



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

January 19, 2021

This Week At Desert Skies

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

We are planning some 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!

Please join us on Sunday mornings as 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.



Angel Heart Pajama Project And Book Drive For Tucson Children



Let's have a pajama party!

Join us for Desert Skies all Church Pajama/Book Drive-Thru. It will support the "Angel Heart Pajama Project" here in Tucson.

United Methodist Women will be collecting donations of NEW pajamas and/or NEW books for underprivileged children from newborn to older teens, many of which might never have had a new pair of pajamas of their own or a new book.

The Pajama/Book Party Drive-Thru Sunday, January 24th

4:00-5:00 pm

**Houghton Campus (enter off Fort Lowell Rd)
and**

**Vail's drive will be at Purple Heart Park in the parking lot,
9800 E. Rita Rd. Tucson, AZ 85747 (enter off Rita Rd).**

Checks are also welcome, made out to the "Angel Heart Pajama Project" or online on the church website by selecting "Casa Maria" on the drop down menu. For more information, call Linda Jakubowski (708) 846-3386.

You can learn more about Angel Heart at our January 23rd UMW Zoom meeting at 9:30 am.

Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/91616486642?](https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/91616486642?pwd=TFB2bmtSRDROSWsyMEg1Ujd1bTY4QT09)

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Meeting ID: 916 1648 6642

Passcode: 742329

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Our guest speakers, Patti Lopez and Stacie Emert will give an exciting presentation about their work at Angel Heart Pajama Party and the children, newborn through teen, that they serve.

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME, and you can even wear your pajamas if you wish to both the UMW meeting and the drive-thru the following day! Hope to see you at both events in your pajamas!



The Bishop's E-Lumination

A Call to Peace and Prayer

Dear Members and Friends of the Desert Southwest Conference,

My heart is heavy at the current level of animosity and conflict surrounding the peaceful transfer of power that has been a hallmark of our democracy in the United States of America. This peaceful transfer is what I learned and experienced in my life. On the eve of the inauguration of a new President, your Appointive Cabinet and I share this word of encouragement and hope with you.

Nonetheless, following the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we renew our faith and trust in the strong core of goodness and peacefulness in humankind. Dr. King, in a speech in 1964 on the occasion of his acceptance of the Nobel Prize in Peace, spoke of all the incredible advances in science and technology. Yet, he said, “. . .in spite of these spectacular strides in science and technology, and still unlimited ones to come, something basic is missing. There is a sort of poverty of the spirit which stands in glaring contrast to our scientific and technological abundance. The richer we have become materially, the poorer we have become morally and spiritually. We have learned to fly the air like birds and swim the sea like fish, but we have not learned the simple art of living together as brothers (and sisters).”^[1]

With the Appointive Cabinet, we call us to a time of fervent prayer for our democracy, our nation and the world.

We have received words of possible violence threatening churches and individuals this week. Although no specific details are available, we urge an extra measure of caution and vigilance in our church communities. Any suspicious activity that endangers lives or property should be reported to local authorities and to your District Superintendent immediately.

We call upon you to pray for peace, for reconciliation, and for hope. As faithful United Methodists, we have a responsibility to share the good news that through Christ, we have the assurance that God is always with us.

Regardless of where you stand on the political spectrum, we invite you to join us to pray for and act with peace. I share with passionate hope and faith, a prayer from the previous E-Lumination, which is just as meaningful at this moment as it was then:

Eternal God, our Creator, we give heartfelt thanks for the world in which you have placed us. We turn to you as we watch our nation wrought by deep divide over the process of election that draws to a close. Endow our nation with a spirit of reconciliation and peace, that we might emerge from these difficult, contentious moments, into a spirit of light and love made known to us in your son, Jesus Christ.

Visit us with patience, to quiet our souls. Deliver us from threatening violence in our streets, wipe away the malice of suspicion of others in our hearts, keep our eyes focused on the vision you give us of the Kingdom where lion and lamb live together.

As Bishop Ruben P. Job has encouraged us to do no harm, to do good, and to stay in love with you, may we also determine every day that our lives will always be invested in the effort to bring healing instead of hurt; wholeness instead of division; and harmony with the ways of Jesus rather than with the ways of the world.

As we proclaim our faith in you and our love for Christ, let your Spirit reside in our hearts and grant us peace for this time, we pray, in the name of our Shepherd, Jesus, AMEN.

In Christ's love,
Bishop Bob

[1] Martin Luther King Jr. – Nobel Lecture. NobelPrize.org. Nobel Media AB 2021. Mon. 18 Jan 2021.
<https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/peace/1964/king/lecture/>



Annual Valentine's Collection for Casa Maria

Casa Maria Soup Kitchen serves many of Tucson's underprivileged, now more than ever due to effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. Early each morning, coffee and donated pastries warm up many of the homeless. Soup, 350 bag lunches and food to feed 50 families are provided daily. The Missions and Social Concerns Committee supports Casa Maria monthly by providing necessary supplies.

