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FROM THE PASTOR: "THREE JOYS"



On April 17th we began the process of moving into the new Missions Center Building. Volunteers have been moving furniture, shelving and equipment into the building. The Food Bank has set a goal of opening in May. Chairs and tables are being purchased and a few repairs are being done as we discover a few new problems in the building. We are excited with the possibilities before us with more ministry space.

We also received word that the Genesis Project Christmas Eve offering is being used. As I am writing this column, air conditioning and insulation are being installed in their building. You may remember that we raised over \$21,000 for this project. It's great to see something happen as a result. What a blessing it will be for the homeless to get out of the heat this summer.

This year our Easter offering raised \$32,553! As you may remember we are giving this to Exodus Road so that individuals who are trapped in sexual slavery might be freed. This is well beyond our goal that we set of \$24,000. This means we should be able finance about 8 raids. Exodus Road has promised to let us know what those raids accomplish.

I give thanks that we as a Church can accomplish so much. Individually as Christians we have little impact, but when we band together as Christ's Church we are able to help many. I give thanks for your generosity of resources in making this happen. I will see you on Sunday.

Grace and peace,

Fred

SERMON SERIES

"ANTIDOTES FOR AN OUT-OF-CONTROL LIFE"



Does your life seem out of control? Are you struggling with elephants in the room that threaten to squash you. This sermon series is designed to suggest ways that we might find new life. The first part of this series, "Elephants at the Table" is currently on our website as the sermon preached on April 23rd.

- ✝ **May 7 – Lord Over Your Life**
- ✝ **May 14 – Words for a Marriage**
- ✝ **May 21 – Transforming Grace**

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.



"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



Sidewalk is sponsored by GCUMC, and we are very grateful to everyone in our "Church Family" that support this outreach ministry for children.

On March 25th, Sidewalk participated in the Annual Garage Sale at Church. All items for sale were donated by people at GCUMC. The proceeds of \$1172.00 will help send 4 children to camp this summer!

A BIG THANK YOU also goes to Rex Smith and his



Softball Club, who donated \$350.00 to send a child to camp.

On April 8th, the "girls of Sidewalk" decorated cupcakes in Church kitchen, and we sold the cupcakes at Eggstravaganza, made \$122.

Our children's ministry has been blessed and highly favored, we are so grateful for the "generosity of spirit" within people. Sidewalk Saturdays ended April 22nd, and we will resume again in October.

On April 23rd, all volunteers & contributors to the ministry joined together at an appreciation luncheon. Many thanks to everyone that has touched the heart of children through Sidewalk.

Six to eight children are looking forward to attending summer camp at Mingus Mountain in June. Camp is an exciting, uplifting experience for these children. The entire camp experience is so rewarding, and the children have an amazing "glow" about them, after a week at camp.

Because school ends in May, many children will be without that stability and routine, which includes daily breakfasts & lunches for some. We will keep in touch with families through home visits during summer months, address any immediate needs, and assist them in referring them to community organizations, food banks, etc.

Please continue to pray for the children, for their safety, that they make good decisions, and follow Jesus teachings.

Thank you goes to all the wonderful volunteer "Shepherds" who continue to serve in this ministry. You are there for the children, loving & nurturing them through the word of God. Teaching the children to keep Jesus in their hearts, and live a Christ like life.

For more information on opportunities to serve in this ministry, please call Sherry at (480)529-9621.

OUTDOOR MOVIE!



Join us outside for our last outdoor movie before the heat hits. It's the widely acclaimed "Hidden Figures," starring Octavia Spencer, Taraji Henson and Janelle Monae. This true story is about the brilliant African-American women working at NASA who served as the brains behind the launch into orbit of astronaut John Glenn, a stunning achievement that turned around the Space Race. The visionary trio crossed all gender and racial lines and inspired generations.

Show time is 7:30 pm on Friday, May 12th. Bring a chair and a friend (the more the merrier) – we’ll provide drinks and popcorn. This is free, of course, so please join us!

throughout the summer, so be looking for details on future events!

SUMMER CAMP



The Desert Southwest Conference has a wonderful camp on Mingus Mountain near Prescott. This is kind of a “last call” to anyone who wants to send their student to camp. Please register online at www.DSCCamps.org. The church is able to assist with scholarship money to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Katharine Keller soon.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



“Surf Shack” is coming your way! Vacation Bible School will run from June 19-23, and is open to 4 year olds through the 5th grade. VBS is free, so invite friends and neighbors!

