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## FROM THE PASTOR: "FIVE REASONS I GIVE TO THE CHURCH"

**#1) I want God to be first in my life.** A long time ago I decided I wanted God to be first in my life. I made the decision when I was active in the college age fellowship group at Escondido F.U.M.C. Later when Beth and I began to make some income after graduating from Seminary, I thought about whether God was first in the area of my finances. The answer was clearly no. Beth and I made a conscious decision to change that. We decided to work toward giving a tithe (10% of our income). Today I write the first check when I get paid to the church to support the General Budget of the church which does the ministry of the church. When I do this I am reminded that Jesus said, "For where you treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:21)

**#2) I value the Church Jesus established** I firmly believe that the church is the body of Jesus Christ. I have been part of the church most of my life and it has shaped me to become who I am today. I chose to become a follower of Jesus because of the effective ministry of the church. I grew to be a better disciple because of the church's ministries. I received my call to ministry in the church, met my wife in the church, married her in the church with her father officiating, and now I'm shepherding a growing, passionate church in Gold Canyon. I am so glad to give back to what has been such a pivotal force in my life. And let's be honest, we all have no problem spending money on the things we value, so shouldn't we be willing to give generously and sacrificially to the church Jesus gave up everything for?

**#3) I'm Giving To God** When I give to the church, I'm giving to God, and God has been very good to me. Everything I have is a gift from God, and giving to the church is an opportunity for me to express gratitude for what He has done for me, and to bring

back to Him what is His anyway. So I give out of thanksgiving.

**#4) My Selfish Tendencies Are Countered** I am naturally selfish, as we all are. I have a tendency to want to buy the latest technology. I like purchasing the latest and greatest equipment to enjoy my hobbies more fully. My tendency is to want more stuff than I really need. Giving to the church helps me resist greed and selfishness because every dollar I give is a dollar I don't spend on me. Every time I give to the church my heart falls a little more in love with the people, the mission, and the Lord of the church. And, my heart falls a little more out of love with the temporary stuff of this world. I also remember how Jesus said, "Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal." (Matthew 6:20)

**#5) I Invest When I Give To The Church** I really believe that the Church is the hope of the world. I don't think that our government or other social organizations are going to be the solution for all the problems of the world. The Church has been the hands and feet of Jesus for 2,000 years. While other organizations are doing good work, the Church has the potential to keep changing the world for the better. I acknowledge that the Church has never been perfect. Yet the Church is a place where lost people find direction, depressed people find hope, addicted people are set free, broken people are restored, hungry people are fed, and rejected people are accepted.

These are my reasons for loving to give to the church. You may have other reasons. I encourage you to spend a few minutes developing your own list. If you are not giving to the church, think about why you are not, and consider how God may want you to change your perspective and begin to invest in the body of Jesus. I can tell you from experience, you'll be glad you did!

Grace and peace,

*Fred*



## 2019 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

At Gold Canyon United Methodist Church, our annual giving supports our church's ministry and mission. Each year, we return two annual commitment cards, pledging our gifts and offerings for the coming year. One card is for the General Budget and the other is to pay off our 1.4 million Building Fund debt.

### Please return an Annual Pledge Card

Your annual pledge commitment helps your church plan ministry in 2019. Please return the cards, even if you can only make a limited financial commitment at this time. You can always increase or decrease your pledge if your situation changes by calling the Church Office. If you have any questions regarding this card or your annual giving, please call the Church Office at (480) 982-3776.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, don't let your inability to give at this time keep you from participating and serving in the church. Remember that God honors your faithfulness and that your acceptance is not based upon your capacity to give.

### Begin with Prayer

Thank God for blessing you and ask for guidance and discernment. Recognize that your offerings express both your desire to serve the Lord and your investment in God's work.

### Assess Your Finances

Take a look at your budget. What does your spending say about your priorities?

### Make a Commitment

Determine the percentage of your income that you will give in the coming year and complete your Annual Giving Commitment Card. If you are not yet tithing, consider increasing the percentage you are giving each year until you reach ten percent.

Remember that your annual commitment supports GCUMC's operations - our ministries and missions giving to a capital campaign is a special sacrificial gift we give in addition to our regular giving.

### Consider How You Give

Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT), e-Giving, VANCO, cash, check, credit/debit cards and appreciated stock are all giving options. EFT is a way to give your tithes and offerings to God first, and ensure that the church receives your gifts regularly, even if you are out of town. It is also the most cost effective method of giving for the church.

### Worship with Gratitude

On Commitment Sunday, February 10, 2019, we will present our commitments to God during worship. This is an opportunity as a congregation to express our gratitude to God and renew our commitment to being God's stewards in the world.

### 2 Corinthians 9:6-12

"Each one should give as you have decided in your heart. You should not be sad when you give, and you should not give because you feel forced to give."





# 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.

Sidewalk continues to have good attendance this year. Sat., December 22 was Gift Day with 31 children attending. Gifts were given by the UMC in Chandler, and quilts were given to each child made and given by our GCUMC Quilters.



Many thanks to these two caring groups!

We have several great days planned for the rest of this Sidewalk session:

- ✝ Beads for Christ Day
- ✝ Clowns for Christ
- ✝ Visit to Feed My Starving children
- ✝ Representative from Phoenix Zoo
- ✝ Craft Days With Sandy



If you aren't bringing your children, grandchildren, they are missing out. 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](mailto:khop149612@yahoo.com).

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019



Save the date!... Vacation Bible School is coming June 3rd—7th! Our theme this summer is: "ROAR; Life is Wild - God Is God!" Be sure to look for more information in March's newsletter!

## CONFIRMATION UPDATE



Confirmation Class began last month. We have five students this year: Jacob Adams, Ashton Fitzgerald, Micah Pape, Tiana Street and Ashley Williams. Please pray for them and their instructor, Pastor Katharine, for the next 13 weeks or so. Although this is just a part of their total faith journey, we believe it is an important part. We look forward to receiving them into membership in May as they publicly confirm their faith.

