



# THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

March 2, 2021

## 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.

We are having **In-Person Outdoor/Indoor Worship Services at 10:00 am on Sunday, March 7th, at both Campuses.** 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.

We are allowed up to 50 people per campus for our In-Person Outdoor/Indoor Worship Services, so you will need to make a reservation if you plan to attend. **Reservations need to be made by 4:00 pm on Thursday, March 4th.** You can call the church office (# 749-0521) and leave a message or email Tammy at [office@desertskiesumc.org](mailto:office@desertskiesumc.org). Don't forget to leave your name, which Campus you will be attending and how many are coming. **You DO NOT need a reservation for our Drive-Thru Communion.**

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.

## Mark Your Calendars!! Reservations needed!!

**In-Person Worship Services at 10:00 am  
on Sunday, March 7th, at both Campuses.**

**In-Person Outdoor: Houghton Campus ~ Sanctuary Patio  
In-Person Indoors: The Peak (auditorium) at Vail ~ Mica Mountain**

**And....11:00 am Drive-Thru Communion at our Houghton Campus  
11:00 am Drive-Thru Communion at our Vail Campus: Mica  
Mountain**

← . . . .check out the info to your left!!

## Missions/Social Concerns Committee

### Climate Corner

#### REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE: WHAT DOES IT REALLY MEAN?

While there are *many ways* people can combat the growing waste & pollution in our world today, most people are overwhelmed by it. The belief is that the ways to reduce pollution are not effective enough to positively impact the climate crisis, so we do not even try. However, if everyone regularly practiced the three R's of recycling: reduce, reuse, recycle; we would see a drastic drop in plastic pollution, and eventually impact the excessive plastic production and resulting carbon released into the atmosphere.

The first R is **reduce**. This is simply using fewer resources in our homes in the first place. By reducing our goods (waste production), we can bypass reuse and recycle all together. It is **the most effective** of the three R's. However, it is the most difficult. This takes extra thinking and planning, and it requires letting go of a lot of convenience. Plastic items are cheap, easy and extremely common. Nearly everything is made from plastic. So how can we avoid that? Basically, cutting back what we use right now.

For starters, here is a link to **101 ideas on how to reduce waste:**  
<http://www.deq.co.pima.az.us/waste/101ways.html>.

**Reuse** means to simply re-purpose any recyclable products that we've purchased. Finally, **recycle** means that instead of just throwing away everything received, put the items that can be recycled into the correct bins. Any questions on **what to recycle and how** is found here:

<https://www.tucsonaz.gov/es/announcement/recycle-it-right>.

## Mingus Summer Intern Recruitment

Hello Church Family!

My name is Kallie Handlong and I am the Summer Camp Program Director at Mingus Mountain for the summer of 2021. We're excited to share that we are committed to offering summer camp this year and are hopeful to hire staff who can serve as camp counselors/interns from mid-May to early August. As we look toward this summer we need individuals who love kids/youth, have a servant's heart, and love camp! I am reaching out to our local churches in hope to find young adults who would love to spend their summer with us at Mingus!

I have attached a flyer below that I invite you to share with any young adult you would believe would be a strong candidate to join our summer team!

If you have any questions, please reach out to me @[mmprograms47@gmail.com](mailto:mmprograms47@gmail.com)

Many thanks,  
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Mingus Mountain Camp, Arizona  
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**Mingus Mountain**

CAMP COUNSELOR INTERN

Do you love camp? Do you love children and youth? Is playing games and being a little ridiculous your idea of a good time? Do you love the idea of working behind the scenes?

**May 25 - Aug. 5**  
**Must be 18 yr. old to apply**

**Check out Mingus Mountain!**

**To Apply:**  
<https://mingusmountaincamp.org/7-2/summer-staff-recruitment/>



The flyer features a background of a mountain landscape. On the right side, there are four small inset photos: a building with a cross, a group of people on a hill, a group of people in colorful shirts, and people participating in an archery activity. The logo at the bottom right shows a stylized mountain range above the text 'MINGUS MOUNTAIN camp & retreat center'.

## From Your DSUMC COVID Vaccination Team

### Pima County scheduling vaccines for 65+

Pima County has announced individuals age 65 and older may now register for COVID vaccination via the [Pima County registration page](#).

