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FROM THE PASTOR: "NEW & APPROVED"

Elon Musk is a prominent entrepreneur. He started PayPal, Tesla, SpaceX and Solar City. He seeks to advance electric vehicles, tourist space travel and renewable energy. He has pushed the envelope in all these fields. He is also working on tunneling under cities to build highways underground so people might avoid rush hour. His projects are difficult and challenging. I applaud him for his hard work to advance technology to deal with human problems.

His views on religion though are far different from what I believe. In an interview with Rolling Stone magazine in November of 2017, Elon Musk was asked the following:

✝ **Do you believe in God?**

"I try to let the weight of evidence determine my opinion."

✝ **Do you have a spiritual practice?**

"Not really. I believe in science."

✝ **What do you think happens when you die?**

"I think you cease to exist. I hope I'm wrong in a positive way. But most likely, you're just gone."

What Christians believe is way different than what Elon Musk believes. We believe that Jesus came to show us a better way of life. He came to show us a new and improved way of life that doesn't end in ceasing to exist.

In the six weeks leading up to Easter we will explore some Christian concepts that dramatically improve our lives. The series will appropriately conclude with the greatest improvement of all... Resurrection! I will see you Sunday.

Grace and peace,

Fred

NEW & IMPROVED!

SERMON SERIES

- ✝ March 17 – New Menu
- ✝ March 24 – Pray Like...
- ✝ March 31 – Stop Trembling
- ✝ April 7 – Worrywart
- ✝ April 14 – Instead of Doubts
- ✝ April 21 – Resurrection



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

by Pastor Katharine Keller

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

SIDEWALK MINISTRY



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

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

- ✝ Visit to Feed My Starving children
- ✝ Rep from Phoenix Zoo
- ✝ Craft Days With Sandy
- ✝ Music with GCUMC's Uncommon Grace Praise Team

If you aren't bringing your children, grandchildren, they are missing out. Join us and see what Sidewalk Ministry is about! Also, if you love kids, have a special talent to share with kids, or are just a good listener, we'd love to have you serve as a Shepherd or Driver/Chaperone! You are always welcome to join us as often as your schedule allows. All Shepherds require a background check for the safety of the children.

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019



Vacation Bible School is coming June 3rd—7th! Our theme this summer is: *"ROAR; Life is Wild - God Is Good!"*

As in the past, VBS is free and open to the public. We need dedicated men and women who would like to volunteer for the various VBS activities — Small Group Leaders, games, mission, storytelling, teaching preschoolers, etc. The program typically runs every day from 9:00am—12:00pm. Please contact Katharine as soon as possible because planning is already underway!

**Kidz
Kanyon**

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



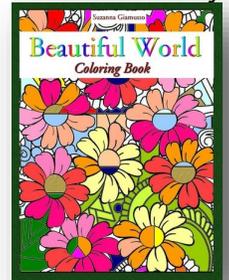
LENTEN STUDY

Watch for Bulletin announcements regarding our upcoming Lenten Study!

GRANDPARENTING AT A DISTANCE

Living far from grandchildren makes for some special challenges when it comes to staying connected. Non-preachy opportunities to influence grandchildren spiritually may feel especially limited, but we all want to connect in meaningful ways with our young people. Here are two ideas that can be useful for a wide variety of ages.

The Beautiful Word Coloring Bible makes a lovely gift, especially for girls. The hardcover NIV edition is less than \$25 on Amazon and contains hundreds of line drawings to color, each illustrating a Scripture verse on an adjacent page. Follow-up conversation comes naturally, especially if grandma is also coloring the drawings in her coloring Bible. "Have you done...?" "What are you working on?" "That verse is so important to me."



In addition, You Version Bible App is available free from the App Store. Look for a brownish icon imprinted "Holy Bible." With this app a person can locate any Scripture verse or passage. The site posts a "Verse of the Day" and also has reading plans, verse illustrations, and friend connections, all free. Share this with your techy grandchildren and one never knows the fruit that may result! "I'm using the You Version app." "What verse have you read lately?" "I thought of you when I read this." These thoughts could ignite most meaningful dialogue with your precious grandkids.



FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER!



Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner returns! In celebration of Fat Tuesday, otherwise known as Shrove Tuesday, Team Outreach will be hosting our annual FREE all-you-can eat Community Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, March 5th from 4:30pm—6:40pm in the Education Building! No reservations are necessary. Donations will be accepted to benefit the Genesis Project, an organization that feeds those in need in Apache Junction. Come feast on pancakes before the Lent Season begins and bring a friend!

OUTDOOR MOVIES FOR MARCH & APRIL

✠ Friday, March 22 at 7pm: "Get YETI for a fun ride!" *Smallfoot* turns the Bigfoot legend upside-down when a bright young Yeti finds something he thought didn't exist—a human! This epic story about friendship and courage is a "great movie for everybody, big, small, hairy... and otherwise!"



✠ Friday, April 26 at 7pm: Join the celebration, sing and dance and discover how it all began with *Mama Mia, Here We Go Again!* You're invited back to the magical Greek island of Kalokari in a musical sequel based on the songs of ABBA.



SUMMER CAMP AT MINGUS

Save the Dates for Summer Camp at Mingus!

- ✠ June 17-22: Elementary Camp/Junior High Camp/Senior High Leadership Camp
- ✠ July 8-13: Elementary and Junior High Camp

Katharine Keller will be deaning the camp in July. Brochures are not yet available and registration is not yet open, but if you would like more information, please contact Katharine in the Church Office .



IT CAN'T BE EASTER ALREADY!

No, the weeks of Lent still lie ahead, but as we look to Easter, we can begin to consider our Easter offering opportunity for Global Missions. Our Administrative Council has approved the Dental Suite Project for Fellowman International in Honduras.

Fredy Rivera, a local Honduran, studied computer science in high school, but at University moved to dentistry as his career. His sister is also a dentist. Fredy's faith statement declares, "I stand firmly in what I believe, following the example of the Man who lived on this earth more than two thousand years ago."

For Fredy to practice dentistry effectively in the area that FMI serves, additional equipment is needed, including a dental chair, lamp handset delivery system, suction and water bowl, hand pieces, instruments, supplies, and an x-ray system.

Our Easter Offering goal of \$30,000 can cover this equipment as well as a year of his salary (\$11,040)! This would bring improved dental health to an entire Honduran community and beyond, strengthening the mission and outreach of Fellow Man International. Would you pray about the part that the Lord would want to have in this opportunity for service in his name?

