



# THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

May 26, 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 26-Prov. 1-3; Rom. 7

May 27-Prov. 4-6; Rom. 8

May 28-Prov. 7-9; Rom. 9

May 29-Prov. 10-12; Rom. 10

May 30-Prov. 13-15; Rom. 11

May 31-Prov. 16-18; Rom. 12

June 01-Prov. 19-21; Rom. 13



## **A Warm Welcome To Our Associate Pastor Rev. Susan Holden**

There is no greater adventure than building the kingdom of God!

As part of the transitions process, Rev. Candace, Rev. Susan Holden and I participated in a Transitions Workshop led by Bishop Bob Hoshibata. This was a powerful experience where we discussed several issues that were on our hearts and some important topics that we hadn't really considered yet. We discussed how to receive our new Associate Pastor and explored necessary protocols and expectations.

This is an exciting time! There is plenty for everyone to do and share in the preparations. I will be the contact person during this transitional period, and I will need lots of prayer and help with preparations. Below, I've listed a few things you could do, but please contact me if you have other ideas for receiving and celebrating the arrival of our new Associate Pastor, Rev. Susan Holden and her husband, Joe.

- \*Continue to pray daily for Desert Skies' transition.**
- \*Write welcome letters/cards for our new Associate Pastor.**
- \*Contact me if you want to be involved in planning getting-to-know-you events.**
- \*Donate gift cards to places such as your favorite restaurant, dry cleaners, or grocery store.**

I want us all to be excited about the upcoming addition to our pastoral staff. But if you have concerns about this, please reach out to me so that I may include you in my prayers.

Gail Remaly, Chair

Staff Parish Relations Committee [SPRC]

[remaly@att.net](mailto:remaly@att.net)

## **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/>



# 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**

## Congratulations To Our Grads!!!

The Drive-By Crew found our 4 high school graduates and honked horns and dropped balloons to honor their achievements in a special time when normal graduation activities were halted. Many thanks to Nancy Winkelmann for coordinating all of us and congratulations to our grads!!

Dear DSUMC family,

Thank you all so much for the cards, gifts, support, and the drive thru parade! I greatly appreciate everything you all have done for me as I've grown up, and I can't thank you enough. Logan Radomsky

**Logan Radomsky**



**Sam Stivers**



**Katelyn Eader**



**Paige McDowell**





## **May 31-Pentecost Sunday**

### **Special Pentecost Worship with Bishop Bob Preaching**

#### **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.

**Pentecost Sunday -Sidewalk Messages of Good News:** After worship together, take messages of good news, hope, joy, peace, and love to the community using the sidewalks outside your home and throughout your neighborhood. Share with your neighbors the good news that they are loved, that there is hope, and that we are all in this together. Make your designs as simple or orate as you like, with messages like, “peace be with you” and “you are so loved” for everyone!

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



Our new worship series “At the Movies” begins on Sunday, June 7th and runs through Sunday, July 5th. Rev. Susan Holden will preach on our last Sunday.

Desert Skies At the Movies is a fun summer series where we show movie clips from popular current films along with a message that connects each movie with scripture.

You probably don’t usually look to movies for life lessons, but take our word for it—sit back, relax, and hear a different perspective on how popular films can point us toward the gospel and Jesus’ call to discipleship. **Please make sure to watch the movie “Black Panther” before worship on June 7th!!**

#### **June 7th –1st Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sermon:** Black Panther: Put Things in Order

**Scripture:** Genesis 1:26-2:3; II Corinthians 13:11-13

#### **June 14th-2nd Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sermon:** Crazy Rich Asians: Hope Does Not Disappoint Us

**Scripture:** Romans 5:1-8

#### **June 21st –3rd Sunday after Pentecost (Father’s Day)**

**Sermon:** Mary Poppins Returns: Finding Life in Unlikely Places

**Scripture:** Matthew 10:24-39

#### **June 28th-4th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sermon:** Bohemian Rhapsody: Finding Welcome

**Scripture:** Matthew 10:40-42

#### **July 5th –5th Sunday after Pentecost-Rev. Susan Holden, preaching**

**Sermon:** Ralph Breaks the Internet

**Scripture:** Matthew 11:25-30

## **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.

### **JUNE**

Bishop & Staff of the Desert Southwest Conference  
Staff & Churches of the: East District, North District and West District



## Stay-at-Home Stories

It's a miracle that Wendy McInnis' sewing machine didn't crash and burn during the last few months! Wendy and her daughter Heather have been sewing up a storm while staying home during the pandemic. They've been sewing masks and scrub hats for nurses and other health workers on the front lines.

