



# THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

October 15, 2019

## This Week At Desert Skies

### Tuesday, October 15

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

### Wednesday, October 16

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

### Saturday, October 5

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

## Youth Service Project at ACES



15 youth plus their leaders and families spent 2 hours Sunday working on a new water reclamation project at Agua Caliente Elementary School. Thanks to Brian Drummond, head of that project for ACES, for teaching us a bit about water runoff...and helping us all learn new skills. After hauling tons of rock and placing it to make paths and drainage receptacles, we can truly say, Rock on, Desert Skies!!!

## This Week's Bible Reading

Oct. 15-Neh. 13; Mal. 1, 2; Acts 4  
 Oct. 16-Mal. 3, 4; Ps. 148; Acts 5  
 Oct. 17-Job 1, 2; Acts 6, 7  
 Oct. 18-Job 3, 4; Acts 8, 9  
 Oct. 19-Job 5; Ps. 108; Acts 10, 11  
 Oct. 20-Job 6-8; Acts 12  
 Oct. 21-Job 9, 10; Acts 13, 14

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU



We are so thankful to Carter Allen for all the wonderful pictures he takes around campus. Without him, we wouldn't have all the pictures for the e-blast.

Thank you Carter for graciously giving your time and talent to Desert Skies!!

WE APPRECIATE YOU!!



**SAVE THE DATE AND MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!**  
**VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10th**

On **Sunday, November 10th**, we will recognize our Veterans and currently serving military personnel with a celebration of their service. **The celebration will take place between 9:25-9:55 am.** Congregations from both services are invited to gather on the new patio beginning at 9:15 am.

The Celebration will include a “Finger food buffet brunch” and we need volunteer cooks! Please join with the Meal Ministry team and bring your favorite quick breads, cheese and cracker combos or antipasto trays to be included with our breakfast brunch food offering to the new patio between 8:30 am-9:15 am on November 10th.



**Our Sermon Series “Ordinary Time 3: The Way Out of No Way” runs thru Sunday, October 20th.**

**Sermon-Serving**

**Scripture-Joshua 24:1-15**

We enter the biblical narrative of God’s action in human history “already in progress” and right out of the gate we are plopped down in the middle of major crisis: Noah and the flood.

We will spend six weeks witnessing other Hebrew Bible stories of God urging the people forward in times when it seems there’s no way out. We will recall our own narratives and affirm the strength God gives us to find a way through. After all, our percentage of actually living through a crisis at this point is 100%!

**ANNUAL FLEA MARKET SALE**  
**NOVEMBER 7, 8, & 9**

The Flea Market Sale is coming up and we are asking for you to save **your GROCERY BAGS and NEWSPAPERS**. Please put them in the marked bins in front of the Sanctuary. Thank you.

Its time to start collecting for the **GREAT WALL OF SODA (name brand only, please) and WATER**. Donations can be brought to the church office. Thank you in advance for your generosity and for always making the Flea Market such a success!

We are also **CALLING ALL BAKERS!!** If you like to bake and would be willing to donate cookies, cakes, pies, brownies, lemon bars or any baked goods, please drop your items off to the kitchen the week of the Flea Market. Thank you.

**Celebrate Our Youth**

Come support our youth in their activities/or remember to wish them well. Check the Houghton kiosk or e-blast for events.

**SPORTS**

**Wednesday, October 16th-4:30 pm-Presidio at 1695 E. Ft. Lowell Rd.**  
**Volleyball, Madison Mallory-Allen**

**Friday, October 18th-4:30 pm-River of Life at 6902 E. Gold Links Rd.**  
**Volleyball, Madison Mallory-Allen**



**The Dream is Alive!**

Africa University Development Office  
**Elaine Jenkins, JD** — Director of Planned Giving

October 1, 2019

**TRANSMITTED ELECTRONICALLY.**

Rev. Dr. Candace J. Lansberry  
Desert Skies United Methodist Church  
3255 N. Houghton Road  
Tucson, AZ 85749

Dear Dr. Lansberry and the Desert Skies Church Family:

Grace and Peace to you during this Holy Season of Ordinary Time!

