



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

November 17, 2020

This Week At Desert Skies

This is just a reminder that during this season of COVID-19, we are following safety protocol and practicing physical distancing.

As the statistical data for COVID-19 in Pima County has shown improvement, we have been given some permissions to move toward a very gradual reopening, allowing for a gathering of 50 people. Sunday, November 15th at 10:00 am, we will offer In-Person Outdoor Worship at both campuses.

We have put all our safety protocols in place so you can be assured that when you do step onto the campus, it is as safe as we can make it.

For those who wish to worship from home we will continue our On-Line services at 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>
Stay tuned for further updates.

Invitation to Decorate for Advent

If you can help decorate the Sanctuary for Advent on Friday, November 20th at 9:00 am, please contact Sara Leedy at 419-957-8566 or email her at:

sara.Leedy@gmail.com

IN-PERSON OUTDOOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd at 10:00 am. Both Campuses!

Make your reservation for Sunday Services by calling the Church office at 749-0521 and leaving a message (**no later than 4:00 pm on Thursday, November 19th**) with your name, number of people attending, and which campus, or email your information to office@desertskiesumc.org. Looking forward to seeing you!



DRIVE-THRU PLEDGE SUNDAY

AND

HARVEST FESTIVAL



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020

4 P.M. UNTIL 5 P.M.

HOUGHTON CAMPUS

DROP YOUR PLEDGE CARD IN THE LITTLE
WHITE CHURCH WITH THE STEEPLE

FILL THE BASKETS WITH FRESH PRODUCE AND
HOMEMADE BREADS FOR
ST LUKE'S HOME AND CASA MARIA!!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AND SAYING
"THANK YOU" WITH A SMALL TREAT!





It's Stewardship Time....

A Pledge Week Thought from Finance Committee Member Frank Parsons:

Hello to the many people I haven't seen in awhile!

I am a member of the DSUMC Finance Committee; and as such, I get to see how our church puts to work our contributions to its stewardship. Along with that, I get to be a part of the discussions of how those valuable dollars will be used. It's now that time of the year when we are asked to consider those contributions.

We have an inviting attractive and functional campus. The wonderful warmth of our sanctuary...a quiet, thoughtful space where we can look forward to again spending that important hour or so each week...and the quiet and beautiful intimacy of our garden full of so many memories. We are, of course, looking forward to that time...we hope in the not too distant future...when we are able to say hello again to so many special friends under that delightful Ramada!

Then there are those spaces where we and our children receive a priceless and, quite appropriately, very unique education; spaces where we also enjoy an equally priceless fellowship on any number of occasions:

- where our children can enjoy our "Class A" playground;
- where we can savor the opportunity to enjoy the many different and incredibly surprising talents so prevalent among our congregation;
- where we can enjoy those delicious meals from that special kitchen where that wonderfully talented and inspired group so consistently comes up with great meals...for any occasion;
- where we like seeing how fast we can distribute that rice, mostly into bags, as part of that valuable assembly line producing meals for those needing them;
- and where once a year all that crazy Flea-Market-stuff takes over anything (well maybe not this year...but definitely later!)

And the people...now there's the magic of Desert Skies. They are the reason it is easy to decide our congregation is capable of just about anything we put our minds to. Outside of an awareness of our contributions to those many valuable missions that affect so many lives, there has been the wonderful opportunity to see and meet with a terrific group of people on Sundays and at church events. I have to confess that this is for me, in and of itself, a unique and matchless opportunity!

And somebody else has found out about who we are. Those in the organization our church is a part of are looking to us to start a third campus...an exciting opportunity for our community-oriented church...and not a bad compliment! We'll get some help from higher up; but this is something to which we'll also get to contribute to keep moving our church forward.

We as the members of our church are the source for this notable accomplishment. It's inevitable to think of doing because of who we are there a lot of ideas out there that need our attention and opportunities to make who we are go even further.

The most important bottom line...we are a unique bunch of people...and we are a source for so much of what is good in a world that certainly needs it! It just seemed right for me to put in writing how special each one of you is, and of how valuable all of us have been and are to so many things.

And as we continue to invest in the future, it's exciting thinking about how we will be able to continue impacting so many lives so successfully...simply continuing to grow what we are!

Thanks for letting me be a part of this!

