



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

January 29, 2019

**TAKE A DEEP BREATH....this is longer than usual,
but please take the time to read it all!!**

We Warmly Welcome Our Newest Members



Wally and Linda Jakubowski

They come to us from the Rockford, IL area. Wally is a retired printer and Linda is a retired teacher. They both enjoy hiking in the beautiful Tucson Mountains. This August they will have been married 50 years and are proud of their two daughters and two grandsons. They are transferring from Marengo UMC in Marengo, Illinois.



Roger and Dori Pontifex

Have been in Tucson for more than 3 years and will be transferring their membership from St. Paul's. They moved here from Champaign, Illinois.



Matie Hudson

Transferring from Epworth UMC in Kalispell, Montana, Matie is returning home to Desert Skies.



Patricia Jenkins

Has been in Tucson for 1 1/2 years, returning to Arizona from Texas. She plays bells and sings in the choir, and is often found playing the flute for special music.



Help Support our Youth

In 2019 DSUMC Council & Committees would like to focus participation on mission ways to encourage seniors and families with children to interact. Schools both in the Tanque Verde Valley and Vail areas where we have worship services are great community resources and places to meet. In today's times families are scattered geographically but children and grandparents can adopt and support those around them. To that end the Connect Committee would like to create calendars of event participation by our children (in or out of school) which can be attended by seniors. After all children need 12 hugs a day to grow and seniors need twelve to stay upright. Each event we attend is a giant hug to all. And if we wear our Desert Skies shirts won't we tell the community we love and support our children?

Event slips are available at the Welcome Podium and a calendar will be available for planning. As events come up we will try to post weekly schedules in the eblast Newsletter. And as it grows carools can be arranged. If easier you may email or text Jeann Fishback (520-850-9723, fishback@ns.arizona.edu) or Mary Ellen Dawson (520-336-8471, illini1818@yahoo.com) with event details like below.

(EXAMPLE)

Youth Event

Student Name/age Eric Drumond

Event Description JV Boys Soccer

Date & Time January 23rd 4 pm

Location Rincon/University High Soccer Field- Park East side of school

421 N Arcadia (5th & Swan area)

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Last Saturday our church youth, supported by the Vail Campus, collected food and toiletries outside Walmart to help restock the Vail Food Bank. The response from the public was overwhelming. So much was collected (1,030 pounds and \$166.00 in cash) that it took a pickup truck and car to transport the items to the Vail ReSources Food Bank. Our church is so proud of the youth who stood for hours in the cold and greeted the shoppers with a friendly smile and giving heart! Also, thanks to all who donated from our congregation and to the UMW who donated items, along with a generous cash donation as well.





WESTERN SUNDAY-FEBRUARY 17th

ONE Worship Service for both campuses will be held at the Houghton Campus at 9:30 am. Activities start at 10:45 am and lunch will be served at 11:00 am.

This year we are featuring a new treat for guests of all ages,...a **Petting Zoo!!!** Fifteen farm animals will be coming to our campus for everyone to watch, pet, and hold. DSUMC has hired "A Child's Joy" to come and delight our parishioners with many different animal friends.

"A Child's Joy" has been breeding and raising hand-tamed farm animals specifically for their Petting Zoo since 1990. Most of the petting zoo animals were born on their farm in Laveen, Arizona. So they are assured to be calm, gentle, and just plain cute!

Each animal has been specifically bred for their starring role in the petting zoo since they were babies. Since they acclimate to children from an early age they're docile and gentle and they can even be hand fed, brushed, held, hugged and loved.

One more highlight of the day will be a **Western Bounce House** for all the young cowboys and girls. **Separate bounce times** will be observed for the wee ones under six years old, seven to eleven, and twelve to eighteen years old.

So come on out on **February 17th** for our **Western Sunday Celebration** from **9:30 am to 1:30 pm**. **Don't forget to buy or reserve your Barbeque ticket** on sale after Sunday services or **Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-4:00 pm**. **NO tickets will be sold the day of Western Sunday**. For more information, call Doc Shawn in the office at #749-0521.

