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## FROM THE PASTOR: "LOOK AT JESUS"



Bible scholar N.T. Wright once was asked what he would tell his children if he knew he were going to die. He said, "Look at Jesus." He went on to explain:

The [Person] who walks out of [the pages of the Gospels] to meet us is just central and irreplaceable. He is always a surprise. We never have Jesus in our pockets. He is always coming at us from different angles... If you want to know who God is, look at Jesus. If you want to know what it means to be human, look at Jesus. If you want to know what love is, look at Jesus. And go on looking until you're not just a spectator, but part of the drama that has him as the central character.

So how do we look at Jesus? One way we look at Jesus is by reading scripture. During the season of Lent which leads into Easter, we are going to look at Jesus by focusing on the Gospel of John. All the scriptures in my Lenten sermon series "Gospel of John" will be taken from that Gospel.

We are also going to encourage you to read all twenty-one chapters of John between Ash Wednesday and Easter. That should be fairly easy since Lent starts on March 1st and Easter is on April 16th. Will you make the commitment to read 21 chapters in 47 days? To finish in time that means reading ½ a chapter a day. I think Lent is a perfect time to take a look at Jesus. I will see you on Sunday.

Grace and peace,

*Fred*

### Upcoming Sermon Series...

#### GOSPEL OF JOHN

- **March 12:** Word as Light & Life
- **March 19:** I Once Was Blind
- **March 26:** Is There One Way to God?
- **April 2:** Go Like Animals
- **April 9:** Message on the Cross

## PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEY CRUISE: OCTOBER 1-10, 2017



You are invited to join Pastor Fred and Beth on a 10-day cruise aboard the Azamara Journey to walk in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul. You may also extend the trip to spend two extra days in Rome and two extra days in Corinth and Athens. Brochures are in the Lobby or in the Church Office. Pastor Fred would be glad to answer questions or email a brochure if you email [revstein78@gmail.com](mailto:revstein78@gmail.com).



*"FOLLOWING JESUS, SERVING OTHERS"*



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

by Katharine Keller

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

### SIDEWALK CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Our children's outreach ministry continues to meet on Saturday mornings. Reaching out to and teaching children the word of God. The children live in Apache Junction, many of them do not attend

a Church, they often call "Sidewalk" their Church. Children arrive around 9:45am at our ministry site, Avalon School, 1045 S. San Marcos Dr., A.J. They have a snack, playtime, then we gather together for pledges, The Lord's Prayer, praise & worship songs, Bible stories, and lesson time. Children and adult "Shepherds" enjoy lunch together, this is fellowship time, enjoyed by all. Children really enjoy craft days, Sandy Mueller leads them in creating a special item to take home.

Twelve children attended our Church on January 29th, they enjoyed the experience of attending Sunday school classes. February 18th, was an uplifting, spiritual time at Sidewalk, a morning filled with praise & worship music. Mike Wittig played his guitar, one girl played her flute, we had many musical instruments to accompany the songs. March 18th, we will be taking children to volunteer at Feed My Starving Children, an organization that provides food to those that would go without, all over the world. The children will be packing nutritious meals for other children in need.

Sidewalk is sponsored by GCUMC, and we are very grateful to the congregation—our "Church Family"—for supporting this children's ministry. We have many serving opportunities within Sidewalk. You can make a tremendous difference in a child's life! We invite you to learn more about how to become a Sidewalk volunteer. All volunteers must undergo a background check. To learn more about how you can serve in this important outreach ministry, please call Sherry Hussein at (480)529-9621.

### UPDATE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING



Coins From Kids

Last month I mentioned that our current Sunday School offering from the children is going towards the remodel of the Mission Center. We would like to "purchase" one square foot at \$105 by the end of March. Currently the children have donated \$65 towards that end. Please encourage them to bring in donations... even small currency! The older students will understand and appreciate having a small part in making this project a reality.

### SUMMER CAMP!



The Desert Southwest Conference has a wonderful camp on Mingus Mountain near Prescott. We have sent many a student to Mingus Camp, including the Sidewalk Ministries children. The summer brochures are now available in the Education Building. The camp begins by offering a Younger Elementary Camp (ages K-3 with parent) June 2-4, but there are all sorts of camps for all ages. You may register online at [dscamps.org](http://dscamps.org). If you have any questions, please contact Katharine Keller.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Be sure to **Save the Date** for "Surf Shack," our theme for Vacation Bible School, coming June 19 – 23. VBS is open to 4 year olds through 5th grade. If you would

like to help that week, please contact Katharine. Be sure to watch for additional details coming in the future!

**Kidz Kanyon**

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



# TEAM OUTREACH

## WOMEN'S WINTER 1-DAY RETREAT

Great fellowship, worship and time with God... not to mention the great fun and friendships that were made!



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

# TEAM OUTREACH

## FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER!



In celebration of Fat Tuesday, otherwise known as Shrove Tuesday, we will be hosting our annual FREE all-you-can eat Community Pancake Dinner on our campus on **Tuesday, Feb. 28** from

5:00pm—7:00pm in the Education Building.

Dinner donations will be accepted that will benefit the Genesis Project, an organization that feeds those in need in Apache Junction. Come feast on pancakes before the season of Lent begins and bring a friend!

## THE BASKET SILENT AUCTION IS BACK!



Many of you will recall our basket Silent Auction from the last two years, the proceeds of which have gone to the Easter offering. The entries grew exponentially from the first year and it was tons of fun to see the creativity of the donors. The proceeds will again benefit the 2017 Easter Offering, which at this writing has not yet been chosen. This year's Silent Auction will run from Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup> until the Spring Eggstravaganza on April 9<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to make up a basket for this year's Silent Auction, here's what you need to do:

- ✝ **Find a fun container – basket, bucket, quilted bag, diaper bag, backpack, etc., and fill it with appropriate items.** For example, last year we had: a basket with dog treats; a jewelry package; a wooden cradle with a baby quilt, books and toys; an Italian dinner basket; a cookie bouquet, just to name a few. You may even be able to offer a boat ride or a cabin to use for a week, which you can include in your "package." Groups such as Bible Banter, CODA, and Stephen Ministry even had entries! Use your imagination! *(Our only request is that these creations not include alcohol.)*
- ✝ **Complete a registration form for the item you are donating with the approximate value attached.** The forms will be available in the Church Office, the Welcome Center and in the Education Building.
- ✝ **Have the basket completed and submitted to Katharine Keller no later than Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>,**

**so that the baskets can be organized.** If there is anything that perhaps may be perishable, please include a picture so people know what is supposed to go in the basket.

If you wish to donate money, someone will create a basket on your behalf. If you have any questions, please contact Katharine Keller in the church office. The baskets will be displayed in the Narthex beginning March 12<sup>th</sup> so that people can bid on these marvelous baskets all month, with the **final bidding on April 9<sup>th</sup>.**



## SAVE THE DATE!

Get ready for our Annual Spring Eggstravaganza, scheduled for Palm Sunday, April 9th! If you would like to help, please contact Katharine Keller in the Church Office.

Also, if you would like to help get the breakfast ready for Easter Sunrise service on April 16th, please also let Katharine know.

