



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

February 25, 2020

This Week At Desert Skies

Tuesday, February 25

8:30 am Worship Design	Room # 2
10:00 am Acts Book Study	Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm Tutoring	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting	Fellowship Hall

ASH Wednesday, February 26

1:00 pm Oil Painting Class	Room # 6 & 7
5:30 pm Soup Supper	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Soup Supper	Vail Innovation Center
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service	Vail Innovation Center
7:00 pm Adult Choir	Sanctuary

Thursday, February 27

12:00 pm Yoga	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, February 29

9:00 am Vail Band Practice	Sanctuary
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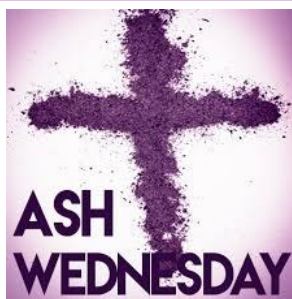
Bible Readings

Feb. 25-Num. 17, 18; Ps. 29; Mark 4
 Feb. 26-Num. 19, 20; Ps. 28; Mark 5
 Feb. 27-Num. 21-23; Mark 6, 7
 Feb. 28-Num. 24-27; I Cor. 13
 Feb. 29-Read Your Favorite Chapter
 Mar. 01-Num. 28, 29; Mark 8
 Mar. 02-Num. 30, 31; Mark 9

Bible Talk

Rev. Candace will resume Bible Talk after Lent 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!



Ash Wednesday Worship Services and Soup Suppers

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.

HAPPY 95th Birthday

Vivian Whiteman and Myron Amundson

Myron and Edna went up to Tempe, to see Vivian, days after her 95th birthday celebration. Vivian is doing well and sends her love! Myron will celebrate his 95th birthday on March 11th.



WESTERN SUNDAY

A great time was had by all on Western Sunday!





Our Lenten Sermon Series: Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26th and runs through Maundy Thursday, April 9th.

Richard Rohr speaks of the two halves of our spiritual life. The first half is when we are formed and forming; the second half begins after trials and tragedies, trauma and temptations push and pull us into reforming, renewing, restoring, rewriting our script and story.

The first half includes what God provides what we need to survive. The second half begins as God guides us forward to thrive. Christian Century writes, “The message of Falling Upward is straightforward and bracing: the spiritual life is not static. You will come to a crisis in your life, and after the crisis, if you are open to it, you will enter a space of spiritual re-freshment, peace and compassion that you could not have imagined before.” This Lent, we will use the book “Falling Upward” as a framework for exploring our spirituality.

February 26-Ash Wednesday
Sermon: The Two Halves of Life
Scripture: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

March 08-2nd Sunday in Lent
Sermon: Stumbling Over the Stumbling Stone
Scripture: John 3:1-17

March 22-4th Sunday in Lent
Sermon: Shadowlands
Scripture: Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14

April 5-Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday
Sermon: Invitation to Journey with Jesus
Scripture: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

March 01-1st Sunday in Lent
Sermon: The Hero and Heroine’s Journey
Scripture: Genesis 2:15-17; 3: 1-7; Matthew 4:1-11

March 15-3rd Sunday in Lent
Sermon: Amnesia and the Big Picture
Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7

March 29-5th Sunday in Lent
Sermon: Falling Upward
Scripture: John 11:1-45

April 9-Maundy Thursday Service

April 10-Good Friday Meditation Hike

Bucket Brigade is Back!



Thanks to Desert Skies’ amazing participation in assembling Flood Buckets last spring, our Church was able to ship 200 completed Cleaning Kit buckets to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

We will focus again on disaster relief for our Lent family service project. Mini-buckets will be distributed the next two Sundays in March at our 3 services. We need all hands on deck to insure success!

UMCOR has an urgent and ongoing need for supplying their Western Distribution Center with Cleaning Kits for victims of flooding in the U.S. We are again asking each family to “fill one mini-bucket” with your change/cash collections from home throughout the 40 days of Lent. 100% of the proceeds will cover the cost of the Cleaning Kit supplies, at \$45 per bucket. This year our church goal is assembly of 250 cleaning kits. **The filled mini-buckets are due back on Palm Sunday, April 5. Our Bucket Brigade assembly will take place right after church on Sunday April 19.** All hands on deck!





DSUMC Church Council

February 25, 2020 – 7:00 pm

Our Vision: **To be a joyful community drawing people to Christ!**

Our Mission: **Lead our neighbors to Christ. Love one another in caring community.
Learn to follow Jesus. Live a Christ-like life that serves the world.**

Our 2020 Focus: **Serving, connecting, and enabling seniors and families in Tanque Verde and Vail**

ATTENDEES

- **Chair:** Mike Starace, **Vice-Chair:** Jake Beverage, **Recording Secretary:** _____
- **Council Members**, please sign in on the attendance sheet in the back
- **Non-members**, welcome! Could you please also sign the attendance sheet

OPENING PRAYER – Mike Starace **7:00pm**

CENTERING DEVOTIONAL – Rev. Candace **7:05-7:15pm**

LEARNING – *Looking back on our last month in ministry...* **7:15-7:45pm**

- Approval of January Council minutes
- Finance Report
- Integration of new committee members – How's it going? How can we help?
- Western Sunday debrief and lessons learned – Doc Shawn
- Highlights from February committee reports
 - Casa Maria update & soup kitchen service opportunity – Mary Jo Floyd
 - Others?