<h3 style="margin: 0;">Kidz Canyon</h3>	<p style="margin: 0;"><i>Be sure to check out the <b>Kidz Canyon</b> Facebook page that highlights our GCUMC Children's Program and learn about upcoming events!</i></p>
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## WOMEN'S ONE-DAY RETREAT



Where women find shelter in God.

Are you in need of a relaxing day in the mountains? *Cozy Mountain Lodge* is a retreat where women slow down and enjoy time with other women and with God. It's an in-depth Bible study, an unforgettable worship experience and an open invitation for women to draw closer together as they find shelter in God.

Our retreat will be held on church campus in the Education Building on Saturday, March 2nd from 9:00am—4:00pm. The cost is \$50 per person for continental breakfast, salad lunch and materials; a \$25 deposit is required upon signing up. We invite all to participate; so, please bring a friend. Registration forms are on the next page, or you may pick one up in the lobby of either building beginning the first weekend of January.

### SPRING SILENT AUCTION



Easter is late this year – 4/21, but it's not too early to begin thinking about our annual spring silent auction. For the last several years members of the congregation have put together baskets or contributed pieces of artwork to auction off.

Pastor Katharine will receive donated baskets or works of art by March 25th. We want a couple of weeks for people to view the items before the final bidding on Palm Sunday (and the Eggstravaganza); as always all monies raised will go towards whatever the

Easter offering will be (yet to be decided). If you feel you cannot design a basket but want to donate money towards a basket, someone will make one up for you. Please contact Katharine with any questions. Forms for donations will be available mid-February.



### FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER!



Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner returns! In celebration of Fat Tuesday, otherwise known as Shrove Tuesday, Team Outreach will be hosting our annual FREE all-you-can eat Community Pancake Dinner on our campus on Tuesday,

March 5th from 4:30pm—6:40pm in the Education Building! No reservations are necessary. Donations will be accepted to benefit the Genesis Project, an organization that feeds those in need in Apache Junction. Come feast on pancakes before the Lent Season begins and bring a friend!

## WOMEN'S 1-DAY RETREAT

### Registration Form



Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/ST/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Special Needs/  
Dietary Restrictions?  Yes  No Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_



**SAT., 3/2—9AM—4PM IN THE KOINONIA ROOM**

## A Note from Bob & Nancy



You have heard of “The Best laid Plans of Mice and Men often Go Astray.” Me, too. But I tend to forget the reality of those words until something happens to drive the truth of them home again.

When I wrote this column last time, it was for the January, 2019, newsletter. In it I said, “Nancy and I are going back to Alaska next year to experience all the wonder again” That was a carefully thought out plan—until I made a huge mistake while picking up mail one night.

I stepped out of my car into a collection of water and mud by the curb. To make matters worse, in a careless act of about 2 seconds, I had left the car in gear with the engine running. The next thing I knew I was on my back in the water and mud, my head hitting the curb and the slowly moving car tearing my shoe off and leaving a sizeable abrasion on my ankle.

It could have been much worse. No bones were broken, no other damage done by the driver-less vehicle that stopped when it encountered a large bush.

However, I am undergoing an unknown number of weeks of very painful treatments called, “debriding.” It was also discovered that I have a moderate e Coli infection at the wound area. Needless to say, it appears there will be no Alaska adventure this year. Our best laid plans went astray in a couple seconds of carelessness on my part.

As a pastoral counselor, I have met with many dozens of people over the years whose dreams of a great marriage were gone in the seconds it took to make a bad choice. The same is true for career plans and business ventures for ourselves—and dreams for the futures of our children.

When I went down in the gutter full of muddy water, it was unforgiving.

Fortunately, our God is first of all a God of Grace and forgiveness—even before being a God of justice. With God we can always get back on our feet and start again.

At Gold Canyon UMC, we need to be the people of God who practice the Way of God in a world where Grace and forgiveness seem to be sorely lacking.

Peace and joy,

*Bob Deits & Nancy Meise-Deits*



## 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 [deease7580@gmail.com](mailto:deease7580@gmail.com).
- ✝ **AIAnon**: 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 Emmaus 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



# GCUMC Youth Group News

By Beth Steinberg, Youth Director



Thank you to the youth who helped with the puppet show on Christmas Eve and thank you, Taylor Wehle for singing! Great job everyone! Our next fun event is Ice Skating on Sunday March 3rd, 12:15pm—3:45pm. Cost: \$8.50. Blessings, *Beth*



Youth Group Christmas Party 2018

Best Dressed Christmas Turkey

## SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY CLASS

(7th—12th Grades)

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

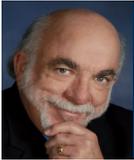
## YOUTH GROUP

(7th—12th Grades)

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

## YOUTH CALENDAR — FEBRUARY 2018

Sat., 2/2	<b>SHAREHOLDERS' DINNER</b> <i>Those who went on Mission Trip need to help with set-up, the program and clean-up</i>	4:00—7:30pm	Education Building
Sun., 2/3	<b>NO YOUTH GROUP</b> <i>Super Bowl Sunday... Enjoy your parties!</i>		
Sun., 2/10	<b>YOUTH GROUP</b>	6:30—8:30pm	Education Building
Sun., 2/17	<b>YOUTH GROUP</b>	6:30—8:30pm	Education Building
Sun., 2/24	<b>YOUTH GROUP</b>	6:30—8:30pm	Education Building



## MUSIC NOTES

Douglas J. Benton  
Director of Music Ministries



February... a time of love, romance and guilt (resolution remorse)! It is also a time to get out and see Arizona! If you haven't been to the Grand Canyon, why not? What about all the other places in Arizona – Sedona, Globe/Miami, Tombstone, Prescott, Flagstaff, Yuma, and even Tucson? Get out and see Arizona – we have one of the most beautiful states in the country and you are right in the middle of it!