## Parking Lot Greeters Needed!



*... especially for the months of March and April, we are looking for volunteers who will greet cars as they come into the south and north parking lots each Sunday for both services. These greeters may also point people in the direction of open parking spaces if necessary.*

*We feel this is an added layer of radical hospitality offered to our members and first-time guests. If you are interested in serving in this capacity at least once or twice, please contact the Church Office. Safety vests will be provided.*





### Country News from Bob

We had it all on January 29th at 5:00pm! The guys from Legacy Quartet stayed around long enough after their concert to sing a couple songs at the beginning of the Country Western service (Guys in jeans singing Southern Gospel at a cowboy service—that was a phenomenon!). That was followed by the music of Ron, Tara & Chris Houser throughout the service.

The Koinonia Room was packed for the message given by Jeanne Honsaker about her call from God that took her from the business world to join Exodus Road in the fight against human trafficking. One woman spoke for everyone when she said, “I know everyone left church tonight feeling so blessed to have Jeannie and her husband, The Houser Gang, and Legacy.” I personally felt totally drained. It was an incredible service, and I thank you forever!” (by the way, Jeanne is my daughter!)

There is always room for more and we would love to have you join us.

### Bob Deits

Please note Pastor Bob’s new contact information is now:

6209 E. McKellips, #264  
 Mesa, AZ 85215  
**Phone:** (602)615-6634  
**Email:** [RDeits@cox.net](mailto:RDeits@cox.net)



*...and the list goes on.*  
 Enough cannot be said about the gratitude we have for our volunteers! You are each such a blessing to our church and community... both near and far, and we couldn’t get it all done without you.

No matter what the ministry(ies) or mission(s) in which you serve, we come together as the hands and feet of Christ when we volunteer. Another blessing we get when we come together to serve our Lord is the opportunity to connect with other church family members, and forge precious relationships that otherwise may not have occurred.

If you would like to learn more about areas in which you can serve/get involved, visit:

<https://secure.accessacs.com/access/mydashboard/sgavailablegroups.aspx>

... or contact:

- ✝ Jane Hayes (Volunteer Coordinator)
- ✝ Colette Bos (Local Missions)
- ✝ Rev. Fay Quanstrom (Global Missions)

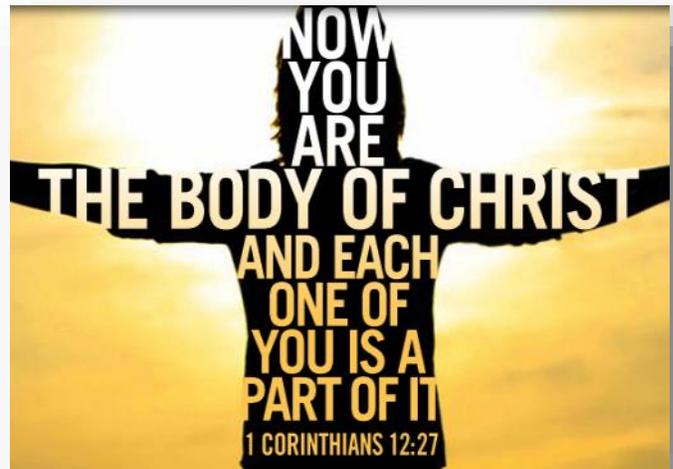
May God bless you all,

*Riechia Ralston*



### The Exodus Road

For those of you who have requested additional information about the work of The Exodus Road, and how you can support their efforts, please visit their website at [www.TheExodusRoad.com](http://www.TheExodusRoad.com) or contact Jeanne Honsaker directly at [Jeanne@TheExodusRoad.com](mailto:Jeanne@TheExodusRoad.com).





# GCUMC Youth Group News

By Beth Steinberg, Youth Director



## YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2017... WILL YOU BE A SHAREHOLDER?

Our Youth Group will be heading off to Colorado Springs, CO this summer to attend a week long service project sponsored by Next Step Ministries. Over the last three years, Colorado Springs has seen a rise in homelessness. Just this past year, the homeless population was up nearly 6% with youth homelessness up 7%.

We will be participating in building projects for families, outreach events to the community, service projects that meet the food and shelter needs of those who are in need. Along with Next Step Ministries, we will be partnering with local churches in the area and Family Life Services which focuses on rebuilding the lives of single moms and their children. Type of work we may be doing: building repair such as apartment remodels, flooring, roofing and landscaping at Family Life Services as well as working at a food pantry or serving meals at a local shelter.

In order for the youth to financially attend this mission trip, would you consider being a shareholder? The cost per share is \$400, half a share is \$200, a quarter share is \$100, but any amount is greatly appreciated. As a shareholder, you will receive a letter from the youth plus you will be invited to attend a "Thank You Dinner" where you will see a video and hear stories from the teens about their experiences in Colorado Springs. These trips are life changing for the participants as well as the people they are serving! If you wish to donate, please mark your checks or giving envelopes to "Youth Group Mission Trip".

Our youth not only help with mission opportunities, but they volunteer to be communion servers, liturgists or greeters on the first Sunday of each month at the 9:30am worship service. It is such a blessing to have the youth so active in our church and in the community! Thank you so much for your financial support and especially for your prayers!



Blessings,  
*Beth*



**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

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR—MARCH 2017		
Sun., 3/5	NO YOUTH GROUP	
Sun., 3/12	STRATAM LASER TAG <i>(2 games for \$16; Bring extra \$ for DQ)</i>	2:15pm—Meet at the Church 5:30pm—Approximate return
Sun., 3/19	YOUTH GROUP	6:30pm—8:30pm Education Building
Sat., 3/26	YOUTH GROUP	6:30pm—8:30pm Education Building



## MUSIC NOTES

Douglas J. Benton  
Director of Music Ministries



March is here! The beginning of Spring is on its way. I always look forward to God's great gift of beauty with the desert wildflowers and so much more. I love Arizona and especially Gold Canyon in the springtime!

If you have thought about singing with our fabulous Chancel Choir, please come join us. No audition required. We just ask that you are able to sing on pitch and read music a least a little. We meet on Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the Music Room. If you want to try us out, come to the Music Room (north side of the Sanctuary) a little early so we can get you signed up for a folder and some music. If you have any questions, please give me a call or come up to the Organ after church.

We have several more exciting musical events for you this month! First, on **Sunday, March 5 at 2:00pm** the combined Choirs of GCUMC, Our Savior's Lutheran Church (Gold Canyon) and Apache Junction High School will present **Antonio Vivaldi's** famous **Gloria** with orchestra and soloists, including our own Cindy Hoff and her good friend and colleague, Rena Sue Brown. I hope you will plan on coming to hear this great, beloved work, second in popularity only Handel's Messiah. If you cannot be here on Sunday afternoon, it will be presented again at the Apache Junction High School, just north of Hwy 60 on Ironwood on the following Tuesday night, **March 7th at 6:00pm**. The Performing Arts Center is located on Southern, just east of the District Offices on Southern and Ironwood. Soloists will be students, including our own Anne Anderson.