Once a year we invite the Church Family to join us in this ministry through your love donations of **Ground Coffee; Sugar; Liquid Hand Soap and Paper Towels.**

Several opportunities to drop off any of these items are available:

Houghton Campus:

Sunday, February 7th: Drive through Communion 11 a.m. -12 p.m. Sanctuary Parking Area

Monday, February 8th: Casa Maria Box outside church office 9 a.m.- noon

Thursday, February 11th: Casa Maria Box outside church office 9 a.m.- noon

Sunday, February 14th: Casa Maria Box outside church office 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

Vail Campus:

Sunday, February 7th: Drive through Communion at 12:15 p.m. - 1 p.m. at Mica Mountain High School Parking Lot, **or**
drop off any time until February 14th at Barb and Kurt Reuter's home: 5211 S. Civano Blvd., 85747.

Another option is a monetary donation, by check made out to DSUMC with "Casa Maria" in the memo area, or online on the church website. **Please make financial contributions by February 10 so supplies may be purchased to add to donations collected.**

Thank you for your support of this vital ministry which cares for our less fortunate neighbors.

From Your DSUMC COVID Vaccination Team

There is so much information out there concerning the vaccine, how to make an appointment and the details of sites administering the vaccine, and Desert Skies would like to give you this information in one location.

The first step is to register your eligibility at <https://webcms.pima.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalid=169&pageid=690372> . This site will also give you links to the different locations. When filling out the initial survey, there will be a place to list disabilities as a sub-group for every level. When you complete your registration, you will see a message that once your eligibility is verified, you will receive email instructions from the site you selected. This may take three working days or more. The Pima County phone number for assistance in registering for the COVID vaccine is (520) 222-0119.

If you want to schedule the vaccine at TMC, be sure to have a MyChart account to streamline the process. If you have an activated MyChart account, once you have registered on the Pima site, you may be able to schedule an appointment through your MyChart before you receive an email. Here are the links for Banner and TMC.

Banner: <https://www.bannerhealth.com/staying-well/health-and-wellness/wellness/covid/pima-county-vaccine>

TMC: <https://www.tmcaz.com/covid19>

Sites open or planned to open as this is written:

Friday, Jan. 15: Banner North, 265 W. Ina – Drive-thru

TMC – Drive-thru & walk-in (Glenn street is closed to thru-traffic)

Monday, Jan. 18: Kino Sports Complex – Drive-thru

Wednesday, Jan. 20: University of Arizona – Walk-in

Tucson Convention Center – Walk-in

Although the vaccine is here, we urge you to continue practicing masking, hand washing, distancing and keeping your social circle small until all have received it. Thank you for remaining vigilant to keep yourself and those around you safe!

Questions:

<https://www.kold.com/2021/01/15/pima-county-health-answers-covid-vaccine-questions/>

Youth Group Hikes to Garwood Dam



Eagle Scout Project for Eric Drummond

It's worth a quick trip to the Houghton Campus to see the water conservation and beautification project completed by Eric Drummond for his Eagle Scout Project and his Scout Troop as well as our own DSUMC Youth Group.

Check out his video where you can see the project and, we hope, respond to the request for funds to pay for the project. We have supported a wide variety of Eagle Scout projects throughout the years...the playground, the labyrinth, the pet cemetery, pathways, the fire pit and more. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xNH29st0ywk_-c2EszdyvKlhdITiZ5x4/view

Our Scouts have been an important part of making our campus what it is today. If there is any monies leftover after Eric's project is funded, the Youth of Desert Skies are reviving the sand volleyball court, an earlier Eagle Scout project, which has fallen prey to random digging out of its sand! Won't you help those who are working hard to make our campus both beautiful AND functional? Checks can be made out tot Desert Skies UMC and put Eagle Scout project on the memo line.

Or go to www.desertksiesumc.org and click on the donate button...Eagle Scout Project.