People continue to ask me about singing in the **Chancel Choir**. New singers are always welcome. All we ask is that you can sing on pitch, and read music at least a little. There is no audition, but please come to a rehearsal (**Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00**) in the Music Room, north end of the Sanctuary building, and arrive 10 minutes early so we can get you a folder and music. If you have any questions, talk with me after a service or give me a call at the church.

We have several outstanding events coming up this month! First, the incredible **Rice Brothers – Johnny and Chris** on **Sunday, February 10 at 2:00pm**. These two brothers are true virtuosos on the piano and on the cello – they both play both instruments phenomenally well! They have performed throughout the U.S., several places in Europe, and even in Carnegie Hall – and I know, because I was there! Indeed, although they have some peers, there is no greater pianist or cellist than Johnny and Chris! They are simply the best at what they do. They are also genuinely nice, fun people! They will entertain you with their variety of music (Bach to boogie-woogie!), their witty humor, their incredible technical flair, and their musicianship that is certainly well beyond their young age! Bring your family, friends and neighbors to experience these two – you will be glad you did and so will they! Come early – they will fill the Sanctuary quickly!

The next **Sunday, February 17, at 2:00pm**, we will feature one of the greatest solo handbell musicians in the world, **Erin Downey!** I have known Erin since she was 8 years old. She started ringing bells at 5 years of age, after beginning piano at age 3. She has rung solos throughout the United States including two performances at Chrystal Cathedral, and with internationally renowned groups, such as Sonos Handbell Ensemble from the San Francisco Bay area. With Sonos she toured several times in Japan, performed with the San Francisco Symphony, Kronos Quartet and the renowned singer Frederica von

Stade. In addition to handbells, Erin is also a professional pianist and harpist. Come and expect to be “blown away” by her incredible technique, talent and personality. You do not want to miss this one!

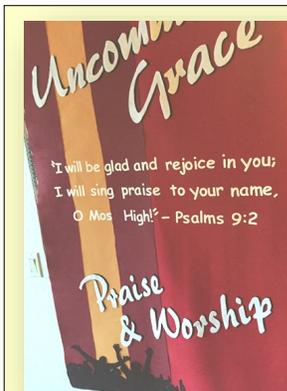
Both concerts are open to the public at no charge as an offering will be received. Everyone is asked to please bring at least one non-perishable food item per person for the GCUMC Food Bank. These two performances will be live-streamed so be sure to tell your friends and families “back home” to join us. Instructions are available on our website: [www.goldcanyonumc.org](http://www.goldcanyonumc.org).

I hope everyone takes advantage of the opportunity to experience God's beauty throughout our state and God's incredible gifts of talent to those who are coming to perform for us.

Love and blessings to all,

*Doug*

Do you play the electric or bass guitar?  
Are you interested in sound tech?



**...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

2/08/19	Fri 7:30pm	*	<b>Philadelphia Big Brass</b> ...featuring Rodney Marsalis, trumpet
2/10/19	Sun 2:00pm		<b>The Incredible Rice Brothers</b> ...both are virtuoso pianists and cellists
2/17/19	Sun 2:00pm		<b>Erin Downey</b> ...“the finest handbell soloist I’ve ever seen!” – Doug Benton
2/22/19	Fri 7:30pm	*	<b>The Lettermen</b> ...famous close harmony Pop group from the ‘60s
3/03/19	Sun 2:00pm		<b>Mac Frampton</b> ...outstanding concert pianist - with our Choir!
3/06/19	Wed 7:00pm		<b>Ash Wednesday Worship</b> ...join us as we begin the journey through Lent
3/09/19	Sat 7:30pm		<b>NAU Shrine of the Ages Chorale &amp; Harter Handbells</b> ... don’t miss this!
3/22/19	Fri 7:30pm	*	<b>O Sole Trio</b> ...two amazing voices and a virtuoso pianist/violinist
3/24/19	Sun 2:00pm		<b>Spring Concert</b> ... featuring all of Doug’s groups – and his final concert!
3/29/19	Fri 7:30pm	*	<b>Bach and Sons</b> ...Arts Council fundraiser for our Pipes for the Organ!
4/14/19	Sun 3:00pm		<b>Spring Eggstravaganza</b> ...fun community event for kids & families!
4/18/19	Thu 7:00pm		<b>Maundy Thursday Worship</b> ...special service with communion and ashes
4/19/19	Fri 7:00pm		<b>Good Friday Worship</b> ...very moving – the Death of Christ!
4/21/19	Sun 6:00am		<b>Easter Sunrise Worship</b> ...in north Parking Lot facing the Superstitions
4/21/19	Sun 8:00 & 9:30		<b>Easter Celebration Worship</b> ...Christ is Arisen with Brass, Bells and Choir
4/21/19	Sun 10:50am		<b>Easter Praise Worship</b> ...Uncommon Grace leads our Praise of the Risen Lord
4/21/19	Sun 5:00pm		<b>Easter Sunset Worship</b> ...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.gcac1.com](http://www.gcac1.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!

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We honor the lives and memories  
of these members and friends,  
as well as their families,  
who have recently passed...

Jay Baugh Family	Grandson of Kris Sellers
Hu Rhymes Family	Sister of Carol Crosswhite
Ron Bentley Family	Mother of Dee Kness
Bob Carnahan Family	Brother of June Welker
Husband of Arline Collin	Husband of Rose Trenton
DeeDee Frazer Family	Mother of Carol Wehle
Husband of Arlene Fredickson	Mother of Adam
Dick Kyro Family	Father of Pat Beaver
Malcolm Nelson Family	Trenton Family

*In Remembrance*



## PASTORAL & CONGREGATIONAL CARE — Dr. David Worley

### LOVE & DIVERSITY

In the month of February, two celebrations occur: Valentine's Day and Black History Month. These two celebrations are distinct events, but if we reconsider their intersection, we will review vitally important principles for daily Christian living.

