



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

February 18, 2020

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, February 18

8:30 am Worship Design Room # 2
 10:00 am Acts Book Study Fellowship Hall
 6:30 pm Finance Meeting Room # 2
 7:30 pm SPRC Meeting Room # 2

Wednesday, February 19

7:00 am Executive Team Meeting
 Brawley's Restaurant
 1:00 pm Oil Painting Class Room # 6 & 7
 Trio Rehearsal Sanctuary
 3:00 pm Bible Talk
 Starbucks at 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, February 20-OFFICE CLOSED

in Observance of President's Day!
 12:00 pm Yoga Fellowship Hall

Saturday, February 22

9:00 am Vail Band Practice Sanctuary
 9:15 am UMW General meeting Fellowship Hall

Bible Readings

Feb. 18-Num. 3, 4; Acts 25
 Feb. 19-Num. 5, 6; Ps. 22; Acts 26
 Feb. 20-Num. 7; Ps. 23; Acts 27
 Feb. 21-Num. 8, 9; Acts 28
 Feb. 22-Num. 10, 11; Ps. 27; Mark 1
 Feb. 23-Num. 12, 13; Ps. 90; Mark 2
 Feb. 24-Num. 14-16; Mark 3

Bible Talk

Rev. Candace will be at the Starbucks on Broadway and Houghton, Wednesday afternoons, between 3:00-4:00 pm.

Discuss what you are reading in the Bible or questions you have about God and life. All topics welcome!

VAIL PRIDE DAY

There was a huge turn out for Vail Pride Day this past Saturday and we greeted many people at our table. Brennan Abaldo played with the Desert Sky Middle School Band and was able to take a picture with the new Superintendent of the Vail School District, our very own, John Carruth.



DESERT SKIES YOUTH ARE AWESOME!!

Congratulations to **Lainie Radomsky, Grace Stivers and Sam Stivers**, who were selected from area high schools to be a part of the Southeast Regional Music Festival Band, lead by Chad Nicholson, Director of Bands at University of Arizona. Their performance was Saturday at Tucson High.



Decorating and Preparing for Western Sunday

Thank you Mimi Salber for decorating the Sanctuary for Western Sunday and Thank you to our Western Sunday Ranch Forehands, Becky Noel and Mike Starace, who made sure everything ran smoothly for a great event this past Sunday. Stay tuned next week for some wonderful pictures taken by Carter Allen.



Lyle Kaapke's 90th Birthday Celebration with Snack Pack HAPPY BIRTHDAY LYLE!!



“Painting God’s Beauty”-Oil Painting Class

Have an interest in oil painting? Join Lorna Niven and her group of painters on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 pm or Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in rooms # 6 & 7.





Our Epiphany Sermon Series: Scrappy Christians Making Waves: The Gifts that Methodism Brings to the World 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.

Feb. 23 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.

FEBRUARY

Catalina UMC, Tucson Duncan UMC, Duncan Christ Church UM, Tucson

Is the thought of Global Warming overwhelming to you?

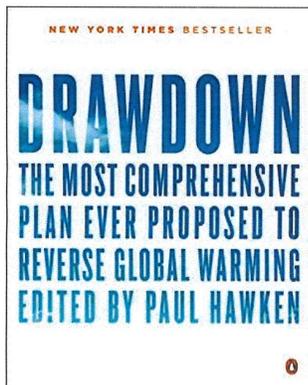
Do you want to help but don’t think that you can make a difference?

Please come join a 6 week book study beginning

Mon Feb 24th 7:00PM - 8:15PM

Facilitated by Brian Drummond, MD.

The book “Drawdown” contains 100 of the most substantive solutions to reverse global warming.



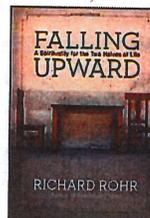
No need to buy the book,
Read it on-line at:
<http://www.drawdown.org>

If you prefer an actual book,
Amazon has it for \$16.95

If you don’t want to read
and prefer to just listen, or
you need to miss a week,
that is just fine too!

Just be sure to come !

“There’s been no real way for ordinary people to get an understanding of what they can do and what impact it can have. At least until now. . . .The public is hungry for this kind of practical wisdom.” -- David Roberts, Vox



Lenten Study

In “Falling Upward,” Richard Rohr helps us understand one of the most profound of life’s mysteries; how our failings can be the foundation for our ongoing spiritual growth.

We’ll explore the two halves of life to show that those who have fallen, failed, or “gone down” are the only ones who understand “up.” We grow spiritually more by doing it wrong than by doing it right.

