



# THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

March 3, 2020

## This Week At Desert Skies

### Tuesday, March 3

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

### Wednesday, March 4

12:00 pm Falling Upward Fellowship Hall  
1:00 pm Oil Painting Class Room # 6 & 7  
5:00 pm The Wired Word Room # 2  
6:00 pm Adult Bells Sanctuary  
6:30 pm Oil Painting Class Room # 6 & 7  
Falling Upward  
Home of Darci Reutzler  
7:00 pm Adult Choir Sanctuary

### Thursday, March 5

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

### Friday, March 6

2:00 pm Life Touch Photos Rooms # 5, 6, 7

### Saturday, March 7

9:00 am Vail Band Practice Sanctuary  
10:00 am Life Touch Photos Rooms # 5, 6, 7  
2:00 pm Agte Memorial Service  
Memorial Garden/Fellowship Hall

## Bible Readings

Mar. 03-Num. 32, 33; Mark 10  
Mar. 04-Num. 34-36; Mark 11  
Mar. 05-Deut. 1, 2; Mark 12  
Mar. 06-Deut. 3, 4; Ps. 36; Mark 13  
Mar. 07-Deut. 5, 6; Ps. 43; Mark 14  
Mar. 08-Deut. 7-9; Mark 15  
Mar. 09-Deut. 10-12; Mark 16

## 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 & Soup Suppers

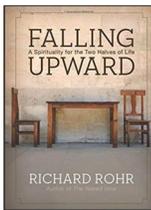
We spent an evening together sharing in a meal and worship service.



**DRAWDOWN**  
THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE  
PLAN EVER PROPOSED TO  
REVERSE GLOBAL WARMING  
EDITED BY PAUL HAWKEN

Is the thought of Global Warming overwhelming to you?  
Do you want to help but don't think that you can make a difference?

If you are interested in participating, please come out and join us on Monday evenings in the Fellowship Hall from 7:00 pm-8:15 pm.



## LENTEN STUDY: FALLING UPWARD

**Our Falling Upward Lenten Study begins this week, March 4th (Houghton Campus at noon-brown bag lunch; Vail: 6:30 pm for soup and study-Home of Darci Reutzel, please contact Doc at # 749-0521 if you plan to attend in Vail)**

**For this first week, please read the Intro-Chapter 4 of the book! See you there for a stimulating conversation.**

**Schedule: Mar. 4-Into-Chap. 4**

**Mar. 11-Chap. 5-7**

**Mar. 18-Chap. 8-10**

**Mar. 25-Chap. 11-1**

**Apr. 01-Chap. 13 and Wrap-up**

## The Foundation/Endowment Committee

We would like to take this opportunity to inform the congregation of a few happenings. First, but not least, the committee wants to inform the congregation that we take our fiduciary responsibility very seriously. We have developed By Laws, Policies for Operating the money entrusted to the committee and a financial plan for investing the money.

Secondly, the endowment fund was originally set up to fund the Memorial Garden. The fund is now able to do that, and will continue to do so now that the Memorial Garden has been moved under the care of the Trustees ( as according to the Book of Discipline that any part of the church outside of its buildings is considered Trustee responsibility). These funds are kept (and recorded) under a restricted fund within the foundation.

Thirdly, other restricted funds, such as the Steele/Warner Fund, are handled as separate accounts within the whole.

Fourthly, the other or general funds, are managed to grow with the future needs of the church in mind.

Fifthly, the committee wants the congregation to remember that all future bequeaths should be considered; and that they will be appreciated, and will be handled responsibly.

Submitted by President Mimi Salber

## YOGA At Desert Skies

Join Jennifer, our Yoga instructor on Monday and Thursday afternoons in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00 pm. Classes are \$5.00.



## Zippy 49er's Meeting

Zippy 49'ers Circle of United Methodist Women will meet on **Wednesday, March 18th, in Fellowship Hall. We will gather at 9:15 am, with a light breakfast at 9:30 am.** We will discuss Chapter 8 on Forgiveness in our study book, *Everybody's Normal Till You Get to Know Them*. The discussion will be general enough that anyone can join in, even if you haven't read the chapter. All interested women are welcome to attend! Call Glenda Burdick, 760-5520, if you have any questions.



## UMW General Meeting

On **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.





## **Our Lenten Sermon Series: Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life has begun 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 refreshment, 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.

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

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

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

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

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

**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 on Sunday, March 8th 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 5th. Our Bucket Brigade assembly will take place right after church on Sunday April 19th.** All hands on deck!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**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 will be observing the World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 6th between 4:00 pm-6:00 pm at St. John on the Desert, located at 2695 N. Houghton Road. 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. Yours in Christ, Pastor Lesley Abrams

**Altar Flowers**-There are NO flowers scheduled for Easter Sunday. Please contact Mimi Salber at 520-850-4630 if you would like to honor a loved one.

**Trustees Committee**-All Church Work Day on Saturday, March 28th from 8:00 am-12:00 pm. Please come out and help spruce up our Church grounds. If you are interested, please sign up on the Connection Card.

### **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?

**Now is your (LAST) chance to jump in!!**

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!

**If you haven't scheduled your photo session, call Doc (749-0521) A.S.A.P!!**

Photos will be taken on:

**Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>** from 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm and **Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00 am – 5:30 pm.

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