The Gold Canyon Arts Council is presenting **Everything Fitz – the Fitzgerald Family Fiddlers and Dancers** on Friday, **March 10 at 7:30pm**. Discount coupons will be available at the Welcome Center on Sunday, March 5, and in the Office after that until Friday noon. Coupons are for \$7.00 off the \$25.00 Ticket Price at the door, but must be redeemed at Canyon Rose Storage, 2 blocks north of the church, by noon on Friday.

Next, is the internationally renowned **Svyati Duo** from Great Britain (London), featuring Rebecca Hepplewhite, Cello and Julian Collings, Organ in concert on Sunday, **March 19 at 2:00pm** in the **Sanctuary**. This interesting duo, formed in 2009 after their first collaboration as conductor and cellist for Sir John Tavenor's masterpiece, Svyati for Cello and Orchestra, which is where they got their name. Tavenor became their Patron the following

year and remained so until his death in 2013. They have toured throughout the world and their performances and recordings have been unanimously acclaimed by critics in Europe and the US. Come hear this unique combination of instruments performed by world class, expert musicians! All proceeds will go to the Pipes for the Organ Fund.

Finally, **Sunday, March 26**, we will once again present the incredible Christian pianist, **Jerry Nelson** on our 9'3" Petrof, Mistral Concert Piano. This very popular pianist will play a great program of hymns, classics, contemporary Christian music, and perhaps some surprises! This concert will begin at **2:00pm** in the **Sanctuary**.

The Gloria, Svyati Duo and Jerry Nelson 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 Gold Canyon United Methodist Church's Food Bank. These concerts are a great way to introduce new people to our church. So, bring your family, friends and neighbors to an afternoon – or evening – of great music! They will certainly be glad you did! Have a great month!

Love and blessings,

*Doug*

## PLEASE JOIN UNCOMMON GRACE...



...on 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 worship service afterwards! It's a great way to start off the week!



## 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**

revstein78@gmail.com  
480.982.3776

✠ **Rev. Bob Deits, Assoc.**

rdeits@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 prayers of the community, please let one of the pastors or the church office know so they can be included on the prayer list.

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”*

*~ Philippians 4:6 ~*

In addition, 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 listed below:

✠ **Stephen Ministers**, highly-trained lay people, provide quality, confidential, Christ-centered support to those experiencing grief, illness, divorce, etc.

✠ 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, or Stephen Ministries by contacting Katharine Keller.

## HOW CAN WE HELP?



**MindMenders** is a support group 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**.

For more info, contact Jeanette at (480)671-9888.



**Cancer Support Group** provides spiritual support, love, friendship and a helping hand to cancer patients, caregivers and their families, and meets weekly on **Wednesdays at 10:30am** in the **Emmaus Room**. Contact Dee Ashe at (480)924-5483, (480)685-7175, or [deenashe7580@gmail.com](mailto:deenashe7580@gmail.com).



**Emotional Wellness Support Group** provides tools for self understanding for those who are suffering from depression and for helping others and meets weekly on **Wednesdays at 1:00pm** in the **Emmaus Room**. Contact Rev. Fay Quanstrom in the Church Office or [fay.quanstrom@gmail.com](mailto:fay.quanstrom@gmail.com).



**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 addressed them in his book, *Life After Loss*, now in its 5th edition. The 6th edition will be coming out in the Spring of 2017 and chronicles the loss of his wife, June. 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 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](mailto:gcumcprayers@gmail.com).



## GLOBAL MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

*Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor*



### HERE'S WHAT OUR PEOPLE SAID...



*Linda Crane, Katelyn Crane, Logan Dale, Nancy Denman, Pete Denman, Bev Hain, Ellen Hoiland, Diana Linton, Ginger Martindale, Audrey McFarland, Craig McFarland, Randi Olson, Fay Quanstrom, Sandy Tyler, Rich Hoiland and Judy Welch*

... about the Mission Work Trip to Costa Rica:

- ✝ "This was a great trip!"
- ✝ "This is the best \$1400 I've ever spent."
- ✝ "CR was a most rewarding experience for me. Can't get it out of my head or my heart."
- ✝ "I'm signing up for next year; I really want to go back."
- ✝ "I received far more than I gave."

### HERE'S WHAT RICE AND BEANS MINISTRY DID IN 2016...

- ✝ Hosted groups from 40 US churches and six other countries
- ✝ Built relationships for our Lord doing acts of compassion
- ✝ Delivered food and prayed with 12,300 families
- ✝ Provided school supplies and teacher materials for 25,000 children
- ✝ Repaired homes for six under-resourced families
- ✝ Bought uniforms and shoes for 5,230 children
- ✝ Delivered 5,000 children's dresses
- ✝ Constructed Sunday school room/dining room for a local church
- ✝ Started five new home Bible studies and trained leaders for them
- ✝ Obtained mattresses, bedding and towels for Upala hurricane victims
- ✝ Prepared plans for new facilities for Rice and Beans Ministry

*Thank you for your gifts to this ministry through GCUMC!*

### GLOBAL MISSIONS PROJECTS

GCUMC concentrates our giving and involvement in these world areas: Global Missions Advance Needs,



and



## SCRIP BUS/VAN PROGRAM UPDATE



Did you know that since October 2002, the SCRIP Bus/Van Program has raised over **\$163,000**? These funds purchased gas, licenses, insurance and maintenance on our two vehicles that are used to bring people to church and take our Youth to events like the yearly Mission trip. Soon we will have a covered structure to help protect our vehicles from the Arizona sun and heat!

Also, did you know that the SCRIP Program costs those using it **absolutely nothing**? All you have to do is use any—or all—of the below methods to do your shopping! Bashas', Fry's and Smile.Amazon.com help non-profit organizations—like GCUMC—by giving a rebate on purchases. The Bashas & Fry's Shoppers cards must be **obtained from and/or be connected to GCUMC**.

⇒ **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 at the Welcome Center or Church Office in denominations of \$20, \$50 or \$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*), 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.



For more information, visit the Welcome Center between worship services on Sunday morning, the church office during the week, or call Betty Rolley (480)380-0147 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... It's a WIN-WIN situation!*

## PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!



Terri Catt



Gaylord Kruger



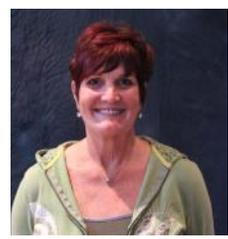
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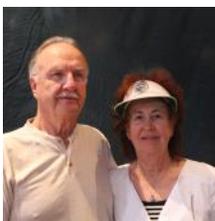
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Anita & Pete Carner



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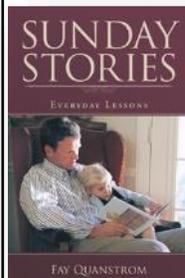


Paul & Barb Henry



Mary Beth & Jim Noe

### NEW BOOK BY REV. FAY QUANSTROM "SUNDAY STORIES: EVERYDAY LESSONS"



Did you know Pastor Fay is an ordained minister who has served as pastor of churches in Illinois and Arizona as well as at Westminster Central Hall, London, England? She earned her master's degree in Old Testament and a doctor of ministry in preaching from Northern Seminary, Lombard, Illinois.

This book is a collection of children's stories that illustrate how Scripture truths "live" in the life of a child has just been published by Westbow Press and is now available on Amazon, Kindle, Nook, etc.