Announcements

The Zippy 49'ers Circle-will meet via Zoom on Thursday, January 21st at 9:30 A.M. (We have changed the date because of the inauguration on January 20th.) We will discuss Chapter 10 of **Everybody's Normal Till You Get to Know Them**. This chapter is entitled, "Breaking Down Barriers: Inclusion". Even if you don't have a copy of the book, you will still find the discussion thought provoking. We will also enjoy a time of fellowship and intercessory prayer. All women are welcome to attend. Please note the Zoom link listed below.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/99574356851?pwd=cjJqdm5JTkE4YkpBQTBiWdN6cmZkdz09>
Meeting ID: 995 7435 6851

Passcode: 718771

One tap mobile: +16699006833,,99574356851#,,,,,0#,,718771# US (San Jose)

Walking Group: Thursdays ~ 7:30 a.m. starting at the entrance to Saguaro National Park, 3693 S. Old Spanish Trail. This joyful group is on the move for the new year, and we invite everyone who wants to get outside for some fresh air, a little exercise and physically distanced conversation. Or use the time for some quiet meditation. We do a little of both! *For January, those who wish can add a little intrigue, with a guided meditation on Eve's spiritual transformation in the Garden of Eden.* But the conversation is always optional, as is the distance and terrain you choose to walk. Please wear a mask and practice safe physical distancing as we walk. **For more information, text/call Rev. Susan at 702.354.9317 or e-mail Rev. Susan at revsusan@desertksiesumc.org .**



Our Epiphany Worship Series: Hindsight 2020: *“Looking Back So We Can Move Forward”* 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 24-3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Sermon: Seeing is Political

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

January 31-4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Sermon: Hero or Victim, But Never the Villain

Scripture: I Corinthians 8:1-13

February 7-5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Sermon: What You Focus on Determines What you Miss

Scripture: Isaiah 40:21-31

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

Sermon: A New Way of Seeing Jesus

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

**ELF MINISTRY FOOD PANTRY
EMERGENCY FOOD BOXES AVAILABLE!!**

The **DSUMC ELF Ministry** is available to the Tanque Verde and Vail communities and beyond because of the generosity of our Desert Skies Church Family and friends. We also need your help to identify any families or individuals in our communities that need emergency food assistance. Your contacts for getting one or more food boxes are:

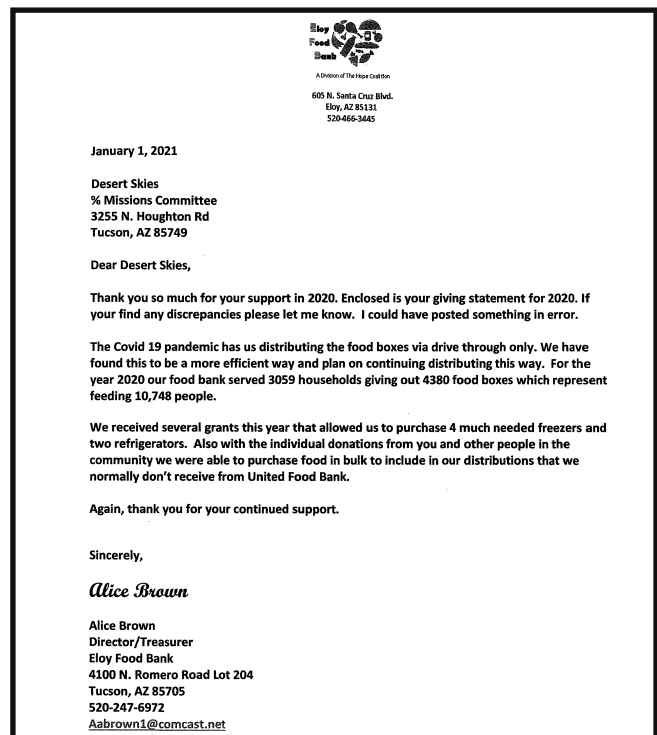
Tucson - Mary Jo Floyd, 478-320-1780 or maryjofloyd39@gmail.com

Vail - Rev Susan, 702-354-9317 or revsusan@desertskiesumc.org

You may pick up a food box and deliver it personally or provide us with the contact information, and we will arrange for the pick up or delivery.

The blue ELF Ministry donation bin will continue to be in front of the church office from 9 a. m. until noon on Monday. THANK YOU, DESERT SKIES FAMILY!

Here is a Thank You letter from Eloy UMC...



Online Coffee Hours, Book Studies and Groups via Zoom to Help us Connect!!

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=YmI0NWZ5K0FINjhLSGx3a1VrcWp6UT09>

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

Epiphany Study: “Learning to See Through the Sermon on the Mount.”

The Sunday morning 9:30 am Zoom group invites you for an “eye-opening experience” called, “Learning to See Through the Sermon on the Mount.” Jewish New Testament scholar Amy Jill-Levine will help us to look through the eyes of the Jesus of Jewish faith, teaching others of Jewish faith, as we rediscover the essence of the gospel message found in Matthew 5-7. In the process, we’ll explore any explicit and implicit biases that might shape our understandings of what these teachings mean for us. It’s a six-week study, and we always welcome anyone to join the conversation at any time, although it promises to be rewarding to commit to the entire study. We look forward to “seeing” you there! **Questions: Contact Rev. Susan at 702.354.9317.**

Primary Study material: The gospel of “*Matthew*,” chapters 5-7. Bring your favorite translation and one you are unfamiliar with.

