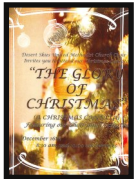




# THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

December 11, 2018



## CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Join us on Sunday, December 16th at 8:30 am and 10:00 am for our Christmas Cantata, "The Glory of Christmas". Featuring our Choir and Orchestra.



## 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 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

## Sunday Worship



## Dessert Potluck and Charge Conference



### Calling All Bakers

Cookies are needed for Christmas Eve services to be served along with warm cider. We will be serving cookies and cider after the 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm services. Cookies can be left in the Sanctuary kitchen.

Thank you,  
Meal Ministry



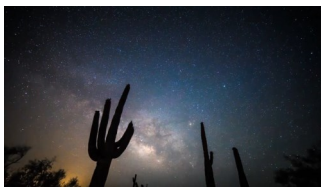
## UMW Cookie Walk/Craft Sale

Our United Methodist Women are delighted to announce that the proceeds from our Cookie Walk/Craft Sale were \$1,397.75. A check in this amount has been sent to Sister Jose Women's Center. I am sure they will be very happy to receive this check and will have many places where it can be used to great advantage.

We want to thank the members of our terrific church for making the baked goods and crafts for this project, donating them to us and then returning to buy, buy, buy. Many thanks again, and may you all have a blessed Holiday Season.



### Our Sermon Series "Calm and Bright" 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 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**

## 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)  
shoes  
bath towels  
laundry supplies

Small to medium sized adult clothing (gently used)  
backpacks  
personal hygiene supplies (adult, youth and baby)

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.)**

### DONATE TO THE INN PROJECT ONLINE

**ATTENTION:** If you would like to donate items to The Inn Project online, here is the link!

<http://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/JLTPUIXKDHNO>

This will take you to a wishlist that is labeled **UMCOR**. You are in the correct place. When you make your selections and proceed to **CHECKOUT**, One of the shipping address options is **UMCOR, Tucson, AZ**. Under this option, click on **DELIVER TO THIS ADDRESS**. The items you have purchased will be sent directly to The Inn Project with a note indicating who has sent them.

This is a great way to donate at your convenience and have a continually updated wish list from which to choose. If you have questions or problems with this link, please contact Mary Jo Floyd at [maryjofloyd39@gmail.com](mailto:maryjofloyd39@gmail.com) or 478-320-1780.

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

**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.

## COMMUNITY FOOD BANK REMINDER

**The first Sunday of every month** is Community Food Bank Sunday. Please remember to bring your food donations and drop them in the bin on the patio on your way in to the sanctuary. If you happen to forget your food donation, you may **place a check in the offering with "Community Food Bank" on the memo line or place cash in a pew envelope and put "community food bank" and your name on the envelope.**

**WITH EVERY DOLLAR DONATED THE CFB CAN PROVIDE 4 MEALS !**

**THANK YOU DSUMC!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Just a Friendly Reminder-**Tammy will be out of the office from December 24th-January 6th. Emails and calls will be answered upon her return. Thank you.

**Living Your Best Life Now-**Friday afternoon movie is the Christmas classic Miracle on 34th Street. In this Christmas classic, an old man going by the name of Kris Kringle (Edmund Gwenn) fills in for an intoxicated Santa in Macy's annual Thanksgiving Day parade. Kringle proves to be such a hit that he is soon appearing regularly at the chain's main store in midtown Manhattan. When Kringle surprises customers and employees alike by claiming that he really is Santa Claus, it leads to a court case to determine his mental health and, more importantly, his authenticity. **Fellowship Hall opens at 1:00, movie starts at 1:15pm. Any questions, call Shawne at 885-5891. Hope to see you there !**

**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 Dec. 14th 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](mailto:beverages@justlikeadrink.com))

**UMM Meeting- Saturday, December 15th.** Come with questions for Jane Humphrey, a professional tax preparer. Jane will answer questions about the new tax laws. **Breakfast at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.** All are welcome.

**Christmas Family Photo-**The Connect Committee would like to remind you to take a family photo in front of the Christmas tree in the Sanctuary. If you haven't done so before Christmas Eve, members of the Connect Committee will be available to be your professional photographer between all of the Christmas Eve services. Just bring your own phone/camera and we guarantee you won't be disappointed! We are also able to offer a second option. If any of you really liked your 2018 Desert Skies Photo Directory picture and would like a JPG file of your picture to use in your Christmas card, please send your request to Sandy Kleen at: [sandykleen@gmail.com](mailto:sandykleen@gmail.com)

**Zippy 49'ers Circle** -will meet Wednesday, December 19, in Fellowship Hall. We will gather at 9:15 with breakfast at 9:30. We will share personal stories of our best Christmas and our worst Christmas. There will be a "white elephant" gift exchange. For anyone who doesn't know, a white elephant is an item you already own that you no longer want, or that is very silly, or very ugly and useless that you would like to get rid of. Do NOT go out and buy something!!! Item needs to be wrapped. It will be lots of fun, so plan to attend. Our meetings are open to all women. Call Glenda Burdick, 760-5520, for more information. We will resume our DVD series "Unafraid" in January.

### This Week At Desert Skies

#### Tuesday, December 11

9:00 am Helping Hands                      Kitchen  
6:00 pm Missions/Social Concerns      Room # 5

#### Wednesday, December 12

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

#### Thursday, December 13

8:20 am Casa Maria                              Off Campus

#### Friday, December 14

1:00 pm Living Your Best Life      Fellowship Hall

#### Saturday, December 15

8:00 am UMM Meeting                          Fellowship Hall  
8:45 am Vail Jingle Run                      Cienega H.S.  
9:00 am Vail Band Practice                      Sanctuary

### This Week's Bible Reading

Dec. 11-Philem.; Heb. 1-4

Dec. 12-Heb. 5-8

Dec. 13-Heb. 9-11

Dec. 14-Heb. 12, 13; Jude

Dec. 15-Jas. 1-5

Dec. 16-I Pet. 1-5

Dec. 17-II Pet. 1-3; Jn. 1

Interested in joining  
Desert Skies UMC?

Contact Rev. Dr.  
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at 749-0521

We are on the web:  
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