

Desert Skies United Methodist Church



February 2012
THE SKYLINE

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**JOIN US AT
CHRIST CAFÉ
BETWEEN SERVICES
9:30 am
OUTSIDE SANCTUARY
COFFEE
LEMONADE
GREAT
FELLOWSHIP!!!**



We are on the web:
www.desertskiesumc.org
(See the newsletter on
the web)



THE LIBERTY VOICES

Join us for a fun and music filled day on **February 19th!**

The Liberty Voices, from Orlando Florida, will be joining us in worship and for a concert.

**Worship for this, our Western Sunday, will be at a special time- 9:30 am.
The concert will begin at 1:00 pm in the Sanctuary.**

The Liberty Voices are noted as America's premier a cappella stylists and Americas vocal ambassadors to the world. They have made several recordings and performed for the last five U.S. Presidents. Desert Skies is proud to present them in their Tucson debut.

The concert is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be received.





- 15 Dick & Gail Remaly
- 16 Eric & Kristina Castell
Tim & Fabiola Griffin
- 24 Norman & Barb Porter
- 28 Gary & Linda Barker
Duane & Cinda Courson
J.L. & Becky Burnett



Little Things....
BIG Results!!!



UMW is still collecting Campbell's UPCs and General Mills Boxtops for Education for McCurdy School in New Mexico, and aluminum pop-tabs for Ronald McDonald House here in Tucson.

The boxtops & UPCs help purchase classroom/athletic supplies for the school. The pop-tabs are recycled for cash to help support the McD. Facility. The pop-tabs can be placed in the same collection bins as the UPCs and BOXTOPS.

A WORD FROM DAN



One of my favorite movies is the Coen Brother's depression era retelling of Homer's Odesey, "O, Brother Where Art Thou." Dubbed the "'Citizen Kane' of hay seed movies" O, Brother features George Clooney in the lead role. He is a wind bag and a con man who is very vain. His vanity shows up most often in the way he cares for his hair. An item that pops up over and over in the film is the red labeled can of "Dapper Dan" pomade. It is the scent of Dapper Dan that leads the blood hounds to the fugitive Clooney's trail and is nearly his undoing. But Clooney's character must have it. "I'm a Dapper Dan Man" he proclaims.

Are you fiercely loyal to a brand? Will you only buy a certain brand of detergent, shop at a certain store, eat a particular hamburger? Does a brand say something about you? Does the type of car one drives, the clothes one wears, or one's choice of deodorant identify anything about a person at all?

What about our church? What does your attendance here say? What is the Desert Skies Brand?

Desert Skies means many things to many people. No doubt some have found us, stayed with us, or gotten closer to us because of the flea market. Others can say the same because they came seeking a place that was active in missions or a place with fine worship music. Some have found us because of our contemporary service. Still others have been attracted by our ministries involving children. One or two have even told me they like the preaching.

Over the next weeks and months we are going to be exploring our "brand." We already know our mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. How do we want to be known for that in our community? We answer that question by filling in two blanks. Desert Skies is a church that. . . and Desert Skies is a church where. . .

I would like to know how each of you would fill in these blanks. If you could, come find me and tell me what our "brand" is to you.

See You in Church,

Dan





UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

All women of the church are invited to the UMW brunch on **February 25 at 9:15 am** in Fellowship Hall. Sandee Landsburg will present a slide program on her trip to Russia. She and David enjoyed a river cruise from St. Petersburg to Moscow. Visit museums, churches, Red Square, modern malls, the fabulous Moscow subway system and learn a bit about the country and its people. Plus, you'll get to enjoy great food and warm fellowship. Hope to see you on the 25th!

First Church UMW President and President of Church Women United, Carolyn Redmore, extends an invitation to all interested women to attend the CWU Annual Assembly at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 7650 N. Paseo del Norte on February 10-11. The theme is *God's Renewed Creation: Call to Hope and Action*. There are a number of sessions and workshops available, one of which is entitled *When Women Talk, the World Listens: Civil Discourse and Justice*, presented by United Methodist Deaconess Margie Hrabe. Registration must be completed by February 4th. Charge is \$30 for both days and \$20 for a single day. A complete brochure can be obtained by contacting Sandee Landsburg. In addition, there is a worship service **Friday evening, Feb. 10th** (no charge, no registration needed) at **7 pm**. **Bishop Minerva Carcano** will be preaching.