**Valentine's Day** has a murky past with various legends and figures from both ancient Roman and Christian traditions attached to the celebration. But in each of the tales one thing is clear – romantic love is emphasized, although violence is also present. (See <https://www.history.com/topics/valentines-day/history-of-valentines-day-2> for more.)

**Black History Month** has its roots in the work of Carter Woodson (1897-1950), a son of former slaves who was one of the first to study black history. As he earned graduate degrees he wrote, "that the role of African Americans in American history was either misrepresented or missing altogether from the history books." He chose to institute what has become Black History Month in recognition of the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglas, a leading opponent of slavery. President Gerald Ford initially recognized the event, as has every president since then. Unsurprisingly, this month set aside to honor the many and significant contributions of African American citizens, has stimulated an array of reactions, some of which are very troubling.



In the past year we have seen a resurgence of vicious hatred against people of color and especially African Americans. Racism has reared its ugly head revealing that it has never ceased to exist in this country of "liberty and justice for all." We can decry this situation, as we should, but perhaps a more proactive approach is

to reconsider our Christian heritage and some important principles that lead us to practice love in the context of diversity.

First, remember that Scripture teaches us that all humans are made in the image of God. Regardless of ethnicity, culture or skin color, everyone bears the stamp of God's creativity, which as you will recall God calls "good" in the book of Genesis. To say that we are made in God's image is an amazing declaration.

One of my favorite authors, C. S. Lewis, expresses the idea in powerful words in his book, *The Weight of Glory*. To paraphrase, Lewis reminds us that none of us are ordinary, but extraordinary because we bear the creator's mark. He reminds us that we all have immortal souls and are therefore holy. Consequently, we are to take one another seriously and as result truly, deeply love one another.

We should also recall that Christ's redemption was of the human race, not a select few with the appropriate skin color. John declares in Revelation 5:9 that the Lamb of God has ransomed people "from every tribe, language, people and nation." Paul also declares in Galatians 3:28 that all human difference is broken down in Christ; we are all one. In short, Christ loved all of humanity enough to die and rise again for them. And as God said to Peter when he had a vision that rocked his world regarding ethnicity, "Do not call something unclean if God has made it clean" (Acts 10:15).

God calls us to lay aside the sins of racism, prejudice and discrimination and to love others as Christ commanded and modeled. Rather than gloss over these matters, which we are prone to do, let us embrace love in diversity. And let us celebrate the Christian truths of creation and salvation which are powerful spiritual antidotes to injustice. In this way, we will realize that Valentine's Day and Black History Month hold a deeper meaning for all of us.

P.S. In my research for this article, I found this site, which offers a way to think about Black History Month and the Bible by offering a 10 day reading plan to highlight the influence of Scripture on African American leaders. I encourage you to use it to guide your Bible reading for a part of the month of February. <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/3623-black-history->

# 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:

**Rev. Fred Steinberg, Senior Pastor**

RevStein78@gmail.com / (480) 982-3776

**Rev. Bob Deits, Associate Pastor**

RDeits@cox.net / (602) 615-6634

**Rev. Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor**

Fay.Quanstrom@gmail.com / (480)458-8420

**Dr. David Worley, Director, Congregational Care**

DWorley3@gmail.com / (970) 821-5404

**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.

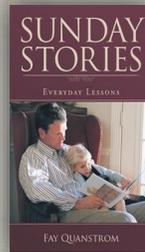
You are invited to join the **Congregational Care Ministry** by contacting Rev. Fay Quanstrom.



## Prayer Chain Ministry

Please email prayer requests to [gcumcprayers@gmail.com](mailto:gcumcprayers@gmail.com).

## THE BOOK SHELF

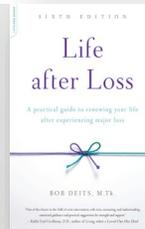


*"Sunday Stories: Everyday Lessons"* by Rev. Fay Quanstrom is a collection of children's stories illustrating how Scripture truths "live" in the life of a child. Available on Amazon, Kindle, Nook, and in the Church Office & Welcome Center. For more info, go to [www.FayQuanstrom.com](http://www.FayQuanstrom.com).

*"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!



[www.YourLifeAfterLoss.com](http://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.

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## GLOBAL MISSIONS

Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor



### HAPPENINGS IN HONDURAS

FMI (Fellowman International), one of the global missions that GCUMC supports, is expanding services with new staff! This is great news for the mountain villages around Buenes Aires, Honuduras.

✝ **A physician, a dentist, a lab tech and a clinical psychologist now serve at the mission center and travel to villages within the mission's service area.** To have their own Honduran dentist and doctor enhances the basic and preventative services that can be offered. Health education, early detection programs and pre-natal care provide vital components of the clinic's service package. The medical practitioners also travel to outlying villages to provide care to those for whom traveling to the main clinic is a hardship. This greatly increases the number of people who receive vital help.

✝ **Community gardens and local meat production help feed people in difficult times.** The price of basic foodstuffs continues to rise as a result of the combined impact of inflation and the devaluation of Honduran currency. Locally raised chicken and pork, plus community garden produce, help nourish both school children and families. The mission now raises enough piglets to help other villages start their own swine projects. And so the outreach in Jesus' name increases!

### UMCOR UPDATE

**UMCOR** distributed \$55 MILLION dollars in disaster relief in 2018. UMCOR is there when any disaster disrupts lives. But all the work is done by volunteers like the people in our own church.

The Western Jurisdiction Disaster Academy is in Phoenix, AZ on March 28th-31st, 2019. UMCOR trainers and disaster coordinators from across the country will prepare congregations to mobilize. The UMCOR course Connecting Neighbors focuses on giving you the tools you need to build a community response to crisis that fits many ability-levels. Other courses focus on ministering to and stabilizing people and communities after a natural disaster.