LEADING – *Looking ahead to our upcoming ministries...* **7:45-8:15pm**

- Calendar updates and highlights
- Ministry Team breakouts: Lead, Learn, Love, Live, Admin
 - Drive awareness of and participation in upcoming Lenten studies and worship services
 - Support Youth Ministry Dinner
 - Brainstorm ways your team and committees can be involved with June Summer Camp
- Requests and Action Items from Ministry Teams

NEW BUSINESS **8:15-8:30pm**

- Steering Committee for the Steele-Warner Youth & Senior Facility

CLOSING PRAYER – Jake Beverage **8:30pm**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

- Next Meeting: **March 31, 2020** – 7:00 pm (Rev. Candace's Birthday!!)
- Committee reports and Council agenda items due March 24!
- Please bring canned/boxed goods for our ELF ministry food pantry to the next Council meeting

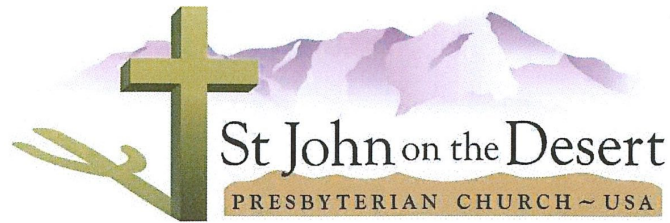


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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

FEB 2020		<i>Christ Café</i>
24	Drawdown: Solutions to the Climate Crisis – 7pm, Houghton	<i>All done!</i>
26	Ash Wed Soup Supper/Service – 5:30/6pm, Houghton; 6:30/7pm, Vail	
MAR 2020		<i>Christ Café</i>
2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Drawdown: Solutions to the Climate Crisis – 7pm, Houghton	1: <i>SPRC</i>
4, 11, 18, 25	Falling Upward Lenten Study – 12pm, Houghton; 6:30pm, Vail	8: <i>Flea Market</i>
		15: <i>Finance</i>
		22: <i>Stephen Ministry</i>
		29: <i>Roberts</i>
APR 2020		<i>Christ Café</i>
	M&M – TMM Easter Baskets	5: <i>Trustees</i>
1	Falling Upward Lenten Study – 12pm, Houghton; 6:30pm, Vail	12: <i>Youth Fundraiser</i>
5 – 12	HOLY WEEK	19: <i>Children's Ministry</i>
5	Palm Sunday, Coin Offering, Cantata	26: <i>Roberts</i>
9	Maundy Thursday Dinner – 6pm, Tenebrae Service – 7pm, Houghton	
12	Easter Sunday – 6am, 8:30am, 10am, Houghton; 11:15am, Vail	
19	All-Church UMCOR Project Packing	
25	UMCOR Disaster Response Training – 8am-1pm, Site TBD	
	Violent Intruder Response Training – 8am-1pm, Houghton	
MAY 2020		<i>Christ Café</i>
2	Youth Mystery Dinner (Mission Trip Fundraiser) – 5pm, Houghton	3: <i>Drury/Crawford</i>
16 – 20	Graduations!	10: <i>Communications</i>
26 – 29	Middle School Mission Trip	17: <i>Missions</i>
		24: _____
		31: <i>Roberts</i>
JUN 2020		<i>Christ Café</i>
1 – 5	Summer Music Camp	7: _____
7	Summer Camp Musical – “Joseph & the Technicolor Dreamcoat”	14: _____
		21: _____
		28: _____
JUL 2020		<i>Christ Café</i>
5 – 11	Senior High Mission Trip – Sierra Service Project, San Diego	5: _____
		12: <i>Children's Ministry</i>
		19: _____
		26: _____
AUG 2020		<i>Christ Café</i>
		2: _____
		9: _____
		16: _____
		23: <i>Flea Market</i>
		30: <i>Trustees</i>



February 17, 2020

To Our Fellow Faith Community:

The World Day of Prayer is recognized by many faiths as a day not only to pray but also to introduce people of faith to more ways to pray. We would like to invite the members of your community to join us for that event.

We'll be observing the World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 6 between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at St John on The Desert, located at 2695 N Houghton Rd in Tucson. This is not a formal worship service, but rather, an opportunity for folks to travel through our sanctuary visiting various "prayer stations" at their own pace. For further information, call us at 520-749-3615 or visit our website at www.stjohnonthedesert.org.

