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From The Pastor:

“Any New Problems?”



During my life I remember saying “never” many times. I will never be a minister. I will never live in Arizona. I will never have a child. I will never be a Senior Pastor. Maybe one day I will learn to never say never. Today I love living in Arizona as your pastor. Beth and I

feel blessed by our son Tim and can’t imagine life without him. Over the years as I have followed God’s call, I have been forced to do things I thought I didn’t want to do. Now I realize my life is fuller because of God’s call. I feel comforted by the fact that many Bible characters also resisted God’s call. Lois Cheny once pointed out the excuses Biblical people gave in his book, God is No Fool.

Moses said, "Oh, come on now! Be sensible! Not me! I'm a terrible speaker. They'd never listen to me." And God said, "Oh, for crying out loud! OK, I'll send your brother to help with the speaking." And Moses led God's people out of disintegration.

Jonah said, "Oh, come on now! Be sensible! Not me! I'm not the type." And after a rather unexpected vacation in a fish, just thinking things over, he talked to the Ninevites and led them God's way.

And Zacharias said, "Oh, come on now! Be sensible! Not me! My wife and I are too old to have any kids." And God said, "Oh, shut up!" And he did shut up—for nine months. And John was born, and the way for Christ opened up.

And I heard a child say, "I can't serve God; I'm too young." And I heard a boy say, "I can't serve God; I'm not good enough." And I heard a woman say, "I can't serve God; I'm not skilled enough." I wonder if God ever gets any new problems.

I guess our excuses are as old as God’s creation. I am thankful that God uses us anyway.

Grace and Peace,

Fred

Fuel 4 Y.A.L.L

(Young Adults Living Life)

Meeting **3:30 pm** Every Sunday!
Room 101/102

This group is for ages 18 (out of high school) through 30. We meet at 3:30 – 5:30 in the education building. Feel free to come join us. We do group builders and are going to be starting a Bible study. If you have kids and need child care please let us know and we can provide. Don’t miss out on the fun. See you there!

The email address for group is:

gcumyoungadultgroup@hotmail.com.

Other ways to connect with the Fuel 4

Y.A.L.L. are: www.myspace.com/GCUMCYOUNGADULTGROUP
and

www.7villages.com/gcumyoungadultvillage



FORWARD BY FAITH

By Grover Wallace

“I the Lord do not change. So you, O descendents of Jacob, are not destroyed. Ever since the time of your forefathers you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord Almighty.

“But you ask, ‘How are we to return?’

“But you ask, ‘How do we rob you?’

“In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it....Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land,” says the Lord Almighty.

Malachi 3:6-12

The book of Malachi, the last book in the Old Testament, was written by Malachi, a prophet of God. Malachi was a prophet after God had returned the Jews from exile, and he, Haggi, and Zechariah served as prophets to the southern kingdom (Judah). Haggi and Zecharia both condemned the people for their failure to rebuild the temple after their return from exile. In addition to chastising the people for neglecting the temple, Malachi also confronted them with their false and profane worship. He accused the people of Judah of turning away from God and failing to follow God’s decrees. He urged them to return to God and follow His decrees and commands. Although Malachi’s message came from the Lord Almighty, they had not listened to these three prophets because their hearts had become hardened and they denied that they had ever been unfaithful to the Lord and asked, “How are we to return?” Then

God’s message to them was that they had robbed God of tithes and offerings by failing to bring their offerings to his storehouse. The Lord promised the people that they would be blessed for their return to His decrees, and that all the nations would call them “Blessed.” In this instance, God had been very patient with the Israelites as He had many times previously, but warned them they would be cursed if they did not follow His commands.

We can thank God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon the congregation of our church because of our faith, hope, trust, love and willingness to share our material belongings with Him, our church and our community. Everything we have comes from God and we should be willing to give back to Him a portion of what He has given us. I believe we can call ourselves “blessed” for the many ways we share with our God and those in need. Our entire congregation has shown a willingness to contribute to the financial needs of our church in support of our budget and building fund. Our congregation has been extremely generous in contributing their time, talents, efforts and additional financial support to the many, many church and community programs in which we are involved as a Christian and caring group. We hope every person in our congregation is active in one or more of these programs serving God and following His decrees.

God Bless You all for your active support and the many activities serving our god and community.

....remembering the words the Lord Jesus Himself said: “It is more blessed to give than receive.”

During the month of May, you contributed \$28,948.00 to your church building fund for total contributions from March through May of \$99,277.00. This amount represents 19.86% of our annual goal. The monthly average for the first three months was \$33,092.00, which is approximately \$8,608.00 short of our monthly goal of \$41,700.00 per month.

“Let no debt remain outstanding except the continuing debt to love one another..”

Romans 13:8

**FAREWELL TO A FRIEND
AND A MAN OF GOD**

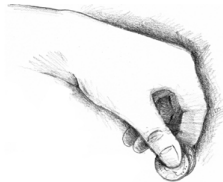
On behalf of the Newsletter team, we are sad to bid farewell to Bud Baxter, our loving friend and servant of God. Bud willingly served as a member of our team for more than six years, sharing his energy, love, friendship, humor and wit with our group. We all loved and respected him for his willingness to serve our Savior in so many ways.

Bud always warned the group each time we met that he had taken his “mean pill” that morning and to expect him to be grumpy. But his “mean pill” must have worn off on his trip to the church, because he was always very kind and gentle to the group. Bud did not have a mean bone in his body.