In 2017 Zion UMC sanctuary burned, leaving 3-4 feet of ash and debris. Early Response Teams led local volunteers in Las Vegas to clear out the debris, reducing the demolition bill by \$100,000. Volunteers, just like you, did that.

For more information, please visit:

<https://dscumc.org/disaster-response/western-jurisdiction-disaster-academy/>



You can watch our 8:00am, 9:30am and 10:50am worship services LIVE by going to [www.Livestream.com/accounts/11627355](http://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](http://www.vimeo.com/goldcanyon).



by Kim Shroyer

## SIMPLY LOVE



Whatever the Christmas season brought us, we are now moving past the hustle and bustle – we've seen some company off, sworn off of sweets, undecorated, cleaned the house, and made a resolution or two.

As we move into February, we've already had a month to wrap our minds, thoughts and hearts around our desires and plans for the new year. We may be excited about some things in 2019, and not so excited about others.

Do you ever look around you and wonder how your life compares to others? In some respects, it's always been easy to do that. But it seems even harder not to these days. We have what appears to be full visibility of other's lives through social media, Google, reality TV, and 24/7 news and commentary.

As we inspect components of our own lives we often can't help but take all of the information overload into account and think "I wish I had that...look how great their relationships are...she is so beautiful...if only I made that much money things would be so much better...he doesn't seem to have a care in the world...her daughters come to visit her all the time...look at the pictures of that perfect family...all of my friends have their dream jobs...if he would just apologize to me, things would be great." And so on, and so on.

Naturally those kinds of thought processes, envy, and unrealistic view of the lives of others can bring us down if we aren't careful. We start to see the world with a distorted view, finding it more and more difficult to live the life God has designed for us. If we have a run of negative things happening, we are prone to allowing life to change us. There was a quote in a movie I saw this past season that expressed "Life doesn't change you, you change it."

That's an amazing thought. Think about that for a minute. Isn't that what Jesus did? Did He let life change Him, or did He change life on earth? I have a dear friend who's struggled with cancer for over 10 years now. She is on the roller coaster of successes vs. remission, and back again. Yet she is the most inspirational person I know; she has the most upbeat,

faith-filled approach out there. She is the one struggling, yet she is the inspiration to those around her.

It brings to mind what one of our lovely church members said several years ago – "Instead of asking why me God?...How about trying why not me God?" Instead of deferring to the "I wish, I wish" component when trying to get a handle on what may be going on in our lives, how about leaning more toward the 'thank you God' side of things? Human Nature of course.

Quite some time ago I read Pastor John Ortberg's book, *Who Is This Man?* Although so much is inspiring about Pastor Ortberg's writing, this quote stuck with me – "To live a day as if it doesn't matter is one of the great tragedies in the world." That is so very incredible if you think it through. It is reminding us how precious each day is, suggesting that even the deepest trials may not be as deep as we initially think, and clarifying once again that the sacrifice Christ made on the cross should not have occurred in vain. Pastor Ortberg also wrote, "Jesus outlasted, out maneuvered, and out thought every group, every power. But not just that. Mostly he just out loved everybody."

At times it can be difficult to see the positive in our lives. We may not appreciate others, at a minimum, may not love them at a maximum. If you are trying to work through something in your life in this new year, or simply need assistance trying to love more, remember that 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 them 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.

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not rely on your own insight.  
In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.*

*~ Proverbs 3:5-6 (NRSV)*

# MINISTRY & MISSION

## Updates

### GENESIS PROJECT



December was another amazing month for the Genesis Project. On the Saturday before Christmas Santa and his two elf's handed out toys to 28 children. The kids were also able to pick and wrap a present for the parents. On Christmas Day, the Tuesday team served a wonderful dinner to 150 people.

The Arizona state tax credit has become a major source of funding for the (501 non-profit) Genesis Project. We ask that you please consider the Genesis Project as your charitable organization for your 2017 state tax credit. Information is available in the church lobby.

Please consider the Genesis Project for your tax credit charitable contribution as it is a major source of support. Forms and information are available in the lobby. Contributions can be made online at [www.GenesisProjectAZ.com](http://www.GenesisProjectAZ.com), and forms are also available at the Welcome Center. Blessings and Happy New Year!

### ST. ANDREW'S CHILDREN'S CLINIC



The date of Thurs., March 7, is quickly approaching for our next trip to St. Andrew's Children Clinic in Nogales, Arizona. If you would like to experience this rewarding trip, please sign-up in the Lobby of the Sanctuary Building. Space is limited so don't wait!

In addition to the volunteers who participate, GCUMC provides needed items listed on the Wish List on the Bulletin Board in the Sanctuary Building. If you have collected toiletries, small stuffed animals, strollers, blenders, please bring and place them in the St. Andrews collection bin starting February 1.

This trip, we would like to focus on a few items that are badly needed for the children: single-serving prune juice, dry milk, and hand sanitizer. Please deliver items to the Church Office by March 3rd, and direct any questions to Alyce Ansell (480)983-2510 or Gail Crawford (480)268-0918.

### FOOD BANK MANAGER NEEDED



This volunteer position involves overall management of food bank activities. You will be supported by a great community of volunteers. You'll have the support of others who coordinate and confirm that volunteers are available each day from 8:30am-12:00pm, and acknowledge donations and write the monthly article for the church newsletter. There are also volunteers who keep track of the inventory on the Food Bank shelves and transport food from our vendors to the food bank.

The most important part of this job is the liaison with outside vendors, contractors and community organizations. Other responsibilities include contracts with food banks, governmental agencies and retail outlets; food purchasing and documentation with food banks and retail outlets; attendance at required outside training; serve as a speaker representative at community organizations and coordinator of food bank representation at church activities.

