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FROM THE PASTOR: "RED SAGE PURCHASED"

On Monday, June 20th we bought the Red Sage property for \$350,000. I know many who see this purchase as an answer to prayers. I give thanks for all those who worked to make this happen. Wally Quanstrom headed up the negotiating, Steve Crane and the Trustees worked on the evaluation of the property, and Terry Parsons worked on the financing. We thank them for their work that brought us to this point. I also give thanks for those who already have given over \$100,000 for this project.

Now work begins to renovate the property from a restaurant to a food bank and church meeting place. We need to redesign to serve both those who are physically hungry and those who are spiritually hungry. There is much to be done. The booths and kitchen equipment need to be removed. We will salvage as much of it as possible and either sell it or donate it to the Genesis Project. There are some stainless steel tables, metal racks, comfortable chairs and other equipment that we can use.

We will need to change wall configurations and construct new doorways. We may even need to add bathrooms to allow for increased occupancy. Our architect, Ray Eynan, is giving us guidance on how we must change the building to suit our needs and follow building code regulations. Some items like ceiling tiles and carpet have so deteriorated that they must be replaced. The weeds in the parking lot need to be eradicated and a new sign erected on the street.

There is no doubt that this will require a lot of effort, but the results should help the ministry of our church greatly. We anticipate that we will need another \$100,000-\$150,000 to do the renovations. If you haven't already done so you might consider giving a gift to the

Red Sage purchase. Any donation you mark "Red Sage" will go to the completion of this project.

If we can complete this project by the end of the year, it will be a joy to offer people food from a more efficiently designed food bank. It will also be wonderful to tell ministry leaders, "Yes, there is room for your event." And people will give thanks when they come to worship and see that there is a parking place for them. May this opportunity be translated into more effective ministry in God's name by our church. I will see you Sunday.

Grace and peace,

Fred

Light yourself on fire
with passion and
people will come from
miles to watch you
burn.

John Wesley

"FOLLOWING JESUS, SERVING OTHERS"



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

by Katharine Keller

"Our Mission is to grow disciples of Jesus Christ by studying and living the Word."

MONTHLY MINIONS: LUCAH & MICAH PAPE

• **Favorite Food:**

Lucah—Cake

Micah—Chips & Salsa

• **Favorite Activities:**

Lucah—Playing sports

Micah—Playing with friends

• **Favorite Part of the Church:**

Lucah—Sunday School

Micah—Being an Acolyte

• **What they think God is like:**

Lucah—Nice and caring

Micah—Amazing and loving



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016

God gives us hope;

God gives us special abilities;

God gives us wisdom;

God gives us forgiveness;

God gives us a family.

Thanks to an absolute amazing team of volunteers! We could not have put on such an excellent Vacation Bible School without you. We served 71 children and had over 50 leaders. Thanks also goes to the congregation for your prayers. It was a beautiful week, and the love of Jesus was evident!

KIDS KAPERS

Bowling at "Fat Cats"

Where: Fat Cats Bowling Alley
(Baseline & Greenfield Road)

When: Thurs., July 21; 11am—1pm

Cost: \$25

Notes: We will meet there;

Cost covers 2 hours bowling, shoe rental, pizza & salad buffet, soft drinks, host and gratuity; Registration (10-person minimum) needed by Thurs., July 14



Cerreta's Chocolate Factory Tour

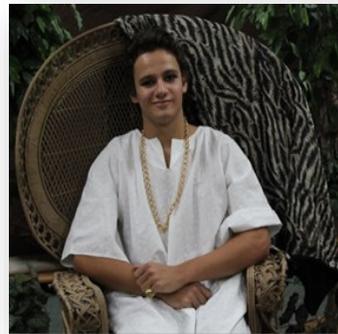
Where: Cerreta Chocolate Factory
Glendale

When: Friday, July 29

8:45am depart from GCUMC
10am tour

Cost: Tour free
\$12.50 for optional chocolate pizza

Notes: Registration needed to confirm room in church van; You may purchase chocolate in their store; If purchasing a personal chocolate pizza, let Katharine know at time of registration



FLAT JESUS REPORT: WHERE IN THE WORLD IS JESUS?



FLAT JESUS

It's not too late to pick-up your Flat Jesus! He will be available throughout the summer, but the sooner you get Him colored and laminated, the earlier you can start taking Him all over the USA and the world!

In the early fall we'll have a Flat Jesus Party and display all the pictures. Send pictures to Katharine via text (480)888-5411 or email them to ladiebug1214@gmail.com. Katharine is pinning the locations on the map in the Narthex, so join in on the fun!




LADIES: REMEMBER TO SAVE THESE DATES!

✝ September 16-18—Weekend Retreat

- * **Location:** Tonto Rim Christian Camp
- * **Theme:** "Pure Joy"
- * **Speaker:** Jill Ludlow from Full Sail Ministries out of California



✝ Sat., February 11—One-Day Retreat

- * **Location:** Red Mountain Ranch Resort in Mesa
- * **Theme:** "Sweet Life Café: Where Women Savor Time with God"

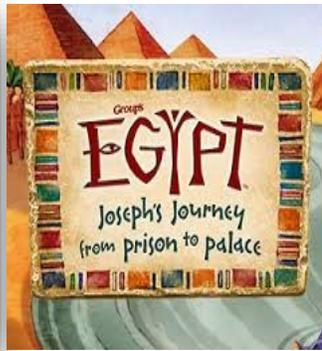


THINK ABOUT DISCIPLE!

If you have not yet taken a DISCIPLE class, why not start in September? It takes commitment to be part of a small group that's serious about disciplined study, but you will be rewarded with rich fellowship, Bible knowledge, and deepening faith.



The DISCIPLE curriculum offers five 32-week studies. This course of study includes personal study assignments, video lessons, and group discussion to enrich your understanding of God's Word. The first year has participants reading most of the Bible while subsequent years concentrate on smaller units arranged



Kidz Kanyon

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

according to themes. "Into the Word, Into the World" covers Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts, "Remember Who You Are" includes The Prophets and The Letters of Paul, and "Under the Tree of Life" focuses on The Writings, John, and Revelation. After taking the first year survey a person is free to enroll in any of the other studies without regard to the sequence.