Week of: March 4 – Intro – Chap 4
March 11 – Chap 5-7
March 18 – Chap 8-10
March 25 - Chap 11-12
April 1–Chap 13 and Wrap-Up

Both studies led by Revs. Candace & Mark Lansberry

Available at 2 different times:

Wednesdays at noon: Houghton Campus
(bring a brown bag lunch)

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm: at homes in the Vail area
(soup supper)

Sign-up on the Connection Card if you plan to attend.

https://www.amazon.com/Falling-Upward-Spirituality-Halves-Life/dp/1459635752/ref=sr_1_2?crid=1OL9256JXXJ5B&keywords=falling+upward+by+richard+rohr&qid=1581013947&prefix=falling%2Caps%2C204&sr=8-2

Violent Intruder Response Training For Churches and Schools

Join us on Saturday, April 25th in rooms # 5, 6 & 7 from 8:00 am-1:00 pm.

VIOLENT INTRUDER RESPONSE TRAINING FOR CHURCHES & SCHOOLS

This six-hour course is designed to educate the public on how they can mitigate the loss of life if they find themselves in a violent intruder incident. The goals of ILIVED training are for participants to recognize the need for immediate response to these types of incidents, recognize ways they may intervene, and empower them to make a difference in the event.

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I LIVED Whether we act as an individual, family, congregation, workplace team or other group we can mitigate loss of life through training and practice. Our goal for participants is to be able to say I LIVED if they ever find themselves in an attack.

L

LOCKDOWN There are two types of lockdowns: a soft lockdown (sometimes referred to as a lockout) or hard lockdown utilizing barricading techniques to secure doors and windows. Lockdown techniques are used to isolate the intruder from those they seek to harm.

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INFORMATION Information is received through our senses. Whether it is firsthand auditory, visual, or odors, or passed on to us secondhand, our senses alert us to danger. We must then convey this danger to others by sharing the information we have with others.

V

VARY People tend to adopt routines, using the same entrances and exits to their houses of worship, workplaces, stores, and other places they frequent. It is important to learn to alter routines, explore different options, and look for other ways we can use objects in our environment.

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EVADE There are times when physical escape may be possible, but avoidance of the intruder remains critically important. Evasion requires using all available information to make a decision and avoid the attacker.

D

DEFEND Having a survival mindset and being prepared to physically respond to an attacker are personal choices that are emphasized throughout this course.



ICSAVE and AZCSN have an entire cadre of certified instructors trained to provide this life-saving course. Contact us at info@icsave.org or chris@arizonachurchsecuritynetwork.com for details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendly Reminder-The church office will be closed on Thursday, February 20th in observance of President's Day (February 17th).

New Member Class-February 23rd at 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in becoming a member and would like some more information, please contact Rev. Candace at 749-0521.

Ash Wednesday Soup Suppers/Worship Services-Join us on February 26th at 5:30 pm at our Houghton campus for a soup supper followed by our worship service at 6:00 pm or at the Vail Innovation Center at 6:30 pm for a soup supper followed by our worship service at 7:00 pm. Hope you can join us for one or the other.

UMW-Let's Get Acquainted! All women are invited on Saturday, February 22nd at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall for a continental breakfast. "Let's Get Acquainted" is a Social Event for ladies from both the Houghton and Vail campuses. Whether you are new or have been at Desert Skies for many years, come...enjoy the fun. Before you leave you will have made friends with someone new...and THAT'S A GUARANTEE!

Casa Maria Coffee Collection Gratitude-Our Desert Skies Congregation is generous indeed! How appropriate that the recent coffee drive to benefit Casa Maria culminated on Western Sunday! Our camaraderie, community and collective choices for the common good will continue to provide Tucson's homeless brothers and sisters who gather at Casa Maria each morning with coffee, and other daily supplies. A SINCERE THANK YOU from your Missions and Social Concerns Committee! All donations were delivered on Monday.

It is with saddened hearts that we announce the passing of O Elaine Agte. She passed away on Saturday, February 15th, 2020.

Photo Directory Update Time!

Did you miss out on getting your lovely picture included in the 2018 Desert Skies photo directory?

Well now is your chance to jump in. In March, we will be doing an update to our existing 2018 directory. This is NOT a brand new directory, but rather an opportunity to update our current directory by adding new members or folks that were not able to sit for a photo in 2018.

Do you need to change any of the details that are in the current directory, such as address, phone numbers etc? We will be able to make these changes now too!

On Sundays Feb 23 and March 1, there will be a table on the patio to review your contact information and or to sign up for a photo shoot time.

Photos will be taken on:

Friday March 6th from 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm and Saturday March 7th from 10:00 am – 5:30 pm.

Please call Doc (749-0521) if you have any questions.

You may also email Sandy Kleen with any changes that you would like to make to your contact information: sandykleen@gmail.com