

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

December 15, 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 a spike in numbers, we have suspended our In-Person Outdoor Worship Services at both campuses.

We are planning some less than 10 person worship opportunities, and we will have 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, so stay tuned!

For those who wish to join us on Sunday mornings from home, we continue to offer 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.



CHRISTMAS FOR CASA MARIA

A Desert Skies toy delivery was made to Casa Maria Thursday morning in spite of the Pandemic. Not being able to gather the usual toys for the children of homeless and low income families during a November three-day Flea Market, we came up with Plan B.

In the last two months our Flea Market workers, who continue to sort weekly, and John Hokanson collected three bags of stuffed toys and a box of like-new toys for boys. Hearing about this, Peggy Dunlap gave a large bag of Teddy bears and puppy dogs, and Donna Sisley brought 40 brand new Beanie Babies all the way from California. **THANK YOU, DESERT SKIES!**





Blue Christmas Worship Service Sunday, December 20th ~ 6:00 pm Online and in person at the Houghton Campus



Throughout Advent we have proclaimed hope, love, joy, and peace in the midst of difficulty. Our faith story is grounded in the presence of God that came and dwelt among us in the midst of hardship. And on the "longest night"—the Winter Solstice, we acknowledge the grief, loss, and deep disappointment we may also be experiencing during this season. The anticipation of renewed grief as Christmas Eve approaches can be difficult to bear for many. Ritual helps us move through these feelings and funnel our heartbreak in ways that, while not alleviating it totally, gives space for a tangible remembering. This will be especially important this year, because we often were not able to gather and ritualize our loss in the ways we usually do. For those attending in person, masks will be required, along with safe distancing protocols.

Missions/Social Concerns Committee

Missing the Shoebox Ministry???

Due to the COVID Pandemic there will not be a Shoebox Project this Christmas. However, your Mission Committee has organized two wonderful alternatives. We are assisting 20 families who are struggling during this very difficult time. The majority of these families are participants in our tutoring program and have attended youth groups, vacation bible school, music camp and other children's programs.

We are partnering with Safeway to provide 20 Christmas Turkey Dinners and with Rincon Rotary to provide grocery gift cards and Christmas presents. The Flea Market is providing furniture for two families transitioning from homeless status to independent living housing and members from our congregation have already adopted two families for Christmas gifts, trees and/or lights.

I realize that Christmas is almost upon us but there is still time to be part of this very special mission project. There are four main opportunities to participate.

- 1) Adopt a family by providing gifts that are specific to the needs and requests of each family member. We will get ages, sizes, gender and wish lists for each child and perhaps identify a special family item that can serve the household. We have families with 2 and up to 7 members in the home.
- 2) Donate money to the project.
- 3) Provide an individual gift or gifts specifically requested by a family or family member.
- 4) Help with shopping using already donated funds.

If we have more participation or donations than we need I will reach out to additional families or perhaps you might know of a family needing a little extra support.

If you are interested in participating please call the church office or contact Fred Killion by text or phone at 520-270-5957 or email to fredkillion@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA

Another wonderful opportunity is to donate new unwrapped board games to families where children have been victims of child abuse and maltreatment. These can be dropped off at the church office. Ken and Nancy Winkelmann have volunteered to deliver them to the Advocacy Center where they will be collected and delivered to the children. If you have any questions please contact Ken at 520-400-8308.

Merry Christmas and God Bless!!!!



Farewell Drive By for the McNarys

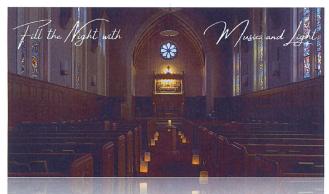
We said goodbye to a wonderful couple, Chuck and Sandra McNary, this past Sunday. They are relocating to the Albuquerque area. Thanks for all you did for Desert Skies. You will be missed!

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 Special Blue Christmas Service on December 20 at 6 pm

(All on Campus Services below subject to COVID-19 data, please check the website for updates)

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.