Bud, we know that you are with God, Ruth and Debbie in heaven. We all hope to be with you when our time comes to leave this earth.

We love you and miss you,
The GCUMC Newsletter Group

P.S. Bud, don’t expect God to provide you with “mean pills” in heaven.



**DONATIONS
&
ATTENDANCE**

You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”
Acts 20:34-35



**COUNTRY WESTERN
SUMMER SCHEDULE**

For the months of July, August and September, the 5 PM Country Western Service will be offered only on the last Sunday of the month. The dates are: July 27th, August 31st, and September 28th.

Each service will be followed by a pot-luck dinner..

Please mark the dates on your calendar and come join us for a foot-stomping, hand-clapping celebration of God’s Good News—and bring a friend.

Beginning with the first Sunday of October, the service will again be offered weekly.

Thanks to all of you who have supported this unique worship service! We look forward to greeting you with a big “Howdy Pardners!” the next time you come.

Bob Deits and David Ballard

April	2006		2007		2008		2007	2008
	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Worship All	Worship All
1st	\$19255	\$15176	\$18662	\$14378	20198	13288	665	718
2nd	\$9061	\$3902	\$9865	\$6207	10986	5342	751	739
3rd	\$8619	\$5290	\$14502	\$9154	11133	4319	648	627
4th	\$8629	\$3780	\$8446	\$6338	8149	5999	589	571
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Total	\$45564	\$28148	\$51475	\$36077	50466	28948	2653	2655

International Missions

"The world is my parish." – John Wesley)

By Jackie Douglass

As you read last month, the International Missions Committee of GCUMC is up and running. In an effort to help you become aware of the various opportunities for involvement in global missions, we will highlight several projects during the coming months. This month, Ruthmary Anderson gives you a first-hand view of her experience in Chile this past January.

I am still "HIGH" on expounding the satisfaction of my international missions journey! Our "crew" spent three weeks in Iquique which is in the Northern part of Chile. The arrangements for this mission were made by my brother, John who has been going on mission trips all over the world for 35 years, and specifically to Chile for the past 15. The sponsor for this trip was the Methodist Temple in down town Chicago.

Our objective was to build Church Pews for the new Church that the Methodist Church Two had just completed. Yes, I said Church Pews - 14 of them, 108" in length; we processed the wood from start to finish - sawing, trimming, sanding, carving, gluing, sanding again, and finally, varnishing the finished pews. We worked, ate and socialized with the persons for whose Church we were building the pews. We learned about their food, how they lived and what they did for fun. Even the language was not a hindrance— sign language works – most of the time!

One weekend we took a trip over the mountains East of Iquique to a native village, Pachica, which is located in a valley. We stayed overnight at the school called KUSAYAPU, which means "good harvest" in the Aymara language. The school has been closed for several years and will reopen in March 2009. The school is in need of general maintenance and repairs on electrical, plumbing (indoor), etc., and needs assistance. Our committee will review this and determine if this could be a mission trip opportunity for GCUMC!

Helping Myanmar

An alternative avenue for giving to help in Myanmar, which may be a more immediate help than funding from UMCOR is through an individual at the International School Yangon. Jim Taylor is the Myanmar director for International Development Enterprises (IDE) website: www.ideorg.org. He has been working closely with the Director of the International School at Yangon, Dennis Mackinnon. They have a good infrastructure already set up to deliver relief directly to those in need. If you are interested in making a donation to Myanmar and feel assured that it will go directly to those in need, an account has been set up in a Bangkok Bank. The information for transferring funds is as follows:

Bangkok Bank

Account Name:

International Development
Enterprises Stiftung

Account Number:

840-101-0017-538638-001

Current UMCOR Emergencies

To donate to UMCOR on behalf of the following emergencies, please write your check to GCUMC and write "UMCOR Advance ##### (fill in the appropriate number)" on the memo line. 100% of your donation will go to those affected by the emergency.

China Earthquake

International Disaster Response

UMCOR Advance #982450

Myanmar Disaster

UMCOR Advance #3019674

Myanmar Emergency Page

US Spring Storms

Domestic Disaster Response

UMCOR Advance #901670

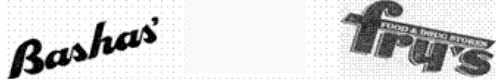
For more ways to help, or to donate online, go to:
<http://new.gbmgm-umc.org/umcor/>



By Susan Malloy, RN

In the May, 2008 edition of The Roadrunner, I stated: "I was recently told by a nutritionist that our bodies take about 70,000+ toxic hits a day." The correct statement should have been "We have 10,000 toxic hits to our bodies per day, with 70,000+ hits per week."

In order to take time to care for my husband, Michael and the many other tasks that I have on my plate these days, I feel that I must renew my sabbatical until Fall. Thank you all for your continued prayer. We do appreciate your care and concern for us. Don't forget that you can reach me at momalloy02@msn.com.



