



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

June 30, 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

June 30-Amos 7-9; Ps. 104; Titus 2

July 01-Is. 1-3; Titus 3

July 02-Is. 4, 5; Ps. 115, 116; Jude

July 03-Is. 6, 7; II Chr. 26, 27; Philem.

July 04-II Ki. 15, 16; Hos. 1; Heb. 1

July 05-Hos. 2-5; Heb. 2

July 06-Hos. 6-9; Heb. 3

It's a **WELCOME** Party Parade!
for **Rev. Susan & Joe Holden**



Drive by, beep your horn and WAVE!

Sunday, July 5th

6pm - 7pm

**Houghton Campus,
outside Fellowship Hall**

Enter via the main entrance on Ft. Lowell, drive by, go around the back of the church, and exit onto Houghton.

Decorate your car with balloons, signs & streamers.

Optional: Bring a greeting card, gift card or tasty treat.

(There will be baskets to receive cards & gifts.)

If you wish to park, get out of your car and visit,
wear a mask and maintain 6' physical distance
from each other.



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-Beeagle%20Webinar%20Sept2018%20FINAL.pdf>

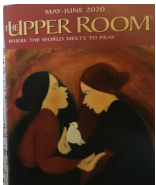
Join this time of sharing:

Monday, July 6, 10 a.m. through Monday, July 27

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>.

FLEA MARKET: DSUMC Support of CarePortal

Responders: 4 Responses: 62 Requests Met: 53 Children Served: 135 Economic Impact: \$56,006

Another way that Desert Skies helps those in need!

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/>

DSUMC Church Council
June 30, 2020 – 7:00 pm
<https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/154574935>

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

*****Reopening plans & congregational covenant documents are attached and must be read prior to the meeting for discussion and action.*****

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 – Paige McDowell 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, Connect, Missions & Congregational Care. Foundation on hiatus.

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

- ☐ Calendar updates and highlights
- ☐ Compassion Camp: Summer Children's Ministry –
- ☐ Requests and Action Items from Ministry Teams
 - Youth Summer Senior High Service Projects – Paige McDowell

NEW BUSINESS 8:15-8:30pm

- ☐ Reopening plan – Ken Winkelman
- ☐ Rev Susan Holden Welcome – Gail Remaly

ACTION ITEMS

- ☐ Approval of reopening plan and covenant -

CLOSING PRAYER – Jake Beverage

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

- ☐ Next Meeting: July 28, 2020 – 7:00 pm
- ☐ Committee reports and Council agenda items due July 18th!
- ☐ Please drop off canned/boxed goods for our ELF ministry food pantry to the office Monday 9am to noon.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

JUL 2020

6-21 to 7-19 Compassion Camp Sundays 4 pm

Christ Café

5: _____
12: Children's Ministry
19: _____
26: _____

AUG 2020

7-26 to 8-30 Famous Children's Stories Sundays 4 pm

Christ Café

2: _____
9: _____
16: _____
23: Flea Market
30: Trustees



COMPASSION CAMP!!

BE LOVED.
BE KIND.
BE YOU.

Compassion Camp will continue weekly through July 19th. 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!



At the Movies

Our worship series “At the Movies” 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 “Ralph Breaks the Internet” before worship on July 5th!!

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

Sermon: Ralph Breaks the Internet **Scripture:** Matthew 11:25-30



Stay tuned for our Next Ordinary Time Series 2: “Connecting the Dots.”

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

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>

Tuesday morning Zoom Meetings have been cancelled at this time.

Wednesday morning Zoom Meetings have been cancelled at this time.

Thursdays at 10:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/98653811783?pwd=aEpVUktQUWFxaVksTUtiU3JQOUlyUT09>

Announcement

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.

Vivian Whiteman, long time friend and member of Desert Skies before she moved to that Big City further north, is now in home hospice care. For us long timers, Vivian and husband Gene's home was a major Party House, they were host and hostess extraordinaire, as well as backbones for the church. She would love to hear from her Desert Skies friends.

Address is: 2645 E Southern Ave Apt A-487. Tempe, AZ. 85282

Thank You ~ Dear Church Family,

I want to thank everyone for the caring you have sent me. Too many names, too much love, all in Christ's name. Amen, Ed LeGendre



Stay-at-Home Stories

We haven't seen much of Raymond Ryder's face the past few months, but we've checked in with his hands and gotten a sneak peek at his feet! Desert Skies' very talented organist has been busy bringing us beautiful music during the pandemic. But, that's not all he's done to fill up his time.

