



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

November 24, 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.

IN-PERSON OUTDOOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29th 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 Wednesday, November 25th**) with your name, number of people attending, and which campus, or email your information to office@desertskiesumc.org. Looking forward to seeing you!

THANK YOU DESERT SKIES!

Missions and Stewardship appreciate all that you do to support our DSUMC budget with your pledges and giving, and your continuous support of our outreach to the elderly and marginal of our community even during COVID. Our one hour Pledge Sunday/ Harvest Festival was a huge success with a steady stream of cars bringing bags of produce, loaves of homemade Holiday breads and your 2021 pledge cards.

We owe a special thanks to the Flea Market for the flat-bed trailer, TROT through Becky Noel for allowing us to borrow 3 bales of hay overnight, Ken Winkelmann and Rev. Susan and Joe Holden for transporting the bales to and from the church and the youth of the Drummond and Eader families for all of the unloading and loading for delivery to Casa Maria and St Luke's Home. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO DIANE ELLISON for baking, decorating and individually wrapping nearly 150 of her yummy special cookies as a "Thank You" from Desert Skies to each member of each family.

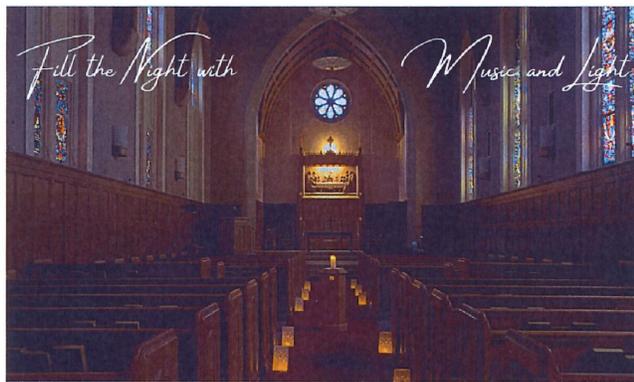


Advent and Christmas at Desert Skies

3255 N. Houghton Rd.

www.desertskiesumc.org

520-749-0521



“Fill the Night with Music and Light...”
an Advent/Christmas Worship Series beginning
November 29
Online at 8:30, 10 and 11:15 am
In-person at 10 am at both campuses
(with reservations and following all covenant protocols).

The opening words of an anonymous Jewish poet, “I believe in the sun, even when the sun is not shining,” were scrawled on a wall during the Holocaust. This theme song for our season and the power of narrative and music will call us to a challenging response to the world around us— transformation and reconciliation through hope, love, joy, and peace. This Advent and Christmas, let us fill the night with music and light and affirm and act on the reasons why we can still believe, even when we are discouraged.

See website for details and registration for all events, activities and Zoom links..

CHRISTMAS EVE ONLINE

7:30 pm Candlelight, Choirs and Carols

CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE HOUGHTON CAMPUS

3255 N. Houghton

6:00 pm Walk-through Nativity Pilgrimage

7:30 pm Candlelight and Carols

9:30 pm Candlelight, Carol, and Communion

CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE VAIL CAMPUS

10800 E. Valencia

6 pm Family Service with
Praise Band, Candlelight and
Impromptu Nativity



Christmas Offering supports scholarships for students at Africa University. Desert Skies is also supporting local families with Christmas Gifts and food as well as providing an alternate gift selection through our UMW.

Zoom Advent Studies

*Beginning week of
November 29*

The Power of Music

A look at the music of resistance through film. We will watch five movies showing how music has changed the world and discuss them.

Also available as a family or individual study.

Monday at 10 am
Wednesday at 5 pm

Incarnation

A study by Adam Hamilton

Sundays at 2:30 pm
Tuesdays at 10 am

Zoom Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, December
12th at 1:00 pm
Singing, crafts, stories
and games!



Our Advent/Christmas: “Fill the Night with Music and Light” Worship Series begins on November 29th and runs through Sunday, December 27th.

The history of humanity is fraught with pain—especially the pain that comes accompanied by fear and leads to oppression and violence of one people against another. This is the world into which Jesus was born and through which his teachings would challenge and call for transformation.

The opening words of an anonymous Jewish poet, “I believe in the sun, even when the sun is not shining,” were scrawled on a wall during the Holocaust. This theme song for our season calls us to examine our penchant for annihilating fear by annihilating each other. The power of narrative and music will call us to a different response— transformation and reconciliation through hope, love, joy, and peace. This Advent and Christmas, let us fill the night with music and light and affirm and act on the reasons why we can still believe, even when we are discouraged.