Scrip/Bus Fund

Do you buy gas at Fry's in Apache Junction or shop for groceries at a Fry's store? Hopefully, you have been using and recharging the Fry's Gift Card that you purchased at church. As you may have noticed, Fry's has a special on for the next couple of months. If you purchase a new gift card at the store for \$300 (up to \$1200) they will add 10% to the value of the card. So I purchased 4 cards at \$300 each and will give the extra \$120 earned to the Scrip/Bus Fund (you can do this by a check in the offering plate marked Scrip/Bus Fund). **10% is a whole lot more than the 3% the church card earns.** Remember, this is for a limited time. You will want to keep your church Fry's Gift Card to use again after the special is over. If you have any questions, stop by the Information Table in the east narthex after the service or call me at 380-0147. Thanks for participating in the Scrip/Bus Fund program.

Betty Rolley



LETTERS



Thanks for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and expressions of concern. They have made a tough time much easier. June is rescheduled for surgery on June 25. We are eager to get this behind us and get on with our ministry among you.

Peace and Joy,
Bob and June Deits

On behalf of Bud Baxter's family, I want to sincerely thank everyone for the cards, letters, prayers, visitations, food and memorial gifts during my dad's illness and after his death on June 6th. His church family and friends were very special to him—the humor (laughter), hugs and the love of the Lord Jesus Christ through the Gold Canyon UMC members were evident and felt by Dad's entire family throughout this ordeal.

I especially want to thank: Jane Hayes and her committee for the food delivered to our home, Ron Walker and the funeral Memorial Committee for the food after the memorial service, Pastor Fred, Pastor Hu, and the organist and pianist for helping us celebrate and honor Dad's life through the beautiful memorial service.

The Baxters wish God's blessings on all future endeavors by the membership and leaders of this church to win souls for Christ and to make disciples of all men and women.

With Love,
Wayne P. Baxter #2 Son

My family and I want to express our thanks to the staff and membership of Gold Canyon United Methodist Church for the calls and many cards and notes we have received following Kletia's death. These have been very comforting and they reaffirm our past experience of the loving warmth and support of the membership of this faith group. These have meant so much to us.

With Love,
John Phillips and Family

Christian Education...

With David Ballard

"Our mission is to bring the love of Christ and His teachings to learners of all ages on their spiritual journey, that they be transformed and thus positively affect our local and global communities."

This year's VBS was tremendous success! More than 30 kids enjoyed learning the love of God, singing beach party songs, making creative crafts, playing exciting games, and working on science experiments. Even Flame, the Famous Flying Flamingo, had a terrific time! Also, a big, big thank you goes out to all of the VBS volunteers who made this year's VBS such a success. From the bottom of my heart: Thank you!

VBS Special Thank You – A special thank you goes out to **Donna Fuerherm, Harriette Downing** and **Lauren Collins-Mitchell** for directing and coordinating our "Beach Party" Vacation Bible School! These three women made VBS week run flawlessly and took VBS to a new level. I stayed out of the way and they made it happen. When you see these women, please give them a **BIG** thank you, job well done!

A VBS VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE

By Debra Ireland

Teaching at VBS was so much fun this year. We were surfin' through the scriptures. I really enjoyed it and I do plan to return next year! I was working with the little kids (the prekindergarten/kindergarten), to me, they are the best age group. They are cute, tiny, and they tell you fun, hilarious stories. And, "they still think you know something". I am so lucky and grateful to have been given this opportunity. I want to thank David Ballard, Donna Fuerherm, and all the other staff at VBS for giving me the opportunity, but mostly I want to thank God and Jesus, because if it wasn't for them, there would be no Vacation Bible School. I highly recommend this VBS to parents.

Please join together
after the 9:30 and 10:50
services for refresh-
ments and fellowship.
Make a new friend
every Sunday!
We dare ya!

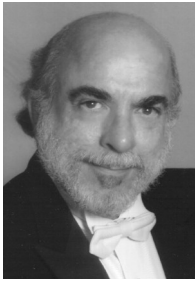


Third Saturday Coffee House & Open Mic

*Sponsored by the 10:50 am Praise Worship
and the Fuel 4 YALL Group
7:00 pm in the Koinonia Room*

The first "Third Saturday" met on June 21st. We had so much fun listening to the writers and musicians who shared with us. The Fuel for YALL (Young Adults Living Life) group provided refreshments. All around, it was an enjoyable time of fellowship and fun.

Come share your talents! Musicians, writers, poets, playwrights, artists! Bring your works (secular and/or spiritual) to share over coffee or tea. This monthly event is open to the public – bring your friends! Call Suzanne at the church for more information 480-982-3776.



Music Notes

July begins a very exciting time for organists throughout the world as this month begins the American Guild of Organists **International Year of the Organ**. The pipe organ has seen a real resurgence of energy and interest in the last several years, and pipe organ builders worldwide, and especially in our country, can't seem to keep up with the demand for new organs and rebuilding old ones. It seems the organ is more popular now than anytime I can remember! While I was a student at Arizona State University (I was ASU's first Organ Performance major) in the middle 60's, the AGO took a survey and discovered there were only some 350 organ majors in the entire country! That has now changed dramatically!

To take an active part in this celebration of the organ, I will play a major work for the Music for Meditation once per month on the organ. Also, we have some very exciting opportunities for you to experience. We are featuring **Lew Williams**, the headline organist at *Organ Stop Pizza* in concert at our church on Sunday, Oct. 19 at 3:00 PM. This day, the *AGO International Year of the Organ* presents organ concerts all over the world, called **Organ Spectacular**. Then, I will present a 4-class series in *The Life and Music of J. S. Bach* in February which will, of course, include the organ of his day. I will also present a single class on *The Organ 101 – How They are Built, How They Work* using our 3-manual Rodgers 960 organ in the Sanctuary along with some real pipes. This will be followed in early March by an *All-Church Luncheon* at *Organ Stop Pizza* with **Lew Williams** playing and demonstrating the largest Wurlitzer Pipe Organ in the world.

