



## FROM THE PASTOR: "EASTER"

Christian author Ken Davis writes about a woman who looked out of her window and saw her German shepherd shaking the life out of a neighbor's rabbit. Her family did not get along well with these neighbors, so this was going to be a disaster.

She grabbed a broom, pummeled the dog until it dropped the now extremely dead rabbit out of its mouth. She panicked. She did not know what else to do. She grabbed the rabbit, took it inside, gave it a bath, blow dried it to its original fluffiness, combed it until that rabbit was looking good, snuck into the neighbor's yard, and propped the rabbit back up in its cage. An hour later she heard screams coming from next door. She asked her neighbor, "What's going on?" "Our rabbit! Our rabbit!" her neighbor cried. "He died two weeks ago. We buried him, and now he's back!"

People in the 1st Century knew that rabbits tend to stay dead. They knew that those who were crucified stayed dead. When Jesus died on the cross the disciples dispersed knowing their movement was dead. It was over. All the dreams of a Messiah who would save the world were dashed. When something dies it stays dead. They knew this.

But three days later everything changed. I hope you will join us for our Holy Week worship services to remember just how important this news is to us. He is risen! He is risen indeed!

I will see you Sunday.

Grace and peace,

*Fred*

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HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED!

Join us at an Easter Sunday Service  
on April 21<sup>st</sup>

6:00am — Sunrise Worship (Outdoors)  
8:00am & 9:30am — Traditional  
10:50am — Praise  
5:00pm — Country

HOLY WEEK  
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maunder Thursday 4/18—7pm  
Good Friday 4/19—7pm



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“...FOLLOWING JESUS... SERVING OTHERS”



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Pastor Katharine Keller

*"...Growing disciples of Jesus Christ 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:

- ✝ 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](mailto:khop149612@yahoo.com).

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019



Our theme this year is "Roar": Life is Wild and God is Good! This free VBS is open to all from ages 3 ½ (potty-trained) through 5th grade. We will meet June 3-7 from 9am—12:15pm.

Registration will be open beginning the middle of April; and we hope you tell your neighbors and friends about VBS – it's a great week.

We are in need people who want to be small group leaders of 5 kids, someone to head up games, a storyteller, and people to work specifically with the preschoolers. Please contact Katharine immediately, if you are interested in any of these positions!



## CONFIRMATION CLASS

A couple of months ago the Confirmation Class joined Earl Beasley and Steffany Carpenter to serve lunch at Genesis Project, a Apache Junction soup kitchen, that we support. Thanks to the students – they were awesome!



## SUMMER CAMP AT MINGUS MOUNTAIN



Our Methodist Camp is in a beautiful setting to enjoy a week of worship, fellowship and fun in God's creation.

Here are the following offerings: Youth Mission Camp, June 3-8; Elementary, Junior High Camp and Senior High Leadership Camp – June 17-22; and Elementary and Junior High Camp July 8-13. Katharine is Dean for the July camp. The church will provide transportation to any of the camps, provided we have enough advanced notice. Cost of camp is \$375. We are asking families to pay \$100 per camper (if they are able), and the church will pay the remainder. If you need financial

assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Katharine. There are no brochures this year – please go on the camp’s website – [dscamps.org](http://dscamps.org) – to see the description of the camps and also to register your student.

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

## OUTDOOR MOVIE



**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.

## FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

\$2500 was raised to benefit Genesis Project. Thanks to Mid Carlozzi and his griddle team, as well as all the Team Outreach workers.



## SPRING EGGSTRAVAGANZA!



Join us for our annual community-wide Spring event on Palm Sunday, April 14th, from 3:00pm—

5:00pm! We will have family-friendly activities, like pony rides, petting zoo, inflatables (including a wet slide!), and the ever popular candy hunt! Once again our favorite DJ, Matthew Figueroa, will be our emcee; and we will be offering a free meal. There will be other fun activities, so we hope you bring friends, neighbors, relatives and enjoy the event. (If your children or grandchildren will be doing the inflatable wet slide, please bring a towel...or have them wear a bathing suit).

We could use hands and feet on the ground the day of the event; please contact Katharine in the office if you want to help.