A VBS Registration Form can be found on the next page of this newsletter, or you may pick one up at the Welcome Center or from the Church Office. If you have any questions or wish to help, please contact Katharine in the Church Office.

SUMMER FROLICS!



Our Kid’s Kapers has become Family Frolics, designed so that parents and guardians may enjoy the fun we experience. Currently outings are being planned intermittently

Kidz Kanyon

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



SPRING EGGSTRAVAGANZA!



A huge thank you to all volunteers at our Eggstravaganza!. We had record crowds and non-stop fun! You were great ambassadors of hospitality for our guests!



Check out more Eggstravaganza photos on page 6!



Gold Canyon UMC "Surf Shack" VBS 2017

Student's Name _____

Parent/Family/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Numbers Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Age Information

Date of birth _____ Age _____

Last school grade completed _____

Home Church _____

Allergies/Medical Information/Other

Emergency Contacts

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Dismissal Information:

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS

Other Information (church use only)

Surfer Group _____

Are parents/guardians/family members helping with Surf Shack VBS? _____

If yes, where? _____



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Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love Free Download

TEAM OUTREACH

EASTER CELEBRATION AT GCUMC



Christ
is
Risen!



SPRING EGG-Stravaganza



involved
unteer

by Riechia Ralston,
Office Manager

To give one's time and talent for a good cause is a special feeling indeed. I myself do not have the words to describe the generosity of heart and soul that comes from those who volunteer on a regular basis, which is why I'm glad I can collect words and wisdom from others who are better able to express these things. Please enjoy the below quotes—I hope you find them useful, and to the volunteers themselves, from the bottom of my heart we thank you for sharing your love with your church and surrounding communities and for being an inspiration to us all! — Riechia Ralston

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

Erma Bombeck

“There are two ways of spreading light—to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.”

Edith Wharton, Vesalius in Zante

“The world is hugged by the faithful arms of volunteers.”

Terri Guillemets

“Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.”

Sherry Anderson

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.”

Elizabeth Andrew

“No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another.”

Author Unknown

“Volunteers are love in motion!”

Author Unknown



Not plugged in yet?...

To learn more about areas in which you can serve/get involved, visit:

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

... or contact the Church Office, Colette Bos (Local Missions), or Rev. Fay Quanstrom (Global Missions).



GCUMC Youth Group News

By Beth Steinberg, Youth Director



YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT UPDATE

All of our shares for the summer mission trip have been purchased!! A big thank you to all of you who donated to this project. We have a group of 22 people going on this service project. Thank you for making these trips possible and for supporting our youth ministry program!

Upcoming activities for the Youth Group: Serving lunch at Genesis Project, tubing the Salt River, playing in church Volleyball League, helping with Vacation Bible School, and working with Next Step Ministries in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Looking forward to a fun and busy summer!

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
in the Education Bldg.

*Fun, faith-based programs
and fellowship!*

YOUTH CALENDAR—MAY 2017

Sun., 5/7	VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE YOUTH GROUP	5:30pm 6:30pm—8:30pm (Educ. Bldg.)
Sat., 5/13	GENESIS PROJECT 564 N Idaho, AJ; <i>Help feed the hungry!</i>	10:15am Meet at church OR 10:30am Meet there 2:00pm Approximate return
Sun., 5/14	MOTHER'S DAY NO VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE NO YOUTH GROUP	
Sun., 5/21	VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE YOUTH GROUP	5:30pm 6:30pm—8:30pm (Educ. Bldg.)
Sun., 5/28	VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE YOUTH GROUP	5:30pm 6:30pm—8:30pm (Educ. Bldg.)
Thur., 6/1	TUBING THE SALT RIVER!	<i>More info later...</i>
Sun., 6/4	\$50 FINAL PAYMENT DUE FOR MISSION TRIP	<i>Please give payment to Beth or put in envelope marked "Beth" and give to Church Office</i>
Sun., 6/25	PARENT MEETING FOR MISSION TRIP	5:30pm Education Building

MUSIC NOTES

Douglas J. Benton
Director of Music Ministries



Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Hallelujah! This is the call of the Easter People on Easter Sunday! What a day we had here in Gold Canyon! Beautiful skies as the sun lit up our Sunrise Service! We had people riding in on bicycles, in cars and even on horses!

