

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This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, November 27

Saturday, December 1 9:00 am Vail Band Practice

3:00 pm Piano Recital

Adorn Sanctuary

This Week's Bible Reading	
Nov. 27-Ps. 125; Mk. 26, 27	Interested in joining
Nov. 28-Mt. 28; I Th. 1-3	Desert Skies UMC?
Nov. 29-I Th. 4, 5; II Th. 1-3 Nov. 30-Rom. 1-4	Contact Rev. Dr. Candace J. Lansberry at 749-0521
Dec. 01-Rom. 5-8 Dec. 02-Rom. 9-12	We are on the web: ww.desertskiesumc.org
Dec. 03-Rom. 13-16	



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

11Steve 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 KleenFrank & Linda Morton27 Lynn & Sherry Adams28 Alex "Doc" & Joanie Shawn



DECEMBER 2018

This Month at Desert Skies

Sun	Mon	Tue	WED	Тни	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 Sudy 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	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 3:00 Recital Practice 2:00 Prep for Cookie Walk
9 8:15 Cookie walk 8:30/10:00 Worship Service 8:30 Advent Study 10:00 Life Support 10:15 Children's S.S. 11:15 Ring and Sing 12:30 Youth Group 4:00 Vail Worship 5:15 Run for God	10:00 Advent Study 5:15 Emmaus 6:30 Zoom Call 7:00 Stephen Ministry	9:00 Helping Hands 6:00 Missions/Social Concerns	12 2:30 Worship Design Team 4:00 Grief Support Group 5:30 Advent Study 6:30 Adult Bells 7:30 Adult Choir	8:20 Casa Maria	1:00 Living Your Best Life	8:00 UMM Breakfast Meeting 8:45 Vail Jingle Run 9:00 Vail Band Practice
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