



# THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

December 22, 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.

A Friendly Reminder!  
This is a 2 week newsletter



## Advent Luminaries

If you have made luminaries throughout Advent, we invite you to bring them to the church by Wednesday this week so we can line our path for our Stations of the Nativity on Christmas Eve, making this a Desert Skies community effort.

Thank you ~ Your Worship Staff

For a fun Pandemic Parody, check this out!!

<https://youtu.be/bs1tcCbUJEA>



## Sending Some Happiness To Desert Skies

With all the sadness in Desert Skies right now, I thought I'd send a little Happy. This is Marion Huff and I bumping elbows when I delivered the Advent Wreath to her at Cascades a couple of weeks ago. Marion is 91 years young!!! Blessings, Sylvia Flaag





## Christmas Eve Services at Desert Skies

**6:00 pm** ~ Stations of the Nativity in-person at the Houghton Campus (ending in the Sanctuary with organ and bells)

**6:00 pm** ~ Online Family Candlelight Service

**7:30 and 9:30 pm** ~ Traditional Christmas Candlelight Services



**Be sure to have your candles ready to participate from home!**



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 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



**Our New Epiphany Worship Series: Hindsight 2020:** “*Looking Back So We Can Move Forward*” begins on Sunday, January 3rd and runs through Sunday, February 14th.

How do we transform and transcend our biases? From judgments made unconsciously to complacency in systemic evil, we must learn how to see if we are to learn how to transform. After a tumultuous year, can the church have the conversations it needs to have to address these biases, so that we might once again be a relevant voice in the world? Based on a podcast series “Learning How to See” with Richard Rohr, Brian McLaren and Jacqui Lewis , we will learn to discover how seeing is social, political, and contemplative and examine 13 biases to help us understand why we see the way we do.

**January 3-Epiphany Sunday**

**Sermon:** Why Can’t We See?

**Scripture:** Matthew 2:1-12

**January 31-4th Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Sermon:** Hero or Victim, But Never the Villain

**Scripture:** I Corinthians 8:1-13

**January 10-1st Sunday after the Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord Sunday**

**Sermon:** We Didn’t Know

**Scripture:** Acts 19:1-7

**February 7-5th Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Sermon:** What You Focus on Determines What you Miss

**Scripture:** Isaiah 40:21-31

**January 17-2nd Sunday after the Epiphany/Human Relations Day**

**Sermon:** Seeing is a Social Act

**Scripture:** John 1:43-51

**February 14-6th Sunday after the Epiphany/Western Sunday//Transfiguration Sunday)**

**Sermon:** A New Way of Seeing Jesus

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

**January 24-3rd Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Sermon:** Seeing is Political

**Scripture:** Jonah 3: 1-5, 10: Psalm 62:5-12

# Thank You Desert Skies!!

December 7, 2020

Dear Desert Skies Friends,

We were so blessed to have found Desert Skies when we changed churches years ago. It has been blessing after blessing from day one. It is very hard to leave everyone. We had not been able to get to church for quite a while, but the memories are there and always will be. We enjoyed your parade of cars "send-off" and seeing all of you that participated. Thank you too, Candace, for your phone call. Thank you, everyone, for the many cards and notes we have received and that are still coming!

It has been very difficult to leave Tucson and our mountains and our friends that we have known for many years. Nevertheless, our daughter, Lisa, and her husband have welcomed us into their home and we are slowly adjusting. However, we do miss the sun and our home of 58 years!!

We just wanted you to know how much we appreciate the ways you continue to keep us a part of Desert Skies through your newsletters, personal notes, thoughts, and prayers. We will always be a part of Desert Skies in spirit and consider it our home church.

You all are in our hearts,

*Chris & Ginger Crowder*

Chris and Ginger Crowder



## A Thank You From The McNarys



We have received so many loving wishes as we journey to our new home. Special thanks to every one of you for being the heart of Desert Skies UMC. You have deeply touched our lives and our souls. Thank you and Blessings always!

We would love to hear from you at: 6117 Santa Fe Trail, NE  
Rio Rancho, NM 87144

## Love, Smiles, and Laughs

Dear Fork,

I understand that we haven't spoken since I ran away with dish, but I thought you should know that you have a son. His name is spork. He has your hair.

