



# Gold Canyon United Methodist Church



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## From The Pastor:

### “Youth going to Cuba”

Last Friday night some of you showed up to a swing dance which the youth sponsored. You may have noticed that the Senior Pastor isn't very good at the Charleston but he knows the Rock Step. If you don't know what I am talking about you missed out. Of course I am sure there are some embarrassing pictures which will show up soon. Not only did we have fun but \$800 was raised for this summer's youth service project.

This July, twenty two youth and counselors will travel to Cuba, New Mexico for a week long work camp. This project is made possible through the Group Workcamps Foundation. Group describes the Cuba community as a place where there are great needs in the midst of great scenery. In the community 44% of the families have an income at or below poverty, many children carry a special backpack “lunchbox” to school—to bring food home to their families. This program was created by the community to try and assist the crying children who knew it wouldn't be their turn to eat that night because there wasn't enough food.

Many of the diverse families of Cuba, including Anglos, Hispanics, Navajos, Jicarilla Apaches and other Native Americans, are forced to live without basic necessities like electricity and/or plumbing. Many families

live in hogans (round or octagonal traditional log homes built by Navajos) that need caulking. Others need painting, inside and out, wheelchair ramps constructed, windows repaired, and general cleanup.

If you would like to help the youth of our church meet the needs of these people, you can mark any donations “Youth Service Project” and it will allow our youth to change the lives of others through their work and change their own lives as they learn to give their lives in Christian service. A share in the project cost \$250. Individuals or church groups may also buy ½ shares, ¼ shares or even smaller. Becoming a shareholder of the projects means you will be invited to a shareholder dinner and a dessert night after the completion of the project.

In Grace and Peace,

*Fred*

### **Life After Loss New Translation**

Bob Deits' book, Life After Loss, is being translated into a 7th foreign language. The Indonesian edition will be added to German, French, Spanish, Chinese, Russian and Hebrew editions already in print.

The 4th edition of the English edition has been called the most useful book on grief recovery ever written.



## The Spirit is Building

By Phil Rowland & Grover Wallace

*“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: He has scattered abroad His gifts to the poor; His righteousness endures forever. Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.*

*II Corinthians 9:6-11 (NIV)*

In this second letter to the Corinthians, Paul reminds them of the commitment they had made to give to his collection for the poor churches in Jerusalem. He wanted to point out that he was looking for a gift given generously, not one given grudgingly or under pressure. He wanted them to give generously what they had decided in their heart to give and reassured that God would continue to meet their

needs. As you read this passage, you will note that he emphasizes the spiritual rewards for those who give generously to God’s work. In other words, don’t expect to become wealthy in worldly goods through giving to God’s work, but become wealthy from the spiritual gifts God provides for you for being a “cheerful giver.” It is not the amount each of us gives, but the attitude we have in giving back to God a portion of the material riches he has provided for us on this earth.

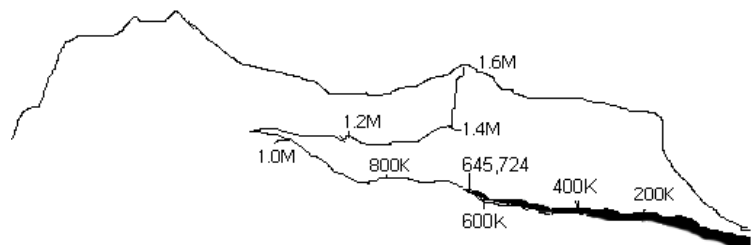
March began the second year of phase two of our building campaign: “The Spirit is Building.” As we look to the next two years and beyond, we should all contribute what we decide in our heart to give after prayerful consultation with our Maker. During the first year of Phase II, you contributed \$603,713.00 or 37.5% of the total pledged for the three year period. During March, 2006, our congregation contributed \$42,012.00 which includes electronic transfers. Contributions through March 31, 2006 totals

\$645,724.00 or 39.3% of our three year pledges.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT OUR BUILDING FUND, OUR OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE NEEDS, AND THE NUMEROUS OTHER PROGRAMS THAT OUR CHURCH HAS COMMITTED TO IN GOD’S NAME.



**Climbing to the top the Spirit is Building Way!**  
As of March 31, 2006, contributions to our campaign total \$645,724.00, or 39.3% of total commitments.





# Christian Education

With

**Rev. Rosemary Anderson ~ Associate Pastor/Education Director**

## **Holy Club**

Fellowship for children in grades 1-3

May 7, 2006

4-6 p.m., in the Music Room

A regular meeting this time. We will study ways to show great love to those who are the closest to us ~ our family! We'll have time for games and snacks, too.

All of you in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will be promoted to 4<sup>th</sup> grade on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Please plan to attend the Promotion Party that afternoon for PTFC! (see article below!)

## **Pre Teens For Christ (PTFC)**

Fellowship for children in grades 4-6

### **Promotion Party this month**

**at SunSplash in Mesa!**

May 21, 2-6 p.m.

This will be a welcome party for new 4<sup>th</sup> graders and a farewell to all of the 6<sup>th</sup> graders as they head into Youth. We will meet at the church at 2 p.m. and return to the church at 6 p.m. Cost will be \$20 which includes unlimited fun on the Bonzai and Dragon Tails slides, a game of mini-golf, 2 pieces of pizza and pop! Bring extra cash for the arcade or snacks.

