



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

December 3, 2019

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, December 3

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

Wednesday, Dec. 4

10:30 am Carpet Cleaning 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, Dec. 5

12:00 pm Yoga Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm Children's Ministry Meeting Room # 5

Saturday, Dec. 7

9:00 am Vail Band Practice Sanctuary
5:30 pm Holiday Dinner/Concert Fellowship Hall

This Week's Bible Reading

Dec. 03-Rom. 13-16

Dec. 04-Eph. 1-4

Dec. 05-Eph. 5, 6; Ps. 119: 1-80

Dec. 06-Phil. 1-4

Dec. 07-Col. 1-4

Dec. 08-I Tim. 1-4

Dec. 09-I Tim. 5, 6; Titus 1-3

Hospital Play Date Service Project

11 Desert Skies Youth and 3 of their leaders trooped down from both campuses to play with kids at Banner Diamond Children's Medical Center this past Sunday. The day ended with a ladybug release. Missing from the picture are Laura, Sam, Grace, Brenan and Amanda.



"Angels Are Us"



Greetings DSUMC Family and Friends

ONLY 4 DAYS LEFT TO BUY
CHRISTMAS CONCERT DINNER
TICKETS

The Choir Christmas dinner and concert titled "Angels Are Us", is **this Saturday evening, December 7th, at 5:30 pm.** Tickets may be purchased through **this Thursday, December 5th, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the church office.** The cost is \$40 for adults and \$20 for children.

Checks are made out to DSUMC with Christmas Concert on the memo line. This year **\$30 from each adult ticket and \$10 from each child's ticket will go to Sister Jose Women's Center** for homeless women in Tucson. This amount is tax-deductible.

We look forward to seeing you this Saturday for an evening of fellowship, delicious food and the **BEST** entertainment in Tucson!



Our New Sermon Series “Angels Among Us” has begun 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 8-2nd Sunday of Advent

Sermon: Make Ready a People: #morehope

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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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-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 8th. 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 8th 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 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.

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



Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who helped Adorn the Sanctuary this past Saturday for Advent. It adds such a nice touch to our worship services on Sunday mornings.

Celebrate Our Youth

Ellie Moffet- Will be performing in the Prescott Holiday parade on 12/7.

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.