



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

August 6, 2019

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, August 6

8:30 am Worship Design

Room # 2

Wednesday, August 7

5:30 pm The Wired Word

Room # 2

Thursday, August 8

8:20 am Casa Maria

12:00 pm Yoga

Off Campus
Fellowship Hall

Saturday, August 10

9:00 am Vail Band Practice

Sanctuary

This Week's Bible Reading

Aug. 06-Hab. 1-3; Jn. 8

Aug. 07-Zeph. 1-3; Jn. 9

Aug. 08-Jer. 1, 2; Jn. 10

Aug. 09-Jer. 3, 4; Jn. 11

Aug. 10-Jer. 5, 6; Jn. 12

Aug. 11-Jer. 7-9; Jn. 13

Aug. 12-Jer. 10-12; Jn. 14

YOUTH At Desert Skies Come Together To Serve

Youth, grades 6-12 joined together from both campuses to make 21 hygiene kits for UMCOR. After a wild scavenger hunt for the items that make up the kits, the youth put them together, and then heard about The Inn Project², which is housed at St. Francis in the Foothills UMC, from Doris Morris, who heads up their program.

Thanks to Jennifer Stivers and Heather Abaldo for putting together the Scavenger Hunt and providing ice cream for snacks and to the Missions and Social Concerns Team for funding the project.



Church Council

7/31/19

As you know, the Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church met in February and voted to adopt what is called The Traditional Plan, which keeps the language of exclusion of LGBTQI+ persons from marriage and ordination and further mandates a far more punitive response to clergy and laity who are ignoring that exclusion on the grounds of biblical obedience.

In June, your Church Council decided to hold conversations around the Desert Southwest Conference response, which disavowed the Traditional Plan, and out of these conversations has come a draft statement that we would like to **present for discussion** to the entire congregation, honing and revising it as we go. The timeline for development and adoption of a DSUMC Statement of Inclusion is below. We want **your feedback** as we move forward with our statement of who we are striving to be as a church. **Please speak to members of the Church Council on this topic or utilize the suggestion box located near the Kiosk if you would like to provide your feedback anonymously.**

Mike Starace, Council Chair

Jake Beverage, Council Vice Chair

Timeline for development and adoption of a Statement of Inclusion

Feb 23-26, 2019 - UMC Special Session of the General Conference - *Traditional Plan adopted*

Mar 2, 2019 - Called Together by Grace conference-wide meeting with Bishop Bob at St Paul's UMC

Mar/Apr 2019 - Weekly Lenten discussions at DSUMC about the issues surrounding GC2019

Jun 13-15, 2019 - Desert Southwest Annual Conference - *Traditional Plan disavowed*

Jun 25, 2019 - Church Council discussion of AC - *Invitation to join DSC Way Forward teams*

Jul 10, 2019 - DSUMC Called Anew to Follow discussion #1 - *Initial draft of Statement of Inclusion*

Jul 24, 2019 - DSUMC Called Anew to Follow discussion #2 - *Second draft*

Jul 30, 2019 - Church Council discussion of DRAFT Statement of Inclusion and vote to get feedback from the congregation at large

Aug-Sep 2019 - Discuss the DRAFT Statement of Inclusion with the congregation. We will hold several additional small group discussions. Members of Church Council will also be available for one-on-one conversations with members near and far to get as much input as possible. Our goal will be to refine the Statement of Inclusion based on all the input we gather before the September Council meeting.

Sep 14, 2019 - Desert Southwest Annual Conference Special Session

Sep 24, 2019 - Present a refined draft of the Statement of Inclusion to Church Council seeking formal approval of the language to be presented to the Church Conference for a church-wide vote

Oct/Nov 2019 - DSUMC Church Conference - Present Statement of Inclusion for church-wide vote

DRAFT --- Statement of Inclusion --- DRAFT

Desert Skies United Methodist Church of Tucson, Arizona welcomes people of every race, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, age, physical and mental ability, ethnicity, national origin, economic station, and political ideology to full participation in the life of our community.

Full participation in the life of our community includes all members, without exception, being fully eligible to participate in the benefits and responsibilities of church membership, including communion, baptism, marriage, ordination and all offices and positions of leadership.



Church Council meets on the last Tuesday of the month in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm. All our Welcome to attend! We will not meet in August, but will resume on Tuesday, September 24th at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you then!



