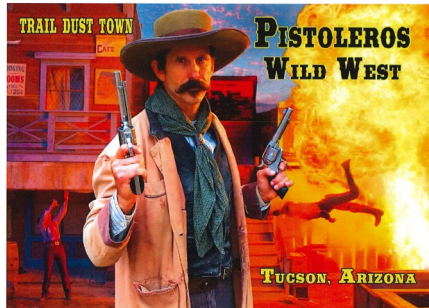




THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

January 22, 2019



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's entertainment will include music by the **Old Pueblo Bluegrass Band**, a good ol' western movie, games of **horseshoes, line dancing/square dancing**, and some very **special guest stars...."The Pinnacle Peak Pistoreros!"**

Last year we were fortunate enough to have some colorful guests come and entertain us, and they are back again to join in our fellowship and also perform a short "Western show" right after lunch, at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The Pistoreros are all stuntmen and actors, so this promises to be an action-filled show with stunts, excitement and laughs for the whole family.

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. **Tickets are on sale now 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!

MISSIONS/SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

As you may remember, Desert Skies partners with the Casa Maria Catholic Worker Community, providing food, clothing and other basic needs for Tucson's homeless & low income populations. This is the largest soup kitchen in Tucson, operating 363 days a year. On a daily basis, with support from multiple churches and agencies, they provide over 400 cups of coffee and donated breads/pastries, as well as 500 lunches and 150 bags of groceries.

The 9th Annual Casa Maria Valentines Day donations will be collected on Sunday, February 3 & 10. We are requesting from our generous congregation the following: **Cans of Ground Coffee, Paper Towels, Granulated sugar and Liquid hand soap.** Tables will be provided in the back of the Sanctuary for your donations. Thank you!

COYOTE MUSIC TOGETHER

As a family in one of our classes, you and your child will play musically under the guidance of one of our trained teachers. Each weekly Music Together® class offers a dozen songs and rhythmic rhymes, including fingerplays, small- and large-movement activities, and instrument play. Come join us on Monday mornings at 9:30 am in room #7 and ask for Alicia.



Bible Study Class-“What’s In The Bible”

We meet on Monday mornings at 11:00 am and on Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Revs. Mark and Candace Lansberry facilitate the class. What a great group we have.



FLEA MARKET FUN

Join us on Monday mornings out at the Flea Market Barn between 8:00 am-12:00 pm if you would like to do a little shopping or if you have some spare time and would like to volunteer to help out, please talk to Max Crowell, Jerry Myers or Cinda Courson.



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 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.



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Living Your Best Life-will NOT meet on Friday, January 25th!

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.

Friendly Reminder-The e-blast is posted to the website usually within 24 hours of Rev. Mark receiving it. You can scroll to the bottom of the home page and links to the newsletters are listed there. Click on the link and you should be connected.

URGENT!! ELF MINISTRY NEEDS: With the government shutdown we have some families needing food. Peanut butter, canned meat and other sources of protein are of greater need. We have plenty of pasta but could use more spaghetti sauce. Please leave donations in the ELF Ministry bin located in the church office or in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings. Thank you!

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, January 22

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

Wednesday, January 23

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

Thursday, January 24

6:00 pm Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Executive Meeting	Room # 2

Saturday, January 26

9:00 am Vail Band Practice	Sanctuary
9:15 am UMW General Meeting	Fellowship Hall

This Week's Bible Reading

Jan. 22 Ex. 3-5; Luke 22

Jan. 23 Ex. 6-8; Luke 23

Jan. 24 Ex. 9-11; Luke 24

Jan. 25 Ex. 12, 13; Ps. 21; Acts 1

Jan. 26 Ex. 14-16; Acts 2

Jan. 27 Ex. 17-20; Acts 3

Jan. 28 Ex. 21, 22; Ps. 12; Acts 4

Interested in joining
Desert Skies UMC?

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

We are on the web:
www.desertskiesumc.org