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FROM THE PASTOR: "CHRISTMAS EXPECTATION"



Pastor Tim Keller in his book *Hidden Christmas* mentions that one of the most thoughtful world leaders of the late 20th century was Vaclav Havel, the first president of the Czech Republic. He had a unique vantage point from which to peer deeply into both socialism and capitalism, and he was not optimistic that either would, by itself, solve the greatest human problems. He knew that science unguided by moral principles had given us the Holocaust. He concluded that neither technology nor the government nor the market alone could save us from our problems. "Pursuit of the good life will not help humanity save itself, nor is democracy alone enough," Havel said. "A turning to and seeing ... God is needed." The human race constantly forgets, he added, that "we are not God."

During the Christmas season we are reminded of our need for Jesus. Jesus is the light that comes in the midst of darkness. We are also reminded that Jesus counts on us to spread his light to others.

We plan to do that during this Christmas. Not only will we buy Christmas gifts for those in need through our Angel Tree Ministry but we also plan to give away all our Christmas Eve offering to help Peralta Trails Elementary School improve their playground. Since their financial resources are limited their playground facilities are limited. We hope to raise \$30,000 to improve their outdoor facilities. We hope you will join us in this effort. If you would like to make a donation and you are leaving town before Christmas Eve just mark it "Peralta Playground" and it will go into the proper fund. I will see you Sunday.

Grace and peace,

Fred

JOIN US ON CHRISTMAS EVE

THREE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES...
...ONE GLORIOUS STORY

3:00pm—Family Candlelight service with
Puppet Show & Petting Zoo
6:00pm & 8:00pm—Candlelight service
with inspirational message &
Chancel Choir

ALL ARE WELCOME!



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(North of Hwy 60 in Gold Canyon)
480.982.3776
www.GoldCanyonUMC.org
*Childcare available at all services

"EXPECTED" SERMON SERIES

- † Dec. 2 – Do We Stay or Do We Go?
- † Dec. 9 – Belonging
- † Dec. 16 – Mary's Curve Ball
- † Dec. 24 – There Was Light

"FOLLOWING JESUS, SERVING OTHERS"



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

by Pastor Katharine Keller

"...growing disciples of Jesus Christ by studying and living the Word."

SIDEWALK MINISTRY



The Children's Sidewalk Ministry is now being held on the GCUMC Campus and meets 3 Saturdays a month from 10am—12pm from October to April. A typical

Sidewalk Saturday consists of pledges, prayer, Bible lessons, crafts, games and lunch before returning home.

If you would like to come and see what Sidewalk Ministry is about, please join us! If you love kids, have a special talent to share with kids, or are just a good listener, we'd love to have you serve as a Shepherd or Driver/Chaperone! You are welcome to join us as often as your schedule allows. All Shepherds require a background check for the safety of the children.

For more information please contact Ken Hopkins at (850)217-0594 or khop149612@yahoo.com.

DECEMBER CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES



Midweek Mountaineers: If your 1st – 6th grader would like to try out our midweek program, we meet from 5 – 7 pm with Bible lesson, games, music and dinner.

We will meet Dec. 5, Dec. 12th (movie night) and Dec. 19th for our Christmas dinner. We will not meet on Dec. 26th.



Christmas Eve: Our family worship service is at 3 pm. The Carter's Farm Petting Zoo will be on campus from 3:30pm–7:00pm. During the 3:00pm service we invite the children to

process in with battery-lit candles, come up on stage for a children's message and then participate with the whole congregation in the retelling of the Christmas story. The teens will present a puppet show at that time as well. Childcare for kindergarten and younger will be available at all three Christmas Eve worship services (3, 6 and 8 pm). Hope you can join us!

**Kidz
Kanyon**

Be sure to check out the **Kidz Kanyon** Facebook page that highlights our GCUMC Children's Program and learn about upcoming events!

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING



We are looking for Advent wreath readers/candle lighters for all four services on December 16th and December 23rd. We also need readers for the three services on Christmas Eve (3, 6, and 8 pm). A script including

the prayer and scripture reading will be provided for you. The readers can be a family, a couple of single people, a Bible Study group, etc. Please sign up with Pastor Katharine by calling her in the Church Office and requesting **the date and service you would prefer**.



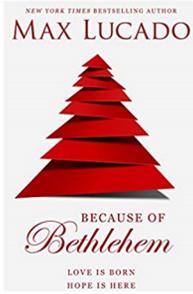
Confirmation Class for grades 7 and up will start on January 6th, 2019. Pastor Katharine would like to find out which students will be participating in this approximately 13-week program. Confirmation is the time adolescents/teens become more familiar with Methodist history and doctrine and our foundational beliefs as Christians. At the end of the program, around May, they have the option of becoming members of Gold Canyon UMC. If your student will be taking this class, please email Katharine by December 16.



DISCIPLE I (1/2 YEAR W/ WOMEN)

DISCIPLE 1—Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study. This is the introductory course and a prerequisite to the other DISCIPLE classes. It will meet from 9:00am—11:30am on Tuesdays beginning January 8th in the Emmaus Room, but this class is for women only, and will only be studying the first half of the curriculum (to be finished the following year). This class will be facilitated by Shirley Feather. Sign up sheets for this class will be available in both buildings (or you can call the Church Office). The registration deadline for this class December 2nd.

ADULT ADVENT BIBLE STUDY



We are offering a four-week Advent study beginning the week of November 26 at four different locations. All locations will be using Max Lucado's "Because of Bethlehem" DVD and study materials (*no book purchase is necessary*). The locations and times are as follows:

- ✝ Home of Ron & Donna Jurgens; 8035 W. Trenton Way in Florence. Tuesday afternoons at 4:30pm starting 11/27.
- ✝ Home of Patrick Braatz & Ivan Tellez; 110209 E. Lakeview Ave. in Mesa; Wednesday evenings at 7pm, beginning 11/28
- ✝ Home of Ruth & Don DeWinter; 7373 E. US Highway 60 (Montesa) #356, Gold Canyon; Thursday evenings at 6:30pm, beginning 11/29.
- ✝ At the Church (Emmaus Room) facilitated by Katharine Keller; Wednesday mornings at 10am, beginning November 11/28.

Sign-up for any of the above by registering on Sunday at church or calling Katharine in the Church Office.



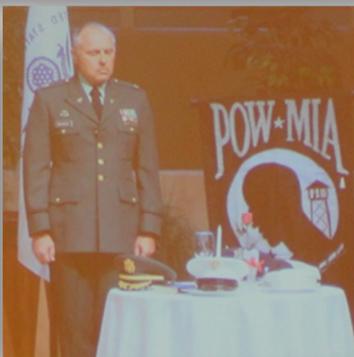
HARVEST FESTIVAL 2018

Many thanks to all for making this a successful community event!



CELEBRATION OF VETERANS 2018

Nearly 400 people attended this special event to honor our veterans!



HALLOWEEN FUN WITH OUR MIDWEEK MOUNTAINEERS!



A Note from Bob



Going to a wilderness place in Alaska was never on my agenda of “Things to Do.” I don’t like cold (waking up to low 50’s recently is pushing my limit of toleration). However, when Nancy sent me photos of her adventure into the area in 2017 (before our marriage) I was awestruck with the pristine beauty. Wood-Tikchick State Park covers 1.9 million acres. It is the largest State Park in the United States. The Togiak Wildlife Refuge to the west adds another 4.7 million acres. The only access is single engine planes with pontoons to land on rivers and lakes, each carrying 2 guides, 4 passengers and the pilot.

I couldn’t resist. In spite of Nancy’s words of caution telling me it was hard core fishing (catch and release) and physically challenging, I signed up to go with her to The Royal Coachman Lodge in September, 2018. It turned out to be an 8-day adventure of a lifetime! The beauty of rivers, lakes, glaciers and the rugged terrain are beyond my ability to describe them.

It was a challenge to say the least to get my not-as-young-as-I-used-to-be-body into the float plane at least twice every day, learn to fly fish, wade in rivers and catch fighting fish the likes of which I had never seen. My arms were sore after catching rainbow trout, the largest of which was 27” long (So I would stay humble, my very-experienced wife caught one 29” long). I came home really tired all over, but totally eager to go do it again. We plan to do that next September.

