THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church: Your One Stop Weekly Communication **October 27, 2026**

Church Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am ~ 3:00 pm

Pastor Heath's drop-in office hours:
Mondays: 10:00 am-2:00 pm
or by appointment

Wednesdays: 10:00 am-2:00 pm
or by appointment

1st Thursday of the month
9:00 am-10:30 am
Jerry Bob's Family Restaurant
7545 S. Houghton Rd.

If you live in Vail, so does Pastor Heath. If you'd like to get together to meet, call or text him. Cell Phone: (410) 758-7707 email: pastorheath@desertskiesumc.org

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

Traditional: 9:00 am
Houghton Campus-Sanctuary
Praise Band plays the
2nd & 4th Sunday
at our Houghton Campus

Look for the links page with our 9:00 am online worship service info
We are NO longer streaming the Houghton service on the Church Online platform. You can find us on YouTube

Traditional w/Contemporary Music
11:00 am
Vail Campus-Arizona Senior Academy
13715 E. Langtry Lane

This Week at Desert Skies

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!!





Youth Ministry: Belong, Believe, Serve!

Shared Youth Ministry- *Updates & Upcoming Events*

October 25: TopGolf youth outing: Our youth enjoyed a fun afternoon at Topgolf Tucson, playing golf, friendly competition, and spending time together. One of the highlights was the Angry Birds Challenge, where students competed to earn points by hitting targets with Angry Birds characters. For most students, this was their first golfing experience; some struggled in the beginning, while others were naturals, but everyone had a great time!







This Sunday, November 1st-youth are invited to ***Desert Skies UMC (3255 N. Houghton Rd.) from 4:00-5:30 pm for outdoor volleyball, pickleball, and fellowship.*** The weather is perfect for outdoor activities, so come ready to play and have fun! We will meet at the Desert Skies parking lot.

Upcoming Youth Events: View the calendar here. **We will update that link weekly.**

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Announcements

Alternative Gifts Q & A– **Q:** What can I get for a handyman who owns every tool ever made?
A: An Alternative Gift for Habitat for Humanity!!

Sanctuary Advent Decorating-Saturday, November 28th at 9:00 am all are invited to decorate the sanctuary for Advent. Any amount of time that you can give would be greatly appreciated! Cookies/donuts and hot chocolate will be served! Please let Allison Roberts know if you are available to help. Thank you in advance!

Houghton Bible Study-Tuesday mornings, **10:30–11:30 am in Rm. # 2 at our Houghton Campus.** Pastor Heath is facilitating the class on Romans. All are welcome! **** We will not meet on Tuesday, November 3rd due the our Annual Flea Market sale.****

Esther Circle Meeting -The Esther Circle Vail will meet at 12:45 pm on Sunday, Nov. 8th at Baggins; 10235 E Old Vail Rd in the Houghton Town Center. ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME. We will be finalizing plans for events through December. SEE YOU THERE!

Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches-The soup kitchen at Casa Maria provides about 400 sack lunches a day, each including one PBJ and one meat sandwich. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches freeze well and can be made ahead of time. There is a freezer in the Fellowship Hall kitchen with designated space for these sandwiches and also hot dogs for the soup kitchen. PB&J sandwiches can be made and placed in the freezer in Fellowship Hall at any time during the church office work week (Monday ~ Thursday: 9 am ~ 3 pm).



God's Beauty Oil Painting Classes-Monday, November 9th, 16th, & 23rd from 1:30 pm-3:30 pm at our Houghton Campus, Rms. 5 & 6. Sign up below or call the church office at 520-749-0521. Supplies included, questions contact facilitator, Lorna Niven-520-360-1084.

Building the Great Wall of Soda/Water

We need your donations to build our Great Wall of Soda (and water). For soda, we primarily need cans of Pepsi, Coke, 7-Up, Sprite, Dr. Pepper and Root Beer, including Diet versions, and are accepting name brands only, not generic store brands.

For water, any brand is fine, but please get the normal 500 ml size bottled waters. You can leave your donations in Office work room by the copier".



We Need Bakers

Cookies, cakes, pies, brownies, lemon bars, and more are welcome! Drop off during sale week in the kitchen OR package and freeze ahead, and place in the kitchen freezer anytime. Mark your donations: Flea Market Sale!

1st Produce Distribution Event ~ Saturday December 5th ~ 8 am-11am

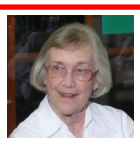
Borderlands Produce Rescue BORDERLANDS' P.O.W.W.O.W.
(Produce On Wheels With-Out Waste)
at Desert Skies United Methodist Church

1st Saturdays
December - May
70 POUNDS of FRESH RESCUED PRODUCE

$15 Farmer's Market Style (cash only/select your own produce)
$21 DUTA reservation (pre-order online/pre-packaged box ready for pick up)
OR
$15 for 25 POUNDS delivered to your home
(pre-order online DoorDash/10 mile radius)

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Visit our websites, sign up for our newsletters, visit our social media sites (Facebook/Instagram)
https://desertskiesumc.org
PRE-ORDER ONLINE (starting on the Monday of each event week):
https://borderlandsproducerescue.org

For more information or to volunteer contact Carrie Radomsky



Celebration of Life Service for Molly Squire

Join us on **Thursday, November 12th at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary at our Houghton campus** with reception to follow on the sanctuary patio. All are welcome.