Sincerely,  
Spoon



To the Desert Skies Staff:

**I couldn't refuse when I read this and couldn't stop laughing! Hope you are well (and maybe laughing now).**

**God Bless you all and everything you do! Merry Christmas!  
With Love and Smiles, Stephanie and Scott Hartung**

## From the Office of Bishop Bob

### Our Weary World Rejoices

Dear Members and Friends of the Desert Southwest Conference,

In the familiar Christmas song, French composer Adolphe Adam wrote these words of encouragement: *“A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!”*

In these weeks of Advent, we light successive candles and hear messages in scripture, song, and word about hope, peace, joy and love. We look toward December 25 with faithful anticipation of the birth of the Christ child!

Likewise, with a spirit of expectation, news of the COVID-19 vaccines brings hope to a weary world. It is right and just that medical care workers are among the first to receive the vaccine. We pray that they will be protected even as they continue to care for many who are hospitalized or in need of medical assistance. Even with this new hope in the vaccine, we watch as the rates of COVID-19 infections, hospitalizations, and deaths continue to rise to alarming levels in Nevada and Arizona. Although hope is on the horizon, it is not yet fully realized.

As we finalize plans for celebrations for the upcoming holidays, many of us may be disappointed that we cannot gather in person with our families and loved ones. But let's keep in mind the many persons who are facing the pain of an empty place at the table caused by a loved one's illness or death due to COVID-19.

Many churches that began offering some form of in-person worship (outdoors, drive-thru, or socially-distanced indoors) have scaled back and are returning to primarily online, virtual worship. This is a safer and more responsible practice in our communities at this time.

Please keep our commitment to “Do no harm” and care for others by observing these safety precautions: wear a mask, practice social distancing, stay home as much as possible, wash your hands. Please continue to practice the procedures in your local church's comprehensive plan and covenants. And keep praying fervently for an end to this pandemic.

There is hope! But we must continue to do our utmost in these next weeks and months. As we celebrate a very different Christmas, New Year and Epiphany, here is a prayer that brings hope to my heart:

*Tender Shepherd,  
Bring to my awareness your constant companionship  
To my weariness your matchless strength,  
To my brokenness your healing touch,  
And to my joy your blessing. Amen.  
- Forty Days with Wesley, by Ruben P. Job*

Peace from our house to yours!

Bob and Greta Hoshibata



## THANK YOU DESERT SKIES AND MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

**We want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May you feel the love and joy that this day brings and may God continue to bless you through the upcoming year! Once again, Thank you to the congregation for our staff Christmas gift. You are all so very generous and thoughtful. We are truly blessed to be part of such a wonderful church family.**

**Blessings,**

**Rev. Candace, Rev. Susan, Rev. Mark (Pastor in Media), Doc, Raymond, Scott, Teresa, Verna and Tammy.**

## 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](mailto: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!!**

### **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!**

## 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=NTRiZiNlbnVvTXJidXltSUozbGVBOVZ3dz09>

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=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=TDZveWcrU2tZ01NR1ZDRmNGWDErdz09>

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](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=](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](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=YmI0NWZ5K0FhNjhlSGx3a1VrcWp6UT09>

Meeting ID: 940 0060 1494 Passcode: 756768

### 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

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

Meeting ID: 986 5381 1783 Passcode: 333879

## Announcements



**AFRICA UNIVERSITY**  
A United Methodist-Related Institution

### SUPPORTING AFRICA UNIVERSITY IS SO IMPORTANT!

Our Christmas Offering offers scholarships to students at United Methodist-supported Africa University. Click on this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HTYQFuvt-uU> and check out what Africa University does in the word, and for the country.



### Please Check Your Pledge Status Before December 31st!

The end of 2020 is drawing near, and it has certainly been a challenging year for all of us. With few chances to meet in-person, it could be that paying your pledge has slipped your mind. Would you please check to make sure you are up-to-date? We would love to end the year with a balance in the black!

Thank you, Your Finance Team  
<https://desertskiesumc.org/>  
Click on the donate button or Pay By Check

**A Friendly Reminder**-This is a two week newsletter due to the Christmas/New Years Holiday. The office will be closed the week after Christmas: Monday, December 28th-Friday, January 1st. If you have an emergency, you can contact Rev. Candace or Rev. Susan on their cell phones.

**Communion Drive-Through-Sunday, January 3rd** we will consecrate the communion elements online, and will have drive-through communion at **Houghton at 11:00 am and at Mica Mountain at 12:15 pm**. Hope to see you there!

