



THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church

April 5, 2022

This Week at Desert Skies

Following the CDC protocols, masks are now optional for those who are fully vaccinated and boosted.

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).

Traditional with Praise Band:

10:00 am

Vail Campus-The Peak (auditorium)

Online via Zoom at 10:00 am:

<https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/94503592761?pwd=SXpBalZnaTVLS0VLTThpUWDFXUEhhOT09>

Meeting ID: 945 0359 2761

Passcode: 240991

Tuesday, April 5

10:00 am Lenten Book Study:

“Witness at The Cross”

via Zoom/Room # 2

via Zoom

12:30 pm Staff Meeting

Room # 2

Wednesday, April 6

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, April 7

7:30 am Walking Group

Civano Neighborhood parking lot

10:00 am Coffee Chat

via Zoom

1:00 pm Children’s Ministry Meeting

via Zoom

5:00 pm Communications Team Meeting

via Zoom

6:00 pm Lenten Book Study:

“Witness at The Cross”

Saturday, April 9

8:00 am UMM Breakfast

Jerry Bob’s on Houghton Road

9:30 am Vail Praise Band

4:00 pm Houghton Praise Band Sanctuary

Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday April 10

8:30 am (H) 10:00 am (H,V)

Maundy Thursday April 14 7:00 pm (H)

Good Friday Hike 6:00 pm (SNPE)

Easter Sunday

Sunrise 6:00 am (H)

Traditional with Choir 8:30 and 10:00 am (H)

Traditional with Band and Brass 10:00 am (V)

Online at 10:00 am @

<https://desertskies.online.church>

(H) Houghton Campus

(V) Vail Campus

(SNPE) Saguaro National Park East

(Broadway Trailhead)

We Are Witnesses

Easter Worship Series April 17-June 5

www.desertskiesumc.org

Houghton Campus:

3255 N. Houghton Rd. Tucson

Vail Campus:

Mica Mountain High School,

10800 E. Valencia, Vail



Children's Ministry at Desert Skies

All children are invited to join us for a very special Easter Sunday! We will have the Easter Story to share, fun crafts & activities and of course the traditional Easter Egg Hunt! Hope to see you there....Houghton or Vail Campus...at 10:00am!

Houghton Campus: 10:00 am in Room # 3

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



Kindness abounds in our children at Desert Skies

In Sunday School at the Vail campus, the children took part in a treasure hunt to learn how it is in giving, that you receive. When you do something kind for somebody, God is pleased. And the blessings multiply.

The class started out with hidden candy all over the room, and the children were asked to find what they could and bring it back to our circle. When they returned, we looked around and noticed that some had more than others. With a basket of candy on the teacher's lap, she explained, "Congratulations. You found a lot of treasure. That means you are fast and competitive and you have a good eye. But does that mean you're a good Christian? To be a good competitor, you have to be fast and determined and strong. To be a good Christian, you have to be giving and kind. You are supposed to treat others the way you want to be treated because that honors God."

We discovered one child had not found any, and we found the child who had the most amount – 7 pieces. We asked the child with the most if she would like to give a piece to the child with the least, and as she gave one of hers, and the teacher gave her a piece from the basket. The child who gave had also received. What was so surprising is that without being prompted, two other students passed candy to the child with the least as well.

So, we carried on and did the same with another two students. Again, other students passed their candy along unrequested. At this point in the game, the teacher just sat back with a smile in her heart and watched as the class, untutored, figured out between them who had the least, and all shared between themselves until everyone was equal.

Kindness abounds in our children at Desert Skies United Methodist Church and we believe that God is pleased.



**You're Invited!! "Between The Tracks" Community Enrichment
April 9th ~ 8:00 am-1:00 pm
Location: 13105 E. Colossal Cave Rd. in Vail**

Desert Skies will be inviting the Vail community to celebrate New Life by creating Earth Day pots and decorative garden rocks at the "Between the Tracks" vendor fair in Vail. We will also share information about the Desert Skies Zero Waste initiatives and provide recipes for "green cleaning supplies." And of course, as we spend time and folks get to know us, we will invite them to Holy Week and Easter Celebrations on all of our Desert Skies Campuses, including Online.

Come to help with the activities, be a friendly face for Desert Skies, or just to visit, anytime between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm. All of the volunteers who have helped at our past two outings have loved being there! For more information, contact Rev Susan, revsusan@desertskiesumc.org.



From The Trustees Committee

The Trustees Committee agreed to organize a campus cleanup on **Saturday, April 16th**, in anticipation of springing up the campus for Easter. We'll be meeting in front of the Sanctuary at 9:00 am! We ask folks to bring their own tools. ie. clippers, rakes, weed hoes, wheel barrels and gloves.

Please come out and help us get ready for Easter!! For more info or questions, please contact Mike Cline, Chair of Trustees.

Announcements

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!!**

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, Apr. 22: 1:00 ~ 4:00 Friday, May 20: 1:00 ~ 4:00**

UMW Esther Circle Vail-will not meet in April. We plan to meet in May. Watch this space for date, time and location.

UMW-will not be having a Board Meeting nor a General meeting in April, May, June, or July. I will reach out to you when we start back up or if we have any mid-summer activities.

FROM THE STEPHEN MINISTRY TEAM

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

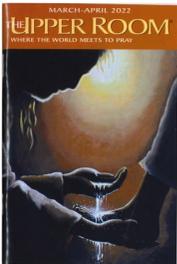
Each Thursday in the email blast we will provide the Stephen Minister who is on call for the week. (Which begins on Sunday and ends the following Saturday.) The Stephen Minister's name, phone number, and email address will be listed, for your reference.

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

Apr. 05-Ruth 1, 2; Ps 53, 61; II Cor. 5
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. 12

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



March ~ April 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.

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Christ Church UM, Tucson
Community UMC, Bowie
Campus Ministry U of A, Tucson

Prayer Requests

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