SPRING SILENT AUCTION



Easter falls late this year – 4/21 — but it's not too early to start thinking about our annual spring silent auction! For the last several years congregation members have assembled baskets or contributed pieces of artwork to auction off. Pastor Katharine must have donated baskets or works of art submitted by March 25th, as a couple of weeks are needed for people to view—and bid—on the items before the final bidding on Palm Sunday (and the Eggstravaganza). As always all monies raised will go towards this year's Easter Offering, a dental suite for Fellowman International. If you feel you cannot design a basket, you are welcome to donate money towards a basket that someone else will make up for you. Please contact Katharine with any questions. Donation forms will be available mid-February.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!



John & Sally Miller



Jim & Susan Gunn



Jane & Don Manack



Ed Lunn



Judy & Rick Peterson



*McKenna
Peterson*



Larry Bargren



Judy Heath



T.J. & Michelle Witucky



HOW CAN WE HELP?

- ✝ **Cancer Support Group** provides spiritual support, love, friendship and a helping hand to cancer patients, caregivers and their families. **Wednesdays** at **11:00am** in the **Emmaus Room**. Contact Dee Ashe at (480)685-7175 or deenashe7580@gmail.com.
- ✝ **AlAnon**: Mondays at 7:00pm in the Sea of Galilee Room.
- ✝ **Alcoholics Anonymous**: Fridays at 5:30pm in the Emmaus Room.
- ✝ **CoDA (Codependence Anonymous)**: Mondays at 7:00pm in the Emmaus Room. All welcome; 12-step program with the common purpose of developing healthy relationships.
- ✝ **MindMenders** provides support for caregivers of Alzheimer's and other dementia-disease patients and meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday of each month at 10:00am in the Education Building. *Contact Nancy (480)982-3686.*
- ✝ **Grief Support Group** is for those who have experienced a major loss such as the death of a loved one or divorce. The leader of the group, Rev. Bob Deits, has been working extensively with these issues for 36 years and addresses them in his book, *Life After Loss*, now in its 6th edition. The book chronicles the loss of his wife, June, and is now available in the office for \$14.00. Please accept Bob's invitation to attend the Grief Support group he leads every **Monday** from **1:00pm—2:00pm** in the **Martha Room (Missions Center)**. For questions or to speak with Bob privately, you may call him at (602)615-6634.



Youth Group News

By Beth Steinberg, Youth Director



WOULD YOU LIKE TO DONATE TO THE SUMMER YOUTH TRIP?

Our Annual Shareholder Dinner was on Feb 2nd. This dinner is a thank you to those who have donated to our youth ministry program and the summer mission trip. There were 116 people who attended the dinner. It was a great evening of food, fellowship and hearing the stories told by the youth about their experiences on the mission trip. Thank you all for coming and supporting our youth!

Our youth group has been participating in summer service project trips for many years, but I realized that some of our youth have never been to summer camp. So this year, I wanted to try something different. There is an amazing Christian Camp called Hume Lake in California. It is such a popular camp that when I registered for the camp on the date and time they told me to call, the camp was filled within 10 minutes! So we were put on a waiting list. We won't find out until the end of February if we get into this camp. If we don't get into this camp, I have a Plan B. I have made a reservation with Next Step Ministries for a mission trip to Crownpoint, New Mexico to work on the Navajo Reservation. We will go to Crownpoint if we don't get into the Hume Lake Camp.

In order for our teens to financially attend summer camp or the mission trip to Crownpoint, would you consider donating to the youth group? Whether it is summer camp or a service project, these trips are life changing for our youth! If you wish to donate, please mark your checks or giving envelopes to "Youth Group Summer Trip."

Thank you so much for making these trips possible each year!

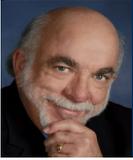
Blessings, *Beth*



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY CLASS
(7th—12th Grades)
Sundays at 9:30am in the Educ. Bldg.
Creative Bible lessons & discussions!

YOUTH GROUP
(7th—12th Grades)
Sundays 6:30pm in the Educ. Bldg.
Fun, faith-based programs and fellowship!

YOUTH CALENDAR — MARCH 2019			
Sun., 3/3	ICE SKATING <i>Cost \$8.50 plus \$ for food</i>	12:15pm 1:00pm 3:45pm	Meet at GCUMC ***OR*** Meet at AZ Ice Approximate return
Sun., 3/10	YOUTH GROUP	6:30—8:30pm	Education Building
Sun., 3/17	YOUTH GROUP	6:30—8:30pm	Education Building
Sun., 3/24	YOUTH GROUP	6:30—8:30pm	Education Building
Sun., 3/31	YOUTH GROUP	6:30—8:30pm	Education Building



MUSIC NOTES

Douglas J. Benton
Director of Music Ministries



Time is going by so fast, it feels like we are just March-ing through the calendar! Okay – sorry about that!

If you would like to join the **Chancel Choir**, we would love for you to share your voice with us! No audition – all we ask is that you can sing on pitch and read music at least a little. I will take care of everything else. If you have any questions, please give me a call at the church. Give this some thought, then join us on **Thursdays at 6:30** (first time come 15 minutes early so we can get you signed up with a folder and music).

Our annual trek to **Organ Stop Pizza** is **Wed., March 20 at 11:00am** with Head Organist, **Lew Williams**, the best theatre organist in the world, playing on the largest Theatre Pipe Organ in the world! Cost is \$8.50 (cash only – ATM onsite) which includes a salad, all the pizza you can eat and the Musical Program. Drinks and ice cream are on your own. Come and be dazzled by the Lew, and have some good eats. The pizza *IS* good! If you want to ride share, meet at the church at 10:30. Otherwise, Organ Stop is located on the southwest corner of Stapley and Southern, next to the Walgreens. Don't miss the east side glass (outside) to see the massive blowers for the organ, and the outside front of the building to see the very rare 32' Contra Diaphone and 32' Tuba pipes in a glass enclosed chamber!

Speaking of Pipe Organs, our **Pipes for the Organ Fund** is growing rapidly now thanks to many families donating on a weekly or monthly basis! Our fund is now well over \$90,000 towards the \$160,000 we need to finish this project. Our **Celebration of Music** event on **Sun., 3/24 at 2:00pm** will feature all of the music groups that I work with, and all have decided to offer their talents at no charge so all the proceeds from this concert will go directly to the Pipes Fund! Thank you, Agape Brass, pianists, singers, Orchestra, Canyon Carillon, and even the Rice Brothers, who will perform, all donating their talents! This will be my last concert, and will feature a lot of organ music in addition to all the other music, and will be very memorable... I promise!