Pre-School through Middle School
Supporting growth since 1979

Hermosa Montessori Charter School is excited to share our virtue-based program and partner with your community. As we begin our 40th year, we are seeking individuals to provide both volunteer and limited paid positions a few hours each week. If you have a passion for children and desire to support a school based on virtues where individual character traits are valued and taught, we look forward to sharing conversation with you.

Please contact Maureen for additional information:
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Walmart Neighborhood Markets Kick off Food Drive



Walmart Neighborhood Markets Kick off Food Drive for the Interfaith Community Services Food Banks August 16

All 9 Walmart Neighborhood Markets in the Tucson area are coming together August 16 - 30th for a food drive to fight hunger for neighbors in need.

The Walmart Neighborhood Markets are collecting food to help ICS Food Banks in Tucson stock up their shelves. Here's how you can get involved: Shoppers at the Walmart Neighborhood Markets can purchase a bag pre-filled with the most needed items at the ICS Food Banks including pasta and sauce tuna and peanut butter. All for under \$5!

About the Interfaith Community Services (ICS) Food Banks:

Last year, the ICS Food Banks served more than 32,000 children and adults and dispensed \$3.2 million of emergency food. Hours at the ICS Ina Road Food Bank are 9am - 1pm, Monday -Saturday and 5 pm to 7 pm on Tuesday evenings. The ICS Eastside Food Bank is open 10am - 1pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays and 10am - 1pm, the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. The ICS Food Bank is a pantry partner of the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona and is the largest pantry distributor of emergency food in southern Arizona.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers-We have **Sunday, September 29th** available to honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion. If you would like this date to donate flowers for the altar, please see Mimi Salber. Thank you.

Houghton Campus Children's Ministry-If you have a love for children, and would like to share the Bible stories of God's love...**we invite you to join our teaching team for the fall Sunday school program beginning September 8th.** If interested, please call Lorna Niven at # 520-360-1084 or sign-up on the Connection Card.

Front Office Volunteer Needed!!-If you would like to volunteer to work in the **Church office** at the **front desk on Tuesday afternoons (12:00 pm-3:00 pm)** please contact Wanda Chittenden at # 777-5824. Thank you!

Helping Hands-We pack lunches for Primavera Men's Shelter and need volunteers to help. If you can spare an hour of your time on the second Tuesday of each month, please join us in the kitchen at 9:00 am. We will meet on August 13th. Any questions, please contact Diana Barber. Thank you.

Fall Sunday School Registration- The Children's Ministry Committee has developed a new registration form for all children in Sunday School. The new form will assist us to provide a more positive experience and safety for our children. Please come by to complete the new registration form that will be available in the classrooms, at the kiosk or at the Children's Ministry table on the patio on Sunday mornings. Thank you.

ATTENTION!!! ALL BASEBALL FANS!!! **THE ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS vs. THE SAN DIEGO PADRES** **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd at 1:10 PM-CHASE FIELD, PHOENIX**

If you reserved a ticket for the game, we need to collect your payment this Sunday between services. Tickets plus travel costs is \$35.00 per person. This year we will take the church van, (seats twelve people,) **but we will also need three other vans and drivers.** We plan to leave the church at 10:00 am returning by about 7:00 pm. If you would be willing to be a designated driver, please contact Doc Shawn in the office at #749-0521.



Our sermon series "Ordinary Time 2: Life in Christ: The Teachings of Paul" runs thru Sunday, September 8th.

Colossians is a letter written to a church neither founded nor visited by the author, yet explains the In-Christ-Life in a way that has affected all of Christianity. Exploring what it means that Jesus was called "Christ" and how this forgotten truth can transform everything we see, hope for, and believe, Colossians is indeed a letter for our day, reminding us of who and whose we are.

August 11

Sermon-Going Somewhere
Scripture-Colossians 3:1-11

August 25

Sermon-It Can't Be Carried Alone
Scripture-Colossians 4: 2-17

August 18

Sermon-The Great Comma
Scripture-Colossians 3:12-17

September 1

Sermon-The Work Has Just Begun
Scripture-Hebrews 13:1-8; 15-16

September 8-Andrew Colby is preaching

Links to purchase The Universal Christ by Richard Rohr, which will be part of our next worship series:

Book: https://www.amazon.com/s?k=the+universal+christ+by+richard+rohr&crd=SGBFD6ZQFJV3&srefix=the+uni%2Caps%2C183&ref=nb_sb_ss_i_1_7

Podcast: <https://cac.org/richard-rohr/another-name-for-every-thing-a-podcast-with-richard-rohr/>