



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

November 19, 2019

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, November 19

8:30 am Worship Design Room # 2
3:00 pm Tutoring Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm SPRC Meeting Room # 2
6:30 pm Annual Charge/Church Conference and Congregational Meeting Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 20

9:15 am Zippy 49er's Meeting Fellowship Hall
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 21

12:00 pm Yoga Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm Soup Supper/Climate Crisis Program Fellowship Hall

Saturday, November 23

9:00 am Vail Band Practice Sanctuary
12:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

This Week's Bible Reading

Nov. 19-Mt. 1-4

Nov. 20-Mt. 5-7

Nov. 21-Mt. 8-10

Nov. 22-Mt. 11-13

Nov. 23-Mt. 14-16

Nov. 24-Mt. 17-19

Nov. 25-Mt. 20-22

Desert Skies Youth Take on High Ropes

It was a fun day!!



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.

Ellie is performing with the colorguard and in one of the bands toward the end.

Go Ellie & CFHS!!

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.

Rev. Mark Conrad, South District Superintendent, will convene the annual charge/church conference for the purpose of conducting the business of the charge as required by the church. As a charge/church conference, all members are encouraged to attend and have a vote. Following the charge/church conference, members and friends are invited to a congregational meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss how our congregation will navigate these challenging times. The Church Conversation Session is estimated to run 60-90 minutes.

Statement of Inclusion

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 many conversations has come a Statement of Inclusion and a Welcome Slogan that we present for adoption at the All Church Conference.

The **Statement of Inclusion** is a full and clear statement of our beliefs regarding inclusion and participation that will be displayed alongside our Vision and Mission Statements and can be easily linked to from the homepage of our website. The goal is that no person seeking a faith community at DSUMC should have to wonder about the limits of their “welcome.” The proposed Statement of Inclusion reads:

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.

The **Welcome Slogan** is a concise statement summarizing who we are that can be easily displayed, for example, on our marquee or the homepage of our website. The proposed Welcome Slogan reads:

We are fully inclusive, and ALL belong!

These statements are respectfully submitted for adoption to the All Church Conference on behalf of the Desert Skies UMC Church Council by:

Mike Starace, Council Chair Jake Beverage, Council Vice Chair

UMM & UMW Breakfast Meeting and Program

Saturday we shared in a delicious meal and a then had a program that was presented by Sandee and David Landsburg, former members of our church, speaking on their recent “Holy Land Pilgrimage” to Egypt, Jordan, Israel and Palestine.





Fresh Produce & Baked Breads Requested
from
Desert Skies UMC-all 3 services
for the
15th Annual Harvest Festival
on
Sunday, November 24, 2019
to benefit
St. Luke's Home & Casa Maria Soup Kitchen

Our Congregation has been most generous in sharing their bounty with those less fortunate during Thanksgiving week for the past 14 years.

We again request FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES such as carrots, sweet or white potatoes, onions, bell peppers, squash, celery, broccoli, cauliflower, oranges, bananas, apples, pears, lemons and limes. In addition, we will again include FRESHLY BAKED BREADS traditionally enjoyed during the holidays, such as pumpkin, cranberry, banana or your family favorite.

Please bring your baked breads and fresh produce to church on Sunday, November 24th and hand to an usher or one of our helpers. Our Harvest Display at the altar is so beautiful year after year. It represents the Lord's bounty to us and our Thanksgiving to those in need. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Please, NO canned or packaged food!

THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!



Advent and Christmas at Desert Skies

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“Angels Among Us...” an Advent/Christmas Worship Series each Sunday in December at 8:30, 10 (Houghton Campus), and 11:15 am (Vail Campus)

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE HOUGHTON CAMPUS

3255 N. Houghton

7:30 pm Candlelight, Choir and Bonfire

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

CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE VAIL CAMPUS

10775 Mary Ann
Cleveland Pkwy

6 pm Family Service
with Praise Band,
Candlelight and
Impromptu Nativity



Holiday Dinner Concert

December 7 @ 5:30
pm at the Houghton
Campus. Tickets \$40
with proceeds
supporting Sister
Jose Center for
Women



November 24 **4 pm**
Intergenerational
Advent Celebration &
Community meal!
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Cleveland Pkwy
Vail Campus

Advent Study

*Light of the World: A
Beginner's Guide to
Advent*
7:00 - 8:30 pm
December 2, 9, 16, 22
Houghton Campus
Fellowship Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHOE BOX MINISTRY-Stop by our table 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.

ZIPPY 49er's Circle Meeting-Wednesday, November 20th in Fellowship Hall. We will gather at 9:15 am, with breakfast at 9:30 am. Please read chapter 3 in our study book, "Everybody's Normal Till You Get To Know Them". If you have any questions please call Glenda Burdick at # 760-5520.

Soup Supper to Dish on Climate Crisis-The world is coming together on Nov. 21 to talk about the climate crisis, with 24 hours of "Truth in Action" education, regarding what climate change means for us and our communities. Desert Skies UMC is fortunate to be part of this global conversation! Vincent Pawlowski of the Climate Reality Project will give the only presentation in east Tucson for our congregation and the general public. **Join us for this event on Thursday, Nov. 21 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm with a soup supper, sponsored by the Missions/Social Concerns Committee.** If the world is talking about how we'll solve this crisis, we need to be part of the solutions. Invite your friends and neighbors to this important event!

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&sprefix=light%2Cstripbooks%2C503&ref=nb_sb_ss_i_2_5

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.

Alternative Gifts-Now where is it? The Alternative Gift shopping lists have been relocated. Look Up! They are now on the tall kiosk posted on the "LOVE" section. No more stopping at the Welcome Desk, they're all at eye level. Simplify your Christmas shopping!

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 proceeds go to Sister Jose Women's Center. You can purchase tickets on Sunday mornings on the Sanctuary Patio or in the church office (see Doc).



Our Sermon Series "Faithfulness in Luke's Gospel" finishes up Sunday, Nov. 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.

November 24- Sermon: Faithful to the End: Our Witness **Scripture:** Luke 23: 33-43