It reminds me of the state of awe and wonder I felt on the afternoon of August 13, 1957 after meeting with Dr. E. Stanley Jones in a small cabin at a church campground in the high Sierra Mountains of California.

It was the first time I heard about a God who made sense and a Jesus who is reachable. It was the first time I prayed as a conversation with God and felt a Spiritual Presence in my life that has never gone away.

I think we need special occasions that both jar us out of the ruts we tend to get in and fill us with awe and wonder. It gives us a whole new perspective about our lives and the lives of those around us. It opens new horizons and possibilities for us. It can be anything from “I never knew an adventure in Alaska” or “_____” — (You fill in the blank) could touch my life so much—to a spiritual encounter with the living Christ that leaves us saying “Jesus, you are Lord and I will follow you for the rest of my life.”

Nancy and I are going back to Alaska next year to experience all the wonder again. I go back to Jesus every



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

It is time to order your Christmas Poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one. We are pleased to offer a 3-bloom/6” plant floral quality poinsettia for only \$15.00 each. Please complete the Order Form below and include payment for each poinsettia ordered and:

- Make checks payable to “GCUMC”, noting “Poinsettia” in the memo section.
- **Please bring completed form with payment to the Welcome Center on Sunday or to the Church Office during the week.**

Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuaries for enjoyment during the holiday season. **You may take yours home after the Christmas Eve services.** A listing of those giving poinsettias will be available during Christmas Eve services.

POINSETTIAS ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9th



POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

I am ordering a poinsettia in **Memory of:**

I am ordering a poinsettia in **Honor of:**

Payment of \$15.00 for each is **enclosed**

TOTAL PLANTS: _____ **TOTAL \$:** _____

Please call the Church Office at (480)982-3776 with any questions.

Orders must be received by December 9th

day, sometimes every hour, to see what new thing he calls me to experience or do.

What source of wonder and awe does God have for you? It’s before you. Try to be aware of it.

Peace and joy,

Bob Deits





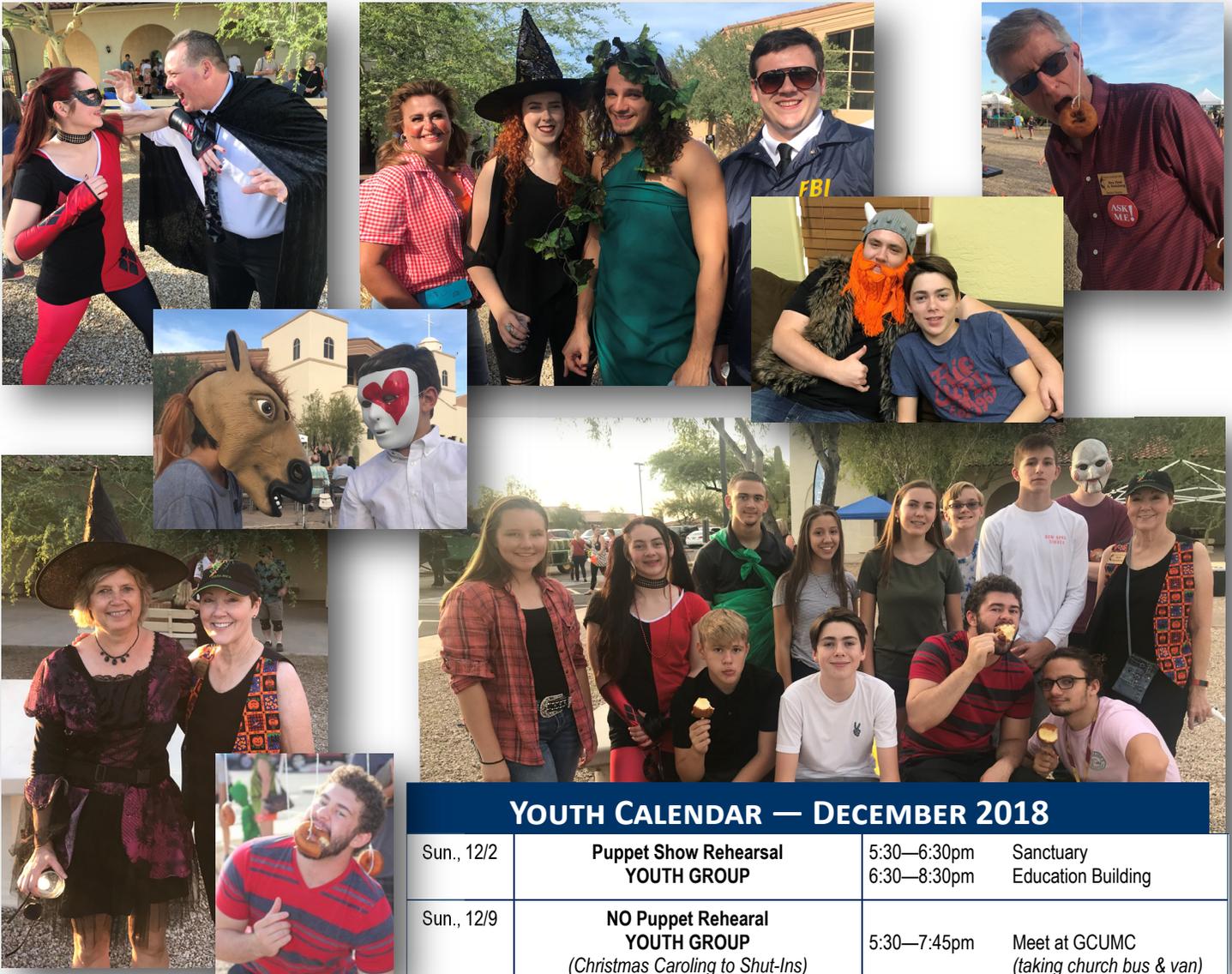
GCUMC Youth Group News

By Beth Steinberg, Youth Director



A big thank you to all the youth who helped with the Harvest Festival! It was a fun event, especially the "Eat the Hanging Donut" Game! See below for our upcoming December Events!

Blessings, *Beth*



YOUTH CALENDAR — DECEMBER 2018

Sun., 12/2	Puppet Show Rehearsal YOUTH GROUP	5:30—6:30pm 6:30—8:30pm	Sanctuary Education Building
Sun., 12/9	NO Puppet Rehearsal YOUTH GROUP <i>(Christmas Caroling to Shut-Ins)</i>	5:30—7:45pm	Meet at GCUMC <i>(taking church bus & van)</i>
Sun., 12/16	Puppet Show Rehearsal YOUTH GROUP	5:30—6:30pm 6:30—8:30pm	Sanctuary Education Building
Sun., 12/23	Puppet Show Rehearsal YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY <i>(Bring a wrapped "White Elephant" gift & munchies to share)</i>	5:30—6:30pm 6:30—8:30pm	Sanctuary Education Building
Mon., 12/24	PUPPET SHOW (3:00 pm Christmas Eve Service)	TBD	Sanctuary
Sun., 12/30	Gravity Extreme Zone <i>(Cost: \$17.50 + food money; Grip socks: \$2.50 or bring your own; Closed-toed shoes if doing Ropes Course)</i>	4:00pm 8:15pm	Meet at church Approximate return

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY CLASS

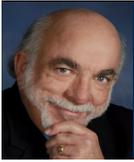
(7th—12th Grades)

Sundays at 9:30am in the Educ. Bldg.
Creative Bible lessons & discussions!

YOUTH GROUP

(7th—12th Grades)

Sundays 6:30pm in the Educ. Bldg.
*Fun, faith-based programs
and fellowship!*



MUSIC NOTES

Douglas J. Benton
Director of Music Ministries



December has finally arrived – with the promise of a chaotic world for the first half, then later the True Spirit takes over and all is well. We become filled with joy in our hearts and looking forward to spending quality time with family, friends, and neighbors! Truly, this is the best time of year – the time when we get to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, and all that that means! Thank you, God!