Each of Pastor Fay's sermons for children is in the form of a "Harvey story" and connects one preschooler's experiences with biblical truth. Stories open the spiritual eyes of a reader or hearer of any age to God's work in everyday life, and a brief prayer and scripture text for devotional use conclude each story.

For more info, visit her website [www.FayQuanstrom.com](http://www.FayQuanstrom.com).

stephen ministry



by Kim Shroyer on behalf of the Stephen Ministry Team

## ONLY 2%? SURELY I CAN COVER THAT...



[Original Photograph  
by J. Buglewicz Photography]

At one of the early Gold Canyon Art Festivals several years ago, I walked by a photographer's booth which had the photograph of this lovely little girl on display. It captured my attention for quite some time...I walked away but later

returned. Initially I couldn't put my finger on what had me so mesmerized. Then the photographer explained the story behind the photo:

He was travelling in a foreign country, one with not nearly the amenities most of us enjoy in the United States. As a matter of fact, during those travels he encountered incredible poverty, hunger and sadness. On this particular day his party stopped for lunch, a picnic along the way. This little girl came over to them and one of his party gave her a boiled egg. She took it, sat on a nearby step, became lost in the peeling process, with every focus in her small body on that one item, one task – as if it were the most important thing in the world. He was immediately captured by her intensity on something so “insignificant” to him prior to this moment, yet she had what appeared to be such a difficult life.

Of course I bought the picture. It has been a focal point in my office or home ever since. It reminds me on an almost daily basis to focus on the important things in life. (well, it would be daily if more often than I'd like to admit I didn't get so self-absorbed that I can walk by it without noticing it) It makes me think about what is important in my life right now. It makes me examine the blessings in my life, and to re-think what types of things I am worrying about.

A friend of mine recently told me something she had heard that I thought was hilarious – Worrying really does work...98% of what I worry about never happens!

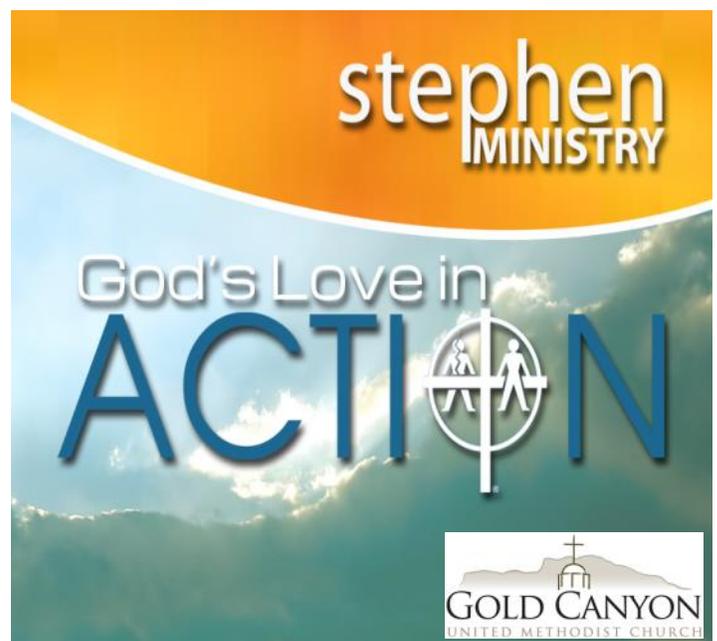
Now, that would really be hilarious if it were that easy not to worry. But alas, that's not life. Sometimes things such as my photograph can keep our worrying in check. Sometimes prayer works easily for us. Often, being around friends, family and other loved ones divert us to

a carefree path. But every now and then, none of those things work. We need an extra boost. Worry overwhelms us. We might even find ourselves in such an imbalance that we are worrying 98% of the time, and worry-free for only 2%! We can end up wasting energy on something that God tells us will do us no good.

If you are there right now, consider asking a fellow Christian to take your hand and walk beside you on your path to releasing some worry. A Stephen Minister is a lay minister who will walk beside you, keeping everything in complete confidence. Just call (480)283-4861 or the Church Office, send an email to [Stephen.Ministry.GCUMC@gmail.com](mailto:Stephen.Ministry.GCUMC@gmail.com), or check the box beside “Desire a Stephen Minister” on the Sunday morning attendance pad.

“So do not worry about tomorrow,  
for tomorrow will bring worries of its own.  
Today's trouble is enough for today.”

~ Matthew 6:34 ~



## LOCAL MISSIONS & OUTREACH

*Is God calling you to step forward and become more involved*



*To contact individual Coordinators directly,  
visit <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/mydashboard/sgavailablegroups.aspx>*

**LOCAL MISSIONS (Umbrella team supporting all Local Missions Ministries)**— Provides supplemental funding for all Local Missions Ministries as needed. Supports special requests from the pastor and church staff for youth, education and outreach programs and projects. Financial support is appreciated and can be made through the church office or designated in church service donation envelopes. Contact Colette Bos (480)983-2517.

✝ **ANGEL TREE** – In October our Angel Team begins a two-month Christmas Mission. Our clients and partners who are referred to us are from: Project Help, Hope Women’s Center, GCUMC Foodbank, and Sidewalk Sunday School families. The program provides each child with 5 wrapped items that include clothing, shoes, socks and a toy, and adults with a gift card, as well as a family food box and Basha’s gift card.

✝ **FOOD BANK** – Has provided non-perishable foods and frozen meat, bread, pastries, fresh fruit, vegetables, hygiene items and pet food to those in need for more than 22 years. Open Monday—Friday from 8:30am—12:00pm, with each family receiving emergency bags of groceries, depending on the size of their family.

✝ **GENESIS PROJECT** – Offers clothing, shower vouchers, a hot meal and a to-go meal to the hungry and homeless in the Apache Junction and Gold Canyon area. The Genesis Project is located at 564 N. Idaho Rd. in Apache Junction and is open Monday through Friday, noon to 2:00pm. Those interested in volunteering, donating or providing financial support for this extremely important local mission are encouraged to contact the Church Office.

✝ **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** – Everyone, everywhere, should have a healthy, affordable place to call home. Purchasing a Habitat house helps families break the cycle of poverty and build long-term financial security. With an affordable, stable home, families have more to spend on food, medicine, child care, education and other essentials. We are always looking for volunteers to assist in the renovation, in providing lunches, and cash gifts in any amount to support this special ministry. For more details and information, please contact Joe and Maureen Morton at (602)284-2826.

✝ **HONEY DO MINISTRY** – Provides skilled dedicated volunteer handyman services at no cost! Contact John and Nancy Hill at [lynnelake@att.net](mailto:lynnelake@att.net) or 907-232-8203

✝ **OPEN BOOKS / OPEN HEARTS** – Enriches children’s lives from toddler to teen by giving them books of their own. In conjunction with the GCUMC Food Bank, children of foodbank clients are invited to take a new children’s book home with them at no charge. This ministry also provides a book for each child referred to us through the Christmas Angel Tree ministry. Financial donations to this ministry can be made at the Church Office.

✝ **ST. ANDREW’S CLINIC** – Helps families in Sonora, Mexico seeking medical care in Nogales, AZ. Call 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.