THE CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP OF RECYCLING



"Use it up; wear it out; Make it do; do without." Perhaps you've heard this Depression era saying and considered it an outdated adage, but what if a person took this as a stewardship challenge? We often hear about time, talent, and treasure as part of our

Christian responsibility. Consider thinking of TRASH as a serious additional category of Christian stewardship!

Basic recycling is easy, especially if you subscribe to your garbage collection's recycling service with its dedicated container. In the Gold Canyon community a household's aluminum cans, metal cans, paper, cardboard, glass, and most plastics can be collected in a single container for weekly pick-up. The waste service conducts further sorting, sending materials to specialized recyclers. You will be surprised at the percentage of your home's waste that's recyclable! For other items a little more effort might be required, but the reward of taking responsible action that's good for the planet and for people makes this worthwhile.

✚ **Plastic bags** can be returned to grocery stores. They are sent for recycling that ranges from new bags of various kinds to "lumber," especially useful for outdoor applications like park benches and decks!



✚ **Furniture and clothing** are welcomed by resale shops. Specific items, such as men's jeans can go to Genesis Project if you label the bag and drop it off at the church office. If you would like the resale proceeds to go toward mission work, consider dropping your items at Velda Rose UMC (5540 E Main St, Mesa) during office hours.



✚ **Outdated prescription and over-the-counter medications** can be delivered to fire and police stations on annual drop-off dates.



✚ **Batteries and motor oil** will be tended by most auto parts stores.



✚ **Books** can be donated at collection boxes so that their resale benefits the Visiting Nurses Association.



✚ **Computers, cell phones, and printers** can be taken to office supply stores, but ask for details first.



✚ **HHW (hazardous household waste)** such as oil based paint, thinners and related products need to be saved for community disposal dates and delivered to specified locations. Never pour them down the drain!



✚ **Food waste** is surprisingly high. Take note of the amount in your own home. Then try buying less, storing well, freezing judiciously, and rotating what you store.



✚ **Water** is a limited resource. Take note of your monthly usage as noted on your regular bill and see if you can reduce it indoors and by watching for and repairing irrigation leaks.



✚ **Electricity** use can be reduced by remembering to turn off lights and by raising the thermostat during air conditioning months, lowering it when the heating is on.



Let's use, reuse, and recycle to honor our Creator's bounty to us!

DISCIPLE I Class Graduates – Suzanne Cherry



PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!



Ann-Marie & Ron Bentley



Gay Dybwad & Joy Bliss



Mark & Kim Browne



June & Gene Bruss



Lynn & Kay Cook



Jo & Ed Fridlund



Dawn Gilbreath



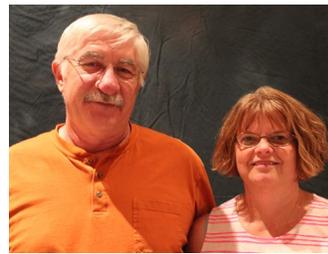
Janet & Timothy Hammers



Dave & Sherry Kies



Bob & Sue Nelimark



*Thomas (Sam) & Tammy
Plaski*



Stan & Virginia Straka



Patricia Bolster



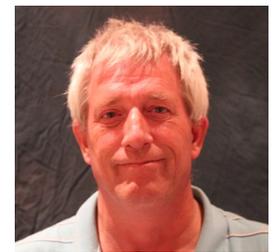
Lucinda (Cindy)



Dallice Fultz



Aileen Joyce



Ken Penninger

OUR CHURCH
CONNECTING TO GOD, EACH OTHER, AND OUR COMMUNITY



GCUMC Youth Group News

By Beth Steinberg, Youth Director



A LETTER FROM ONE OF OUR YOUTH



Dear Gold Canyon Church Family,

I started attending Gold Canyon United Methodist Church before my first birthday. Throughout the years I was surrounded by your Christian love, support and prayers. My church activities were a crucial part of my life. Sunday School,

Children's Choir, Boy Scouts, Bell Choir, Mingus Mountain Camp, youth groups, being an acolyte and a liturgist all played an important role as I grew up.

I graduated from Hall High School in Spring Valley, Illinois on June 3, 2016 with honors. I plan to attend North Central College in Naperville, IL starting September, 2016. I plan to study Sports Management and Marketing.

Thank you for your support and prayers,
Noah Gingrich

TUBING ON THE SALT RIVER!



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY CLASS

(7th—12th Grades)

Sundays at 9:30am

in the Education Bldg.

Creative Bible lessons & discussions!

YOUTH GROUP

(7th—12th Grades)

Sundays 6:30pm—8:30pm

in the Education Bldg.

Fun, faith-based programs and fellowship!

JULY 2016 YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

Sun., 7/3	Youth Group	6:30pm—8:30pm Education Bldg
Wed., 7/6	Volleyball League First UMC; 15 E 1st Ave—Mesa	6:10pm—Meet at GCUMC, or 6:50pm—Meet us at First UMC
Sun., 7/10	NO Volleyball or Youth Group	(On Mission Trip)
Sun., 7/17	YOUTH GROUP	6:30pm—8:30pm Education Bldg
Wed., 7/20	Volleyball League First UMC; 15 E 1st Ave—Mesa	6:10pm—Meet at GCUMC, or 6:50pm—Meet us at First UMC
Sun, 7/24	Volleyball Practice Youth Group	5:30pm 6:30—8:30pm; Education Bldg
Wed., 7/27—Fri., 7/29	Volleyball Tournament First UMC; 15 E 1st Ave—Mesa	Times TBD
Sun., 7/31	NO Youth Group	



Country News from Bob

Summer is here! You probably already knew that after a few 110+ days, but you may not know that the Country Western service at 5 PM on Sundays is now on its summer schedule. That means services are held only on the last Sunday of each month for June, July and August. Those dates are June 26, July 31 and August 31. The Houser's will be providing the music.