We are trying to raise money to purchase 3 ranks (sets) of pipes to add to our Rodgers Digital organ. Rodgers has successfully integrated actual wind-blown pipes and electronics since the 1970's. The pipes would include a 16' Principal rank in the pedal which would be extended through 4' pitch, and an 8' rank plus a 4' rank of Principal pipes for the Great division, spread across the wall above and behind the Choir and Handbells. We would then bring the speakers out of their current chamber with the very small opening and place them behind the pipes so they all sound together. Rodgers Organ are unique in that they are the only true stereo organ – each division has an "A" and a "B" channel with it's own amplification and speakers, so the sound mixes incredibly well, and will be stunning! If you would like to help us, please make a check payable to the church and put either Pipes or Organ in the memo section.

Of course, if you have any questions, please just give me a call. I would love to talk with you about this!

The Gold Canyon Arts Council is also helping us by donating the proceeds from the **Bach and Sons** concert on **Fri., 3/29 at 7:30pm**. This very special experience includes Dr. Jeannine Jordan, Organist with David Jordan, an expert multi-media technician, presenting the life of J. S. Bach as seen from the eyes of four women very important in his life, and features the music of J. S. In addition to some of his sons, as played by Dr. Jeannine on our 3-manual, Rodgers *Trillium* Organ with MIDI. All the proceeds will go to our Pipes for the Organ Fund. Tickets are available from Canyon Rose Storage, Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce or the Arts Council's website: www.goldcanyonarts.org

Other events this month include **Mac Frampton**, Pianist, performing for us on **Sun., 3/3 at 2:00pm** on our fabulous 9'6" Petrof *Mistral* Concert Grand Piano. Last time Mac was here, he said this is the finest piano he has ever played, and he has played literally all over the world! He was one of the earliest finalists in the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. Mac was at Van Cliburn's home and was being challenged by other competitors to play music "on demand" and when Van Cliburn heard how well Mac played, he told him "this is what you should do for your life's work!" – so this is what he does. He will ask the audience to give him a list of pieces – classical, theater, popular, hymns, whatever, and he will improvise a medley including all the tunes. He is truly a gifted master at the piano!

Also, we are bringing once again, my very good friend, **Dr. Edith Copley** and the internationally renowned **Shrine of the Ages Chorale** from **Northern Arizona University**. Shrine has traveled all over the world, including China, Europe, Australia, North Africa and Europe, and are truly one of the absolute finest collegiate choral ensembles in the world! The concert is on **Sat., 3/9 at 7:00pm** in the Sanctuary.

They are bringing with them the **NAU Harter Memorial Handbell Choir** that I founded in 1989 after the Harter family donated a 5-octave set of Malmark Handbells to the university, and directed them through the year 2000. I still go and work with the Harter handbells every fall during the NAU Choral Union Retreat, and am very pleased how Dr. Copley has supported the handbell program. She gives a Masters in Music student a scholarship to NAU and that person will direct the Harter handbells for a year or two. They are truly one of the very best, and one of the few, collegiate handbell programs in this country.

A lot going on, and it's all very, very good! Bring your family, friends and neighbors to these events! You will be very glad you did, and so will they!

My love to all in Christ's name,

Doug



2018-2019 PERFORMANCES & EVENTS

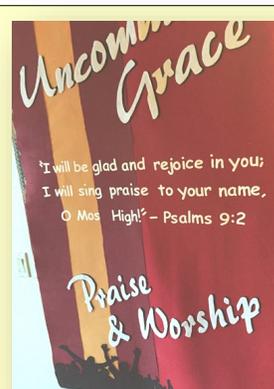
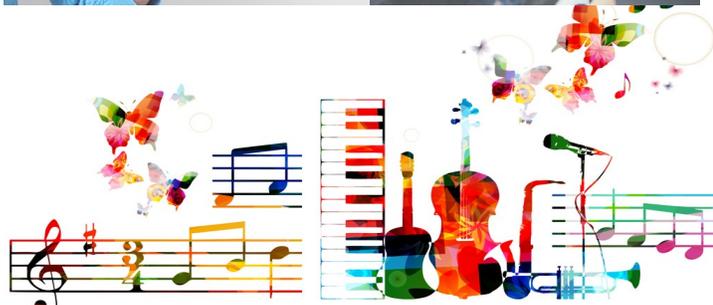
2/08/19	Fri 7:30pm	*	Philadelphia Big Brass ...featuring Rodney Marsalis, trumpet
2/10/19	Sun 2:00pm		The Incredible Rice Brothers ...both are virtuoso pianists and cellists
2/17/19	Sun 2:00pm		Erin Downey ...“the finest handbell soloist I’ve ever seen!” – Doug Benton
2/22/19	Fri 7:30pm	*	The Lettermen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

* Indicates a ticketed event for a fee presented by the Gold Canyon Arts Council’s Canyon Sounds Series. Inquires and/or ticket information can be received via phone (480)983-2171 or online at www.gcac1.com. All other concerts are presented by the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church’s Performing Arts Series and are open to the public at no charge as an offering will be received. We do ask that everyone please bring at least one non-perishable food item per person for the Gold Canyon UMC Food Bank. Thank you for your patronage!

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



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

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

A Note from Bob & Nancy



Thank you to all the people who sent Get Well cards and Prayers during the 26 days I was in a hospital and rehab facility. It was a momentary mistake that's going to take months to fully recover.

Nancy's skills as a retired nurse were such that I would still be in some facility if it weren't for her. I lost about 10 pounds over the past 26 days... It's not a diet plan that I would recommend!

I will begin preaching at the 5:00pm service again on February 24th. I am so grateful to David Worley, Fay Quanstrom and all who have filled in for me.

It is an honor and privilege to be able to say, "I will see you in church!"

Peace and joy,

Bob Deits & Nancy Meise-Deits



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Two workshops are scheduled for Tue., 3/19 in the Esther Room (MC) that will include both presentations and Q&A sessions. No pre-reservation nor fee is required. Open to all, guests may attend both sessions or either of choice:

- ⇒ 1:30pm–1:30pm: *"Making Final Arrangements – Why, When & How"* Chad Davis of Mariposa Gardens Funeral Services will explore various options and costs for traditional burial services, cremation, interment, etc., as well as GCUMC's Columbarium will be discussed.
- ⇒ 3:00pm–4:30pm: *"Tax-Advantaged Charitable Giving Strategies in 2019"* Terry Parsons from GCUMC's Finance Committee will detail the impact of the "Tax Cuts & Jobs Act" on charitable giving, IRA Charitable Rollover gifting, donation of appreciated stock holdings, "Donor Advised Funds", "Bunching Deductions", capturing Arizona tax credits for Arizona residents, 529 Accounts, role of Desert SWUMC Foundation in estate planning, etc.