We also need donations of individually-wrapped candy (chocolate is okay too) for the candy hunt. Financial donations are also welcomed, since we have various vendors helping us to make this a great experience. This is a great outreach, so think who you could bring!

## SPRING SILENT AUCTION



For the first two weeks of April you will have a chance to bid on baskets or artwork. ALL proceeds from the Silent Auction will go towards our Easter offering.

This year the offering is helping to provide a dental clinic for the ministry of Fellowman International in Honduras. Have fun bidding and bid often! **Final bidding** will be at the Spring Eggstravaganza on April 14<sup>th</sup>.



## WOMEN'S "COZY MOUNTAIN LODGE" SPRING RETREAT



Approximately 67 women attended our Spring One-Day Retreat, which was held on the GCUMC campus. Everyone had a great time — and we invite you to attend next Spring!



Also, be sure to save the dates of October 18—20 for the Women's Fall Weekend Retreat being held again at the beautiful Franciscan Renewal Center in Scottsdale.





# YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Beth Steinberg, Youth Director

*"...Growing disciples of Jesus Christ and living the Word."*

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A SHAREHOLDER?

Our group was not able to get into the Hume Lake Camp in California so we will be heading off to Crownpoint, New Mexico this summer to attend a week-long service project sponsored by Next Step Ministries. We will be working on the Navajo reservation and doing mostly construction type projects. Next Steps has been in Crownpoint since 2009 working in the community and getting to know the families there. On the reservation, they are dealing with alcoholism, abuse, unemployment and hopelessness. Next Steps has a deeply rooted relationship with the local church and families who desire transformation within the reservation. This relationship is rooted in trust. Many of these families embrace their history and traditions while carrying a strong faith in Christ. These Christians are the hope in this community and continue to believe in the renewal that can happen within Crownpoint.

In order for the youth to financially be participants on this mission trip, would you consider being a shareholder? The cost per share is \$400, half a share is \$200, a quarter share is \$100, but any amount is

greatly appreciated. As a shareholder, you will receive a letter from the youth telling about their trip plus you will be invited to attend the "Shareholder Thank You Dinner" where you will see a video and hear stories from the teens about their experiences. These trips are life changing for the participants as well as the people they are serving! If you wish to donate, please mark your checks or giving envelopes to "Youth Group Mission Trip".

For those of you who have already made donations to the youth group this year, you are considered shareholders and the money will go to the mission trip.

Thank you so much for making these trips possible!

Blessings, *Beth*



### Sunday Bible Study Class

(7th—12th grades)

**Sundays at 9:30am**

**in the Education Building**

*Creative Bible lessons & discussions!*

### Youth Group

(7th—12th grades)

**Sundays at 6:30pm**

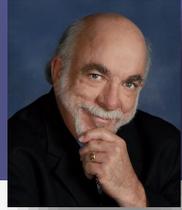
**in the Education Building**

*Fun faith-based programs & fellowship!*

## YOUTH CALENDAR—APRIL 2019

Sun., 4/7	<b>YOUTH GROUP</b>	6:30pm	Education Building
Sun., 4/14	<b>EGGSTRAVAGANZA</b> <i>We will be helping with the Easter Egg Hunt!</i>	2:30pm	Front of Educ Bldg
Sun., 4/21	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <b>NO YOUTH GROUP or YOUTH CLASS</b> <i>Attend Easter Worship with your family!</i>		
Sun., 4/28	<b>1st VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE</b> <b>YOUTH GROUP</b>	5:30pm 6:30pm	Educ Bldg Educ Bldg





## MUSIC NOTES

Douglas J. Benton, Director of Music Ministries



April – a time for Spring, growth and renewal. Also a time to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We are *Easter People*, which is why we worship on Sunday. I pray that Holy Week and Easter this year will be a time of reflection and then celebration!

I am writing this a couple of weeks before our Celebration of Music and my final concert, but I will go ahead and thank all of you who came, and gave so much food to the Food Bank, and donated a lot of money to the **Pipes for the Organ Fund!** I sincerely hope you had as much fun as we have had in preparing this event for you.