Frank Parsons

Announcements

In Memoriam-It is with saddened hearts that we announce the passing of two of our members. Fred Watts passed away on Wednesday, November 4th and Karen Davis passed away on Monday, November 9th. Cards can be sent to Fred's wife, Toni Watts at 6251 S. Mesquite Trail, Tucson, AZ. 85747 and to Karen's family at 9942 E. Vicksburg St., Tucson, AZ. 85748.

Desert Skies Helps Vail Families at Thanksgiving-Thanks to your contributions again this year, Desert Skies will be able to do our part to help families in the Vail community to enjoy a basic Thanksgiving meal on November 26th. Your donations will be added to those of other churches and individuals in the community, with the help of St. Rita's in the Desert in the coming days. Together, we can do so much to encourage those who are struggling in our community.

Prayer Request-Wanda Chittenden submitted a prayer request: **Friday, November 20th** is Chris Crowder's 87th birthday. **He would enjoy birthday cards...**their new address is 14 Laurel Crest Dr., Brookline, NH 03033

The Zippy 49'ers Circle-will meet on **Wednesday, November 18th, at 9:30 am via Zoom**. We will have fellowship, prayer and a discussion of Chapter 9 in our book, *Everybody's Normal 'Till You Get to Know Them*. If you don't have the book, you will still enjoy participating. The topics are related to experiences we have all had as we journey through life. All women are welcome to attend.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/99574356851?pwd=cjJqdm5JTkE4YkpBOTBjWdN6cmZkdz09>

Meeting ID: 995 7435 6851

Passcode: 718771

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UMW General Meeting-Desert Skies UMC attendees, everyone is invited to join us for an wonderful UMW meeting on **Nov. 21st at 9:30AM via Zoom** (below are the details). Jan Van Buren will be presenting "Susan Angeline Collins: Methodist Missionary in Africa" based on her book *Susan Angeline Collins: With a Hallelujah Heart*. Hear about how Susan, a young African American woman, went from working for a Pastor to working in Angola. It will be a talk you won't want to miss.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/91616486642?pwd=TFB2bmtSRDR0SWsvMEg1Ujd1bTY4QT09>

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Passcode: 742329

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UMW COOKIE WALK-Due to COVID-19, the UMW has decided that we will not hold a Cookie Walk in December as we have done for so many years. Instead, we are planning, if the church is open then, to have a Cookie Walk prior to Easter. If you have any questions, please contact Adele Edwards.

Gathering a Team: We Need YOU-With the discovery that online worship is important to the life of Desert Skies moving forward, and moving into a new day for sound and media, we are looking for people to create a new team that will work the sound booth, help out with filming and/or live streaming, and figuring out how to put it all together. If you have the skills in any of these areas, or would like to learn, please let Rev. Candace know ASAP! You can email her at revcandace@desertskiesumc.org.

Weekly Walking Group-Everyone is welcome! Invite a friend to join, too! This joyful community is on the move, forming a much needed walking group in the Southeast part of town! Our purpose is to spend time enjoying some fun and conversation with others, to get some exercise and to appreciate God's beautiful, natural world. **We meet on Thursday mornings at 7:30 am at the entrance parking lot of Saguaro National Park, 3693 S. Old Spanish Trail.** Walkers set their own pace, or step up with a faster walker for more challenge. Whether you want to walk for 20 minutes or for 3 miles, there's a route for you! Pets are welcome but are only allowed on the paved road. "Bring your park pass if you have one. If not, you will be our guest for the first time." **For more information, contact Rev. Susan at 702-354-9317**

It's YOGA Time Again!! -Our favorite yoga teacher, Jennifer Sulger is back in business helping Desert Skies stay in shape. If you haven't participated in her classes before, this is your chance to join in and "get in shape". Jennifer will be offering two ways to join the Yoga class which takes place on Mondays at 12:00 pm via Zoom or in person in the Fellowship Hall beginning November 30th. If you are interested in joining Jennifer's classes, please email her at: drishtiyoquatucson@yahoo.com to get signed up as soon as possible and join her on Zoom or in person! **In person classes are limited to 9 people only and you must have a signed waiver on file with the church.**

Online Coffee Hours, Book Studies and Groups via Zoom 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.

Christ Café-join your friends face-to-face via Zoom each Sunday from 9:15-9:30 and 10:45-11
(immediately following the services).

Zoom link: <https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/94000601494?pwd=Yml0NWZ5K0FINjhLSGx3a1VrcWp6UT09>

Meeting ID: 940 0060 1494 **Passcode: 756768**

Vail Campus ~ Sunday Study Group- "It's a Wonder-full Life" NEW TIME ~ Afternoons at 2:30 pm!!