All this leads up to the final event at our church, a full concert on March 15, 2009 at 3:00 PM by **Dr. Frederick Swann**, former Organist of the First

Congregational Church of Los Angeles (the largest church organ in the world), the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, CA, and the Riverside Church, New York City. It is quite a story how we were able to get him, which I will share later. This will be the *Must See* concert of the year. The largest crowd we have ever had in our Sanctuary was the Organ Dedication Recital by **Hector Olivera**. I fully expect to have as many if not more for Fred Swann's concert!

Finally, the Central Arizona Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is hosting the Region IX Organ Festival at the Arizona Biltmore Hotel June 22 – 25, 2009 (I am on the Steering Committee). We will have multiple concerts on various organs around the valley. I will give you dates and times as we get closer.

international
year of the
organ

2008-2009

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Organists



On a personal note, this was a very special Father's Day for me as I watched my daughter Regina receive her Doctor of Medicine degree from Stanford Medical School the day before. I might mention that she is the only one whose daddy yelled out "That's my little girl!" when she was hooded! Now she will spend the next 7 years in Residency as a Pediatric Neurosurgeon at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. (Now, when her dad reverts back to his childhood, she can go in an fix it!) Her husband, Mark, is a Neurophysiologist specializing in Epilepsy, also at Mayo Clinic. They are

driving a 26' truck pulling their car on a trailer behind, even as I write this. I do apologize for "gushing", and I know all of you have your own great stories to tell of your kids. It really is "good to be the Daddy!" Her mom, my first wife, was there also.

Blessings to all this summer. Please remember to pray for our service men and women on July 4, and everyday.

Blessings,

Doug

Douglas J. Benton
Director of Music Ministries





Youth Ministries

With Heather Rodenberg

Sunday School 9:30 am in the Education Building
Youth Fellowship 6:30 pm Sundays in the Education Building

EXTREME MAKEOVER - MISSION EDITION

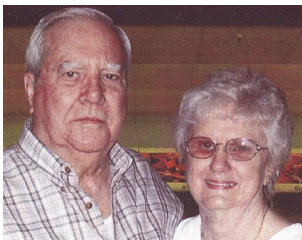
I would like to thank all of those who donated to Mission Trip Makeover 2008. We will be heading out to Grand Junction CO on July 5th through the 12th. While we are gone, please pray that we have a safe trip and are able to help change the lives of the people of Grand Junction. Your thoughts and prayers will be welcome. This year's mission trip will be led by Heather Rodenberg with Fred & Beth Steinberg, Michael & Valerie Sheridan, and Jed Moore attending as adult leaders. The youth that will be going are: Scott & David Moore, Caleb Shroyer, Tim Steinberg, Kody Sawyer, Seth Preiss, Christina Pappalardo, Nathaniel Gingrich, Daniel Bos, Kaylea Payne, Colin Dethlefsen, Stephanie Rowe, Sean & Mikey Sheridan, Stefan Vander Heyden, Christian Ordiway, Sonny Lowe, and Ann Marie Wilding. Youth, look for the newsletter in the mail for upcoming youth group information. Youth group will NOT meet on July 6th (gone for mission trip) or July 13th (recovering from mission trip).

Don't forget, Remember the Positive and Smile!



Who We Worship With: Making New Friends

We at GCUMC are blessed to have so many wonderful and talented people joining together in worship. There are so many of us, it's difficult to get to know one another. This month, we would like to begin introducing you to interesting people you just might sit next to some Sunday. While it will be impossible to introduce everyone in such a large congregation, we thought it would be fun to try! If you know of someone you'd like to see profiled in the RoadRunner, please contact Suzanne in the church office at 480-982-3776 for guidelines.



Bill and Louise Green Moved to MountainBrook Village in Gold Canyon in 1999 from Lake Waukomis, MO, in the Kansas City area. Bill and Louise lived in Brookfield, MO until they married in 1954. In 1956 they moved to Laramie, WY, where Bill attended the University of Wyoming and received a degree in Electrical Engineering in 1959. Louise worked in the Business office of the University. After a short stay in southern California, they moved back to Kansas City where Bill was employed as an electrical engineer by Trans World Airlines until retiring in 1991. Louise was a stay-at-home mom for several years before managing the church office of the Platte Woods United Methodist Church, then Administrative Assistant at Kansas City Stockyards Company. Louise retired as an officer of the Farley State Bank in 1995. Bill and Louise were active in the Platt Woods church and community affairs.

They are very much enjoying their retirement, their involvement in Gold Canyon United Methodist Church, extensive traveling and bowling. They have two children and families in the area, and enjoy family get-togethers and the occasional babysitting.

Bill and Louise Green are active in GCUMC by volunteering as greeters and in the Food Bank.



WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY

By Hu & Wendy Rhymes, with a little help from Sadie and Hattie

ATTENTION: Hu & Wendy Rhymes DO NOT have a home phone. If you want to contact them and you don't have their CELL number, please contact the church office.

