THE SKYLINE

An e-news blast of Desert Skies United Methodist Church: Your One Stop Weekly Communication **November 10, 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

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

You can watch our 9:00am service live at:
https://www.youtube.com/@desertskiesumc7262/streams

You can also watch the 9am service later by going to: https://www.desertskiesumc.org/sermons

Annual Flea Market Sale ~ Are we having FUN yet?

Thank you to all who volunteered, donated, and baked for our annual sale!












Announcements



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.

A Friendly Reminder-Tammy will be out of the office Monday, November 23-Thursday, November 26. If you need information added to the bulletins for Sunday, Nov., 22 & Nov., 29 or for the Skyline Newsletter Nov. 17 or Nov. 24, **all information needs to be sent to Tammy by Monday, November 16th at 8:00 am.** Thank you in advance for meeting this deadline.

UWF Zippy 49ers November Meeting-will be held on **Wednesday, November 11th at 9:30 AM.** Come early for coffee and conversation. At our last meeting we decided to support Casa Maria by bringing peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to our November meeting. Please put in freezer in kitchen labeled Casa Maria when you arrive. We look forward to having you join us for service, discussions, and fellowship. A small brunch will be served by our hosts, Sue Patrick and Gwen Wooddell. All are welcome! **** Here are some tips for making sandwiches: Freeze bread before spreading with peanut butter and jelly, pb on both slices and jelly on one. Put the sandwich in a baggie and place them all in the empty bread bag. Squeeze jelly works well.****

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!

UWF Alternative Gift Giving-Q: What is the perfect gift for someone who has everything? **A:** An Alternative gift! Never the wrong size, never the wrong color. Always just right!

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!

CASA MARIA: 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 16th, & 23rd from 1:30 pm-3:30 pm at our Houghton Campus, Rms. 5 & 6. Sign up on the Connection Card or call the church office at 520-749-0521. Supplies included, questions contact facilitator, Lorna Niven-520-360-1084.

Exciting News at Vail Campus Sunday School!-All children are invited to join us for Sunday School on Sunday, November 22, 2026! We are having a "Harvest Festival" for Thanksgiving in Sunday School! Come join us to celebrate the many things we are "Thankful For" as a child of God with crafts, games and some goodies, too!

PRIMAVERA: What is Primavera? It is a foundation dedicated to help people move out of poverty and homelessness. Once a month on the 2nd Tuesday, Helping Hands (Desert Skies volunteers) help the "Work Program" by making and delivering lunches for workers in training. For further information on how you can help contact Bev Bly at 520-403-7881.



Desert Skies' 22nd Annual Harvest Festival!

Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 22, 2026

Harvest Festival gives us an opportunity to share God's bounty of nutritious food with less fortunate neighbors at this special time of giving thanks for our blessings. Our gifts of FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES will benefit the homeless and needy served at Casa Maria Soup Kitchen, and St Luke's Home, a holistic, assisted-living facility for older citizens with limited financial means.

Please bring only FRESH, FIRM FRUITS such as apples; pears; oranges; melons and pineapples, and/or FRESH VEGETABLES such as potatoes; sweet potatoes; yellow and red onions; carrots; squash; bell peppers; broccoli; cauliflower; eggplant and celery.



St. Luke's Home

Homemade breads are welcome and we are accepting monetary donations for St. Luke's as well!

Checks can be made out to DSUMC and in the memo write: St. Luke's Home/Harvest Festival or you can donate on line at: https://desertskiesumc.org/donate/

Gifts of FRESH FRUITS, VEGETABLES and BREADS may be brought to the worship service at Houghton or Vail on Sunday, November 22, 2026.



PLEASE - NO CANNED OR PACKAGED FOOD!



Thank you!

DSUMC Church Council Meeting Results/Actions

October27, 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 2026 Focus: Serving, connecting and enabling seniors and families in Tanque Verde and Vail utilizing both online and in-person resources.