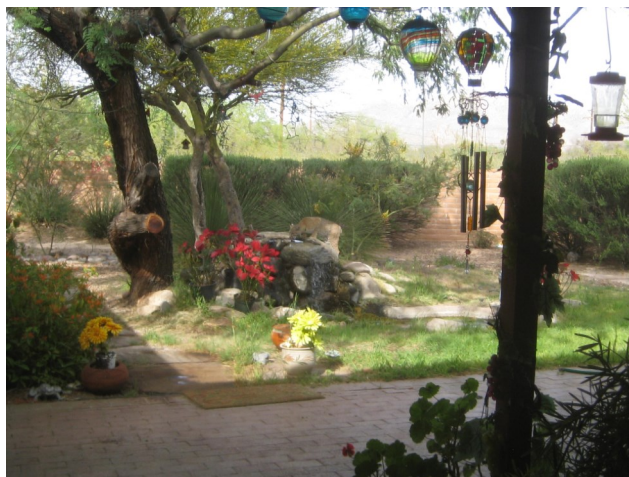
Raymond has also been teaching summer school at Pima Community College. Raymond says it's been a very interesting way to teach class piano since everything is virtual and all the students wear headsets. He says it's more time consuming for the students because they have to make videos of their performances for evaluation.

Raymond had a small emergency last week when his water heater gave out. Fortunately he was able to get a new one installed. You'll have to ask him whether he used the plumbers who sing on TV or the ones who dance!

Stay-at-Home Stories

On Sunday, right after Rev. Candace ended her sermon "Amen!", I saw movement in our back yard. Mrs. Bobcat chased a ground squirrel up a young mesquite tree. Ground Squirrel worked his way out to the furthest branch, Mrs. B followed, bending said branch dangerously double. Squirrel took a flying leap into the bushes and Mrs. Bobcat followed. Great amount of leaf shaking, dust flying and... we didn't see the end result. And that's okay. Later Mrs. reappeared, meandered around the yard, drank from the fountain and leaped up onto the wall, into the shade where she stretched out and viewed her kingdom.

Take care, stay safe, stay well, stay connected,
Pat Walker





July

01 Peggy Dunlap, Joan French
02 Patrick Coffee
03 Laura Henderson, Laura Louzensky,
Megan Husted
05 Bill Burke III
12 Jo Ann Rausch
13 Bill Baker, Pat Francis, Vern Walker,
Harlie Moffet, Mitch Moffet
15 Marjorie Simpson, Vicky Massek
17 Richard Danner, Joseph Ruggieri,
Becky Nelson
18 J.D. Metzger
19 John Brimley
20 Lynn Adams, Jim Boaz, Janet Holland,
Betty Ludlow, Lou Carpentier

21 Johnny Concienne
22 Marian Mosher
23 Mike Lewis, Sean Limesand
24 Mearl Frame, Jerry Myers,
Abby Goforth
25 Chuck Nelson
26 Jennifer McDowell, Addie Miller
27 Verna Mazur
28 "I" Schluchter, Ken Salber, Elsie
Heinz, Nola Bupp
29 Nancy Goforth, Mike Cline



04 Bob & Julie Jenkins
05 Nate & Bev Bly
08 Chris & Jean Biddick, Doug & Janet Holland
11 Richard & Mary Daly, Ken & Nancy Winkelmann
12 Ray Drury & Laurie Crawford,
Larry & Linda Feldman
13 Dick & Carla Bailey
18 Vern & Pat Walker

20 Pete & Shirley Bookman
21 Walt & Marian Mosher
24 Ed & Barb Crawford
26 Brett & Lisa McIntire
29 Bruce & Mary Broughton
Ralph & Susan Schild

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) or Doc at (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.

Disaster Distress Helpline


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

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1-800-985-5990

 **Text:**
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 **Visit:**
<http://disasterdistress.samhsa.gov>

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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, 7 days a week, year-round
- Free (standard data/text messaging rates may apply for the texting service)
- Answered by trained crisis counselors.

TTY for Deaf / Hearing Impaired:
1-800-846-8517

Spanish-speakers:
Text "Hablamos" to 66746

Disaster Distress Helpline

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TEXT: "TalkWithUs" to 66746

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 • 1-877-726-4727

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