Our Easter Festival Services were outstanding! I was very pleased at how many people came, given this was in the middle of April! Lots of music with Choir, Congregation, Brass, Handbells, Organ, Piano and Timpani; lots of color, a great puppet show, a great message by Pastor Fred and a great solo sung by Gary Ackerson for the Offertory. I heard fantastic reports about our fabulous Praise Service and our unique Easter Sunset Service (Country/Western). All in all, a fantastic day! If you haven't seen the pictures, check the church's Facebook page!

A big thanks to all the musicians – choirs, handbells, orchestra, soloists, keyboardists and instrumentalists, and the puppeteers, youth, etc. who have so faithfully performed for us at all of our services during the Lenten Season! Way too many names to mention, but please know our congregation and online friends have been truly moved by the variety, excellence and God-inspired sensitivity you all have included in your performances! On behalf of a grateful church, I thank you all for your continued dedication to improving and sharing with us the gifts that God has given you!

A reminder that if you would like to sing in our Chancel Choir during the summer (we continue to sing through July), please join us on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Music Room. No audition required, just be able to sing on pitch and read music at least a little. I will take care of everything else. Come join us and see what the fun is all about!

Love and blessings to all,

Doug

**Country News from Bob**

May is a month with lots going on. Mother's Day, Memorial Day—used to be something called “May Pole Day” where colored streamers were wrapped around a pole by a group of dancers. Haven't heard of that one for a long time. This year May 2nd is the date when the new 6th edition of my book, *Life after Loss*, will be available in book stores, Amazon and from me if you want a signed copy (*Cost is \$15*).

At Gold Canyon UMC it is also the time when many of our winter residents have gone other places until next fall or winter. It can seem a bit empty after the winter months and packed sanctuary.

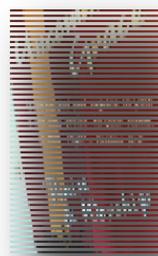
One thing still goes on every week during May. The Country Western service keeps going weekly until June 1st when we cut back to one service a month on the last Sunday.

The morning schedule stays intact so you can be present via Live Streaming every week.

David Ballard, One In the Spirit, the Housers and I wish you all a safe and joyous summer. We promise a big “HOWDY PARDNERS” when you return

Peace and joy,

Bob Deits

**CHECK OUT 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 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 **2nd & 4th 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.



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.



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.



GLOBAL MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor



THE EXODUS ROAD SETS THE CAPTIVES FREE



The Exodus Road

THANK YOU to everyone who gave to our Easter offering, **The Exodus Road**, which “sets the captives free” from the bondage and chains of human trafficking.

If you would like more information about the work of The Exodus Road, and how you can continue to support their efforts, please visit their website at www.TheExodusRoad.com or contact Jeanne Honsaker directly at Jeanne@TheExodusRoad.com.

Fellowman International (FMI) is hard at work in Honduras, helping specific people in particular places where a few dollars make a big difference. The FMI mission has 14 employees who are motivated by creating an effective outreach as well as by earning a salary for themselves. They work at wages set by the Honduran Government, while Lisa Armstrong, the FMI Director volunteers her time and skills to provide essential leadership.

GCUMC is proud of being a partner with this highly efficient ministry that provides much needed Christian compassion along with basic assistance in health care, nutrition, and education in a remote, mountain area of Honduras.

THE PIG OPERATION is now breeding its own sows. The piglets are raised to market weight and butchered by FMI employees. The meat is used in school lunches and sold through the tiny FMI store.

THE CHICKEN OPERATION hatches and raises its own chicks. At fryer weight they are butchered and prepared for use in the school lunch program as well as for sale in the store.

ANIMAL FEED PRODUCTION now grinds some of the feed grains and prepares nutritional formulas for local use.

THE COMMUNITY GARDEN has been expanded to more communities so more community members are engaging in the actual work of planting, weeding, harvesting, and sharing the produce.

A STAND-BY GENERATOR has been purchased as back-up for the public power supply, which is not dependable enough for the clinic to rely on.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT has more than doubled after FMI began assisting with school lunches and additional classroom space. The new classroom building and toilets made adding seventh and eighth grade classes possible. The Government promises to provide teachers when the community constructs classrooms for a ninth grade class.