For more information about COVID-19 vaccinations, go to the vaccine information webpage, or call 520-222-0119. The Call Center offers registration assistance to those who need it daily from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

We would also like to inform you the State Retail Pharmacy Program will [allocate a limited amount of vaccine directly to six pharmacies in Pima County](#). They are:

1. Fry's Food Store 3770 W. Ina Road 85741 in NW Tucson ([Registration](#))
2. Fry's Food Store 8080 S. Houghton Road 85747 in Vail area ([Registration](#))
3. Fry's Food Store 15950 S. Rancho Sahuarita Blvd 85629. in Sahuarita ([Registration](#))
4. Fry's Food Store 12100 N. Thornydale Road 85658 in Marana ([Registration](#))
5. Safeway/Albertson's 260 W. Continental 85622 in Green Valley ([Registration](#))
6. Safeway/Albertson's 12122 N. Rancho Vistoso Blvd. 85737 in Oro Valley ([Registration](#))



### Our Lenten Worship Series: "Jesus in Gospel of Mark" runs through Easter Sunday, April 4th.

In a PBS Frontline story it was said that, in the final analysis, Mark's gospel is really about the death of Jesus. It's a passion narrative with an extended introduction, some people would say. Mark tells the story by thinking about the death and letting all the events that lead up to that death move toward it and through it. Mark tells the story this way in order to make sense out of the death of Jesus and in the light of the events of the first revolt, when the city of Jerusalem was destroyed.

Those are the two guiding principles of the story line of Mark...written during a time when Jesus' followers were persecuted and struggling, Mark is filled with a passion and urgency that continues to challenge us today. From Jesus' baptism to his crucifixion and resurrection, the events described by Mark help answer the question, "Who is this man?" Won't you join us on our Lenten Journey?

#### **March 7-3rd Sunday in Lent**

**Sermon:** A Question and a Calling

**Scripture:** Mark 8:27-36

#### **March 14-4th Sunday in Lent**

**Sermon:** Do You Still Not Understand?

**Scripture:** Mark 8:14-21

#### **March 21-5th Sunday in Lent**

**Sermon:** A Suffering Gospel

**Scripture:** Mark 5:1-2, 9-13 (NRSV)

#### **March 28-Palm/Passion Sunday**

**My Savior's Love" ~ Choir Cantata**

#### **April 1-Maundy Thursday ~ Online**

Service of Tenebrae

#### **April 2-Good Friday ~ Meditation Hike at Cactus Forest: 5:00 pm**

Stations of the Cross

#### **April 4-Easter Sunday Sunrise ~ 8:30 am/10:00 am: Sanctuary Service; 10:00 Mica Mountain "Peak"; and Online**

**Sermon:** An Oddly Perfect Ending

**Scripture:** Mark 16: 1-8

Synopsis: The oldest existing manuscripts of Mark's gospel ended at verse 8. Some claim that it's unlikely that was how Mark intended to end his gospel. The evidence suggests that somehow an early copy lost the original ending. The additional endings are an attempt to "fix" the abrupt nature of its ending. However, even as it stands in those manuscripts, Mark shared the most vital news. Verse 6 said Mary and her companions heard the central message of that resurrection Sunday: "He has been raised. He isn't here.":

## 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**

**The Sunday Vail Study group:** We will suspend our Sunday morning meetings at 9:30 am for the time being. We hope you will connect with one of the groups that meet during the week.

**Youth Group: Sundays at 1:00 pm**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/93454802299?pwd=a0sxRHM4WE9IdXJGTlhSbnJJYUhhIQOT09>

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

**Mondays at 10:00 am: Coffee Chat-**Monday morning coffee chat celebrates Women's History Month beginning March 8, 10 -11 am. Join us for stimulating conversation on women's issues, as it relates to our faith and moral compasses.

**March 8:** "*Shattering the Glass Ceiling in America-Backstory Celebrates Women's Hx Month*"

<https://www.backstoryradio.org/shows/shattering-the-glass-ceiling-in-america/>

**March 15:** Search podcast: "*Encyclopedia Womanica*" (Wonder Media) - listen to six of the 5 minute segments (30 min. total) on notable women - your choice!

**March 22:** Search podcast "*Women Belong in the White House*" - Vice President (Season 4, Chapter 4) - 40 min. total.

**March 29:** Search podcast "*Ordinary Equality*" (Wonder Media Network) - choose your segment

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/95036789720?pwd=bHVwem9OMi9oYjNoK3ZWbDFBZkttOT09>

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

**Mondays at 5:00 pm: Lenten Study ~ Online with the Upper Room**

CLICK THIS LINK TO REGISTER: [https://urelearning.upperroom.org/p/walking-in-the-wilderness/?product\\_id=2585348&coupon\\_code=MINISTRYMATTERS](https://urelearning.upperroom.org/p/walking-in-the-wilderness/?product_id=2585348&coupon_code=MINISTRYMATTERS)

**Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm (starting March 9-March 30) ~ For those who would like a space to process what you are discovering through your Lenten journey with others:** Whatever you have chosen as your practice and focus, we will gather for one hour on Zoom, to share and support one another. To help make the conversation meaningful, bring one word, one scripture, or one short reading that has especially resonated with you over the week. ***What question or challenge does it raise for you?*** Those questions will inspire more conversation. You might be amazed at how others' questions and insights ***will*** add to and support your Lenten journey, as you prepare for Easter.

To join on Tuesday at 6:00 p.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)

Any Questions email Rev. Susan at [revsusan@desertskiesumc.org](mailto:revsusan@desertskiesumc.org) .