Sympathies: Margaret Ball, upon the death of Bud Baxter; The family of Bud Baxter, upon the death of their father, grandfather, & great grandfather; The family of Steven Chapman, upon the death of his daughter; Gwen Ethier, upon the death of her daughter, Cheryl Wells; Delores O'Fallon, upon the death of her daughter; Dr. John Phillips, upon the death of his wife, Kletia; Lone Pierce, upon the death of her husband, Floyd; Andy Siersma, upon the death of his mother, Ruby Wheeler and the families & friends of the above.

Concerns and/or Continued Prayers: Barbara Baker, Patti Baker, Olivia Barnett, Hannah Basques, Jill Bills, Marian Bonestell, Colette Bos, Genevieve Bricker, Clarence Brown, Sonja Buchanan, Darleene Carter, Brian Cascaden, Billy Chapman, Jeannette Cook, Gene Crawford, Mike Crotty (Deater O'Neill's husband), James Davis, June Deits, Elfie Elms (Jack Elms' sister), Jim Forter, Ed Fulton, Danna Gharavi, David Gillette, Todd Gregory, Ellen Gutknecht, Julie Haskins (Jean Paulston's daughter), Evelyn Hawkes, Jim Hersey, Carlie Hofeman, Lynne Howell, Tom Jelen, Ginny Johnson, Mary Kohn, Alton Knosp (Adelyne Douglass' brother), Irene Lambert, Cheryl Lang, Don Lattarovich, Caroline Long, Pat McCormick, Marty McGuire, Carole Miller, Mary Moore, Juan Munoz, Christy Nance, Dan Orr (Kris Laux's Dad), Melissa Oubre, Bea Parnham, Mike Pawlowski, Mason Pospeshil, Jean Richter, Muriel Rief, Thornwell Rogers, Richard Schutt (Wendy's brother-in-law), Clara Sprenger, Ella Stephens, Helen Strickler, Catherine Sullivan, Peggy Tippie, Nancy Traugh, Amy Tyler, Lisa Wroebel, Bruce Yerrick, Missy Ybarra and **PRAYERS** for the families (CAREGIVERS) of the above. **PRAYERS** for requests in the "CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER" boxes and those **FOOD BANK CLIENTS** who have requested prayer. **PRAYERS** for our **MILITARY Personnel** and their families.

Joys-but Still in Need of Prayers:

Dick & Eleanor Armstrong, Barbara, Dorothy & Joey Baker, Irene & Junior Blake (Paul Fillion' sister & brother-in-law), Robert Boehm, SSgt. John Briggs in Guam, Bob Brummitt, Sgt. Jeff Carroll in Iraq (Harriette & Jeff Downing's nephew), Bob & Darleene Carter, Paul Casper, Carlos Chapman, Laurie & Ted Christy, Mark & Donna Cleary, Craig Cmar (Marines), Bob & Marcia Cole,

Weldon & Ellie Conger, Ilene Covill (Paul Fillion's sister), Cliff & Lorraine Davidson, Chuck Dickinson, Norm & Ritchie Eriksen, Ed Favia, (Army), Nancy Favia (Air Force Reserve), Viola Hammond (Don Hammond's Mom), Rich & Sheila Haraldson, George & Beth Hayes (Jeff Hayes' parents), Amanda Hendersen in Iraq, Audrey & Jim Hibbing, Chris Huston in Iraq (Ken Miller's grandson), Jeff Jurgens (Ron & Donna Jurgens' son), Henry Kaminski, Gladys Kay (Jane Hayes' Mom), Mel & Mary Kilbo, Naomi Kyle, Carol & Bill Lindemann, Earl & Eleanor Lindsay, Robert & Pauline Lymons, Michael & Susan Malloy, Sally Marvaino (Suzanne Jacobson's sister), Major Brian Martin in Afghanistan, Shirley & Merle Matzke, Todd Matzke in Iraq, Bryan McCann (Jeanette Linstead's son), Neal McGough in Afghanistan, Larry & Pat McMann, Wilbur McMann, Bert & Muriel Mercer, Liz Middaugh, Lloyd & Arlene McNeece, Hedy Moore (Jed Moore's Mom), Phyllis Owens, Tom & Rose Pease, John Phillips, Sylvia & Calvin Quinn, Floyd & Lone Pierce, Icey Revis (Lynn Revis' mother-in-law), Bud & Betty Rolley, Shirley Schnuit (Nancy Petticrew's Mom), Devon Shantz, Emily Sutherland (Wendy Moore's grandmother), Ken & Audrey Taran, Carl & Helen Thacker, (Jerry Thacker's parents), Lillian Thomas (Bill Thomas' mother), Bev & Jim Toppin, Marven & Wanda Tufte, Ray and Nancy Ville-neuve, Lucy Weiland, Dick Wilcox, Dot Zelezic and the families of the above.

**Let us
remember to
pray daily**



**DESIGNATED GIFTS
FROM MEMORIAL-FUNERAL
SERVICES FOR
April/May, 2008**

Bud Baxter

Memorial Gifts may be made to the GCUMC Food Bank or to the Genesis Project.