- Sat., 3/22 on GCUMC parking lot
- Contact "The Garage Sale Gal" (Lynda Hammond) at Lynda@GarageSaleGal.com for more info

GCUMC ANNUAL GARAGE SALE



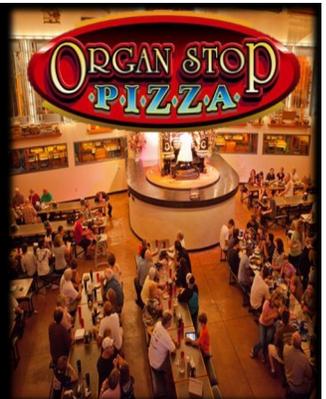
- Dates: 6/3-6/7
- Need adults & teens to help
- Adding Preschool this year!
- Please contact Katharine in the Church Office



All Church Luncheon!

- March 20th – 11:00am
- \$8.50/pp (drinks not included)
- Includes program by Lew Williams on the largest Wurlitzer Theater Pipe Organ in the world!

See Bulletin for more details



GLOBAL MISSIONS

Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor



COSTA RICA TRIP TO RICE & BEANS

Gold Canyon's team of ten spent January 19-26 in Costa Rica working with Rice and Beans Ministry. You will recall that our 2018 Easter offering was dedicated to purchasing food bags for this ministry. Thank you for your generous support of brothers and sisters in Christ who have so little for basic necessities.



assisting with placement of steel two-by-fours, washing and painting girders, cutting wire, and tying rebar baskets. After lunch we packed food bags (rice, beans, masa, dry milk) and went door-to-door in various neighborhoods delivering these gifts of food and praying with family members.

Caryl and Charlie Lang, Rosemary and Duri Arquisch, Randi Olson, Dolores Clausen, Bob Moyer, Pam Pitman, Kay Merrill, and Fay Quanstrom worked on construction each morning,



We were often invited into the modest homes and also saw utter poverty and incredible crowding in sub-standard living conditions. One family with



"nothing" pressed a gift of gratitude for our prayers, a few garlic cloves, into our hands! "Out of her poverty she gave what she could," Jesus said



of the widow and her mite. We also gave dresses, t-shirts and wooden toys, sent with us by generous craftspeople, to the children. Another aspect of the 2019 trip was the presence of another volunteer

group with whom we worked and served.

We shared delicious meals and rich times of evening worship, as well as outdoor communion on the worksite at the end of the week. Each of us dropped a prayer or Scripture promise into the hole in which a citrus tree was then planted. These and the remainder of the poured-out Communion elements will nourish the tree as it takes root, grows, and produces fruit. On our final day we visited Waterfall Park in the cloud forest, where an abundance of butterflies and hummingbirds, as well as rescued wildlife, birds, snakes, and amphibians are displayed next to a successive trio of waterfalls. God blessed us with safety, great fellowship and new experiences during our week in this beautiful country.



The 2020 trip is planned for January 11-18. Won't you consider being part of this adventure with God?





**PASTORAL AND
CONGREGATIONAL CARE**
Dr. David Worley

ADAPTABILITY

After World War II, a then well-known department store chain, Montgomery Ward made a critical decision. The leadership decided NOT to move to suburbia where many people were choosing to live. In contrast, Sears and Roebuck chose to make a change and relocate its stores, even though if the experiment had failed the chain would have been financially devastated. The Montgomery Ward stores ultimately failed and Sears thrived. Ironically, what happened to Wards is now happening to Sears because the chain has emulated the mistakes of its counterpart. The lesson from this anecdote from retail history is clear: we must adapt. This is true more so today than ever given our technological advances.

What does it mean to adapt? The word has been used in various contexts and in some cases has a specific meaning. But, in general it means to respond positively to change. Change is a troubling word to many of us, but it is inevitable and the evidence that this is the case is overwhelming. If you doubt it, just look in the mirror!

Adaptability is the key to positively facing change. The Apostle Paul explains in I Corinthians 9:22 that he was adaptable. He said, "I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some." It is important that you read the context of this verse, so I encourage you to find this passage and read from verses nineteen through twenty-three. Paul, of course, was not saying that he was morally adaptable and would do whatever needed to be done to reach others with the Gospel; this would be contradictory. He is, however, saying that he adjusted to the situation at hand in order to share the Good News.

When Paul preached in Athens both in the synagogue and the Areopagus, which was the center of temples of worship and the Greek high court, Paul adjusted his message by creating common ground with the crowd. He noted that they had an idol to the "unknown God" and explained the Gospel in order to strip away the misunderstanding prevalent in their community and introduce them to the One True God revealed in Jesus.

We, too, must be adaptable personally and congregationally. If we become brittle we are more likely to break. It is so easy for us to become rooted in our rut that we fail to experiment or take a risk in order to stretch ourselves. I think this is especially true as we age. Well, at least it is true for me; I like predictability more than ever! But I encourage all of

us to be open to a new avenue of thinking or a new adventure in experience or a new level of spiritual growth. This will likely add years to our life and life to our years.

Adaptability is also important for our congregation. GCUMC has already gone through many changes from its early days of worshipping in an elementary school to the current church campus and the many ministries that occur each week. However, more change is ahead; it is inevitable. As one example, not long ago if you were unable to attend a worship service, you simply missed it. Now, we live stream our services so that those who are unable to attend can watch online. Is it the same as actually attending worship? Not in my opinion. But, we have adapted in order to meet people where they are so that we fulfill our mission as a church.

How will we individually and congregationally deal with these and other changes? I suggest we adopt Paul's philosophy. We make our priority to share the Good News of the Gospel and then adapt our methods in order to enable our mission. As our pastoral staff heard when we attended the Leadership Conference at the Church of the Resurrection last year, "our methods and our ministries may change but our mission, our message and our Master do not." Where is God leading us to change as a congregation? How can we refine and readjust our methods in order to fulfill Christ's directives to reach others with the Good News? And, where do we need to adapt individually in order to support our church's vision and mission? I am not just talking about money, although as our Pastor has reminded us recently during Stewardship Sundays our giving matters. Rather, how might we adjust our thinking, praying and volunteering to join hands together to reach out to those who do not yet know our Savior?

I think the same kind of questions may be asked about how we care for one another. What fresh approaches might we consider to enliven not just direct pastoral care but our care of one another? As an example, let's suppose we have missed someone in worship for a couple of weeks, how do we respond? Someone may say, "Well, call the pastors and tell them." What if, instead, we picked up the phone to check on them or sent an email or card? This doesn't seem particularly earth-shaking, but just imagine what would happen if we all began this practice. I believe not only would we bless others, but we too would be blessed. I invite you to think about ways that together we can adapt our thinking and action so that we give and receive care from one another. While I believe we already enjoy a culture of caring at GCUMC, I am sure we can adapt in order to make our efforts even more impactful.