November 29th-1st Sunday of Advent

Sermon: “I Believe in the Sun: Hope for Tomorrow”

Scripture: “Prepare the way...”

December 6th-2nd Sunday of Advent

Sermon: “I Believe in Love: Daring Right Relationship”

Scripture: Mathew 1:23 and Isaiah 7:14

December 13th-3rd Sunday of Advent

Sermon: “I Believe in God: Ode to Joy”

Scripture: Luke 1:52 and Isaiah 57:15b

December 20th-4th Sunday of Advent

Sermon: “I Believe in the Light: Illuminating Peace”

Scripture: John 1:3-4 and Isaiah 9:6

December 24th-Christmas Eve

Sermon: “We Believe, Even Now”

Scripture: Luke 2:13-14 and Isaiah 52:7

December 27th-1st Sunday after Christmas Day

Sermon: “Believe This: The Time has Come”

Scripture: Luke 2:31-32 and Isaiah 62:1

ADVENT

Our image for Advent this year is luminaries. *En Erebos Phos*, as the saying goes — In darkness, there is light. Though most of us are not meeting in person right now, wouldn't it be fun to witness to our faith by placing one or more luminaries out in front of our houses? Here is a simple way to make a luminary, but pinterest also has some fun ideas as well. Be creative. Then, on Christmas Eve, whether it's walk through (details to follow) or in-person, we will encourage you to bring your luminaries to church to light the path for us all!! May you have a wonderful Advent!

<https://www.almanac.com/content/how-make-luminarias>

Advent Wreath Lighting at Home

We would like to encourage all of you to participate in the ritual of waiting for the light, and invite our whole community to set up their own Advent wreath at home.

In our worship, we include a line of instruction from the pastor to invite participants to light the candle of the week during the service. There are some cool DIY posts on Pinterest showing how to make a wreath at home. Search for “DIY Advent wreath” to find ideas to spark your crafting creativity or **we have made tabletop paper Advent Wreaths for your use with our online services. If you would like one, please contact Doc.** You might even consider making your living room one big Advent wreath with a candle in each corner so you feel surrounded by hope, love, joy, and peace.

Advent Studies:

Vail Campus ~ Sunday Study Group: Incarnation (Adam Hamilton)

Sunday afternoons at 2:30 pm-beginning on Sunday, December 6th.

Please purchase Adam Hamilton's book, *Incarnation*, or just join us for discussion and learning.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/98182429071?pwd=NTRiZlNlbnhOdC9BS296WUJTRXFHOT09>

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

Mondays at 10:00 am: The Power of Music in the Midst of Difficult Times

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/95036789720?pwd=bHVwem90Mi9oYjNoK3ZWbDFBZkttQT09>

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

Tuesdays at 10:00 am-Incarnation (Adam Hamilton)

Please purchase Adam Hamilton's book, *Incarnation*, or just join us for discussion and learning.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/94684294715?pwd=K0xsSnVvTXJidXltSUozbGVbOVZ3dz09>

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

Wednesdays at 5:00 pm-The Power of Music in the Midst of Difficult Times ~ Led by Doc

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

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

Wednesdays at 5:00 pm-The Wired Word ~ Led by Mary Ellen Dawson

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/94211891035?pwd=TDZyeWcrU2tlZ01NR1ZDRmNGWDErdz09>

Meeting ID: 942 1189 1035 **Passcode:** 058486

(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.)

Documentary Links for discussion on:

11/30 and 12/2 - **Defiant Requiem**

https://www.amazon.com/Defiant-Requiem-Lindsay-Hopper/dp/B07BLRJKZ6/ref=sr_1_1?crid=DRTRGGB4TYRE&dchild=1&keywords=defiant+requiem&qid=1598832400&sprefix=defiant+req.aps.214&sr=8-1

12/7 and 12/9 - **Girls on the Wall**

https://www.amazon.com/Girls-Wall-Heather-Ross/dp/B00GWQXB5C/ref=tmm_aiv_swatch_0?_encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=

12/14 and 12/16 - **Following the Ninth**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EPWpV3BWLJs&t=5s>

12/21 and 12/23 - **Sweet Honey on the Rock: Raise Your Voice!**

<https://www.amazon.com/Sweet-Honey-Rock-Raise-Voice/dp/B004QFSKKC>

12/28 and 12/30 - **The Singing Revolution**

https://www.amazon.com/Singing-Revolution-Estonian-Chorus/dp/B003PH3RY6/ref=sr_1_1?crid=31SYP9ANXE2EQ&dchild=1&keywords=the+singing+revolution&qid=1598836937&sprefix=the+singing+revolution.aps.202&sr=8-1

Online Groups via Zoom to Help us Stay Connected!!

