



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

February 02, 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 youtube channel.

The link for our worship services is <https://desertskiesumc.online.church>
Stay tuned for further updates.

Drive-Thru Communion Sunday, February 7th

Join us as we offer Drive-Thru Communion at both Campuses on Sunday, February 7th. We are following safety protocol, and practicing physical distancing.

Houghton Campus: 11:00 am-12:00 pm in the Sanctuary Parking Lot Area

Vail Campus: 12:15 pm-1:00 pm at Mica Mountain High School in the Parking Lot Area.

Youth Rebuild Sand Volleyball Court at Houghton Campus

Our request was answered and sand was delivered to the Houghton Campus for our youth to rebuild the volleyball court. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



Way To Go Youth Group!!



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: **5261 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 by selecting "Casa Maria" on the drop down menu. **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.



Children's "Zoom" Valentine Gathering

"All Children are Invited"

Come and join us for the Children's "Zoom" Valentine Gathering on **Sunday, February 14th at 9:30 am**. We will be celebrating with music, games and a Bible Story, too! You will also meet our special guests "Lovey and Dovey" Valentine Bears!

Stay tuned for Thursday's E-Blast for the "Zoom" meeting information, and hope to see you there!

Desert Skies Supports Vail Students & Teachers



Run, walk, or skip a 5K in the comfort of your own neighborhood!

Any time between Feb. 13 and 19.
It's EASY! It's FUN! It Tells our STORY!

"Vail Pride Day Fun Run, Feb. 13-Feb. 20.

Open to anyone, any age!

Support Students and Teachers in the Vail School District!

To register, e-mail: office@desertskiesumc.org. There is no cost to participate. You will get an e-mail confirmation that you've been registered.

Vail Pride Day is an annual celebration of the achievements of Vail School District students and staff. It's been going for over 20 years, and we aren't letting covid-19 break our stride!

Here's How: Sometime between Feb. 13th and Feb. 20th, put on your walking/jogging shoes and your Desert Skies T-shirt if you have one, and trek for 3.1 miles (as close as you can measure). Take your time, break up the distance across the week. Any way you can get those miles in works!

While you're walking/running, take a picture with your cell phone. If you have a facebook page, post your picture to the "Vail Pride Day Fun Run" Facebook Page.

If you don't have a Facebook page or need help, text your photo to Rev. Susan at 702-354-9317.

THE UPPER ROOM



Do You Prefer A Personal Lenten Experience

Living through social and political upheaval can sometimes feel a lot like wandering in exile through a spiritual desert.

You may feel like you are walking in the wilderness, but you are not alone. The Holy Spirit travels with us.

Register [here to receive 50% off the eCourse](#). (Regular price: \$30)

The online retreat features Beth A. Richardson's book [Walking in the Wilderness: Seeking God During Lent](#), and a variety of elements:

- Daily devotional readings from the book, available in the online classroom
- Weekly live worship services with The Upper Room staff members and friends every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. CENTRAL time
- Weekly conversations with author Beth A. Richardson
- Space for comments and interaction with other eCourse registrants
- All live sessions will be recorded and available for viewing.

To purchase copies of the book, visit Cokesbury.com.

CLICK THIS LINK TO REGISTER: https://urelearning.upperroom.org/p/walking-in-the-wilderness/?product_id=2585348&coupon_code=MINISTRYMATTERS

Click: Register for this eCourse Classroom for \$30.00

Click on Apply Coupon Code: add code MINISTRYMATTERS. Select Apply, and class will be dropped to \$15.00 and then you can check out.

Announcements

THANK YOU-Dearest Desert Skies Family:

The loss of my daughter and sister, within six weeks of each other, has been crushing to my heart and my spirit. However, your beautiful cards, texts, PRAYERS and love have lifted me up.....every single day. I heard your voices and I saw your smiles.....and I thank you more than words can say.

Love (and future hugs) to you,
Marian Mosher

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! ***During Lent, those who wish can add a meditation to the walk, which will be sent via text or email on Wednesday evening. Walkers may use the prompt as a guide for reflection and prayer while walking a segment or the entire distance.*** 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@desertskiesumc.org.**

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.desertskiesumc.org and click on the donate button...Eagle Scout Project.



Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to Jim and Bonnie Gompf

If you would like to send a card to Jim and Bonnie in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, please send cards to...

Jim and Bonnie Gompf
226 N. Jacs Pl.
Tucson, AZ. 85748

Mark Your Calendars!!!



More Information to Come!!

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STAY TUNED ~ More information to come!



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.

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!

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.tmc.org/covid19>

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/>

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=NTRiZiNlbnhOdC9BS296WUJTRXFHOT09>

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!

From February 8th-22nd, the Monday morning Coffee Chat group will be pondering *Creation Care*. Join us from 10 - 11am as we chew on the following:

Feb. 8th-Film discussion of “*Kiss the Ground*” - available to watch free on Netflix

Feb. 15th & 22nd -“*How to Save the Planet*” - podcast (TBD by coffee klatchers) <https://www.stitcher.com/show/560282>.

As always, we value our attendees’ ideas, thoughts and participation. We welcome you!

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

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**

Bible Readings

Feb. 02-Ex. 33, 34; Ps. 16; Acts 9

Feb. 03-Ex. 35, 36; Acts 10

Feb. 04-Ex. 37, 38; Ps. 19; Acts 11

Feb. 05-Ex. 39, 40; Ps. 15; Acts 12

Feb. 06-Lev. 1-3; Acts 13

Feb. 07-Lev. 4-6; Acts 14

Feb. 08-Lev. 7-9; Acts 15

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.

Tammy checks all front office 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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1-800-985-5990

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'TalkWithUs' to 66746

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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)
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TTY for Deaf / Hearing Impaired:
1-800-846-8517

Spanish-speakers:
Text "Hablanos" to 66746

Disaster Distress Helpline

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

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



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

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

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

Talk With Us!



Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
SAMHSA
www.samhsa.gov • 1-877-SAMHSA-7 (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