Pastoral CARE



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

Rev. Fred Steinberg, Senior Pastor

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

Rev. Bob Deits, Associate Pastor

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

Rev. Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor

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

Dr. David Worley, Director, Congregational Care

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

Pastor Katharine Keller, Associate Pastor

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

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

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

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



Prayer Chain Ministry

Please email prayer requests to gcumcprayers@gmail.com.

THE BOOK SHELF

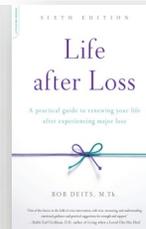


"Sunday Stories: Everyday Lessons" by Rev. Fay Quanstrom is a collection of children's stories illustrating how Scripture truths "live" in the life of a child. Available on Amazon, Kindle, Nook, and in the Church Office & Welcome Center. For more info, go to www.FayQuanstrom.com.

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



www.YourLifeAfterLoss.com



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

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

- Adam's Family (mom's death)
- Pat Beaver (dad's death)
- Steffany Carpenter Family (Mother's death)
- Bill Schott Family
- Trenton Family (Wf; husband's death)
- Don Costanza Family
- Graham Family (Nephew's death)
- Jim Love Family
- Richard Muller Family
- Riechia Ralston's Family (Stepmother's death)

In Remembrance



by Kim Shroyer

Caring Corner

SPRING CLEANING



The terminology spring cleaning can conjure up a lot of different thoughts. As I write this I'm thinking of it in the context of relationships. What relationship can't use a little spring cleaning now and then?! Whether it is a professional, marriage/significant other, friend, or other familial relationship, the one thing you've learned is that the tide of all of those relationships ebb and flow. Sometimes things are great, sometimes they are mediocre, and sometimes they just stink!

In one of Pastor Rick Warren's 2017 *Daily Hope* devotionals titled *How to Make a Case to Someone in Authority*, he outlined six things to do if you wish to make a case before an authority. These were grounded of course in the Bible and the teachings of Christ, and he cited scripture and how each of these actions could be seen in the life of Daniel.

But I'd like to further share what I took from that article. Although Pastor Warren referred to speaking to someone in authority specifically, I read his message and saw great usefulness in every relationship or conversation in my life. I took the below notes for myself. Keep in mind, this is the world according to Kim, and only my interpretation of his message. His over-arching message was to trust in God and his promises, and remember that we are not alone. The notes below are my own, as I have found them useful in their original format, as well as in a more secular work setting. But I highly recommend that you read Pastor Warren's full article at <https://pastorrick.com/devotional/english/full-post/how-to-make-a-case-to-someone-in-authority/>, to have full context of his message. My modified notes:

1. **Develop a reputation for responsibility.** People with great responsibility notice people who are responsible.
2. **Be humble and not belligerent.** You don't demand your way. Threats never work with people in authority. Be humble or you'll stumble.
3. **Don't be deceptive or manipulative.**
4. **Appeal to their goals and their interests.** Start with what they want, not what you want. Consider saying "We have the same goal. I just want to do it differently. We don't have a problem with the goal-just how we complete the goal." You don't get your way by pressing your own agenda and going to war over it.

5. **Choose the right place, time and words.** What's the right place? Always privately. You never confront in public. It just solidifies the other person's opposition. The right time? Not when the person is frustrated, tired, or hungry. The right words? Be polite and pleasant.
6. **Move forward if they reject your appeal.** You won't always "win" the argument or debate.

So why wouldn't these be good ground rules for any conversation, especially one which might involve persuasion? I thought they would be, so I kept these notes. The words in that 2017 article, and my takeaways from it, made an impact on me. But things were going pretty good for me at the time, and the words got tucked away somewhere. Then one day, I was struggling with more than just one relationship in my life. It seemed like everywhere I turned I was muddling conversations and communications. I couldn't seem to say anything right, or after just about everything that came out of my mouth I wished I could grab a hold of a rope and pull all the words back in and start over!

You guessed it, suddenly I was scurrying through my files trying to find the notes on communication and persuasion that I had written down. When I did, and I started deliberately applying this model, I experienced refreshing and overwhelming positive results. When you communicate from a base of grace, mercy, love and kindness, your love of Christ will shine through. It's time for me to clear some cobwebs and do a spring cleaning in some of my relationships.

If you are struggling with a relationship, finding the right words to express a feeling, starting a conversation to mend fences, or anything else of the like, remember that four pastors are on call to make visits to members and friends of Gold Canyon UMC. Please feel free to call the church office at 480-982-3776 and one of them will respond to your request. After hours, you may call or email one of the pastors directly. You will find their contact information in the bulletin, church office or the Pastoral and Congregational Care page of this newsletter.

*The wise of heart is called perceptive,
and pleasant speech increases persuasiveness.*

~ Proverbs 16:21 (NRSV)

*Let no evil talk come out of your mouths,
but only what is useful for building up, as there is need,
so that your words may give grace to those who hear.*

~ Ephesians 4:29 (NRSV)

MINISTRY & MISSION

Updates

GENESIS PROJECT



January proved to be another busy month at Genesis. We served over 3500 folks a hot meal. A number of organizations served meals every Saturday and on one Sunday, that be the last Sunday of the month. Our guest certainly appreciate the great meals the volunteers prepare.

You still have time to make your 2017 Arizona Tax Credit contribution to the Genesis Project. Contributions can be made online at www.GenesisProjectAZ.com, and forms are also available at the Welcome Center. Your support is appreciated and needed.



Racism is the use of power for maintaining privilege and systematic discrimination through institutions and structures of society in order:

- ✚ To deny access to education, employment, housing, social services and other rights and benefits of society either by law or by custom.
- ✚ To perpetuate, solidify and guarantee the economic, political and social power of one group over other groups.

Racism can be easy to see or hidden, intentionally or unintentionally. Its impact is measured by its effects, not by personal motivations. Racism combines with other identity issues such as gender, economic status or national origin to multiply its effects.

The Social Action Coordinator in each United Methodist Women is called on to help bring justice to all peoples. The United States—a nation of many peoples of different races, nationalities, languages and cultures—is challenged to make the Charter for Racial Justice a charter for everyone.

The Charter for Racial Justice was created and adopted by the Women's Division of the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries in 1978. In 1980 the division successfully recommended

adoption of the charter by the whole denomination. General Conference has consecutively readopted it, every eight years since, most recently in 2008. The charter continues United Methodist Women's urgent call for study and action on the principles and goals of its vision.

Racial justice is a biblical, leadership, community and public policy issue. It is one that the Gold Canyon UMW supports. We commit ourselves as individuals and as a community to follow Jesus Christ in word and in deed, and to struggle for the rights and the self-determination of every person and group of persons.