Thanks also to the **Gold Canyon Arts Council** for their very generous offer of donating the entire amount of ticket sales for their presentation of Bach and Sons on March 29 to our Pipes for the Organ Fund. This is a “thank you” for our church letting them use our facilities for all their concerts and their Gold Canyon Arts Festival. This is a very generous thing the Arts Council is doing for our church! Please support them as you can. It is amazing to me that this little town of Gold Canyon can enjoy the Moscow Chamber Strings, the Korean Children’s Choir, and other world renowned groups for the very low prices they charge! In Phoenix or Mesa or Scottsdale, the ticket prices for the same thing would be twice as much, if not more! Thank you, Jack Kukuk, the GCAC Artistic Director, and the Gold Canyon Arts Council!

As most of you know by now, I will be retiring at the end of July this summer, and hope to remain here at Gold Canyon UMC, as this is my home and my church. Although I will no longer play the organ or direct the Choir, I do hope to sing in the Choir. I love singing, but rarely get to do that anymore! I plan on filling my time mostly with writing music — something that I haven’t had much time to do.

If you know someone who is an outstanding Choir Director or Organist, please tell them to get in touch with Pastor Fred. The search is on, and I know whomever my successors are, they will be great! One of Fred’s best gifts, is the ability to choose great people, and then let them do their job! This is a major reason why our Staff has always worked so well together. We not only have just “gotten along”, but truly have become good friends! I know the Church will only get better as time goes by, and with the changes, the music will also get better!



I want to take this opportunity to thank the “behind the scenes” people – my librarians, for keeping me much more organized than I would be otherwise. Our Choral Librarians are **Paul & Janice Workman** who spend an enormous amount of time stamping, punching and numbering new music, then keeping track of everyone’s scores, folders, etc. This is a huge job!

Our Handbell Librarian and Orchestra Librarian are **Mary Catherine and Bob Myers**, respectively. Again, they both do great work and really help to keep me and our musicians organized and ready to go! Thank you all. Truly, you all are a Godsend to me, and to us!



Additionally, my thanks to **Ruth Waterman**, my Sunday morning assistant, who keeps the Choir in place, organized, and informed about anything special in the service. Thank you, Ruth! You are a true blessing for me and the Choir!



Our fantastic accompanists, **Andie Chung** and **Marty Robison**, have been great to work with these past several years, as have **Nancy Virden** and **Linda Jones** back when I began in June of 2003.



Finally, my thanks to our entire **Congregation** who has been so supportive of my work with the Choir, the Bells, the Orchestra, organ and the Performing Arts Series. My profound appreciation for your donations to the Food Bank at events and your kind words, financial support and the friendship you’ve given me personally over the years.

This church has been a tremendous blessing for me, and I thank God daily for opportunity to serve and worship here at this place, with all of you, at this time. May God bless you as He has me through you.

Love and blessings to all,

*Doug*



# REMAINING 2018—2019 PERFORMANCES & EVENTS

- 4/14/19 Sun 3:00pm **Spring Eggstravaganza** ...fun community event for kids & families!
- 4/18/19 Thu 7:00pm **Maunder 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](http://www.gcac1.com). All other concerts are presented by the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church's Performing Arts Series and are open to the public at no charge as an offering will be received. We do ask that everyone please bring at least one non-perishable food item per person for the Gold Canyon UMC Food Bank. Thank you for your patronage!



## EASTER LILIES 2019

Easter is April 21st... and you can now order Easter Lilies in honor or in memory of a loved one.

We are pleased to offer floral quality plants (18"-23" tall w/ 3-5 blooms) for \$12.00 each.

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

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

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

GOLD CANYON UMC

# Uncommon Grace

"I will be glad and rejoice in You;  
I will sing praise to Your name,  
O Most High!"  
~ Psalm 9:2

## Praise & Worship

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

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

*Thank You*

*... so much to all the people bringing in purchased and homemade cookies and breads for our Sunday morning Coffee Fellowships...*

*You are all VERY appreciated!*

*- Your Hospitality Team*

**LILY ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED  
NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, APRIL 7th**

### EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

I am ordering a lily in Memory of:

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I am ordering a lily in Honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Payment of \$12.00 for each is enclosed

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

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

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



## A NOTE FROM BOB & NANCY

Pastor Bob Deits & Nancy Meise-Deits



We are at that time of year when large numbers of our winter residents depart for summer homes in other places. We won't see you again until the Fall.