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

Houghton Worship, Traditional Service Online at 9:00 am-You can find us on YouTube at:
https://www.youtube.com/@desertskiesumc7262/streams
(Past archived services are also available at this link)

Video Disclaimer: This service is being live streamed. Your image may appear in certain parts of the video. If you prefer to be mostly off camera for our live stream, please sit in the pews farthest to the left. The video will be available for replay on YouTube channel: www.youtube.com ~ Desert Skies UMC.

Vail Worship, Traditional with Praise Band Service Online-via Zoom at 11:00 am-**All our welcome!**
Zoom Link: https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/83330071030?pwd=dMHpJRvJbuUypbjmmvvmP6sGvQ1t5q.1
Meeting ID: 833 3007 1030 Passcode: 319209

The Wired Word-Wednesdays from 5:00 pm-6:00 pm-The Wired Word applies the news stories, asks the BIG questions, connects scripturally and confronts the news with hope. Join us for another lively discussion!
Zoom Link: https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/83469754585?pwd=Vwyt032QaX13MpynDEdaf2BKUHcXQc.1
Meeting ID: 834 6975 4585 Passcode: 707466

Thursdays at 10:00 am-Coffee Chat-
Zoom Link: https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/98653811783?pwd=YVFVbFJCbHhzRVZuM2hJVkhOTmliQT09
Meeting ID: 986 5381 1783 Passcode: 333879



NOVEMBER

01 Cheryl Baumeister
02 Bill Ellison, Susan Lake
04 Jan Van Buren, Catherine Leitch
05 Judy Bording, Ryan Phillips
06 Merrill Heinz, Susan Schild
07 Diane Taylor
08 Patty Martin-Mabini
09 Patty Jenkins
10 Ed Crawford, Andy Croft
11 Kelli Rush
16 Brian Drummond
17 Rocky Haynes
19 Danielle Potter
25 Mary Jo Floyd
29 Mary Broughton, Eileen Starace
30 Larry Feldman



01 Kevin & Joy Barry

24 Scott & Stephanie Hartung
Frank & Miriam Parsons

DSUMC Church Council Agenda

October 27, 2026 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Our Vision: **To be a joyful community drawing people to Christ!**
Our Mission: **Lead** our neighbors to Christ. **Love** one another in caring community.
Learn to follow Jesus. **Live** a Christ-like life that serves the world..
Our 2024 Focus: Serving, connecting and enabling seniors and families in Tanque Verde and Vail utilizing both online and in-person resources.

ATTENDEES:

Co-Chairs: Betty Ludlow/Paul Wicks, **Recording Secretary**: Laura McKay/Jeann Fishback

Council Attendees – Please Sign-in on attendance sheet at door

OPENING PRAYER 6:00 pm Betty Ludlow
WELCOME: Paul Wicks
LEADING: ***Looking ahead to our upcoming ministries…***

Approval of previous month's Council minutes
Committee reports Q&A Highlights Received:Financials,Trustees, Finance,Foundation,Missions

- **Finance –**Finance Report –Connie Kraska
- **Foundation –** Larry Dunlap – 3rd Qtr Report
- **Lay Servant Report –** Pastor Heath – Tammie Doran's Report

ACTION ITEMS: If meetings are canceled please alert all committee members and Tammy!

OLD BUSINESS:

PASTOR'S REMARKS: Pastor Heath –

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS –

- **Next Meeting: Nov 24, 2026** – 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall. Committee minutes and agenda time requests now due one week prior Tuesday Nov 17th to Jeann (fishback@ns.arizona.edu). Committee chairs or a representative should attend Council Meeting from each Committee. If committee meetings change date or time please alert Tammy for calendar and if Zoom changes are needed.
- Please drop off canned/boxed goods for our ELF food pantry to the office or Fellowship Hall M-Th 9-3 Getting Resource list from Tanque Verde / Tammy to create emergency boxes if needed for food insecurity.

CLOSING PRAYER – Betty Ludlow

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS
This month I am listing upcoming special events but from November forward will be switching to https://desertskiesumc.org/calendar/ which is our church Google Calendar meticulously managed by Tammy. Reminder that all event scheduling goes through Tammy with Facility Reservation forms with 2027 reservations due this month.

Special Events Calendar Highlights

November 2026

10-31-2026	Flea Market setup begins
11-05-2026	Annual Flea Market Fun 8:00am-4pm
11-06-2026	Annual Flea Market Fun 8:00am-4pm
11-07-2026	Annual Flea Market Fun 8:00am-12pm 12-4 pm takedown begins
11-08-2026	Flea Market Tree Dedication – 10am
11-24-2026	Church Council 6 pm Fellowship

December 2026

12-05-2026	Advent Decorating Houghton
12-06-2026	First Sunday of Advent
12-13-2026	UWF Cookie Walk both campuses
	Choir Christmas Cantata 9 am Houghton
12-24-2026	Christmas Eve Services times TBD
	Vail 3-4 pm