



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

April 28, 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 until further notice

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

Our worship service goes live at our normal worship hours, 8:30 am, 10:00 am, and 11:15 am, with opportunities to chat with one another before, during, and after the service.

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 for our worship services is <https://desertskiesumc.online.church>

Bible Readings This Week

Apr. 28-II Sam. 3; I Chr. 12; Mt. 15

Apr. 29-II Sam. 4, 5; Ps. 139; Mt. 16

Apr. 30-II Sam. 6; I Chr. 13; Ps. 68; Mt. 17

May 01-I Chr. 14, 15; Ps. 132; Mt. 18

May 02-I Chr. 16; Ps. 106; Mt. 19

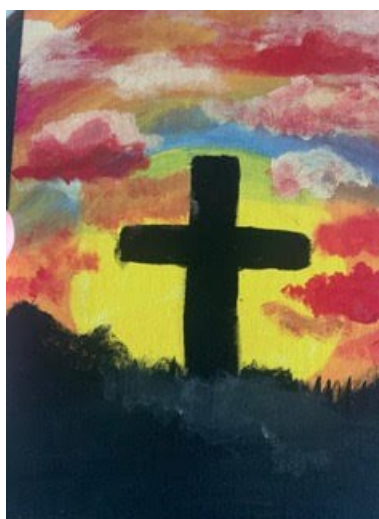
May 03-II Sam. 7; I Chr. 17; Ps. 2; Mt. 20

May 04-II Sam. 8, 9; I Chr. 18, 19; Mt. 21

Virtual Day Camp Adventure

Rev. Candace sent out Virtual Camp Challenges to our youth and children

Painting by Amanda Owen



Vail Connect Team Project

This came in from Barb Reuter, Marty Bond & Darci Reutzel

Our Vail Connect Team (Barb, Darci and Marty Bond) finished a project where they wrapped bars of soap in tulle, attached ribbon and a tag which read (front):

“Cleanliness is next to Godliness! DSUMC Vail Campus hopes you use this as a reminder to keep washing hands 20 seconds often & also to remain steadfast with God during your time of shelter in place. Miss you!”

The back tag says “Draw near to God and he will draw near to you- James 4:8. Find us on Facebook-Desert Skies-Vail Campus or <https://www.desertskiesumc.org> -Sunday’s on YouTube (livechat@11:15am)”.

We attached ribbon for doorknob hangers and each of us delivered 9-10 (about 30 total) to Vail attendees’ doors, then rang the doorbells to make sure they received them. Because we are a small campus, it was do-able!

COVID-19 Resources - Pima County Interfaith

https://www.pimacountyinterfaith.org/covid19_resources

Online Coffee Hours to Help us Connect!!

Join us for an hour of conversation and whatever drink you prefer and connect with the Desert Skies Church Family face-to-face via Zoom Conference Calls. Click on the links below.

Mondays at 10:00 am Hosted by Barb Reuter

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/95036789720?pwd=bHVwem90Mi9oYjNoK3ZWbDFBZktkQT09>

Tuesdays at 10:00 am Hosted by Mary Ellen Dawson

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/98799133350?pwd=aE11M016Q1VkcnGNzOVdDUFpDSkdWUT09>

Wednesdays at 3:00 pm Hosted by Pat Merrill

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/99809780806?pwd=aVg4RUI0VIZDVEU2bHhvYU1YWWhg3UT09>

Thursdays at 10:00 am Hosted by Jeann Fishback and Peggy Dunlap

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/98653811783?pwd=aEpVUktQUWFxaVlxTUjU3JQOUlyUT09>

Prayer Requests

Just a friendly reminder that if you have a prayer request, please email Pat Walker at msnodle@aol.com or click this link:

<https://desertskiesumc.org/contact/>

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

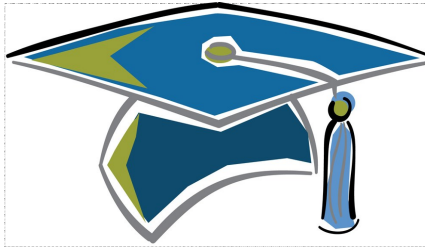
The theme scripture says that the community keeps the “goodwill of all the people” at heart. So the concluding time raises a question for further reflection after the benediction such as “What message does the world need? What can we do for the goodwill of all the people?” Here are some ideas for practicing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

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Rocks Covered in Love and Hope Make more “worry stones” to give away. Collect a few rocks that have a surface large enough for a design and smooth enough to paint. You can use the rocks from the “Rocks we Carry” worship activity together. Take these rocks – now symbols of the hard things – and cover them in love and hope. Wash the rocks with soap and water, and dry them thoroughly. Using acrylic paint or permanent markers, each person can paint their rock with hearts. You can use Sharpies if you don’t want to use, or don’t have, paint. Once they are dry, leave them in places where people can see them (or give them away if you want) and feel hearts overflowed with gladness!