As a part of our attempt to reach out and improve our understanding of people of other races, nationalities or faiths, the Gold Canyon UMW plans on visiting other places of worship over the next year. We will attend worship service at Tanner Chapel A.M.E. Church on March 10th. Please join us for this visit, followed by lunch at Mrs. White's Golden Rule Café. To attend, contact Carol Johnson at (602)750-2008 or Dian Capen at (919)357-8474.

Our February UMW Meeting celebrated love in all its' forms: love of God, love of family, love of friends. We signed up for our Secret Sisters, whom we will support with small gifts and words of encouragement throughout this next year. If you were not able to sign up for a Secret Sister, contact Dian Capen at (919)357-8474.

We continue to collect children's books for the "Open Hearts . . . Open Books" ministry and feminine hygiene products for our Gold Canyon Food Bank!

Upcoming UMW Meetings (Fellowship from 10:00am-10:30am; Meeting at 10:30 am):

- ✚ **3/16:** "Everything You Wanted to Know About Handbells & Choir Chimes" led by Music Director Doug Benton. An informative presentation, performance by the Bell Quartet and a fun opportunity to try your hand at playing bells and chimes! (Warning: You may be drafted into Canyon Carillon!)

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

IN STITCHES QUILTING



The In Stitches quilting group has had several new ladies join us in the last few months! We are so glad to have you join our fellowship... for we have been busy. This past year and so far this year we have provided quilts and cuddly stuffed animals for the St. Andrews clinic, the Angel Tree Mission families at Christmas, the Sidewalk Sunday school kids, a few to the Genesis Project, and a nursing home visited by Dr. David Worley. Plans are also to donate to the Habitat family.

If you sew, or like to iron or like to create with fabric, we would love to have you join us. We have fun, and this is a place you can use your special talents to create a warm, comfy quilt or lap robe. We have the fabric (all donated by you). Drop in and see us at work, bring lunch and join us. We meet the second and fourth Tuesday every month (all summer too). For more info call Bonnie at (480) 250-9652.

FOOD BANK



Ever wonder where all the food that our Food Bank distributes to our clients comes from? We are blessed with some major donors who supply our Food Bank with food. Below is a list of businesses, organizations and individuals who generously donate frequently:

- ✝ United Food Bank
- ✝ Midwest Food Bank
- ✝ Basha's – Gold Canyon
- ✝ Sprouts – Recker and 202
- ✝ Gold Canyon UMC Congregation
- ✝ Gold Canyon Arts Council

Donations also come from concert goers who attend our GCUMC Concert Series.

It is amazing that just when we think we have run out of a certain item for our clients, that needed item comes to us through a donation on that same day!

God is at work and we are thankful! We are thankful for each one of you who donate either food or send monetary donations to our Food Bank.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



We are well on our way building in Tempe with the Wodajo family. There are still openings for a couple more workers on April 13th.

We have also reached our goal of \$10,000 toward the building of this home. Additional donations are still welcome and will be applied to next year's build. Please make your check to GCUMC and indicate "Habitat for Humanity" in the memo.

Questions? Please call Joe and Maureen Morton at 602-284-2826

GCUMC MINISTRIES & MISSIONS LIST

For a list of our Ministries & Missions, and/or to contact respective Coordinators directly, please visit:

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

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

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

POETRY CORNER

"Father to Please You"

The Father has not left me alone;
for I do always those things that please him.)
Oh my Father, my Heavenly Father,
I want to be a daughter that pleases you,
I want to walk in your ways,
living my days pleasing you.

Oh my Jesus, my precious Savior,
I want to be more and more like you
in all that I do, precious Jesus.

Holy Spirit, Sweet Holy Spirit,
I want to hear you when you speak
I want to hear what you say,
to hear and obey the Spirit.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
guide me day by day,
for I have found real joy and peace
can come no other way.



Juanita Elms

SCRIP BUS & VAN FUND



Did you know that **the funds earned from the SCRIP Program** purchase gas, licenses, insurance and maintenance on our two vehicles used to bring people to church and transport our Youth to events such as the annual Mission trip?

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

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



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



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



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

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



To find areas in which your talents and passions lie, complete and submit a Time & Talents Sheet!

Pick-up yours from the Welcome Center, Education Building Lobby or Church Office.

We have many areas from which you can select and connect! It's a great way to make new friends, too!

Not plugged in yet?...

To see areas where you can serve/get involved, go to: <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/mydashboard/sgavailablegroups.aspx>



Is YOUR information correct in the Church Directory?
Would you like to update your photo?
Would you like to set-up/modify online giving?

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

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



Please help us save postage!