Tuba,
Oboe,
Cello,
Flute,
Piano,
Organ,
Timpani,
Trumpets,
Trombone,
French Horn,
Rice Brothers,
Mens Chorus,
Agape Brass,
Chancel Choir,
Canyon Carillon,
Women's Chorus,
Wade & Cindy Hoff,
Baritone, Don Engbrecht,
Free and open to the public
No charge - Offering Received
Bring a non-perishable food item
For the Gold Canyon UMC Food Bank

To help become filled with the spirit of Christmas, we invite you join us for our **17th Annual Christmas Concerts** on **Saturday, December 8th** at **3:00pm and 6:00pm**. This is the biggest event we have all year with 1800-2000 people in attendance. As I will be retiring in July, this will be my last set of Christmas Concerts, so we're "pulling out all the stops" to make this one the best ever!

Featured, of course, will be the **Chancel Choir, Canyon Carillon, Organ, and Piano**. Special guests include **Cindy and Wade Hoff, The Rice Brothers – Johnny and Chris, the Agape Brass Quintet, timpanist Keith Kassner**, and even an **accordionist, Rod Julkowski**, will join us! Soloists include the beautiful voices of **Cindy Hoff** and **Marty Robison**, and baritone **Don Engbrecht** will again sing **The Birthday of a King!**

Music will include many familiar carols and other special Christmas music. In fact, the Choir will even teach you how to make Fruitcake! We'll open with David Danner's incredible *Arise, Your Light Has Come* and will end with the most well known carol of all, *Silent Night*, celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the first time this was sung, Christmas Eve of 1818. Legend has it that a mouse ate through the bellows of the pipe organ, rendering it unusable for the Christmas Eve Service so Organist Franz Gruber quickly wrote music to words that the Pastor, Joseph Mohr, had written two years earlier, and the Choir sang it accompanied with guitar.

Bring your family, friends and neighbors to this incredible event... You'll be very glad you did, and so will they! The concerts are free and open to the public as an offering will be received that will go to guarantee the success of our Sacred Sounds Concert Series. Everyone is asked to please bring at least one non-perishable food item per person for the Gold Canyon UMC Food Bank. If you have the choice, of either concert, you might want to come at 6:00pm as there are usually more seats available. Make sure you come early! The doors will open one hour prior to each concert. This is a great way to share your church with others, and to be filled with the Spirit of Christmas!

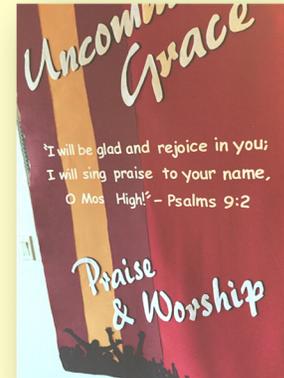
The following week, the **Gold Canyon Arts Council** will again present the unique **Harp Fusion**, a group of concert harpists from Tucson, on **Friday, December 14** at **7:30pm**. This is another event you'll want to enjoy! Discount coupons will be available on Sunday, December 9, at the Welcome Desk, and in the Church Office during the week. Coupons must be redeemed by Friday at noon at Canyon Rose Storage, two blocks north of the church on Kings Ranch Road.

Christmas Eve, the Music Ministries of our church will again present a 30-minute program, **A Gift of Music** at **5:30pm** and again at **7:30pm** before the **6:00pm and 8:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Services**. Again, bring your family, friends and neighbors to share in this very moving and spirit filled experience of celebrating the Birth of Christ!

May we all have a most blessed Christmas and all good things in the new year. .

Love and blessings to all,

Doug



...Sunday mornings at the 10:50am Praise & Worship Service!

Together we'll lift our hearts, souls and spirits... and you'll be sure to feel uplifted and energized when you leave! It's a great way to start off the week!



2018-2019 PERFORMANCES & EVENTS

10/28/18	Sun	3:00pm	Harvest Festival ...for the entire community to celebrate Fall
11/11/18	Sun	3:00pm	Celebration of Veterans ...returns under new leadership. Please come!
11/16/18	Fri	7:30pm	* Russian String Orchestra ...Audience selects soloists to play!
12/8/18	Sat	3:00pm	17th Annual Choral Christmas Concerts ...with Brass, Bells, Choir
12/8/18	Sat	6:00pm	17th Annual Choral Christmas Concerts ...with Brass, Bells, Choir
12/14/18	Fri	7:30pm	* Harp Fusion ...returning by popular demand – very unique sound!
12/24/18	Mon	3:00pm	Family Christmas Eve Worship ...Join us for family worship w/ candlelight!
12/24/18	Mon	5:30pm	Gift of Music ...Choir, Bells, instrumentalists, soloists
12/24/18	Mon	6:00pm	Christmas Eve Worship ...Join us for worship w/ candlelight!
12/24/18	Mon	7:30pm	Gift of Music ...Choir, Bells, instrumentalists, soloists
12/24/18	Mon	8:00pm	Christmas Eve Worship ...Join us for worship w/ candlelight!
1/11/19	Fri	7:30pm	George Dyer ...one of the very finest tenors – ever!
1/18/19	Fri	7:30pm	* Side Street Strutters ...celebrating a century of Jazz
1/27/19	Sun	3:00pm	Legacy Quartet ...Southern Gospel and sooo much more
2/08/19	Fri	7:30pm	* Philadelphia Big Brass ...featuring Rodney Marsalis, trumpet
2/10/19	Sun	2:00pm	The Incredible Rice Brothers ...both are virtuoso pianists and cellists
2/17/19	Sun	2:00pm	Erin Downey ...“the finest handbell soloist I’ve ever seen!” – Doug Benton
2/22/19	Fri	7:30pm	* The Lettermen ...famous close harmony Pop group from the ‘60s
3/03/19	Sun	2:00pm	Mac Frampton ...outstanding concert pianist - with our Choir!
3/06/19	Wed	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Worship ...join us as we begin the journey through Lent
3/09/19	Sat	7:30pm	NAU Shrine of the Ages Chorale & Harter Handbells... don’t miss this!
3/22/19	Fri	7:30pm	* O Sole Trio ...two amazing voices and a virtuoso pianist/violinist
3/24/19	Sun	2:00pm	Spring Concert ... featuring all of Doug’s groups – and his final concert!
3/29/19	Fri	7:30pm	* Bach and Sons ...Arts Council fundraiser for our Pipes for the Organ!
4/14/19	Sun	3:00pm	Spring Eggstravaganza ...fun community event for kids & families!
4/18/19	Thu	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Worship ...special service with communion and ashes
4/19/19	Fri	7:00pm	Good Friday Worship ...very moving – the Death of Christ!
4/21/19	Sun	6:00am	Easter Sunrise Worship ...in north Parking Lot facing the Superstitions
4/21/19	Sun	8:00 & 9:30	Easter Celebration Worship ...Christ is Arisen with Brass, Bells and Choir
4/21/19	Sun	10:50am	Easter Praise Worship ...Uncommon Grace leads our Praise of the Risen Lord
4/21/19	Sun	5:00pm	Easter Sunset Worship ...our Country/Western celebration of Christ Alive

* Indicates a ticketed event for a fee presented by the Gold Canyon Arts Council’s Canyon Sounds Series. Inquires and/or ticket information can be received via phone (480)983-2171 or online at www.qcac1.com. All other concerts are presented by the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church’s Performing Arts Series and are open to the public at no charge as an offering will be received. We do ask that everyone please bring at least one non-perishable food item per person for the Gold Canyon UMC Food Bank. Thank you for your patronage!



PASTORAL & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

GOD'S CHRISTMAS TREE - *Dr. David Worley*



The festive time of year is upon us. Busy schedules, decorating, gift buying, enjoying family and friends, good food (and plenty of it!) wonderful music and special worship gatherings are but some of the joys of the Christmas Season. Deb and I have a custom; we decorate our Christmas tree the day after Thanksgiving. It's an all day project to get the decorations from storage, sort them and then rearrange the furniture, put up the tree, decorate it and then put up the outside decorations. Thank goodness for the Thanksgiving leftovers when dinner time comes!

