



# THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

January 14, 2020

## This Week At Desert Skies

### Tuesday, January 14

8:30 am Worship Design	Room # 2
9:00 am Helping Hands	Kitchen
3:00 pm Tutoring	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Missions/Social Concerns	Room # 5
6:30 pm Finance Meeting	Room # 2
7:30 pm SPRC Meeting	Room # 2

### Wednesday, January 15

9:15 am Zippy 49er's	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm Oil Painting Class	Room # 6 & 7
3:00 pm Read Through The Bible Discussions	
Starbucks on Broadway & Houghton	
5:00 pm The Wired Word	Room # 2
6:00 pm Adult Bells	Sanctuary
The Wired Word	Vail Innovation Center
6:30 pm Oil Painting Class	Room # 6 & 7
7:00 pm Adult Choir	Sanctuary

### Thursday, January 16

12:00 pm Yoga	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm Meal Ministry Meeting	Room # 2
2:30 pm Endowment Committee	Room # 2

### Saturday, January 18

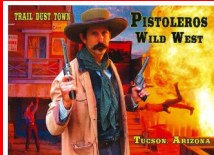
9:00 am Vail Band Practice	Sanctuary
Youth Winter Camp	Flagstaff

## Bible Readings

Jan. 14-Gen. 34-36; Luke 14  
 Jan. 15-Gen. 37, 38; Ps. 7; Luke 15  
 Jan. 16-Gen. 39-41; Luke 16  
 Jan. 17-Gen. 42, 43; Ps. 5; Luke 17  
 Jan. 18-Gen. 44-46; Luke 18  
 Jan. 19-Gen. 47, 48; Ps. 10; Luke 19  
 Jan. 20-Gen. 49, 50; Ps. 8; Luke 20

## Read Through The Bible Discussions

On Wednesdays from 3:00 pm –4:00 pm, Rev. Candace will be at the Starbucks on Broadway and Houghton to discuss the Bible Readings of the week. If you have any interest in joining her, sign-up on the Connection Card, or just drop by.



## WESTERN SUNDAY-FEBRUARY 16th

One worship service for both campuses will be held at 9:30 am at our Houghton Campus.

Activities start at 10:45 am and lunch will be served at 11:00 am.

Tickets go on sale this Sunday on the Sanctuary patio or you can purchase your tickets in the church office (starting next week) Monday-Thursday-9:00 am-4:00 pm-see Doc. NO tickets will be sold on Western Sunday!

Tickets are \$7.00 and you have your choice of pulled pork, hamburgers or veggie burgers.

We also need cupcakes for this event. If you can provide one or two dozen cupcakes, please let Doc know. Thank you.

“When you help, you see life as weak. When you fix, you see life as broken. When you serve, you see life as whole. Fixing and helping may be the work of the ego, and service the work of the soul.”

Rachel Naomi Remen

## Human Relations Day: Sunday, January 19th

Just a reminder that a special offering envelope will be in your bulletin on 1/19/20.



## THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Dear Members and Friends of the Desert Southwest Conference,

May God's grace and peace be with you!

This morning, January 3, 2020, many of us read news of a new development in our United Methodist Church's future. It was announced that a very diverse group of United Methodists have collaborated and arrived at unanimous support for a proposal for our church's future.

The [news report](#), which contains the [full letter](#) from the Council of Bishops and some [FAQs](#) can be found here.

While there are still many questions and details to be addressed, the *Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation* offers a ray of hope. I want to share with you that I am encouraged by this development for several reasons:

- Among those who participated in a process that I understand was both contentious and gracious, are persons that I genuinely trust and whose hopes for our United Methodist Church I know and appreciate.
- As I understand, the mediated process was one that was fair and respectful. The mediator himself is one who came from a neutral place and offered his services to The United Methodist Church pro bono. I also know that no one got everything she or he wanted, and that the result is truly a compromise.
- All those who participated have signed the agreement committing themselves to working diligently for the successful passage of this proposed protocol at General Conference 2020, thereby giving hope that we will not engage in painfully fighting with each other as we have in the past.
- I am encouraged and heartily support the inclusion of serious conversation about the resolution to dismantle institutional racism in The United Methodist Church.
- The elimination of the harmful language that promotes misunderstanding and discriminatory harm against LGBTQIA+ siblings will finally be a hopeful affirmation that God loves all persons and so should we.
- The Protocol holds in abeyance, complaints and possible trials against LGBTQ clergy and clergy who conduct same gender weddings.
- The terms of the Protocol allow for a more peaceful resolution of our differences about human sexuality. While some may feel a need to seek the opportunity to form a new Methodist denomination apart from the current United Methodist Church, both those who disaffiliate and those who remain will be given an opportunity to start anew with an eye toward vitality and growth in mission and ministry.

Comments and questions may be directed to the signatories by [email](#). A livestream event will take place on Monday, January 13, to provide further clarity and explanations of the plan by members of the Mediation Team.

While there are many questions remaining about specifics, I want you to hear again my sense that this is encouraging news. More will become clearer as we move into the future toward General Conference. But as these specifics are being fine-tuned, I ask you, the faithful Christ followers to continue to support the work and ministry of your local United Methodist Church, to engage in respectful conversations about the Proposal, and to keep praying without ceasing that God's grace and Christ's love will be made known in our ministries. All of this we hold in prayer asking for the Holy Spirit to continue to guide us forward with hope.