We are pleased to inform you that the following students are the recipients of the Desert Skies United Methodist Church direct scholarships for the **2019-2020** academic year:

<u>Faculty/College</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Year</u>
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CHANS <sup>1</sup>	Jeje Yurica Nehanda	F	Mozambique	1 <sup>st</sup>

We are also pleased to share with you that **all is well** on the Africa University campus. The new academic year is well underway. Our student enrollment numbers 2,539, representing **25** of the **55** nations of Africa; females comprise **54%** of our enrollment; and international students comprise **20%** of our enrollment. Our graduates now number approximately 9,400, representing **31** of the 55 nations of Africa. With more than **94%** of our alumni at work on the continent, Africa University's impact is tangible and ever-growing. Furthermore, Africa University continues to be the place where **Africa happens every day!** **Thank you** for believing in the future of Africa University and the worth of its mission.

May this Holy Season of Ordinary Time bring blessings of peace, hope, and joy to you, your ministry, and to a chaotic and hurting world! Take excellent care!

**PEACE!**

Elaine Jenkins

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Enclosure: 2019 Graduation Story

cc: Dr. and Mrs. Bruce D. Broughton

<sup>1</sup> College of Health, Agriculture and Natural Sciences



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Zippy 49er's Circle** will meet at **9:15 am on Wednesday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>** in **Fellowship Hall** with breakfast at 9:30 am. We will continue chapter 2 of our book study, "Everybody's Normal Till You Get to Know Them". Sister Jose Women's Shelter is our ministry focus. If you have items to donate, please bring with you or give to Glenda on Sunday.

**A "Welcome Back Winter Residents" Potluck**— has been scheduled for **October 20<sup>th</sup>**, at **11:30 am** in the **Fellowship Hall**. We are planning to have a **POTLUCK LUNCH** and would like to invite everyone stay and share variety of delicious foods and lots of good fellowship. So that we can have a complete variety of food, we are asking that those whose last names begin with **A-L provide an ENTREE; M-R provide SALADS; S-Z provide a SIDE DISH. DESSERT and BEVERAGES** will be provided by the Meal Ministry Committee. You may bring your dish to the Fellowship Hall kitchen and drop it off before either service. Please be sure to label your dish AND lid with your name, so that it can be returned to you. We sincerely hope that everyone will plan to come to this year's Welcome Back celebration. It will be a great opportunity to meet new people and reconnect with those who have been away!

**SPRC and Charge Conference Meeting**—We have received our date: **Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**. SPRC Meeting at 5:30 pm in room #2 and CC meeting at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. **All reports are due to Tammy by October 31<sup>st</sup>!**

**UMW**—We will meet **on Saturday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>** at **9:15 am in Fellowship Hall for brunch, a brief meeting & program**. Our program will be Handi-Dogs, a local non-profit dedicated to helping older adults and disabled persons gain independence and improve their quality of life through specialized training of dogs and to advocate about the importance role of service dogs. Not only do they help the disabled, but they also will help seniors with the training of their personal dogs and provide other services as well. Your friends and family are welcome!!



Trunk or Treat Fall Festival  
At Desert Skies UMC Houghton Campus

It' that time again...the "Trunk or Treat Fall Festival" a little scary and



some fun!! Join us on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at 4:30 pm for some.....

"Spooky Crafts" ..... "Creative Games" ..... "Door Prizes".....

"Face Painting & Tattoos" and take a "Selfie" with a Scarecrow, too"??



Bring a decorated pumpkin and enter the carved pumpkin contest!

Come and meet our "Witchy Pooh" and have some brew! And if you



dare....take a "Scary Story Hayride" too!!

Don't forget the costume parade, and of course..... "Trunk or Treat"!!!!??

Please sign up on the Blue Connection Card or at Children's Ministry Table. Thank you

Dear Desert Skies,

Ralph and Karen Anderson and the VanBurkens wish to thank Desert Skies during our time of sorrow in the loss of our Great Granddaughter, Alaiah Rose Vanburken. Alaiah Rose was born September 5<sup>th</sup> and passed away September 11, 2019.

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and cards and surrounding all of us with your love and support.

Blessings,

The Anderson and VanBurken families.

