



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

April 6, 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 now offering In-Person Indoor Worship Services 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 92 people at our Houghton campus and 49 at our Vail campus, so you will need to make a reservation if you plan to attend.

Please join us on Sunday mornings as we continue to offer our **On-Line service at 10:00 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://desertsbiesumc.online.church>
Stay tuned for further updates.

Easter Sunrise at Desert Skies



He Has Risen!

Our young people hard at work creating a special chalk surprise!

As we gave praise for our Risen Christ on this day, we are grateful for the talent on our campus, too! We were blessed with “chalk art” creativity of the cross with flowers and the surrounding butterflies. A special “Thank You” to Ellie Moffet, Harley Moffet, Teresa Patterson, and Lorna Niven for this gift!



We Are Back To In-Person Worship

We are ready for you to come back safely, so reservations are needed!

Traditional: 8:30 am/10:00 am Houghton Campus-Sanctuary
Contemporary: 10:00 am Vail Campus-The Peak (auditorium)
Online at 10:00 am-<https://desertsbiesumc.online.church>

Join us on Sunday, April 11th. Please make your reservations by Thursday, April 8th by 4:00 pm if you plan to attend. You can email Tammy at office@desertsbiesumc.org or call the church office at # 749-0521 (ext. # 106) and leave a message at the front desk. You will always receive a confirmation email from Tammy that you have been added to the Reservation list. Don't forget to leave your name, which Campus you will be attending and how many are coming. Thank you.

A Special Note of Thanks!

A heartfelt "Thank You" to the Youth, for their time on Palm Sunday preparing Easter Baskets for our Sunday School children! Youth lay Leaders Fred Pascoe & Connie Kraska, who assisted with this project with appreciation! And Rev Candace for arranging this time for the youth. We are so fortunate to have our youth! God loves our Youth and so do we!

With much appreciation, Lorna Niven & Nancy Goforth, Children's Ministry

We as a congregation are so fortunate for our youth! Why? They gave their time on Palm Sunday to prepare Easter Bags for our Sunday School children. With a heartfelt "Thank You" to our Youth, lay leaders, Fred Pascoe & Connie Kraska, Rev Candace



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 Mondays. **Here is a list of the items we need:**

shelf (boxed) milk

Pasta

mac and cheese

peanut butter

Pasta (tomato) sauce

soup with vegetables and meat

canned meat (chicken, tuna, spam)

red, black, pinto and kidney beans (canned or dried)

canned fruit

canned vegetables

cereal

canned heat and eat meals (eg: raviolios, spaghettiios, beefaroni)

jello (ready to eat in cups)

pudding (ready to eat in cups)

THANK YOU, DESERT SKIES FAMILY!



United
Methodist
Women

UMW MAD HATTERS MOST UNUSUAL TEA PARTY

SATURDAY, APRIL 24th at 9:30 am

Get out your favorite Kentucky Derby hat, or style your own outrageous Minnie Pearl chapeau. Bring a favorite Tea Pot or Tea Cup and share a special anecdote about it. We will meet on the patio behind the Fellowship Hall for "tea" and then adjourn to Fellowship Hall for some fun.

Due to Covid19 restrictions, we are only allowed 25 guests, so we are asking for reservations and also for you to be willing to sign the Safe Sanctuary Guidelines. **Call Sylvia Flagg - # 296-0079 or Florence Tate - # 734-1735 - to reserve your spot.** Looking forward to seeing all of you!

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 at 11:00 am (immediately following the services).
Zoom link: <https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/94000601494?pwd=Yml0NWZ5K0FhLSGx3a1VrcWp6UT09>
Meeting ID: 940 0060 1494 **Passcode: 756768**

Youth Group: Sundays at 1:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/93454802299?pwd=a0sxRHM4WE9IdXJGTlhSbnJJYUhhIQT09>
Meeting ID: 934 5480 2299 **Passcode: 164946**

Mondays at 10:00 am: Coffee Chat-Monday Morning Coffee Chat will focus on our Judiciary System for the next five weeks. Please join us on Zoom with your favorite beverage and stimulating conversation 10-11am:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/95036789720?pwd=bHVwem9OMi9oYjNoK3ZWbDFBZkttQT09>
Meeting ID: 950 3678 9720 **Passcode: 118760**

April 12th-Amicus podcast with Dahlia Lithwick “First Amendment Fallacies” 2/27/21 46 min.

April 19th-The Supreme Court v. Church / State Separation podcast - Episode 3 7/28/19 “The Burnette Case and Under God” 46 min.

April 26th-The Ezra Klein Show podcast - “A Radical Proposal for True Democracy” 2/23/21 45 min.

May 3rd-The Nine oh Six podcast - “Choose to challenge Systemic Racism in the Criminal Justice System” Episode 30 3/7/21 65 min. + read short article in azcapitoltimes.com. - “Better Decisions Can Lead us Out”

Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm Zoom Group - Grow spiritual roots and wings through honest discussion: We bring our own faith questions, study a passage in the Bible, then pray for one another. Scripture passage this week is Ruth 4:14-17. When have you experienced God's intervention and when have you felt abandoned? of practical faith, a passage of scripture, and prayer. All are Welcome.

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 .

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**

Church Spring Clean-Up on Sunday, April 25th

Please plan on helping us clean up around the church grounds on Sunday, April 25th between 11-3. We need everyone to plan on helping in various ways. Even if you're not physically able to do much walking, etc., you can hold a trash bag for others while they pick up their weeds. Bring any hoes, hula hoes, rakes, brooms, etc. and your gloves! Hope to see you there!