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=YmI0NWZ5K0FhLjNlSGx3a1VrcWp6UT09>

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

Vail Campus ~ Sunday Study Group will not meet this week. See you at 2:30 pm on Sunday, December 6th.

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

Youth Group: Sundays at 1:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/93454802299?pwd=a0sxRHM4WE9ldXJGTlhSbnJJYUhhIQT09>

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

Thursdays at 10:00 am –We will not meet this week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday!

Local Cub Scout Pack Service Project

PACK 186 WEBELOS 2-HOSTING FOOD AND DIAPER DRIVE

LETS SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY!!!

Hello!

We are Webelos from Cub Scout Pack 186.

Need knows no season, and with the pandemic many families in our community are struggling. Please help us build a better world by bringing non perishable food items and diapers (adult or infant) for our drive thru service project. Items donated will go to the Southern Arizona Community Food bank and to the Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona.

We are hoping all scouting units in the area will participate. *** Lets see which unit can donate the most ~ A friendly scouting competition! *** Winning unit will receive a ribbon for their Unit Flag.

WHEN: Sunday, December 6th from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

WHERE: Aqua Caliente Elementary School Parking Lot
1420 E Limberlost Rd, Tucson, AZ 85749

WHAT: This is a socially distanced drive thru event - please ensure your items are in plastic grocery bags or boxes - please stay in your car - please wear a mask as parents/scouts come to collect your items.

Hope to see you then! Thank you for helping us Build a better world!

MISSIONS/SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

The Pastor of Tonga UMC in Mesa AZ came on Sat 11/21 with a crew to pick up the 200 UMCOR flood relief buckets, with extra supplies. Pastor Tim Piukala said the buckets are to be shipped to the Tongan Islands for use by neighbors in need suffering from flooding secondary to cyclones last month.

Special thanks to Brian and Barbara Drummond and the Radomsky family for assisting with loading! Again, kudos to our Missions Team and UMYF for assembly. And many, many thanks to our generous congregation and our Flea Market, along with grants from Thrivent and Walmart, with bucket donations from Ace Hardware and Home Depot, for donating the funds & supplies to complete this worthwhile project!



Missions and Social Concerns

We want to let the Congregation know that your donations are being put to work both here and abroad. Thank you for your generosity Desert Skies!!



A Division of The Hope Coalition

605 N. Santa Cruz Blvd.
Eloy, AZ 85131
520-466-3445

October 25, 2020

Desert Skies
% Missions Committee
3255 N. Houghton Rd
Tucson, AZ 85749

Dear Desert Skies,

Thank you so much for your donation of food and a check for \$1,000.00. It is greatly appreciated. Your donation will assist us in purchasing turkeys and all the fixings during the Holiday season for the needy families in Eloy.

So far this year we served 2,435 families
Representing 8,442 people
And 3,478 boxes

Again, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Alice Brown

Alice Brown
Director/Treasurer
Eloy Food Bank
4100 N. Romero Road Lot 204
Tucson, AZ 85705
520-247-6972
Aabrown1@comcast.net



The Dream is Alive!

Africa University Development Office

James H. Salley — Associate Vice-Chancellor for
Institutional Advancement

Changing Africa: Learning Here. Living Here. Leading Here.

June 25, 2020

Ms. Barbara Reuter, Co-Chairperson
Missions/Social Concerns Committee
Desert Skies United Methodist Church
3255 N. Houghton Road
Tucson, AZ 85749

Dear Ms. Reuter:

Grace and Peace to you, the members of the missions/social concerns committee, and the Desert Skies Church family!

We thank the Desert Skies Church family for its generous gift of Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Ninety (\$11,690.00) Dollars, which has been designated for the Africa University **Direct Scholarships Fund** for scholarship support for **Yurica Jeje** and **Hector Tiago** for the 2020-2021 academic year. Yurica and Hector are blessed to be among the cadre of scholars whom you have already educated and who are transforming their communities. We will follow up regarding the status of Hector Tiago and inform you accordingly.

