



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

February 15, 2022

This Week at Desert Skies

We are following safety protocol, and practicing physical distancing. **Masks are 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://deserts skiesumc.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, February 15

10:00 am Truth in Science & Religion

Bible Study: The God of Hope and
The End of The World

via Zoom/Room # 2

12:30 pm Staff Meeting Room # 2

6:30 pm Finance Meeting via Zoom

7:30 pm SPRC Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, February 16

9:30 am Zippy 49er's Meeting via Zoom

3:30 pm Grief Group via Zoom

5:00 pm The Wired Word via Zoom

6:00 pm Adult Bells Sanctuary

7:00 pm Adult Choir Sanctuary

Thursday, February 17

7:30 am Walking Group
Civano Neighborhood parking lot

10:00 am Coffee Chat via Zoom

3:30 pm Foundation Meeting via Zoom

6:00 pm Truth in Science & Religion

Bible Study: The God of Hope and
The End of The World

via Zoom

Just a friendly Reminder....

WESTERN SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 20th!!

“Valentine Workshop” at Between the Tracks

Desert Skies had fun hosting a “Valentine Workshop” at Between the Tracks in Vail on Saturday. We asked participants to make one card for someone they know and one for a resident in Assisted Living at Fellowship Square. It wasn't long before the word got around, and by the end of the day, over 50 vendors and shoppers, children and adults alike, had stopped by our tent to help. It was a fun to sit and talk with our guests while we were thoughtfully creating something special for others. **Our next outing at Between the Tracks will be on 3/19.**



YOUTH DISTRICT SUPER BOWL PARTY



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=Yml0NWZ5K0FjNjhsLzGx3a1VrcWp6UT09>

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

Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am-Bible Study: Religion and Science: Pathways to Truth course.

Join us for this week's topic: "The God of Hope and the End of the World" John Polkinghorne, Cambridge University.

Zoom Link: <https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/98224572943?pwd=MUthHGxmaHBHwXIIvms5QUZ3eWF1dz09>

Meeting ID: 982 2457 2943 **Passcode:** 851791

DSUMC Grief Group on Wednesdays at 3:30 pm-This is an ongoing group where each person's needs will be taken into account. Jeann Fishback will facilitate and she highly recommends Rev Bob Deits' book Life After Loss. He has six editions with the last a white cover published in May 2017 that is available on smile.amazon.com and in audiobook at the library.

Zoom Link: <https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/94452115435?pwd=OWhOVXFSMfgxTUlwcEpDK0FSUDZRZz09>

Meeting ID: 944 5211 5435 **Passcode** 895474

Wednesdays at 5:00 pm-The Wired Word

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/98627546289?pwd=eExKNEtfc09MVfhqdIJTaElpdnJFdz09>

Meeting ID: 986 2754 6289 **Passcode:** 467422

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

Thursdays at 6:00 pm-Bible Study: Religion and Science: Pathways to Truth course ~ via Zoom.

Join us for this week's topic: "The God of Hope and the End of the World" John Polkinghorne, Cambridge University.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/95885507532?pwd=RjhGSzFqelFFbTh5ckV6MkZJQ2YwQT09>

Meeting ID: 958 8550 7532 **Passcode:** 723275

Annual Valentine's Collection for Casa Maria

Sunday, February 20th

LAST CALL to share the love and spread the warmth to the underprivileged at Casa Maria through our Annual Valentine's Collection!

Ground coffee and **sugar** provide hot drinks for the needy early in the mornings, **packages or boxes of plastic spoons** enable them to enjoy the hot soup and **face masks** help keep everyone safe. **Please bring your gifts of any of the above to services at Houghton or Vail on Sunday, February 20th.**

Coffee, sugar, plastic spoons and face masks may also be dropped off in the Church Office during the week.

Constantly needed at Casa Maria are clean, folded, plastic grocery bags. They may be placed in the box marked "Plastic Bags for Casa Maria" in the Narthex on Sundays.

Thank you for helping to care for the homeless and needy at Casa Maria!

Your Missions and Social Concerns Committee



New Paraments

Attention Maskmakers (and anyone else who would like to participate)

We want to create new paraments to remember our collective efforts to help one another and to remember those we have lost during the pandemic.

Use the fabric scraps from the masks to create 10 1/2 inch blocks in designs of your choice. Please return the blocks to the church office (9:00 am-12:00 pm) by Friday, April 1st or mail the blocks to the church at 3255 N Houghton Rd., Tucson AZ 85749.

If you would like, please write a specific dedication to a person or a group or your reflections about the pandemic experience to include with the quilt block. We will gather those written words as our eyewitness to history for future DSUMC congregations. Any questions? Contact Mary Ellen Dawson, Clarlyn Elder, and Mary Lou Metzger.