LEADING: ***Looking ahead to our upcoming ministries...***

Committee reports Q&A Highlights Received:Financials,Trustees, Finance,Foundation,Missions

- **Finance –**Finance Report –Connie Kraska – We are in the black - should continue through year-end.
- **Foundation Report –** Larry Dunlap – Memorial Garden undergoing refurbishment from summer rain damage.
  Steele-Warner Fund to pay Youth Director.
- **Pledge Report –** 70% of pledges have been collected so far this year.
- **Trustees –** Mike Cline – Ongoing insurance building claim has been settled.
  Temporary repairs have been made to Houghton church signs.
  'No Overnight Parking' signs installed so that overnight campers can be sighted. Campers often leave garbage and Fred Killion will work with them to obtain shelter.
  Mike Cline will be transferring off Trustees this year.
  New room/event reservation forms were distributed than can be processed by email rather than in-person.

PASTOR'S REMARKS: **Pastor Heath**
Newsletter format has been reduced to four pages and items can only run two weeks.
Vail is getting a much-needed new computer.
Nomination list is being worked on to get folks for right job fits.
Some budget info still needed before formulating a better process for 2027.
Vibrant Christmas Eve service planning is in process including a campfire to celebrate the first Christmas Eve on the property.

COMMENTS - **Fred Kilion** noted that Volleyball is scheduled by Youth who will clean the Pickleball court after use.
Trunk or Treat will be the night of October 31st.
Fred Killion noted that David Moore, former youth coordinator for Amity and Dragonfly has passed away.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

- **Next Meeting: Nov 24, 2026** – 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall. **Committee minutes and agenda time requests due Nov 17th to Jeann (fishback@ns.arizona.edu) one week prior to Council meeting.** 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.

CLOSING PRAYER – **Betty Ludlow**

The last Drummond has earned the rank of Eagle Scout

Please text Barbara at 520-336-7090 by Saturday, November 14th if you would like to be included for the 5:30 pm dinner. Otherwise the ceremony itself will start around 6:15 pm, no need to RSVP if attending the ceremony only. **"Thank you for all the support over the years in raising our kids!"**



You're invited to
Tyler Drummond's

Eagle Scout Court of Honor

&

*Dinner**

Desert Skies UMC
Saturday, November 21st
5:30pm - 7:30pm



**Please RSVP if you would like to join us at 5:30pm for a pulled pork dinner.*

Otherwise all are welcome to attend the 6:15ish ceremony - no need to RSVP if only joining us for the ceremony.

Shared Youth Ministry- *Updates & Upcoming Events*

This Sunday, November 15-our youth are invited to the Sonoran District Real-World Challenge from 2- 4 p.m. at Fort Lowell Park (2900 N. Craycroft Rd., Ramada 3)!

See link: **https://canva.link/q4i7devhlis9mgj**

Youth from different churches will come together for a fun afternoon of outdoor games, teamwork, and making new friends! *What to wear/bring:* Comfortable clothes, tennis shoes, a water bottle, and sunscreen. We'll be playing outside! We hope to see you there!

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

Luis Ortíz ~ Shared Youth Ministry Director: St. Paul's UMC | Desert Skies UMC | Christ Church UM
Office Phone: (520) 296-6149 | Ext. 7026 or Cell Phone: (815) 202-2000
Email: **youthdirector@tucsonumcyouth.com**