GLOBAL MISSIONS PROJECTS

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



and



stephen ministry



by Katharine Keller on behalf of the Stephen Ministry Team

TOWARD THE LIGHT



My 85 year old mother has been living with Parkinson’s for over four years now; my father is 94 and has various health issues of his own. Mom has responsible and loving caregivers come to their house to do household chores, fix meals, help with daily necessities, and therapeutic exercises. However, what I wish for my mom and dad would be a Stephen Minister to come alongside each of them separately to offer a caring “presence,” a space where they can talk freely without judgement, express the sometimes intense feelings with which they wrestle and basically have someone listen with the loving heart of Christ.

Every month in the Roadrunner you read about Stephen Ministry; every month you are invited to request someone to come alongside you, if you are struggling with grief or a crisis. Frequently you are encouraged to become a Stephen Minister yourself. Might God be calling you into this ministry?

As a reminder: A Stephen Minister comes alongside a hurting person and meets with that person on a weekly basis to listen, care, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support. Men are paired with men; women with women. This care is entirely confidential—no one knows the identity of a care receiver except for his or her Stephen Minister and the pastor or Stephen Leader who paired the two together.

Meet our newest class of Stephen Ministers: Suzanne Cline, Mona Cunningham, Linda Crane, and Judy Walsh. Although I was trained as a leader last summer, I, too, went through the 50+hour training with these fine, compassionate women, so that I could participate in the full experience.

We hope that if you are going through a difficult time in your life, that you would contact Stephen Ministry by calling the Church Office, sending an email to Stephen.Ministry.GCUMC@gmail.com, or checking the box beside “Desire a Stephen Minister” on the Sunday morning attendance pad. We are here to serve.

Come the fall we will be extending an invitation for our next class. This is open to adult men and women, full or part-time residents. Once you go through the training,

you will feel much more confident in any caring relationship you encounter.

In Christ’s love,
Katharine Keller



Katharine Keller



Suzanne Cline



Linda Crane



Mona Cunningham



Judy Walsh



Christ caring for people through people

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

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, 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 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

HIKING IN THE SPIRIT



This ministry not only lifts you physically, but spiritually, too! Come enjoy what God has wrought for our enjoyment. Although the official Hiking Ministry season ministry is over, you can still join in!

For this “after hiking season” we will meet at various trail heads or mid-point locations every Tuesday typically at 7:00am or earlier, depending on travel distance and/or how hot it is supposed to get. I will convey this information via email regarding when and where we will meet. Depending where you live, you can also meet right at the trailhead. The off-season hikes this May are:

- ✝ 5/2: Bill the Barber and grind holes at El Camino Viejo,
- ✝ 5/9: Wagon Wheel Trailhead at San Tan Mountains southward out and back (\$6/car),
- ✝ 5/16: Little Saddle Mountain Trail (near Mt. Ord) part of AZ Trail going north,
- ✝ 5/23: Maybe we'll do the Four Peaks area,
- ✝ 5/30: Be Announced.

Please note that for all hikes, we will meet at 7:00am or sooner due to travel time and/or heat.

Hikes are sometimes interpretive, teaching one about the desert plants and animals that live here, as well as how to generally survive in the desert. Hikes vary in difficulty and are typically 3—5 miles. Sometimes they are short as 2 hours, but can be over 4 hours in length. Due to travel time, the entire trip may be 5+ hours which is why hikers are asked to not to plan appointments for the day. We hike on established trails—some flat & easy and some are hilly for a medium hiking ability. I will keep you informed how easy or hard the hike is every week.

Please share expenses with your driver if you're commuting, and 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 any other items you may need (medications, walking sticks, sunglasses, etc.), and a light knapsack in which to put it all. For more info, please contact Jim Riedel at (414)350-1466 or jariedel12@yahoo.net.

GENESIS PROJECT



The Genesis Project is in need of summer volunteers to serve the hungry. We have serving opportunities available on Monday, Thursday and Friday.

Please contact Noreen Carlozzi at (440) 477-6700 if you are interested in serving this important ministry.