TICKET PRICES: Pulled Pork-\$8.00 Hamburgers/Veggie Burgers-\$6.00

9th Annual Casa Maria Valentine's Day Coffee and Sugar collection Feb. 3rd and Feb. 10th

The Missions/Social Concerns Committee requests donations of **coffee, sugar, liquid hand soap and paper towels** for Casa Maria Soup Kitchen.

Last year we collected 204 pounds of Coffee and 217 pounds of Sugar, 132 rolls of paper towels and 35 bottles of hand soap.

We can top that this year!

Let's do our best to provide these gifts of love to several hundred homeless brothers and sisters who seek assistance at Casa Maria each morning.

Your donations will be collected outside of the Sanctuary on Feb. 3rd & Feb. 10th.

Thank you for being friends of those who are served by Casa Maria Soup Kitchen.



Desert Skies United Methodist Church invites you to

Transitions: Preparing for Life's Changes and Choices.

Adults of all ages are invited to come to some or all three Wednesday evening free seminars. These sessions are designed to help individuals and families make decisions about financial security, medical health choices, and living well independently presented from medical, legal and faith community perspectives.

January 30, 5:30-6:30 pm presented by the Tucson Federal Credit Union
Financial Planning in Ages and Stages

Are there plans and decisions I could make to strengthen financial security at each stage of my life?

Are there ways I can save and invest to go beyond taking care of myself...helping my family, others, my community?

February 6, 5:30-6:30 pm presented by Interfaith Community Services
Preparing for Emergencies and Changes at Different Life Stages

Why should I decide now healthcare, medical choices and final preparations that are right for me? How do I start?

How do I talk to family and health care professionals about my wishes or help my parents to do theirs?

February 13, 5:30-6:30 pm presented by Pima Council on Aging
The Intersection of Choices and Changes in Life

How can I promote personal independence for myself or my parents by learning options for life changes?

How do I connect to a network of community resources to help in planning?

Q and A sessions will follow each session

Desert Skies United Methodist Church is located at
3255 N Houghton Rd

Registration recommended at 520-749-0521
A light snack will be served

New Member Class

We met on Sunday, January 20th for our New Member Class. Welcome Patty Jenkins, Matie Hudson, Roger & Dori Pontifex, and Wally & Linda Jakubowski.



New Community Class

We met on Sunday, January 20th for fellowship, food and some great conversation about Spiritual Disciplines.



“Painting Gods Beauty”: Oil Painting Class

Our painting classes have started and we are having a great time together in fellowship and painting. If you have an interest in oil painting, please join us on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm or 6:30 pm in room # 7. Any questions, please contact Lorna Niven.





Our Sermon Series “What is in the Bible” (A Guide for the Perplexed) runs through Sunday, March 3rd.

Some people see the Bible as an outdated, irrelevant book of primitive, barbaric fairy tales that has no place in conversation today. And so they ignore it, missing all of the progressive and enlightened ideas that first entered human history through the writers of the Bible—ideas and ideals we still fall far short of, ideas and ideals that are still way ahead of our present consciousness and practice.

And then there are the folks who talk about how important and central and inspired the Bible is but then butcher it with their stilted literalism and stifling interpretations, assuming that it says one thing and if you just get that one thing, then you’ve read it well.

But you, I want you to read the Bible in a whole new way. The Bible is a book about a library of books dealing with loss, anger, transcendence, worry, empire and money, fear, stress, joy, doubt, grace and healing...topics we ALL need to discuss.

February 3

Text: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Sermon: Tell-A-Vision Personalities

February 10

Text: Luke 4:14-21

Sermon: God’s Gift of Jesus

February 17

Text: Luke 6:17-38

Sermon: Did I Hear That Right? The

Enigmatic Teachings of the New Testament

February 24

Text: Acts 8:1-8

Sermon: The Church Goes on the Road

March 3

Text: II Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Sermon: It’s the End of the World As We Know It

2019 Youth Winter Camp

Our youth spent Saturday, January 19th –Monday, January 21st at Mingus Mountain for an inspirational retreat with other youth from around our Desert Southwest Conference. A great time was had by all!