Because of my own time away due to my accident and injury, I feel as if I haven't seen you nearly enough! It's my fault. My dear colleagues have filled in 5 Sundays for me. That's more time away, other than vacations, in the 55 years of my career.

You have probably noticed in your own life how a momentary mistake can have an impact that lasts a long time, if not a lifetime. The Jesus said, "Be alert at all times.." (Luke 21:36). We live with the choices we make, those we don't and times of being careless.

I am practicing staying more alert to each moment. I encourage you to do so whether you are enjoying the warmth (heat) of an Arizona summer with the rest of us "full timers" or whatever is going on in your other home.

Enjoy the full blessings of an Easter faith all year until we meet again. In the meantime, I miss you already!

Peace and joy,

*Bob*

### POETRY CORNER

#### "The Mysteries of God"

*Juanita L. Elms*

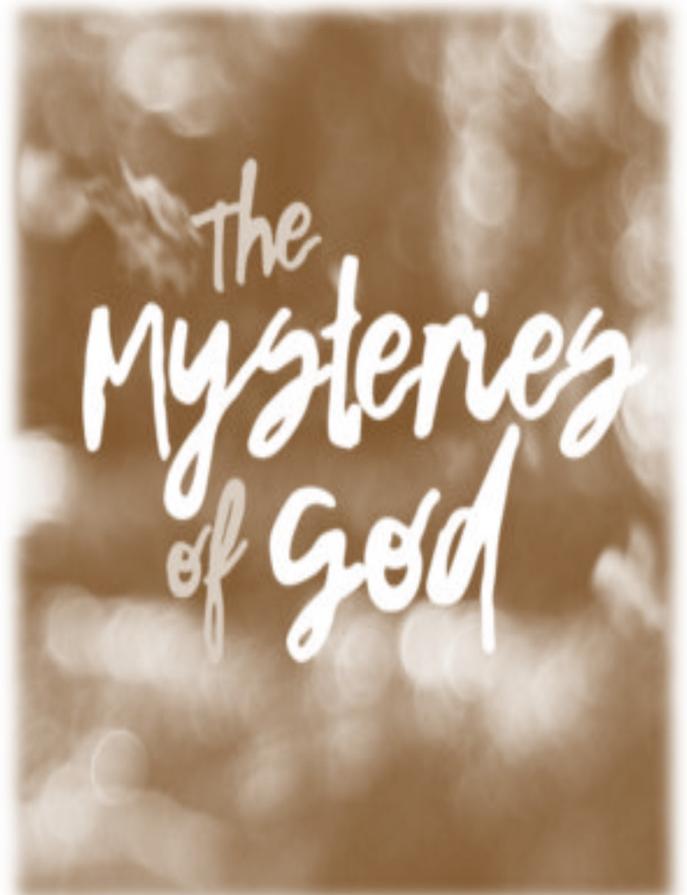
*(Scripture: John 8:29—Can you fathom the mysteries of God?  
Can you probe the limits of the Almighty?)*

*Jesus, I can't think of you  
as just a man who knew temptation,  
for when you spoke the angels heard,  
the Lord of all creation.*

*Father help us understand the power  
that you gave to Him,  
to turn a rock to a loaf of bread,  
and yet the Father's will He did.*

*Jesus I can't think of you  
as just a man upon a tree,  
for you were God's spotless lamb,  
a sacrifice for me.*

*Father help us understand  
the mystery of the cross,  
how the Word, the spotless lamb,  
died to save the lost.*





# GLOBAL MISSIONS

Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor

## DENTISTRY FOR HONDURAS... WE CAN HELP!

The annual Easter offering at Gold Canyon UMC goes directly to a specific Global Missions need. This year we are providing new dental equipment for Honduras for Fellowman International (FMI). FMI serves the mountainous area of Honduras, providing health and education services and is one of the missions supported through our general budget.

be able to honor her Global Missions commitment with our gifts to this valuable work.



Recently FMI hired a new dental school graduate, Dr. Fredy Rivera, who provides remedial and preventative dental services through the FMI clinic. His work would be greatly enhanced with updated equipment.



FMI has developed community gardens, protein production (hogs, chickens, rabbits), and school lunch program in addition to its medical and dental clinics. Isn't that amazing?!

