



# THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

May 19, 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 YouTube channel.

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

## Bible Readings This Week

May 19-I Ki. 4, 5; II Chr. 2; Ps. 101; II Th. 3

May 20-I Ki. 6; II Chr. 3; Ps. 97; Rom. 1

May 21-I Ki. 7; II Chr. 4; Ps. 98; Rom. 2

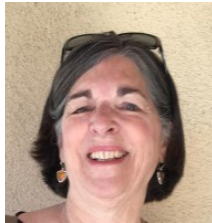
May 22-I Ki. 8; II Chr. 5; Ps. 99; Rom. 3

May 23-II Chr. 6, 7; Ps. 135; Rom. 4

May 24-I Ki. 9; II Chr. 8; Ps. 136; Rom. 5

May 25-I Ki. 10, 11; II Chr. 9; Rom. 6

## Stay-at-Home Stories



**Donna Sisley** gets a hoot from photography...and her favorite subject this spring has been the Great Horned Owl family nesting in a Sycamore tree in Mary Lou Metzger's neighborhood.

The three owlets are on-their-own now, but Donna was able to capture 15-hundred photos of the feathery family before they all flew the coop on May 12th.

Donna started photo-documenting the owls in late March and says... "as Covid-19 has tied many down, these owls have helped to ignite quite a few neighborhood friendships underneath the owl tree at social distancing."



## Greetings From The Schluchters

All dressed up for their Sunday at home Service.  
Thanks to all & Rev. Candace for the efforts of bringing us together.



## 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/>

## The Steele-Warner Youth and Senior facility

We are looking for a few steering committee volunteers for the Steele-Warner Youth and Senior facility.

### What is that you may ask?

Emmitt Warner and George Steele 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 & Eileen Starace.**

Thank you and stay safe,

Mike Starace~Chair of The Church Council Committee



### Recognition of Our High School and College Graduates



#### High School

##### Paige McDowell

Daughter of Gary & Jennifer McDowell  
Graduating from Empire High School  
Attending Boise State University

##### Logan Radomsky

Son of Scott & Carrie Radomsky  
Graduating from Tanque Verde High School  
Attending University of Arizona

##### Samuel Alaster Stivers

Son of David & Jennifer Stivers  
Graduating from Cienega High School  
Attending Pima Community College

##### Macy Renee Maxwell

Granddaughter of Kathy & Larry Merk  
Graduating from Rocky Mountain High School  
Meridian, Idaho

##### Katelyn Eader

Daughter of Tammie Eader  
Graduating from Santa Rita High School  
Attending University of Arizona

##### Jacob Danner

Grandson of Richard & Cinda Danner  
Graduating from Basis Tucson North  
Attending U of A Honors-Majoring in Chemical Engineering

#### College

##### Jack Wood

Grandson of Anne Wood  
Graduating from ASU

##### Sarah Carruth

Daughter of John & Loren Carruth  
Graduating from U of A

##### Katie McManus

Granddaughter of Paul & Sue Wicks  
Graduating from Grand Valley State University  
Degree: Bachelor of Science in Biology

##### Maizie Dunlap

Granddaughter of Larry & Peggy Dunlap  
Graduating from Washington State University-Vancouver  
Degree: Bachelor of Arts

##### Morgan Dunlap

Granddaughter of Larry & Peggy Dunlap  
Graduating from Tufts University in Boston  
Degree: Bachelor of Arts