Recommended: “*Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner’s Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven*,” by Amy Jill-Levine, found at your favorite brick and mortar or on-line bookstore.

For discussion on Implicit Bias: Listen to Brian McLaren’s “Learning to See” Podcast: <https://cac.org/podcast/learning-how-to-see/> Start with #1

To join on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. use this Zoom link:

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

Meeting ID: 981 8242 9071 ~ **Passcode: 317664** Or Dial In: +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Youth Group: Sundays at 1:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/93454802299?pwd=a0sxRHM4WE9ldXJGTlhSbnJJYUhhIOT09>

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

Mondays at 10:00 am: Coffee Chat

Good morning to all who enjoy a good Coffee Chat! We want to encourage you to **Zoom in on Monday January 25th at 10:00 am** for a fascinating study on race, with the hope of seeking better understanding of our neighbors. It is co-facilitated by the knowledgeable mother/daughter team of Mary Ellen Stephens-Dawson & Barbara Drummond.

Here is the link to the actual Desert SW Conference study on race that we will be focused on for the next week: (January 25th): <https://dscumc.org/religion-and-race/dsc-race/>

On the last Monday, Feb. 1st, we will apply our study to the body of the church and its role in bringing about change. Please use the following link to the short article we will be discussing: <https://sojo.net/articles/bad-theology-not-sociology>

And, if you do not have the link to the Monday morning Coffee Chat, here it is for your convenience (just remember you coffee or tea at 10: 00 am every Monday morning ~10:00-11:00 am in January 2021)!

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/95036789720?pwd=bHVwem9OMi9oYjNoK3ZWbDFBZkttQT09>

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

Tuesdays at 10:00 am-Epiphany Study: “Learning to See Through the Sermon on the Mount.”

(see description and study materials needed under Sunday morning study)

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

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-Coffee Chat

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

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

New Leadership Positions 2021

Congratulations to those who have accepted new leadership positions in 2021.

Thank you for saying YES, and know that you are in our prayers!

Church Council Chair: Fred Killion

Church Council Vice Chair: Carrie Radomsky

Church Council at-Large: Peggy Gigstad

Lay Leader: Marty Bond

SPRC Chair: Cinda Danner

Finance Co-Chair: Diane Ellison

Congregational Care Chair: Shawne Sidles

Communications Chair: Diane Taylor

UMW President: Adele Edwards

Youth Representative: Eric Drummond

SPRC: Glenn Gigstad

SPRC: Wendy McInnis

SPRC: Bob Jenkins

Trustees: Linda Lewandowski

Trustees: Mike Cline

Trustees: Max Crowell

Trustees: Joe Holden

Finance: Bill Baker

Assistant Treasurer, Steele-Warner Task Force Chair: Eileen Starace

Archives and History: Edie Addis:

Archives and History: Esther Ralston:

Archives and History: Linda VanStraaten:

Archives and History: David Edwards:

Connect: Gina Jackson

Meal Ministry: Lezlie Cooper

Flower Ministry Delivery Coordinators Mike and Judy Bording:

Visitation Team: Laura McKay

Adult Spiritual Formation: Pat Merrill

Adult Spiritual Formation: Char Cline

Adult Spiritual Formation: Pat Jones

Missions and Social Concerns: Lynn Struthers Peate

Worship Logistics Team: Allison Roberts

Media Team: Nicholas Harwick

Media Team: Ty Millett

Bible Readings

Jan. 19-Gen. 47, 48; Ps. 10; Luke 19

Jan. 20-Gen. 49, 50; Ps. 8; Luke 20

Jan. 21-Ex. 1, 2; Ps. 88; Luke 21

Jan. 22-Ex. 3-5; Luke 22

Jan. 23-Ex. 6-8; Luke 23

Jan. 24-Ex. 9-11; Luke 24

Jan. 25-Ex. 12, 13; Ps. 21; Acts 1

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



January/February 2021 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 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.

JANUARY

St. Paul's UMC, Tucson
San Pedro Valley UMC, Benson
Trinity UMC, Bisbee

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Finance Team

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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


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you care about may be feeling
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TEXT: "TalkWithUs" to 66746

**If you or someone you
know is struggling
after a disaster,
you are not alone.**



*"Ever since the tornado,
I haven't been able to get a full
night's sleep ..."*

*"I can't get the sounds of
the gunshots out of my mind..."*

*"Things haven't been the same
since my shop was flooded ..."*

Talk With Us!



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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