Circles in February:

Helping Hands – February 14th, 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall

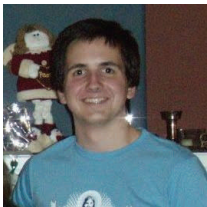
Southeast Circle – Call Karen Voodre for information

Zippy 49ers – February 15th, 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Questions-Call Glenda Burdick or Linda Wheeler.

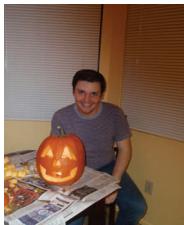
M&M – February 16th, 1 pm in Fellowship Hall



Wesley Foundation



My name is Daniel Bos. I'm from Gold Canyon, Arizona and I my hometown church is Gold Canyon United Methodist Church. I'm currently a sophomore and I'm studying Speech, Language, & Hearing Sciences with a minor in Psychology and in Theatre Arts. I like to play tennis and I play guitar. I love going to see plays and performances and I used to act a ton back in the day. I currently lead the Co-Ed Life group. It's definitely been one of the highlights of my semester. I may not be able to go to Wesley every week, but my life group gives me the spiritual and emotional boost that I need to get me through my semester. Wesley has been my church home away from my church home, and it's a blessing to be a part of it!



Hello! My name is Nick DeLong and I am a graduating senior (December 2011) at the University of Arizona. My major is Regional Development with a minor in GIS (Global Information Systems). I was born and raised in Prescott, Arizona and grew up at the Prescott United Methodist Church.

Nearly four years ago, I entered the doors at the First United Methodist Church to attend the Wesley Foundation for the first time. I didn't quite know what to expect, didn't know any of the other members, and was rather nervous. However, four years later, I can safely say that my first visit to Wesley was one of the most important decisions that I made during my college experience that not only greatly shaped who I am today, but also my overall time spent at the University of Arizona.

During my four years at Wesley, I have participated in just about every area possible. From being on the leadership team for two years to helping in various mission projects, and from leading a L.I.F.E. group (small Bible study) to creating the PowerPoint used each week, my experience has taught me many different valuable skills.

The biggest skill I have been taught through my participation at Wesley is that of leadership. This skill as well as various other ones I have learned throughout the past four years have not only helped me to grow as a person, but will help benefit me once I finally enter the real world. My favorite part of Wesley has been meeting all of the wonderful people who attend. It is quite overwhelming to try and meet friends with similar values as you at a campus as large as my own hometown. By participating in Wesley, I have made countless friends and finally felt part of a community. To me, being part of a caring community is what can make or break ones college experience. By being part of this community, I have gained so much in my life and it is truly what has helped me to not only survive, but enjoy my college experience. While I do not know where God will take me once I graduate, I do know that the friends, skills, and experiences that I gained through the Wesley Foundation are ones that will last a lifetime.

REV. BRIAN

Adult Sunday School

Schedule:

8:30 am

Adult Sunday School
room # 5

Sunday School Schedule:

8:30 am

Nursery room # 4
One Room School House
room # 2

10:00 am

Nursery room # 4
Pre-School room # 3
Grades K-6 rooms # 6 & 7
Jr. High room # 5
High School rooms # 1 & 2



Grace and Peace to you in the name of the one who leads us out of darkness and into light!

Do you remember the last time you participated in Christian Education? Were you 14 and just wrapping up confirmation? 18, graduating from High School and, subsequently, from your church's Sunday School program? For many Christians our last experience of intentional learning within their community of faith was as a child and, while we have remained faithful followers and worshippers in our faith lives and pursued higher education in our secular lives, we have had very little cross-over as adults.

Walter Wink, respected minister, Christian educator, and author has suggested that we often stop growing in Christian maturity at the age we last attended a Christian education class, suggesting that many Christians, while mature, well-rounded people outside of their faith lives, struggle to find a faith as rich, complex, and meaningful as the rest of their lives are. Given that understanding it makes perfect sense to me that many of our parents struggle to communicate to their children a faith that is rich, complex, and meaningful beyond traditions and superstitions. If that is your struggle or the struggle of people you know, I want to help.

Desert Skies has a rich history of Christian Education. As I worked to connect with our diverse congregation in my first year of ministry here I heard countless stories of folks who had grown tremendously through classes offered at Desert Skies. From Christian Believer to Alpha, and of course Disciple Bible Study, many of you have wonderful stories about the relationships built, with God and with others through adult education. But many of you also told me that you had taken all the classes offered and weren't sure where to turn now.