✝ **SOFIE’S START** – Provides emergency household needs (some furniture and home interior items) and long term mentoring to help families get back on their feet. Contact Diana Linton (480)229-0706 or Earl Beasley (602)384-3074.

✝ **STITCHES UNLIMITED** – Makes quilts and afghans for adults in skilled nursing facilities, Angel Tree families, children at St. Andrew’s Clinic in Nogales, Apache Junction Child Crisis Care Center, and lap robes for residents of local nursing homes. Anyone interested in joining others in this ministry are invited to come. Contact the Church Office.

# MINISTRY & MISSION

## Updates

### GENESIS PROJECT



Thanks to the congregation for the clothing donation. Our guest really appreciate having something warm to wear during the cold winter months.

Tax Credit opportunity for 2016 is still available. You have until April 15, 2017 to take advantage of the 2016 state credit. Genesis tax credit forms are available in the lobby. Riedel at (414)350-1466.

### HIKING IN THE SPIRIT



This ministry not only lifts you physically, but spiritually, too! It's not too late to join and enjoy what God has created. We typically meet in the GCUMC south parking lot every Tuesday at 8:00am to commute to the trailhead. In regards to inclement weather (colder or warmer), I will tell you via email if we need to meet an hour later, or an hour earlier. Depending where you live, you can also meet right at the trailhead.

The new hikes this March are:

- ✚ 7th—White Canyon to waterfall (south of Superior off Hwy 177)
- ✚ 14th—Goldfield Valley end of Idaho down to Masques (part of Bulldog Canyon)
- ✚ 21st—Miners Needle, start at Peralta trailhead, 28th Hackberry Springs via Garden Valley (hikers can meet at the end of 1st Water, but park in Horse Trailer parking lot).

I am also doing an extra hike for those hardy enough. On Thursday, March 2nd is the Canyon Lake Hike, which is a favorite among many hikers. This hike is a seven and a half mile long trek through the middle of the Superstitions, after which we eat lunch at the restaurant by the lake. Please contact me for further information.

Hikes are interpretive sometimes, teaching about the desert plants and animals that live here, as well as how to generally survive in the desert. Hikes vary in difficulty and are typically 3—5 miles, but sometimes as short as 2 hours, or more than 4 hours. Due to travel time, the entire trip may be 5+ hours, this is why I ask hikers not to plan appointments for the day. We hike on established

trails—some flat & easy and some hilly for a medium hiking ability. I will keep you informed how easy or hard the hike is every week.

Please be sure to share expenses with your driver if you're commuting. It is also recommended you bring 2-3 liters of water, a snack or lunch, good hiking shoes/boots, layers of clothing, a jacket & gloves (depending on the temperature), a wide hat, sunscreen, and other items possible needed items (*medications, walking sticks, sunglasses, etc.*) and a light knapsack to put it all in. For more info or to request this season's Hiking Schedule, please contact Jim Riedel at (414)350-1466 or [jariedel12@yahoo.net](mailto:jariedel12@yahoo.net).

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We are looking forward to participating in building a home with the Sarray family in Tempe this winter as part of our membership in the Superstition Coalition of churches in the East Valley. The location is 1937 E. Don Carlos, Tempe, AZ 85281, near the Loop 101 and Main Street/Apache Blvd.

The Sarray family moved to the United States in 2012 to escape the dangers and threats of fatal punishment from ISIS in Baghdad, Iraq. Nawres and Mina are raising their two children Marine and Eisa, ages 4 and 2, in a rented two-bedroom apartment in Tempe. They want to provide their kids with a safe, stable home and a backyard to play. This will be a normal 16-week build for our coalition of churches. Gold Canyon UMC will have an opportunity to build on 3/11, 4/8 and 4/22.

Please pray for this ministry and consider donating money or time to this effort. Please mark your check memo for Habitat for Humanity, or make your contribution online at [www.GoldCanyonUMC.org](http://www.GoldCanyonUMC.org). Thanks so much for your ongoing support of this ministry. For more info, contact Joe and Maureen Morton (602)284-2826 / [MoandJoeM@aol.com](mailto:MoandJoeM@aol.com).

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)



Saturday, March 4th in the Koinonia Room is the first UMW meeting! If you'd like to get involved, please contact Joy Bliss at (505)270-7085 (cell) or [joybliss42@gmail.com](mailto:joybliss42@gmail.com).

## STITCHES UNLIMITED



Piles of quilts, stuffed animals, toys, and toiletry bags are filled and ready to go to St. Andrews Clinic. What a blessing! Thanks to all of you for your donations of fabric, toiletries, toys and time. We could not do this ministry without you. Because of your continued response, we have been able to branch out and have enough quilts to give to Sidewalk Sunday School kids, local senior care facilities, and other places of need.

Our growing group meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month (throughout the summer, too) from 9:00am until 2:00pm. We bring our own lunches and enjoy a great time of fellowship and work together. We have the fabric already cut into kits with instructions. Some of the ladies make up those kits by cutting fabric, some bring their sewing machines and sew the kits together, (we do have 3 sewing machines here to use if you do not wish to bring your own) some iron, some make binding. Some ladies like to quilt using their sewing machines or put on binding. We have a job for everyone.

And remember Matthew 25:40 which says, "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'"

For info call Bonnie Becker at (480)250-9652.

## BIBLE BANTER MINISTRY



We meet Monday at 9:30am in the Emmaus Room, and everyone is welcome! We use Grow, Pray, Study (GPS) as a discussion guide, and we also discuss the Sunday sermon. Questions? Call Skip at (480)216-3039.

## HONEY-DO MINISTRY



If you need help with minor home repairs (*changing smoke alarm batteries, mounting TVs, installing screen doors, replacing GFIs, etc.*), call John & Nancy Hill (907)232-8203.

## DESERT DINERS MINISTRY



If you are new to the church or a long-time member and would like a way to meet new people (couples/singles) while enjoying a meal/event once a month, why wait? Contact Carol Lindaman at [carollindaman@gmail.com](mailto:carollindaman@gmail.com) or (480)982-0429.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Below are a few photos from the first day of the build. Second one is of the family.



# ASH WEDNESDAY

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## ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

### MARCH 1ST AT 7:00PM IN SANCTUARY

Our church will mark the beginning the Season of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, March 1st at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Ash Wednesday derives its name from the ashes placed on the foreheads of worshippers after celebrating Holy Communion. The ashes are a reminder of our mortality and the time of reflection during the forty days of Lent which actually begin with the First Sunday of Lent. The choir will sing an anthem and Rev. Fay Quanstrom will give the mediation.



