



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

November 26, 2019

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, November 26

8:30 am Worship Design Room # 2
7:00 pm Church Council Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 27

5:00 pm The Wired Word Room # 2
6:00 pm Adult Bells Sanctuary
The Wired Word Vail Innovation Center
7:00 pm Adult Choir Sanctuary

Thursday, November 28-OFFICE CLOSED! HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Friday, November 29 OFFICE CLOSED!!

Saturday, November 30

9:00 am Vail Band Practice Sanctuary
Adorn Sanctuary for Advent Sanctuary

All Are Welcome

If you have sometime to spare and would like to help Adorn the Sanctuary for Advent, please join us in the Sanctuary at 9:00 am on Saturday, November 30. Questions? Contact Sara Leedy.

This Week's Bible Reading

Nov. 26-Mt. 23-25

Nov. 27-Ps. 125; Mt. 26, 27

Nov. 28-Mt. 28; I Th. 1-3

Nov. 29-I Th. 4, 5; II Th. 1-3

Nov. 30-Rom. 1-4

Dec. 01-Rom. 5-8

Dec. 02-Rom. 9-12

Produce, Breads, and Messiness: Desert Skies at its Best

This past Sunday we gathered at the Vail Innovation Center for Messy Advent and at our Houghton Campus, we collected all the generous donations of homemade breads and fresh produce for St. Luke's Home and Casa Maria.

St. Luke's employees and the Casa Maria kitchen staff were so excited to receive our generous donations. Once again, **YOU DID IT DESERT SKIES!!** Thanks to all who donated fresh produce and homemade breads. Thanks to all who volunteered with Messy Advent and to those who participated!



“We are fully inclusive and ALL belong”

At our Church Conference last Tuesday, the Desert Skies family overwhelmingly passed a Statement of Inclusion that welcomes all people to fully belong in the life of the church. Since the General Conference of February 2019, we have been participating in listening sessions, Bible studies, Church Council conversations and more to determine just how we wanted to put into writing what we believe Desert Skies already practices...open hearts, open minds, and open doors.

While all who belong to Desert Skies may disagree on many things, including full inclusion, we ALL have a heart for people, for welcoming them in our midst, and for keeping an open mind for the way God works in our world.

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 affiliation to full participation in the life of our community.

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



Soup Supper and Discussion on Climate Crisis

Last Thursday we held an event in our Fellowship Hall regarding what climate change means for us and our communities. Vincent Pawlowski of the Climate Reality Project gave the only presentation in east Tucson for our congregation and the general public.





Our New Sermon Series “Angels Among Us” begins on Sunday, December 1st and runs thru Sunday, December 29th.

The angels that appear in the story of Jesus’ birth would have been very comfortable in our world of tweets and hashtags. Their messages were often short and to the point—their favorite line being #DoNotBeAfraid.

As we look at the stories of these winged messengers to the World, Zechariah, Mary, Joseph and the Shepherds and their reactions to them, we will contemplate what messages we can offer that will counteract a culture of fear and bring #moreprep, #morehope, #morepeace, #morejoy, and #morelove to the world.

December 1-1st Sunday of Advent

Sermon: Make Preparations for the Coming of the Son: #moreprep

Scripture: Matthew 24:36-44

December 15-3rd Sunday of Advent

Sermon: Nothing is Impossible: #morepeace

Scripture: Luke 1:26-56

December 24-Christmas Eve

Sermon: This Will Be a Sign: #morelove

Scripture: Luke 2:1-20

December 8-2nd Sunday of Advent

Sermon: Make Ready a People: #morehope

Scripture: Luke 1:5-25, 57-80

Dec. 22-4th Sunday of Advent

Sermon: Do Not Be Afraid: #morejoy

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

December 29-1st Sunday after Christmas

Sermon: Get Up and Go: #morelife

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-23

Christmas Eve At Desert Skies

Christmas Eve at the Vail Campus-Vail Innovation Center

10775 Mary Ann Cleveland Pkwy

6:00 pm-Family Service with Praise Band, Candlelight

Christmas Eve at the Houghton Campus

3255 N. Houghton Road

7:30 pm-Candlelight, Choir and Bonfire

9:30 pm-Candlelight, Choir, Handbells, and Communion

We need cookies for Christmas Eve!!