We have room to take 16 of you, so call Rosemary immediately to reserve your space. Scholarships are available so everyone can come. Our parent drivers for this trip are Rosemary, Lynda Kessler, and Jill Saathoff. A big thank you to them!!!

## **Sidewalk Sunday School Summer Changes**

Sidewalk Sunday School had their last weekly session on April 29<sup>th</sup>. The truck will go out monthly, during our hot summer! It is planned to go out on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, May – September.

If you have any questions or if you would like to join this exciting ministry, please contact Barb Oldham, Sidewalk S.S. Director, at 480-671-0728 or email her at [iamizzy3232@msn.com](mailto:iamizzy3232@msn.com)

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## **Parent's Night Out!**

May 27, 2006!

4-8 p.m.

Led by Erin Keenan and Trudy Carpenter  
A time for parents to enjoy alone while their children are cared for in a loving, fun environment!

Mark this date on your calendar and plan to leave your children at the church for a great time of crafts, movies, and games! A meal will be served and all children will make a fun dessert to eat and share with their family! Geared towards children 1 to 12 years old. Children aged 9-12, although parents pay the fee, may earn money for their activity accounts at church by helping with childcare and the other activities. Teens from the church are encouraged to come and help with the activities and children to earn money for their teen accounts! There is no charge for teens in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade to come help. Cost for this evening is \$15 for the first child, \$5 per extra child, with full or partial scholarships available if needed! (Call Rosemary Anderson for more info.)

## **Vacation Bible School**

**July 10 – 14, 2006**

**9 – Noon**

**for ages 3 years old – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**“Treasure Seekers!!”**

More information to follow, including . . . just what is this treasure!?

## **Education Team Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 2, 6 p.m.**

**Rm. 103, Education Bldg.**

**Topic: Promotion Sunday!!**

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## **Teen Center Leadership Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 3, 7 p.m.**

**Rm. 105, Education Bldg.**

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**Teen Center**

May 13, 5-10 p.m.

A safe place for teens to “just hang out”!

The second Saturday evening of each month, we open the Education Building from 5-10 p.m. for teens in the Gold Canyon/Apache Junction area to come for fun and fellowship. Pizza, Wings, and Cinnamon Sticks, with soda pop, is offered, and different activities take place ~ there will be a music room for those who like to listen, a computer lab with Christian/educational software, there is ping-pong, basketball, volleyball ~ several times during the evening group events will take place in the form of games, dancing, or “open-mike” opportunities.

The Gold Canyon U.M.C. Teen Center will be open to all who agree to sign the code of conduct and adhere to the dress code. Good sportsmanship and behavior will be expected and enforced. Once a teen leaves the premises they may not return for that night. The word “safe” is underscored at our Teen Center.

**Promotion Sunday**

May 21, at both 9:30 and 10:50 Worship

Those graduating from Kindergarten, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, and College will be honored during the Children’s Moment. All children will meet their new S.S. teachers after the Children’s Moment.

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My dear Church Family,

Many of you have heard of my resignation as of the end of June. This is a time of mixed emotions as I say good-bye to this ministry and to all of you. It is a time of sadness as I look upon all of you with love. Yet, it is a time of excitement as I look ahead to where God is leading me.

For the past seven years, we have shared much together as this church has grown rapidly! You have been such a support, backing me in many ventures both within the church walls and outside of the church. You have supported me in my Seminary training and have helped me grow personally as well as spiritually. You have shared your children with me in their formative years, showing such trust in me. And, you have shared your transformation as adults with me, through classes and mission outreach.

This has truly been a rewarding and fulfilling time for me and my family. And, yet, God calls us to continue to grow spiritually. In her book, The Heart That Waits, Sue Monk Kidd says that God always catches us by surprise, always does the unexpected. “God tends to

confound, astonish, and flabbergast. A Bethlehem stable, a Roman cross, an empty garden tomb. We might as well reconcile ourselves to the fact that God’s truth often turns up in ways we don’t expect.” Perhaps this is what gives me courage at this time, is knowing that God gives us all courage to move ahead in spite of our fears.

God has been working in my heart for a long time now, calling me to work with indigent people ~ the working poor, the homeless, the unchurched. I tried to ignore that call. Who would want to leave this church? My beautiful office, a thriving ministry . . . Sometimes, in order to grow the way God wants us to, we need to be transplanted, and, suddenly my office is not so comfortable. At the time of this writing, I only know that God is in charge. I am in the midst of trying to set up an appointment for myself through the Bishop’s Cabinet, where I will use my gifts to help downtown churches that are really struggling, both financially and with membership. If these churches have Sidewalk S.S., I can give them leadership, and if they do not have Sidewalk S.S., I can start it up with them. Only God knows what else can occur.

Grief is a natural response to loss. Let us grieve together as I make this transition, as well as share the excitement this faith journey brings! You will know as soon as I do, what I will be doing as of July 1, 2006. Just please know that my family and I will remain connected to this church and will remain involved as much as possible.