In March, Africa University moved its teaching, learning and related activities online to ensure that students' academic progress continued uninterrupted because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Students are completing competency-based examinations through online platforms. University staff in roles that are deemed essential are reporting to work at the main campus at Old Mutare and the AU Development Office staff are working remotely.

Your ongoing engagement in the mission and ministry of, "The School of Dreams" is greatly appreciated. Please pray without ceasing for Africa University and we will do the same for you. May you and the Desert Skies Church family remain safe and healthy.

Kindest regards,

Josefa E. Bethea Wall
Interim Director of Planned Giving

JEBW/sd

Enclosure: Receipt # 27775217

cc: Rev. Dr. Candace Lansberry, Senior Pastor (**transmitted electronically**)
Dr. and Mrs. Bruce D. Broughton (**transmitted electronically**)

Announcements

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: drishtiযোগতুসন@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.**

Special Offering-United Methodist Student Day is this Sunday, November 29, 2020: One of the special Sundays authorized by the General Conference to be observed with an offering on the Sunday after Thanksgiving. The purpose of United Methodist Student Day is to call upon the denomination to support United Methodist students as they prepare for life by adding knowledge to their faith. The funds received from the offering go into the United Methodist Student Loan Fund to underwrite scholarships for United Methodist students. The fund is administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. If you find it in your heart to donate this Sunday, please make checks payable to: Desert Skies UMC and in the memo write **United Methodist Student Day** or you can donate on line by clicking this link: <https://desertskiesumc.org/donate/>. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Thanksgiving Holiday-This is just a reminder that the office will be closed on Thursday and Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. The staff continues to work from home on a day to day basis.



To the Congregation of Desert Skies,

As a staff, we would like to wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving! May your day be full of love, laughter and joy and may you feel Gods presence around you. Let us give thanks for all the blessings in our lives and remember the grace that our loving Father has for all of us.

Blessings,

Rev. Candace, Rev. Susan, Doc, Raymond, Scott, Teresa and Tammy.



DSUMC Church Council

November 24, 2020 – 7:00 pm

<https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/96462747038?pwd=WIV6SkI5d0JhTVR0Mk5kcmxmdEo5dz09>

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

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 – round table

“What I have a sense of wonder about is... “
[something awesome about the about the work of the church that is happening now]
“What I wonder is, what if...”
[a vision of what could be possible in the church’s future work]
[End with something like...] “I am so grateful that Desert Skies United Methodist Church is part of my ‘wonder-full life.’”

LEARNING

What have I learned on Church Council – outgoing members

7:20-7:40pm

- Approval of previous month’s Council minutes
- Committee reports from Connect, Finance, Trustees, Missions, Children’s Ministry & Congregational Care

LEADING – Looking ahead to our upcoming ministries...

7:40-7:45pm

- Calendar updates and highlights – Jeann
- Introduce new chairs and round table introductions with your position for 2020 and what you are looking for in your area.
- Requests and Action Items from Ministry Teams
 - Reopening plan update – DSUMC - Ken Winkelmann
 - Foundation news – Mimi Salber

NEW BUSINESS

7:40-8:00pm

- Advent 2020 at Desert Skies
- District Day of Learning on Racism January 30th

ACTION ITEMS

CLOSING PRAYER – Doc Shawn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

- Next Meeting: **January 26, 2020** – 7:00 pm
- Committee reports and Council agenda items due Jan 18th!
- Please drop off canned/boxed goods for our ELF ministry food pantry to the office Monday 9am to noon.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Nov 2020	Christ Café
Dec 2020	Christ Café
	11-29 – 12-20 Advent 12-24 Christmas services
Jan 2021	Christ Café

1-30-2021 District Day of Learning on Racism



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:
Desert Skies United Methodist Women
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:
Desert Skies United Methodist Women
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. 24-Mt. 17-19

Nov. 25-Mt. 20-22

Nov. 26-Mt. 23-25

Nov. 27-Ps. 125; Mt. 26, 27

Nov. 28-Mt. 28; I Th. 1-3

Nov. 29-I Th. 4, 5; II Th. 1-3

Nov. 30-Rom. 1-4

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

You shop. Amazon gives.



**Do you make online purchases from Amazon?
Have you tried AmazonSmile?**

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support Desert Skies UMC every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones.

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

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to get help and support
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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

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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 ..."*

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and Human Services (HHS).

COVID-19 Resources - Pima County Interfaith

https://www.pimacountyinterfaith.org/covid19_resources