

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

October 22, 2019

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, October 22

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

Wednesday, October 23

1:00 pm Oil Painting Class
4:00 pm Grief Support Group
5:00 pm The Wired Word
6:00 pm Adult Bells
The Wired Word Vail Innovation Center
6:30 pm Oil Painting Class
7:00 pm Adult Choir
Rooms # 6 & 7
Sanctuary
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Thursday October 24

12:00 pm Yoga Sanctuary 7:00 pm Executive Team Meeting Room # 2

Saturday, October 26

9:00 am Vail Band Practice Sanctuary
9:15 am UMW General Meeting Fellowship Hall
4:30 pm Trunk or Treat Fellowship Hall

This Week's Bible Reading

Oct. 22-Job 11, 12; Acts 15, 16

Oct. 23-Job 13, 14; Acts 17, 18

Oct. 24-Job 15; Acts 19, 20

Oct. 25-Job 16; Acts 21-23

Oct. 26-Job 17; Acts 24-26

Oct. 27-Job 18; Ps. 114; Acts 27, 28

Oct. 28-Job 19; Mk. 1, 2

Youth Bowling Event at Bowlero

14 youth and 4 adults represented Desert Skies to the bowling community this past Sunday! Ask a youth about speed bowling, technique, and just plain fun!





TRUNK OR TREAT FALL FESTIVAL

Join us for some fun on Saturday, October 26th at 4:30 pm Houghton Campus

Spooky Crafts....
Creative Games...Door prizes...
Face Painting & Tattoos.

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!!

Bring a decorated pumpkin and enter the carved pumpkin contest!

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

All our welcome and encouraged to attend!!

Join us on Tuesday, November 19th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

SPRC will meet at 5:30 pm in room #2.

All Committee Reports are due to Tammy by October 31st!!

Please leave a hard copy on Tammy's desk or email her at office@desertskiesumc.org

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.



Our New Sermon Series "Faithfulness in Luke's Gospel" begins on Sunday, October 27th and runs thru Sunday, November 24th.

It's easy to become discouraged when the needs are so great, and the resources seem limited. See how Jesus takes stories about people from all walks of life and shows how good stewardship affects them and the world around them.

October 27th

Sermon: Justice for the Faithful: Our Prayers

Scripture: Luke 18: 1-8

November 10

Sermon: The Faithfulness of a Sinner: Our Gifts

Scripture: Luke 19: 1-10

November 24

Sermon: Faithful to the End: Our Witness

Scripture: Luke 23: 33-43

November 3

Sermon: A Lesson in Faithfulness: Our Presence

Scripture: Luke 18: 18-30

November 17

Sermon: Our Foolishness, God's Faithfulness: Our Service

Scripture: Luke 20: 27-38



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.



YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE OUR NEW LOCATION

OPEN HOUSE

FOR

AZJFON

•NOVEMBER 14, 2019 •

• 2-5:30PM •

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Desert Southwest Conference, we hear you.

Dear friends.

Much has happened since our last Conference-wide communication in May. We have met as an Annual Conference twice, decisions were made about legislation at the denominational level that continues to impact us, we have seen the emergence of the DSC Way Forward, we are deep into the season of charge and church conferences as our churches answer questions about identity and calling, mission and ministry continues to transform lives, and January 1st is a little more than two months away. The call for good and accurate information remains the same, and we hear you.

Summit Town Hall: You are invited to a series of informational town hall meetings this week about the Western Jurisdiction Summit on November 14-16, please sign up today by going to

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054aa4ae2aa2f49-join

Spaces are limited in order to facilitate conversation. These will be zoom meetings which can be joined by telephone or smartphone or computer, the information will be emailed out on Monday at 10:00 am Arizona time to those that have signed up.

Dates: Monday, Oct 21st at 12:00pm, Arizona time Tuesday, Oct 22nd at 6:00 pm, Arizona time Wednesday, Oct 23rd at 2:00 pm, Arizona time

Just the Facts Webinar: an updated version of our Just the Facts Webinar presented in the spring will be presented on Wednesday, October 30th at 9:00 am, and again at 6:00 pm. This is an hour and a half long information session about what has changed in the denomination since Feb. of 2019, what has changed in our Annual Conference since our two sessions of the Conference this summer, and what to expect as we move toward January 1. We will host this meeting through our Zoom technology and will email you a link after you register.

To register, go to https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050449A9AB28AAF94-just

We continue to be with you in ministry as God calls us to be a courageous church, loving like Jesus, acting for justice, united in hope.

Yours in prayer, Beth Rambikur Director of Connectional Ministries Desert Southwest Annual Conference

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Saints Day-If you would like to remember a loved one who passed away this year, please send their name to Tammy by Monday, October 28th. Thank you.

<u>UMW-</u>We will meet on Saturday, Oct. 26th 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!!

<u>Children's Ministry Committee Meeting and Teacher's Education Meeting</u>—Just a reminder that we will **combine both committee meetings and meet on Thursday, October 31st at 1:15 pm in room # 5** since it is our Annual Flea Market sale the week of our regularly scheduled meetings. Thank you.

SHOE BOX MINISTRY-Stop by our table on Sunday, November 3rd and pick up your shoebox name along with instructions. This is a wonderful ministry that provides our Snak-Pak students with a shoebox filled with Christmas gifts. This may be the only gift they receive this Christmas. Shoe boxes are due back to the church by December 8th. Thank you for your participation.

Nerdy Derby Booth-Desert Skies has the opportunity to share our presence in our community by setting up a booth at the Tanque Verde Nerdy Derby on Saturday, November 9th from 3:30 pm-7:30 pm. This is a fundraiser for the STEM program in the TVSD, and there is a "no rules" derby, a beer garden, and booths for organizations to participate in the festivities. As a sponsor, Desert Skies will be part of the social media blitz and have opportunities for advertising in upcoming events in our neighborhood. If you would like to help work at the booth, please contact Sandy Kleen or Rev. Candace (or sign-up on the Connection Card). Let's show our community what a wonderful church we are!

Alternative Gift Giving- It's Coming!! That time of year when some people rush around frantically trying to find the perfect gift for everyone on their Christmas list. We know that it is not a part of "peace on earth". We can let our loved ones know we are remembering them by doing something good in their honor. Watch for the United Methodist Women's ALTERNATIVE GIFT GIVING display on the Sanctuary patio or in the Fellowship Hall every Sunday throughout November and December. Questions?? Contact Jeanne Myers.

UMM Breakfast Meeting

We met this past Saturday for breakfast and then made our way over to TROT. If you would like to join us next month, we are meeting on Saturday, November 16th in the Fellowship Hall at 8:15 am for coffee followed by brunch at 8:30 am. We will have a joint meeting with the UMW and our program will be Sandee and David Landsburg, former members of our church, speaking on their recent "Holy Land Pilgrimage" to Egypt, Jordan, Israel and Palestine.