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

1. Name _____ and _____

E-Mail _____

2. Name _____ and _____

E-Mail _____

**MAIN CAMPUS**

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

MISSIONS CENTER

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

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

March 2019

Fri Mar 1	7:30am	RightPath Health Screenings (MC-TBD)			
	10am	Piano Tuning (Sanctuary)			
	5:30pm	AA (Emmaus)			
Sat Mar 2	7:30pm	GCAC Concert: TBD (Sanctuary)			
	7am	Women's 1-Day Retreat (KR/K)			
	4pm	Gold Canyon Car Club (N Parking Lot)			
Sun Mar 3	8am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)			
	9am	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)			
	9:30am	"The Table" Adult Sunday School (MC-Martha)			
	9:30am	Children Sunday School (EB)			
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)			
	9:30am	Youth Participate in Worship (Sanctuary)			
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (Noah's Ark)			
	10:50am	Praise Worship (Koinonia)			
	2pm	Concert: Mac Frampton w/ Chancel Choir (S)			
	5pm	Country Western Worship (Koinonia)			
	6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)			
Mon Mar 4	9:30am	Bible Banter (Emmaus)			
	1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (Emmaus)			
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)			
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)			
	7pm	Al-Anon (Sea of Galilee)			
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)			
Tue Mar 5	All day	Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras			
	9am	DISCIPLE 1 Women's Class (Emmaus)			
	4:30pm	Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner (KR/Kitchen)			
	6pm	One in the Spirit Rehearsal (Koinonia)			
	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (Sanctuary)			
	7pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)			
Wed Mar 6	All day	Ash Wednesday			
	9:30am	Music Library Activities (Music)			
	11am	Cancer Support Group (Emmaus)			
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-Stephen)			
	1pm	DISCIPLE 2 (MC-Esther)			
	1pm	DISCIPLE 2: 2nd 1/2 (ER)			
	5pm	Midweek Mountaineers (Educ Bldg/Kitchen)			
	5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (Koinonia)			
	7pm	Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)			
Thu Mar 7	9am	Class: "God of Covenant" (Emmaus)			
	9am	Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC-Stephen)			
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (Emmaus)			
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)			
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music)			
Fri Mar 8	10am	Mind Menders (Emmaus)			
	5:30pm	AA (Emmaus)			
Sat Mar 9	8am	PEO Mtg (M-Esther)			
	10am	Sidewalk Ministry (Patio/Kitchen)			
	4pm	Gold Canyon Car Club (N Parking Lot)			
	4pm	Reserved (Sanctuary)			
	5pm	NAU Shrine Choral & Handbells Dinner (KR/K)			
Sun Mar 10	8am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)			
	9am	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)			
	9:30am	"The Table" Adult Sunday School (MC-Martha)			
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)			
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)			
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (Noah's Ark)			
	10:50am	Praise Worship (Koinonia)			
	5pm	Country Western Worship (Koinonia)			
	5:30pm	Confirmation Class (Sea of Galilee)			
	6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)			
Mon Mar 11	9:30am	Bible Banter (Emmaus)			
	10am	UMW Leadership Committee (SoGR)			
	1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (Emmaus)			
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)			
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)			
	7pm	Al-Anon (Sea of Galilee)			
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)			
Tue Mar 12	9am	DISCIPLE 1 Women's Class (Emmaus)			
	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-Barnabas)			
	9am	UMW Craft Circle (Sea of Galilee)			
	6pm	One in the Spirit Rehearsal (Koinonia)			
	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (Sanctuary)			
	7pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)			
Wed Mar 13	9:30am	Music Library Activities (Music)			
	11am	Cancer Support Group (Emmaus)			
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-Stephen)			
	1pm	DISCIPLE 2 (MC-Esther)			
	1pm	DISCIPLE 2: 2nd 1/2 (ER)			
	5pm	Midweek Mountaineers (Educ Bldg/Kitchen)			
	5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (Koinonia)			
	7pm	Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)			
Thu Mar 14	9am	Class: "God of Covenant" (Emmaus)			
	9am	Lions Club Mtg (SoGR)			
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (Emmaus)			
	1pm	Gold Canyon Arts Council Mtg (MC-Esther)			
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)			
	6pm	Food Bank Recognition Dinner (KR/K)			
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music)			
Fri Mar 15	5:30pm	AA (Emmaus)			
Sat Mar 16	10am	Sidewalk Ministry (Patio/Kitchen)			
	10am	UMW Mtg (MC-Barnabas)			
	4pm	Gold Canyon Car Club (N Parking Lot)			
Sun Mar 17	All day	St. Patrick's Day			
	8am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)			
	9am	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)			
	9:30am	"The Table" Adult Sunday School (MC-Martha)			
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)			
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)			
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (Noah's Ark)			
	10:50am	Praise Worship (Koinonia)			
	5pm	Country Western Worship (Koinonia)			
	5pm	Dinner: NAU Shrine of the Ages/Harder Handbells (K)			
	5:30pm	Confirmation Class (Sea of Galilee)			
	6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)			
	7:30pm	Concert: NAU Shrine of the Ages & Harder			

		Handbells (Sanctuary)	1pm	DISCIPLE 2: 2nd 1/2 (ER)	
Mon Mar 18	9:30am	Bible Banter (Emmaus)	5pm	Midweek Mountaineers (Educ Bldg/Kitchen)	
	1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (Emmaus)	5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (Koinonia)	
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)	7pm	Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)	
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)	Thu Mar 28	9am	Class: "God of Covenant" (Emmaus)
	6:30pm	Admin Council Mtg (MC-Barnabas)		9am	Reserved (Sanctuary)
	7pm	Al-Anon (Sea of Galilee)		1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (Emmaus)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)		1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)
Tue Mar 19	9am	DISCIPLE 1 Women's Class (Emmaus)		6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music)
	6pm	One in the Spirit Rehearsal (Koinonia)	Fri Mar 29	12pm	Reserved (Sanctuary)
	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (Sanctuary)		5:30pm	AA (Emmaus)
	7pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)		7:30pm	GCAC Concert: Bach & Sons Organ (S)
Wed Mar 20	8am	Newsletter Team (Music)	Sat Mar 30	4pm	Gold Canyon Car Club (N Parking Lot)
	9:30am	Music Library Activities (Music)	Sun Mar 31	8am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
	10am	Piano Tuning (Sanctuary & Music)		9am	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)
	11am	All Church Lunch to Organ Stop Pizza		9:30am	"The Table" Adult Sunday School (MC-Martha)
	11am	Cancer Support Group (Emmaus)		9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-Stephen)		9:30am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 2 (MC-Esther)		10:50am	Children's Sunday School (Noah's Ark)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 2: 2nd 1/2 (ER)		10:50am	Praise Worship (Koinonia)
	5pm	Midweek Mountaineers (Educ Bldg/Kitchen)		5pm	Country Western Worship (Koinonia)
	5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (Koinonia)		5:30pm	Confirmation Class (Sea of Galilee)
	7pm	Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)		6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)
Thu Mar 21	9am	Class: "God of Covenant" (Emmaus)			
	9am	Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC-Stephen)			
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (Emmaus)			
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)			
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music)			
Fri Mar 22	10am	Mind Menders (Emmaus)			
	5:30pm	AA (Emmaus)			
	5:30pm	Reserved (Sanctuary)			
	7:30pm	GCAC Concert: O Sole Trio (Sanctuary)			
Sat Mar 23	7am	Community Garage Sale (South Parking Lot)			
	8am	PEO Mtg (M-Esther)			
	10am	Sidewalk Ministry (Patio/Kitchen)			
	4pm	Gold Canyon Car Club (N Parking Lot)			
Sun Mar 24	8am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)			
	9am	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)			
	9:30am	"The Table" Adult Sunday School (MC-Martha)			
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)			
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)			
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (Noah's Ark)			
	10:50am	Praise Worship (Koinonia)			
	2pm	Concert: GCUMC Music Ministries			
	5pm	Country Western Worship (Koinonia)			
	5:30pm	Confirmation Class (Sea of Galilee)			
	6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)			
Mon Mar 25	9:30am	Bible Banter (Emmaus)			
	1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (Emmaus)			
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)			
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)			
	7pm	Al-Anon (Sea of Galilee)			
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)			
Tue Mar 26	9am	DISCIPLE 1 Women's Class (Emmaus)			
	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-Barnabas)			
	6pm	One in the Spirit Rehearsal (Koinonia)			
	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (Sanctuary)			
	7pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)			
Wed Mar 27	9am	Reserved (Sanctuary)			
	9:30am	Music Library Activities (Music)			
	11am	Cancer Support Group (Emmaus)			
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-Stephen)			
	1pm	Days for Girls Workshop (MC-Barnabas)			
	1pm	DISCIPLE 2 (MC-Esther)			



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

Be sure to click on "FOLLOW" so you'll be notified any time GCUMC is streaming live — making it even easier! Weekly sermons can also be viewed on our website, our Facebook page, or at www.vimeo.com/goldcanyon.