Each year as we put up our tree, which I consider the centerpiece of our holiday decorations, I cannot help but think about God's Christmas tree – the cross. Roman crosses were often, according to archaeological studies, made of olive wood or at times even an olive tree was used, unlike our common preference for pine trees or in our case an artificial one. Although different scholars describe various ways that the gruesome act of crucifixion took place (if you are interested in this subject you may enjoy reading the following article <https://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/daily/biblical-topics/crucifixion/roman-crucifixion-methods-reveal-the-history-of-crucifixion/>), we know from Scripture that Jesus was crucified and that His death was God's answer to human sin. As 2 Corinthians 5:21 explains, *For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ* (NLT).

God's Christmas tree had no colorful ornaments, only the crimson stain of our Savior's blood. God's Christmas tree had no bright lights but only the enclosing dark of the storm that gathered as our Lord's death drew near. God's Christmas tree had no tinkling bells but only the cries of agony from our Savior's lips, his ragged breathing as he suffocated in his own fluids, and his seven last words. God's Christmas tree had no brightly wrapped packages but it did shower us with amazing gifts: grace, forgiveness, redemption and eternal life. Because of the cross we are blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ (see Eph. 1: 1-11). Please do read these verses and note how many blessings are ours.

As you celebrate this year; and I believe Christians should celebrate the message, meaning and merriment of Christmas notwithstanding the critics, please be sure to remember God's Christmas tree and the wondrous gifts He has placed under that tree. As you buy gifts and weigh your budget to see how much you can spend on that special gift for that special person remember that God gave all He had when He gave us His beloved, begotten Son who is our Savior. Amidst our "holly, jolly Christmas" let us pause to turn our eyes upon Jesus and remember His incarnation, His crucifixion and His resurrection, which are the hallmarks of our faith, and bring Him our gift of heart-felt worship.

We honor the lives and memories of these members and friends who have recently passed...

Strawn Family
(daughter's passing)

Dick Barnes
Orland Aspensen

Nellie & Dick Moore
(son's passing)

Stella George
Nancy Strong

In Remembrance

SERVICE OF *Remembrance*

On Wed., 12/5 at 7:00pm, a Remembrance Service will be held in the Sanctuary to commemorate loved ones who have passed away in the last year. Please call the Church Office to register the names of those to be remembered and your name (in case we need to verify spelling). Along with Scripture readings, hymns and prayers, we will be lighting candles for those who have gone before us. If you have any questions, please contact Katharine Keller in the Church Office.

Pastoral CARE



Five pastors are on-call to make visits to members and friends of Gold Canyon UMC. Please feel free to call the church office at (480)982-3776 and one of the pastors will respond to your request. After hours, you may call or email one of the pastors directly:

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Rev. Bob Deits, Associate Pastor

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Rev. Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor

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Pastor Katharine Keller, Associate Pastor

LadieBug1214@gmail.com / (480) 888-5411

If you know someone in the congregation who is hospitalized, ill at home and/or needs prayers of the community, please let one of the pastors or the church office know so they can be included on the prayer list.

Also, if you or someone you know within or beyond our parish would like a friendly visit, a listening ear, or a home-cooked meal, please let us know. Caring for others in the GCUMC fellowship of believers is shared by clergy & lay caregivers. In addition to the pastoral staff, trained Lay **Congregational Care Ministers (CCMs)** share a ministry of loving spiritual care: visits, prayer, Holy Communion, music, meals, errands and more.

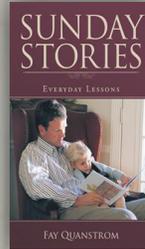
You are invited to join the **Congregational Care Ministry** by contacting Rev. Fay Quanstrom.



Prayer Chain Ministry

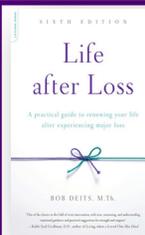
Please email prayer requests to gcumcprayers@gmail.com.

THE BOOK SHELF



"Sunday Stories: Everyday Lessons" by Rev. Fay Quanstrom is a collection of children's stories illustrating how Scripture truths "live" in the life of a child. Available on Amazon, Kindle, Nook, and in the Church Office & Welcome Center. For more info, go to www.FayQuanstrom.com.

"Life Is Good—Once You Know How" by Terry Parsons & Jennifer Parsons is an uplifting gift for young adults, or grandchildren in your family who might be struggling to find their "niche". Available on Amazon, Kindle, and Nook. Check it out!



You are invited to check out my new website that was created by Nancy's granddaughter, Kara Caldwell, a professional marketer.

www.YourLifeAfterLoss.com

Life After Loss: A Practical Guide to Renewing Your Life After Experiencing Major Loss is the go-to resource for anyone suffering a major loss, by helping to find positive ways to put together a life that is necessarily different—but equally meaningful.

Please help us save postage!



...by receiving your Roadrunner by email! You can even have it sent to multiple emails in the same household! Just fill out the necessary information below and place your completed form in the offering plate, mail it to us, bring to the Church Office — or send an email to churchoffice@goldcanyonumc.org.

1. Name _____ and _____

E-Mail _____

2. Name _____ and _____

E-Mail _____



GLOBAL MISSIONS

Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor



RICE & BEANS



The basic foods of Costa Rica have become the signature of Rice and Beans Ministry with which GCUMC serves. Yet, it's not about the food, it is about sharing God's love and building relationships. Every bag of food (rice, beans, masa, powdered milk) is given with a smile and a brief statement that we are sharing Jesus' love with this gift. We may step into the home. We may gather on a porch or front yard or even on a dirt path. We may reach through a gate or fence to join hands with brothers and sisters. We ask for their prayer requests and often hear of answers to prayers offered on previous visits. We each pray in our own language, building bridges as only God's love can. Often our brief encounter ends with hugs all around.

Our team departs January 19 for a week of hard work, beautiful scenery, beautiful people, and ministry. Please share in the mission work trip by praying for missionary Fred Curry and his Costa Rican team, as well as for the GCUMC team's spiritual growth, effectiveness, and safety. We're counting on your prayer support!

Have you seen the Rice and Beans catalog? You might pick one up at the Information Desk. Check out its gift ideas, especially suitable for those who have everything.

POSTAGE WITH A PURPOSE



Christ or "cute"? Each year the US Postal Service issues a distinctly Christian stamp. These stamps could be considered miniature **Christmas** cards, but many other choices (*snowmen, poinsettias, gingerbread houses, Santa & Rudolph*) are also available. Sometimes the "cute factor" captures us and determines our choices. Is this a harmless thing or a serious "vote"?

If Christians don't choose the Christian Christmas stamp, will the Post Office still print them? The law of supply and demand says that our patronage matters. A person may not need that many Christmas postage stamps, but why not buy double what you'll use in December and use them throughout the year on bills and other non-personal mailings? The small things like the stamps we choose can be part of our witness to the world. By buying Christian Christmas stamps, we are voting for present and future issues of postage that reflects the true meaning of Christmas and helps keep Christ in the holiday with His name.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

- ✝ **Cancer Support Group** provides spiritual support, love, friendship and a helping hand to cancer patients, caregivers and their families. **Wednesdays** at **11:00am** in the **Emmaus Room**. Contact Dee Ashe at (480)685-7175 or deeashe7580@gmail.com.
- ✝ **AlAnon**: Mondays at 7:00pm in the Sea of Galilee Room.
- ✝ **Alcoholics Anonymous**: Fridays at 5:30pm in the Emmaus Room.
- ✝ **CoDA (Codependence Anonymous)**: Mondays at 7:00pm in the Youth Room. All welcome; 12-step program with the common purpose of developing healthy relationships.
- ✝ **MindMenders** provides support for caregivers of Alzheimer's and other dementia-disease patients and meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday of each month at 10:00am in the Education Building. Contact Nancy (480)982-3686.
- ✝ **Grief Support Group** is for those who have experienced a major loss such as the death of a loved one or divorce. The leader of the group, Rev. Bob Deits, has been working extensively with these issues for 36 years and addresses them in his book, *Life After Loss*, now in its 6th edition. The book chronicles the loss of his wife, June, and is now available in the office for \$14.00. Please accept Bob's invitation to attend the Grief Support group he leads every **Monday** from **1:00pm—2:00pm** in the **Martha Room (Missions Center)**. For questions or to speak with Bob privately, you may call him at (602)615-6634.



