



# THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

April 21, 2020

## This Week At Desert Skies

This is just a reminder that all in-person meetings, small groups, Sunday School, Youth Group, social events, and worship services will be suspended through April.

We will be meeting On-Line as we follow guidelines in order to be a contributing factor to safety in our local community.

Each week our worship premieres live at 8:30 am, which includes the opportunity to live chat with one another.

Once premiered, the service is available at any time for you to view through the Thursday of that week, which lets you watch it during your normal worship time if that works for you.

After that, the sermon is available through the link on our website or on our you tube channel.

The link to join us and the instructions for its use will be sent each Thursday.

## Bible Readings This Week

Apr. 21-I Sam. 24; Ps. 57, 58; I Chr. 8; Mt. 8

Apr. 22-I Sam. 25, 26; Ps. 63; Mt. 9

Apr. 23-I Sam. 27; Ps. 141; I Chr. 9; Mt. 10

Apr. 24-I Sam. 28, 29; Ps. 109; Mt. 11

Apr. 25-I Sam. 30, 31; I Chr. 10; Mt. 12

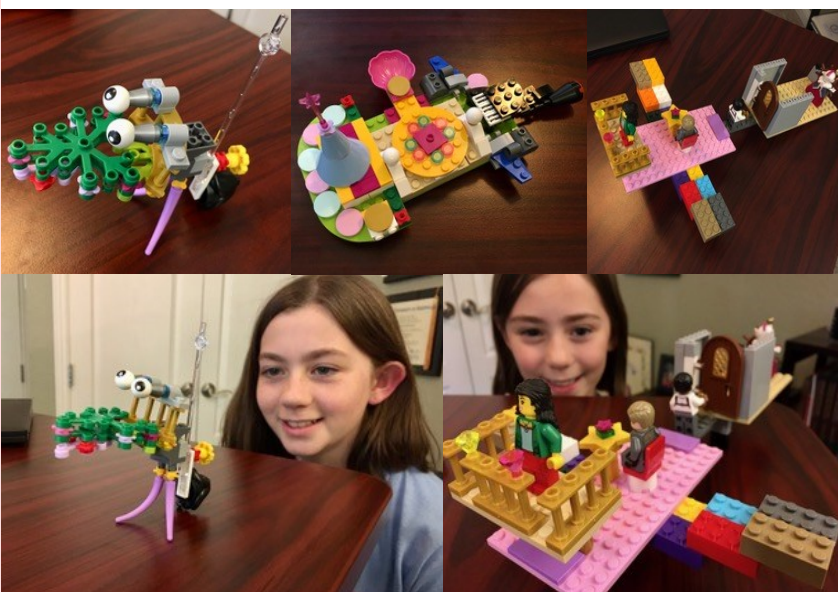
Apr. 26-II Sam. 1; Ps. 140; Mt. 13

Apr. 27-II Sam. 2; I Chr. 11; Ps. 142; Mt. 14

## Virtual Day Camp Adventure: Day One

Rev. Candace sent out Virtual Camp Challenges to our youth and children last week and this is what we received.

Here are Katie and Claire's creation: a flower-breathing dragon robot with octopus tentacles, a magical boat with rocket boosters and airplane wings, and a magical spaceship with wings.



## Day 2: Butterflies!

Here's the butterflies we made today. We put them in the cactus on our dining table. Sent from Amanda Owen



### Prayer Requests

Just a friendly reminder that if you have a prayer request, please email Pat Walker at [msnodle@aol.com](mailto:msnodle@aol.com) or click this link: <https://desertskiesumc.org/contact/>

### Another Way To Donate To Your Church

**Do you shop at Amazon???** If you go to amazon using this link, Desert Skies will get a percentage of your sales!!!! Yay for amazon smiles! <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/86-0600352>

### Actions of Goodwill During the Easter Season: Things to Do While Sheltering in Place

The theme scripture says that the community keeps the “goodwill of all the people” at heart. So the concluding time raises a question for further reflection after the benediction such as “What message does the world need? What can we do for the goodwill of all the people?” Here are some ideas for practicing goodwill with all generations each week that allow you to use materials you probably have at home.

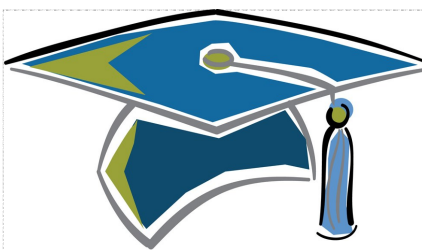
**Third Sunday of Easter - Feast of Love, Straight from the Heart:** Find a box or grocery bag to collect food donations for the next few weeks. Use markers or paints to decorate it with symbols of love. Include messages and intentions like “straight from the heart” or “feast of love.” Go through your pantry and take out things you wish to donate. The next time you go to the grocery store, intentionally purchase items to add to your food donation collection. When you place any items in the box/bag, say a prayer of thanks for those that prepared it, and a prayer of goodwill for those who will eat it. And as we blessed our meal in worship, bless this good - hold it and say “grateful!” Contact your local food pantry or food bank to find out when and where you can donate.