The regular every week schedule begins again on September 4th and continues through the end of May, 2017.

In the meantime, if you are unable to come to one of the 3 Sunday morning services, go to the Gold Canyon UMC website and click on Live Streaming at 8 or 9:30. You will be present with hundreds of others across the country as the service is happening. Each of the pastors will be leading the service at some time. (I will be preaching on July 24 and August 7, Fay on July 10 and Joel on June 19. The balance will be presented by Fred).

If you have any personal needs for which you would like a pastoral contact, call the office and they will notify whoever is available.

Have a great summer and stay cool!

Peace and joy,

Bob Deits



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS



The Permanent Endowment Committee is accepting applications through August 1st and will make decisions by August 31, 2016 and send replies to the candidates by September 15, 2016. An Application Form can be obtained from the Church Office.

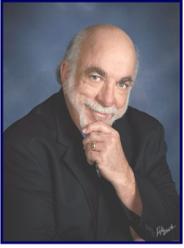
Donations Accepted for Student Financial Aid

Have you ever considered financially helping a student to advance his or her education and/or career training, but weren't sure how to go about finding qualified applicants? If so, GCUMC can be of assistance! A scholarship program is available to help students—young, and not so young—with their financial needs. Established criteria must be met before any potential recipient may receive any available funds. College Scholarship Program / Permanent Endowment Fund informational brochures are available at the Welcome Center.

It has taken 4 months for me to read all the cards that were taped to the prayer shawl given to me at the time of June's memorial service. I have finally completed that tear-filled but heart-warming task.

Thank you to all the individuals and couples who wrote notes and signed the 131 cards that were attached to the prayer shawl made by Karen Brown. A special thanks goes to Reegan and Riley Jones who drew pictures on the cards. I will treasure those for the rest of my life!

A Thank You from Bob

MUSIC NOTES by Douglas J. Benton

Well, is it getting hot yet? Is your pool temperature exceeding 94°? If so, were you here when it hit 122°? I will never forget watching a DJ frying an egg (actually burning one!) on an iron skillet that was sitting on the dashboard of his car all day until 4:00pm. If I remember correctly, the egg started smoking in less than a minute! That's hot! But, of course, year round Phoenicians never have to worry about shoveling sunshine, right? When it gets too hot, we "Zonies" just go to San Diego!

In spite of the loss of our many wonderful winter visitors, things continue to happen at our church. We still have four services per week, and with Livestreaming, our winter visitors are able to continue to worship with us. Isn't technology great? Our **Choir** continues to sing, and will keep on singing through July. If you have given positive thought to singing with the Choir — perhaps even just during the summer — please come join us! We are rehearsing earlier now at 6:00pm and are usually done by around 7:15pm. We rehearse in the Music Room, which is the room on the north side of the Sanctuary building. Park in the north parking lot and enter through the double doors. If you are new to the Choir, please arrive 10 minutes early so we can get you registered and set-up with a music folder. The Choir sings at both Traditional Services, but leaves after singing the Anthem at the 9:30am service. Many of our members come and go during the summer, and that's fine. When you are here, come sing with us, but please attend the rehearsal the Thursday before to make sure you know your music and anything special that might be happening during the service. You do not need to be an incredible singer. We only ask that you can sing on pitch, and read music at least a little. The rest we can take care of. If you have any questions, please give me a call during the week at the church. I hope to see YOU in the Choir — soon!

Our **Pipes for the Organ Fund** continues to grow! We are now over 20% of our \$250,000 goal! Thanks to all who have contributed to this fund and to the many of you who continue to contribute weekly. This dream will become a reality, and the musical change that this will create will indeed be fantastic and truly inspirational! The Choir and handbell ringers will be able to hear the organ for the first time, because the organ chamber opening currently forces the organ sound way over their heads and way over the mics. The actual wind-blown

pipes will create a new visual beauty behind the Choir. We will be able to use the organ much more for choral anthems and with the handbells. If you would like to donate to this fund, please make the check out to the church and put "Organ Pipes" on the Memo line. Thank you very much for joining me in this important project for our church! Your gifts are indeed very much appreciated! If you have any questions, please let me know.

Many of you will be traveling this month. I sincerely hope you will give yourselves permission to take time to close your eyes and experience God's beautiful music — wind in the trees, birds chirping, even silence; and the glorious smells — pine trees, flowers, the ocean — that God gives to us to enhance the incredible visual beauty He has created for us. My favorite place in the entire world is on top of Mingus Mountain (where our United Methodist Church Camp is) at the real Triangulation Point, about a ¼ mile north of the microwave station — the other Triangulation Point. Sitting on the rocks, one can see the entire Verde Valley, from Jerome on the west, around to the Red Rocks of Sedona, then Clarkdale and Camp Verde with the Mogollon Rim in the background, continuing around to the New River Mountains to the south. When I die, that's where I want my ashes to be spread, carried by the wind into God's creation! What an experience that will be!

I pray we all have safe travels, wherever we go.

Blessings to all!

Doug

Director of Music Ministries

**PRAISE SERVICE INVITATION**

Join Uncommon Grace at the 10:50am Praise & Worship Service on Sunday mornings and together we'll lift our heart, soul and spirit... and you'll be sure to leave the service feeling uplifted and energized!

SCRIP BUS & VAN FUND



Vendors like Smile.Amazon.com, Bashas' and Fry's help non-profit organizations—like GCUMC—by giving us a rebate on purchases! Bashas & Fry's Shoppers cards must be **obtained from and/or connected to GCUMC**, and the money earned helps pay for our church bus and van (*gas, licenses, maintenance, insurance*). After expenses are covered, the balance of the funds goes toward **the purchase of a covered structure to protect these vehicles**. We've already raised **over \$154,000** from the grocery store programs — *and who doesn't shop on Amazon!* What an **EASY** way to support our ministries!

