



# THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

December 10, 2019

## This Week At Desert Skies

### Tuesday, December 10

8:30 am Worship Design	Room # 2
9:00 am Helping Hands	Kitchen
6:00 pm Missions/Social Concerns	Room # 5

### Wednesday, Dec. 11

8:30 am Carpet Cleaning	All Classrooms
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, Dec. 12

8:20 am Casa Maria	Casa Maria
12:00 pm Yoga	Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, Dec. 14

9:00 am Vail Band Practice	Sanctuary
2:00 pm Prep For Cookie Walk	Fellowship Hall

## This Week's Bible Reading

Dec. 10-II Tim. 1-4

Dec. 11-Philem.; Heb. 1-4

Dec. 12-Heb. 5-8

Dec. 13-Heb. 9-11

Dec. 14-Heb. 12, 13; Jude

Dec. 15-Jas. 1-5

Dec. 16-I Pet. 1-5

## HOLIDAY DINNER AND CONCERT

"Wow! What a fun night of beautiful decorations, excellent food, and outstanding music! Congratulations to the DSUMC Choir and all of the volunteers who made this night possible." This comment was overheard being said after the show concluded by one of the guests. Big thanks goes to the choir members for their time and dedication to make this an excellent concert and a successful fund-raiser for Sister Jose Women's Center. Special thanks to our musicians: Dr. Raymond Ryder, Sam Stivers, Michael Faltin, and sound technician, Sparky Johnsen. Without all of their efforts, we would not have sounded so professional! Thanks to Mike and Eileen Starace for coordinating our awesome Desert Skies Youth Servers!! The food was catered by Debbie Graves, with some volunteer help from Janet Wilcox and the members of the Meal Ministry Team. The decorations were created by Kelli Rush, and a team of choir volunteers who spent their time and energy decorating the Fellowship Hall. Together, all of these people were responsible for making this evening a most memorable event. "It was the perfect way to begin the Christmas Season!" God Bless us one and all! Doc Shawn



## NOTHING COULD BE SWEETER THAN TO BE A WORSHIP GREETER

Thanks to all of you who volunteered to be greeters during this past year. It is time to sign up to be a greeter for the new year! We will be signing up on the patio on Sunday, January 5th and Sunday, January 12th. If you have any questions, please ask Wanda Chittenden, Greeter Coordinator. See you there!!

## A Warm Welcome and Congratulations

This past Sunday in Vail, we had an adult Baptism, (Tammy Trefts) and we welcomed in two new members (Tammy Trefts and Janice Neumann) to our congregation.



## Senior High UMYF

Feasting at the McInnis' and talking about PEACE



## Painting God's Beauty Oil Painting Classes

Come join us to discover the world of oil painting with fellowship, too!

Classes start Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, with 2 classes to choose from:

Afternoons at 1:00-3:00 pm, or evenings 6:30-8:30 pm

Classes will continue thru April 29, 2020.

Please sign up on the Connection Card or at the Children's Ministry Table on December 22nd, December 29th and January 5th. Thank you.



**Our Sermon Series “Angels Among Us” 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 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

**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

**Celebrate Our Youth**

**Harlie Moffet Winter Orchestra Concert:** 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.

**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!

**Friendly Reminder**

The Church Office will be closed from **December 25th-January 3rd.**

**Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**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.

**Alternative Gifts**-Time's awastin'! Just 14 days to finish Christmas shopping! You can do it all this afternoon with Alternative Gifts. Alternative Gifts are the perfect Christmas shopping solution; non-fattening, non-allergenic, never the wrong size or color, doesn't add to the clutter. Alternative Gifts come in sizes to fit every budget. You can purchase a gift for the Community Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, Heifer International, or the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and give it in honor of someone. Your loved one will get a card telling them that a gift has been given in their honor. Alternative Gift "shopping lists" for these agencies are available on the tall kiosk (look for the "LOVE" section) on the Sanctuary patio. You can return the forms with your check, made out to United Methodist Women, to the decorated boxes on top of the welcome kiosk or in the office. Your shopping is done...that was easy!

**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 Children's Christmas Gala will be on Sunday, December 15th at 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.

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**A Different Kind of Christmas December 20th at 5:00 pm**-Blue? Yes, blue as in the blues. As in "I am feeling blue." Not everyone is up and cheery for the Christmas holidays. Dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or some other dis-ease that puts a question mark over the future, and a number of other human situations make parties and joviality painful for many people in our congregations and communities. Does this fit where you are? Or someone you know? **Join us for a reflective, healing Christmas service on Friday, December 20 at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary. There will be an option to go somewhere for dinner together following the service.**

**Missions/Social Concerns**-Casa Maria would like to thank the congregation of Desert Skies for all the great veggies and homemade breads. We wish you all a blessed holiday. Brian Flagg for Casa Maria

**Our Desert Skies Shut-ins**-we will be delivering baskets and/or caroling to our shut-ins during the week of Dec. 15th-22nd. If you would like to participate in visiting some of our shut-ins please sign up on the Connection Card.

**Zippy 49er's Circle Meeting**-**Wednesday, December 18th in the Fellowship Hall. We will gather at 9:15 am.** We will NOT use the study book, but instead will have a White Elephant exchange and share in any Christmas poem, story, or reading that we like. Our meetings are open to anyone. If you have any questions, please contact Glenda Burdick at 760-5520.

## **Christmas Shoe Boxes**

Thanks to all who participated in this wonderful ministry of providing Christmas Shoe Boxes filled with Christmas gifts for our Snak-Pak children. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!