Kletia Phillips

Gig Harbor UMC, 7400 Pioneer Way, Gig Harbor, WA 98335

OR

Franciscan Hospice of Tacoma, 2901 Bridgeport Way North, University Place, WA 98467

Floyd Pierce

GCUMC Stephen Ministries



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY®**

Let us do good to all people,
especially to those who belong
to the family of believers.
Galatians 6:10



“ LAUGH A LITTLE” with Hu

Pastoral Care

After the birth of their child, an Episcopal priest, wearing his clerical collar, visited his wife in the hospital. He greeted her with a hug and a kiss and gave her another hug and kiss when he left. Later, the wife’s roommate commented, “Your pastor sure is friendlier than mine.”

Nothing Personal

“I hope you didn’t take it personally, Reverend,” an embarrassed woman said after a church service, “when my husband walked out during your sermon.” “I did find it rather disconcerting,” the preacher replied. “It’s not a reflection on you, Sir,” insisted the churchgoer. “Ralph has been walking in his sleep ever since he was a child.”

MIND MENDERS SUPPORT GROUP

Meets on the 2nd & 4th Fridays

At 10:00 a.m. in the Education Building.

This support group is for CAREGIVERS of anyone with Alzheimer's or some form of Dementia.

*Contact Jeanette Lunstead
or the church
office for more information.*

LISTENING CHAPTER II

Are you in a caring relationship that seems to go nowhere? Does your grief, trouble or particular problem seem to grow notwithstanding the visits with your Stephen Minister?

For instance, recovery from the death of a loved one is painful, seemingly with no end, hopeless. Recovery can take years!

In this situation, your Stephen Minister will become assertive, and will make recommendations which you definitely should consider. Remember your Stephen Minister is the messenger, God is the healer. God the Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are always engaged in a discourse of love in which you are the eternal object, to which you are admitted, embraced and included, for a communion which is a unique Christian blessing.

Your visits with a Stephen Minister bring this message. Listen to it. He or she will guide you through the maze of your grief.

**On the Need for a
Stephen Minister**

“Your need to talk about your loss far exceeds most people’s willingness to listen.”

A Stephen Ministry Care Receiver

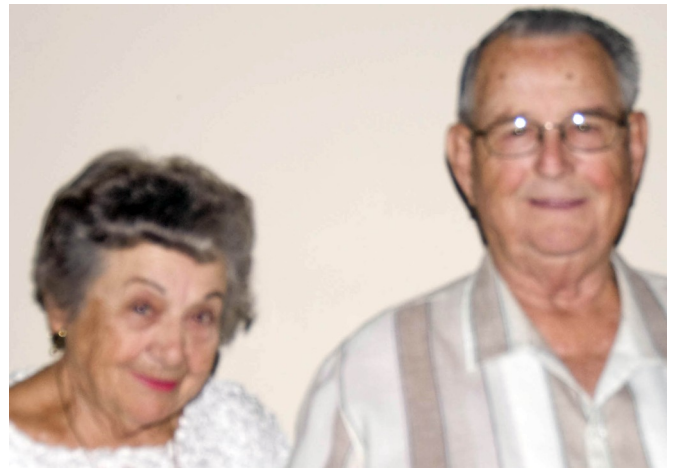
From 2003 October Stephen Ministry
Care Quotes

New Members

Please welcome these members of the Gold Canyon UMC family who took the step into committed membership in June.



Debra Ireland
Joined June 22



Virgil & Rose Scantlin
Joined June 29



Herbert & Jennifer Adams & Baby Michael
Joined June 29



Markee Adams
Joined June 29

SERMON CD PRICEs

To cover cost of CDs, jewel cases, label printing, recording and duplicating, the price for sermon CDs is now \$4 each and \$6 (up from \$5) if mailed.



The "Church Lady?" Hardly! Women and the UMC

From your local representative for the Commission on the Status and Role of Women (COSROW), Suzanne Jacobson. COSROW aims to ensure that the church benefits from the wisdom, life experience, and perspectives of women.



Reverend Doctor Anna Howard Shaw

Anna Howard Shaw, born in England on February 14, 1847, was called to preach by the age of 14. She was one of the first women granted a license to preach by the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1878, she was the second woman to graduate from Boston University school of Theology. Still, Shaw was refused ordination by the New England Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. However, in 1880, she was ordained by the New York Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, making her one of the first women ordained in any branch of Methodism.

Anna Shaw earned a medical degree from BU while serving at the Wesleyan Methodist Church in East Dennis, Massachusetts. By the time she was 39, she was not only practicing pastoral and healing ministries, but was also considered a "master orator" for social justice concerns. Shaw lectured throughout the world on temperance, women's suffrage and peace. She was the first ordained woman to preach in Amsterdam, Berlin, Copenhagen and London, as well as the first woman ever to deliver a sermon in the State Church of Sweden.