⇒ **DON'T FORGET FATHER'S DAY!** [Smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to the GCUMC 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 (cash or check) from the church in denominations of \$20, \$50 or \$100, and be used at all AZ store locations, including AJ's Fine Foods and Food City. When the card balance gets low (shown on store receipt), you can 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 #80092, or you can come to the Church Office and we'll be glad to help. It all adds up! **(Please remember to renew your Fry's VIP card each August!)**



Additional info is available at the Welcome Center on Sunday, in the Church Office, or from Betty Rolley at (480) 380-0147.

[Support GCUMC when you shop online!](#)

How May We HELP YOU?

HELP WITH TECHNOLOGY

ORGANIZING "STUFF"

Driving to appointments

Sharing music

exercising

Check-in phone calls

Visits at home or in the hospital

Taking a drive for Shopping

Listening

Going out to eat

Cooking

Playing games

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."
~ Philippians 4:6 ~*

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.

- ✝ Rev. Fred Steinberg, Sr. Pastor
- ✝ Rev. Bob Deits, Assoc. Pastor
- ✝ Rev. Fay Quanstrom, Assoc. Pastor
- ✝ Rev. Joel Hurley, Assoc. Pastor
- ✝ **Stephen Ministers**, highly-trained lay people, provide quality, confidential, Christ-centered support to persons experiencing grief, illness, divorce and other difficulties.
- ✝ 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 or



PASTORAL & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Joel Hurley, Pastoral Team Coordinator

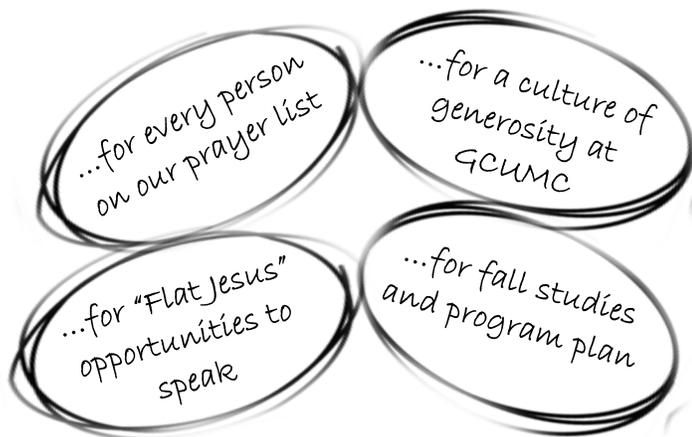
Four pastors are on-call to make visits to members and friends of Gold Canyon UMC. Please feel free to call the church office at (480)982-3776 and one of the pastors will respond to your request. After hours, you may call or email one of the pastors directly:

- ✝ **Rev. Fred Steinberg, Sr. Pastor**
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480.982.3776
- ✝ **Rev. Bob Deits, Assoc.**
bobnjune@cox.net
602.615.6634
- ✝ **Rev. Fay Quanstrom, Assoc.**
fay.quanstrom@gmail.com
480.458.8420
- ✝ **Rev. Joel Hurley, Assoc.**
joelhccjl@gmail.com
602.291.0464



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

SOMEBODY'S PRAYING...



Somebody's praying...are you? We're recommending *The Circle Maker* by Mark Batterson to challenge your prayer life. This author believes that *God is honored by bold prayers and God honors bold prayers.* He supports his conviction in an engaging style with numerous personal anecdotes. This book will have you making and walking prayer circles around your own needs and those of others.

HOW CAN WE HELP?



MIND MENDERS



...is a support group for caregivers of Alzheimers and other dementia disease patients and **meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday each month at 10:00am in the Education Building.** Join us! For more info, contact Jeanette Lunstead at (480)671-9888 or the Church Office.

CANCER SUPPORT



...provides spiritual support, love, friendship and a helping hand to cancer patients, caregivers and their families. Although May 25th was their last weekly meeting until the fall, contact Dee Ashe at (480)924-5483, (480)685-7175, or deeeashe7580@gmail.com if you have questions or need support during our summer break.

GRIEF SUPPORT



...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 addressed them in his book, *Life after Loss*, now in its 5th edition. Please accept Bob's invitation to attend the Grief Support group he leads every **Monday from 1:00pm—2:00pm in the Education Building.** For questions or if you wish to speak with Bob privately, you may call him at (602)615-6634.

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY



Prayer requests may be emailed to gcumcprayers@gmail.com.



GLOBAL MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor



MEET PET MISSIONARIES DELBERT AND SANDRA GROVES



“The New Life Center outreach ministries include PET Zambia, distributing personal energy transportation “bikes” to those who are unable to walk under their own power. Gold Canyon UMC supports Delbert and Sandra, who are considered PET missionaries, as well as the PET project with its reach around the world.

The New Life Center also serves as a resource for the United Methodist Provisional Conference of Zambia by providing training in health education, computer learning and lab, English language, new church construction methods and more. The couple also hosts volunteer-in-mission work teams. .

Delbert's mission focus is on church leadership and spiritual growth training through conferences, seminars, workshops, and special meetings. In the New Life Pressroom he trains and develops future printers and creates printed material for the many New Life Center programs.

Reflecting on their work in Africa, Delbert says, "Christ not only saves us from our sinful, selfish nature, but He heals the body and mind so we can discover all that He has for us to live out a new life filled with purpose and hope. I love watching God work!"

Delbert and Sandy served for eight years in the Southern Congo Annual Conference in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) until political unrest necessitated their relocation to the neighboring country of Zambia.

Delbert and Sandy have four adult sons, three daughters-in-law, and four grandchildren..

Additional information is available online at www.NewLifeZambia.com.

GCUMC GLOBAL MISSIONS PROJECTS

GCUMC concentrates our giving and involvement in these world areas:

- ✚ Rice and Beans Ministry, Costa Rica
- ✚ Fellowman International, Honduras
- ✚ PET (Personal Energy Transportation), over 100 countries
- ✚ Global Missions Advance needs





MAKE A DAY



Here I go again, there's yet another song I like the lyrics to. Singer Tim McGraw's recent "Humble and Kind" really strikes a chord in my heart. You can probably imagine what it is about,

but here is a taste of the lyrics:

*"...Always stay humble and kind
Don't take for granted the love this life gives you
When you get where you're goin'
Don't forget turn back around
And help the next one in line
Always stay humble and kind..."*

Tim McGraw says the lyrics were partially inspired by the message he wished to convey to his three daughters, and the fact that the first one was heading off to college.

