



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

July 14, 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

July 14-Is. 19-21; Heb. 11

July 15-Is. 22-24; Heb. 12

July 16-Is. 25-28; Heb. 13

July 17-Is. 29-31; Jas. 1

July 18-Is. 32-35; Jas. 2

July 19-II Ki. 17; II Chr. 28; Ps. 46; Jas. 3

July 20-II Chr. 29-31; Jas. 4

DSUMC MISSION AND OUTREACH AT WORK

The car is loaded for our monthly delivery of coffee, sugar, hand soap, paper towels and other supplies For Casa Maria as well as approximately 150 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to help them feed over 400 people each day.

Our DSUMC families are keeping our ELF Ministry Pantry stocked so that we are prepared to assist in emergency food needs for anyone who contacts us with a request. We also assist our Care Portal partners in emergency food needs. For food requests, please contact the church office or Mary Jo Floyd at 478-320-1780.

(The blue ELF bin is outside the church office door to accept Food donations every Monday from 9 a. m. Until noon)

Thank you, Desert Skies family, for all that you do for your church and your community!



Also, Rev Susan shared that she and Joe discovered that Viva's Coffee shop at Valencia and Nexus is doing food collection for the Vail/Rita Ranch area.

For all of you in Vail/Rita Ranch and further south, you may take food donations to Viva's Coffee Shop at Valencia and Nexus. For those in need, it makes no difference whether it comes from the ELF Ministry or not. (Thanks for the info, Rev Susan!)

THANK YOU DESERT SKIES



Dear Members and Friends of Desert Skies UMC,

Joe and I are so very grateful for your warm welcome to us, especially for the drive-by greeting and celebration, along with all of the lovely cards and gifts you showered on us.

You have been very thoughtful in providing all kinds of emotional, spiritual, and practical support. We feel so blessed to be a part of this community, and are eager to invite others to connect with Desert Skies, knowing from experience that you truly welcome everyone with open arms. And we are genuinely excited to wake up every day to new adventures in ministry with you and with this community.

May God bless you all as you are a blessing to others!

In Christ,

Rev. Susan and Joe Holden

Announcements

It is with saddened hearts that we announce the passing of Laura Henderson and Sherman Lee. Laura passed away on Tuesday, July 7th and Sherman passed away on Wednesday, July 8th.

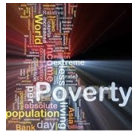
Another Way To Donate To Your Church

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>

Coming soon to both the Vail and Houghton Campuses, "Hanging out..... We will give you the start date in our next e-blast.

Read-Through-The-Bible-Bookmarks

If you would like a bookmark mailed to you for the upcoming quarter (July, August, September) please email Tammy with your request at office@desertskiesumc.org and one will be mailed to you.



IF NOT ME, THEN WHO??

What is “generational poverty?”

How does it feel to be raised as a migrant farm worker?

How do we communicate our ‘hidden’ feelings about those in poverty?

YOU are invited to explore these questions and more as part of the

Monday morning 10:00 Chat Group

Join

<https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/95036789720?pwd=bHVwem90Mi9oYjNoK3ZWbDFBZktQT09>

We will be following an on-line webinar led by a woman raised in generational poverty who opens doors, hearts, and minds as she shares feelings **and** facts from her personal experience at:

<https://www.svdpusa.org/Portals/2/INMTW-Beegle%20Webinar%20Sept2018%20FINAL.pdf>

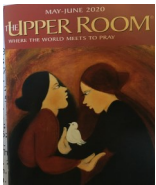
Join this time of sharing:

Mondays (through July 27th) at 10 a.m.

Simply view one segment prior to each ZOOM discussion time

Warning: be prepared, your current understandings will be challenged!

Co-leaders: Sandra McNary and Barb Reuter



July/August Issue of The Upper Room

We realize many readers are currently reticent or unable to pick up their copy of the devotional guide because of the virus or closed church office. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please email Tammy at office@desertskiesumc.org with your request or you can use the link below for a digital copy.

The Upper Room and *El Aposento Alto* at <https://www.upperroom.org/standingorderchurches>.

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.

JULY

El Mesias UMC, Nogales

Grace UMC, Douglas

Camping Program, SoutCamping Program, South District

Prayer Requests

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



Our new worship series “Connecting the Dots” has begun and runs through Sunday, August 30th.

Connecting the dots....a sort of shorthand phrase for making sense out of things that don't seem to make sense on the surface or at first glance. Jesus was a master at connecting the dots and he did his best as he taught with “parables.” The word for parable in Greek and Hebrew meant a variety of ways of speaking that used images to get hearers thinking. Scholar N. T. Wright said, “Jesus didn't tell parables to provide friendly little illustrations of abstract theology. He told parables because what he was doing was so different, so explosive, and so dangerous, that the only way he could talk about it was to use stories.” Join us for our new series: Connecting the Dots, as we explore the radical nature of Jesus' stories and how they morphed from stories Jesus told to stories Jesus experienced, taking disciples of all generations on the journey with him.

July 19th–7th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: Seeds and Weeds

Scripture: Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

July 26th–8th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: A Plethora of Parables

Scripture: Matthew 13: 31-33; 44-52

August 2nd–9th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: There's Plenty for Lunch

Scripture: Matthew 14: 13-21

August 9th–10th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: When We Begin to Sink

Scripture: Matthew 14: 22-33

August 16th–11th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: When Rules Don't Help

Scripture: Matthew 15: 10-20

August 23rd–12th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: Just Who is this Jesus?