## GOLD CANYON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## 2017 PERFORMANCES AND EVENTS SCHEDULE

03/05/17	Sun	2:00pm	<b>Vivaldi's "Gloria"</b> Combined Choirs of GCUMC, Our Savior's Lutheran and AJHS
03/10/17	Fri	7:30pm *	<b>Everything Fitz</b> The Fitzgerald Family Fiddlers and Dancers from Canada
03/19/17	Sun	2:00pm	<b>Svyati Duo</b> Internationally renowned Organ and Cello duo from England returns
03/26/17	Sun	2:00pm	<b>Jerry Nelson</b> Outstanding Christian pianist plays our 9'3" Petrof <i>Mistral</i> Concert Grand
04/07/17	Fri	7:30pm *	<b>Poulenc Trio</b> World renowned trio of Piano, Oboe and Bassoon performs
04/09/17	Sun	3:00-5:00pm	<b>Eggstravaganza!</b> For kids, families and the entire community
04/13/17	Thu	7:00pm	<b>Maunder Thursday Service</b> With special music by the Choir, and Communion
04/14/17	Fri	7:00pm	<b>Good Friday Service</b> With special music by the Choir and Organ
04/16/17	Sun	6:00am	<b>Easter Sunrise Service</b> In the north parking lot with Special Music and Communion
04/16/17	Sun	8, 9:30am	<b>Easter Festival Services</b> With Choir, Handbells, Brass, Timpani and Organ
04/16/17	Sun	10:50am	<b>Easter Praise Service</b> With <i>Uncommon Grace</i> leading worship
04/16/17	Sun	5:00pm	<b>Easter Country/Western Service</b> With the <i>Houser Gang</i>

\* Indicates a ticketed event for a fee presented by the Gold Canyon Arts Council's Canyon Sounds series. Inquiries 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 United Methodist Church Food Bank.

Dave Ramsey's

**Financial** *Peace*  
UNIVERSITY

Financial Peace University (FPU) is much more than a money class. FPU is a marriage class, a dreams & goals class, a confidence booster for singles, a discipleship class for growing believers and much more!

Through the class, we learn about relationships and money. This includes how our financial decisions impact the relationships around us, and how to work together as married couples in handling financial decisions based on biblical principles. Singles in the class learn strategies for managing finances that build confidence and self-accountability. We explore how our financial decisions reflect who we are, our goals and dreams, and what is important to us.

When it comes to managing money, this class will teach you how to become debt free, prepare for the future, and get on a plan together. The average family that goes through FPU has an \$8,000 financial turnaround in just the first 90 days!

This is the 5th class we've had the honor of leading, and through this journey, my husband and I have paid off \$148,000 of consumer debt. Our calling is to help others follow the same path to financial stability, then on to financial independence.

Gold Canyon United Methodist Church will be hosting Financial Peace University beginning Saturday, March 18th through May 13th at 9:30 a.m. Scholarships are available. You can sign up at the front desk or contact me at [kmkalik@gmail.com](mailto:kmkalik@gmail.com) / (480) 277-5894.

Through grace, leading families to financial stability and independence,

*Katelin Kalik*



P = Patio EB = Educaton 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](http://www.goldcanyonumc.org) or call the Church Office)**

Wed Mar 1	All day 9:30am 10:30am 1pm 1pm 1pm 1pm 1pm 5pm 7pm 7pm	Ash Wednesday Music Library Activities (MR) Cancer Support Group (ER) DISCIPLE 1 (ER) DISCIPLE 1 (SoGR) Emotional Wellness Support Group Village Voices Rehearsal (MR) Pioneer Club (ER) Ash Wednesday Service (S) Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)			
Thu Mar 2	9am 10am 1pm 6:30pm	Class: "Lord Change My Attitude" (ER) Study: The Jesus I Never Knew (SoGR) Prayer Shawl Ministry (ER) Choir Rehearsal (MR)			
Fri Mar 3	5:30pm	AA (ER)			
Sat Mar 4	10am 10am	Sidewalk Ministry (Avalon Elementary School) UMW Mtg (KR)			
Sun Mar 5	8am 8:30am 9:30am 9:30am 9:30am 10:50am 10:50am 2pm 5pm 6:30pm	Traditional Worship (S) Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR) Children & Youth Sunday School (Educ Bldg) Traditional Worship (S) Youth Participate in Worship (S) Children's Sunday School (NAR) Praise Worship (KR) Vivaldi's "Gloria" Concert (S) Country Worship (KR) NO Youth Group			
Mon Mar 6	9:30am 10:30am 1pm 1pm 3pm 7pm 7pm	Bible Banter (ER) Men's Study: Quiet Strength (SoGR) DISCIPLE 3 (ER) Grief Support Mtg (SoGR) Stephen Ministry (SoGR) Al-Anon (SoGR) CoDA Mtg (YR)			
Tue Mar 7	4pm 5pm 5:30pm 5:30pm 6:30pm 7pm	DISCIPLE I (ER) Stephen Ministry Training (SoGR) One in the Spirit/Houser Gang Rehearsal (KR) Team Outreach Mtg (MR) Canyon Carillon (S) Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR)			
Wed Mar 8	9:30am 10:30am 1pm 1pm 1pm 5pm 7pm	Music Library Activities (MR) Cancer Support Group (ER) DISCIPLE 1 (ER) DISCIPLE 1 (SoGR) Emotional Wellness Support Group (YR) Pioneer Club (ER) Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)			
Thu Mar 9	9am 10am 3pm 4pm 6:30pm	Class: "Lord Change My Attitude" (ER) Study: The Jesus I Never Knew (SoGR) Master Class: Everything Fitz (S) El Mirador Community BoD Mtg (KR) Choir Rehearsal (MR)			
Fri Mar 10	10am	Mind Menders (ER)			
Sat Mar 11	10am 5:30pm 7:30pm	School Program: Everything Fitz (S) AA (ER) GCAC Concert: Everything Fitz (S)			
Mon Mar 12	10am 8am 8:30am 9:30am 9:30am 10:50am 10:50am 2:15pm 5pm 9:30am 10:30am	Sidewalk Ministry (Avalon Elementary School) Traditional Worship (S) Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR) Children & Youth Sunday School (Educ Bldg) Traditional Worship (S) Children's Sunday School (NAR) Praise Worship (KR) Youth Group Outing (Stratum Laser Tag) Country Worship (KR) Bible Banter (ER) Men's Study: Quiet Strength (SoGR) ***Tentative*** Funeral: Jim Serrine (S/KR)			
Mon Mar 13					
Tue Mar 14	1pm 1pm 7pm 7pm 9am 4pm 5pm 5:30pm 6:30pm 7pm	DISCIPLE 3 (ER) Grief Support Mtg (SoGR) Al-Anon (SoGR) CoDA Mtg (YR) Stitches Unlimited (ER/SoGR) DISCIPLE I (ER) Stephen Ministry Training (SoGR) One in the Spirit/Houser Gang Rehearsal (KR) Canyon Carillon (S) Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR)			
Wed Mar 15	9:30am 10:30am 1pm 1pm 1pm 5pm 7pm	Music Library Activities (MR) Cancer Support Group (ER) DISCIPLE 1 (ER) DISCIPLE 1 (SoGR) Emotional Wellness Support Group (YR) Pioneer Club (ER) Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)			
Thu Mar 16	9am 10am 1pm 6:30pm 5:30pm 9:30am 10am 3pm 8am 8:30am 9:30am 9:30am 10:50am 10:50am 2pm All day 5pm	Class: "Lord Change My Attitude" (ER) Study: The Jesus I Never Knew (SoGR) Prayer Shawl Ministry (ER) Choir Rehearsal (MR) AA (ER) Sat Mar 18, 2017 Financial Peace University (ER) Sidewalk Ministry (Avalon Elementary School) Set-Up: Svyati Duo (S) Traditional Worship (S) Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR) Children & Youth Sunday School (Educ Bldg) Traditional Worship (S) Children's Sunday School (NAR) Praise Worship (KR) Concert: Svyati Duo (S) Youth Ski Trip (off campus) Country Worship (KR)			
Fri Mar 17	5:30pm 9:30am 10am	AA (ER) Sat Mar 18, 2017 Financial Peace University (ER) Sidewalk Ministry (Avalon Elementary School)			
Sun Mar 19	3pm 8am 8:30am 9:30am 9:30am 10:50am 10:50am 2pm All day 5pm All day 9:30am 10:30am 1pm 1pm 3pm 6:30pm 7pm 7pm	Traditional Worship (S) Traditional Worship (S) Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR) Children & Youth Sunday School (Educ Bldg) Traditional Worship (S) Children's Sunday School (NAR) Praise Worship (KR) Concert: Svyati Duo (S) Youth Ski Trip (off campus) Country Worship (KR) Youth Ski Trip (off campus) Bible Banter (ER) Men's Study: Quiet Strength (SoGR) DISCIPLE 3 (ER) Grief Support Mtg (SoGR) Stephen Ministry (SoGR) Ad Council Mtg (MR) Al-Anon (SoGR) CoDA Mtg (YR)			
Mon Mar 20	4pm 5pm 5:30pm 6:30pm 7pm 7pm	DISCIPLE I (ER) Stephen Ministry Training (SoGR) One in the Spirit/Houser Gang Rehearsal (KR) Canyon Carillon (S) Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR)			
Tue Mar 21	4pm 5pm 5:30pm 6:30pm 7pm 7pm	DISCIPLE I (ER) Stephen Ministry Training (SoGR) One in the Spirit/Houser Gang Rehearsal (KR) Canyon Carillon (S) Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR)			
Wed Mar 22	8am 9:30am 10:30am 1pm 1pm	Newsletter Team (MR) Music Library Activities (MR) Cancer Support Group (ER) DISCIPLE 1 (ER) DISCIPLE 1 (SoGR)			

