

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

January 21, 2020

#### **This Week At Desert Skies**

**Tuesday, January 21** 8:30 am Worship Design 10:00 am Acts Book Study 3:00 pm Tutoring

**Room # 2 Fellowship Hall** Fellowship Hall

**Sanctuary** 

Wednesday, January 22 5:00 pm The Wired Word 6:00 pm Adult Bells The Wired Word

7:00 pm Adult Choir

Thursday, January 23 12:00 pm Yoga **Fellowship Hall** 7:00 pm Executive Team Meeting Room # 2

Saturday, January 25 9:00 am Vail Band Practice Sanctuary 9:15 am UMW's General Meeting **Fellowship Hall** 

#### **Bible Readings**

Jan. 21-Ex. 1, 2; Ps. 88; Luke 21 Jan. 22-Ex. 3-5; Luke 22 Jan. 23-Ex. 6-8; Luke 23 Jan. 24-Ex. 9-11; Luke 24 Jan. 25-Ex. 12, 13; Ps. 21; Acts 1 Jan. 26-Ex. 14-16: Acts 2 Jan. 27-Ex. 17-20; Acts 3

**Read Through The Bible Discussions Rev. Candace is at The Gathering in Picture** Rocks (Marana) this week so she will not be at the Starbucks on Wednesday afternoon between 3:00-4:00 pm. Hope See you next week!!

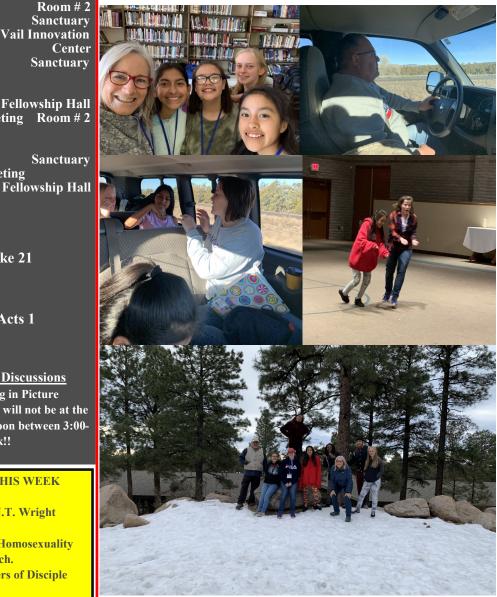
### NEW CLASSES START THIS WEEK

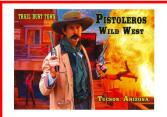
Tuesdays at 10:00 am: Acts by N.T. Wright

Sundays at 8:30 am: The Bible, Homosexuality and The United Methodist Church. (video brought to us by the writers of Disciple **Bible Studies**)

## 20/20 Vision Youth Winter Camp

6 youth and 3 leaders headed up to Flagstaff for Winter Camp this past weekend. Learning to look through our God-Glasses to see things as God sees them was our focus- along with tons of fun. Ice skating, a starry visit to the Lowell Observatory ( it was COLD!), and serving at the Flagstaff Family Food Bank got us out and seeing new things.





# 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 are on sale now!** (NO tickets will be sold on Western Sunday!)

On Sunday mornings, stop by the table on the Sanctuary patio or you can purchase your tickets in the church office, Monday-Thursday-9:00 am-4:00 pm-see Doc.

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.





#### Our Epiphany Sermon Series: Scrappy 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 scrappy 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.

<u>Jan. 26–</u> 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

<u>Feb. 16-</u>Epiphany Sunday –Western Sunday-(Service at 9:30 am) Sermon: Quick-Draw in the Parched Places: Agreeing to Disagree Scripture: Isaiah 58: 1-12 <u>Feb. 9</u> 5th Sunday after the Epiphany Sermon: My Flesh Sings for Joy: The Gift of Song Scripture: Psalm 84

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

# **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.



## Valentines' Coffee Collection Just 'Round the Corner

Your Missions and Social Concerns Reps are here to remind you that the 9th Annual Valentines Day Coffee Collection to benefit Casa Maria Soup Kitchen begins Sun. February 2 and runs thru Sun. Feb. 16th.

As always, the several hundred homeless persons served by Casa Maria each day will benefit greatly from the following items: **Ground coffee, Paper Towels, Sugar- 5 lb bag, Liquid Hand soap,** 

Just ONE of the above items from each of our congregants makes a world of difference collectively to this street ministry. Let's show our love in a concrete way to our homeless brothers and sisters in Christ.

			Celebrate O	ur Youth	Wish them well and/or attend	
Day	Date	<u>Time</u>	<u>Participant</u>	Event	<b>Location</b>	<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**

#### Painting God's Beauty Oil Painting Classes-Will NOT MEET on Wednesday, January 22nd.

<u>UMW General Meeting</u>-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.

**Dear Desert Skies-**My mother used to say it is never too late to say "Thank You", so: Thank you to each of you wonderful, caring people of the Desert Skies community. Before, during and after my back surgery, there have been meals, loving thoughts, kind words, sweet cards, visits, a cozy prayer shawl and more. My surgeon is quick to remind me that I am not yet healed and I am committed to being "careful." Meanwhile, I offer God thanks for your loving support.

Thank you. Sandra McNary

<u>Liturgist Sign-Up and Training-</u>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.

## Helping Hands

If you have an hour to spare and would like to help pack lunches for Prima Vera Men's Shelter, please join us on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am in the kitchen. We would love to have your Helping Hands.



## Zippy 49er's Circle Meeting

We met on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast, fellowship and our program. All women of the church are welcome and we encourage you to invite your friends, neighbors and family along.