This job requires a person with public relations skills and a real identity with our Food Bank clients who come from many different backgrounds and have many different needs. Some are homeless and live in the desert. All deserve the respect and compassion that we can provide from the doors of our Food Bank.

Our mission statement, Matthew 25:35, is displayed on the wall of the Food Bank reception area:

*"For I was hungry, and you fed me.  
I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink.  
I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home."*

**We are looking for a capable leader to guide us.**

Please reply to Rush Tucker at (602)670-3156 or [RUSHATUC@msn.com](mailto:RUSHATUC@msn.com).

## SOFIE'S START MINISTRY



Does a busy schedule keep you from feeling as though you can't commit to being a volunteer in ministry? Do you need to have a very flexible schedule that lets you serve when you can and as often as you would like?

Take a minute and think about the most serious crisis you or someone in your family has faced. Did you deal with it alone? Did you have the financial resources to handle it in the best way? Did you know what the best direction to take? Did you know where to find information to help you make the right decision? Were you overwhelmed by the magnitude of the problem and felt paralyzed by fear or doubt?

Sofie's Start ministry for struggling families that provides a hand up to become strong, successful and goal oriented. A new start is possible. A new future is on the horizon.

We receive donations of furniture and household items that need to be picked up and sorted into our storage units. Then when we get a call for help, certain items are chosen and delivered. A recent example was a call from a family referred by the United Way of Pinal County. The family, with 3 children, had lost everything to a house fire. Our team sorted through donations and delivered household kitchen items, bedding and linens, and dressers and lamps. Can you imagine how much that family appreciated these items?

We are looking for a brigade of minute men and women who will be on call to help sort, pick up and deliver donated items.

Are you in the church office on a regular basis? Maybe you could volunteer to take small household donations that are left there to our storage unit.

Do you have an hour or two, once in a while, that you could give to go sort kitchen and household items at the storage center so we are ready to take it out when needed?

We have a trailer with a loading ramp and a 2-inch ball hitch that makes pick up and delivery of furniture much easier. Do you have a vehicle with that kind of hitch? Can you help with pick up and delivery? (We do not move large appliances.)

Can you be on call to help load and unload furniture on the pick-up and delivery team once a month?

Do you have expertise in an area that would help in mentoring? We have team members who help with

resume writing, goal setting and budgeting, and meal planning, cooking and family fun on a budget.

Please consider joining the Sofie's Start ministry team. Leave your contact information and area of interest with the church office (480-982-3776) and we will call you to talk about how easy it is to make a difference in the lives of others one hour at a time.



The Purpose of UMW is that it, "shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the Global Ministries of the Church."

I tend to think of UMW as mission-focused, but it recently came to my attention that two-thirds of the stated purpose focuses on strengthening our faith and supporting each other. For how can we help others unless we, ourselves, are "founded on the rock."

At the age of 65, I have been "called" to a new and challenging task – helping to care for an aging parent – one who is proud and independent. It is a humbling path, one I'm sure many members of our congregation have walked. My father is 94 years old, has significant memory (and hearing) loss and is married to a loving wife who is in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease. He also lives 1,800 miles from my home in Arizona. The Jesuit Monk, Fr. James Martin, has written on the importance of "finding God in all things". When I focus on this, I am amazed to find God everywhere I look – in the help and wisdom offered by family, friends and professionals; in my father, who expresses gratitude frequently for his life, his family and his health; in the strength and guidance provided by God; and in the support I receive from my fellow church members and my Sisters in Christ in the Gold Canyon UMW. I hear God's call and I feel God's presence and love surround me. I am humbled and grateful. When I look for God in all things, I find him in everything! Please join us at our next UMW meeting, where we focus on faith, missions, and looking for God in all things!

In January, we prepared and served lunch at the Genesis Project in Apache Junction. What a privilege it was to serve a hot meal to the homeless and low-

income members of our community!

Upcoming UMW Meetings (Fellowship 10-10:30am, with Meeting at 10:30 am):

- ✠ **2/16:** "A Pieced Life" led by Rev. Fay Quanstrom. We will have the opportunity to "lay out and peel away the layers" of our quilts!
- ✠ **3/16:** "Everything you wanted to know about handbells and choir chimes" led by Music Director Doug Benton. An informative presentation, performance by the Bell Quartet and a fun opportunity to try your hand at playing bells and chimes (warning: you may be drafted into Canyon Carillon!).

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

### 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](mailto:ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org)

### SCRIP BUS/VAN PROGRAM



Did you know that **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!*



**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](http://www.GoldCanyonUMC.org)  
or call the Church Office)*

# February 2019

Fri Feb 1	5:30pm	AA (ER)
Sat Feb 2	10am 11am 12pm 4pm 5pm	Sidewalk Ministry (P/K) Funeral: DeeDee Frazier (KR) Funeral Reception: DeeDee Frazer (ER/KR) Gold Canyon Car Club (N Parking Lot) Shareholder's Dinner (KR/ER/K)
Sun Feb 3	8am 9am 9:30am 9:30am 9:30am 10:50am 10:50am 5pm	Traditional Worship (S) UG Rehearsal (KR) "The Table" Adult Sunday School (MC-M) Children Sunday School (EB) Traditional Worship (S) Youth Participate in Worship (S) Children's Sunday School (NAR) Praise Worship (KR) Country Western Worship (KR)
Mon Feb 4	9:30am 1pm 1pm 1pm 7pm 7pm	Bible Banter (ER) DISCIPLINE 5 (ER) Grief Support Mtg (MC-M) Yoga (MC-B) AI-Anon (SoGR) CoDA Mtg (ER Rm)
Tue Feb 5	9am 6pm 6:30pm 7pm	DISCIPLINE 1 Women's Class (ER) One in the Spirit Rehearsal (KR) Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S) UG Rehearsal (KR)
Wed Feb 6	9:30am 10am 11am 11:45am 1pm 1pm 5pm 5pm	Music Library Activities (MR) Women's Study: "Joshua" (KR) Cancer Support Group (ER) Healing & Prayer Time (MC-S) DISCIPLINE 2 (MC-E) DISCIPLINE 2: 2nd 1/2 (ER) Midweek Mountaineers (EB/K) Wranglers for the Lord Reh (KR)
Thu Feb 7	9am 1pm 1pm 6:30pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC-S) DISCIPLINE 1 (ER) Yoga (MC-B) Choir Rehearsal (MR)
Fri Feb 8	10am 10am 2pm 5:30pm 7:30pm	Mind Menders (ER) Piano Tuning (S) Reserved (S) AA (ER) GCAC Concert: Rodney Marsalis & the