RUN HOME FOR A SWEATER



In Dr. David Worley's November Newsletter article titled Incognito, he reflected upon his and Deb's intro to our church, and the fact that they remained incognito for 5 years. I really related to his message, as I grew up moving continually. By my very nature I was (and am) an introvert, and those traits were exacerbated by continual relocating. For quite a period of my life if you looked up incognito in the dictionary you might have seen my picture!

As I matured, I slowly became more self-aware and began to recognize what I had done. I had taken my nature, doled out to me by our Heavenly Father, and had cloaked it even further with a protective shell. It was hard for me to make friends due to my shyness, and all the moving became increasingly painful. So, what did I do? I withdrew further, because the less I reached out and the fewer deep connections I made, the less pain I would undergo when I moved and lost the relationships.

One of our country's most famous introverts, Eleanor Roosevelt, said, "You must do the thing you think you cannot do". As I allowed myself to step out from under the cloak, listened to some wonderful friends and mentors, and grew in my walk with Christ, I realized I needed to change a couple of things. I was losing out when isolating myself, AND, potentially missing out on God's calling for me. The sayings "nothing ventured, nothing gained", "risk vs. reward", or "a stranger is just a friend you haven't met yet", come to mind.

As we Christians move into this holy season of Christ's birth, attendance in our church skyrockets. It is a time when those who may not attend regularly, feel the need for increased love, sense of community, and possibly the desire to get back-on-track. Others may not be in the best places in their lives, but in this season of hope, they are reaching out. There is no greater time for us to be at our best... "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God". (Romans 15:7)

Dr. Worley's message is a wonderful one to remember at this time. Despite your character traits,

introvert or extrovert, make the decision to reach out and be welcoming. Instead of only smiling and nodding during the greeting time, actually say "welcome", or "glad you're here", or "I'm John, wonderful to see you" or "God Bless You." Or if you are normally gregarious anyway, step out to an additional aisle or three! Whatever you do, don't huddle in that same old comfortable group during coffee and conversation.

I have found by forcing myself out there further, outside my comfort zone, that people seldom bite! Above and beyond that, I have made friends and connections I never would have made otherwise; I have developed relationships that enhance and strengthen my life; and doors have opened for me to use the time and talents God has given me.

In the Christmas novel *A Christmas Secret*, by Katherine Spencer, a Pastor accented a story about a loving, caring, and selfless individual by saying "He'd give you the shirt off his back and run home to get you a sweater!" This Pastor further challenged his congregation by asking each one to answer the below two questions:

"What is the true meaning of Christmas to me?"

"What can I do to make this season more meaningful, for myself and my family?"

I challenge myself this Christmas season to answer the questions the fictional Pastor asked, in a meaningful way, and to be the one running home to get a sweater! I hope you will join me.

If you are having a little more difficult time this season, please remember your GCUMC Pastoral Team is always here for you. **Four pastors are on-call to make visits to members and friends of Gold Canyon UMC. Please feel free to call the church office at (480)982-3776 and one of the pastors will respond to your request. After hours, you may call or email one of the pastors directly.** You will find their contact information in the bulletin, church office or the Pastoral and Congregational Care page of this newsletter.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

~ Psalm 100:5

MINISTRY & MISSION

Updates

HIKING MINISTRY



This ministry not only lifts you physically, but also spiritually! Our official start of this hiking season is January 8th. Some of the hikes are the Treasure Loop via the Mine, Jacobs Crosscut, Phon D. Sutton Mid-mountain Pass (short) to Salt River & back, Parker Pass via Transmission Pass, Historical Pinal City (Ghost Town) & Apache Tears by Superior.

We typically meet in the GCUMC south parking lot every Tuesday at 8:00am to commute to the trailhead. In regards to inclement weather (colder or warmer), I will tell you via email if we need to meet an hour later, or an hour earlier. Depending where you live, you can also meet right at the trailhead or other prearranged point.

Hikes are interpretive sometimes, teaching one about the desert plants and animals that live here, as well as how to generally survive in the desert. Hikes vary in difficulty and are typically 3—5 miles. Sometimes they are more and can also be as short as 2 hours. Due to travel time, the entire trip may be 5+ hours, this is why I ask hikers not to plan appointments for the day. We hike on established trails—some flat (easy) and some hilly for a medium hiking ability.

I ask that expenses be shared with your driver if you're commuting. I recommend you bring 2-3 liters of water, a snack or lunch, good hiking shoes/boots, layers of clothing, a jacket & gloves (depending on the temperature), a wide hat, sunscreen, and other items you may need, like medications, walking sticks, sunglasses, etc., and a light knapsack to put it all in. For more info, please contact Jim Riedel at (414)350-1466 or jariedel@gmx.net.

STITCHES UNLIMITED



We are so glad to see many of our winter quilters returning... we've have missed you! We have been busy all summer, and were able to send 120 quilts, lots of toys and toiletry bags filled with your donations to the clinic in Nogales in October. We've also been able to give a few quilts each month to the Genesis Project. Now we're

working on Christmas-themed quilts to give to the Sidewalk Sunday school children and children of our Angel tree families. People have been very generous with fabric donations for our quilts. We could not do it without you.

If you sew or like to iron, cut fabric, put fabric together into kits for quilts come join us or just drop in and see what we do and join in our fellowship. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in the Mission Center across the street from the main church campus, and are there from 9:00am—2:00pm... Bring lunch and join us! For more info, call Bonnie Becker (480) 250-9652.

FOOD BANK'S CHRISTMAS WISH

(Sung to the tune of "The 12 Days of Christmas")



On the 1st day of Christmas the Food Bank gave to me: **spaghetti sauce** in a glass jar.

On the 2nd day of Christmas the Food Bank gave to me: two cans of **green beans** and **spaghetti sauce** in a glass jar.

On the 3rd day of Christmas the Food Bank gave to me: three mac and cheese, two cans of **green beans** and **spaghetti sauce** in a glass jar.

On the 4th day of Christmas the Food Bank gave to me: four cans of tuna, three mac and cheese, two cans of **green beans** and **spaghetti sauce** in a glass jar.

On the 5th day of Christmas the Food Bank gave to me: five jars of jam; four cans of tuna, three mac and cheese, two cans of **green beans** and **spaghetti sauce** in a glass jar.

On the 6th day of Christmas the Food Bank gave to me: six packs of oatmeal, five jars of jam; four cans of tuna, three mac and cheese, two cans of **green beans** and **spaghetti sauce** in a glass jar.

On the 7th day of Christmas the Food Bank gave to me: seven frozen pot pies, six packs of oatmeal, five jars of jam; four cans of tuna, three mac and cheese, two cans of **green beans** and **spaghetti sauce** in a glass jar.

We can't finish this song for the holidays without your support. Please help us reach the last line of this song which will be "twelve gifts for the hungry", or "a check for the Food Bank." Your GCUMC Food Bank

has given out a record setting 12,589 bags of food through November 1st this year. Thank you for your support! — *Jeff Downing, Rush Tucker, Dan Gray & and Volunteers*

ANGEL TEAM COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS!



As the Advent season approaches, our Christmas Mission is in FULL SPEED! A sense of panic can be present when we have so much to do and the same amount of time in a day. These words by Helen Keller help when we feel pressure: *"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something. I will not refuse to do the something I can do."* If you are willing to participate as a volunteer using your spiritual gifts, please do!

- ✝ Take more than 1 tag and buy only what is on the tag, or make a donation for a shopper to purchase item.
- ✝ Bake cookies.
- ✝ Collect lingerie boxes or shirt gift boxes.

Please contact Jane Hayes or Karen Annin with questions or to learn of other ways in which you might get involved.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.'" — John 8: 12.