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, Carols, 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.

Mondays at 10 am

Incarnation

A study by Ada 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

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

Advent Studies:

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

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. 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=NTRiZINIbXhOdC9BS296WUJTRXFHQT09

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=bHVwem9OMi9oYjNoK3ZWbDFBZkttQT09

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=K0xsSnVvTXJidXltSUozbGVBQVZ3dz09

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?

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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=YmI0NWZ5K0FlNjhLSGx3a1VrcWp6UT09

Meeting ID: 940 0060 1494 Passcode: 756768

Youth Group: Sundays at 1:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting: https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/93454802299?pwd=a0sxRHM4WE9IdXJGTlhSbnJJYUhIQT09

Meeting ID: 934 5480 2299 Passcode: 164946

Thursdays at 10:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting: https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/98653811783?pwd=YVFVbFJCbHhzRVZuM2hJVkhOTmliQT09

Meeting ID: 986 5381 1783 Passcode: 333879



Our Advent/Christmas: "Fill the Night with Music and Light" Worship Series 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.

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.

ELF MINISTRY FOOD PANTRY

Your continuous donations have fed many families during this COVID crisis, and the requests for food boxes have increased in this last month. The blue ELF Ministry bin is in front of the church office every Monday from 9 until noon.

Here is a list of the items we need:

shelf (boxed) milk cereal

peanut butter canned heat and eat meals (eg: raviolis, spaghettios, beefaroni)

pasta (tomato) sauce jello (ready to eat in cups)
pasta pudding (ready to eat in cups)

macaroni & cheese canned fruit

soup with vegetables and meat red, black, pinto and kidney beans (canned or dried)

canned meat (chicken, tuna, spam)

You are the reason that we are able to continue this important outreach to our community.

Thank you, DESERT SKIES, for all that you do!

Desert Skies Vail Campus: Mica Mountain

The Desert Skies Vail Campus worshipers so enjoyed the Sundays that we were able to gather for in-person worship in the outdoor Amphitheatre, also called "The Valley," at Mica Mountain High School during November. We are sad that the rise in Coronavirus cases necessitated that we suspend those services for a while. But we are so grateful for the gracious assistance of the school and for the ways that the staff and teachers welcome us to be at the school in support of them during the year.

As a way of saying "Thank you," and of supporting and encouraging the teachers and staff of Mica Mountain High School, volunteers from the Desert Skies Vail campus, hosted a lunch for them last Friday, and gave a "Blessing for Your Stressing" gift to brighten the holiday season. The teachers were so appreciative of our gifts, and several expressed the need for prayers for the this week, which is finals week.

Volunteers were, Marty Bond, Cheryl Beaumeister, Lezlie Cooper, Laura McKay, and Barb Reuter. Wendy McInnis and Heather Abaldo were the creative minds and hands who made the "Blessing for Your Stressing" gifts.



A Friendly Reminder

The City of Tucson is providing wireless access to members of the community to support remote learning, telework, and access to virtual services. Due to funding limitations, the program **only has 5,000 routers** available for distribution. The applicant must:

- live in a coverage area
- be 18 or older as of October 31, 2020
- must have experienced financial hardship due directly to COVID
- You must have a household member who meets **one** of the following criteria:
 - 1. Is a school age child or enrolled college student who is remote schooling at least 1 day a week and requires internet connectivity
 - 2. Is 60 years of age or older
 - 3. Has a health condition that puts them in the COVID high risk category.

Applications will be processed starting on **December 9, 2020**. The application period will close on **December 21, 2020** and notification of application approval will go out to applicants during the week of December 31, 2020. Internet services will be available until **December 31, 2021** to those who qualify and are selected through an application process. This Community Wireless Program is paid for through funds received from the Federal CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund.

Their website is also live and has a lot of information on it regarding the program, eligibility, and the application process.