**Wednesdays at 10:30 am: Worship Online with The Upper Room**

CLICK THIS LINK TO REGISTER: [https://urelearning.upperroom.org/p/walking-in-the-wilderness/?product\\_id=2585348&coupon\\_code=MINISTRYMATTERS](https://urelearning.upperroom.org/p/walking-in-the-wilderness/?product_id=2585348&coupon_code=MINISTRYMATTERS)

**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=YVFVbFJCbHhzRVZuM2hJVkhOTmliOT09>

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

## Announcements

**Vail In-Person Worship Preparations**-At last, we are excited to worship in the “Peak” at Mica Mountain in Vail for the first time on March 7th! We look forward to gathering in the large space, uniquely suitable for worship, as we continue to practice safe gathering protocols. **If you are someone who has been waiting for this development to become a reality, you are invited to attend a short informational meeting on Tuesday, March 2nd.** All are welcome! There is a place for you!

Topic: **Vail In-Person Worship Preparations**

Time: Mar 2, 2021 06:00 PM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/94609208034?pwd=bTMyb3F5RVV5U5qOERtd0laWmdTd09>

Meeting ID: 946 0920 8034 **Passcode: 161725**

**A friendly Reminder**-Tammy will be on vacation the week of March 15th-18th. **We will have a TWO week E-BLAST Newsletter going out on Tuesday, March 9th.** If you need to add any information to this E-blast, you need to submit your information to Tammy by Monday, March 8th at 8:00 am or before. We will return to our regular schedule on March 23rd. Thank you.

**Thursday Meditation Walking Group** ~ at 7:30 a.m.. Meet at the Visitor’s Center at Saguaro National Park, 3693 S. Old Spanish Trail. This joyful group invites everyone who wants to get outside for some fresh air, a little exercise, physically distanced conversation, and/or some quiet meditation. Walk as long and as far as you wish, usually up to three miles. *During Lent, those who wish can add a meditation to the walk, which will be sent via text or email on Wednesday evening. Please wear a mask and practice safe physical distancing as we walk.* For more information, e-mail Rev. Susan at [revsusan@desertskiesumc.org](mailto:revsusan@desertskiesumc.org) .

## The Children’s Ministry Lent Project



During Lent we are collecting coins in our special “My Lenten Offering” boxes as a goal to buy a “HOPE BASKET” from Heifer International for a family in need. Each “Hope Basket” gift includes rabbits, a starter flock of chickens, along with training and education.

If you would like to join us and like a special “Lenten Offering” box or have any questions, please contact Lorna Niven at [lkslnltd@aol.com](mailto:lkslnltd@aol.com) or Nancy Goforth at [goforthmnao@gmail.com](mailto:goforthmnao@gmail.com) and we would be happy to bring an offering box to you!

## FROM THE STEPHEN MINISTRY TEAM

**The Stephen Ministry Team would like you to know that we are available to listen and pray with you.**

Each Thursday in the email blast we will provide the Stephen Minister who is on call for the week. (Which begins on Sunday and ends the following Saturday.) The Stephen Minister’s name, phone number, and email address will be listed, for your reference.

If you are in need of prayer, or just wanting someone to listen to you, we are available. Please do not hesitate to call either Shawne Sidles at (520) 885-5892 or Doc Shawn at (520) 784-3366. You are not alone, we are here to walk with you during a difficult time.

**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](mailto:maryjofloyd39@gmail.com)

Vail - Rev Susan, 702-354-9317 or [revsusan@desertskiesumc.org](mailto: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!**

**Bible Readings**

**Mar. 02-Num. 30, 31; Mark 9**

**Mar. 03-Num. 32, 33; Mark 10**

**Mar. 04-Num. 34-36; Mark 11**

**Mar. 05-Deut. 1, 2; Mark 12**

**Mar. 06-Deut. 3, 4; Ps. 36; Mark 13**

**Mar. 07-Deut. 5, 6; Ps. 43; Mark 14**

**Mar. 08-Deut. 7-9; Mark 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](mailto:office@desertskiesumc.org) with your request and one will be mailed to you.



**March/April 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](mailto: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.

**MARCH**

Sierra Vista UMC, Sierra Vista

Christ Church UM, Tucson

Menlo Park UMC, Tucson

**Prayer Requests**

Just a friendly reminder that if you have a prayer request, please email Pat Walker at [msnodlepray@gmail.com](mailto: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](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).

### Disaster Distress Helpline

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

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**1-800-985-5990**

 **Text:**  
**'TalkWithUs' to 66746**

 **Visit:**  
<http://disasterdistress.samhsa.gov>

 **Like us on  
Facebook:**  
[http://facebook.com/  
distresshelpline](http://facebook.com/distresshelpline)

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Twitter (@distressline):**  
<http://twitter.com/distressline>

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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.

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**1-800-846-8517**

Spanish-speakers:  
Text "Hablanos" to 66746

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



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

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

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

**Talk With Us!**



Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration  
**SAMHSA**  
[www.samhsa.gov](http://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](https://www.pimacountyinterfaith.org/covid19_resources)