During World War I, Anna was the first woman awarded a Distinguished Service Medal for her work as chair of the Women's Committee of the National Council of Defense. Just before her death in 1919, Anna Howard Shaw was an advocate for the League of Nations covenant. In 1888, during a sermon at the International Council of Women, Shaw spoke the following words: *"Patiently prone upon the earth, Sphinx-like, sat woman limited by social custom, limited by false theories, limited by narrow bigotry and by still narrower creeds, patiently toiling and waiting, humbly bearing the pain and weariness which seemed to fall her lot. The truth stood before her and she knew it was not the purpose of the Divine that she should crouch beneath the bonds of custom, that she should yield blindly to prejudice and ignorance. She learned she was not created from the side of man but by the side of man. The world had suffered that she had not kept her divinely appointed place. But by all you hold sacred, let me in the name of my master say to the young women here today if you have a bit of truth, hold fast to that which God had given you; let no power, no injustice, no obstacle, no scorn, no opposition, let nothing extinguish the flame. Hold it high and if the world lags behind, hold it still higher. Bid the world come up to your truth, never take your truth down to the world's level."*

All was not perfect with the Rev. Dr. Shaw, however. Though she was committed to social issues, she like many others of her time and many of her contemporary activist sisters today, fell into the pernicious cycle of racism and classism. The suffrage movement, controlled by middle class White women, like Anna, appealed to class and race prejudice to strengthen its coalition with White men in power. Anna, like Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, increasingly argued that White women were more qualified to vote than Black and immigrant working-class men and women. Nevertheless, Shaw, along with many others of her time, paved the way for women in western society and in the Methodist Church to move beyond the boundaries that had previously confined them.

Information gleaned from the website of the Anna Howard Shaw Center at Boston University School of Theology at: www.bu.edu

United Methodist Women of Gold Canyon UMC



The United Methodist Women includes all women of the church. We are dedicated to fellowship, friendship and service. We welcome all GCUMC women.

UMW Meeting Schedule

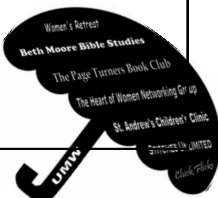
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No meetings June-July-August

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The next Unit Meeting will be Saturday, September 13th at 9:45 a.m. at which time we will assemble St. Andrews kits Room 101/102 Education Building

Have a Wonderful Summer!



"You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little."

Luke 7:45-47



The Heart of Women Saturday, July 12th 11:00 am Education Building

By Jane Rogers

Due to the Independence Day Holiday, Heart of Women will meet on July 12th. Remember to bring your favorite tea cup! The Heart of Women is a safe and nurturing place to gather with other women for friendship, support, inspiration, prayer and respite. All women of GCUMC and the neighboring community are invited. Please bring your female friends who could use an hour away from the hectic pace of daily living.

Find inspirational sayings, poems, lyrics, and messages at the Heart of Women website at:

www.myspace.com/heartofwomen1



July




Anniversaries

Dean & Nyla Mansdorfer	2	Robin & Jean Alton	9	Sam & Das Cox	19
Bruce & Grace Love	3	Ronald & Becky Beason	9	Gary & Sharon Stemple	21
Gary & Paula Smith	3	Russ & Helen Ensey	10	David & Pearce	22
Bob & Sharan Norin	4	Bob & Gloria Sheridan	10	Robert & Nicole Nanny	28
Charlie & Lauren Mitchell	4	Rich & Jerri Manbeck	10	Lester & Delores Norton	28
Carl & Cherie Madzey	5	Glenn & Barbara Hardesty	11	Charles & Michelle Oldham	29
Chuck & Jeanette Hardman	6	Grover & Ann Wallace	12	Don & Ingrid Schaefer	30
Jim & Norma Tambke	6	Edward & Joy Fite	14	Gene & Gail Crawford	30
Dick & Mary Faith Van Noy	6	Joe & Janice Guerrero	14	Larry & Anita Raffurty	30
William & Kathleen King	6	Marvin & Jean Richter	14	Carter & Renee Olson	31
Ronald & Donna Jurgens	8	Ted & Laurie Christy	14		
Wes & Donna Hodges	7	Monty & Sharron Gingrich	18		

Birthdays

Lela Westerfield	1	Dee Meridith-Gates	9	Wes Kappler	17	Marjorie Tonole	23
Donald Osgood	1	Don Catt	9	Jenny Crow	17	Linda Brinkman	23
Shirley Krapek	1	Mary Kilbo	9	Lois Peebles	17	LeRoy Cate	24
Dixie Coules	2	Caryl Lang	9	Terry Parsons	17	Carol Ballard	24
Bobbie Ryan	2	Doris Ferrante	10	Gary Smith	17	William Butterbrodt	25
Cindy Moes	2	Joyce Curtis	10	Ritchie Eriksen	17	Beverly Toppin	25
Connie Moran	2	Coral Greene	10	Melodie Frankel	17	Audrey Hulett	26
Alan Kinzel	2	Lawrence Welker	10	Louise Green	18	Pete Marzahl	27
Chuck McKim	4	Jeanette Lunstead	10	John Berry	18	Rachel Tianen	28
Catherine Sullivan	4	Vivian Schreiner	10	Jerry Thacker	18	Lolly Skillman	28
Linda Weidner	4	Keith Petticrew	10	Sam Cox	18	Sharee Sifferath	28
Albert Brown	4	Betty Russell-Smeaton	13	Donna Koppenhoefer	18	Helen Ensey	29
Bill Nielsen	5	Linda Crane	13	Mary Lynn Preiss	18	Jackie Lewis	29
Bob Johnson	5	Nancy Petticrew	13	Matt Konecek	18	Elgin Morris	30
James Cowles	5	Janice Guerrero	14	Jill Bills	19	Francisco DeLeon	30
Debbie Adler	6	JoAnn Wylie	14	Mary Thomas	19	April Bracht	31
Phyllis Hrehovesik	6	Ted Christy	14	Rod Hall	19	Gary Colby	31
Marilynn Falk	6	Fred French	15	Diane Head	20	Mary Rasmussen	31
Rose Pease	7	Doris Barnes	15	Donald Gaulke	21	Patsy Arehart	31
Donna Hodges	7	Gail Crawford	15	Helen Curtis	21	Charlie Mitchell	31
Robin Toner	7	Beau Steenbock	15	Roger Farney	21	Nancy Sawyer	31
Dorothy McMurry	8	Ernie McMurry	16	Jeff Krstyen	21	Angela DeLeon	31
Lyle Brewer	8	Charles Jungman	16	Robert Burgi	22		
Herbert Adams	9	William Hughes	16	Nancy Arbuckle	23		

