



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

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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.

Hey there Cowboys and Cowgirls! It's that time of year again when the Tucson **Rodeo** comes to town and Desert Skies UMC gets all "dude-ed-up" for a rip-roaring good time down at the **Desert Skies Fellowship Hall Barn**.

This year's entertainment will include music by the **Old Pueblo Bluegrass Band**, a good ol' **western movie**, games of **horseshoes**, **line dancing** or **square dancing**, some very "**special guest stars**", and "who-knows- what-else"!

Our cooks and crew will be rustlin' up some good "vittles" for ya including yer old favorites of **Pulled Pork, Hamburgers, and Veggie burgers** along with some beans and assorted veggies. You kin always git your usual drinks of "**Sarsaparilla**" **Ice Tea**, "**Cactus**" **Lemonade**, or some good ol' refreshin' **Spring Water** from our local well.

Cupcakes will also be needed for the Western Sunday Dessert. **If you would be willing to donate 1-2 dozen cupcakes, please sign up on the connection card found in your bulletin on Sunday mornings.**

Tickets go on sale this Sunday, January 20th through Sunday, February 10th after church or you can stop by the church office during the week, Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-4:00 pm. NO tickets will be sold the day of Western Sunday.

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

For more information, call Doc Shawn in the office at #749-0521. We'll see y'all here!

VAIL IN TRANSITION: ONE CHURCH, TWO CAMPUSES

A great big thank you to Desert Skies and the Desert Southwest Conference for investing time, money, and energy into multi-site ministry, which has allowed us to expand our reach into the Vail Community. We have been gathering, praying, talking, planning and preparing to be a new voice in a new place, expanding the joyful community drawing people to Christ that IS Desert Skies.

We have a great core of people working hard in Vail, and marvelous Praise Band, and a solid connection in the community through service and participation in community leadership. Our Desert Southwest Annual Conference has made it possible for us to have a coach this year, a specialist in multi-site planting. Based on the Readiness 360 survey and its recommendations, our coach's advice, and the reality that while we are stable, we seem stuck in growth worshipping at 4:00 pm on a Sunday afternoon, it is the intent for the Vail Campus worship to move to 11:15 on Sunday mornings beginning March 3.

We are also working to train and equip a potential campus pastor, who will eventually take over leadership of that worship service, though the appointed clergy to Desert Skies will still be the pastors of all three services! Until that is fully in place, Rev. Candace will be leaving the 10 am service shortly after the sermon (except on communion Sunday) in order to be present to preach in Vail. The Vail Praise Band and other leaders will begin the service there, which will become THE Contemporary Service for Desert Skies. Please be in prayer for this Desert Skies service as it evolves and we raise up new leadership, and be patient as we try new things in order to reach the people God has called us to serve. We are also looking for missionaries who would be willing to share their gifts and time with the Vail Campus for a short time, so we can get the programs we need up and running there. If you have any questions, please ask Rev. Candace. It's an exciting time to be Desert Skies United Methodist Church!



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.

January 20 (2nd Sunday after the Epiphany)

Text: Exodus 31:24-29

Sermon: The Riches to Rags Story of Israel

January 27 (3rd Sunday after Epiphany)

Text: Psalm 19

Sermon: Old Testament Lit. 101

A new bookmark will be in your bulletin on Sunday, February 3rd with the remaining sermons from this series.



Transitions: Being Prepared for Life's Changes and Choices. All ages are invited to come to one or all three Wednesday night 1 hour seminars that can help you, your family or anyone trying to help your parents in decisions about financial security, emergencies from a medical, legal and faith community standpoint, and living independently well. Sign-up on the Connection Card if you would like to participate.

January 30, 5:30-6:30 – Fellowship Hall

Financial Grounding in Ages and Stages

1. What foundations can I build into my financial security at this stage of life?
2. Are there ways I can both save/invest as well as help my church or give to others?

February 6th, 5:30-6:30 – Fellowship Hall

Be Prepared – Not only a good scout motto but plan for every stage of life? Am I prepared for the emergencies and changes?

1. At what age is it important that I have medical directives? Where do I get a good document for stating my wishes? How often should I review it? Where should I have it so others can find it and follow my wishes.
2. At what stage is it very important that I have a will? Do I have to go through a lawyer to set up a will?
3. What is the importance of a power of attorney?
4. Survivors: Who can walk me through the paperwork when my loved one dies?
5. How do I help my church help me in an emergency or be an avenue of care?
6. How do I help my church and loved ones help with my last wishes?