We can make this dental suite a reality through our gifts at Easter. Our goal is \$30,000 which will provide the salary for Dr. Rivera, a dental chair, lamp, handset delivery system, suction and bowl, Xray system, high and low speed hand pieces, dental instruments and a fluoride preventative program for children. All that for \$30,000!



**Lisa Armstrong**, the founder of Fellowman International, is a registered nurse and trained biologist. She has visited Gold Canyon and shared her

passion for medical and agricultural work in the mountain villages of Honduras. We are pleased to





## PASTORAL & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Dr. David Worley, Director of Congregational Care

### AN APRIL SHOWERS' PERSPECTIVE

*Though April showers may come your way  
They bring the flowers that bloom in May  
So if it's raining have no regrets  
Because it isn't raining rain you know, it's raining violets  
And where you see clouds upon the hills  
You soon will see crowds of daffodils  
So keep on looking for a blue bird  
And list'ning for his song  
Whenever April showers come along*

These old lyrics came to my mind with the onset of April and my memories of growing up in the Midwest where spring rains were an annual event. Although Arizona is not as known for April showers, they are certainly common in other parts of the country. As we know from our February experience here this year, rainy days can "get you down" as a more contemporary song notes.

Life parallels the same pattern. We speak of a rainy day fund because we know that life can bring unpleasant and even downright difficult days for which we need to prepare. Our faith in Christ does not shield us from these tough times, for as Jesus forewarned us, "In this world you will have tribulation."

However, as the lyrics above note, rainy days must be put into perspective: rain brings flowers in the end. There are not violets or daffodils on the hills without rain. Likewise, life's difficulties are a reminder that there are better days ahead. I like the way the Apostle Paul phrases it in Romans 8:18: "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us" (NIV). Again like Jesus, Paul is realistic; he recognizes that we suffer in our current situation. There are, indeed, inescapable rainy days.

But, he introduces an important perspective that presents a vivid contrast – current suffering versus future glory. To put it another way, that which awaits us is far greater than anything we are facing now. In Romans 8:19-25 Paul proceeds to explain this hope which he clearly identifies as the ultimate redemption of our bodies; he declares that this hope saves us. From what does this hope save us? It saves us from utter despair. Rainy, grey days hide the sun and we may

feel that it will never shine again. Paul would have us take another look and remember that there are better days ahead, even if those days are not necessarily in this lifetime but in the future glory before us.

But, the glory that awaits us has not yet come. What do we do in the interim? How do we survive rainy days? Here are some suggestions.

**First, take refuge in the Lord.** The Proverbs declared that "The name of the LORD is a strong fortress; the godly run to him and are safe" (Prov.18:10, NTS). Jesus is our shelter in the storm and He shields us from the rain. Yes, the rain still comes, but the Lord is "our God, in Him we hide, a shelter in the time of storm." As my Dad used to say, "The Lord will either take you out of your troubles or take you through." I would add that it seems that the Lord many times takes us through troubles and in the end takes us out. Trusting Him is the best way to live through rainy days.

**Second, take shelter in the church.** You are a member of a faith community that provides a shelter offering love, concern, prayer and practical assistance. We will stand with you in the rain. You can lean on us; we'll even hold the umbrella for you.

**Third, see through the rain drops to your blessings.** Even in the darkest days when it seems to pour without end, we are blessed. Although our visibility may be compromised, with a closer look we can re-discover our blessings. If you're having difficulty doing so, just begin to literally list every blessing for which you are thankful and as the old hymn says, when you do "it will surprise you what the Lord has done."

George Matheson, a Scottish preacher who was blind from birth wrote, "My God, I have never thanked Thee for my thorn. I have thanked Thee a thousand times for my roses, but not once for my thorn. I have been looking forward to a world where I shall get compensation for my cross, but I have never thought of my cross as itself a present glory." It seems to me that Matheson had come to understand what I am calling the April Showers' Perspective; he saw, although blind, the violets and daffodils, through the rain. So may we, I pray.





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:

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**Rev. Bob Deits, Associate Pastor**  
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**Dr. David Worley, Director, Congregational Care**  
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If you know someone in the congregation who is hospitalized, ill at home and/or needs prayers of the community, please let one of the pastors or the church office know so they can be included on the prayer list.