In the coming weeks and months your education committee will be working with some of our existing adult education leaders to come up with new classes we might offer and new people who might lead them. We will be considering ways of supporting first-time teachers so they feel empowered to support others on their faith journey. If you're not teaching a class we encourage you to keep your eyes, ears, and heart open to a class that God might be calling you to participate in. Together, your education committee and I want to clear the way for you to continue growing as a disciple of Jesus Christ, for the transformation of your life, of our church, and ultimately of our world!

Your Servant in Christ,

Rev. Brian



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES' VALENTINE BAKE SALE



Please support our Mission Project: "Youth On Their Own".

On February 12th the Sunday School classes will have a VALENTINE BAKE SALE. We will need baked goodies to sell. Please support this sale by baking and buying baked goods, as the proceeds will benefit "Youth On Their Own". Please place in kitchen on 2/12/12 marked "Sunday School Classes".

The Sunday School classes thank you for your support.



DIAPER DRIVE

We are hosting a Diaper Drive on Sunday, February 26 and Sunday, March 4, 2012 to benefit the Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona!

Please bring your diaper donations and place in the collection "playpens" located outside both the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary during Sunday worship services. Let's work together to reach our goal of 2500 diapers! The Diaper Bank is in need of any size and brand of diapers, but especially newborn and adult sizes.

Contact Jennifer McDowell at 850-0122 for more information. Find out more about how the Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona helps our community at www.diaperbank.org.

THANK YOU!!!



MISSIONS MOMENT

VALENTINES'S DAY COFFEE & SUGAR FOR CASA MARIA

If you enjoy a hot drink in the morning, especially a cup of coffee, please join the Missions Committee as we collect 2 and 3 lb. containers of ground coffee and 5 and 10 lb. sacks of sugar to ensure that the hundreds of people who come to the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen on these cold winter mornings get their cup of hot coffee. You will find decorated collection boxes available to receive your donations on January 29th, February 5th and 12th. As always, thank you for your generosity.



UNITED METHODIST MEN

Twenty eight men of the church met Saturday, January 21st, for the monthly United Methodist Men's meeting. Gourmet Chef, Lyle Kaapke, and his crew provided us with a delicious breakfast. Thanks Lyle, Sherman, Del, Gordy and Jerry.

Our program was presented by Sharon Kah a personal victim of the brain disease called Parkinson's. She gave a very moving and inspirational talk about the disease as well as ways one can slow the process including as she said "When I say Parkinson's, you say I won't give up"

The church golf tournament was also held on Saturday and the Partridge family won both the men's and women's divisions. Good job Ken and Roselle.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, February 18th, 2012 in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 am. All men of the church are invited for breakfast and fellowship!! Our next Golf Tournament will be held this day also. More info to follow.



Interfaith Community Services-ICS

Interfaith Community Services (ICS) annual report indicated a 10.6% increase of goods and services provided in 2011 over year 2010. Monetary value of these goods and services exceeded 2.6 million dollars.

During the 2011 year a total of 617 volunteers provided 41,406 hours of service and drove 215,800 miles in the nine categories of service and administration: which are, Health Advocacy, Care giving Services, Mobile Meals, Food Bank, Emergency Financial Assistance, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), the Resource Center, General Office, and Board, Council and Event Committees. Desert Skies volunteers provided 223 hours of service and drove 2,218 miles. Financially, Desert Skies was a major contributor to ICS as recognized in the annual report.

There are now 60 faith communities in partnership with ICS from all areas of the Tucson Metropolitan area. As the need for services increases in our community, ICS strives to provide adequate resources to meet demands. With the help of our partners and affiliates and the excellent professional staff of ICS, these goals can be achieved.

Thank you, Desert Skies, for all that you have done and for your continued support.



February 2012 Youth Events



Sunday, February 5th-Super Bowl Party!!!

Sunday, February 12th-Both Groups-6:30-7:30 pm Dinner & Worship

Sunday, February 19th-No Youth Group-WESTERN SUNDAY!!!

Friday, February 24th-26th-Sr. High Trip

Sunday, February 26th-Both Groups-6:30-8:00 pm-Dinner, Games, and Bible Study



Walk to Emmaus 2012

- Do you believe that being a Christian also involves responsibilities?
- * Would you enjoy a position of responsibility in our church? Do you feel God is leading you to have such a position but you just don't know what it is?
- * Do you wish to strengthen your spiritual life?
- * Are you at least 23 years of age?
- * Do you attend church regularly?
- * This may be the right time to attend a Walk to Emmaus Weekend.