If you like to bake and would like to donate some cookies for our Christmas Eve services, please drop off your cookie donations to the fellowship hall kitchen between December 22-24. Please mark your cookies “Christmas Eve Services”. Thank you!

Tanque Verde Community Market

Holiday Vendor + Craft Fair....Benefiting ACES

Agua Caliente Elementary School ~ December 7th from 9:00 am-12:00 am

11420 E. Limberlost Rd.

Over 35 Vendors: Quilts, Dog Bandanas, Pottery, Jewelry, Crafts, Art, Bath & Beauty, Baked Goods, Books, Treats, Ornaments, Scarves, Christmas and Origami

Desert Skies United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday October 29th, 2019 at 7 pm

Vision: A Joyful Community Drawing People to Christ;

Mission: **Lead our neighbors to Christ** (2019 focus); Love one another in caring community;
Learn to follow Jesus; Live a Christ-like life that serves the world.

2019 Focus: Seniors to join Families with Children both in serving our neighbors and enabling them to be servants.

Meeting Chair: Mike Starace **Vice-Chair:** Jake Beverage **Recording Secretary:** Jeann Fishback
Remember to sign in on the attendance form before each meeting, print any necessary attachments you receive during the month,
Forward committee minutes and upcoming events to Jeann & Tammy. **Bring canned/boxed goods for our ELF ministry.**

Call to Order and Opening Prayer – Mike Starace

Approval of the previous Church Council Minutes -

Listening: Where is Christ at work? – Max Crowell, Flea Market

Learning: Jake Beverage – Yearly Goals with metrics.

Committees to meet in work groups and report back with 2 area goals for 2020.

Administrative - Jake Beverage & Max Crowell, Lead - Rev. Candace, Learn - Mary Jo Floyd & Mike Starace,

Live- Fred Killion & Jeann Fishback, Love - Doc Shawn

Leading: Coordinating our Efforts for Ministry: Collaborating Together:

Updates from Committees in writing: - Jake Beverage - Agenda items should generate action items or need input. All others should be reported in writing at agenda input time and may include pictures with questions accepted at the meeting. **Reports received from Connect, Endowment, Trustees, Missions**

Calendar & Christ Café Review for 2019 – Check the website calendar for any changes necessary on your team events and provide updated facility forms. New Community luncheons have been placed on hold.

December 2019 - Christ Café 1st Finance, 8th Flea Mkt, 15th Endowment, 22nd Endowment, 29th

Dec 2-22nd – Monday Advent Study 7 pm in Fellowship

Dec 7th - Holiday Dinner Choir (5 PM)

Dec 15th – Cookie & Crafts Walk, Shoe Box collection ends

Dec 24th Cookies & Apple Cider – 7:30 & 9:30 pm Houghton 6:00 Vail

January 2020 – Christ café 5th , 12th , 19th , 26th

Small Group Studies –

Faithful & Inclusive – The Bible, Sexuality & the United Methodist Church

Rob Fuquay DVD Series from Institute for Discipleship

Falling Upward – Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life – Richard Rohr

Jan 5th – Community Food Bank Collection Walmart Golf Links & Houghton

Jan 18th – 20th - Winter Camp for Youth

Reports, New Business and Reminders:

Reports:

Finance:

Action Items:

Next meeting: January 28th, 2019 at 7 pm. **Agenda items and written report items due to Jeann in email or on paper by Jan 18th. Agenda items should generate action items or need input. All others should be reported in writing at agenda input time.**

Prayer and Adjournment – Jeann Fishback

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Study-Light of the World: A Beginners Guide to Advent by Amy-Jill Levine. Monday nights (December 2, 9, 16 & 23) during Advent from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Led by Rev. Candace. Explore the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus as Professor Levine traces the Christmas narrative through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, and the visit from the Magi. These stories open conversations around connections of the Gospel stories to the Old Testament, the role of women in first-century Jewish culture, the importance of Mary's visitation and the revolutionary implications of Mary's Magnificat, the census and the stable, and the star of Bethlehem and the flight to Egypt. **Sign-up on the Connection Card if you plan to attend.** You can purchase a book at Amazon with this link:

https://www.amazon.com/s?k=light+of+the+world+amy+jill+levine&i=stripbooks&crd=2M6Q3SP86VQH8&srefix=light%2Cstripbooks%2C503&ref=nb_sb_ss_i_2_5

SHOE BOX MINISTRY-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.