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

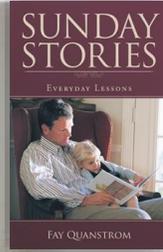
You are invited to join the **Congregational Care Ministry** by contacting Rev. Fay Quanstrom.



**Prayer Chain Ministry**

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

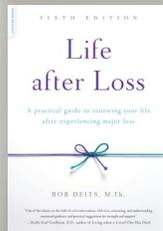
**THE BOOK SHELF**



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



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



*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 Church Office.

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

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

Patty Truckle

Mary Leschuck

Sherry Mabbit

Shirley Edwards (W); husband's death)

Hartmans (grandfather's death)

Tom & Char Picek (Bob's mother's death)

*In Remembrance*



## CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

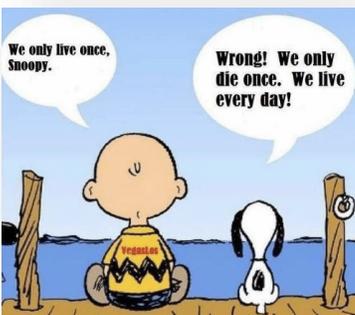
### JUST A LITTLE WHILE

In the grand scheme of things, our lives are brief. But what amazing things we can do in that time period!

Many of us give up something during this season of Lent. But have we fully examined why we do that? Is it because we always have; because all Christians give up something during Lent; because it's part of celebrating Easter? Or did we think it through and ask a question like "what is one thing in my life that is keeping me further from God?", and pick that thing to focus our energy on changing? I certainly haven't always thought of it as deeply as the latter, but a counselor friend of mine posed a similar question recently and it drew my focus back to where it should be.

Our time here on earth is precious, but we may not always see it that way. We can get caught up in the day to day rut, in the air of negativity we can sometimes find around us, or in a run of bad luck we may be having...and we miss things. We miss good things, we miss great things, we miss opportunities – to love, to heal, to appreciate, to learn, to grow, to laugh, to experience grace and to extend mercy to others.

I read an article recently about a young father with 2 small children who lost his wife to illness. He was overweight and miserable, emotionally and physically. He was tired all the time, and no doubt on his own path to illness if he didn't change something. It took watching his wife attempt to cling so dearly to her own life to wake him up to what he needed to do. He suddenly recognized the precious gift he'd been given, and knew that the best thing he could do to honor his wife's legacy was to be the healthiest version of himself so he could be here for his children. He lost over 100 pounds, and you can imagine the rest of the story.



That young man's story made me further reflect on the attitude and example of a friend of mine with cancer. She faces countless struggles each day, does not know how long she will be here, yet she is the light to those around her.

Snoopy (or cartoonist Charles Schultz) said it best in the cartoon, "We only die once. We live every day."

Country and Western artist Billy Dean had a hit song years ago entitled Only Here For A Little While. Partial lyrics are below, but if you haven't heard the whole thing, you might wish to look it up –

*Let me love like I'll never see tomorrow  
Treat each day as though it's borrowed  
Like it's precious as a child  
Oh, take my hand  
Let us reach out to each other  
'Cause we're only here for a little while  
Gonna hold who needs holdin'  
Mend what needs mendin'  
Walk what needs walkin'  
Though it means an extra mile  
Pray what needs prayin'  
Say what needs sayin'  
'Cause we're only here for a little while*

Powerful messages in a simple cartoon, song, or many other things are around us every day. Pastor John Ortberg in his book *God is Closer Than You Think* said "Once you see God at an ordinary moment in an ordinary place, you never know where He'll show up next." Remember, Christ died so that we may live. Whatever you do, remember to LIVE daily, in both the simple and the complex that goes on in your life. God is there with you, and He has given you this time on earth to savor in all that is around you.

But listening to or reading inspiration is the easy part, it can still be difficult to see God in the ordinary, to reduce the distance between yourself and Him, or to make the most of your little while here. If you are struggling with something, remember that 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 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.

*Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.*

*~ John 14:1 (NRSV)*



## MINISTRY & MISSIONS

### FOOD BANK WELCOMES

#### LINDA CLISE!



Our GCUMC Food Bank welcomes our new Food Bank Manager, Linda Clise. Linda and her family moved to Arizona from Spokane, Washington eight years ago because of her husband, David's work and because

he does not like snow. They have been attending our church for the last three years, serving as Youth Counselors, substitute teachers for Sunday School, and helping with Communion at the 9:30 service.