The Walk to Emmaus is now accepting applications for 2012
Please prayerfully consider attending a Walk

(The next Men's and Women's Walks will be held at the
Sierra Vista United Methodist Church in March of 2012)

You will need to have a sponsor, someone who has already attended the Walk to Emmaus. We have several members from our church family. Please contact Martha Spore (290-0223) for a possible sponsor, and pick up an application from the Emmaus/Kairos board out in front of the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings.



Interested in joining
Desert Skies UMC?
Contact Rev. Dan at
749-0521

FEBRUARY DEVOTIONS

- 1 I Timothy 6:17-19
- 2 Luke 15:1-10
- 3 Psalm 147:1-11
- 4 John 2:1-11
- 5 I John 1:4-10
- 6 Matthew 10:29-31
- 7 Psalm 71:17-21
- 8 Deuteronomy 13:1-4
- 9 Psalm 131:1-3
- 10 Colossians 3:12-17
- 11 Romans 12:4-13
- 12 I Peter 2:4-10
- 13 Psalm 92:1-5, 12-15
- 14 John 20:24-29
- 15 II Corinthians 9:6-15
- 16 Psalm 136:1-3
- 17 Luke 12:22-32
- 18 Numbers 21:4-9
- 19 James 3:2-12
- 20 Matthew 6:5-15
- 21 Proverbs 2:1-11
- 22 Romans 8:9-11
- 23 James 5:13-16
- 24 Psalm 46:1-11
- 25 Mark 10:46-52
- 26 Psalm 63:1-8
- 27 Mark 5:21-24, 35-42
- 28 Ephesians 3:14-21
- 29 Ecclesiastes 3:9-15



- 2 Charlene Cline
- 3 Charles Hoffman
- 4 Sylvia LaPorte, Dudley Spore,
Ken Weber
- 5 Linda Feldman, Brenda Markkola,
Maria Spalt
- 6 Bruce Bartman, Elizabeth DiPrima,
Duane "Sparky" Johnsen
- 7 Jane Hamby, Michelle Lewis
- 8 Robert Burke, Dick Howard,
Vivian Whiteman
- 9 June Doty, Ed LeGendre
- 12 Thelma Forrester
- 13 Andrew Gavin
- 15 Connie Kraska, Sharon Levin,
Lisa McIntire
- 16 Eric Gustafson
- 17 Pat Crowell, Ursula Heath,
Lyle Kaapke
- 18 Loeles FATHERA, Gary McDowell
- 19 Sam Stivers
- 20 Sue Bishop, Steven Edwards
- 24 Ted Dorsey
- 25 Ellie Radomsky
- 26 Lucretia Croft, Kathleen Eakins
- 27 Katie Calistro, Doreen Hedger,
- 28 Mark Norris
- 29 Barb Porter



Don't forget to bring your canned goods and other non per-
ishable foods for the Community Food Bank the **first Sunday**
of each month. The box is located in the entryway at the
Fellowship Hall.

FEBRUARY 6th!!!!!!



REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

If you have a prayer request, you may contact Ginger Crowder 298-8116 or e-mail Pat Walker at msnodle@aol.com If you are unable to reach Pat, you may call the church office at 749-0521.

If you would like to submit a prayer request in writing, please use one of the Prayer Cards in the pew racks and then give it to an usher or to Reverend Dan as you are leaving. These requests are kept confidential and receive the same prayerful attention given verbal requests.



VIVACE

BY SUSAN SCHILD



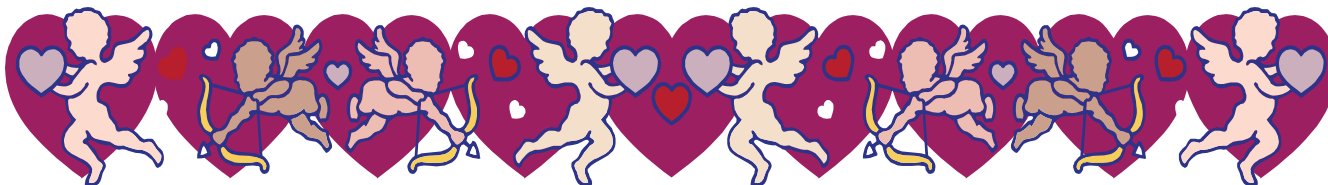
Yahoo! This is a great month to celebrate at Desert Skies. We will have our Western Sunday on February 19th, and it's a good opportunity to invite friends to worship with us and to join us at our Western lunch.