FOOD BANK



The concert series of our church and the Gold Canyon Arts Series have provided much needed food as “Bring a Can to the Concert” has become a tradition. As the winter and spring seasons come to an end, we would like to thank all of you for your support for the food bank during the past months.

Since summer is the heaviest client visiting time, we would appreciate your thinking about the food bank when you go grocery shopping. Please add a couple of things to your grocery list. Check your Sunday church bulletin each week under food bank for the needed items.

We are looking forward to our move to the new Missions Center in the coming weeks. Our expansion will allow us to provide the same services we have been providing but on a much larger scale. With the addition of a walk-in refrigerator, we will venture into adding some fresh produce and dairy products which will provide a healthier component to our emergency food bags. Volunteers will have the much needed space to operate more efficiently and serve our clients more effectively.

A big thank you to all of the volunteers who have provided assistance to those who visit our food bank. Your dedication to our mission is remarkable!

Check out the photos of our 1st moving day into the Missions Center on the next page!



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.



PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!



Paul & Patty



Kay Merrel



Julie Blank & Mike Colaizzi



Helen & Jim Elieff

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. Have you noticed our new 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!

WATCH GCUMC LIVE!

You can watch our 8:00am, 9:30am and 10:50am worship services LIVE by going to www.Livestream.com/watch [ENTER]. On the LiveStream search bar type "GOLDCANYON" and find GCUMC!

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.

ACCESS ACS NEW ONLINE TOOL

Is **YOUR** information correct in the Church Directory?

You can update your own info in our Online Church Directory, AccessACS?

If you aren't already using it, but would like to, go to: <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/memberlogin.aspx?sn=112263>

Click on "NEED A LOGIN?" to send an email to the System Administrator to request login directions.

You may also send an email request to the Church Office with "AccessACS" in the subject line to request your personal login.... Get connected!



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 or call the Church Office)*

Mon May 1	9:30am	Bible Banter (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (ER)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (SoGR)
	3pm	Stephen Ministry (SoGR)
	7pm	Al-Anon (SoGR)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (YR)
Tue May 2	5:30pm	One in the Spirit/Houser Gang Reh (KR)
	5:30pm	Team Outreach Mtg (MR)
	6pm	Trustees Meeting (Pastors Ofc)
	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon (S)
	7pm	Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR)
Wed May 3	9:30am	Music Library Activities (MR)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER)
	5pm	Pioneer Club (Offsite)
Thu May 4	All day	National Day of Prayer
	1pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry (ER)
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR)
Fri May 5	5:30pm	AA (ER)
Sat May 6	9:30am	Financial Peace University (ER)
Sun May 7	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	8:30am	Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	9:30am	Youth Participate in Worship (S)
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (NAR)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (KR)
	5pm	Country Worship (KR)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (7th-12th); (YR/KR/ER/K)
Mon May 8	9:30am	Bible Banter (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (ER)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (SoGR)
	7pm	Al-Anon (SoGR)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (YR)

Tue May 9	9am	Stitches Unlimited (ER/SoGR)
	5:30pm	One in the Spirit/Houser Gang Rehearsal (KR)
	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon (S)
	6:40pm	Office Volunteer Appreciation Baseball Game (Chase Field, 401 E Jefferson St, Phoenix, AZ 85004)
	7pm	Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR)
Wed May 10	9:30am	Music Library Activities (MR)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER)
Thu May 11	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR)
Fri May 12	10am	Mind Menders (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (ER)
Sat May 13	9:30am	Financial Peace University (ER)
	10:15am	Youth Group (Genesis Project, 564 N Idaho Rd, AJ)
Sun May 14	All day	Mother's Day
	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	8:30am	Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (NAR)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (KR)
	5pm	Country Worship (KR)
Mon May 15	9:30am	Bible Banter (ER)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (SoGR)
	3pm	Stephen Ministry (SoGR)
	6:30pm	Ad Council Mtg (Missions Cntr)
	7pm	Al-Anon (SoGR)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (YR)
Tue May 16	5:30pm	One in the Spirit/Houser Gang Reh (KR)
	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon (S)
	6:30pm	Coffee with the Pastor (MR)
	7pm	Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR)
Wed May 17	9:30am	Music Library Activities (MR)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER)
Thu May 18	1pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry (ER)
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR)
Fri May 19	10:30am	Sonoran Desert School Graduation Rehearsal (S)
	5:30pm	AA (ER)
	6:30pm	Reserved (S)
	7pm	Sonoran Desert School Graduation (S)
Sun May 21	8am	Traditional Worship (S)

