



# THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

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## 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

May 12-II Sam. 21-23; I Th. 1

May 13-II Sam. 24; I Chr. 21; Ps. 30; I Th. 2

May 14-I Chr. 22-24; I Th. 3

May 15-I Chr. 25-27; I Th. 4

May 16-I Ki. 1; I Chr. 28; Ps. 91; I Th. 5

May 17-I Ki. 2; I Chr. 29; Ps. 95; II Th. 1

May 18-I Ki. 3; II Chr. 1; Ps. 78; II Th. 2

## Stay-at-Home Stories



Mary Lou Metzger is spending time visiting with a “who’s who” while staying at home during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The local “celebrity” is a mother Great Horned Owl and her 3 babies. The feathered family is living in a nest about 15 feet up in a huge sycamore tree. Mary Lou says it’s been fun to watch the 3 fledglings eat and learn how to fly. However, she admits it’s a little disconcerting to have 4 pairs of yellow eyes stare at you, especially when their heads are turned backwards!

## Sidewalk Connection

There have been neighborhoods all over the country who are using sidewalk chalk drawings as a way to connect people who are practicing social distancing while getting outside together for walks, bike rides, etc. We thought we could do the same here at Desert Skies.

We invite you and your families (whatever that looks like...maybe it’s even just you!) to stop by the church and add to our drawings on the sidewalk in front of the Sanctuary. Then take a quick photo of your work (just in case it rains) and send it to Rev. Candace (revcandace@desertskiesumc.org) or the church office (office@desertskiesumc.org). By the time we can gather again, we should have some wonderful reminders of how we are connected together even though we are apart for now. So come...stop by...draw, write, whatever...and let’s do something beautiful for our faith community. Sidewalk chalk is provided in the white bucket near the drawings!



## Desert Southwest Conference Mission Project

### Greetings!

The Conference has announced this year's mission project which centers on helping the Navajo Nation during the COVID-19 crisis with water support. There will be subsequent articles coming up to Annual Conference. We very much understand that these are tough times for so many, but we also understand there are people who want to help those in need as they can. Thank you, thank you for your help and support!

If you have any questions, please contact me via cell phone at 602-705-5797. Just leave a message and I'll return your call soon.

[Click here for article](#)

Blessings and Be Safe,

Billie K. Fidlin, Director of Outreach & Justice, Desert Southwest Conference



## KIDS FEST 2020 COMING SOON!!!

Due to Covid-19 we have had to cancel this year's Summer Camp 2020.

However...stay tuned for an exciting, new event called: KIDS FEST, a celebration to re-connect with our friends, a day camp which will be filled with fun activities, games, water sports, singing, and lots of snacks.

This event will be scheduled once our kids are back in school. So stay tuned for more information!

## Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Friends,

I am privileged to have a Pastor's Discretionary Fund, which allows me to help people when they come to Desert Skies for help...rent, gas, utilities, food, dental work, doctor's visits, appliances, and more.

We have been able to help many because of the generosity of the Desert Skies community. During this time of pandemic, this fund is running low, and so I ask for your help in replenishing it so that we can continue to help those who need it.

You may send a check to the office (please put Pastor's Discretionary Fund in the memo line) or go to our donate now button on our website and give to Pastor's Discretionary Fund in the drop down menu.

Thank you for your generosity and love.

Rev. Candace

## **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**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/95036789720?pwd=bHVwem9OMi9oYjNoK3ZWbDFBZktkQT09>

**Tuesdays at 10:00 am**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/98799133350?pwd=aE11M016Q1VkcnGNzOVdDUFPDSkdWUT09>

**Wednesdays at 3:00 pm**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/99809780806?pwd=aVg4RUI0VIZDVEU2bHhvYU1YWHg3UT09>

**Thursdays at 10:00 am**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/98653811783?pwd=aEpVUktQUWFxaVlxTUtjU3JQOUlyUT09>

## **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/>

## **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.

**Sixth Sunday of Easter - Hold People in our Hearts-** Make a large heart out of whatever paper you have on hand. Fill the heart with names of people you keep in your heart. This is a good time to talk with your family about the people they are missing and hope to see when we are back together after we’ve been in quarantine. Take a photo of the heart and send it to the people you have named to remind them that you hold them in love.

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.

## **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>

## Information on the passing of Gordon “Gordy” Briggs

Gordy Briggs passed away on April 28th, 2020. The nursing home where his wife Pauline is living, has requested for the children to wait until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted before they can give her the news of his passing in person.

Obituary: <https://hesselcheslek.com/obituaries/gordon-lynn-briggs/>

Cards can be sent to the addresses below:

Bill and Ann Briggs  
736 Ferndale Ave NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49534

David and Vicki Briggs  
2452 Raven Dr.  
Sierra Vista, AZ. 85650

## The ELF MINISTRY FOOD PANTRY

The **ELF ministry food pantry** is **FULL** because you all have been so generous!! No more donations are needed at this time. The DragonFly families are stocked up and doing well at the moment, but if folks know someone who needs food, they can contact Fred Killion and he'll get it delivered. **Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!**

## COVID-19 Resources - Pima County Interfaith

[https://www.pimacountyinterfaith.org/covid19\\_resources](https://www.pimacountyinterfaith.org/covid19_resources)

## An Update From Our Church Council Committee Meeting

**We are looking for a few steering committee volunteers for the Steele-Warner Youth and Senior facility.** What is that you may ask? Both Emmett and George left money for the purpose of creating a space for Seniors and Youth to gather individually, and with each other. This committee will be tasked to determine need, location, facility, and amenities, and report back to Church Council. Members of all age groups are welcome. **If you are interested, or know someone who may be interested, please contact Reverend Candace, or Mike and Eileen Starace.**

Thank you and stay safe,

Mike Starace  
Chair of The Church Council Committee



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 17-6th Sunday of Easter (Graduation Sunday)

**Sermon:** Kept in our Hearts

**Scripture:** 1 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

## 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, during office hours: Mon. –Thur. 8:00 am-4:00 pm. 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.

**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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**Talk With Us!**