Stay tuned and keep praying,  
Bishop Bob

# Save the Date



## 2020 South District Leadership Event Vitality in the Face of Challenging Times

**Saturday, February 15, 2020**

**Catalina UMC**

**2700 E. Speedway Blvd.**

**Tucson, AZ 85716**

**Featured Speaker:**

**Rev. David McPherson**

**Director of New Faith/Vital Faith, Desert Southwest Conference**

**Cost: \$20**



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### Celebrate Our Youth

**Wish them well and/or attend**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Address</u>
Weds	1/8	3:30	AJ Gonzales	Wrestling - Dual	Sabino High	5000 N Bowes Rd \$4
Weds	1/15	3:30	AJ Gonzales	Wrestling- Quad	Marana High	12000 W Emigh Rd
Fri&Sat	1/17&18	9:00	AJ Gonzales	Wrestling Invitational	Flowing Wells	3725 N Flowing Wells Rd
Mon	1/20	9:00	AJ Gonzales	Wrestling Invitational	Cienega JV	12775 E Mary Ann Cleveland
Weds	1/22	Weds	AJ Gonzales	Wrestling-Tri	Catalina High	3645 E Pima St
Weds	1/29	3:30	AJ Gonzales	Wrestling-Tri	Sabino High	5000 N Bowes Rd \$4

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Zippy 49er's Circle**-will resume their regular meetings on the **third Wednesday of the month, January 15th. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 am and have a light breakfast at 9:30 am.** Members are reminded to read chapters 4 and 5 in the study book, but the topics are general enough that women who have not read the chapters would be able to join in the discussion. We invite any women who would like to attend and enjoy some good food and fellowship to come. Call Glenda Burdick (760-5520) for more information.

**Painting God's Beauty Oil Painting Classes**– **Will NOT MEET on Wednesday, September 22nd.**

**UMW General Meeting**-Saturday, January 25th the United Methodist Women will meet at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for brunch, lovely and lively conversation followed by the annual pledge service and a speaker. She is on the Board of Youth on Their Own and has much information to share. All ladies of our church plus friends and neighbors are invited to this event.

**Start 2020 strong by joining a small group!!**-In January we have two new groups starting. **On January 26** a six-week study on the Bible, Sexuality and the United Methodist Church will begin at 8:30 am in Room 5 of our Education/ Fellowship Building. **On Tuesday, January 21**, a study on the Book of Acts will begin at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. For Lent, we will be studying Richard Rohr's book, "Falling Upward." Then, **every Wednesday we have an ongoing small group studying the Wired Word**, a study looking at current events through the lens of Scripture. They are always welcoming newcomers. There is a **5 pm group that meets at the Houghton Campus in Room 2** and a **6 pm group that meets at the Vail Innovation Center in Vail.** If you are interested in participating in any of these groups, please sign-up on the Connection Card.

**Dear Desert Skies**-Thank you so much for the prayers and well wishes following the collision. We are so fortunate that the injuries were not more severe. We are certainly sure that God was protecting us! The road to recovery will be long, and there is much to be sorted out with insurance, but it is such a blessing to know that I am being lifted up in prayer by so many! Please pray also for the young man who caused the accident, who suffered very severe injuries - he will be facing many difficult challenges both physically and legally. Thank you for your continued loving support! Cathy Colby

**Liturgist Sign-Up and Training**-Sign-up to be a Liturgist after worship or on the Connection Card and then attend the training on Saturday, February 1st from 9:00 am-10:00 am in the Sanctuary at the Houghton Campus. If you would like to be the Liturgist coordinator, see Sara Leedy for more information. Thank you in advance for your participation with worship.

## **Prayers for Our Churches 2020**

You are encouraged to be praying for the churches and pastors of the South District. Several churches will be listed each month for your prayer covering. It is encouraging to know that other churches are praying with and for each other. Please pray for the pastors, congregation, and community.

### JANUARY

**St. Mark's UMC, St. Francis in the Foothills UMC, and Desert Skies UMC.**



**Our Epiphany Sermon Series: Scrapy Christians Making Waves: The Gifts that Methodism Brings to the World has started and runs through Sunday, February 23rd.**

The people called Methodists emerged in the 18th century in a period Charles Dickens called "the best of times and the worst of times." Since then, these scrapy Christians have been making waves, bringing many gifts to the table of Christianity. We will explore the unique contributions of Methodism to the Christian conversation as we celebrate who we are and from where we came...truly a light for the world.

**Jan. 19**-Human Relations Day  
**Sermon:** Light to The Nations:  
Social Principals that Rock the World  
**Scripture:** Isaiah 49: 1-7

**Jan. 26**–3rd Sunday after the Epiphany  
**Sermon:** The Lord is my Light and my Salvation: The Gift of Grace  
**Scripture:** Psalm 27:1, 4-9

**Feb. 2**-4th Sunday after the Epiphany  
**Sermon:** What Does the Lord Require of You:  
Acts of Piety and Acts of Mercy  
**Scripture:** Micah 6: 1-8

**Feb. 9** 5th Sunday after the Epiphany  
**Sermon:** My Flesh Sings for Joy: The Gift of Song  
**Scripture:** Psalm 84

**Feb. 16**-Epiphany Sunday –Western Sunday-(Service at 9:30 am)  
**Sermon:** Quick-Draw in the Parched Places:  
Agreeing to Disagree  
**Scripture:** Isaiah 58: 1-12

**Feb. 23** Transfiguration Sunday  
**Sermon:** It's All About Christ: Going on to Perfection  
**Scripture:** Matthew 17:1-9