February 13, 5:30-6:30 – Fellowship Hall

Living as Healthy and Independently for as Long as I can

1. What kinds of help are out there should I or my parents want to stay in my/their own home or apartment right now?
2. What are some tell-tale signs that I should be looking for the next stage of care for myself or my parents?
3. Starting the conversation. What are my options in care and yet allowing independence (stages)? Included prices of what it would cost.
4. What are some of the important considerations/priorities I should be on the lookout for in assisted/independent living?
5. How do I check out the reliability of care my parents or I will get? (peace of mind)
6. If I have concerns about care who can I talk to or report suspected elder neglect/abuse? How do I handle this if I do not live in the community but I have concerns about the care my parents are receiving or not receiving ?

Ring and Sing and Renewal of Baptism

This past Sunday our Ring and Sing group performed during our worship services as we participated in Renewal of Baptism Sunday.



MISSIONS/SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

We would like to extend a **HUGE** thank you to all who contributed to the Christmas Offering in support of DSUMC Africa University Scholarships. With your generous donations, we are nearly at our goal, to again, support both Hector and Atal in 2019.

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 20th, when one of our former AU Scholarship recipients, graduate Jose Jamisse Gume, visits Desert Skies, to personally thank our congregation and update us on his career and work with his church.

More details to follow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Painting God's Beauty Oil Painting Classes-Come join us for fellowship and discovery to the world of oil painting. Classes will be starting on Wednesday, January 16th with 2 class times to choose from: afternoons at 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm or evenings from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and will continue thru April 24th. Please contact Lorna Niven if interested.

Simon Peter by Adam Hamilton-Six week series starting this morning, (January 15) from 10:00 to 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. He was not rich or educated, but familiar with hard work. He left everything to follow his teacher, yet struggled with doubt and fear. Join Pastor and author Adam Hamilton in this six week Lenten journey, and take an in-depth dive into the life, faith, and character of Simon Peter.

Living Your Best Life-This Friday's afternoon movie is The Christmas Candle. In 19th- century England, a minister's quest to modernize his village puts him at odds with people who believe that whoever lights the candle that an angel touched will receive a miracle on Christmas Eve. **Fellowship Hall doors open at 1:00 pm and movie starts at 1:15 pm.**

UMM Breakfast Meeting will be on Saturday, January 19th at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy a delicious breakfast and be treated to our very own Rose Muzzy and her group who will talk with us about Senior Issues.

UMW General Meeting will be on Saturday, January 26th in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 am. We will have breakfast, a brief meeting and then our guest Speaker, Connie Plummer, Chairman of the Board of Directors for ReSourcesVail will take over. ReSourcesVail provides many forms of assistance to the Vail community, including a food bank, school supplies, no cost clothing, and care giver resources, just to mention a few, and Connie has years of experience working with non-profit organizations. This promises to a very exciting presentation, so please join us.

Special Offering-this upcoming Sunday, (January 20) we will take a special offering for Human Relations Day. Did you know Human Relations Day is our day to support those living on the margins of society? On this day, we come together and celebrate by sharing a special offering. It is our chance to be the heartbeat of Matthew 25-to invest in the overlooked and ignored. Look for the special offering envelope found in your bulletin on Sunday morning. Thank you!

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, January 15

8:30 am Worship Design	Room # 2
10:00 am Simon Peter Study	Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm Tutoring	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Finance	Room # 2
7:30 pm SPRC	Room # 2

Wednesday, January 16

9:15 am Zippy 49er's	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm Oil Painting Class	Room # 7
4:00 pm Grief Support Group	Room # 2
5:30 pm Wired Word	Room # 2
6:00 pm Oil Painting Class	Room # 7
6:30 pm Adult Bells	Sanctuary
7:30 pm Choir	Sanctuary

Thursday, January 17

6:00 pm Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
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Friday, January 18

1:00 pm Living Your Best Life	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, January 19

8:00 am UMM Meeting	Fellowship Hall
9:00 am-Vail Band Practice	Sanctuary

This Week's Bible Reading

Jan. 15 Gen. 37, 38; Ps. 7; Luke 15

Jan. 16 Gen. 39-41; Luke 16

Jan. 17 Gen. 42, 43; Ps. 5; Luke 17

Jan. 18 Gen. 44-46; Luke 18

Jan. 19 Gen. 47, 48; Ps. 10; Luke 19

Jan. 20 Gen. 49, 50; Ps. 8; Luke 20

Jan. 21 Ex. 1, 2; Ps. 88; Luke 21

Interested in joining
Desert Skies UMC?

Join us for a
New Member Class on
Sunday, January 20th
at 1:00 pm in room # 2

Contact Rev. Dr.
Candace J. Lansberry
at 749-0521
or sign up on the
Connection Card.

We are on the web:
www.desertskiesumc.org