Our BELLS Practice This Week is "Sent"

Each one of us is sent into the world to bear witness to the light, just as Jesus did, by the way we live every day. Throughout Epiphany, we have been utilizing spiritual practices of BELLS: blessing, eating, listening, learning. When we daily build these practices into our lives, we begin to see all of the places and ways we've actually been SENT by the Spirit to bring light into the world. Christ has been with us, at work through our relationships with our neighbors. This week, continue to find ways to bless, eat, listen and learn, and watch for the ways you alerted others (by word or deed) to the light of God in this world. If journaling is your thing, reflect either through words, art, music, conversation. Let us know what you discovered. Send your story to Rev Susan or Rev Candace.

If we want to be generous, hospitable, Spirit-led, Counterintuitive, Christlike missionaries, we can't just try to *learn* those values. By God's grace, we foster the habits that will help us live this day and each day in the kingdom of God, inviting others to see and experience its beauty along the way.

INTRODUCTION TO LAY SERVANT MINISTRY – THE BASIC CLASS

The purpose of Lay Servant Ministries is to encourage and empower you, the laity, to serve in active ministries in support of your church and community. As a lay servant you may never be called upon to speak in public. Lay Servants offer their gifts in the areas of Caring, Leading and Communicating. The authors of the Basic Course book discuss processes to help you discern and respond to God's particular call in your life. They encourage each person to recognize and employ his or her spiritual gifts for the Church. The book presents numerous types of ministries in which Lay Servants may assume roles.

Saturday, March 12, 2022

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

and

Saturday, March 19, 2022

9:00 AM -3:30 PM

(Must attend both Days)

St John's UMC Tucson

60 W Veterans Blvd Tucson AZ 85713

Cost: \$15 for Basic class

Register at: <https://dscumc.org/lay-servant-ministries-training-sessions/>

MUST ORDER OWN BOOK

You must purchase your own book: "Lay Servant Ministries-Basic

Course: by Sandy Zeigler Jackson & Brian Jackson for \$12.00

(Cokesbury), or \$11 (Amazon) – Kindle also available.

For more information or a paper application -please contact:
Gretchen Lofgren at glofgren22@gmail.com or (520) 404-2268

Children's Ministry at Desert Skies

All children are invited to attend our regular Sunday School time at 10:00 am. Hope to see you there!

Houghton Campus: 10:00 am in Room # 3

Vail Campus-Mica Mountain H.S.: 10:00 am in the One-Room Sunday School



Our Epiphany Series: "Unveiling the Light of the World" runs through February 27th.

As a follow-up to the story of Jesus' birth and beginning with the visit of the Magi who recognize in this child the holy presence, the Sundays after Epiphany constitute a season in which we hear the stories of Jesus' life and the glory of God that shines in and through his ministry among the people. The lectionary scriptures point toward the injustice that Jesus proclaims and that we are called to embody as the Body of Christ. We will plant, walk, speak, share, shine... all for the sake of abundant life that is the birthright of all people as children of God.

February 20th-7th Sunday after the Epiphany--Western Sunday

Sermon: Lessons of Love

Scripture: Luke 6: 27-38

February 27th-Transfiguration Sunday

Sermon: Deeply Aware of God

Scripture: Luke 9: 28-36



Dear Desert Skies Family,
Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers that you sent- that was very thoughtful. Your kindness and support means a lot to me.

With gratitude,
Nikki Hampton
+ Family



Lindsay Duvall for Heifer International

Hi Desert Skies United Methodist Church,

Your generosity and compassion are giving hope and opportunity to farmers around the world to build a better life for their families and communities.

Stay tuned for the video you will see on Sunday morning, that shows how your support is helping farmers like Agnes Luweesi Namazzi create a life free from hunger and poverty.

Thank you for giving hope and opportunity.

Take care,

Lindsay

Thanks to the United Methodist Women and their alternative Christmas giving project, people at Desert Skies were able to donate to Heifer International...let's take a look on Sunday!

CREATION CARE CORNER

Help Protect our Environment!

Bring us your **glass** to be recycled/reused! Put your glass in the black bin labeled GLASS outside the kitchen, next to the patio and we'll take it to one of the community drop off sites.

Last year, the City of Tucson stopped accepting glass in the blue Recycling bins, instead, glass to be recycled can be taken to any of the 22 drop off sites throughout the community. The glass collected is taken to a landfill where it is processed through a glass crushing machine capable of turning glass into dust in seconds. The "glass sand" is then used locally to fill sandbags or as an aggregate for construction projects. The transition from using recycled glass to reusing glass represents a 69% drop in greenhouse gas emissions. Does recycling seem complicated? Simplify it! Recycle the most important and cost-effective items and don't worry about the rest!

The most important and cost-effective items to recycle in your own blue bin are:

Cans: soda, soup, other cans (even with labels on them)-rinse well before recycling.

Plastic: water bottles, other drink bottles, clamshell, fruit or take-out containers, rigid plastic detergent bottles with caps/lids. Anything smaller than a tennis ball can't go in.