With the love and faith we find in Christ Jesus,  
Rosemary

**FOR THE PEACE OF THE WORLD**

A Christian Curriculum on International Relations  
From the National Council of Churches USA

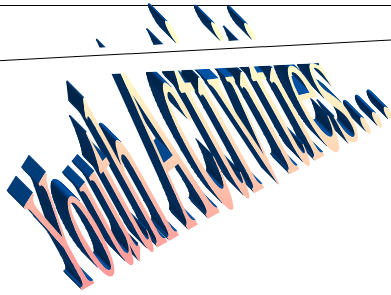
Topics include:

- ✚ Poverty in a rich world
- ✚ What does our faith teach us about our actions in the world?
- ✚ Is fear driving us?

This new Sunday School class will meet on Sunday Mornings from 8 to 9 am in Room 103 of the Education Building. Dates of classes are:

May 7, 14, 21, 28 and June 4 and 18

For more information, call Scott Anderson at 480-6884675.



With **Gecilia O'Brien**



We're gearing up for the summer! Our Mission Trip to Cuba, New Mexico promises to be a week of hard work, fun times, and spiritual growth. In the next month or so, we are planning activities to support this enriching program for our youth. Watch for upcoming concerts and other events that will provide opportunities for you to help our teens become involved in this outreach to those in need.

We want to thank all of you for your prayers, letters, phone calls and kind words during the time that our grandson, Johnny, was going through his surgery and recovery. Johnny went through extensive surgery on February 28 for a severe skull fracture that he sustained from a fall into an open manhole near his home in Almaty, Kazakhstan where his parents are missionaries. The doctor said that a slight fraction of an inch more and the impact could have been fatal. Only the hand of God was between that little boy and death. He was flown back to Michigan and the surgery was at the University of Michigan, Mott Children's Hospital. His recovery has been miraculous and on March 26 the family arrived back in Kazakhstan. The whole process of getting Johnny back to the States, getting the right doctor and the wonderful care he received, is such a great testimony for the power of prayer. We thank you so much for all of those prayers.

Wes and Margie Kappler



### We Were Coming Up Roses!

Suzanne Jacobson, Office Manager of Gold Canyon United Methodist Church, attended the 24th Annual Conference of the Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries (PAUMCS) in Pasadena, CA, April 20—22, 2006. More than 225 United Methodist office professionals from this international organization were in attendance.

The Rev. Sara Armstrong, author of *The Shattered Pearls*, an account of living ten years in Africa under Idi Amin Dada was a seminar speaker, as was Kathy Slamp of Vessel Ministries who spoke on "Working for the Church: Rose Garden or Thorny Thicket?" Dr. Philip Amerson, President and Professor of Church and Society at Claremont School of Theology in Claremont, CA presented a seminar on the holy work of encouragement and hospitality, "Passing out Roses when Dandelions would Do." Jennifer Waterson led a program on Safe Sanctuaries.

The PAUMCS Annual Conference provides continuing education and a supportive professional network. The organization, established in 1982 under the General Council on Finance and Administration of the United Methodist Church, fosters individual growth, professional development and spiritual enrichment for its members in the United States, Russia and Africa.

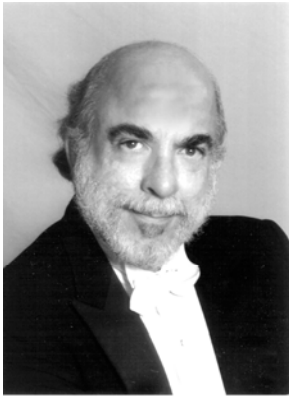


Dear GCUMC Family:

This Easter afternoon I am feeling very grateful...for the gift of God's son who has given me eternal life for the future and for His peace in this present life on earth. I am thankful for the wonderful music we heard this morning...great congregational singing, choir, brass, handbells, organ...and so thankful for the opportunity to play the piano and be a part of this praise offering.

I want to thank the congregation for the monetary gift at Christmas and also for the gift of your support and encouragement. This means more to me than you will ever know. Again, I thank the Lord for the gift of music...and for the talent and opportunity to play.

Nancy Virden



## Music Notes

Easter is over, Christ is risen (He is risen, indeed!), and the Festival of Patriotism was a success (at least I hope it was, as I am writing this two weeks before the event!). Now we can look forward to May flowers and the beauty of God's Creation.

Some special events happening in May include the Cherub and Angel Choir's Musical, *Good News from a Grave, An Easter Celebration for Kids* by Kathie Hill and Melody Morris. Directed by David and Carol Ballard, this will be presented at the 10:50AM service on May 7 and again on May 21 at the 9:30AM traditional service. Come and support our kids and be moved this musical! More happenings on Mother's Day, May 14: our Sacred Dance Troupe will dance and the Youth Handbell Team will perform during the Offering.

Four members of our Youth Handbell Team and four members of our Chancel Ringers will participate in the Area XI (AZ, CO, NM, UT & WY) Handbell Festival of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers in Denver, CO in June. We will be ringing with several hundred other ringers from around the Area and performing together *en masse* at our final concert. During the day, we will have rehearsals and classes with some down time for swimming, etc., and concerts at night. This is an expensive trip. If you would like to help the youth on this trip, please mark your donation to **Youth Handbells**. We will give a full travelogue in this space on our return. Thank you in advance for your prayers and financial support.