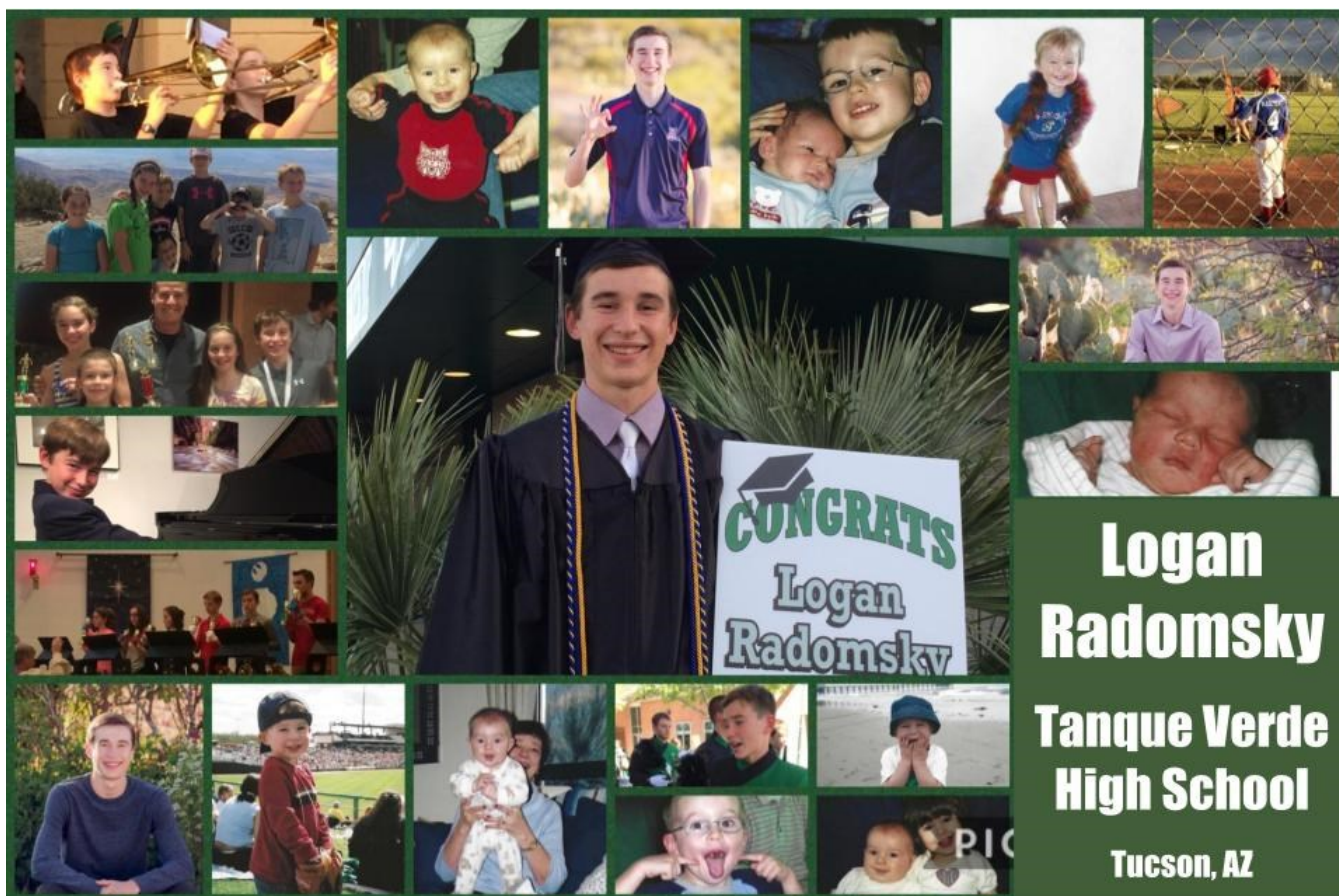
##### Susan Mallory

Desert Skies Member  
Graduating from PCC  
Degree: Liberal Arts in General Education.  
This is on the way to changing her Associate Degree in Science (RN) to the BSN, MSN and Ph.D. in nursing research.









## 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

## 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=bHVwem9OMi9oYjNoK3ZWbDFBZktQT09>

**Tuesdays at 10:00 am**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/98799133350?pwd=aE11M016Q1VkcGNzOVdDUFpDSkdWUT09>

**Wednesdays at 3:00 pm**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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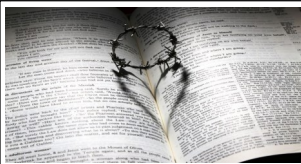
**Thursdays at 10:00 am**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/98653811783?pwd=aEpVUktQUWFxaVksTUjU3JQQUlyUT09>

## **COVID-19 Resources - Pima County Interfaith**

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



Our Easter to Pentecost Series: The Heart of the Matter runs through May 24th.

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 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**

Special Pentecost Worship with Bishop Bob Preaching

## Missions/Social Concerns Committee

We don't often have the opportunity to listen directly to our representative (s), particularly focused on providing assistance to those in need during this COVID-19 medical and economic crisis. This is affecting entire communities that we serve.