The Christmas Season: red ribbons, brightly lighted Christmas trees and shiny ornaments! We certainly know how to celebrate the birth of our Savior, who brought light into the world!

Any journey we are on requires light to find our way, and so does our spiritual journey. We find Jesus' light in worship, scripture, Bible study and in prayer and meditation. We, as United Methodist Women, hope to shine our lights to help others find their way to the saving grace of Jesus Christ. This is the gift we are hoping to give others in our community and around the world. At our November UMW meeting, Betty Mathis, CEO and Board Member of the Wesley Community Center, spoke about her work at the center, one of the United Methodist National Mission Institutes of the

UMC. We also took up an annual World Thank offering for the missions of the UMW. One of the ministries the UMW funds is Regional Missionaries. Regional Missionaries build relationships with Methodist, United Methodist, ecumenical and grassroots programs that focus on issues of health (particularly primary health care and HIV/AIDS), gender equality and elimination of violence against women, and support for the uprooted and marginalized. Currently seven Regional Missionaries serve within four regions: Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. They are bringing the light of Christ wherever they go.

The Gold Canyon UMW held its first fundraiser on Nov. 4th, and wishes to thank everyone who provided baked goods, crafts, manned tables and, especially, to everyone who purchased items. A special thank you to our pastoral staff for supporting our event and to Rick Ceynar, who arrived at 5:30am to set up our canopies and help with tables and chairs... we so appreciate their help!



Not only did we support UMW Missions, but we were able to donate \$914.00 to the Peralta Trails Elementary School Library! Your generosity is bringing smiles to many young students there who now have new books to read and will hopefully be encouraged to become lifelong readers!

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

- ✝ **Dec. 15: UMW Meeting**
Platt Family Crèche Display (GCUMC Missions Ctr) followed by lunch at local restaurant
- ✝ **January 26, 2019 UMW Meeting:**
Serve Lunch at Genesis
Apache Junction, AZ

All women of Gold Canyon UMC are invited to become a part of United Methodist Women! Please contact Carol Johnson caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com / (602) 750-2008 for more info.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



We are looking forward to building in Tempe this winter as part of our membership in the Superstition Coalition of churches in the East Valley. The location is the same as the last two years, near the Loop 101 and Apache Trail. It will be a new build, the final unit of a set of duplexes. It is the only East Valley build this winter so we are pleased to be part of it. We will be working side by side with the family who will purchase the home from Habitat.

We are looking for volunteers to work on 1/26, and 4/13. We also need donations to meet our goal of \$11,000. Please mark your check memo for Habitat for Humanity, or make your contribution online at www.GoldCanyonUMC.org. Thanks so much for your ongoing support of this ministry. For more info, contact Joe and Maureen Morton (602)284-2826 or MoandJoeM@aol.com.

GENESIS PROJECT



The next two months, tax credit time, are critical to the Genesis Project budget, and this year has brought new challenges and opportunities. The Genesis Project volunteers continue to be the strength of the organization.

Without them and the financial support of the community we would not be able to continue this important ministry. Please consider the Genesis Project for your tax credit charitable donation. Contributions can be made online at www.GenesisProjectAZ.com, and forms are also available at the Welcome Center.



GCUMC MINISTRIES & MISSIONS LIST

For a list of our Ministries & Missions, and/or to contact respective Coordinators directly, please visit: <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/mydashboard/sgavailablegroups.aspx>

**YOUR MINISTRY & MISSIONS STORIES MATTER...
...SO PLEASE TELL THEM!**

Email your story to... ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org

SCRIP BUS/VAN PROGRAM



This year, when purchasing your \$20 Bashas' Gift Card for the Christmas families, why not pick-up an extra \$20 card as a nice gift for a friend, a helpful neighbor, your paper delivery person... you name it! If you don't have your own Bashas' card for grocery shopping, you can purchase one now. **The funds earned from the SCRIP Program** purchase gas, licenses, insurance and maintenance on our two vehicles used to bring people to church and transport our Youth to events such as the annual Mission trip.

The SCRIP Program costs those using it absolutely nothing! Use any or all of the following methods to do your shopping! The Bashas & Fry's Shoppers cards must be **obtained from GCUMC**. The Fry's VIP Card must be **connected to GCUMC (Organization #TS438)**.

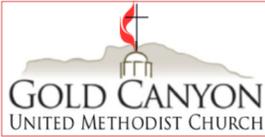
⇒ **Smile.Amazon.com** donates 0.5% of the cost of your eligible purchases to our SCRIP Bus & Van Fund whenever you shop on AmazonSmile. Same selection...same prices! Just go to: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/86-0621002>

⇒ **Bashas' (6% rebate) Community Support Cards** can be purchased at the Welcome Center or Church Office (\$20, \$50, \$100) and used at all AZ store locations, including AJ's Fine Foods and Food City. When the card balance gets low (*shown on store receipt*), it's easy to reload it at the Customer Service Desk or at the register **before** your order is rung up (up to \$500) using cash, credit/debit card.

⇒ **Fry's VIP Card (up to 3% rebate)** Register your VIP card online with GCUMC's affiliation #TS438.

For more info, visit the Welcome Center between worship services on Sunday morning, the church office during the week, or call Jan Daniels (480)540-7454 to learn how YOU can participate!

*It all adds up...
and the best thing is that it
doesn't cost you a penny to participate!*



CALENDAR

MAIN CAMPUS

EB = Education Bldg
ER = Emmaus Rm
K = Kitchen
KR = Koinonia Rm
MR = Music Rm
NAR = Noah's Ark Rm
P = Patio
S = Sanctuary
SoGR = Sea of Galilee Rm
WR = Wesley Rm
YR = Youth Rm

MISSIONS CENTER

MC-B = Barnabas-Missions Ctr
MC-E = Esther-Missions Ctr
MC-M = Martha-Missions Ctr
MC-S = Stephen-Missions Ctr

*(Calendar is subject to change
For more info, please visit
www.GoldCanyonUMC.org
or call the Church Office)*