You will need to purchase your lunch tickets by Sunday Feb. 12th. As always, we'll have a pony ride for the kids (free), lots of activities in Sunday School and a super morning of worship at 9:30 am - did you read that - 9:30 am. This is a departure from our "normal" times. You may already know that we'll have as our guests in worship the Liberty Voices. They will also sing in our Sanctuary at 1pm. You will want to make every effort to be with us on February 19th - it's gonna be fun! You can reserve your lunch tickets at worship on Feb. 5th or 12th or by calling the office at 749-0521.

February 22nd is Ash Wednesday. We will begin our Lenten journey with a soup supper at 5:30 pm followed by worship in our Sanctuary at 6:30 pm. Each Wednesday during Lent we'll have a supper in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 pm followed by a Lenten Study in the Sanctuary at 6:00 pm. Please join us for a family friendly meal (\$3 per person), and for a time of reflection and study to help us on our journey to the Cross.

We will have lots of special music for Lent and the Easter season - and I hope that you will think about singing or ringing with us. There is always room for another musician. Our children's choir also continues to rehearse on Wednesday at 4:15Pm in our choir room.

Every day is a great day to invite someone to visit us at Desert Skies. We have lots to share, and we want to make everyone who visits us feel welcome. See you in worship and in fellowship!



STEPHEN MINISTRY



*Desert Skies is a
Stephens Ministry
Congregation.
Need Help?*

Stephen Ministry is Christ Caring for people through people. Contact Stephen Ministry, in confidence, at stephenministry@desertskiesumc.org

OPEN BRIDGE

Join us on February 3, 2012

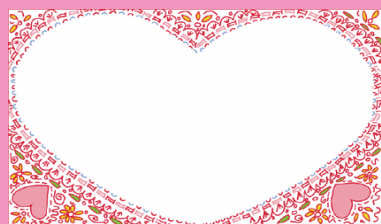
Fellowship Hall—DSUMC

6:30 p.m.— Hospitality time
Snacks welcome—Singles or Partners
Open Seating—Just come for an evening of fun!

Questions—Marian Polglase @ # 722-9195



Bridge-Fellowship



February 2012

Desert Skies UMC

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 9:00 Evangelism Meeting 4:00 Support Loss Group 4:15 Children's Choir 6:30 Financial Peace 7:00 Adult Choir Praise Practice	2 Biblical Counseling 10:00 Thursday Prayer Group 6:30 Disciple I	3 6:30 Bridge	4
5 Communion 8:30 Adult Sunday School Traditional Service 10:00 Traditional/Contemporary Service UMYF Super Bowl Party!!	6 7:00 Men's Prayer 8:00 Flea Market Fun 5:30 Emmaus	7 10:00 Dan's Class 7:00 Adult Bells	8 4:00 Support Loss Group 4:15 Children's Choir 5:15 Dinner 6:30 Financial Peace 7:00 Adult Choir Praise Practice	9 Biblical Counseling 10:00 Thursday Prayer Group 6:30 Disciple I	10	11
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19 8:30 Adult Sunday School 9:30 Traditional/Contemporary Service NO UMYF 	20 7:00 Men's Prayer 8:00 Flea Market Fun 5:30 Emmaus 7:00 Trustees	21 10:00 Dan's Class 1:15 Membership Care 6:30 Church & Society 6:45 Committees 7:30 Church Council	22 ASH WEDNESDAY 4:00 Support Loss Group 4:15 Children's Choir 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Financial Peace Worship Service	23 Biblical Counseling 10:00 Thursday Prayer Group 6:30 Disciple I	24 Sr. High Trip	25 9:00 Walk To Emmaus 9:15 UMW General Board Meeting Sr. High Trip
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Desert Skies Mission Statement

Desert Skies is a growth church—it is a church committed to growth in spirit, mission outreach, membership nurturing and enabling active compassion. Attendance, activities, involvement, innovative worship, outreach programming all characterize Desert Skies identity.

At Desert Skies—Christ's Spirit Lives—is more than a motto—it is an expression of a viable working faith! You are invited to join hands in the journey of faith at Desert Skies.

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship
Sunday School (Pre-School—5th)
Nursery Care Provided Starting at 8:15
Adult Sunday School-Room # 7

10:00 a.m.

Traditional worship
Sunday School (Preschool-12th)
Nursery Care Provided
Cry room in back of Sanctuary
Announcements are five minutes before
each service.

10:00 a.m.

Contemporary Service - "Come As You
Are" IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
Nursery Care is provided to children age
5 and under.

Announcements are five minutes before
each service.