THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church **September 21, 2021**

This Week at Desert Skies

This is just a reminder that we are following safety protocol, and practicing physical distancing. **Masks are now needed during sanctuary worship while we are indoors.**

The office hours are Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am ~ 4:00 pm. We have an office volunteer on Fridays from 9:00 am ~ 12:00 pm.

We are offering In-Person Worship Services at both Campuses:

Traditional: 8:30 am/10:00 am
Houghton Campus-Sanctuary
Online at 10:00 am:
https://desertskiesumc.online.church
(also available live on YouTube and Facebook).

Contemporary: 10:00 am
Vail Campus-The Peak (auditorium)
Online via Zoom at 10:00 am:
https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/94503592761?pwd=SXpBalZnaTVLS0VLTHpUWDFXUEhhQT09
Meeting ID: 945 0359 2761
Passcode: 240991

Tuesday, September 21
10:00 am Genesis For Normal People via Zoom/Room # 2
6:00 pm Evening Discussion Group "The Good and Beautiful God" via Zoom
6:30 pm Finance Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, September 22
5:00 pm The Wired Word via Zoom
6:00 pm Adult Bells Sanctuary
7:00 pm Adult Choir Sanctuary

Thursday, September 23
7:00 am Meditation Walking Group
Meet at the public parking area located in the Civano neighborhood. **5261 S. Civano Blvd**
10:00 am Coffee Chat via Zoom
6:00 pm Genesis For Normal People Home of Rev. Susan
7:00 pm Executive Team Meeting

Saturday, September 25
9:30 am Vail Band Practice Sanctuary

VAIL SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We are in the 2nd week of Sunday School and the kids are having a blast!

This week we played a game relating it to 1 Corinthians 12, where Paul talks about how the church is compromised of many members, but each having different gifts, each using them to build up the body. We worked together to build up a tower. The many pieces of our towers were different, however they formed one structure; just as we are different, but are part of one church. Parents and students are always invited to join in the fun!

THE VAIL CAMPUS WELCOMES A NEW NURSERY ATTENDANT

We are proud to introduce the new nursery attendant for the Vail Campus, Emily Graham!

She is a senior at Mica Mountain High School, and is in the early childhood development program at school. She has a real love for the care of children, is very hard working, and friendly to all! We are so happy to have her care for the littlest among us! A huge welcome to Emily!

2021 All Church Charge Conference: Tuesday, October 26th at 7:00 pm

It's that time of year! All are invited to join together for our Charge Conference. SPRC will meet at 6:00 pm and our Conference will begin at 7:00pm.

All Committee Reports are due by Monday, October 11th and need to be submitted to Tammy on or before that date.

Please email her a copy of your report to **office@desertskiesumc.org** or leave a hard copy on her desk, in the folder marked 2021 All Church Charge Conference. Thank you in advance!

Some Committee Chairs will be receiving your forms via email (from Tammy) or the church conference forms can be found at**: https://dscumc.org/church-forms/**

Announcements

A Friendly Reminder-Masks are now needed during sanctuary worship while we are indoors. Thank you.

It is with saddened hearts that we announce the passing of Sylvia LaPorte. Sylvia passed away on Tuesday, September 14th.

Thursday Meditation Walking Group ~ Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the public parking area located in the Civano neighborhood. **5261 S Civano Blvd**. This joyful group invites everyone who wants to get outside for some fresh air, a little exercise, 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@desertskiesumc.org .**

UMW Board Meeting-UMW will be meeting for our Board meeting on the same day as usual but at a different time - **Monday, October 4th at 4:30 p.m.**

Sunday School News – This week the Children's Sunday School Class are collecting canned goods and dry foods for their class project. If you would like to donate please bring your canned or dry items on Sunday, September 26th, to Fellowship Hall where we will have our donation box. Thank you!

Qualified Childcare Worker Needed For Our Houghton Campus-Part-time on Sunday mornings. Do you know of someone who is qualified and would enjoy working with nursery-aged children? The applicants must be 18 or older with a high school diploma or equivalent, have experience and enjoy working with children, and complete First Aid and CPR, background check, and other standard documentation required for childcare workers.