December

			1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
			1pm	Yoga (MC-B)
			2pm	El Mirador Community BoD Mtg (MC-Esther)
			6pm	Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal (S/MR)
			6:30pm	Advent Study (Offsite/DeWinter-Gold Canyon)
			6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR)
		Fri Dec 7	10am	Piano Tuning (S)
			5:30pm	AA (ER)
			6pm	Christmas Sing-A-Long (KR)
		Sat Dec 8	1pm	CALL TIME: Christmas Concert (S/MR)
			3pm	17th Annual Choral Christmas Concert (S/MR)
			4pm	Gold Canyon Car Club (N Parking Lot)
			6pm	16th Annual Choral Christmas Concert (S/MR)
		Sun Dec 9	All day	Angel Tree Gifts Due
			All day	DEADLINE: Christmas Poinsettia Orders
			8am	Traditional Worship (S)
			9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)
			9:30am	"The Table" Adult Sunday School (MC-M)
			9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
			9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
			10:50am	Children's Sunday School (NAR)
			10:50am	Praise Worship (KR)
			5pm	Country Western Worship (KR)
			6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)
		Mon Dec 10	All day	Angel Tree Sorting Day (S)
			9:30am	Bible Banter (ER)
			10am	UMW Leadership Committee (SoGR)
			1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (ER)
			1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-M)
			1pm	Yoga (MC-B)
			7pm	Al-Anon (SoGR)
			7pm	CoDA Mtg (ER)
		Tue Dec 11	All day	Angel Tree Food boxes sorted (Youth)
			9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-B)
			9am	UMW Craft Circle (SoGR)
			4:30pm	Advent Study (Offsite/Jurgens—Florence, AZ)
			6pm	One in the Spirit Rehearsal (KR)
			6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
			7pm	UG Rehearsal (KR)
		Wed Dec 12	All day	Angel Tree Food boxes sorted (Youth)
			9:30am	Music Library Activities (MR)
			10am	Advent Study (Esther-MCD)
			11am	Cancer Support Group (ER)
			11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-S)
			1pm	DISCIPLE 2 (MC-Esther)
			5pm	Midweek Mountaineers (Educ Bldg/K)
			5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (KR)
			7pm	Advent Study (Offsite/Braatz-Tellez—Mesa, AZ)
			7pm	Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)
		Thu Dec 13	9am	Angel Tree Wrapping Party (Campus)
			9am	Class: "God of Creation" (ER)
			9am	Lions Club Mtg (SoGR)
			1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
			1pm	Gold Canyon Arts Council Mtg (MC-Esther)
			1pm	Yoga (MC-B)
			6:30pm	Advent Study (Offsite/DeWinter—Gold Canyon)
			6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR)
		Fri Dec 14	10am	Mind Menders (ER)
			5:30pm	AA (ER)
			7:30pm	GCAC Concert: HarpFusion (S)
		Sat Dec 15	All day	Angel Tree Gift Delivery/Pick-Up (Educ Bldg)
			10am	Sidewalk Ministry (Patio/K)
			10am	UMW Mtg (MC-Esther)
			4pm	Gold Canyon Car Club Cruise (N Parking Lot)
Sat Dec 1	7am	Community Garage Sale (S Parking Lot)		
	9am	Cruise-In Car Show (Parking Lot)		
	9am	SPRC (ER)		
	10am	Church Conference (KR/ER/K)		
	10am	Sidewalk Ministry (MC-B/Patio)		
	4pm	Gold Canyon Car Club Cruise (N Parking Lot)		
Sun Dec 2	8am	Traditional Worship (S)		
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)		
	9:30am	"The Table" Adult Sunday School (MC-M)		
	9:30am	Children Sunday School (EB)		
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)		
	9:30am	Youth Participate in Worship (S)		
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (NAR)		
	10:50am	Praise Worship (KR)		
	12pm	Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal (S/MR)		
	5pm	Country Western Worship (KR)		
	5:30pm	Puppet Show Rehearsal (S)		
	6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)		
Mon Dec 3	9:30am	Bible Banter (ER)		
	1pm	Coffee with the Pastor (MR)		
	1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (ER)		
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-M)		
	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)		
	7pm	Al-Anon (SoGR)		
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (ER)		
Tue Dec 4	3:30pm	DISCIPLE 5 (ER)		
	4:30pm	Advent Study (Offsite/Jurgens-Florence, AZ)		
	4:30pm	Team Outreach (MC-Esther)		
	6pm	One in the Spirit Rehearsal (KR)		
	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)		
	7pm	UG Rehearsal (KR)		
Wed Dec 5	9:30am	Music Library Activities (MR)		
	10am	Advent Study (Esther-MCD)		
	11am	Cancer Support Group (ER)		
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-S)		
	1pm	DISCIPLE 2 (MC-Esther)		
	5pm	Midweek Mountaineers (Educ Bldg/K)		
	5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (KR)		
	7pm	Advent Study (Offsite/Braatz-Tellez-Mesa)		
	7pm	Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)		
	7pm	Remembrance Svc (S)		
Thu Dec 6	9am	Class: "God of Creation" (ER)		
	9am	Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC-S)		

Sun Dec 16	8am	Traditional Worship (S)	Wed Dec 26	All day	OFFICE CLOSED
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)	Thu Dec 27	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	9:30am	"The Table" Adult Sunday School (MC-M)		1pm	Yoga (MC-B)
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)		6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)	Fri Dec 28	10am	Mind Menders (ER)
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (NAR)		5:30pm	AA (ER)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (KR)	Sat Dec 29	4pm	Gold Canyon Car Club (N Parking Lot)
	5pm	Country Western Worship (KR)	Sun Dec 30	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	5:30pm	Puppet Show Rehearsal (S)		9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)		9:30am	"The Table" Adult Sunday School (MC-M)
Mon Dec 17	9:30am	Bible Banter (ER)		9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (ER)		9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-M)		10:50am	Children's Sunday School (NAR)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)		10:50am	Praise Worship (KR)
	7pm	Al-Anon (SoGR)		5pm	Country Western Worship (KR)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (ER)		6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)
Tue Dec 18	4:30pm	Advent Study (Offsite/Jurgens—Florence, AZ)	Mon Dec 31	All day	OFFICE CLOSED
	6pm	One in the Spirit Rehearsal (KR)		9:30am	Bible Banter (ER)
	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)		1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (ER)
	7pm	UG Rehearsal (KR)		1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-M)
Wed Dec 19	8am	Newsletter Team (MR)		7pm	Al-Anon (SoGR)
	9:30am	Music Library Activities (MR)		7pm	CoDA Mtg (ER)
	10am	Advent Study (Esther-MC)			
	11am	Cancer Support Group (ER)			
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-S)			
	1pm	Days for Girls Workshop (MC-B)			
	1pm	DISCIPLE 2 (MC-Esther)			
	5pm	Midweek Mountaineers (Educ Bldg/K)			
	5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (KR)			
	7pm	Advent Study (Offsite/Braatz-Tellez—Mesa,AZ)			
	7pm	Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)			
Thu Dec 20	9am	Class: "God of Creation" (ER)			
	9am	Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC-S)			
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)			
	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)			
	6:30pm	Advent Study (Offsite/DeWinter—Gold Canyon)			
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR)			
Fri Dec 21	5:30pm	AA (ER)			
Sat Dec 22	10am	Sidewalk Ministry (Patio/K)			
	4pm	Gold Canyon Car Club (N Parking Lot)			
Sun Dec 23	8am	Traditional Worship (S)			
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)			
	9:30am	"The Table" Adult Sunday School (MC-M)			
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)			
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)			
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (NAR)			
	10:50am	Praise Worship (KR)			
	5pm	Country Western Worship (KR)			
	5:30pm	Puppet Show Rehearsal (S)			
	6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)			
Mon Dec 24	All day	Christmas Eve			
	9:30am	Bible Banter (ER)			
	11:15am	UMW Book Club (SoGR)			
	1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (ER)			
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-M)			
	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)			
	3pm	Christmas Eve Svc (Family w/ Puppet Show)			
	5:30pm	Gift of Music (S)			
	6pm	Christmas Eve Svc (Chancel Choir)			
	7pm	Al-Anon (SoGR)			
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (ER)			
	7:30pm	Gift of Music (S)			
	8pm	Christmas Eve Svc (Chancel Choir)			
Tue Dec 25	All day	Christmas Day / OFFICE CLOSED			

ROADRUNNER & BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please send content for
January Roadrunner
 via email to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org
 no later than **8:00am, Monday, 12/3/2018**

Weekly Bulletin & Flower Orders
 12:00pm on the Wednesday of week to be listed

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 as well as many other **treasured** volunteers!*

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 Would you like to update your photo?
 Would you like to set-up/modify online giving?

You can do that and much more using GCUMC's online directory, AccessACS! If you aren't already using it, but would like to, send an email to "ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org" with "**AccessACS**" in the subject line and we'll send you an email with login instructions.

You can also view the GCUMC Church Directory on your phone using the ChurchLife app!