As Christians we could be inclined to say, "Well, duh, of course we're supposed to be humble and kind, everybody knows that!" But do we really? Intellectually of course, but do we really practice it? Regularly?

Those are certainly questions I have to ask myself. I can easily get caught up in the hurriedness of my day, the "To Do" list, the rush, the routine frustrations, and the more serious challenges of family or relationships. I can leave the house without a smile on my face, already worried about what waits to greet me in my first meeting of the day. For the most part I suppose that's "normal" human behavior, but it doesn't have to be acceptable.

A couple of weeks ago, during my daily commute on U.S. 60, I had one of those events you may have experienced. Yep, somebody cut me off. Needless to say it didn't exactly make my morning. And, you guessed it, inside my head was ringing, "You jerk!" I'm not necessarily proud of that, but it occurred. And of course, I wasn't smiling!

Then I looked to my right, and a truck was merging onto the freeway beside me. As we came along side one another, the male driver and I were literally only about 10 feet apart and making eye contact through our windows. As he merged onto the freeway he held up his

travel cup of coffee and gestured a hello, all the while with the biggest smile on his face.

The interaction lasted only a split second, but as we pulled away from one another I started laughing out loud, and I was in a great mood. He MADE MY DAY! The simple act of a big old grin for a stranger turned my mood around.

There is always time in our day to be kind, to consider what a simple act on our part might do to brighten someone else's day. Instead of judging that "jerk" who cuts us off or gives us a dirty look or speaks too harshly – let's consider humility as we consider what that person's current reality might be to create such a mood – and try a little kindness. Make someone's day!

Sometimes though, it can seem a little difficult to muster the energy to make someone else's day. Every now and then you have to concentrate on being kind to yourself first, so that you may shine your light for others. If now is one of those times when you could use a little help smiling, consider requesting that a Stephen Minister (a confidential Christian) walk with you down the trail of kindness.

Email: Stephen.Ministry.GCUMC@gmail.com

Phone: (480)283-4861

You can also check the box beside "Desire a Stephen Minister" on the Sunday morning attendance pad.

by Kim Shroyer,
on behalf of the Stephen Ministry Team



*"Humble yourselves before the Lord
and He will exalt you."*

~ James 4:10 (NRSV) ~



Volunteer to make a difference

by Jane Hayes
Volunteer Coordinator



INSPIRE YOURSELF... AND OTHERS!

Even the most devoted volunteers experience a lack of inspiration and motivation from time to time. But we can change this by engaging ourselves and others by motivating us to grow, and become a source of inspiration!

There are many ways we can do this. What's one simple way? Sometimes just using the right words can perform magic in helping us reach new horizons and inspire us to do good for others. For that reason, we wanted to share these awesome inspirational quotes that you can reflect on the next time you (or someone around you) could use a little extra motivation!

*"Wherever you turn,
you can find someone who needs you.
Even if it is a little thing,
do something for which there is no pay,
but the privilege of doing it.
Remember, you don't live in the world all of your own."
~ Albert Schweitzer*

*"Everybody can be great.
Because anybody can serve.
You don't have to have a college degree to serve.
You don't have to make
your subject and your verb agree to serve.
You don't have to know the second theory
of thermodynamics in physics to serve.
You only need a heart full of grace.
A soul generated by love."
~ Martin Luther King, Jr.*

*"You can study government and politics in school,
but the best way to really understand the process
is to volunteer your time."
~ Rob McKenna*

*"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time;
they just have the heart."
~ Elizabeth Andrew*

*"You make a living by what you get.
You make a life by what you give."
~ Winston Churchill*

*"Volunteers are the only human beings on the face
of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion,
unselfish caring, patience,
and just plain loving one another."
~ Erma Bombeck*

*"You may not have saved a lot of money in your life,
but if you have saved a lot of heartaches for other folks,
you are a pretty rich man."
~ Seth Parker*

*"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy.
You vote in elections once a year,
but when you volunteer,
you vote every day about the kind of community
you want to live in."
~ Author Unknown*

*"The smallest act of kindness
is worth more than the grandest intention."
~ Oscar Wilde*

Do everything you can to create an amazing, inspiring experience for the people around you here at GCUMC or in your respective communities – and you won't regret it. Because isn't it a true happiness to help others?

~ Riechia Ralston

*To get involved in any of the volunteer roles
listed in this newsletter — or others at
GCUMC — contact the Church Office, and
we'll connect you with the appropriate individual!*



LOCAL MISSIONS & OUTREACH

*Is God calling you to step forward and become more involved
in outreach to our local community?*



LOCAL MISSIONS – Provides supplemental funding for all Local Missions Ministries. Supports special requests from the pastor and church staff for youth, education and outreach programs and projects. Contact Colette Bos (480)983-2517

ANGEL TREE – Christmas ministry that provides food, clothing and gifts for families with school-aged children. Contact church office (480)982-3776

CITRUS GLEANING – Collects seasonal citrus fruit to support local food banks. (Jan–March) Contact church office (480)982-3776

FOOD BANK – Provides emergency food support for local residents and the homeless. To make a donation or volunteer contact church office (480)982-3776

GENESIS PROJECT – Provides meals for homeless and needy in Apache Junction and Gold Canyon. Contact church office (480)982-3776

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – Assists low income families build & purchase decent, affordable homes. Contact Joe and Maureen Morton (602)284-2826

HONEY DO MINISTRY – Provides skilled handyman services at no cost. Contact John and Nancy Hill (907)232-8203 lynnelake@att.net

OPEN BOOKS / OPEN HEARTS – Children's book ministry for families with school-aged children. To make a financial donation or volunteer contact church office (480)982-3776