Scripture: Matthew 16: 13-20

August 30th–13th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: The With-God Life of the Kingdom of Heaven

Scripture: Matthew 16: 21-28

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.

Vail Campus Sunday Coffee Group at 10:00 am

If you are someone who has a heart for the Vail Community, we invite you to connect via Zoom:

<https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/95960360399?pwd=Wm10YTAxcU1KcVliU04weEUzeUFodz09>

Meeting ID: 959 6036 0399

Password: 220187

Vail Sunday morning Coffee group will not start "The Walk" until August. We will be discussing the lectionary texts from the sermon when we meet for the next few weeks. The text for this Sunday is the "Parable of the Wheat and Tares," Matthew 13: 24-30. Optional additional reading, "What we Talk About When We Talk About God," by Rob Bell, chapter 1.

Mondays at 10:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/95036789720?pwd=bHVwem9OMi9oYjNoK3ZWbDFBZkttOT09>

Tuesday morning Zoom Meetings have been cancelled at this time.

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Thursdays at 10:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/98653811783?pwd=aEpVUktOUWFxaVlxTUtjU3JOQUlyUT09>



COMPASSION CAMP!!

BE LOVED.
BE KIND.
BE YOU.

Compassion Camp will continue weekly through July 19th. You can participate in Compassion Camp, a fun, at-home Vacation Bible School designed for kids Pre-K through prospective 6th graders.

Each weekly session is designed to kick-off on Sunday with a 30-minute Zoom welcome, and then individual families can complete the rest of the weekly activities on their own at a time of their choosing. Participants have received a fully stocked “Compassion Camp Kit”, including all materials and step-by-step instructions to complete each weekly session. Kids and families will explore what it means to have compassion for others, for ourselves and the world.

This is the link for the Weekly Compassion Camp Zoom Meeting each Sunday afternoon at 4:00 pm.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/91226261367?pwd=cEdSYjRtL3ZZdEVpbXJoZ25EZlYyUT09>

Meeting ID: 912 2626 1367

Password: 549666

One tap mobile +12532158782,,91226261367#,,,0#,,549666# US (Tacoma)



Hello! As you may know, our Desert Skies kids are participating in Compassion Camp, an at-home Vacation Bible School. As part of this experience, your VBS Crew would like your help with a church-wide project that supports this program for our kids.

We are making a community mural, whereby each person colors one (or more if you like!) paper tile of a large mosaic. We will collect all tiles, and combine them into one beautiful piece of artwork, to be unveiled at Desert Skies when we can all return to worship together.

You may use whatever medium you choose -markers, colored pencils, watercolors, etc. If you are interested in helping with this project, please email Nancy Goforth at goforthmnao@gmail.com, and you will be sent a tile to complete and return by mail. You won't want to miss out on this fun opportunity to stay connected to your church family!



Just to Make You Smile!

Patrick and Luke Coffee
participating in last weeks Compassion Camp!



Stay-at-Home Stories

by Peggy & Larry Dunlap

Peggy and Larry Dunlap have gone to the dogs! Not really...they've just been enjoying a family of four coyote pups who've been drinking from their backyard fountain over the last few weeks. Larry says the pups are about a foot tall and look like fuzzy, brown Chihuahuas. Peggy figures they are no more than a month or two old.

The Dunlap's backyard is open desert, near the Agua Caliente wash, and they have a good size copper sculpted fountain...and that's what intrigued the first pup who checked it out when the water was turned off. Larry watched as the pup walked all around the fountain and seemed puzzled by it. The pup came back a few days later when the water was flowing and grabbed a slurp. The next time he came back for water, he brought his three pup-mates! The little coyotes came back multiple times to drink from the fountain, always in the evening. And then they stopped. Larry recalls the last time he saw them...one of the pups trotted off down the trail with a swagger!

Larry and Peggy have seen plenty of bobcats, javelina and deer in their backyard, but this is the first time in 25 years they've seen coyote pups. What a treat!



Just a reminder...if you have a story to tell, send an email to diane.b.thompson@icloud.com



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June 5, 2020

Desert Skies United Methodist Church
Attn: Rev. Dr. Candace Lansberry
3255 N Houghton Road
Tucson AZ 85749



*You are feeding people today
and creating a healthy,
hunger-free tomorrow!*

Dear Reverend Candace,

Because of you, families always have a place to turn when they need compassion and help. You've given families more than the support they need—you've given them a reason to smile.

With this gift to the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona in support of the Snak Pack Program, you've brought us all one step closer to a healthy, hunger-free community. *Thank you!*

Your gift is already making a difference. With the challenges facing schools and hunger, your support has helped us meet the needs of the children where they are. We are appreciative of the support of you and your congregants in addressing childhood hunger.

Thank you for your incredible support. Our community is a better place to live because of you.

Sincerely,

Michael McDonald
Chief Executive Officer

Gift Received: 5/28/2020 Gift Amount: \$6,500.00 Pymt Info: 15410 5/14/2020 Ref#: 29694 Restriction: CNP

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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), Doc at (musicdoc@desertskiesumc.org) or Rev. Susan at (revsusan@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.

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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:

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Administered by the 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!

COVID-19 Resources - Pima County Interfaith

https://www.pimacountyinterfaith.org/covid19_resources