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DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS



Chung, Andie 12/01
 McClung, Ryan 12/01
 Scott, Peggy 12/01
 Wenger, Diane 12/01
 Kissner, Dale 12/02
 Roberson, Terry 12/02
 King, Kathleen 12/03
 Raffurty, Larry 12/03
 Walker, Jerry D 12/03
 Halsted, Dorothy 12/04
 Bermele, Sharolyn (Shari) 12/05
 Capen, Gary 12/05
 Eby, Shirley 12/05
 Fyfe, Angie 12/05
 Walsh, Judy 12/05
 Johnson, Carol 12/06
 Kinzel, Lisa 12/06
 Palmer, Charlie 12/06
 Hardesty, Barbara 12/07
 Vogelgesang, Robert (Bob) 12/07
 Wachtel, Susan 12/07
 Boldt, Kathy 12/08
 Kalik, Katelin 12/08
 Annin, Karen 12/09
 Molzen, Geneva 12/09
 Robison, Marty 12/09
 Bradley, Elva 12/10
 Broz, Linda 12/10
 Shroyer, Caleb 12/10
 Anderson, James 12/11
 Brogren, Neil 12/11
 Raffurty, Anita 12/11
 Warren, Mary Ann 12/11
 Graves, Bob 12/12
 Gingrich, Nathaniel 12/13
 Hutnak, Bambi 12/13
 Lemmon, Margaret (Meg) 12/13
 Ritenour, Marcia 12/13
 Tabor, Gerald Lynn (Lynn) 12/13
 Anderson, Don 12/14
 Clark, Sharon 12/14
 Green, William (Bill) 12/14
 Houser, Ron 12/14
 Keller, Katharine 12/14
 Rhoton, Hannah 12/14
 Sisson, Anthony (Tony) 12/14
 Tabor, Ilene 12/14
 Tucker, Paula 12/14

Hurley, Acevedo, Carol 12/15
 Foreman, Pamela (Pam) 12/15
 Newton, Doris 12/15
 Twa, Mary Gay 12/15
 Jameson, Suzanne 12/16
 Pepin, Jeff 12/16
 Toole, John 12/16
 Velock, Cheyenne 12/16
 Hill, Nancy 12/17
 Keast, Darrell 12/17
 Kinder, Peggy 12/17
 Morton, Joseph (Joe) 12/17
 Holland, Tammy 12/18
 Serrine, Kathleen (Kathy) 12/18
 Crowther, Alisha 12/19
 Robertson, Judy 12/19
 Sawyer, Tom 12/19
 Bolster, Patricia 12/20
 Flowers, Helen 12/20
 McAuliffe, William 12/20
 Leet, Kay 12/21
 Van Noy, Mary Faith 12/21
 Kirkpatrick, Georgia 12/22
 Jacobsen, Ken 12/23
 McAuliffe, Claudia 12/23
 Haines (Gardner), Eddie 12/24
 Rhoton, Heather 12/24
 Warth, Holly 12/24
 Brooks, Deborah 12/25
 Halsted, Vern 12/25
 King, William (Bill) 12/25
 LeQuire, Steve 12/25
 Miller, Christine (Chris) 12/25
 Starks, Craig 12/25
 Anderson, Becky 12/26
 Gharavi, Danna 12/26
 Gilbreath, Dawn 12/26
 Molzen, Gary 12/26
 Pennington, Robert 12/26
 Smith, Alice (Charlene) 12/26
 Brown, Barbara 12/27
 Cartney, Kay 12/27
 Lambert, Lester (Les) 12/27
 Malloy, Michael 12/27
 Schenck, Joyce 12/27
 Tonole, Don 12/27
 Lundberg, Joseph 12/28
 Schuler, Connie 12/29
 Clise, Linda 12/30
 Owen, Todd 12/30
 Waechter, William (Bill) 12/30
 Adams, Dalton 12/31
 Bentley, Ron 12/31
 Hall, Joie 12/31
 Manbeck, Jerrilyn (Jerri) 12/31



Palmer, Charlie & Bachler-Palmer, Lori 12/01
 Brooks, Deborah & Mark 12/31
 Brown, Barbara & Vernon 12/28
 Calihan, Ray (Pat) & Peggy 12/30
 Callantine, Ron & Peggy 12/30
 Carlozzi, Emiddio (Mid) & Noreen 12/22
 Crow, Robert (Bob) & Jenny 12/27
 Davenport, James & Mary Ann 12/20
 Fast, Jim & Shirley 12/20
 Fridlund, Edward (Ed) & Jody (Jo) 12/31
 Gerst, Leo & Lois 12/24
 Gibson, Dianna & James 12/19
 Gingrich, Gary & Joyce 12/30
 Greenlee, Kay & William 12/29
 Hammond, Lynda & Nunn, Kevin 12/10
 House, Dottie & Richard 12/19
 Ingram, Bob & Pamela 12/16
 Johnson, Leila & Richard 12/27
 Kalik, Adam & Katelin 12/15
 Koch, Karl & Roberta (Bobbie) 12/03
 Lambert, Greer (Alice) & Les 12/02
 Lemmon, Harley & Meg 12/28
 Lindaman, Carol & Don 12/29
 Linton, Diana & John 12/14
 McNamee, Brett & Collette 12/13
 Moyer, C J (Carla) & Bob 12/23
 Nefzer, Kathy & Richard (Rick) 12/15
 Nuss, John & Kathy 12/20
 Osgood, Gladys 12/01/1961
 Owen, April & Todd 12/27
 Paddison, Jeanne & John 12/31
 Pennington, Nina & Robert 12/26
 Schuler, Connie & George 12/23
 Steinkruger, Ruth & Terry 12/20
 Thomas, Mary & William (Bill) 12/11
 Twa, Mary Gay & Jack 12/21
 Worley, David & Debra 12/11
 Yoder, Bill & Gail 12/18



*If your name is missing, or you find an error, please call the Church Office with the information.
 We truly don't mean to make mistakes or to leave anyone out!*

CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

"Let no debt remain outstanding except the continuing debt to love one another." - Romans 13:8 (NIV)

OCT	2015			2016			2017			2018		
	General	Building	Worship									
MONTH	67884	25518	3591	80548	33782	7129	82557	22790	5493	45413	18305	4724

Please note that moving forward, we will be reporting statistics using a monthly summary rather than by week-by-week.



HAVE YOU CONSIDERED GIFTING YOUR HOME TO GCUMC?

- ✚ ... it's a practical means of reducing the size of one's estate.
- ✚ ... it simplifies life for one's heirs and executor (personal representative).
- ✚ ... it eliminates the hassle of having one's home on the market.
- ✚ ... it reduces one's taxes.
- ✚ ... it helps reduce the church's debt.
- ✚ ... it can be done through a lifetime estate, allowing a person to continue living in the home.

End of Year Charitable IRA Rollovers

- Per HR637 of 2015, donors age 70.5+ can make direct gifts to qualified charities via their IRA's WITHOUT owing income tax on those withdrawals.
- For more info, please consult your financial advisor, IRA Custodian or call the Church Office.



You can watch our 8:00am, 9:30am and 10:50am worship services LIVE by going to www.Livestream.com/accounts/11627355.

Be sure to click on "FOLLOW" so you'll be notified any time GCUMC is streaming live — making it even easier!

Weekly sermons can also be viewed on our website, our Facebook page, or at www.vimeo.com/goldcanyon.

Want to give back to GGUMC beyond your pledge to the General Budget or Building Fund? Below are Wish List items that will better enable us to fulfill our mission as a church:



- Building Fund Loan Payoff
- Missions Center Loan Payoff
- Missions Center Remodel: \$380,000 (\$302,707 given so far)
- New Church Multi-Site Start-Up (\$3,236 given so far)
- Organ Pipes: (\$80,373 given so far)
- Playground: \$20,000-40,000 (\$11,673 given so far)
- Stained Glass for upper Sanctuary windows near ceiling: (\$140,374 given so far; \$6,176 per 2'5"x 2'8.5" remaining panel)
- ✓ Bus/Van Shelter (Completed in March 2017)
- ✓ Parking Lot Loan Payoff (Completed October 2017)

LOST & FOUND

If you think we may have your missing item(s), stop by the Church Office!



Electronic giving is a great option to use in making contributions, including recurring contributions and additional/special gifts.

- ✚ **AccessACS:** Very easy to set-up/modify 1-time/recurring donations; Call Church Office for info.
- ✚ **eGiving:** www.GoldCanyonUMC.org and click "Make Donation" button. This link now takes you to AccessACS electronic giving.
- ✚ **TEXT** your gift by sending the word "goldcanyonumc" to 73256 and follow screen instructions.



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WORSHIP SERVICES

- ✝ 8:00am & 9:30am TRADITIONAL (*Sanctuary*)
- ✝ 10:50am PRAISE (*Koinonia Room*)
- ✝ 5:00pm COUNTRY (*Koinonia Room*)
(Last Sunday of the month only in June, July & August)

(Childcare available at all Services)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School classes begin in the Worship Service with their families. Children are led to their classes after the Children's Message.

- ✝ 9:30am Children / Youth / Adults
- ✝ 10:50am Children

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