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
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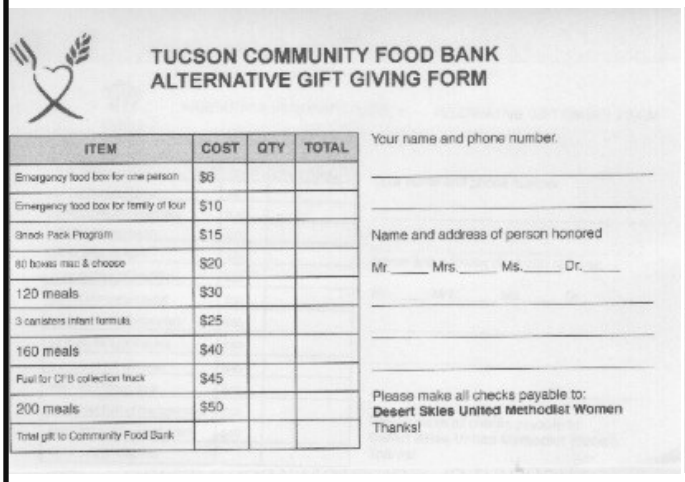
2027 Pledge Update!

As of today, we have received 64 financial pledges for a total of #324,436. That is about a 10% increase over last year. Thank you to all pledgers!

There is still time to return a pledge card to the office!

Financial Secretary

Alternative Gift Giving Forms



TUCSON COMMUNITY FOOD BANK
ALTERNATIVE GIFT GIVING FORM

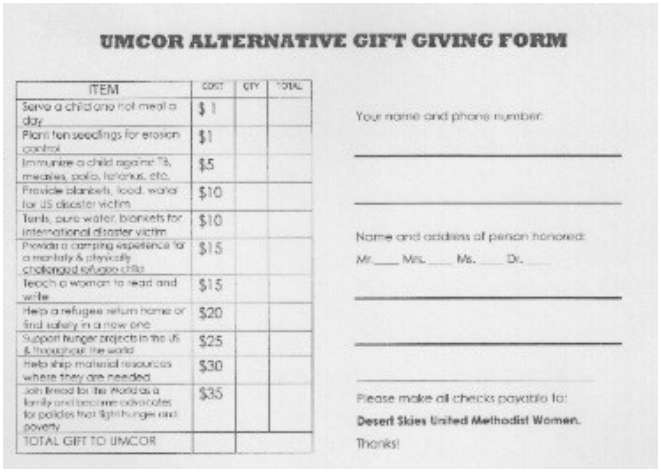
ITEM	COST	QTY	TOTAL
Emergency food box for one person	$6		
Emergency food box for family of four	$10		
Snack Pack Program	$15		
60 boxes mac & cheese	$20		
120 meals	$30		
3 canisters infant formula	$25		
160 meals	$40		
Fuel for CFB collection truck	$45		
200 meals	$50		
Total gift to Community Food Bank			

Your name and phone number.

Name and address of person honored

Mr.____ Mrs.____ Ms.____ Dr.____

Please make all checks payable to:
Desert Skies United Methodist Women
Thanks!