UMW-It is that time of year again-**Cookie Walk and Craft Sale Sunday, December 15, 2019 in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 a.m. until "all gone"**. We were so blessed last year with your donations and we hope you will again do the same - we will need lots of cookies, fruit breads, candy, stollens, dog biscuits and MORE. And, we are hoping for your beautiful Crafts which will make fabulous Christmas presents. **You may bring your donations to the church kitchen between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., Saturday, December 14.** We will be setting up and if you want to stay and help, it is a great way to make new friends and do a good deed at the same time. All proceeds from this venture go to Sister Jose Women's Center.

Walk To Emmaus-The next Walk to Emmaus Retreat weekend for Southern Arizona is planned for March 12-15, 2020 in Sierra Vista, AZ.. **If you are interested in attending this event, please let us know as soon as possible.** Thank you and De Colores! Scott and Stephanie Hartung

Desert Skies UMC Choir Presents- "Angels Are Us" **on Saturday, December 7th at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** Get your tickets now for this Benefit Dinner and Concert. **Cost is \$40 per person and \$30.00 of that is a charitable donation with proceeds going to Sister Jose Women's Center.** You can purchase tickets on Sunday mornings on the Sanctuary Patio or in the church office (see Doc).

UMM-Attention Men!-Come join us for a \$5.00 steak fry. **We will meet Thursday, December 19th at 6:00 pm for an evening meeting. Reservations and \$5.00 must be to Dave Chittenden by Sunday, December 15th.** Come enjoy a great meal and meet some new friends.

Friendly Reminder-**Tammy will be out of the office Monday, December 23rd-Sunday, January 5th.** Any information that needs to go in the bulletins (Dec. 15, 22, 29 and January 5) will have to be **submitted to Tammy by Monday, December 9th at 8:00 am.** Thank you.

Alternative Gifts-are the perfect way to get help to those who need it and combat the commercialization of Christmas at the same time. Most of our loved ones already have more stuff than they need or have room to store. We advocate giving gifts of food, shelter, emergency relief, or health care to people who don't have the abundance that we enjoy, and honor those we love by giving the gift in their name. Heifer shopping lists, along with lists from the Community Food Bank, Habitat, and UMCOR, are available on the "LOVE" section of the kiosk. Return the filled out form along with your check, made out to United Methodist Women with "Alternative Gifts" in the memo line, to the decorated boxes on the sanctuary patio "welcome" desk, or in the office. We will send a card to your loved ones telling them of your gift in their honor.

Africa University-Please take a moment to sign Christmas cards for our Africa University scholarship students, Hector Tiago and Yurica Jeje. The card signing table will be on the patio Sunday, December 1 & 8. Thank you.

Flower Ministry 2020-Would you like to present an altar arrangement for the Sanctuary on a date meaningful to you or volunteer to deliver altar flowers after services, on a Sunday of your choice, to brighten the day of a church family member? Look for the Flower Ministry table on the patio Sunday, December 1 & 8 to sign-up.

Children's Christmas Gala-'Tis the season to be joyful and giving..We invite children & your friends for an afternoon filled with music, homemade crafts, games, goodies too, with fellowship during this Christmas season. The Christmas Gala will be 12:30 pm-2:30 pm in classrooms 5, 6 & 7. Please sign up on the Connection Card, or at the Children's Ministry Table on the patio. Thank you.

Friendly Reminder-The Church Office will be closed from **December 25th-January 3rd.** Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!