ST. ANDREW'S CLINIC – Supports families in Sonora, Mexico seeking medical care in Nogales, AZ. Contact Gail Crawford (480)268-0918

SIDEWALK CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES – Brings active, engaging lessons about Christ's love to children in Apache Junction neighborhoods. To volunteer contact the church office (480)982-3776

SOFIE'S START – Provides emergency household needs and mentoring to help families get back on their feet. To make a furniture or home goods donation, or to recommend someone needing help contact Diana Linton (480)229-0706 or Earl Beasley (602)384-3074

STITCHES UNLIMITED – Makes quilts and afghans for adults in nursing homes, skilled nursing facilities, children in crisis shelters, or families in need. Contact church office (480)982-3776

***FOOD BANK UPDATE ***



The food bank managers and volunteers are extremely thankful and give thanks and praise for the upcoming purchase of the Red Sage restaurant. This purchase and renovation will provide much needed additional space for expansion allowing the food bank to have adequate storage space on just one level. This will certainly improve our capacity, safety and reduce the physical efforts needed from our volunteers to serve the needy of our community all year long. This will also reduce the efforts requiring multiple movement of inventory in our current cramped two story storage area.

Over the next few months Jeff, Dan and Rush will be looking for additional volunteers to help with the transition, converting the Red Sage restaurant into our new food bank. There will be many other opportunities to volunteer during renovation and after. This would include help in creating the additional space into church meeting rooms and a reception area to greet the food bank clients coming to the building to pick up their food.

If you think that you can help in ANY WAY, please call Jeff Downing (administration, organization) at 480-983-6844, Dan Gray (volunteer, staffing) at 480-671-1551 or Rush Tucker (inventory, transition) at 602-670-3156. This project will take some time to convert and to make the building as useful for all as possible. We hope that you will prayerfully consider how you can help to enhance this mission. With many helpers this will be accomplished in a timely manner.

Keep our readers current on your Ministry/Mission area and submit your RoadRunner article by the deadline!

HAVE YOU STARTED USING THE ONLINE GCUMC DIRECTORY YET?



Join the other GCUMC attendees who are already using our online GCUMC Church Directory, **AccessACS**, the database maintained at GCUMC. Accessible from any computer via the Internet (*and there's also a free correlating "ChurchLife" App for smart phones*), you can find contact information for other GCUMC attendees. Best of all, it's **much** more up-to-date than our former paper directory, and a great way to communicate within our church family!

How do I sign up? To log-in to AccessACS, you must have an email address on file in the Church Office. To confirm you have an email address on file with us and get set-up to use AccessACS for the first time, send an email to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org. We'll then send you a confirmation email with the login instructions. Once you've received your confirmation email, to access ACS from your home, just follow the instructions contained in the email... and you're in!

Upon log-in, you'll be on a webpage called **My Dashboard**. You are encouraged to play around and explore various headings at the top:

- **HOME—> I want to view...**

- ⇒ **Available Small Groups**

- ⇒ **My Complete Profile:** Contains subcategories of

- * **My Profile** which is your contact information **on record**

- * **Personal Info:** When viewing your personal profile, please check for errors. It would be helpful if you would check the information for each member of your family for accuracy, particularly grown children who may have moved away from our geographic area or be away at school. Please make necessary corrections by clicking on the pencil icon. A window will appear where you can type your corrected information. When finished click on **SUBMIT**. Corrections will be submitted to the Administrator in the church office; after changes are verified, your profile will be updated.

- * **Serving,** and

- * **Groups**

- ⇒ **Available Serving Opportunities** takes you to the SERVING tab where various GCUMC serving areas are listed.

- ⇒ **My Giving History** takes you to where you can easily check your contribution history

- **HOME—> My Profile**

- ⇒ **My Profile** where you can verify and/or correct your contact information and see a list of other family members

- ⇒ **My Connections** (*not currently used*)

- ⇒ **My Giving History**

- ⇒ **My Pledge History:** Where you can check your pledge information & status

- **HOME—> My Account** where you can add/edit your contact information and/or password

- **HOME—> I'm interested in...** where you can check the box(es) indicating your areas of interest.
- **HOME—> Search** is where you can type in a portion of the first and last name to locate contact information of an individual. Please note that the GCUMC Member Directory is defaulted to include the same information that has historically appeared in our printed Directory (*i.e., name, address, phone number and email address*). However, once you log-in, you can change what information of yours is displayed using the *Home/My Account/ Personal Preferences* tabs
- **HOME—> My Groups** is where the groups in which you are involved are listed
- **DIRECTORIES:**
 - ⇒ To search for a member, type in their last name (or a portion thereof) and given name or nickname (goes by) and click *Search*. The contact information for the person you entered will appear.
 - ⇒ Under the Directories tab, you can view the church directories two ways. You can view records sorted as individuals or grouped as families. Make your selection and click on *Preview*. The online directory will appear. You can print the directory if you choose to or save a copy to your home computer.



THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT! The free Church Life App is available for your smart phone! From this app, you can call/text fellow church members, view map directions to friend's homes, make a contribution, register for events and view the church calendar. If you would like to have the Church Directory available on your phone, please follow the instructions on the next page:

- **IPHONE:**
 - ⇒ Go to App Store and download the ACS ChurchLife App
 - ⇒ Use the same login info as you did on your computer
- **DROID:**
 - ⇒ Go to the Play.Google.com/store and download the ACS ChurchLife App, and then login

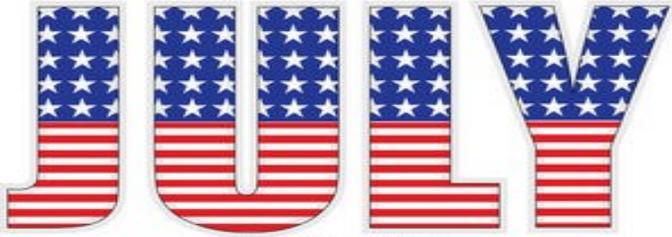
Please always remember:

- ⇒ NO financial information is available or displayed on AccessACS,
- ⇒ ONLY GCUMC attendees have access to this directory, and
- ⇒ All attendees have control over what contact information of theirs is included in the Directory

Eventually we will have the ability to register for classes and events, allowing us to serve others more effectively. More information will continue to be available in the coming months to help **you** get connected! **If you have any questions**, we are here to help!