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

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>



Graduation Sunday, May 17th, 2020

We will honor our graduates on Sunday, May 17th.

Please submit each High School/College student's name, school, degree granted & family relationship to **Tammy by 8:00 am on Monday, May 11th**.

You can email the information to: 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!"

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: Ephesians 1:17; Luke 24:48-49

May 24-7th Sunday of Easter/Ascension Day

Sermon: Open the Eyes of My Heart

May 31-Pentecost Sunday

Sermon: The Heart of the Matter

Scripture: John 7:37-38; Acts 2:4, 17-18

Finance Update

Blessings to all of you during our current crisis. I hope all is well with each of you and your families. I would like to share a quarterly update with you from our Finance Committee. This Church Family had responded so well to keep us operational through these difficult times! We will get through this together!

Mike Starace
Council Chair

"The Finance committee would like to report that our congregation has done a wonderful job of making the adjustment to online giving and mailing in of pledged giving to the office. For online giving, folks are taking advantage of our web page or using auto bill pay with their banks. We are able to pay our bills and meet our payroll! Each stage of dealing with this pandemic gives us opportunities to be a church in new ways. It is a joy to be a part of this amazing and generous church family.

Blessings,

Connie Kraska

Church Council Agenda
April 28, 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: Jeann Fishback
Council Members – Your attendance will be noted via the Zoom meeting

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 March Council minutes
- Finance Report – Connie Kraska
- Are your committees meeting via Zoom? Do you need help? How's it going? – Jake
- Highlights from March committee reports and activities? – o received Finance, Foundation, Connect, Missions – Others?

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

- Calendar updates and highlights
- Is there anything else we can do to connect?
- Requests and Action Items from Ministry Teams

NEW BUSINESS 8:15-8:30pm

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

CLOSING PRAYER – Paige McDowell 8:30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

- Next Meeting: May 26th, 2020 – 7:00 pm
- Committee reports and Council agenda items due May 18th!
- Please drop off canned/boxed goods for our ELF ministry food pantry to the office Monday or Fridays 9am to noon.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

MAY 2020

16–20 Graduations!

Christ Café

JUN 2020

Christ Café

JUL 2020

Christ Café

5–11 Senior High Mission Trip – Sierra Service Project, San Diego

5: _____
12: Children's Ministry
19: _____
26: _____

AUG 2020

Christ Café
2: _____
9: _____
16: _____
23: Flea Market
30: Trustees



MAY

01 Roger Wilcox
02 Nate Sidles
07 Jennifer Stivers
10 Shirley Northcott
11 Jon Richards
12 Suzanne Wicks
13 Susan Haynes
15 Ray Abaldo, Cinda Danner
17 David Landsburg, Mark Bishop

18 Bob Burdick, Diane Ellison, Grace Stivers
20 June O'Brien
24 Charles McNary, Pam Saul
25 Mary Lou Metzger, Cynthia Naanes
26 Renata Kennedy
28 Sherry Adams
30 Linda Schulz
31 Lynne Van Sice



03 Vern & Lil Cottrell
04 Roger & Michal Aulds
07 Brian & Allison Roberts
08 Roger & Janet Wilcox
 Bryan & Janelle Bearden
12 Brian & Barbara Drummond
21 Ken & Michelle Bever

22 Bryant & Florence Personeus
 Richard & Cinda Danner
23 John & Loren Carruth
28 Tobin & Shawne Sidles
29 Del & "I" Schluchter
 Walt & Linda Lewandowski
31 Jake & Stephanie Beverage

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) or Doc at (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.

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.

MAY
First UMC, Bisbee
First UMC, Eloy
First UMC, Safford

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**If you or someone you
know is struggling
after a disaster,
you are not alone.**



*"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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and Human Services (HHS).

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