Please take a picture of your ‘action’ each week and send it to Tammy: [office@desertskiesumc.org](mailto:office@desertskiesumc.org) and help us connect with one another by sharing your picture.

### **Earth Day Worship Service**

**April 22**

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### **Graduation Sunday, May 17th, 2020**

We will honor our graduates on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Please submit** each student’s name, school, degree granted & family relationship to **Tammy by 8:00 am on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**.

You can email the information to: [office@desertskiesumc.org](mailto:office@desertskiesumc.org) or mail it to the church-3255 N. Houghton Road, 85749



Our Easter to Pentecost Series: The Heart of the Matter runs through Pentecost Sunday, May 31st.

After the events of Holy week, the disciples are devastated. They are in the midst of full-blown grief and disbelief. Into the heart of that grief came a stunning revelation—life had overcome death. Love had won out over violence. God’s faithfulness would build them up once again—will bind them together. In this possible in our lives? Today’s worship will say, “Yes, it can! Come and see! Live and love! This is the heart of the matter!”

**April 26-3rd Sunday of Easter**

**Sermon:** Straight from the Heart  
**Scripture:** I Peter 1:22; Luke 24:30-32

**May 03-4th Sunday of Easter**

**Sermon:** Hearts Overflowing  
**Scripture:** Acts 2:46; John 10:1-10

**May 10-5th Sunday of Easter (Mother’s Day)**

**Sermon:** No Trouble in My Heart  
**Scripture:** Psalm 31:5, 15-16; John 14:1-2

**May 17-6th Sunday of Easter (Graduation Sunday)**

**Sermon:** Kept in our Hearts  
**Scripture:** I Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

**May 24-7th Sunday of Easter/Ascension Day**

**Sermon:** Open the Eyes of My Heart  
**Scripture:** Ephesians 1:17; Luke 24:48-49

**May 31-Pentecost Sunday**

**Sermon:** The Heart of the Matter  
**Scripture:** John 7:37-38; Acts 2:4, 17-18

**SPRC COMMITTEE**

SPRC is searching for a part-time Custodian, 20 hours per week @ \$12.00 hour. Job Description and Employment Application may be found on the DSUMC website or Indeed.com

Applications must be received no later than **April 24** and may be emailed to the address on the websites, mailed to the church office or deposited in the drop box outside the church office door.

Blessings,  
Gail Remy  
SPRC Chair

P.S. ~ There will be no SPRC meeting on Tuesday, April 21st.

**Native American Ministries Sunday, April 26**

As you know, The United Methodist Church is a connection of many congregations worldwide that share a tradition of serving Jesus Christ. As churches set up new platforms to worship, we become more aware of our connections through Jesus Christ. We are stronger together and a source of hope for a world that is living in fear.

**On April 26, 2020, United Methodist churches will gather to celebrate Native American Ministries Sunday.** Your gifts to this church-wide Special Sunday help create strong Native American ministries and highlight the gifts and contributions to The United Methodist Church.

Your gifts to the Native American Ministries Sunday offering create stronger ministries with existing Native American congregations and outreach efforts and provide scholarships for Native American seminarians. Fifty percent of the offering remains in the annual conference to develop relationships and strengthen local Native American ministries.

Desert Skies has been in ministry with our Native American brothers and sisters through our tutoring program and our relationship with Dragonfly Community, and we appreciate your support and connection as we strengthen those bonds together.

Thank you for your generosity! If you would like to give to this ministry, please send a check to Desert Skies UMC and **in the MEMO write** “Native American Ministries” or go to <https://desertskiesumc.org/donate/> and click on the drop down menu for Native American Sunday. Thank you.

## Update for Church Office

During this season of COVID-19, we are following safety protocol and practicing social distancing. We have temporarily transitioned to On-Line access and our CHURCH CAMPUS IS CLOSED!

All phone messages will be checked daily. If you have an emergency, please email Rev. Candace at ([revcandace@desertskiesumc.org](mailto:revcandace@desertskiesumc.org)) or Doc at ([musicdoc@desertskiesumc.org](mailto:musicdoc@desertskiesumc.org)) or you can call them on their cell phone (numbers found in your directory).

For On-Line worship, please visit our web page at:  
[www.desertskiesumc.org](http://www.desertskiesumc.org).

## 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.

### APRIL

Patagonia Community UMC, Patagonia  
Menlo Park UMC,  
Tucson Campus Ministry, U of A, Tucson

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for any distress that you or someone  
you care about may be feeling  
related to any disaster.

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- Available 24 hours a day,  
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*"Ever since the tornado,  
I haven't been able to get a full  
night's sleep ..."*

*"I can't get the sounds of  
the gunshots out of my mind..."*

*"Things haven't been the same  
since my shop was flooded ..."*



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