



# THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

July 21, 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 21-II Ki. 18, 19; II Chr. 32; Jas. 5

July 22-Is. 36, 37; Ps. 76; I Pet. 1

July 23-II Ki. 20; Is. 38, 39; Ps. 75; I Pet. 2

July 24-Is. 40-42; I Pet. 3

July 25-Is. 43-45; I Pet. 4

July 26-Is. 46-49; I Pet. 5

July 27-Is. 50-52; Ps. 92; II Pet. 1



## Grand Finale for Compassion Camp

Join us on Saturday, July 25th  
at 4:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/91226261367>

**Invitation: Compassion Camp/Story Time**  
**Weekly from 4pm to 5pm**  
**on Sundays through Aug 30th**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/91226261367>

**BE LOVED.**  
**BE KIND.**  
**BE YOU.**

## Update for Church Office

During this season of COVID-19, we are following safety protocol and practicing physical distancing. We have temporarily transitioned to Online access and our CHURCH CAMPUS IS CLOSED until further notice!

Tammy checks all phone messages/emails ([office@desertskiesumc.org](mailto:office@desertskiesumc.org)) daily, during office hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 am-4:00 pm.

If you have an emergency, please email~

**Rev. Candace:** ([revcandace@desertskiesumc.org](mailto:revcandace@desertskiesumc.org))

**Rev. Susan:** ([revsusan@desertskiesumc.org](mailto:revsusan@desertskiesumc.org))

**Doc:** ([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).

## DSUMC MISSION AND OUTREACH AT WORK



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.



### Online Worship at Desert Skies

#### Thank You Desert Skies!!!!

Worshipping with you while in Mandeville, LA.

I have been worshipping with you each week whether in Tucson or here in Mandeville with my daughter, and appreciate that all of you there have made this possible.

Much love and prayers to you,  
Martha Spore

### Announcements

It is with saddened hearts that we announce the passing of Cole Quilliam. Cole passed away on Wednesday, July 15th. Cards can be sent to Robin at: 6300 E. Speedway #1306, Tucson, Arizona-85710

#### 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>

#### 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](mailto: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=bHVwem9OMi9oYjNoK3ZWbDFBZktQT09>

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](mailto: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, South District



## **Our worship series “Connecting the Dots” 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 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.

### **Mondays at 10:00 am**

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/95036789720?pwd=bHVwem9OMi9oYjNoK3ZWbDFBZktOT09>

**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=aEpVUktQUWFxaVlxTUtjU3JQQUlyUT09>



## Just To Make You Smile....Do you recognize anyone?



### Stay-at-Home Stories

by Allison Roberts



Allison Roberts is just trying to stay sane and she can thank 30 golden angels for helping her out, courtesy of Pinterest!

Allison was looking for something to occupy her time in the early days of the pandemic and turned to the social networking site to find some craft ideas. She spotted a golden angel Christmas ornament and decided to give it try. She had all the necessary supplies on hand; gold ribbon, tiny gold balls, pipe cleaner for the halos and a glue gun. The angels kept her busy for about a week.

Allison is now teaching herself how to crochet and considering a project to make burlap wreaths.

Allison also is tending to a full house. Her son arrived in March from New York City and is working out of a spare bedroom and her niece recently moved in as well. Allison says between house cleaning and making dinner, it feels as if she's running a hotel!



Just a reminder...if you have a story to tell, send an email to [diane.b.thompson@icloud.com](mailto:diane.b.thompson@icloud.com)

ReSources  
Greater Vail Community ReSources  
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July 10, 2020

Desert Skies United Methodist Church  
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Dear Desert Skies United Methodist Church,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Greater Vail Community ReSources and our many volunteers, I thank you for your generous support! This gift expresses your commitment to our mission and has enabled us to serve hundreds of families in need of emergency food during these challenging weeks and months.

With your help, ReSources Vail Food Bank also can continue the "backpack" program which provides area students in need with weekend nutrition. In short, your support will allow ReSources to continue its role as a lifeline to the community of Vail.

Thank you for living our motto of "Neighbors helping Neighbors."

Sincerely,

Pamela S Kelty  
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## Prayer Requests

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

### Disaster Distress Helpline

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

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related to any disaster.

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- Free (standard data/text messaging rates may apply for the texting service)
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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)