Community Food Bank Sunday, February 3rd

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!**

Desert Skies United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday January 29th, 2019 at 7 pm

Vision: A Joyful Community Drawing People to Christ;

**Mission: Lead our neighbors to Christ (2019 focus); Love one another in caring community;
Learn to follow Jesus; Live a Christ-like life that serves the world.**

2019 Goal: Seniors to join Families with Children both in serving our neighbors and enabling them to be servants.

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

Approval of the previous Church Council Minutes -

Listening: - 20 min. Jake Beverage

Share what conversations you have heard around our focus for **Seniors joining Families with Children both in serving our neighbors and enabling them to be servants.** What have your committees identified for realizing this focus.

Learning: Rev. Dr. Candace Lansberry - Monthly report on Readiness 360 Survey items
Discussion on Special General Conference in February.

Leading: Coordinating our Efforts for Ministry: Collaborating Together:

Calendar & Christ Café Review for 2019 – Jeann Fishback

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

Missions - ELF Ministry donations from all DSUMC Committees - Sandra McNary.

Community Food Bank 1st Sunday donations - Barb Reuter

Music – Doc Shawn – update on June Choir Trip

Reports, New Business and Reminders: Mike Starace

Recreation & Fellowship – Update on Western Sunday Activities & needs

Finance and Tech Update- Connie Kraska – Audit results

Action Items:

Connect – Jeann Fishback - Breeze training needs,
Breeze Follow-up email process

Next meeting: February 26th, 2019 at 7 pm agenda items and written report items due to Jeann in email or on paper by Feb 18th. Agenda items should generate action items or need input. All others should be reported in writing at agenda input time.

Prayer and Adjournment – Jake Beverage

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Living Your Best Life-Join us this Friday at 1:15 pm for a showing of First Man. A look at the life of the astronaut, Neil Armstrong, and the legendary space mission that led him to become the first man to walk on the Moon on July 20, 1969. (If we have a license to show it). Doors open at 1:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

UMW General Meeting will be on **Saturday, February 23, with breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 am**, followed by a brief meeting and then a program presented by Rose Muzzy. Rose will be introducing us to Twilight Wish Foundation, non-profit that works similarly to Make-a-Wish, but the recipients of the wishes are low-income seniors. The mission of the foundation is to enrich the lives of deserving seniors through intergenerational Twilight Wish celebrations. Rose is the Arizona Regional Director of the Foundation. In addition, we should note that Rose was honored with a Ben's Bells award for her outstanding work with seniors and in her community. Please join us for this great program. Guests are always welcome!

Altar Flower Committee-This is a friendly reminder that if you have signed up for a special Sunday, to donate Altar Flowers, your payments should be made to Desert Skies UMC, the cost is \$40.00 and in the memo please include "altar flowers". Thank you.

CARNEGIE 19 RESTAURANT FUND-RAISER-Spring is just around the corner and in **June** the **DSUMC Choir** will be on their way to perform in **New York City's Carnegie Hall**. The choir has had two successful fund-raisers so far, but we still have a couple of more events scheduled. The first of which is coming soon! One of our most generous parishioners, **Brent Kyte**, has graciously agreed to **donate 20% percent of the proceeds** from any **Pizza Hut or Bisbee Breakfast Company in Tucson from February 10th to February 17th**, to help aid in the final push towards our financial goal. With this offer, we are asking all of our parishioners and their friends to go to any of these eateries during the week of the 10th to the 17th. Be sure to save your receipt and then **turn them in to Doc Shawn or the office by February 24th**. A desk will be set up on the patio on **February 24th to collect your receipts**. The offer includes all delivered, take away, and dine in services. So, be sure to tell ALL your friends and families about this tasty event! Keep an eye out for our next restaurant fund-raiser at the **Texas Roadhouse, coming in March 2019**.

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, January 29

8:30 am Worship Design	Room # 2
10:00 am Simon Peter Study	Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm Tutoring	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Church Council	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 30

1:00 pm Oil Painting Class	Room # 7
4:00 pm Grief Support Group	Room # 2
5:30 pm Transitions	Room # 2
6:30 pm Oil Painting Class	Room # 7
6:30 pm Adult Bells	Sanctuary
7:30 pm Choir	Sanctuary

Thursday, January 31

6:00 pm Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
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Friday, February 1

1:00 pm Living Your Best Life	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, February 2

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

Jan. 29 Ex. 23, 24; Ps. 14; Acts 5

Jan. 30 Ex. 25-27; Acts 6

Jan. 31 Ex. 28-29; Acts 7

Feb. 01 Ex. 30-32; Acts 8

Feb. 02 Ex. 33, 34; Ps. 16; Acts 9

Feb. 03 Ex. 35, 36; Acts 10

Feb. 04 Ex. 37, 38; Ps. 19; Acts 11

Interested in joining
Desert Skies UMC?