Sat Feb 9	8am 10am 4pm	Philadelphia Big Brass (S) PEO Mtg (M-Esther) Sidewalk Ministry (P/K) Gold Canyon Car Club Cruise Night (N Parking Lot)
Sun Feb 10	8am 9am 9:30am 9:30am 9:30am 10:50am 10:50am 2pm 5pm 5:30pm 6:30pm	Traditional Worship (S) UG Rehearsal (KR) "The Table" Adult Sunday School (MC-M) Children & Youth Sunday School (EB) Traditional Worship (S) Children's Sunday School (NAR) Praise Worship (KR) Concert: Rice Brothers (S) Country Western Worship (KR) Confirmation Class (SoGR) Youth Group (EB)
Mon Feb 11	9:30am 10am 1pm 1pm 1pm 6:30pm 7pm 7pm	Bible Banter (ER) UMW Leadership Committee (SoGR) DISCIPLINE 5 (ER) Grief Support Mtg (MC-M) Yoga (MC-B) Coffee with the Pastor (MR) AI-Anon (SoGR) CoDA Mtg (ER Rm)
Tue Feb 12	9am 9am 9am 6pm 6:30pm 7pm	DISCIPLINE 1 Women's Class (ER) Stitches Unlimited (MC-B) UMW Craft Circle (SoGR) One in the Spirit Rehearsal (KR) Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S) UG Rehearsal (KR)
Wed Feb 13	9:30am 10am 11am 11:45am 1pm 1pm 5pm 5pm 7pm	Music Library Activities (MR) Women's Study: "Joshua" (KR) Cancer Support Group (ER) Healing & Prayer Time (MC-S) DISCIPLINE 2 (MC-E) DISCIPLINE 2: 2nd 1/2 (ER) Midweek Mountaineers (EB/K) Wranglers for the Lord Reh (KR) Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)
Thu Feb 14	All day 9am 1pm 1pm 1pm 6:30pm	Valentine's Day Lions Club Mtg (SoGR) DISCIPLINE 1 (ER) Gold Canyon Arts Council Mtg (MC-E) Yoga (MC-B) Choir Rehearsal (MR)
Fri Feb 15	5:30pm	AA (ER)
Sat Feb 16	10am 10am 11am 4pm	Sidewalk Ministry (MC-B/P) UMW Mtg (MC-E) Sofie's Start Fashion Show/Luncheon (EB) Gold Canyon Car Club (N Parking Lot)
Sun Feb 17	8am 9am 9:30am 9:30am 9:30am 10:50am 10:50am 2pm 5pm 5:30pm 6:30pm	Traditional Worship (S) UG Rehearsal (KR) "The Table" Adult Sunday School (MC-M) Children & Youth Sunday School (EB) Traditional Worship (S) Children's Sunday School (NAR) Praise Worship (KR) Concert: TBD (S) Country Western Worship (KR) Confirmation Class (SoGR) Youth Group (EB)
Mon Feb 18	All day 9:30am 1pm	OFFICE CLOSED / Presidents' Day Bible Banter (ER) DISCIPLINE 5 (ER)

	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-M)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)
	7pm	Al-Anon (SoGR)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (ER Rm)
Tue Feb 19	9am	DISCIPLE 1 Women's Class (ER)
	2pm	El Mirador BoD Mtg (MC-E)
	6pm	One in the Spirit Rehearsal (KR)
	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	7pm	UG Rehearsal (KR)
Wed Feb 20	8am	Newsletter Team (MR)
	9:30am	Music Library Activities (MR)
	10am	Women's Study: "Joshua" (KR)
	11am	Cancer Support Group (ER)
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-S)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 2 (MC-E)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 2: 2nd 1/2 (ER)
	5pm	Midweek Mountaineers (EB/K)
	5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (KR)
	7pm	Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)
Thu Feb 21	9am	Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC-S)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR)
Fri Feb 22	8am	Reserved (S)
	10am	Mind Menders (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (ER)
	7:30pm	GCAC Concert: The Lettermen (S)
Sat Feb 23	8am	PEO Mtg (M-Esther)
	4pm	Gold Canyon Car Club (N Parking Lot)
Sun Feb 24	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	Confirmation Class (SoGR)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (EB)
Mon Feb 25	9:30am	Bible Banter (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (ER)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-M)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)
	7pm	Al-Anon (SoGR)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (ER Rm)
Tue Feb 26	9am	DISCIPLE 1 Women's Class (ER)
	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-B)
	6pm	One in the Spirit Rehearsal (KR)
	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	7pm	UG Rehearsal (KR)
Wed Feb 27	9:30am	Music Library Activities (MR)
	11am	Cancer Support Group (ER)
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-S)
	1pm	Days for Girls Workshop (MC-B)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 2 (MC-E)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 2: 2nd 1/2 (ER)
	5pm	Midweek Mountaineers (EB/K)
	5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (KR)
	6pm	Building Committee Mtg (Stephen-MC)
	7pm	Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)
Thu Feb 28	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR)