Join us at 10:00 am for In-Person Outdoor Worship at Mica Mountain or at 11:15 am on-line.

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

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/98182429071?pwd=NTRiZiNlbnhOdC9BS296WUJTRXFHQ09>

Meeting ID: 981 8242 9071 **Passcode: 317664**

Youth Group: Sundays at 1:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/93454802299?pwd=a0sxRHM4WE9IdXJGTlhSbnJJYUhlQ09>

Meeting ID: 934 5480 2299 **Passcode: 164946**

Mondays at 10:00 am: "Reply All, Science Vs. The Inquiry"

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/95036789720?pwd=bHVwem90Mi9oYjNoK3ZWbDFBZkt09>

Meeting ID: 950 3678 9720 **Passcode: 118760**

Nov. 23rd- Science Vs. Reparations: How could it work?

Tuesdays at 10:00 am-"It's a Wonder-full Life" Study Group

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/94684294715?pwd=K0xsSnVvTXJidXltSUozbGVBOVZ3dz09>

Meeting ID: 946 8429 4715 **Passcode: 098165**

Wednesdays at 5:00 pm-The Wired Word discussion group

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3644843031>

Meeting ID: 364 484 3031 **(NO PASSCODE NEEDED)**

Each week we send out two articles for discussion. We encourage people to read the articles before the meeting (although, that is not required) so that you can formulate your thoughts and questions and then, present them in an open, non-judgmental forum for further discussion within the group.

Thursdays at 10:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/98653811783?pwd=YVFVbFJCbHhzRVZuM2hJVkhOTmliOT09>

Meeting ID: 986 5381 1783 **Passcode: 333879**



Our Worship Stewardship Series “A Wonder-full Life” runs through Sunday, November, 22nd. Spiritual practice feeds that part of ourselves that is oriented toward serenity, harmony, truth, compassion, gratitude, love and joy. But these are not always words we use to describe the role of money in our lives.

In the classic film, “It’s a Wonderful Life,” a crisis of money creates vastly diverse reactions from several characters that can hold up a mirror to our own relationships with money. In this four week series, we will “look” squarely in the face of our money issues in compassionate ways that can offer more depth of meaning, healing, and wholeness and a whole new “outlook” on what constitutes a wonderful life.

November 22nd–24th Sunday after Pentecost ~ (Pledge Sunday, Harvest Sunday)
Sermon: Looking with Gratitude **Scripture:** Acts 4:32-35



WISH LIST

As we move into new stages of being church in a pandemic and beyond, there are things we need to do as a church to keep us all connected and safe. Therefore, we are creating this wish list, to which we will add as things come up...always a place for extra mile giving for those who feel called to do so. Thank you, Desert Skies, for your generosity.

Audio Visual Equipment to Live Stream and keep our Online Services going:

PTZ Optics Package

2 cameras at \$1,800 each

operating package for cameras \$700

Sanctuary Computer to run new systems \$2,000-3,000

Cable to wire Sanctuary to internet \$1,000

13 Air Conditioning Units at \$6, 500 each

The UMW Alternative Gift Program

United Methodist Women are again offering the Alternative Gift Giving Program. You choose gifts from these four agencies (2 are local and 2 are international) to “give” to your loved ones, they will receive a card telling them of your gift. The agencies will then provide food, shelter, income-producing animals, or disaster relief to those who are seriously in need. This is the 20th year of offering this program. In the previous 19 years we have given over \$54,000 through Alternative Gifts.

This year is the perfect time to give Alternative Gifts. You can avoid crowds and stay safe at home. Until the church is open again, the “shopping lists” will be in the newsletter each Tuesday. You can print them out, 2 on a page. After you have filled out the information, send the forms and your check to Jeanne Myers, 2431 S. Placita Carrasco, 85748; or drop them off after you call (520-730-9755) to check that I am home. I will prepare the cards for your loved ones and deposit the check with our UMW treasurer. If you have business in the church office, I will have an Alternative Gift box there to drop off your forms and check.

HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL ALTERNATIVE GIFT GIVING FORM

ITEM	COST	QTY	TOTAL
Starter flock of chicks, ducks, or geese	\$ 20		
Honeybees	\$30		
Trio of rabbits	\$60		
Share of a rabbit	\$10		
Tree seedlings	\$60		
Share of tree seedlings	\$10		
Pig	\$120		
Share of a pig	\$10		
Sheep	\$120		
Share of a sheep	\$10		
Goat	\$120		
Share of a goat	\$10		
Llama	\$150		
Share of a llama	\$20		
Water buffalo	\$250		
Share of a water buffalo	\$25		
Share of a heifer	\$50		
Total gift to Heifer Project			

Your name and phone number:

Name and address of person honored:

Mr. ___ Mrs. ___ Ms. ___ Dr. ___

Please make all checks payable to:

Desert Skies United Methodist Women.

Thanks!



TUCSON COMMUNITY FOOD BANK ALTERNATIVE GIFT GIVING FORM

ITEM	COST	QTY	TOTAL
Emergency food box for one person	\$6		
Emergency food box for family of four	\$10		
Snack Pack Program	\$15		
80 boxes mac & cheese	\$20		
120 meals	\$30		
3 canisters infant formula	\$25		
160 meals	\$40		
Fuel for CFB collection truck	\$45		
200 meals	\$50		
Total gift to Community Food Bank			

Your name and phone number.

Name and address of person honored

Mr. _____ Mrs. _____ Ms. _____ Dr. _____

Please make all checks payable to:
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Thanks!



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, TUCSON : ALTERNATIVE GIFT GIVING FORM

ITEM	COST	QT	TOTAL
timber framing 2X4s	\$5		
sturdy plywood sheathing	\$10		
interior drywall panel	\$15		
50 lb. (lots of) nails	\$20		
cozy blanket of insulation	\$25		
part of the water heater	\$30		
rainproof roofing materials	\$35		
let there be light fixtures	\$40		
a share of the windows	\$45		
open the kitchen door	\$50		
Welcome! Part of the front door	\$55		
keep clean with part of a sink	\$60		
TOTAL FOR HABITAT			

Your name and phone number.

Name and address of person honored

Mr. _____ Mrs. _____ Ms. _____ Dr. _____

Please make all checks payable to:
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Thanks!

UMCOR ALTERNATIVE GIFT GIVING FORM

ITEM	COST	QTY	TOTAL
Serve a child one hot meal a day	\$ 1		
Plant ten seedlings for erosion control	\$1		
Immunize a child against TB, measles, polio, tetanus, etc.	\$5		
Provide blankets, food, water for US disaster victim	\$10		
Tents, pure water, blankets for international disaster victim	\$10		
Provide a camping experience for a mentally & physically challenged refugee child	\$15		
Teach a woman to read and write	\$15		
Help a refugee return home or find safety in a new one	\$20		
Support hunger projects in the US & throughout the world	\$25		
Help ship material resources where they are needed	\$30		
Join Bread for the World as a family and become advocates for policies that fight hunger and poverty	\$35		
TOTAL GIFT TO UMCOR			

Your name and phone number:

Name and address of person honored:

Mr. _____ Mrs. _____ Ms. _____ Dr. _____

Please make all checks payable to:
Desert Skies United Methodist Women.
Thanks!

Bible Readings This Week

Nov. 17-II Cor. 7-10

Nov. 18-Ps. 124; II Cor. 11-13

Nov. 19-Mt. 1-4

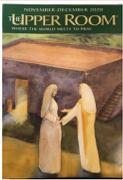
Nov. 20-Mt. 5-7

Nov. 21-Mt. 8-10

Nov. 22-Mt. 11-13

Nov. 23-Mt. 14-16

If you would like a bookmark mailed to you for the months of October, November and December, please email Tammy at office@desertskiesumc.org with your request and one will be mailed to you.



November/December 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.

NOVEMBER

Trinity UMC, Bisbee

UMC of the Good Shepherd, Kearny

Willcox UMC, Willcox

Finance Team

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When you shop at AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com. By naming "Desert Skies United Methodist Church" as the charity of your choice, AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the church.

Thanks to all who have named Desert Skies as the charity of their choice!

Prayer Requests

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

Update for Church Office

During this season of COVID-19, we are following safety protocol and practicing physical distancing. Currently, our office staff is still working from home on a day to day basis.

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.

Disaster Distress Helpline

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

 **Call us:**
1-800-985-5990

 **Text:**
'TalkWithUs' to 66746

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

 **Like us on
Facebook:**
[http://facebook.com/
distresshelpline](http://facebook.com/distresshelpline)

 **Follow us on
Twitter (@distressline):**
<http://twitter.com/distressline>

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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 "Hablanos" to 66746

Disaster Distress Helpline

PHONE: 1-800-985-5990
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