In His Service,

Riechia Ralston
GCUMC Office Manager



CHURCH CALENDAR & KEY

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

(This calendar is subject to change; For more info, visit www.goldcanyonumc.org or call the Church Office)

Fri Jul 1	5:30pm	AA (ER)
Sun Jul 3	8am	Sunday Morning Bible Study (ER)
	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	8:30am	Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	9:30am	Youth Participate in Worship (S)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (KR)
	10:50am	Pre-K Children's Sunday School (NAR)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (7th-12th); (YR/ER/K)
Mon Jul 4	All day	Independence Day (OFFICE CLOSED)
	9:30am	Bible Banter (Common Grounds Café)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (SoGR)
	3pm	Stephen Ministry (ER)
	7pm	Al-Anon (SoGR)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (ER)
Wed Jul 6	9:30am	Music Library Activities (MR)
	7pm	Youth Volleyball League (1st UMC Mesa)
Thu Jul 7	9am	Prayer Shawl Ministry (SoGR)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR)
Fri Jul 8	10am	Mind Menders (ER)
Sun Jul 10	5:30pm	AA (ER)
	8am	Sunday Morning Bible Study (ER)
	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	8:30am	Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (KR)
	10:50am	Pre-K Children's Sunday School (NAR)
	6:30pm	NO Youth Group
Mon Jul 11	9:30am	Bible Banter (Common Grounds Café)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (SoGR)
	7pm	Al-Anon (SoGR)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (ER)
Tue Jul 12	9am	Stitches Unlimited (ER/Sea of Galilee)
Wed Jul 13	9:30am	Music Library Activities (MR)
Thu Jul 14	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR)
Fri Jul 15	5:30pm	AA (ER)
Sun Jul 17	8am	Sunday Morning Bible Study (ER)
	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	8:30am	Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)

	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (KR)
	10:50am	Pre-K Children's Sunday School (NAR)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (7th-12th); (YR/ER/K)
Mon Jul 18	9:30am	Bible Banter (Common Grounds Café)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (SoGR)
	3pm	Stephen Ministry (ER)
	7pm	Al-Anon (SoGR)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (ER)
Wed Jul 20	9:30am	Music Library Activities (MR)
	7pm	Youth Volleyball League (1st UMC Mesa)
Thu Jul 21	9am	Prayer Shawl Ministry (SoGR)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR)
Fri Jul 22	10am	Mind Menders (ER)
Sun Jul 24	5:30pm	AA (ER)
	8am	Sunday Morning Bible Study (ER)
	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	8:30am	Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (KR)
	10:50am	Pre-K Children's Sunday School (NAR)
	5:30pm	Youth Volleyball Practice Video call
	6:30pm	Youth Group (7th-12th); (YR/ER/K)
Mon Jul 25	9:30am	Bible Banter (Common Grounds Café)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (SoGR)
	7pm	Al-Anon (SoGR)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (ER)
Tue Jul 26	9am	Stitches Unlimited (ER/Sea of Galilee)
	5:30pm	Houser Gang Rehearsal (KR)
Wed Jul 27	All day	Youth Volleyball League (1st UMC Mesa)
	8:30am	Newsletter Team (MR)
	9:30am	Music Library Activities (MR)
Thu Jul 28	All day	Youth Volleyball League (1st UMC Mesa)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR)
Fri Jul 29	All day	Youth Volleyball League (1st UMC Mesa)
Sun Jul 31	5:30pm	AA (ER)
	8am	Sunday Morning Bible Study (ER)
	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	8:30am	Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (KR)
	10:50am	Pre-K Children's Sunday School (NAR)
	5pm	Country Worship w/ The Housers (KR)
	6:30pm	NO Youth Group



JULY CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday!

Cassella, Cheyenne 07/01
 Hochhalter, Wayne 07/01
 Krapek, Shirley 07/01
 Nichols, Rex 07/01
 Osgood, Donald 07/01
 Coules, Dixie 07/02
 Dauenhauer, Connie 07/02
 Gladson, Chong 07/02
 Kinzel, Alan 07/02
 Ryan, Roberta (Bobbie) 07/02
 Brown, Albert 07/04
 Browne, Mark 07/04
 Sullivan, Catherine 07/04
 Cleavenger, Cayden 07/05
 Cowles, James 07/05
 Johnson, Forrest (Bob) 07/05
 Nielsen, Bill 07/05
 Roe, Jeanine 07/05
 Anderson, Edythe (Cooki) 07/06
 Falk, Marilynn 07/06
 Bliss, Joy 07/07
 Hodges, Donna 07/07
 Brewer, Lyle 07/08
 Holland, Lucas 07/08
 Adams, Herbert 07/09
 Gates, Dolores (Dee) 07/09
 Lang, Caryl 07/09
 Magnus, Clark 07/09
 Mott, Sue 07/09
 Ferrante, Doris 07/10
 Lunstead, Jeanette 07/10
 Petticrew, Keith 07/10
 Welker, Lawrence (Larry) 07/10
 Cook, E Lynn (Lynn) 07/11
 Jelf, William (Bill) 07/11
 Gust, Dan 07/12
 Williams, Jay 07/12
 Crane, Steven 07/13
 Petticrew, Nancy 07/13
 Russell-Smeaton, Betty 07/13
 Formento, Russell (Russ) 07/14
 Guerrero, Janice 07/14
 Plaski, Tammy 07/14
 Wylie, JoAnn 07/14
 Barnes, Doris 07/15