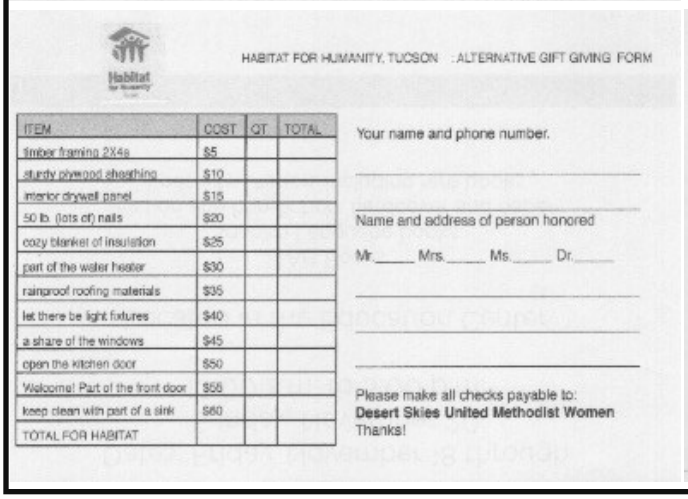
UMCOR ALTERNATIVE GIFT GIVING FORM

ITEM	COST	QTY	TOTAL
Serve a child one hot meal a day	$ 1		
Plant ten seedlings for erosion control	$1		
Immunize a child against TB, measles, polio, tetanus, etc.	$5		
Provide blankets, food, water for US disaster victim	$10		
Tents, pure water, blankets for international disaster victim	$10		
Provide a camping experience for a mentally & physically challenged refugee child	$15		
Teach a woman to read and write	$15		
Help a refugee return home or find safety in a new one	$20		
Support hunger projects in the US & throughout the world	$25		
Help ship material resources where they are needed	$30		
Join Bread for the World as a family and become advocates for policies that fight hunger and poverty	$35		
TOTAL GIFT TO UMCOR			

Your name and phone number:

Name and address of person honored:
Mr.____ Mrs.____ Ms.____ Dr.____

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Thanks!



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, TUCSON : ALTERNATIVE GIFT GIVING FORM

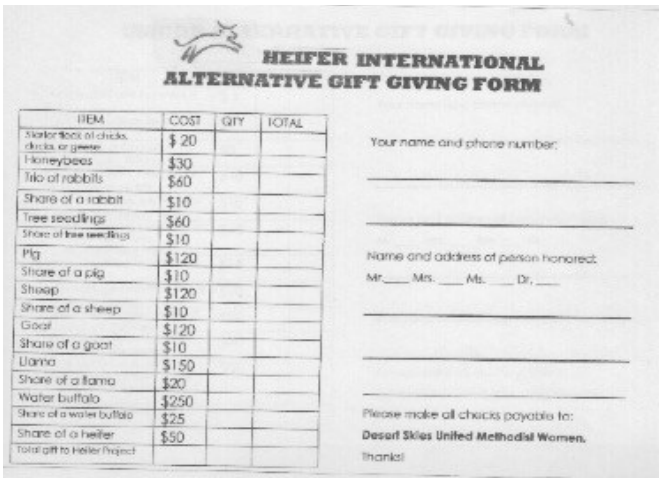
ITEM	COST	QT	TOTAL
timber framing 2X4s	$5		
sturdy plywood sheathing	$10		
interior drywall panel	$15		
50 lb. (lots of) nails	$20		
cozy blanket of insulation	$25		
part of the water heater	$30		
rainproof roofing materials	$35		
let there be light fixtures	$40		
a share of the windows	$45		
open the kitchen door	$50		
Welcome! Part of the front door	$55		
keep clean with part of a sink	$60		
TOTAL FOR HABITAT			

Your name and phone number.

Name and address of person honored

Mr.____ Mrs.____ Ms.____ Dr.____

Please make all checks payable to:
Desert Skies United Methodist Women
Thanks!



HEIFER INTERNATIONAL
ALTERNATIVE GIFT GIVING FORM

ITEM	COST	QTY	TOTAL
Starter flock of chicks, ducks, or geese	$ 20		
Honeybees	$30		
Trio of rabbits	$60		
Share of a rabbit	$10		
Tree seedlings	$60		
Share of tree seedlings	$10		
Pig	$120		
Share of a pig	$10		
Sheep	$120		
Share of a sheep	$10		
Goat	$120		
Share of a goat	$10		
Llama	$150		
Share of a llama	$20		
Water buffalo	$250		
Share of a water buffalo	$25		
Share of a heifer	$50		
Total gift to Heifer Project			

Your name and phone number:

Name and address of person honored:
Mr.____ Mrs.____ Ms.____ Dr.____

Please make all checks payable to:
Desert Skies United Methodist Women.
Thanks!



Attention Bakers!

Now is the time to start thinking about the UWF Cookie Walk on Sunday, December 13th.

We need lots of cookies to make this happen! If you have time between now and then, start baking and freezing those special cookies you make each year!

All proceeds will be to Sister Jose Women's Center. They provide shelter and other services for unaccompanied homeless women. More information to come.

Thank you in advance–United Women in Faith





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



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