Linda and David met their freshman year in college, Central Washington University, and have been married for 25 years. They have two children; Ben 18 and Lorelei 15.



With the children being home schooled and Ben finishing his high school work in December, Linda was looking for something worthwhile to do in the summer. She was planning to be a volunteer at the Food Bank. When she heard about the need for a Food Bank Manager, she spent much time in thought and prayer. With many at the Food Bank praying for a Food Bank Manager, our prayers were answered! God found a perfect match for us... Linda's master's degree is in organizational management!

Linda plans to be at our Food Bank on Monday and Friday mornings. She will be the liaison between our Food Bank and outside clubs and organizations.

Please feel free to stop in and meet Linda. We are very thankful to have her as our new Manager!

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



The Prayer Shawl Ministry has been active this winter. Barbara Sawyer moved to Tucson, but three ladies have joined. We look forward to having anyone else who likes to knit or crochet join us! We meet the first AND

third Thursdays in the Esther Room at the Mission Center. We have enjoyed getting to know our

members and forming friendships.

Our plan is to have a pot luck brunch at our first meeting in April. We will probably meet through April, but will take a summer break.

We have specific yarns and sizes we use, so if you are interested in making shawls for us, please get in touch with Nancy Miller [FNMiller61@msn.com](mailto:FNMiller61@msn.com).

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



*"Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in*

*what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."*  
Matthew 24:42-44

Are you a planner? I am. I have lists of things to do today, this week and next week; I plan our vacations a year in advance; I plan get-togethers down to the minute and down to the menu item. I operate and feel most secure when I know what's coming. But do I? Definitely not. Plan as we might, we never know exactly what our future holds. We must be ready for anything! In the book of Matthew, the disciples also wanted to know what the future held. Jesus responded by saying that no one will know the day or the hour, so we must be ready at any time.

How do we, as United Methodist Women, become ready? We learn through reading the Bible, reading our response magazine, reading the books in our Reading Program and attending Mission u. We learn by listening to others. We give to others, both other United Methodist Women, those in our community and those in need around the world. We learn from women of other religions and races. We teach through our meetings and through how we behave every day. We laugh together in shared fellowship. We strengthen our faith through all of these avenues. Through everything we do, we become ready! We hope you join us at our next meeting as we walk the path toward Christ.

Our March meeting featured an informative talk by Music Director Doug Benton. The Canyon Carillon

Quartet entertained and we even got to try our hand at playing the hand bells and choir chimes!



Eleven of our members attended worship services at Tanner Chapel A.M.E. Church on March 10, 2019. We were welcomed with gracious hospitality for a 2½ hour service on their annual "Men's Worship Day". Amazing music and an inspiring sermon by Rev. Dr. Santarvis Brown left us all feeling spirit-filled!

UMW East District Ubuntu Day of Service will be held on April 6, 2019. Ubuntu is an African word and proverb meaning "I am human because you are human." Ubuntu Day of Service is an opportunity to contribute to projects for our community. This year's Ubuntu Day of Service offers three activities to choose from: serving morning brunch at UMOM, measuring and packing food to fight world hunger at Feed my Starving Children, and assembling personal hygiene packets for women in need. The day begins with a gathering at St. Matthew UMC in Mesa. For more information, contact Carol Johnson at [caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com](mailto:caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com) or (602)750-2008.

### Upcoming United Methodist Women Meetings

(10:00am-10:30am fellowship, 10:30am meeting)

- **April 20:** "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial"
- **May 18:** Women's Prison Ministry, presented by Nancy Duff, Red Mountain UMC

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

## SOFIE'S START

Wow!!!!... What a wonderful time was had by everyone who attended the 2nd annual Flaire's Fashion Show and luncheon benefitting the Sofie's Start Ministry!



Many thanks to the volunteers who served the luncheon, modeled the clothes or helped with tickets and advertising.



Thanks to Vicki of Flaire's Fashions for her time and generous door prizes, and Dawn Carroll of Lori Blank and Associates Realtors for sponsoring the cost of the food, and to everyone who bought a ticket and attended.