Crawford, Gail 07/15
 McClure, Joyce 07/15
 Sander, Ellamae 07/15
 Gale, Richard (Dick) 07/16
 Hughes, William 07/16
 Jungman, Charles (Chuck) 07/16
 Brace, Melodie 07/17
 Crow, Virginia (Jenny) 07/17
 Eriksen, Adelaide (Ritchie) 07/17
 Gloss, James (Jim) 07/17
 Kappler, Wesley (Wes) 07/17
 Koch, Bernhard 07/17
 Kresge, Willard 07/17
 Parsons, Terry 07/17
 Owen, Pailey 07/17
 Berry, John 07/18
 Martindale, Ginger 07/18
 Thacker, Jerry 07/18
 Bills, Jill 07/19
 Boone, Linda 07/19
 Hall, Rod 07/19
 Thomas, Mary 07/19
 Head, Diane 07/20
 Whalen, Patrick 07/20
 Gaulke, Donald 07/21
 Ortega-Watters, Monica 07/21
 Thomas, Richard (Dick) 07/21
 Wozniak, Carolyn 07/21
 Burgi, Robert (Bob) 07/22
 Paddison, Jeanne 07/22
 Arbuckle, Nancy 07/23
 Cleavenger, Serenity 07/23
 Daniels, Matthew (Matt) 07/23
 Stofferan, Marjorie (Marge) 07/23
 Tonole, Marjorie 07/23
 Braghetta, Karen 07/24
 Burford, Michael 07/24
 Butterbrodt, William 07/25
 Roe, Earl 07/25
 Toppin, Beverly 07/25
 Cleary, Jack 07/26
 Hulett, Audrey 07/26
 Ballard, Carol 07/27
 Ramer, Waltraud (Trudy) 07/27
 Sifferath, Sharee 07/28
 Tianen, Rachel (Rae) 07/28
 Cleary, Morgan 07/29

Fabish, Kathleen (Kathy) 07/30
 Morris, Elgin 07/30
 Arehart, Patsy 07/31
 Johnson, Marlene 07/31
 Mitchell, Charlie 07/31

Happy Anniversary!

Roller, Don & Jan 07/01
 McClure, Bob & Joyce 07/02
 Mitchell, Charlie & Lauren 07/04
 Norin, Bob 07/& Sharan 07/04
 Madzey, Carl & Cherie 07/05
 King, Kathleen & William 07/06
 Pepin, Jeff & Sally 07/06
 Tambke, James (Jim) & Norma 07/06
 Van Noy, Mary Faith & Dick 07/06
 Eilers, Mark & Winona 07/07
 Hodges, Donna & Wes 07/07
 Rush, Kenneth (Ken) & Mylet 07/07
 Jorgenson, Muriel & Orville 07/08
 Jurgens, Donna & Ronald 07/08
 Merrick, James & LaVia 07/08
 Manbeck, Jerri & Rich 07/10
 Sheridan, Gloria & Robert (Bob) 07/10
 Fite, Edward & Joy 07/14
 Gingrich, Monty & Sharron 07/18
 Toole, Donna & John 07/19
 Stemple, Gary & Sharon 07/21
 Dulaney, Janet & Steve 07/22
 LeQuire, Steve & Karen Kosanke 07/22
 Neil, Dean & Linda Broz 07/23
 Rhoton, Heather & Matthew (Matt) 07/24
 Norton, Delores & Lester 07/28
 Collins, Jim & Joan Glasgow 07/30
 Crawford, Gail & Gene 07/30
 Morton, Joseph (Joe) & Maureen 07/30
 Raffurty, Anita Larry 07/30
 Olson, Renee & Robert (Carter) 07/31



If your name isn't on this list (or you know of someone who should be), or if you find an error, please call the office with the information. We truly don't mean to make mistakes or to leave anyone out!

DONATIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

MAY	2013	2013	2013	2014	2014	2014	2015	2015	2015	2016	2016	2016
	General	Building	Worship All									
1st	24388	10799	794	24648	14061	818	28015	10132	859	21440	7420	1031
2nd	10306	3217	763	12712	2763	777	13248	5273	768	14358	10817	847
3rd	15695	9024	637	15108	8343	626	16815	6763	817	16893	6872	767
4th	9323	3653	532	7354	3128	590	11120	4549	562	11695	3931	785
5th	0	0	0	0	0	0	13452	3783	608	13872	2975	798
TOTAL	59712	26693	2726	59822	28295	2811	82649	30699	3704	78257	32014	4428



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

- ✝ Bus/Van Garage
- ✝ Food Bank Building — \$250,000 (\$100,000 given)
- ✝ Playground — \$20,000-40,000
- ✝ Stained Glass for upper Sanctuary windows — \$105,000 (\$3,000 per panel)
- ✝ Building Fund Loan Payoff (2015: Prepaid \$100,000)
- ✝ Organ Pipes



Electronic giving is a great way to make contributions! If you use any type of electronic payment system to satisfy your pledge and you change your pledge, remember you must also make the change to your electronic payment provider. Forms are available in the Church Office or can be emailed to you.

If you think we may have your missing item, stop by the Church Office and check out the "Lost & Found" box!



WATCH GCUMC LIVE!



Gone for the Summer? Watch the 8:00am & 9:30am services live by going to www.livestream.com a few minutes before service!

- ⇒ Click on "Watch" and "Search Events & Accounts..." and type in "Gold Canyon United Methodist Church"
- ⇒ Select GCUMC under "Accounts"
- ⇒ You can also view past services on the webpage!

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

August Roadrunner — 8am, Monday, 7/11/2016
Weekly Bulletin — 12pm Wednesdays
Flower Orders — 12pm Wednesdays to be listed that week

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SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

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

- ✝ 8:00am Adult Fellowship Class**
- ✝ 9:30am Children**
- ✝ 9:30am Youth (7th—12th grade)**
- ✝ 10:50am Children**

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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 Provided at ALL Services



Please help GCUMC Save Postage!

Make the switch and receive your Roadrunner Newsletter by email! You can even have it sent to multiple emails in the same household! Just fill out the below and place your completed form in the offering plate, mail it to us, or turn it into the church office. You can also email your request to churchoffice@goldcanyonumc.org.

1. **Name** _____ and _____
E-Mail _____

2. **Name** _____ and _____
E-Mail _____