DECEMBER

02 Barbara Appleton, Brent Kyte
03 Joanne Evans, John Concienne
05 Jean G. Smith
06 Arnie Wheeler
09 Tom Benedict, Lyle Johnsen
10 Diane Hoffman
11 Steve Anderson, Sylvia Mozur
13 Heather Abaldo, Sylvia Flagg
14 Stephanie Hartung, Margaret Reasey
17 Clarlyn Elder
18 Jake Vogler
19 Max Freeman

20 Cassie Sweet
21 Nancy Christopher, Gail Remaly,
 Agnes Koroma
22 Joy Barry
23 Marian Polglase
26 Curt Brunner
27 Tom Henkle
28 Dan Elder
29 David Edwards IV
30 Duane Courson



03 Dale & Jackie Cole
11 Bill & Sharon Wagner
20 Bob & Donna Sisley
22 Dan & Clarlyn Elder

26 Fred Killion & Sandy Kleen
27 Lynn & Sherry Adams
28 Alex "Doc" & Joanie Shawn

Celebrate Our Youth

Ellie Moffet's high school marching band (Catalina Foothills High School) will be performing in the Macy's Thanksgiving day parade this year. She will also be performing in the Prescott Holiday parade on 12/7.

Harlie Moffet Winter Orchestra Concert: It will be held at Catalina Foothills High School auditorium on 12/17 at 6:00 pm. All four elementary schools will be performing. She attends Canyon View Elementary and they will be in the first set to perform right at 6:00 pm. She plays the viola.

DECEMBER 2019

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 8:30/10:00 Worship 11:15 Vail Worship Teacher's Ed. Meeting Youth Bells 12:30 Youth Service Project at Banner Children's Center	2 8:00 Flea Market Fun 12:00 Yoga 3:00 Tutoring 5:15 Emmaus 7:00 Advent Study	3 8:30 Worship Design 3:00 Tutoring	4 10:30 Carpet Cleaning 5:00 The Wired Word 6:00 The Wired Word Adult Bells 7:00 Adult Choir	5 12:00 Yoga 1:00 Children's Ministry Meeting	6	7 9:00 Vail Band Practice 5:30 Holiday Concert & Dinner
8 8:30/10:00 Worship Service 10:15 Children's S.S. Jr. High 11:15 Vail Worship Youth Bells 11:30 Jr. Youth Group 1:15 Sr. High	9 8:00 Flea Market Fun 12:00 Yoga 3:00 Tutoring 5:15 Emmaus 7:00 Advent Study Stephen Ministry	10 8:30 Worship Design 9:00 Helping Hands 3:00 Tutoring 6:00 Missions/Social Concerns	11 8:30 Carpet Cleaning 5:00 The Wired Word 6:00 The Wired Word Adult Bells 7:00 Adult Choir	12 8:20 Casa Maria 12:00 Yoga	13	14 9:00 Vail Band Practice 2:00 Prep for Cookie Walk
15 8:00 Cookie Walk 8:30/10:00 Worship Service 10:15 Children's S.S. Jr. High 11:15 Vail Worship Youth Bells 12:30 Youth Event Children's Christmas Gala	16 8:00 Flea Market Fun 12:00 Yoga 3:00 Tutoring 5:15 Emmaus 7:00 Advent Study	17 8:30 Worship Design 3:00 Tutoring	18 9:15 Zippy 49er's 5:00 The Wired Word 6:00 The Wired Word Adult Bells 7:00 Adult Choir	19 12:00 Yoga 6:00 UMM's Supper	20	21 9:00 Vail Band Practice
22 8:30/10:00 Worship Service 10:15 Children's S.S. Jr. High 11:15 Vail Worship Youth Bells 11:30 Jr. Youth Group 1:15 Sr. High	23 8:00 Flea Market Fun 12:00 Yoga 5:15 Emmaus 7:00 Advent Study	24 CHRISTMAS EVE! 6:00 Vail Campus- Family Service 7:30 Houghton Campus- Candlelight/Choir 9:30 Houghton Campus- Candlelight/Choir/ Communion	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! OFFICE CLOSED	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28 9:00 Vail Band Practice 3:00 Kennedy/ Tavakolian Wedding
29 8:30/10:00 Worship Service 10:15 Children's S.S. Jr. High 11:15 Vail Worship Youth Bells 2:30 Youth Group Event and Lock in	30 OFFICE CLOSED	31 OFFICE CLOSED New Year's Eve!!				