**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](mailto: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: [drishti yogatucson@yahoo.com](mailto:drishti yogatucson@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.**



## 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

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:

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Name and address of person honored:

Mr. \_\_\_\_ Mrs. \_\_\_\_ Ms. \_\_\_\_ Dr. \_\_\_\_

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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.

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Name and address of person honored

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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.

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Name and address of person honored

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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:

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Name and address of person honored:

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. \_\_\_\_\_

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## JANUARY

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| 01 Lowell Fathera, Mystique'a Miller-Naatz        | 26 AJ Johnson, Maddox Mallory-Allen |
| 02 Sue Patrick, Gina Jackson                      | 27 Paul Bohardt                     |
| 03 Mary Terpening, Ken Winkelmann<br>Mickey Eader | 28 John Hadley                      |
| 06 Tyler Drummond                                 | 29 Ray Drury, Ron Eisenhuth         |
| 08 Betty Denny, Linda Jakubowski                  | 31 Linda Dorsey, Ron Leitch         |
| 09 Diana Barber                                   |                                     |
| 12 Rev. Dr. Roy W. Ludlow, Edie Jordan            |                                     |
| 14 Deborah Gillies-Walling, Loren Carruth         |                                     |
| 16 Bev Bly, Wayne Peate, Mary Ellen Dawson        |                                     |
| 17 Marty Bond                                     |                                     |
| 18 Bob Sisley                                     |                                     |
| 19 Janet Baker                                    |                                     |
| 20 Julie Jenkins, Corky Simpson                   |                                     |
| 24 Edna Underwood                                 |                                     |



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| 01 Charles & Sandra McNary<br>Steve & Pam Smith<br>George & Cynthia Naanes | 17 Ross & Louise Neu                 |
| 03 Mitch & Julie Moffet  | 19 Garry & Marty Bond                |
| 06 Bill and Mearl Frame  | 24 Myron Amundson and Edna Underwood |
|  | 30 Ken & Chris Weber                 |

# January 2021

## This Month at Desert Skies

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 New Year's Day  Office Closed	2  9:30 Vail Band  11:15 Filming Worship
3 Communion  8:30/10:00 Worship Service- Online  11:15 Vail Online Worship  1:00 Youth Group	4  8:30 Worship Design  10:00 UMW Board Meeting Coffee Chat  12:00 Yoga-Small Group Staff Meeting	5  10:00 Bible Study	6  1:00 Children's Ministry Meeting  5:00 The Wired Word  7:00 Adult Bells	7  10:00 Coffee Chat	8	9  9:30 Vail Band  11:15 Filming Worship
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17  8:30/10:00 Worship Service- Online  11:15 Vail Online Worship Trustees Meeting  1:00 Youth Group	18  Office Closed! Observance of The Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday	19  10:00 Bible Study  6:30 Finance 7:30 SPRC	20  9:30 Zippy 49er's  7:00 Adult Bells	21  10:00 Coffee Chat	22	23  9:30 Vail Band  9:30 UMW General Meeting  11:15 Filming Worship
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## Bible Readings

Dec. 22-Jn. 12-14

Dec. 23-Jn. 15-18

Dec. 24-Jn. 19-21

Dec. 25-I Jn. 1-5

Dec. 26-Ps. 117, 119: 81-176; II Jn.; III Jn.

Dec. 27-Rev. 1-4

Dec. 28-Rev. 5-9

Dec. 29-Rev. 10-14

Dec. 30-Rev. 15-18

Dec. 31-Rev. 19-22

Jan.-1-Gen. 1, 2; Luke 1

Jan. 2-Gen. 3-5; Luke 2

Jan. 3-Gen. 6-8; Luke 3

Jan. 4-Gen. 9-11; Luke 4

If you would like a bookmark mailed to you for the months of January, February and March, please email Tammy at [office@desertskiesumc.org](mailto:office@desertskiesumc.org) with your request and one will be mailed to you.



## January/February 2021 Issue of The Upper Room

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*The Upper Room* and *El Aposento Alto* at <https://www.upperroom.org/standingorderchurches>.

## Prayers for Our Churches 2020/2021

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

### JANUARY

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San Pedro Valley UMC, Benson

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:revcandace@desertskiesumc.org))

Rev. Susan: ([revsusan@desertskiesumc.org](mailto:revsusan@desertskiesumc.org))

Doc: ([musicdoc@desertskiesumc.org](mailto: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](http://www.desertskiesumc.org).

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