Our Prayer Stations will include:

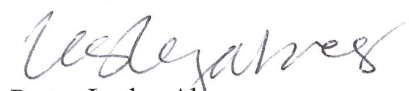
1. **World and USA Prayers:** Pray for a part of the world or the USA in need using pins placed on a world map.
2. **Pray Like a Child:** Using a Blessings Catcher.
3. **Prayer for Victims of Gun Violence:** Candles lit for those impacted by gun violence with information on the Soul Box project.
4. **Pennies Prayer:** Prayer can be as simple as the penny in your pocket.
5. **Paper Chain Prayers:** Thank you prayers written and looped, then draped on a cross.
6. **Labyrinth:** A spiritual walk along our outdoor desert landscape labyrinth.
7. **Prayer Warriors:** Folks from St John will be available for those who need prayers spoken on their behalf.

There will be take-away prayers at all stations

We ask that you share the news of this event to the members of your faith community either in your newsletter or in your weekly bulletin.

We hope to greet you on March 6 anytime between the hours of 4pm and 6pm.

Yours in Christ,


Pastor Lesley Abrams

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UMW-Saturday, March 28th we will have a **General Meeting in our Fellowship Hall at 9:15 am with coffee and socializing followed by brunch at 9:30 am.** Please bring your Prayer and Self Denial donations that day. Our speaker will be Jan Van Buren, one of our winter visitors. She will be sharing her research in the mission work of an African American female missionary who worked in the Congo and Angola, for over 30 years. We hope our United Methodist ladies will join us that day, enjoy great food and meeting and making new friends.

ILIVED: Violent Intruder Response Training For Churches and Schools Mark your calendars and join us on Saturday, April 25th in rooms # 5, 6 & 7 from 8:00 am-1:00 pm. This 6 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.

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.

MARCH

Huachuca UMC, Huachuca City; Community UMC, Bowie; First UMC, Tucson

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 Sunday, 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



01 Shawn Coffee
03 Michal Aulds
04 Barb Richards
05 Vern Cottrell, Doug Holland, Ella Natale
06 Amanda Owen
07 Steve Smith
08 Pat Merrill, Mimi Salber
09 Edie Addis, Glenda Burdick
10 Jim Krupa
11 Myron Amundson
12 Tom Christopher, Sharon Wagner,
Roselle Partridge, Madison Mallory-Allen
13 Fred Pascoe, Esther Ralston
14 Louise Glaysher
15 Marilyn McKee, Mike Nofziger

16 Luke Coffee, Lynn Peate, Chris Varnes
17 Richard Daly
18 Bob Jenkins
19 Eric Drummond, Emily Navarro
21 Jane Kline, Leanne Whitney
22 Fred Killion
23 Tammy Trefts
24 Nancy Johnsen, Joel McInnis,
26 Barbara Arnold, Mickey Henkle
Rosa Sanders
27 Jeann Fishback
28 Susan Mallory
29 Christiana Colby, Karly Marinas
30 Noah Louzensky
31 Rev. Dr. Candace J. Lansberry,
Wendy McInnis



02 Rich & Debbie Poisel
16 Dominic & Emily Pierce-Navarro
18 Rev. Dr. Roy W. & Betty Ludlow
19 Bob & Lauri Cook
25 Paul & Doreen Hedger

27 Mike & Eileen Starace
Max & Marty Freeman
29 Mike Nofziger & Judy Fish
31 Bill & Janet Baker
John & Rita Brimley

March 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1 Communion 8:30 Adult S.S. 8:30/10:00 Worship 11:15 Worship-Vail Youth Bells Teacher's Ed. Meeting 1:00 Mystery Dinner Rehearsal</p>	<p>2 8:00 Flea Market Fun 10:00 UMW Board Meeting 12:00 Yoga 3:00 Tutoring 7:00 Climate Solutions</p>	<p>3 8:30 Worship Design 10:00 Acts Book Study 3:00 Tutoring</p>	<p>4 12:00 Falling Upward-H 1:00 Oil Painting Trio Rehearsal 5:00 Wired Word-H 6:00 Wired Word-Vail Adult Bells 6:30 Oil Painting Falling Upward-Vail 7:00 Adult Choir</p>	<p>5 12:00 Yoga 1:00 Children's Education Ministry Meeting</p>	<p>6 2:00 Life Touch Photos</p>	<p>7 9:00 Vail Band Practice 10:00 Life Touch Photos 2:00 Agte Memorial Service</p>
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<p>15 8:30/10:00 Worship 10:15 Children's S.S. Middle School 11:15 Worship-Vail Youth Bells Trustees Meeting 1:00 Youth Event 4:00 Boy Scout Dinner</p>	<p>16 8:00 Flea Market Fun 12:00 Yoga 3:00 Tutoring 7:00 Climate Solutions</p>	<p>17 8:30 Worship Design 10:00 Acts Book Study 3:00 Tutoring 6:30 Finance Meeting 7:30 SPRC Meeting</p>	<p>18 9:15 Zippy 49er's 12:00 Falling Upward-H 1:00 Oil Painting Trio Rehearsal 5:00 Wired Word-H 6:00 Wired Word-Vail Adult Bells 6:30 Oil Painting Falling Upward-Vail 7:00 Adult Choir</p>	<p>19 12:00 Yoga</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 9:00 Vail Band Practice</p>
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