	8:30am	Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (NAR)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (KR)
	5pm	Country Worship (KR)
	5:30pm	Youth Volleyball Practice
	6:30pm	Youth Group (7th-12th); (YR/KR/ER/K)
Mon May 22	9:30am	Bible Banter (ER)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (SoGR)
	3pm	Stephen Ministry (SoGR)
	7pm	Al-Anon (SoGR)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (YR)
Tue May 23	9am	Stitches Unlimited (ER/SoGR)
	5:30pm	One in the Spirit/Houser Gang Reh (KR)
	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon (S)
	7pm	Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR)
Wed May 24	8am	Newsletter Team (MR)
	9:30am	Music Library Activities (MR)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER)
Thu May 25	All day	Ascension Day
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR)
Fri May 26	10am	Mind Menders (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (ER)
Sun May 28	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	8:30am	Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (NAR)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (KR)
	5:30pm	Youth Volleyball Practice
	6:30pm	Youth Group (7th-12th); (YR/KR/ER/K)
Mon May 29	All day	Memorial Day (OFFICE CLOSED)
	9:30am	Bible Banter (ER)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (SoGR)
	7pm	Al-Anon (SoGR)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (YR)
Tue May 30	5:30pm	One in the Spirit/Houser Gang Reh (KR)
	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon (S)
	7pm	Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR)
Wed May 31	9:30am	Music Library Activities (MR)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER)



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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:

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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!



MAY CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday!

Cantrell, Allison 05/01
 Cantrell, Nathan 05/01
 Heyse, Janice (Jan) 05/01
 Johnson, Jacqueline 05/01
 Kalik, Adam 05/01
 Seabright, Mary 05/01
 Wood, Betsy 05/01
 Gingrich, Kelly 05/02
 Mullins, Victoria 05/02
 Straka, Stan 05/02
 Alford, Keith 05/03
 Paone, Albert 05/03
 Parker, Don 05/03
 Rhodes, Gary 05/03
 Voorhees, Deborah (Deb) 05/03
 Ireland, Debra 05/05
 Kness, Deanna (Dee) 05/05
 West, Bay 05/05
 Campbell, Sandra (Sandy) 05/06
 Cobb, Alton (Al) 05/06
 Forest, Betty 05/06
 Steckley, Leonard 05/06
 Osbakken, Pat 05/07
 Rowley, Cheryl 05/07
 Baker, Margaret 05/08
 DeWinter, Donald (Don) 05/08
 Myers, Alice 05/08
 Sheridan, Valerie 05/08
 Fitzgerald, Susan 05/09
 Rowe, Ella Mae 05/09
 Schiager, Donna 05/09
 Shafer, Joyce 05/09
 Dage, Carol 05/10
 Luse, Carol 05/10
 Schuler, George (Phalen) 05/10
 Alford, Joletha (Jo) 05/11
 Shaughnessy, Mike 05/11
 Whittier, Charles 05/11
 Matthews, Shirley 05/12
 Gregg, Sharla 05/13
 McClung, Victoria 05/13
 Renfer, Patricia 05/13
 Carpenter, Wesley (Wes) 05/14
 Fabish, Paul 05/14

Tabor, Leslie 05/14
 Svoboda, Richard 05/14
 Gingrich, Joyce 05/15
 Hartman, Zackary 05/15
 Morton, Maureen 05/15
 Tyler, Sandra 05/15
 Gerst, Lois 05/16
 Hartman, Lorna 05/16
 Horkey, Marilyn 05/16
 Lewis, Carol 05/16
 Tippie, Gerald (Jerry) 05/16
 Engbrecht, Donald (Don) 05/17
 Hunter, Gary 05/17
 Dinges, Laura 05/18
 Heppner, Ronald 05/18
 Davenport, Mary Ann 05/19
 Togstad, Pamela 05/19
 Fritz, Wayne 05/20
 Graham, Claudia 05/20
 O'Brien, Marc 05/20
 Little, Don 05/21
 Brinkman, William (Bill) 05/21
 Clark, Daniel 05/22
 Fultz, Dallice 05/22
 Mulhair, Delna 05/22
 Nord, Faye 05/22
 Crow, Robert (Bob) 05/23
 Sheridan, Michael Jr 05/23
 Twa, Preston (Jack) 05/23
 Arehart, Larry 05/24
 Bird, Marjorie (Margie) 05/24
 Burris, Joanne 05/24
 Kennedy, Thomas (Tom) 05/24
 Kosanke, Karen 05/24
 Nefzer, Kathy 05/24
 Bonestell, Marian 05/25
 Criswell, Bev 05/25
 Bell, James (Jim) 05/26
 Voorhees, Steve 05/26
 Berglund, John (Jack) 05/26
 Greenlee, William 05/26
 Houser, Chris 05/26
 Nichols, Nancy (Sam) 05/26
 Pape, Roy 05/28
 Storbakken, Linda 05/28