As we approach summer and travel, please remember to be safe, let the "other guy" have his way, keep an eye on kids at all times in the water, and most importantly, take time to smell the flowers and enjoy the beauty of God's Creation.

Blessings,

*Doug*

Doug Benton,  
Director of Music Ministries




### Country Western Worship with the Housers (*and Gang*)

The Housers will also again be providing the music for the 5 pm Country Western service on Sunday, May 28! There will be a potluck dinner following the service, so don't forget to bring your wonderful western or other delicious dishes to share.

Our Contemporary Western group will be providing the music on all other Sundays in May.

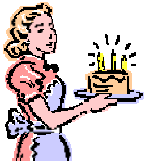
If you haven't experienced the energy, joy and excitement of this unique service, you owe it to yourself to see what it's all about!

# May 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Remember to Pray Every Day!	1 5:30 Pastoral Care 6:30 Solemn Vow 6:30 Stephen Ministry	2 6:00 Contemporary Western Band 6:30 Staff Pastor Parish 7:00 Chancel Bells	3 4:00 Grief Support Group 6:00 Angel/Cherub Choir 6:00 Youth Bells 7:00 Uncommon Grace	4 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Jr/Sr High Choir	5 10:00 Mom's Club 5:30 AA Meeting	6 8:00 am UM Men @ GCGR
7 8:00 Peace for the World Class Be- gins 4:00 Holy Club 6:30 Youth Fel- lowship	8 6:30 Pastor's Class	9 6:00 Contemporary Western Band 7:00 Chancel Bells	10 8:00 UMW Board 4:00 Grief Support Group 6:00 Angel/Cherub Choir 6:00 Youth Bells 7:00 Uncommon Grace	11 1:00 Quilter's Circle 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Jr/Sr High Choir	12 10:00 Mind- Mender's 5:30 AA Meeting 7:00 Cub Scout Pack 640	13 9:45 UMW Meeting 5:00 Teen Cen- ter
14 8:00 Peace for the World 4:00 PTFC 6:30 Youth Fel- lowship	15 9:00 Stephen Leaders 6:30 Solemn Vow 6:30 Stephen Ministry 6:30 Solemn Vow 6:30 Stephen Ministry	16 6:00 Contemporary Western Band 7:00 Chancel Bells	17 4:00 Grief Support Group 6:00 Angel/Cherub Choir 6:00 Youth Bells 7:00 Uncommon Grace 7:00 Family Life Comm.	18 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Jr/Sr High Choir	19 5:30 AA Meeting	20
21 Promotion Sun- day 8:00 Peace for the World Class Be- gins 6:30 Youth Fel- lowship	22	23 6:00 Contemporary Western Band 7:00 Chancel Bells	24 8:00 Newsletter Team 4:00 Grief Support Group 6:00 Angel/Cherub Choir 6:00 Youth Bells 7:00 Uncommon Grace	25 1:00 Quilter's Circle 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Jr/Sr High Choir	26 10:00 Mind- Mender's 5:30 AA Meeting 7:00 Cub Scout Pack 640	27 4:00 Parent's Night Out(?)
28 8:00 Peace for the World Class Be- gins 4:00 PTFC 6:30 Youth Fel- lowship	29 <b>MEMORIAL            DAY            OFFICE            CLOSED</b>  6:30 Solemn Vow (?)	30 6:00 Trustees 6:00 Contemporary Western Band 7:00 Chancel Bells	31 4:00 Grief Support Group 6:00 Angel/Cherub Choir 6:00 Youth Bells 7:00 Uncommon Grace			

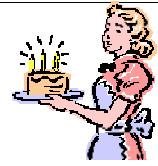
Remember to check the calendar in your weekly worship bulletins for changes! If you have questions about meetings that take place off-site, please contact the office at 480-982-3776 between the hours of 8:00 and 4:00 Monday through Friday.  
 Thank you.

Peace Be With You All



## *Special Days for Special People in May*

### *Birthdays*



Mildred Moore	1	Joyce Shafer	9	Eve Dinkel	21
Jackie Johnson	1	Donna Schiager	9	Jerry Hunt	21
Jan Heyse	1	Mae Livgard	9	Joseph Patrick	21
Carl Nielsen	1	Susan Fitzgerald	9	Bud Bilensky	22
Betsy Wood	1	Betty Hunter	10	Floyd Pierce	23
Jennie Oukada	1	Phalen Schuler	10	Bob Crow	23
John Henderson	1	Gloria Spears	11	Doris Roach	23
Adam Kalik	1	Sue Young	12	Lynda Kessler	23
Kelly Gingrich	2	Lois Blei	12	Don Wagner	24
Erica Reichert	2	Shirley Matthews	12	Jean Alton	24
Dorothy Calhoun	3	Eleanor Conger	13	Larry Arehart	24
Helen Stoner	3	Mike King	13	Joanne Burris	24
Don Parker	3	Pat Renfer	13	Margie Bird	24
Ruth Rikli	4	Jacob Anderson	13	Marian Bonestell	25
Ronald Beason	4	Shirley Taylor	14	Marilyn Horkey	26
Ione Nelson	5	Richard Svoboda	14	Phillip Montgomery	26
Darrell Tilus	5	Peggy Dowrick	15	Chris Houser	26
Roy Pearson	6	Joyce Gingrich	15	Mark Kessler	26
Leonard Steckley	6	John Phillips	16	Judy Ferguson	28
Rosemary Anderson	6	Lois Gerst	16	Tiffany Turnbull	28
Charles Whitmer	7	Lorna Hartman	16	Lucy Weiland	29
Don Anderson	7	Gerald Tippie	16	Mavis Fuher	29
Verna Stewart	7	Gary Hunter	17	Brett McNamee	29
Pat Osbakken	7	Arlene Catt	18	Violet Reiners	30
Mary Hollingsworth	7	Carol Dage	18	Nina Pennington	31
Alice Myers	8	Laura Dinges	18	Duane Vorseth	31
Valerie Sheridan	8	Naomi Kyle	19		
Peggy Buck	9	Joe Guerrero	20		