This is a personal mission for Wendy since she has several family members in the health profession including a sister-in-law, a niece, and daughter Jennifer. Wendy has lost count of how many masks and caps they've made, but it's a significant number since mother and daughter eventually sewed through a large stash of fabric and elastic. Wendy says she hasn't let anyone pay a cent for the masks and caps because it's her way to give back.

## 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 9:00 am**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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

**Wednesdays at 3:00 pm**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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

**Thursdays at 10:00 am**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/98653811783?pwd=aEpVUktQUWFxaVksTUtiU3JQQUlyUT09>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Next installment of the UMW Newsletter-**The latest edition of the UMW newsletter, "The Joyful Noise," will be on the Desert Skies website by Sunday, June 6th. Thanks to everyone who contributed a story.

**Church Attendance-**We are in need of a volunteer who would like to help out by entering our Sunday attendance into our data base. If you are interested and have some time to spare, please contact Glenda Burdick. Thank you.

**THANK YOU-**Desert Skies is truly a joyful and caring community. I want to thank all of you who upon learning of my fall in Sydney, Australia created email lists for updates and prayer chain requests all over the world. I have gotten so many encouraging texts, emails, calls, cards and much needed rides to medical appointments. I'm three months into this journey with two major surgeries and lots more physical therapy still ahead. Because of hospital protocols the next surgery may still be at least three months away but know that I miss every one of you and can't wait for the day I can again be at the Welcome Podium, even if it's in a walker! God is with us everywhere. All His best, Jeann (Best) Fishback

**Peace with Justice Sunday-**Peace with Justice Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost, June 7, 2020. As a connectional church, we combine our resources so that we have a larger impact in the world. In 2019, United Methodist churches gave \$433,437 toward ministries funded by the Peace with Justice Sunday offering. Thank you for your generous gifts. Fifty percent of the offering remains in the annual conference to support local and regional justice efforts, and 50 percent supports justice ministries through the General Board of Church and Society. We will worship together online and renew our commitment to resist evil, injustice and oppression on behalf of the vulnerable. You can mail in your donation and on your check write "Peace with Justice Sunday" on the memo line or you can donate online at:

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

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Wishing a Happy 66th Wedding Anniversary to Del & "T" Schluchter on Friday, May 29th. We love you mom and dad!!

Love, Joy Barry and Wayne Schluchter



### **Church Council Meeting-Tuesday, May 26th**

Just in case you didn't keep the link from our last meeting, here is the info for tonight. See you on Zoom at 7...

If you are one of the lay members to annual conference, there is also a pre-conference briefing tonight at 6:30. If you would like, you could start there, and come on over at 7. That is a webinar that will be recorded, so we can watch it later this week.

Blessings,  
Rev. Candace

Candace Lansberry is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/154574935>

Meeting ID: 154 574 935

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**DSUMC Church Council**  
**May 26, 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** – Jeann

7:05-7:15pm

**LEARNING** – Looking back on our last month in ministry...

7:15-7:45pm

- ☐ Approval of previous month's Council minutes
- ☐ Finance Report – Connie Kraska (PPP update)
- ☐ Monthly meeting via Zoom-- Do you need help? How's it going? – Jake  
Please have at least a 'touch base' meeting in June.
- ☐ Highlights from committee reports and activities? –  
Staff Parish Relations – Gail Remaly
  - received Financials, Connect, Communications, Foundation, Missions, & Trustees

**LEADING** – Looking ahead to our upcoming ministries...

7:45-8:15pm

- ☐ Calendar updates and highlights
- ☐ Is there anything else we can do to connect?
- ☐ Blast Off: Summer Children's Ministry – Mary Jo, Paige
- ☐ Requests and Action Items from Ministry Teams
- ☐ Trustees – facility update

**NEW BUSINESS**

8:15-8:30pm

- ☐ Steering Committee for the Steele-Warner Youth & Senior Facility
- Re-opening Committee needed – guidance from Bishop Bob below.