	1pm	Emotional Wellness Support Group (Youth)
	5pm	Pioneer Club (ER)
	7pm	Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)
Thu Mar 23	9am	Class: "Lord Change My Attitude" (ER)
	9am	Lions Club Mtg (SoGR)
	10am	Study: The Jesus I Never Knew (SoGR)
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR)
Fri Mar 24	10am	Mind Menders (ER)
	10am	Piano Tuning (S)
	5:30pm	AA (ER)
Sat Mar 25	7am	Community Garage Sale (S Parking Lot)
	9:30am	Financial Peace University (ER)
	10am	Sidewalk Ministry (Avalon Elementary School)
Sun Mar 26	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	8:30am	Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (Educ Bldg)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (NAR)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (KR)
	2pm	Concert: Jerry Nelson (S)
	5pm	Country Worship (KR)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (7th-12th); (YR/KR/ER/K)
Mon Mar 27	9:30am	Bible Banter (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (ER)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (SoGR)
	7pm	AI-Anon (SoGR)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (YR)
Tue Mar 28	9am	Stitches Unlimited (ER/SoGR)
	4pm	DISCIPLE I (ER)
	5pm	Stephen Ministry Training (SoGR)
	5:30pm	One in the Spirit/Houser Gang Rehearsal (KR)
	6pm	Trustees Meeting (Pastor's Ofc)
	7pm	Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR)
Wed Mar 29	9:30am	Music Library Activities (MR)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (SoGR)
	1pm	Emotional Wellness Support Group (YR)
	5pm	Pioneer Club (ER)
	7pm	Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)
Thu Mar 30	9am	Class: "Lord Change My Attitude" (ER)
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR)
Fri Mar 31	5:30pm	AA (ER)



## EASTER LILIES 2017

It is time to order your Easter Lily in honor or in memory of a loved one, and we are pleased to offer floral quality plants (18"-23" tall w/ 3-5 blooms) for \$12.00 each.

To order, please complete the below Order Form along with payment and:

- Make checks payable to "GCUMC" with "Easter Lily" in the memo section.
- Bring completed form with payment to the Welcome Center on Sunday or to the Church Office during the week.

Easter Lilies will be placed in the Sanctuaries for enjoyment during the Easter season. **You may take yours home after Easter Sunday.** A booklet listing those who gave lilies will be available during Easter Day services. Please contact Church Office with questions.



**LILY ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED  
NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, APRIL 2nd**

### EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

I am ordering a lily in Memory of:

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I am ordering a lily in Honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_

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Payment of \$12.00 for each is enclosed

TOTAL PLANTS: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: : \_\_\_\_\_



**ARE YOU  
USING IT  
YET?**

To use AccessACS, you must have an email address on file in the Church Office. To confirm you have an email address on file and get set-up to use AccessACS for the first time, send an email to:

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

We will then send you a email with login information.

You can also have the Church Directory on your phone using the Church Life app!



# MARCH CELEBRATIONS

## Happy Birthday!

Bright, Teresa 03/01  
 Schlee, Arthur (Art) 03/01  
 Martindale, Warren 03/02  
 Messmer, Richard (Dick) 03/02  
 Bobier, Shirley 03/03  
 Broderson, Gerald (Brodie) 03/03  
 Denman, Nancy 03/03  
 Graba, Joseph (Joe) 03/03  
 Enerson, David 03/04  
 Minatree, Johnny 03/04  
 Moore, Kathryn 03/04  
 Muir, Vyrn 03/04  
 Nielsen, Claudine 03/04  
 Peterson, Sherrill (Pete) 03/04  
 Tippie, Peggy 03/04  
 Aspenson, Orland 03/05  
 Bilensky, Nancy 03/05  
 Nolan, Lavoyce 03/05  
 Aldridge, Rebekah (Becky) 03/06  
 Eisentraut, Arnie 03/06  
 Falk, Ellis 03/06  
 Pino-Franks, Sandy 03/06  
 Beam, Jacalyn (Jackie) 03/07  
 Sheridan, Jonathon 03/07  
 VanderRoest, Roberta (Bobbie) 03/07  
 Weaver, Michael (Mike) 03/07  
 Wittstock, Ron 03/07  
 Finley, Marjorie 03/08  
 Fitzpatrick, Inge 03/08  
 Junkermeier, Flo 03/08  
 Norin, Bob 03/08  
 Walker, Ron 03/08  
 Annin, Frank 03/09  
 Engbrecht, Jackie 03/09  
 Kinder, Richard (Dick) 03/09  
 Smith, William (Rex) 03/09  
 Bird, James (Mark) 03/10  
 Bose, Dorothy 03/10  
 Ervin, Richard 03/10  
 Lane, John 03/10  
 Myers, Mary Catherine 03/10  
 Neil, Dean 03/10  
 Rush, Mylet 03/10