## Happy Anniversary



Neil & Ann Brogren	1	Thomas & Mary Lynn Preiss	19
Herb & Doris Kingery	1	David & Karen Carlson	20
William & Ruthlee Miller	3	Wilbur & Marjorie Van Dusseldorp	20
Nick & Linda Weidner	4	William & Sandy Butterbrodt	21
Ed & Lucy Weiland	5	Al & Diane Rasmussen	22
Craig & Jill Saathoff	5	Laura & Darrell Dinges	23
Bob & Marian Bonestell	8	Doug & Martha Benton	23
Don & Arlene Catt	9	James & Verna Stewart	26
Jack & Judy Donovan	9	Harry & Margie Starr	27
Gerald & Peggy Tippie	14	Margie Starr	27
Jed & Wendy Moore	14	Cecilia & Marc O'Brien	27
Bob & Dot Zelezic	14	Robert & Noreen Beatty	30
Stan & Retha Oolman	15	Charles & Marilyn Jungman	30
Ron & Linda Borders	17	Paul & Dolores Cecil	31
Lloyd & Vi Potter	18	Jim & Eve Dinkel	31
Edgar & Linda Newkirk	18		



# SALAD LUNCHEON & SPEAKER

FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE'S JUNE EVENT  
SATURDAY \* JUNE 24 \* NOON

## SALAD LUNCHEON

**COLETTE BOS WILL SPEAK ON GEOLOGY**



## **Organ Stop Pizza Luncheon Concert**

Join the Family Life Group for a private concert and all you can eat salad/pizza buffet. The event will include the artist's explanation of features and operation of the organ and a question and answer session.

Saturday, May 20th  
11:00 am, \$6.50 per person  
Carpool from the Church

Tickets are on sale on the following Sundays:  
April 30, May 7, and May 14  
Between Morning Services in the East Narthex  
After the 9:30 Service



# Pastoral Care

**Sympathies to:** Tim & Tina Clark, upon the death of a family member; Linda & Morgan Jones, upon the death of Linda's father, John Berry; Nicole & Christina Miller and Phil & Debbie Rowland, upon the death of Nicole and Christina's father, Paul Miller; Jim & Julianne Orren, upon the death of their 2 day old son, Nathaniel James; Jean Paulston, upon the death of her husband, Don; Jan Tarr, upon the death of her father, Jack Whiteford; Mary Ann Triplett, upon the death of her husband, Jim; Nancy Villeneuve, upon the death of her brother, George Crowell; and the families & friends of the above.

**Concerns and Continued Prayers:** Lyle Allen, Brooke Bebow, Marty Beljung, David Bender, Ellen Boyd, Jean Boyd, Frances Briner, Jim & Karen Buckley, Bud Burnham, Eleanor Burns, Lori Garcia, Jeff Carroll, Michelle Cassella, Marcia Cole, Dan Collins, Peggy Cousins, Harriet Coxton, Chris Davis, Lorene Davis, Debbie DeSimone (Dave & Ardeena's daughter), Dr. Barb Dolman, Gerry Dysinger, Betty Fenske, Art & Gladys Fleming, Ginny Gerardo, Sonja Haney, Judy Hanshaw, Mike Hewsen, Rita Holec, Judy Horn, Barbara Jacobson (Suzanne Jacobson's mother), Dorothy Jarrell, Craig Keast (Darrell & Anna Mae Keast's son), Roy Kerkstra, Tom Kilbey, Ray & Pat Kinziger, Pete & Germaine Kopecko, Mary Kraska, Jim & Betty Kremer, Naomi Kyle, Carolyn Long, Ellen MacAlister, Susan Malloy, Karolee Mansfield (Roy & Marilyn Pearson's daughter), Sally Marvaino (Suzanne Jacobson's sister), Joyce Mixer, Betty Mock, Tim Morrill, Kelsey Newberry, Carl Nielsen, Lyle & Maxine Norris (Anna Mae Keast's parents), Bette O'Brien, Lauren Pachuta, Jennifer Wolfe Pearce, Rose Pease, Pule Pele, Victor Phillips, Mike Reese, Jim Rein, Loren Riley, Sue Robinson (Jill Bill's sister), Bob Rosenstein, Kevin Rowe, Delma Russell, Zoe Schultz, Dick Sebring, Orville Slagel,

Paul Smith, A.J. Somma, Patrick Sullivan (Catherine Sullivan's son), Jerry Tippie, Torres family, Ruth Waterman, Janine Gerber Weaver, Cliff Wellborn (Dick Kinder's cousin), Art Wilson, Bobbie Wood, Joyce Woodard, Christopher Young, Norma Young and the families (CAREGIVERS) of the above.