The two key pieces of info are the educational videos about benefits to families under the CARES Act passed by Congress, with the link below and the flyer with the RSVP link to the Town Hall on Thursday, May 21st.

Thank you, Barb Reuter  
Missions and Social Concerns Committee

### **Pima County Interfaith/Arizona Interfaith Network Congressional Town Hall -Thursday, May 21st**

Pima County Interfaith is sponsoring an Arizona Assembly Town Hall with Congressional Representatives. It will occur on **Thursday, May 21 at 6:00 PM via Zoom.**

Pima County Interfaith has been very active trying to make things better for our families throughout the COVID-19 crisis. We have created [educational videos](#) about benefits available to families under the Cares Act. We have been meeting with our City and County elected officials to help them decide how to spend Cares Act monies to help families directly, and for workforce development to help families rebound.

Now, in collaboration with our partners in the Arizona Interfaith Network, we are offering you the opportunity to hear from Arizona Congressional Representatives about what is in the future for federal funding, and we want to help shape the message. We hope to get 300 leaders statewide to participate in this Zoom event. Won't you be one of them? A large number of participants shows we mean business!

**Please say YES! I want to be a part of this! RSVP with the link on the attached flyer, and you'll get the information you need to join the event, and please, let me know you will participate.**

Judy Keagy, PCI Leader  
[rlkjck@comcast.net](mailto:rlkjck@comcast.net)  
520-444-2321



Pima County Interfaith Civic Education Organization



### **AIN State Assembly**

**You are invited  
From Crisis to Recovery  
May 21, 6pm**

**A statewide gathering with key congressional members regarding COVID-19, our economic downturn, and how we ensure that no one is left behind.**

**Invited Guests:  
Members of the Arizona Congressional Delegation**

**RSVP to receive more details**

**To RSVP:  
[arizonainterfaithnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:arizonainterfaithnetwork@gmail.com)**





## OFF WITH DESERT SKIES THIS SUMMER!

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### ANNOUNCING SUMMER FUN FOR KIDS HOSTED BY CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES!!

Get ready for some virtual fun and games with BOLT virtual Vacation Bible School, Compassion Camp and Storytime Online. This is a 1 day per week, 14-week program designed to help keep us connected to God and our church family. YOU choose the time that works best for you - specific instructions on how to access and prepare for each program will be provided in the weekly e-blast. Mark your calendars now - you won't want to miss out!



#### Weeks of May 31, June 7 and June 14

A Quarantine friendly VBS where families will participate in whacky games, create fun origami and learn crazy songs that all serve as a catalyst for deepening their understanding of what it means to listen to, focus on, and follow Jesus.



#### Weeks of June 21, June 28, July 5, July 12 and July 19

The theme is compassion for others, ourselves and the world. This virtual VBS camp includes Bible stories, crafts/games, movement activities, mission projects, and a communal art project that we will construct collectively when we are together again.



#### Weeks of July 19, July 26, August 1, August 8, August 15, August 22, and

August 29

Each week a Special Guest reader from our church family will share and read one of their favorite children's books with you.



**Bible Learning And Sharing Together**

## 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.

**Seventh Sunday of Easter -Stained Glass Hearts-** Use tissue paper, cardstock, wax paper, and glue. You can make a colorful heart to hang these in your windows as a reminder to look at the world with the eyes of our hearts, or hang them a tree outside for others to enjoy as they go by. You could also have fun making heart glasses to look through, taking photos and sending to someone to brighten their day!

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.

## **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 until further notice!

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

### Disaster Distress Helpline

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to get help and support  
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you care about may be feeling  
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• Available 24 hours a day,  
7 days a week, year-round  
• Free (standard data/text messaging  
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 **SAMHSA**  
Substance Abuse and Mental Health  
Services Administration (SAMHSA) of the U.S. Dept. of Health  
and Human Services (HHS)

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

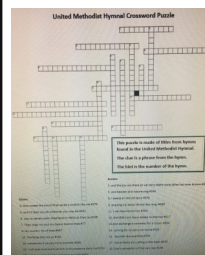


"Ever since the tornado,  
I haven't been able to get a full  
night's sleep ..."

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

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

**Talk With Us!**



## UMC Hymnal Crossword Puzzle

Something Fun For You  
To Do!!

We have attached a Crossword Puzzle with  
your e-blast!

Check it out and have some fun!