Creation Care Corner
from Missions/Social Concerns Committee

Buying Organic - Our Choices Align with Our Values

Once found only in home grown gardens and in health food stores, organic food choices are now available at most super-markets. Per the Mayo Clinic website, the term "organic" refers to the way farmers grow and process agricultural products, such as fruits, vegetables, grains, dairy products & meat.

Organic farming practices:

- Enhance soil and water quality & reduce pollution
- Provide safe, healthy livestock habitats & enable natural livestock behavior
- Promote a self-sustaining cycle of resources on farms

Materials or practices NOT permitted in organic farming include:

- Synthetic fertilizers to add nutrients to the soil; sewage sludge as fertilizer
- Most synthetic pesticides for pest control
- Irradiation to preserve food or to eliminate disease or pests
- Genetic engineering to improve disease/pest resistance or to improve crop yields
- Antibiotics for livestock

Organic crop farming materials or practices should include:

- Plant waste left on fields, livestock manure or compost to improve soil quality
- Plant rotation to preserve soil quality and to interrupt cycles of pests or disease
- Cover crops that prevent erosion when parcels of land are not in use to feed the soil, and use of mulch to control weeds; predatory insects to control pests
- Certain natural pesticides and a few synthetic pesticides approved for organic farming, used only as a last resort with a USDA organic certifying agent

Organic farming practices for livestock will include:

- Healthy living conditions & pasture feeding for at least 30 percent of livestock's nutritional needs during grazing, with organic feed; vaccinations as needed

Organic foods can cost more than their conventional counterparts due, in part, to more expensive farming practices. However, pricing is often competitive. Organic foods support healthier, renewable, sustainable agricultural practices and typically smaller farms. *Our purchasing & eating habits, above all, should reflect our beliefs and values!*

Announcements

All Children Invited!-Spring is in the air and we wish to invite you to our next “Zoom” **Children’s Sunday School Gathering on Sunday, April 11th at 9:30 am!** Our time together will be filled with crafts, games, Bible Story & lunch box trivia with more! Stayed tuned for coming together!

Join the Children’s Sunday School Spring “Zoom” Gathering:

<https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/91242798050?pwd=R0gwZndYZG0zbTZpOnNoQ2ZQeWJSOT09>

Meeting ID: 912 4279 8050 **Passcode: 083764**

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, physi-cally distanced conversation, and/or some quiet meditation. Walk as long and as far as you wish, usually up to three miles. For more information, e-mail Rev. Susan at revsusan@desertsbiesumc.org .

COVID-19 Vaccination Information

Pima County will expand current COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to include three major groups based on three criteria:

1. **AGE** – anyone over age 55, regardless of other health conditions or type of employment.
2. **RISK** – UCHC can only vaccinate 18 and older at this time although the overall availability has opened to anyone over age 16 (depending on Vaccine manufacturer) who has a disability OR is experiencing homelessness OR lives in a congregate setting/receives in-home or long-term care OR has a high-risk medical condition as defined by the Centers for Disease Control:

- Cancer
- Chronic kidney disease
- COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
- Downs syndrome
- Heart conditions (including heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathies)
- Immunocompromised state aka weakened immune system, from solid organ transplant
- Obesity (Body Mass Index (BMI) over 30 kg/m² or higher or < 40 kg/m²)
- Severe obesity (BMI ≥ 40 kg/m²)
- Sickle cell disease
- Smoking
- Type 2 diabetes mellitus

3. **WORK** – anyone over age 16 who works in the following fields, regardless of other health conditions:

- Healthcare worker and healthcare support
- Emergency medical services
- Long-term care facility staff
- In-home long-term care
- Protective services
- Education and childcare
- Food and agriculture
- Restaurants and bars
- U.S. Postal Service
- Manufacturing
- Grocery and convenience stores (including carnicerias)
- State and local government
- Public transportation (buses, light rail, Uber, Lyft, taxis, etc.)
- Auto repair
- Business/financial services
- Clergy/faith leaders/ traditional healers
- Court personnel
- Critical trade (plumber, electrician, HVAC, etc.)
- Food packaging
- Funeral services
- Gas stations
- Power/utility
- Shelters
- Warehouse distribution
- Veterinarians and veterinary staff

The registrations are now open at www.uchcaz.org

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.

Bible Readings

Apr. 06-Ruth 3, 4; Ps. 64, 65; II Cor. 6

Apr. 07-I Sam. 1, 2; Ps. 66; II Cor. 7

Apr. 08-I Sam. 3-5; Ps. 77; II Cor. 8

Apr. 09-I Sam. 6, 7; Ps. 72; II Cor. 9

Apr. 10-I Sam. 8-10; II Cor. 10

Apr. 11-I Sam. 11, 12; I Chr. 1; II Cor. 11

Apr. 12-I Sam. 13; I Chr. 2, 3; II Cor. 12

If you would like a bookmark mailed to you for the months of April, May, and June, please email Tammy at 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 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.

April

St. Mark's UMC, Tucson

Catalina UMC, Tucson

Campus Ministry, U of A, Tucson

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


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**Call 1-800-985-5990
or text 'TalkWithUs' to 66746**
to get help and support
for any distress that you or someone
you care about may be feeling
related to any disaster.

The *Helpline* and *Text Service* are:

- Available 24 hours a day,
7 days a week, year-round
- Free (standard data/text messaging
rates may apply for the texting service)
- Answered by trained crisis counselors.

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

Spanish-speakers:
Text "Hablanos" to 66746

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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 • 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