## JOYS – but still in need of prayers:

Barb Baker, Dorothy Baker, John & Rachel Barnes, Bob & Noreen Beatty, Ginny Blackshaw, Bud & Nancy Bilensky, Paul Casper, Helen & Carl Chapman, Sam & Larry Clawson, Bill Colby (husband of Dottie Lou Colby & father of Beth Steinberg), Cliff & Lorraine Davidson, Steve Frary, Tiffany Hosmann, Tom and Gen Garneski, Berniece Houser (Ron Houser's Mom), Mel & Mary Kilbo, Carol & John LaViolette, Brian McCann, Hedy Moore (Jed Moore's Mom), Emmet & Agnes O'Byrne, Jasper & Barb Oldham, Floyd & Lone Pierce, Joyce & Joe Schenck, Sandy & Richard Schutt (Wendy Rhymes, brother-in-law), Dee Sherman (Bob Sherman's Mom), Carl & Helen Thacker, (Jerry Thacker's parents) and their families.

PRAYER CONCERNS OR NEEDS? PLEASE CONTACT HU AND WENDY RHYMES BY:  
**PHONE:** PLEASE NOTE THAT THE RHYMES' HOME PHONE IS 480-671-9422. IT IS INCORRECT IN THE NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY.  
**OR EMAIL:** [whsadier@earthlink.net](mailto:whsadier@earthlink.net) Please **DO NOT** e-mail us for immediate requests, as we do not check our e-mail each day.

*OR SUNDAY PRAYER REQUEST SHEET  
 (PLEASE LEAVE NAME AND PHONE NUMBER)*

To All PrimeTimers:

Thank you all for your support and your friendship the past four years. Due to a health problem, I will have to let this go. If anyone in our church family feels a calling to continue this ministry (PrimeTimers—for widows and those alone), call the church office.

Dear friends, May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent from one another ~

Marge Hodgin



## United Methodist Women of Gold Canyon UMC

### Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday

May 10

8:00 am

Room 105

Education Building

### Monthly Meeting

9:45 am

Saturday, May 13



The May 13 UMW meeting at GCUMC begins at 9:45 am. The program will be given by guest speakers Shirley Tamen and Pat Stoner, from Wesley Community Center Sewing Group. You are encouraged to bring material, buttons and zippers for their use at the Wesley Center!

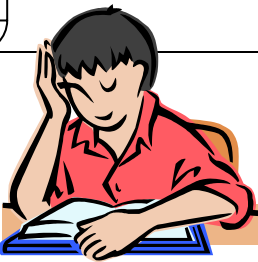
**REMEMBER THE QUILTER'S GROUP STILL MEETS EVERY 2ND AND 4TH THURSDAY AT 1:00 PM AT THE CHURCH!**

**!COME JOIN US!**



### UMW Book Club

We will meet again on May 25 at the home of Diana Linton. The book of study is *Joshua's Bible* by Shelly Leanne



### NEW CHURCH START

In his sermon on April 9<sup>th</sup> Pastor Fred shared with you some of my comments at the Administrative Counsel meeting concerning the proposed new church in SE Mesa. I feel strongly enough about the subject to jot down a few thoughts for the newsletter.

First, I believe in miracles. I would not be writing this if not for a miracle, but that is another story. The Gold Canyon United Methodist Church was founded and has grown because the members believed that through faith miracles would happen. With each step we took; buying land, raising money for the first building, buying more land, our Building in Faith and the Spirit is Building Campaigns, we trusted in faith, against advice and conventional wisdom, that we could succeed. The success is history.

Second, from the beginning we had a vision for outreach in missions, community action, and spreading the Gospel through helping plant a new church. We have been true to that vision. Most recently we have pledged to accept the appointment of an associate pastor for the purpose of starting a new church.

Through faith we believe the members of Gold Canyon United Methodist Church would provide the approximately \$20,000 needed for July through December. Praise the Lord we are almost half way there with cash gifts. Additionally members have approached me with offers of musical instruments etc.

I encourage each giving unit to consider a monetary pledge payable through the end of the year, above and beyond current pledges for the building fund and general budget. I could list several giving strategies we suggested in our two capital giving campaigns, but most of us know what we do when we want to buy something for which we have not budgeted. It would be nice if a small handful of members would subscribe to the whole \$20,000 but that would deprive the general congregation of the "ownership" of the new church start. I will not be so bold as to suggest an amount to pledge. You know your finances. Just pray for God's guidance and pledge in faith.