Mike and Jake

Prayerfully, I ask that you have patience. In the meantime, I am asking you to do some important preparatory work in anticipation of a time when the CDC guidelines are met, and we can begin to reopen our churches slowly and cautiously.

I am asking that each pastor form a team of leaders to begin the critical conversations about what you must do to make your church campus safe. You must look carefully and thoughtfully at the myriad decisions that must be made. You are required to complete specific actions to get ready to reopen your church. These actions are described in a guide, Ministry in the Season of COVID-19 & Beyond, to assist you as you do this. (<https://dscumc.org/.../FINAL-Ministry-in-the-Season-of-Covid....>)

We are all missing the connection that we cherish about being the body of Christ. Still, I believe the most important thing we can do now is to observe safety precautions including wearing a mask and other actions to protect us and others, as we pray for and prepare for the day when we can begin to move forward in tiny steps.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- Report from Steele-Warner Facility Team
- Report from Re-opening Team

**CLOSING PRAYER** – Rev. Candace

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS**

- ☐ Next Meeting: **June 30, 2020 – 7:00 pm**
- ☐ Committee reports and Council agenda items due June 18th!
- ☐ Please drop off canned/boxed goods for our ELF ministry food pantry to the office Monday 9am to noon.



## JUNE

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| 01 Adele Edwards  | 17 Norma Swartz                           |
| 05 Carter Allen, Cheryl Richards                            | 19 Becky Noel, Scott Hartung              |
| 07 Justin Ruggieri, Marty Freeman,<br>Kirsten Limesand      | 20 Florence Tate,                         |
| 09 Theo Vandenberg  | 21 Larry Dunlap, Jason Miller             |
| 10 Janet Wilcox, Jo Lee Hazelwood                           | 23 Lauri Cook, Tobin Sidles, Amy Ruggieri |
| 11 Ginger Crowder   | 24 Peggy Chalk, Tom Patrick               |
| 12 Patti Lee, Pat Walker                                    | 25 Katie Beverage                         |
| 13 Wanda Chittenden, Joe Tavakolian                         | 26 Sandy Miller                           |
| 14 Adrianna Montesuma, Brian Roberts,<br>Linda Van Straaten | 27 Sue Polacheck                          |
| 15 Barb Sinclair  | 28 Jeanne Myers                           |
|   | 29 John Carruth                           |
|   | 30 Jim Weaver                             |



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| 02 Mike & Judy Bording                              | 14 Max & Pat Crowell, Dan & Annette Estelle,<br>David & Sandee Landsburg |
| 05 Scott & Carrie Radomsky                          | 18 Glenn & Peggy Gigstad   |
| 06 Larry & Kathy Merk                               | 20 Roger & Doris Pontifex  |
| 08 JD & Mary Lou Metzger                            | 21 Sherm & Patti Lee   |
| 09 Mike & Char Cline                                | 22 David & Jennifer Stivers  |
| 12 Jerry & Jeanne Myers<br>Jason & Stephanie Miller | 25 Wayne & Lynn Peate  |
| 13 Tom & Sue Patrick                                |  |



## 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).

### Disaster Distress Helpline

PHONE: 1-800-985-5990  
TEXT: "TalkWithUs" to 66746

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**Call 1-800-985-5990**  
**or text 'TalkWithUs' to 66746**  
to get help and support  
for any distress that you or someone  
you care about may be feeling  
related to any disaster.

The *Helpline* and *Text Service* are:

- Available 24 hours a day,  
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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!**

## COVID-19 Resources - Pima County Interfaith

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