

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

April 23, 2019

## This Week At Desert Skies

## Tuesday, April 23

8:30 am Worship Design Room # 2 10:00 am-Moses Book Study Fellowship Hall 3:00 pm Tutoring Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, April 24

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

## Thursday, April 25

7:00 pm Executive Team Meeting Room # 2

#### Saturday, April 27

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

## This Week's Bible Reading

Apr. 23 I Sam. 27: Ps. 141; I Chr. 9; Mt. 10

Apr. 24 I Sam. 28, 29; Ps. 109; Mt. 11

Apr. 25 I Sam. 30-31; I Chr. 10; Mt. 12 Apr. 26 II Sam. 1; Ps. 140; Mt. 13

Apr. 27 II Sam. 2; I Chr. 11; Ps. 142; Mt. 14

Apr. 28 II Sam. 3; I Chr. 12: Mt. 15

Apr. 29 II Sam. 4, 5; Ps. 139; Mt. 16

# ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

# Maundy Thursday and Resurrection Sunday at Desert Skies

Christ is Alive at Desert Skies! We gathered together for our Maundy Thursday Service with Stations of the Cross, shared in a Sunrise Service outside on our new sanctuary patio and then gathered together for our regularly scheduled services in the Sanctuary and the Vail Innovation Center. Also, thanks to our youth for preparing some special treats for us during Christ Café.



# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<u>UMCOR BUCKET ASSEMBLY IS SUNDAY, APRIL 28!</u> A HUGE THANK YOU for our Congregation's generosity in supporting the UMCOR Relief Kits for victims of winter and spring floods in our nation. We are grateful for your bountiful response to the call to meet this critical need during this Lenten season! With your change, cash and checks donations, your Missions Committee received over \$4,600 (and counting!) towards all supplies needed for the completion of 200 Relief Kits.

### Schedule for Relief Kit Bucket assembly on Sunday, April 28th

9:25 am-10:55am-Training videos in Sanctuary at end of worship services

11:15 am-12:00 pm-Light Lunch on patio, outside Fellowship Hall (after 10:00 am service)

12:00 am-1:30 pm-Relief Kit Bucket Assembly

1:30 pm-2:00 pm- Loading of Relief kits onto Desert SW Conference truck for transport to UMCOR Distribution Center in Utah.

This project is a direct response to assist those who have had their dwellings and property damaged through no fault of their own. And, this work is not possible without the caring hearts and helping hands of our Congregation working together towards a common goal!

"Moses" Book Study-Come join us in a 6 week series beginning Tuesday, April 23 from 10:00 am-11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Join Adam Hamilton as he travels from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea and the wilderness exploring the sites of Moses' life. Using historical information, archaeological data, and biblical text, Hamilton guides us in the footsteps of this reluctant prophet who grew in his relationship with God and by the end of life has successfully fulfilled the role he was given. Book required.

<u>Graduation 2019-</u>We will be honoring our graduates on **Sunday**, **May 19th. Please submit** each student's name, school, degree granted and family relationship to DSUMC to the office by 8:00 am on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>-Att. Tammy. Pictures may be submitted also.

Make a Difference Day with Tanque Verde Community Preschool. We have been asked by the director of Tanque Verde School District's new preschool, Tanque Verde Community Preschool, if we would help put together furniture for outside and for the classrooms. We will be doing that Sunday, May 5, from 1-5 pm at Tanque Verde Elementary School, 2600 N. Fennimore Ave. Here's a simplified list of building projects. All are pre-made, so it's more just putting things together, rather than actual building: Ikea bookshelves (There will be a lot of them, but they're pretty easy!); Playhouse; Mud kitchen; Several small outdoor tables; 1 desk; 2 outdoor storage units; 1 play kitchen; 2 dress-up organizers. Please sign up on the Connection Card to help.



## **Africa University**

This is a photo of Ilda Garrine, taken by Jose Gume. She is wearing the prayer shawl and the glass cross that we sent to her via Jose.

Ilda was one of the Desert Skies sponsored students who graduated in 2012 with Jose. She majored in psychology and is working alongside Jose as a counselor at Chicuque Rural Hospital in Mozambique. She counsels patients with HIV/AIDS as well as other communicable diseases. She and Jose also make visits to villages to provide information about these diseases, with a focus on prevention. Ilda is an active member of the United Methodist Church of Maxixe and participates in United Methodist Women.

Ilda sent the following message to Desert Skies:

"My deepest appreciation goes to Desert Skies UMC for giving me the opportunity to study at Africa University and be able to help my fellow brothers and sisters in Mozambique. I was blessed to have been chosen to receive your scholarship." She also sends her thanks for the lovely prayer shawl and the beautiful glass cross.