John Berry  
Co Lay Leader

# Worship Assistance Schedule Greeter Schedule

## Sanctuary

	<b>East</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>
7-May 9:30 AM	Jim & Charlene Van Slooten	Don & Norma Gualke	Diane & Richelle Heinaur
14-Jul 9:30 AM	PTFC	PTFC	PTFC
21-May 9:30 AM	Doug & Linda Norton	Charles & Joan Acker	Bettie Armstrong
28-May 9:30 AM	John & Dixie Coules	Ellis & Marilynn Falk	Lois Gerst

## Koinonia Room

### Liturgists

7-May 9:30 AM	Colette Bos
14-May 9:30 AM	PTFC
21-May 9:30 AM	Hu Rhymes
28-May 9:30 AM	Hu Rhymes

7-May 10:50 AM	Nick & Evelyn Laich
5:00 AM	Tracy Callahan
14-May 10:50 AM	Lovena Warren
5:00 AM	Larry & Pam Wagner
21-May 10:50 AM	Dorothy Archer & Quita Schaedler
5:00 AM	Jennie Oukada
28-May 10:50 AM	Sue Vorseth
5:00 AM	Gerald & Ilene Tabor

### SOUND BOOTH

Watch Your Bulletins for Your  
Sound Tech of the Day!

#### Sanctuary

(9:30)

Mike Vagnier  
Jack Virden  
Roy Fuerherm

#### Koinonia Room

10:50 am ~ Velma Carlson  
5:00 pm ~ Phil Rowland  
Or William Hughes

### Video Projection

9:30 am ~ Jim Anderson  
11:00 am ~ Michelle Cassella; Dan Laux  
5:00 pm ~ Michelle Cassella

Oops! On page 13, we for-  
got a VERY important  
Volunteer of the Week!  
On April 30, the Volunteer  
of the Week was:  
Bettie Armstrong

**Volunteers Do  
Make a Difference**  
By Jane Hayes,  
Volunteer Coordinator

Each month, I will feature a group of volunteers at GCUUMC. Each group is unique and binds our church family. Consider joining this group or one of our many active and successful volunteer groups by calling 982-3776.

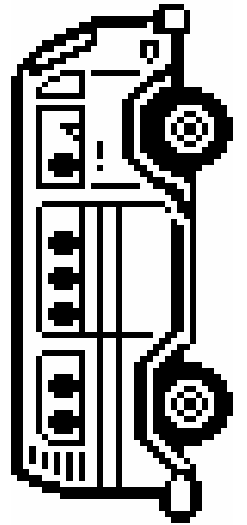
**Volunteers of the Week  
For April Were**

**Ann Brogren  
Dave Bos  
Margaret Ball  
Dick Kinder**



**LET'S GET THAT BUS  
BOUGHT!**

~ Please purchase Scrip ~



Offering Accountants

**Donations**

The offering is sorted among cash, numbered envelopes, pew envelopes, loose checks, and other funds. Each category has a specific form to complete. At this point, each is counted and balanced to form one 'Balance' form for deposit.

After 3 to 8 hours each week, all funds are accounted for and divided to General Budget, Building, Missions, and special offerings such as poinsettias, Easter lilies, Sidewalk Sunday School, bells, Disaster fund, recitals, and concerts. We all benefit from the different offerings that support the church, its operation, and many ministries.

Thanks to our dedicated "counters" who have unique abilities . . . such as handwriting expertise, cryptography, mechanical talent, nimble fingers on adding machines, patience, and sometimes psychic abilities: Ruth Baxter, Neil Brogren, Clair & Nancy Brown, Bob & Jenni Burgi, Velma Carlson, Weldon & Eleanor Conger, Howard & Helen Flowers, Hap & Elaine Finck, Dave & Sue Flitsch, Norma Gaulke, Harold Green, Doran Hays, Joe & Ginny Johnson, Dick & Elizabeth Kinder, Diana Linton, Sue & Tom Lullo, Chuck & Norma McKim, Phil & Debbie Rowland, Pat Ryan, Kathy Serrine, Don & Rae Tienen, Larry & Pam Wagner, Ron Walker, and especially Ann Brogren.

Special Thanks to the "Meals for Shut-ins Crew"  
Your generous and loving spirit in the past several months with Paul Miller was commendable.



# STEPHEN MINISTRY®

## Think Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are the front lines of CARING MINISTRY in our congregation! They re-introduce us to the one and only caring, healing God who will use his powerful hands to gently touch the one who suffers in some life-crisis, the God who “heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds” (Psalms 147:3)

If you see persons who are downcast or struggling through difficult times, T H I N K STEPHEN MINISTRY. Tell them about this special ministry in our church where they can receive the extra love and care they need to get through the suffocating challenge or grief period they face.

This is what people say about Stephen Ministry:

✝ I Thank God every day for my Stephen Minister. I don't know how I could have made it through the past year without her!

✝ Before I had a Stephen Minister, I struggled with whether I even believed in God. NOW I HAVE SEEN GOD'S LOVE FACE TO FACE through my Stephen Minister. It is life-changing.

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE for a referral if you have a problem which seems insurmountable.

SPEAK TO ONE ANOTHER WITH PSALMS, HYMNS AND SPIRITUAL SONGS.  
EPHESIANS 5:19A

## DONATIONS & ATTENDANCE

March 2006	2004		2005		2006		2005	
	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Worship All	Worship All
1st	\$15711	\$12384	\$19194	\$21597	\$23374	\$15662	1428	1563
2nd	\$13111	\$8194	\$16023	\$11903	\$15335	\$13891	1378	1396
3rd	\$8379	\$22566	\$12639	\$22279	\$14814	\$6468	1406	1371
4th	\$12488	\$8610	\$14710	\$10406	\$12573	\$5991	2361	1572
5th	_____	_____	_____	_____	0	0	_____	_____
<b>Total</b>	\$49689	\$51754	\$62566	\$66185	\$66096	\$42012	6573	5902

*\*Includes Electronic Funds Transfers*

*God Loves a Cheerful Giver!*

## Healthy Living

By Susan Malloy, R.N.