July 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 5 pm Youth ~ Bus to Volleyball 7 pm Uncommon Grace Rehearsal	3 7 pm Chancel Choir	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY OFFICE CLOSED	5 Youth To Mission Trip
6 Youth To Mission Trip 9:30 am Traditional 10:50 am Praise 6:15 pm ~ Wesley~ Music Rm.	7 Youth To Mission Trip	18 Youth To Mission Trip	9 Youth To Mission Trip	10 Youth To Mission Trip 7 pm Chancel Choir	11 Youth To Mission Trip 10 am MindMenders~Rm 101/102 5:30 pm AA ~ Rm 103	12 Youth To Mission Trip 11 am Heart of Women ~ Sea of Galilee 5 pm Teen Center
13 Youth back from Mission Trip 9:30 am Traditional 10:50 am Praise 6:15pm ~ Wesley~ Music Rm.	14 7:00 pm AIAnon ~ Rm 101/102	15	16 5 pm Youth ~ Bus to Volleyball 7 pm Uncommon Grace Rehearsal	17 7 pm Chancel Choir	18 5:30 pm AA ~ Rm 103	19 7 pm Third Saturday Coffeehouse & Open Mike ~ K Rm
20 9:30 am Traditional 10:50 am Praise 6 pm ~ Wesley~ Music Rm. 6:30 pm Youth	21	22	23 NEWSLETTER TEAM 5 pm Youth ~ Bus to Volleyball 7 pm Uncommon Grace Rehearsal	24 7 pm Chancel Choir	25 10 am MindMenders~Rm 101/102 5:30 pm AA ~ Rm 103	26
27 9:30 am Traditional 10:50 am Praise 5 pm CW Service & POTLUCK 6 pm ~ Wesley~ Music Rm. 6:30 pm Youth	28	29	30	31		



Jane Hayes, Volunteer Coordinator

GCUMC
982-3776



Volunteers Do Make a Difference

Volunteering with your family or a small group of friends

If you would like to find a new way to spend time with your family or friends, consider volunteering. Donating your time with your brothers, your sisters, all of your 10 cousins, your dad, your bridge club, your hiking club, your foster mom, offers a unique way for your group to spend time together while helping your



Group volunteering is a concrete way to share ideas about compassion and giving with others.



community.
Young people who volunteer with their families become adults who volunteer with their families.
Volunteering with your group means quality time spent with each other as well as a service to others.
A group of people can get much more done than just one person alone.



**Volunteers of the
Month
For June**
Darrell Dinges
Lisa Kinzel
Joel Hurley
Pam Lux



***Circle one or more of these options to and turn the form into the collection plate on Sunday, or drop by the office! Thanks.*

1. Custodial Assistant

2. Information Table

3. Office Assistant

4. Hospitality Team

5. Greeter

6. Funeral Dishes

7. Sunday School

✝ Name _____

✝ Phone _____



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Monthly Newsletter Deadline: 15th of the Month
 Weekly Bulletin Insert Deadline: Noon on Wednesday
 Flower Order Deadline: Noon on Wednesday
 Please note that flowers are now \$30.00

GCUMC Staff

Senior Pastor	Fred A. Steinberg
Minister of Pastoral Care	Hu Rhymes
Associate Pastor, East Mesa New Church Start	Julius Keller
Associate Pastor	Bob Deits
Director of Music Ministries	Douglas J. Benton
Director of Education & Associate Director of Music	David Ballard
Director of Youth Ministries	Heather Rodenborg
Pianists	Carol Ballard, Linda
Jones,	Nancy Virden
Office Manager	Suzanne B. Jacobson
Administrative Associate	Margaret Ball
Volunteer Coordinator	Jane Hayes
Parish Nurse	Sue Malloy
Nursery Care Giver	Susan Kenyon
Facility Care Takers	John LaViolette



SUMMER SERVICE HOURS

***9:30 AM—Traditional Worship
In the Sanctuary**

***10:50 AM—PRAISE
Service
In the Koinonia Room**
 Music led by *Uncommon Grace*

**5:00 PM—Country Western Service
In the Koinonia Room**

LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH!
There will be a potluck after the service.
 ~with Music led by *The Housers*~
***Childcare Provided**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
SCHEDULE**

*All Children's Sunday Schools begin in the
Worship Service with their families. Children
are led to their classrooms after the Children's
Sermon.*

✠ **8:15AM ~ Adult Sunday School**
 Meets in Room 101

✠ **9:30 AM ~**
 Children's Sunday School
 Meet in Classrooms

✠ **9:30 AM ~ Youth Sunday School**

✠ **10:50 AM ~**
 Children's Sunday School
 Meet in Classrooms