



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

July 28, 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 you tube channel.

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

Bible Readings This Week

July 28-Is. 53-56; II Pet. 2

July 29-Is. 57-59; Ps. 103; II Pet. 3

July 30-Is. 60-62; Jn. 1

July 31-Is. 63, 64; Ps. 107; Jn. 2

Aug. 01-Is. 65, 66; Ps. 62; Jn. 3

Aug. 02-II Ki. 21; II Chr. 33; Jn. 4

Aug. 03-Nah. 1-3; Jn. 5



WELCOME HOME MIKE LEEDY!!!

A big welcome home to Mike Leedy who has just returned to Tucson after serving in Afghanistan for over a year.

We all thank Mike for his service and welcome him back home.



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) daily, during office hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 am-4:00 pm.

If you have an emergency, please email~

Rev. Candace: (revcandace@desertskiesumc.org)

Rev. Susan: (revsusan@desertskiesumc.org)

Doc: (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.



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.



**The YouTube link
will be posted each Thursday
in the blast.**

Announcements

In sadness, we share the news that Sylvia Mozur passed away on Sunday, July 19th, Vivian Whiteman passed away on Sunday, July 26th and Donna Littlefield passed away on Monday, June 29th. Prayers for their family and friends.

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>

Book Study "The Walk" by Adam Hamilton

Both campuses will start the study in September. The book is available on kindle or hard back through your favorite online book store. Please let Rev. Susan know if you need help securing a book. Please email her at: revsusan@desertskiesumc.org.

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.



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, South District

AUGUST

New Hope UMC, Tucson
St. James UMC, Tucson
Sierra Vista UMC, Sierra Vista

Stay-at-Home Stories by Diane Taylor

Moving to a new city is a challenge on a good day, but try doing it during a pandemic! That's what new DSUMC member Lezlie Cooper faced back in March when she packed up her belongings in Canyon, Texas (in the Panhandle) and headed for Arizona. To quote Lezlie, "Covid messed with everything"!

Lezlie's adventure played out like a Chevy Chase *Vacation* movie with one crazy thing after another! Lezlie's sister in California was supposed to help with the move, but the Golden State closed its borders, forcing Lezlie to move on her own with her dog Abigail riding shotgun.

Lezlie headed out behind the wheel of a diesel truck she didn't know how to drive, towing a 26-foot long Penske trailer plus her car! She took 4 different highways, drove through 3 states, crossed the Rockies and got lost a couple of times. Restaurant food was in short supply so she had to make due with okra and macaroni and cheese. About the time Lezlie was ready to cry, someone always came along to help "an old lady"! She feels blessed there were Angels along the way.

Lezlie tells me her family has a "Let's Don't Do This Again" list...and moving to a new state during a pandemic is the latest entry!

**** I'd love to tell your story!**

You can contact me at diane.b.thompson@icloud.com



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.

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....**And now every meeting has a password.** 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 start "The Walk" in September. Until then, we will be discussing the lectionary texts from the sermon when we meet.

Mondays at 10:00 am

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

Password: 118760

Thursdays at 10:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/98653811783?pwd=aEpVUktQUWFxaVxkTUtjU3JOQUlyUT09>

Password: 33879

DSUMC CHURCH COUNCIL AGENDA

July 28th at 7:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/96462747038?pwd=WlV6SkI5d0JhTVR0MXA5ckxmdEo5dz09>

Meeting ID: 964 6274 7038 Passcode: 068598

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

*** Prepare for our 'roasting sendoff' of Paige McDowell to her freshman year at Boise State. Come with stories of her youthful past at Desert Skies***

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 – Rev Susan Holden **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
- Highlights from committee reports and activities? –
 - o received Financials & Missions - Congregational Care, Finance, Foundation & Connect on hiatus.

LEADING – *Looking ahead to our upcoming ministries...* **7:45-8:15pm**

- Calendar updates and highlights
 Google Calendar to be initiated on Monday July 27th.
- Summer Children's Ministry - Compassion Camp & Story Time – Paige & Rev Candace
- Requests and Action Items from Ministry Teams
 Reopening plan update – DSUMC - Ken Winkelman & Flea Market – Max Crowell

NEW BUSINESS **8:15-8:30pm**

ACTION ITEMS

- Reminder to email using current Breeze info, not private email distribution lists.
- Send off for Miss Paige McDowell

CLOSING PRAYER – Jake Beverage

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

- Next Meeting: **August 25, 2020** – 7:00 pm
- Committee reports and Council agenda items due Aug 18th!
- Please drop off canned/boxed goods for our ELF ministry food pantry to the office Monday 9am to noon.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

	7-27 Google Calendar to be implemented	
AUG 2020	7-26 to 8-30 Famous Children's Stories Sundays 4 pm	<i>Christ Café</i> 2: _____ 9: _____ 16: _____ 23: <i>Flea Market</i> 30: <i>Trustees</i>
SEPT 2020		<i>Christ Café</i> 6: _____ 13: _____ 20: _____ 27: _____



August

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| 01 Judy Fox | 14 Mary Daly, Rose Muzzy |
| 02 Kayla Bording, Lainie Radomsky
Scott Radomsky, Aubrey Bever | 15 Lois Schram, Donna Langmead |
| 03 Janet Paullette | 16 Bill Conway, Alex "Doc" Shawn |
| 04 Kathy Merk, Barb Reuter | 19 Wally Jakubowski |
| 05 Nate Bly, Martha Spore | 20 Mitch Owen, Millie Koerber |
| 06 Jean Popovich | 21 Bryce Drummond |
| 07 Dick Bailey, Debbie Poisel
Miriam Parsons | 23 Joy Coffee, Laurie Crawford, Carrie
Radomsky |
| 08 Roger Aulds, Dori Pontifex, Emma Carruth | 24 Derek Lewis |
| 09 Barbara Baldwin | 25 Katie Beverage, Marion Huff, Samantha
Kiewel |
| 10 Ron Keilholtz | 28 Leo Nunez |
| 11 Carla Bailey, Bob Paullette | 30 Beth Ann Scully, Aloure Wolgemuth,
Ginnie Zidar |
| 12 Phyllis Kyte | 31 Sara Leedy, Stephanie Miller |
| 13 Jim Haag | |



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| 01 Paul & Sue Wicks | 23 Robert & Linda Dorsey |
| 04 Larry & Peggy Dunlap | 25 Jim & Connie Kraska |
| 07 Merrill & Elsie Heinz | 30 Bill & Marcus Conway |
| 10 Bob & Jan Paullette | 31 Fred & Toni Watts |
| 15 David & Adele Edwards | |
| 16 Rev. Dr. Mark & Rev. Dr. Candace Lansberry
Wally & Linda Jakubowski | |
| 19 Jack & Linda Van Straaten | |

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/>

Disaster Distress Helpline

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TEXT: "TalkWithUs" to 66746

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you care about may be feeling
related to any disaster.

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1-800-846-8517

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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!



Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
SAMHSA
www.samhsa.gov • 1-877-SAMHSA-7 (1-877-726-4272)

Administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) of the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS).

COVID-19 Resources - Pima County Interfaith

https://www.pimacountyinterfaith.org/covid19_resources