ROADRUNNER & BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please send content for
April Roadrunner
 via email to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org
 no later than **8:00am, Monday, 3/8/2019**

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

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 and the Friday Bulletin Assembly Team...
 as well as many other **treasured** volunteers!*

MARCH CELEBRATIONS



Teresa Bright 03/01
 Arthur (Art) Schlee 03/01
 Jeanne Shaffer 03/01
 Warren Martindale 03/02
 Richard (Dick) Messmer 03/02
 Shirley Bobier 03/03
 Gerald (Brodie) Broderson 03/03
 Joseph (Joe) Graba 03/03
 Kathryn Moore 03/04
 Vyrn Muir 03/04
 Claudine Nielsen 03/04
 Sherill (Pete) Peterson 03/04
 David Schmer 03/04
 Peggy Tippie 03/04
 Nancy Bilensky 03/05
 Lavoyce Nolan 03/05
 Rebekah (Becky) Aldridge 03/06
 Arne Eisentraut 03/06
 Ellis Falk 03/06
 Sandy Pino-Franks 03/06
 Jacalyn (Jackie) Beam 03/07
 Caitlynn Crowther 03/07
 Jonathan Sheridan 03/07
 Roberta (Bobbie) Vander Roest 03/07
 Marjorie Finley 03/08
 Inge Fitzpatrick 03/08
 Flo Junkermeier 03/08
 Bob Norin 03/08
 Ron Walker 03/08
 Frank Annin 03/09
 Jackie Engbrecht 03/09
 Richard (Dick) Kinder 03/09
 William (Rex) Smith 03/09
 James (Mark) Bird 03/10
 Dorothy Bose 03/10
 Richard Ervin 03/10
 John Lane 03/10
 Mary Catherine Myers 03/10
 Dean Neil 03/10
 Mylet Rush 03/10
 Charlene Van Slooten 03/10

Erin Keenan 03/11
 Don Leach 03/11
 Glen Leversee 03/11

 John Allensworth 03/12
 Nancy Bradshaw 03/12
 Richard O'Gary 03/12
 Charles (Charlie) Lang 03/13
 LaVia Merrick 03/13
 James (Jim) Potter 03/13
 Terry Warth 03/13
 Peg Wilson 03/13
 JoAnn Clark 03/14
 Hannah Crowther 03/14
 Patrick Donovan 03/14
 Kristina Evans 03/14
 David Larsen 03/14
 F Lee Nelson 03/14
 Frank Genetti 03/15
 Loren Riley 03/15
 Judith Burhans 03/16
 Wilma Hare 03/16
 Donald (Pat) Shroyer 03/16
 Deborah (Debbie) Sweeney 03/16
 Gary Boldt 03/18
 Suzanne Cherry 03/18
 Julie Krull 03/18
 Karen Poppe 03/18
 John (Jack) Richter 03/18
 Beth Steinberg 03/18
 Gloria Sheridan 03/19
 Betty Wilson 03/19
 Cecilia O'Brien 03/20
 Timothy (Tim) Steinberg 03/20
 Terrance (Terry) Storbakken 03/20
 William (Bill) Bennett 03/21
 Esther Ann Brown-Thoms 03/21
 Ann Rasmussen 03/21
 Vance Giovanni 03/22
 Lori Bachler-Palmer 03/23
 Monty Gingrich 03/23
 Brooke Hartman 03/23
 Hope Minatree 03/23
 James Morganegg 03/23
 Ronald (Ron) Callantine 03/24
 Jim Meskimen 03/25
 Joyce Scharringhausen 03/25

Barbara Kennedy 03/26
 Carolyn Koepf 03/26
 Patricia McKay 03/26
 Gary Mueller 03/26
 Velma Carlson 03/27
 Barbara Sebring 03/27
 Kelly Williams 03/27

 Neil Johnson 03/28
 James Elco 03/30
 James Riedel 03/30
 Sharon (Sherry) Hussein 03/31
 Nellie Moore 03/31
 Jennifer Adams 03/31



Patrick & Wendy Whalen 03/01
 Linda & Steven Crane 03/05
 Allen & Martha Bentley 03/08
 Carol & Edward Adamski 03/10
 Richard Haraldson & Barbara Sebring 03/10
 Betty Lou & Gary Hunter 03/11
 Barbara & Tom Sawyer 03/11
 Gary & Rose Schoeff 03/11
 Jean & Larry Graham 03/13
 Charlene & James VanSlooten 03/14
 Willa & Joe Ficarra 03/15
 Marjorie & Wesley Kappler 03/18
 Dan & Deborah Sweeney 03/18
 Imogene & Robert Kaul 03/19
 Kimberly (Kim) & Mark Browne 03/20
 Darla & John Martin 03/20
 Diane & Gary Sauerbrunn 03/21
 Crista & Jeffrey Schaefer 03/21
 Janice & Paul Workman 03/23
 Claudia & William McAuliffe 03/24
 Charlene & Rex Smith 03/24
 Cheryl & Michael O'Donnell 03/27
 Helen & Kelly Williams 03/27
 Mark & Shirley Johnson 03/30
 Harry & Lovena Warren 03/30

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

CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

JAN	2016			2017			2018			2019		
	General	Building	Worship									
MONTH	128609	26957	7784	127092	26483	11343	102216	25036	9680	98993	22675	9583

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



HAVE YOU CONSIDERED GIFTING YOUR HOME TO GCUMC?

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

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



- Building Fund Loan Payoff
- Missions Center Loan Payoff
- Missions Center Remodel: \$380,000 (\$304,272 given so far)
- New Church Multi-Site Start-Up (\$3,236 given so far)
- Organ Pipes: (\$88,749 given so far)
- Playground: \$20,000-40,000 (\$11,673 given so far)
- Stained Glass for upper Sanctuary windows near ceiling: (\$141,539 given so far; \$6,176 per 2'5"x 2'8.5" remaining panel)
- ✓ Bus/Van Shelter (Completed in March 2017)
- ✓ Parking Lot Loan Payoff (Completed October 2017)



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP MINISTRY

Gold Canyon UMC is pleased to offer a Scholarship Program to our members who qualify for financial assistance. To receive consideration for funds, applicants must meet the following criteria: 1) Be a member of

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

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

End of Year Charitable IRA Rollovers

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



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

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



Tax Preparation Ministry

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

Contact Church Office for more info



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WORSHIP SERVICES

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

(Childcare available at all Services)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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

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