- Hours weekly, 2.5-3hrs ~ Salary $13/hr.
- Campus Location: Houghton~3255 N. Houghton Road
- For complete job description and application, go to: **www.desertskiesumc.org/home/employment**
- **To inquire for more information, email revsusan@desertskiesumc.org or leave a message for Rev. Susan at 520-749-0521.**

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

Vail Contemporary Worship Service On-line-via Zoom at 10:00 am-All our welcome!
ZOOM LINK: https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/94503592761?pwd=SXpBalZnaTVLS0VLTHpUWDFXUEhhQT09
Meeting ID: 945 0359 2761 Passcode: 240991

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=YmI0NWZ5K0FlNjhLSGx3a1VrcWp6UT09**
Meeting ID: 940 0060 1494 Passcode: 756768

Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am-Genesis For Normal People-**The book can be ordered on Amazon.**
Zoom Link: https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/98224572943?pwd=MUtHaGxmaHBHWXllVms5QUZ3eWF1dz09
Meeting ID: 982 2457 2943 Passcode: 851791
This will also be recorded and put up on our YouTube Page: Desert Skies UMC.
September 21/23 Bible: Genesis 10-12; Book: Chapter 7—Babylon is Evil and/or blog
https://peteenns.com/?s=noah+and+lot

Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm Zoom Group-a new study using "The Good and Beautiful God: Falling in Love With the God Jesus Knew" by James Bryant Smith. **Questions email Rev. Susan at revsusan@desertskiesumc.org . The book can be ordered on Amazon.**
Zoom link: https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/95754068889?pwd=VUpDWm04U3N3ekZmdU9wZ3ozQm5mUT09
Meeting ID: 957 5406 8889 Passcode: 727582

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

Our Ordinary Time Worship Series 3: "Genesis for Normal People" runs through Sunday, October 17th.

God's relationship with Israel. People. Land. Struggle. All from a later point of view. This is the story of Genesis..

September 26-18th Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon: "Abraham is Chosen"
Scripture: Genesis 12: 1-9

October 3-19th Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon: "Isaac is the Father of Israel"
Scripture: Genesis 24: 1-9

October 10-20th Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon: "Jacob is Israel"
Scripture: Genesis 25: 19-33

October 17-21st Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon: "Israel is Saved"
Scripture: Genesis 45: 1-8

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***"…when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me."* - Jesus (Matthew 25:40 CEB)**

Dear Friends in Mission,

Thank you!

The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be – *Thank you* !

And through your financial support *you* are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships in the U.S. and in more than 60 countries in which UMCOR and partnering agencies engage in direct ministry to persons in need.

May we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate the healing power of the gospel with those who suffer.

Grace and Peace,

Roland Fernandes, General Secretary

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District Youth Group Event at Brandi Fenton Park

Desert Skies youth and leaders had a great time this past Saturday with a Goose Chase and Scavenger Hunt with other youth in the district. More pictures to come!

Snak Pak Ministry

The Snak Pak program has a new look. We have moved to supporting the Mobile Pantry at Pueblo Gardens K-8. We are looking for volunteers to help support this new venture. It is once a month – 2 different times. Please contact Eileen Starace at 520-907-2121 or eileens11@cox.net or Karen Anderson 520-991-3833 or karenhummer007@gmail.com. if you have any questions and if you are able to participate. We look forward to hearing from you.

- **Friday, September 24th, 2021**
  9:00 am to 11:00 am ~ Receive dry goods to pack 100 bags
  1:30 pm-3:30 pm ~ Receive fresh goods and hand out food to families

- **October 21-22, 2021**
  9:00 am to 11:00 am
  1:30 pm-3:30 pm

- **November 18-19, 2021**
  9:00 am to 11:00 am
  1:30 pm-3:30 pm

- **December 09-10, 2021**
  9:00 am to 11:00 am
  1:30 pm-3:30 pm

- **They will provide the next year's dates soon!**

Desert Skies will help rock the world! Well at least in Vail!

Do you have a heart for animals?
Do you enjoy making things, especially if it's easy and someone shows you exactly how?
Do you appreciate a small reminder of what's good in the world?
Would you like to help others feel encouraged?
And do you want more people to know about Desert Skies!?

All things are possible!
Together, we can help make all of this happen!
You don't have to live in Vail to share the Joy of Desert Skies.
Set-up team arrives at 8:00.
30-minute to one-hour shifts available.
Contact: revsusan@desertskiesumc.org to RSVP.

FROM THE STEPHEN MINISTRY TEAM

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

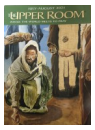
Each Thursday in the email blast we will provide the Stephen Minister who is on call for the week. (Which begins on Sunday and ends the following Saturday.) The Stephen Minister's name, phone number, and email address will be listed, for your reference.

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

Bible Readings

Sept. 21-Dan. 7, 8; Ps. 137; Lk. 4
Sept. 22-Dan. 9, 10; Ps. 123; Lk. 5
Sept. 23-Dan. 11, 22; Lk. 6
Sept. 24-Ezra 1; Ps. 84, 85; Lk. 7
Sept. 25-Ezra 2, 3; Lk. 8
Sept. 26-Ezra 4; Ps. 113, 127; Lk. 9
Sept. 27-Hag. 1, 2; Ps. 129; Lk. 10

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



September ~ October 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.

September

Sanctuary UMC, Tucson
Santa Cruz Valley UMC, Sahuarita
St. John's UMC, 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/