Paper: junk mail, newspapers, office paper, paper bags and cardboard

AVOID USING STYROFOAM AND SINGLE USE PLASTICS. *Thanks for caring!*

UMW TO FEATURE SPEAKERS FROM EMERGE

On Saturday, February 26, at 9:30 a.m., on Zoom, the Desert Skies United Methodist Women will welcome two speakers from **Emerge**, a Tucson organization that helps almost 6,000 survivors of domestic abuse each year. The goal of Emerge is "to provide opportunities for victims to create, sustain and celebrate a life free from abuse". Speakers will be Lauryn Blanco, Vice-President of Philanthropy and Operations and Josue Romero, Development Manager at Emerge.

For almost twenty years, UMW has been involved in providing hygiene kits for women who come to the Emerge emergency shelters, arriving with very few, if any, personal items. This ministry is aligned with the UMW goal of supporting women, children and youth.

All members and friends of Desert Skies who would like to learn more about Emerge and how they are working to provide services to victims and to end domestic abuse are welcome to attend. Please note the Zoom link provided below:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/91616486642?pwd=TFB2bmtSRDR0SWsvMEg1Ujd1bTY4QT09>

Meeting ID: 916 1648 6642 **Passcode: 742329**



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 marvjofloyd39@gmail.com

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

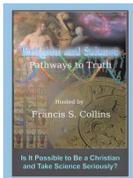
You may pick up a food box and deliver it personally or provide us with the contact information, and we will arrange for the pick up or delivery. **This is an ongoing ministry and appreciates non perishable items any time. The blue ELF Ministry donation bin will continue to be in front of the church office from 9 a. m. until noon on Mondays.**

Announcements

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

DSUMC Grief Group-via Zoom on Wednesday afternoons at 3:30 pm. This is an ongoing group where each person's needs will be taken into account. The book I would highly recommend is Rev. Bob Deits' book, Life After Loss. He has six editions with the last a white cover published in May 2017 that is available on smile.amazon.com and in audiobook at the library. If you are interested please contact Jeann Fishback via email fishback@ns.arizona.edu or call Jeann at 520-850-9723. **The Zoom link can be found under the Online Coffee Hours, Book Studies and Groups via Zoom to Help us Connect!!**

The Women's Walk to Emmaus-is planned for March 31st-April 3rd, 2022 in Sierra Vista. If any female person is interested in attending this event or would like more information, please see www.azemmaus.org or contact Stephanie Hartung 520-405-3210.



Religion and Science: Pathways to Truth course-Our Tuesday morning (10:00 am)/Thursday evening (6:00 pm) pastor's Bible Study has begun and the good news is that you are not too late if you haven't joined. Each session stands alone, so come to one or come to all of them! Join us for this week's topic: **"The God of Hope and The End of The World"** John Polkinghorne, Cambridge University.

The Zippy 49er's Circle-will meet in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, February 16th, at 9:30 a.m. All women are welcome to join us for a morning of fellowship, prayer, and study. Read 2 Kings 5: 1-9 to prepare for our study session. If you have the book, Fierce Women of the Bible Who Changed the World, read Chapter 3. Please plan to wear a mask while we are indoors with the exception of time for a cup of coffee or tea and a light snack.

Thursday Meditation Walking Group ~ **Meet at 7:30 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.**

Snak Pak Ministry-We have updated the mobile pantry. We have moved to just the afternoon where we will pack and distribute the bags to the families who come after school. You are welcome to come for the whole time or whenever you are able to join us. If you are able to join us or have any questions, please contact Eileen Starace at 520-907-2121 or eileens11@cox.net or Karen Anderson karenhummer007@gmail.com. or 520-991-3833.

Friday, Feb. 18: 1:00 ~ 4:00

Friday, Apr. 22: 1:00 ~ 4:00

Friday, Mar. 25: 1:00 ~ 4:00

Friday, May 20: 1:00 ~ 4:00

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, The Stephen Ministry Team is available. Please do not hesitate to call Rev. Susan Holden at (702) 354-9317. You are not alone, we are here to walk with you during a difficult time.

Bible Readings

Feb. 15-Lev. 25; Ps. 25-26; Acts 21
Feb. 16-Lev. 26, 27; Acts 23
Feb. 17-Num. 1, 2; Acts 24
Feb. 18-Num. 3, 4; Acts 25
Feb. 19-Num. 5, 6; Ps. 22; Acts 26
Feb. 20-Num. 7; Ps. 23; Acts 27
Feb. 21-Num. 8, 9; Acts 28

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

January ~ February 2022 Issue of The Upper Room



You can pick one up in the Church Office, Sanctuary, or 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 2022

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.

FEBRUARY

Catalina UMC

First UMC, Tucson

Sanctuary UMC, Tucson

Prayer Requests

Just a friendly reminder that if you have a prayer request, please email Pat Walker at msnodleprav28@gmail.com and/or click this link: <https://desertskiesumc.org/contact/>