



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

January 8, 2019

HAPPY NEW YEAR DESERT SKIES

The New Year has arrived and I am sure we all have high hopes for a healthy and blessed 2019! At this time I would like to remind you that our church office hours are Monday-Thursday from 8:00 am-4:00 pm and Fridays from 9:00 am-12:00 pm.

I would also like to remind everyone that if you end up in the hospital or have a loved one in the hospital and would like one of the pastors to visit, please make sure to call the church office and let someone know. If it's not during our regular business hours, or if at any time you have an emergency, please make sure to call one of the pastors directly on their cell phone. Thank you and if you have any questions, please call Tammy at the church office at # 749-0521.



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Some people see the Bible as an outdated, irrelevant book of primitive, barbaric fairy tales that has no place in conversation today.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 13 (1st Sunday after the Epiphany)

Text: Psalm 119: 2-8

Sermon: Torah: From Beginnings to the Promised Land

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 ?

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 sign up on Sunday's Connection Card.

Simon Peter by Adam Hamilton-Six week series beginning Tuesday, January 15 from 10:00 to 11:30 am in room 5. 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.

Nothing Could Be Sweeter Than to Be a Worship Greeter-Thanks to all of you who volunteered to be a greeter during this past year. It is time to sign up to be a greeter for the new year. **We will be signing up on the patio on Sunday, January 13th.** See you there. Thanks, Wanda Chittenden.

Living Your Best Life-We will have our first Friday Afternoon Movie on January 18th 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.

Alternative Gifts-The UMW's 2018 Alternative Gift Program received \$1, 640 through your generosity. We will be distributing \$180 to the Community Food Bank, \$50 to Habitat Tucson, \$1135 to Heifer International and \$250 to UMCOR. The gifts with which you honored your loved ones will help families in Tucson and around the world. Thank you!

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, January 8

8:30 am Worship Design	Room # 2
9:00 am Helping Hands	Kitchen
3:00 pm Tutoring	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Missions/Social Concerns	Room # 5

Wednesday, January 9

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

Thursday, January 10

8:20 am Casa Maria	Off Campus
3:30 pm Endowment Meeting	Room # 2
6:00 pm Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Worship Meeting	Sanctuary

Saturday, January 12

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

Jan. 08 Gen. 20-22; Luke 8

Jan. 09 Gen. 23, 24; Luke 9

Jan. 10 Gen. 25, 26; Ps. 6; Luke 10

Jan. 11 Gen. 27, 28; Ps. 4; Luke 11

Jan. 12 Gen. 29, 30; Luke 12

Jan. 13 Gen. 31-33; Luke 13

Jan. 14 Gen. 34-36; Luke 14

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