Van Slooten, Charlene 03/10  
 Keenan, Erin 03/11  
 Leach, Don 03/11  
 Leverage, Glen 03/11  
 Warren, Dorothy 03/11  
 Allensworth, John 03/12  
 Bradshaw, Nancy 03/12  
 O'Gary, Richard 03/12  
 Lang, Charles (Charlie) 03/13  
 Merrick, LaVia 03/13  
 Potter, James (Jim) 03/13  
 Wilson, Peg 03/13  
 Clark, JoAnn 03/14  
 Donovan, Patrick 03/14  
 Larsen, David 03/14  
 Nelson, F Lee 03/14  
 Riley, Loren 03/15  
 Burhans, Judith 03/16  
 Hare, Wilma 03/16  
 Shroyer, Donald (Pat) 03/16  
 Sweeney, Deborah (Debbie) 03/16  
 Hacker, Arline 03/17  
 Boldt, Gary 03/18  
 Cherry, Suzanne 03/18  
 Krull, Julie 03/18  
 Poppe, Karen 03/18  
 Richter, John (Jack) 03/18  
 Steinberg, Beth 03/18  
 Sheridan, Gloria 03/19  
 Wilson, Betty 03/19  
 O'Brien, Cecilia 03/20  
 Steinberg, Timothy 03/20  
 Storbakken, Terrance (Terry) 03/20  
 Bennett, William (Bill) 03/21  
 Brown-Thoms, Esther Ann 03/21  
 Eilers, Winona 03/21  
 Rasmussen, Ann 03/21  
 Fillion, Paul 03/22  
 Bachler-Palmer, Lori 03/23  
 Gingrich, Monty 03/23  
 Hartman, Brooke 03/23  
 Minatree, Hope 03/23  
 Morganegg, James 03/23  
 Callantine, Ronald (Ron) 03/24  
 Gavin, Gordon 03/24

Meskimen, Jim 03/25  
 Primeau, James 03/25  
 Scharringhausen, Joyce 03/25  
 Kennedy, Barbara 03/26  
 Koepf, Carolyn 03/26  
 Mueller, Gary 03/26  
 Carlson, Velma 03/27  
 Sebring, Barbara 03/27  
 Johnson, Neil 03/28  
 Fite, Edward (Ted) 03/30  
 Riedel, James 03/30  
 Adams, Jennifer 03/31  
 Fite, Joy 03/31  
 Moore, Nellie 03/31

## Happy Anniversary!

Whalen, Patrick & Wendy 03/01  
 Crane, Steven & Linda 03/05  
 Bentley, Allen & Martha 03/08  
 Adamski, Edward & Carol 03/10  
 Haraldson, Richard & Sebring, Barbara 03/10  
 Hunter, Gary & Betty Lou 03/11  
 Sawyer, Tom & Barbara 03/11  
 Schoeff, Gary & Rose 03/11  
 Graham, Larry & Jean 03/13  
 Van Slooten, James & Charlene 03/14  
 Ficarra, Joe & Willa 03/15  
 Kappler, Wesley (Wes) & Margie 03/18  
 Sweeney, Dan & Debbie 03/18  
 Browne, Mark & Kimberly 03/20  
 Kohan, Theodore & Joyce 03/20  
 Martin, John & Darla 03/20  
 Sauerbrunn, Gary & Diane 03/21  
 Schaefer, Jeffrey (Jeff) & Crista 03/21  
 Workman, Paul & Janice 03/23  
 McAuliffe, William & Claudia 03/24  
 Smith, William (Rex) & Alice (Charlene) 03/24  
 O'Donnell, Michael & Cheryl 03/27  
 Tabor, Robert & Leslie 03/29  
 Johnson, Mark & Shirley 03/30  
 Warren, Harry & Lovena 03/30  
 Warren, Ranford & Dorothy 03/30  
 Hare, Robert (Bob) & Wilma 03/31

*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!*



### WATCH GCUMC LIVE!

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Be sure to click on "FOLLOW" so you'll be notified any time GCUMC is streaming live — which makes 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).



### Arizona Tax Credit

A new Arizona bill increased the amount of tax credits to qualifying charitable organizations. Individuals may now claim up to \$400 and couples \$800. Donate to Genesis Project of Arizona directly and receive a tax credit to offset your 2016 Arizona state taxes. We are a faith-based 501 (c)3 fully funded by donations and staffed by volunteers.

Mail donations to: Genesis Project; PO Box 5156; Apache Junction AZ 85178. Questions?... Contact Mid Carlozzi (480)255-7757.

[www.GenesisProjectAZ.com](http://www.GenesisProjectAZ.com)

## DONATIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

JAN	2014			2015			2016			2017		
	General	Building	Worship									
<b>1st</b>	26923	9083	1698	43512	14063	1715	25445	8366	1792	28979	5770	1422
<b>2nd</b>	21969	4126	1670	40557	2562	1930	21145	4089	2109	25658	3948	2325
<b>3rd</b>	25151	5695	1780	22175	4739	1970	26212	1916	2234	30125	9295	2395
<b>4th</b>	20298	5589	2219	22366	5593	2169	26206	3773	2266	21660	3791	2427
<b>5th</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	26969	2155	2328	30671	5680	2774
<b>TOTAL</b>	96341	26693	7457	128609	26957	7784	125875	20297	10729	127092	28483	11343

### CHARITABLE IRA ROLLOVER PROVISIONS



The enactment of HR Bill 637 in 2015 made permanent the provision within the IRS Tax Code enabling donors age 70.5 and over to make direct gifts to qualified charities via their IRA's

WITHOUT owing income tax on those withdrawals. Key details include:

1. All such IRA transfers must be made directly from the IRA Custodian to the qualified charity.
2. Donors must be 70.5 years and over and own a traditional IRA. Other retirement plans such as pensions, 401(k), 403(b), or charitable trusts, donor advised funds, etc. are not eligible.
3. The transfer generates neither taxable income, NOR a deduction for those who itemize.
4. The transfer may be used to meet annual IRA required minimum distributions (RMD).
5. You may transfer from your IRA maximum gifts of \$100,000 per calendar year.
6. Should your IRA Custodian require the GCUMC Tax ID: 86-0621002. To make a bank wire transfer from your IRA directly to our Wells Fargo GCUMC Account please contact the Office Manager (480-982-3776).

For further details please consult your financial advisor or IRA Custodian; or contact Terry Parsons via the Church Office.

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

## LOST & FOUND



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



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

- Bus/Van Garage (*Given; in process of being built*)
- Missions Center — \$350,000 (\$211,668 given)
- Playground — \$20,000-40,000
- Stained Glass for upper Sanctuary windows — \$105,000 (\$3,000 per panel)
- Building Fund Loan Payoff
- ✚ Organ Pipes

### ROADRUNNER & BULLETIN DEADLINES

#### March Roadrunner

8:00am, Tuesday, 3/7/17 **(FIRM)**

#### Weekly Bulletin & Flower Orders

12pm Wednesdays of week to be listed

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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.*

**† 9:30am Children**

**† 9:30am Youth (7th—12th)**

**† 10:50am Children**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**8:00am & 9:30am**

**TRADITIONAL ~ Sanctuary**

**10:50am**

**PRAISE ~ Koinonia Room**

**5:00pm**

**COUNTRY ~ Koinonia Room**

*(Childcare available at all Services)*