Greetings! Just a friendly reminder that the Medicare RX program deadline is May 15th. If you have not yet picked a plan, I would highly suggest you do it before then. Choosing the right plan can save you money, aggravation, and penalties.

May is the celebration of Mothers...be sure and get your annual mammogram and other necessary examinations...don't put it off. The old adage "no news is good news" is not applicable to caring for your health. If you anticipate not getting good news, take a friend or your spouse for moral support. But do it!

The month of May, here is Arizona as well as in very other state, is a good time to protect the hydration levels of your skin and eyes. The heat is on and the sun's rays are more intense. Use a good sun block and wear it daily. If you are the outdoors type, you may want to apply it at night also, so that it can absorb into your skin, giving you extra protection. Wear sunglasses that protect you from the UV rays. Cataract development can be diverted or delayed by this simple measure. Also be sure to take a vitamin/supplement that has lutein and bilberry for added protection.

Drink plenty of WATER. To determine the right amount for you: take your weight and divide by 2. This will give you the amount of ounces you should drink daily. Example: 150 lbs/2 = 75 ounces. There are 8 ounces in a cup, so divide 75 by 8. So, that body would need 9.3 glasses of water to keep it running efficiently, unless you are on a fluid restriction due to heart or kidney disease.

If traveling about the country, remember to wear your seat belt. Stop, take frequent breaks, get out and walk around to prevent blood clots, leg cramping and low back ailments. Don't stay on the road too long each day, fatigue can lessen your alertness and reduces the reflex time, which causes accidents.

Happy Mothers Day, with Blessings of Health and Wellness,

Susan

*My Dear Friends at GCUMC,*

*Thank you all for your thoughts, prayers and cards upon the death of my father. It's hard to lose a parent, no matter how old we or they get. Your prayers and thoughtfulness are a blessing to me and I can't thank you enough.*



*Jan Tarr*

*Dear Friends, Thank you so much. It was a wonderful memorial service. We appreciate all of you for what you have done. Thank you for your support at this time. May God Bless you all.*

*Love in Christ,  
Fred Bennett & Family*

*So very grateful for your kindness and understanding to the Clergy and Members of Gold Canyon United Methodist Church.*

*Gerry A. Holmes  
Frances Dixon*



**To those who drove me and waited,  
To those who sent flowers and candy,  
To those who visited and shopped for me**

**To those who sent cards and called  
To those who brought a Subway sandwich and a slice of banana cream pie  
And especially to those who PRAYED  
You made my recovery easy -  
THANK YOU!**

**Bettie Armstrong**

## Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Needed!

A CASA is a trained community volunteer, appointed by a Juvenile Court Judge who donates their time to help the court system determine what is in the best interest of abused, neglected and abandoned children who have come under the court's care. Pinal County is experiencing a tremendous growth and this is reflected in the rising number of dependency cases. As of December 2005, Pinal County has 389 open dependency cases which represents 808 children. The Pinal County CASA Program has 40 volunteers who advocate for about 40 of those children. Being a CASA volunteer takes about 10-20 hours per month.

Be a CASA Volunteer and...

Speak up to protect the fragile rights of children

Make something that has gone terribly wrong a little better

Become a member of a respected, professional organization

Unite with others who believe children deserve to be protected and cherished

Contribute to your community

Gain valuable life experience

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR POSITION AVAILABLE

Position includes overseeing educational opportunities for children and adults. Position begins part-time on July 1, 2006 anticipated to become full time in a couple of years. Salary commensurate with education and experience. If interested, applications may be obtained at the church office. The deadline for applying is May 1, 2005. Questions may be directed to Rev. Fred Steinberg.

## SUNDAY SERVICE HOURS

Traditional Worship In the New Sanctuary:

9:30 am

In the Koinonia Room:

10:50 am Abundant Life Service with

"Uncommon Grace"

*Pastor Fred will Preach*

5:00 pm Contemporary Country Worship

*Pastor Bob Deits will Preach*

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Director of Music Ministries	Douglas J. Benton
Associate Director of Music	David Ballard
Director of Youth Ministries	Cecilia O'Brien
Pianist	Carol Ballard, Linda Jones, Nancy Virden
Office Manager	Suzanne Jacobson
Receptionist	Margaret Ball
Parish Nurse	Sue Malloy
Nursery Care Giver	Susan Kenyon
Nursery Care Giver, 5:00 pm	Betsy Jacobson
Facility Care Takers	John LaViolette; Bob Jones
Volunteer Coordinator	Jane Hayes

### SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

- ◆ 8:00 ~ *For the Peace of the World*  
Meets in Room 103
- ◆ 8:15 ~ Adult Sunday School  
Meets in Room 101
- ◆ 10:00 ~ Children and Youth Sunday School  
Meet in Classrooms
- ◆ 10:50 ~ Children's Sunday School  
Meet in Classrooms

**Nursery is Available during ALL Services!**