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

We are on the web:
www.desertskiesumc.org



February

03 Charles Hoffman

04 Dudley Spore, Ken Weber

05 Marcus Conway, Linda Feldman

06 Bruce Bartman, Duane "Sparky" Johnsen

09 Andrew Colby, Ed Le Gendre

10 Hailey Hagle

12 Thelma Forrester, Joanie Shawn

13 John McCalla, Dr. Raymond Ryder

14 Claire Beverage

15 Jake Beverage, Connie Kraska, Sharon Levin,
Pam Smith

17 Pat Crowell, Barbara Drummond,
Lyle Kaapke

18 Loeles Fathera, Gary McDowell

19 Alice Krupa, Sam Stivers

20 Sue Bishop

22 Tammy Concienne

23 Steve Ellison, Kadie Koroma

24 Ted Dorsey, Ellie Moffet

25 Judy Irwin, Ellie Radomsky

27 Ken Bever, Doreen Hedger,
Roger Tess

29 Barb Porter



02 Bob and Glenda Burdick

14 Ken & Kathryn Conklin

15 Richard & Gail Remaly

17 Jim & Gayle Haag

24 Norm & Barb Porter

28 Duane & Cinda Courson

February 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 1:00 Living Your Best Life	2 8:30 Fellowship Hall Carpet Cleaning 9:00 Vail Band Practice
3 Communion Casa Maria Sugar/ Coffee Collection 8:30/10:00 Worship Service 8:30 Adult S. S. 11:15 Teacher's Meeting 11:30 Mystery Dinner Rehearsal 4:00 Worship-Vail 5:15 Youth in Vail	4 8:00 Flea Market Fun 9:00 Coyote Music 11:00 Bible Study 3:00 Tutoring 5:15 Emmaus 7:00 Stephen Ministry	5 8:30 Worship Design 10:00 Simon Peter 3:00 Tutoring	6 1:00 Oil Painting 4:00 Grief Support Group 5:30 Transitions 6:30 Oil Painting Adult Bells 7:15 Adult Choir	7 8:20 Casa Maria 6:00 Bible Study 6:30 Worship Meeting	8 1:00 Living Your Best Life	9 9:00 Vail Band Practice
10 Casa Maria Sugar/ Coffee Collection 8:30/10:00 Worship Service 8:30 Adult S. S. 10:00 Life Support 10:15 Children's S.S. 11:15 Ring & Sing Children's Meeting 12:00 Youth Group 4:00 Worship-Vail 5:15 Youth in Vail	11 8:00 Flea Market Fun 9:00 Coyote Music 11:00 Bible Study 3:00 Tutoring 5:15 Emmaus	12 8:30 Worship Design 9:00 Helping Hands 10:00 Simon Peter 3:00 Tutoring 6:00 Missions/Social Concerns	13 1:00 Oil Painting 4:00 Grief Support Group 5:30 Transitions 6:30 Oil Painting Adult Bells 7:15 Adult Choir	14 6:00 Bible Study	15 1:00 Living Your Best Life	16 8:00 UMM Breakfast 9:00 Vail Band Practice 4:00 Memorial Service for Pete Squire
17 Western Sunday 9:30 Worship Service 10:45 Events 11:00 Lunch	18 8:00 Flea Market Fun 9:00 Coyote Music 11:00 Bible Study 3:00 Tutoring 5:15 Emmaus 6:00 Bible Study 7:00 Trustees	19 8:30 Worship Design 3:00 Tutoring 6:30 Finance 7:30 SPRC	20 9:15 Zippy 49er's 1:00 Oil Painting 4:00 Grief Support Group 5:30 The Wired Word 6:30 Oil Painting Adult Bells 7:15 Adult Choir	21 7:00 Executive Team Meeting	22 1:00 Living Your Best Life	23 9:00 Vail Band Practice 9:15 UMW General Meeting
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