Fuher, Mavis 05/29
 Girardi, Patti 05/29
 McNamee, Brett 05/29
 Pape, Andrea 05/29
 Weiland, Lucy 05/29
 Ancell, Bob 05/30
 Petticrew, Katie 05/30
 Reiners, Violet 05/30
 Rhodes, Grace 05/30
 Workman, Janice 05/30
 Galbraith, Scott 05/31
 Harpel, Dorothy 05/31
 Pennington, Nina 05/31
 Vorseth, Duane 05/31

Happy Anniversary!

Brogren, Ann & Neil 05/01
 Formento, Kathy & Russell (Russ) 05/04
 Robertson, David (Dave) & Judy 05/04
 Noe, James (Jim) & Mary Beth 05/05
 Saathoff, Craig & Jill 05/05
 Donovan, Jack & Judy 05/09
 Moore, Jey (Jed) & Wendy 05/14
 Tippie, Gerald (Jerry) & Peggy 05/14
 Borders, Linda & Ron 05/17
 Johnson, Curtis (Curt) & Marlene 05/17
 Fendley, Cecil & Penny 05/18
 Newkirk, Edgar & Linda 05/18
 Snyder, Lorraine (Lorrie) & Toby 05/20
 Butterbrodt, Sandra & William 05/21
 Galbraith, Scott & Toni 05/21
 Kopnick, John (Jack) & Pamela 05/22
 Rasmussen, Alvin (Al) & Diane 05/22
 Benton, Douglas & Martha 05/23
 Roe, Earl & Jeanine 05/25
 Weinhold, Eldon & Marilyn 05/25
 O'Brien, Cecilia & Marc 05/27
 Stofferan, Bruce & Marjorie (Marge) 05/27
 Carpenter, Cheryl & Wesley (Wes) 05/28
 Welker, June & Lawrence (Larry) 05/28
 Chase, Charles & 05/29
 Paul, Michael (Mike) & Phyllis (Phyl) 05/29
 Hoff, Cynthia & Wade 05/30
 Jungman, Charles (Chuck) & Marilyn 05/30
 Williams, Karen & Todd 05/31

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

DONATIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

MAR	2014			2015			2016			2017		
	General	Building	Worship	General	Building	Worship	General	Building	Worship	General	Building	Worship
1st	26923	9083	2865	37772	12666	2188	45787	20997	2118	43443	12275	2154
2nd	21969	4126	1892	33976	14803	2039	32112	4254	1992	2568	7686	1767
3rd	25151	5695	1772	28859	10896	1999	27031	7231	2114	33566	11681	2071
4th	20298	5589	1803	23398	5467	1934	24803	6311	3145	21509	3872	2066
5th	0	0	0	24962	4501	1846	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	94341	24493	8332	148696	48333	10006	129733	39792	9369	124126	35513	8058



It is with deep gratitude I send my thanks to all of you who sent me "Mail Call" letters during my Honor Flight #22 on April 1, 2017. Your notes, good wishes and thoughtfulness was so unexpected, but so much appreciated. It was one fantastic event which I shall remember always, and I urge any veteran who has not been a part of an Honor Flight to do so. Your greetings made the day even more special and your remembrances brought joy to me and my family.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you, one and all...

Sincerely,

Sgt. Charles (Chuck) McKim



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 (*Completed in March*)
- Missions Center — \$380,000 (\$283,599 given thus far)
- 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

June Roadrunner

Please send content via email to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org by 8:00am, Monday, 5/8/17 **(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)