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Jack Behan 02/01  
 Coleen Hoerter 02/03  
 Sharon Pittman Freeman 02/03  
 Marlene Barton 02/04  
 Christopher (Chris) Benjamin 02/04  
 Rosa Geske 02/04  
 Marilyn Jungman 02/04  
 Edwin (Ed) Hoefs 02/05  
 Cynthia Hoff 02/05  
 Carol Lindaman 02/05  
 James Merrick 02/05  
 Gladys Osgood 02/05  
 Roman Barraza 02/06  
 Vivienne Barraza 02/06  
 Daniel Bos 02/06  
 Roberta (Bobbie) Breuklander 02/06  
 Greer (Alice) Lambert 02/06  
 Gene Oxley 02/06  
 Donna Chase 02/07  
 Larry Lindsay 02/07  
 Theodore (Ted) Cook 02/08  
 Darlene Huffman 02/08  
 Amira Mogharbel 02/08  
 Joni Nelson 02/08  
 Sandra Novak 02/08  
 Megan Pappalardo 02/08  
 Dean (Steve) Hicks 02/09  
 Marilyn Peterson 02/09  
 Peggy Callantine 02/10  
 Cindy Howard 02/10  
 Barbara Brown 02/11  
 Paula McBride 02/12  
 Gwen Unz 02/12  
 Michael Colaizzi 02/13  
 Jacqueline (Jackie) Elco 02/13  
 Elaine Jacobsen 02/13  
 Bonnie Lane 02/13  
 Mark Travis 02/13

Gloria Willis 02/13  
 Jody (Jo) Fridlund 02/14  
 Gordon Gasser 02/14  
 Marjorie (Margie) Kappler 02/14  
 Valerie (Val) Richter 02/14  
 Judy Schmidt 02/14  
 SuzAnne Christ 02/15  
 Anne McGinness 02/15  
 Thomas Brannan 02/16  
 Trudy Carpenter 02/16  
 Robert (Bob) Russell 02/16  
 Ada Adams 02/17  
 Terry Burris 02/17  
 Susan Malloy 02/17  
 Julie Burzlauff 02/18  
 Edgar Newkirk 02/18  
 Darlene Broderson 02/20  
 Gordon Hulett 02/20  
 Raymond (Ray) Heyse 02/21  
 Imogene (Jean) Kaul 02/21  
 Bill Yoder 02/21  
 William (Bill) Atkinson 02/22  
 Martha Burkinshaw 02/22  
 Charles R (Bob) Chase 02/22  
 M Kay (Kay) Cook 02/22  
 Imogene (Genie) Fratt 02/22  
 Margaret Ball 02/23  
 Ben Fye 02/23  
 Wylladene Nelson 02/24  
 Earl Beasley 02/25  
 Alice McConnell 02/25  
 Gordon (Gordie) Rasmussen 02/25  
 Wendy Whalen 02/25  
 Jacob Daniels 02/26  
 Larry Kness 02/26  
 Ann Owens 02/26  
 Shane Giroux 02/27  
 Michelle (Shelley) Halbig 02/27  
 Nancy Kurth 02/27  
 Charlene (Char) Franklin 02/28  
 Bob Mulhair 02/28  
 Nancy Waechter 02/28  
 Richard (Dick) Schwartz 02/29



Vance Giovanni 02/01  
 Stan & Virginia Straka 02/03  
 Audrey & Charles Whittier 02/03  
 Duane & Sue Vorseth 02/04  
 Ada & Michael Adams 02/05  
 Sally & Steve Lackey 02/05  
 Beverly & James Toppin 02/05  
 Jerry & Margaret Colmer 02/06  
 Bill & Patty Nelson 02/06  
 Kenneth & Margaret Crites 02/09  
 Bob Deits & Nancy Meise-Deits 02/10  
 Evie & Rich Bogle 02/11  
 Betty & Bob Jacobsen 02/12  
 Dee & Larry Kness 02/12  
 Daniel & Sharon Clark 02/13  
 Joy V Bliss & Gay Dybwad 02/14  
 Flossie & Nick Laich 02/14  
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 Betty & Joseph Lundberg 02/19  
 Teresa & Jon Cooke 02/21  
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 Jenelu & Bob Burgi 02/28  
 Teresa Bright & Richard O'Gary 02/29



*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)*

NOV	2015			2016			2017			2018		
	General	Building	Worship									
<b>MONTH</b>	93973	30396	6060	107152	34167	6077	110909	39617	8172	103,801	22786	6666

*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.

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 (\$304,142 given so far)
- New Church Multi-Site Start-Up (\$3,236 given so far)
- Organ Pipes: (\$88,435 given so far)
- Playground: \$20,000-40,000 (\$11,673 given so far)
- Stained Glass for upper Sanctuary windows near ceiling: (\$141,539 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)



## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP MINISTRY

Gold Canyon UMC is pleased to offer a Scholarship Program to our members who qualify for financial assistance. To receive consideration for funds, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Be a member of GCUMC;
- 2) Be a high school or GED graduate, or be 18 years of age;
- 3) Complete in detail the church's Scholarship Application Form, and
- 4) Supply the Committee with written character references from a non-family member/teacher, and from the pastor or church staff member.

Scholarship Application Forms are available in the Church Office and must be submitted to the Office Manager by May 1, 2019, along with corresponding references letters/material.. Also, if you would like to speak to a College Scholarship Ministry representative about making a contribution to the program, or would like additional information, please contact the Church Office at (480)982-3776.

## 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.



*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](http://www.GoldCanyonUMC.org) and click "Make Donation" button. This link now takes you to AccessACS electronic giving.
- ✚ **TEXT** your gift by sending the word "goldcanyonmc" to 73256 and follow screen instructions.

## Tax Preparation Ministry

...for GCUMC attendees struggling to pay a tax preparation professional for their 2019 Federal and State tax returns

Contact Church Office for more info





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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

**Addressee or Current Resident**

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