Here is the url: https://wifi-pilot.tucsonnetlink.com/

Announcements

<u>A Friendly Reminder</u>-You will receive your weekly Eblast Skyline Newsletter on Tuesday, December 22nd and this will be a 2 week Newsletter due to the Christmas/New Years Holiday. Tammy is on vacation from Monday, December 30th-Sunday, January 3rd. If you have any information that needs to go into the Eblast for those 2 weeks, please submit it to Tammy no later than Monday, December 21st. Thank you.

The Zippy 49er's Circle-will hold a Zoom Christmas gathering on Wednesday morning, December 16th, at 9:30 A.M. We will enjoy a time of fellowship, sharing of special Christmas memories, devotions, prayer, and games. All ladies are invited to attend.

Join Zoom Meeting:

https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/99574356851?pwd=cjJqdm5JTkE4YkpBQTBjWDN6cmZkdz09

Meeting ID: 995 7435 6851

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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: drishtiyogatucson@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.



A Note from Children's Ministry

On Saturday the children celebrated at the Children's Christmas Gathering – Zoom Party. We celebrated together with a "Christmas is Coming" story book, trivia games, a talking Christy Bird and even a "snoring" Santa…..that later came to visit us too!

Our winners for the guessing games were Zoey Bever, Claire Beverage and Luke Coffee! We had a great time and "thank you" for all who participated on Saturday to make this a special time for our children!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!

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:

1 camera at \$1,800

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

For those who would like to contribute to the purchase of these items but cannot manage the whole purchase, wish list sharing is an option. Just put wish list on the memo line of your check, and we will use it along with other gifts. Thank you.



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 COST QTY TOTAL ITEM Starter flock of chicks \$ 20 Your name and phone number: ducks, or geese Honeybees \$30 Trio of rabbits Share of a rabbi \$10 Tree seedlings \$60 \$10 Name and address of person honored \$120 Share of a pig \$10 Mr.___ Mrs. ___ Ms. ___ Dr. ___ Sheep \$120 Share of a sheep Goat \$120 Share of a goat \$10 Llama \$150 Share of a llama \$20 Water buffalo \$250 Please make all checks payable to: Share of a water buffalo \$25 Share of a heifer Desert Skies United Methodist Women. \$50 Total gift to Heifer Proiect



TUCSON COMMUNITY FOOD BANK ALTERNATIVE GIFT GIVING FORM

ITEM	COST	QTY	TOTAL	Your name and phone number.	
Emergency food box for one person	\$6				
Emergency food box for family of four	\$10				
Snack Pack Program	\$15			Name and address of person honored	
80 boxes mac & cheese	\$20			Mr Mrs Ms Dr	
120 meals	\$30				
3 canisters infant formula	\$25				
160 meals	\$40				
Fuel for CFB collection truck	\$45			Please make all checks payable to: Desert Skies United Methodist Womer	
200 meals	\$50				
Total gift to Community Food Bank				Thanks!	

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Habitat

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

	COST	QTY	TOTAL
ITEM			
Serve a child one hot meal a	\$1		
day Plant ten seedlings for erosion	\$1		
control Immunize a child against TB, measles, polio, tetanus, etc.	\$5		
Provide blankets, tood, water	\$10		
Tents, pure water, blankets for international disaster victim	\$10		
Provide a camping experience to a mentally & physically	\$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	\$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

 Dec. 15-Jas. 1-5
 Dec. 19-Jn. 5, 6

 Dec. 16-I Pet. 1-5
 Dec. 20-Jn. 7, 8

 Dec. 17-II Pet. 1-3; Jn. 1
 Dec. 21-Jn. 9-11

Dec. 18-Jn. 2-4

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.

DECEMBER

Chaplains & Counselors in the South District
The Inn Project, Tucson
TMM Family Services - people served and staff, Tucson

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.



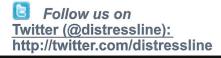




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Call 1-800-985-5990 or text 'TalkWithUs' to 66746

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



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!



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