It is so great to get together to have a fun time and also support a ministry team that changes lives by helping families move from crisis to independence. See you next year on Feb 8th!





# BITS-N-BYTES

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

Email your story to...[ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org](mailto:ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org)

# ACCESS ACS

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](mailto: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!



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/savailablegroups.aspx>

## ROADRUNNER & BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please send content for

### May Roadrunner

via email to [ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org](mailto:ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org)  
 no later than **8:00am, Monday, 4/8/2019**

### Weekly Bulletin & Flower Orders

12:00pm on the Wednesday of week to be listed

*GCUMC Publications are brought to you by Riechia Ralston, Debra Worley, Carol Lindaman and the Roadrunner Assembly Team, and the Friday Bulletin Assembly Team... as well as many other **treasured** volunteers!*



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

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

## 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](mailto:churchoffice@goldcanyonumc.org).

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# APRIL CALENDAR

(Calendar is subject to change;

For more info, please visit [www.GoldCanyonUMC.org](http://www.GoldCanyonUMC.org) or call the Church Office)

Mon Apr 1	9:30am	Bible Banter (Emmaus)	1pm	DISCIPLE 2: 2nd 1/2 (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (Emmaus)	5pm	Midweek Mountaineers (Educ Bldg/K)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)	5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (Koinonia)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)	Thu Apr 11	9am
	7pm	AI-Anon (Sea of Galilee)		1pm
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)		1pm
Tue Apr 2	9am	DISCIPLE 1 Women's Class (Emmaus)		6:30pm
	4:30pm	Team Outreach (MC-Esther)		10am
	6pm	One in the Spirit Rehearsal (Koinonia)	Fri Apr 12	5:30pm
	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (Sanctuary)		8am
	7pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)	Sat Apr 13	9am
Wed Apr 3	9:30am	Music Library Activities (Music)		9am
	10am	VBS Planning Mtg (Wesley)	Sun Apr 14	All day
	11am	Cancer Support Group (Emmaus)		8am
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-Stephen)		9am
	1pm	DISCIPLE 2 (MC-Esther)		9:30am
	1pm	DISCIPLE 2: 2nd 1/2 (ER)		9:30am
	5pm	Midweek Mountaineers (Educ Bldg/K)		9:30am
	5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (Koinonia)		10:50am
Thu Apr 4	9am	Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC-Esther)		10:50am
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (Emmaus)		3pm
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)		5pm
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music)		6:30pm
Fri Apr 5	5:30pm	AA (Emmaus)	Mon Apr 15	All day
Sat Apr 6	10am	Sidewalk Ministry (Patio/Kitchen)		9:30am
Sun Apr 7	8am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)		10am
	9am	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)		1pm
	9:30am	"The Table" Adult Sunday School (MC-M)		1pm
	9:30am	Children Sunday School (EB)		1pm
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)		7pm
	9:30am	Youth Participate in Worship (Sanctuary)		7pm
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (Noah's Ark)	Tue Apr 16	9am
	10:50am	Praise Worship (Koinonia)		6pm
	5pm	Country Western Worship (Koinonia)		6:30pm
	5:30pm	Confirmation Class (Sea of Galilee)		7pm
	6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)	Wed Apr 17	8am
Mon Apr 8	9:30am	Bible Banter (Emmaus)		9:30am
	1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (Emmaus)		11am
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)		11:45am
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)		1pm
	7pm	AI-Anon (Sea of Galilee)		1pm
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)		5pm
Tue Apr 9	9am	DISCIPLE 1 Women's Class (Emmaus)		5pm
	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-Barnabas)	Thu Apr 18	All day
	6pm	El Mirador Annual Mtg (MC-Barnabas)		9am
	6pm	One in the Spirit Rehearsal (Koinonia)		1pm
	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (Sanctuary)		1pm
	7pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)		6:30pm
Wed Apr 10	9:30am	Music Library Activities (Music)		7pm
	11am	Cancer Support Group (Emmaus)	Fri Apr 19	All day
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-Stephen)		5:30pm
	1pm	DISCIPLE 2 (MC-Esther)		7pm

Sat Apr 20	All day	Holy Saturday
	10am	Sidewalk Ministry (Offsite)
	10am	UMW Mtg (MC-Barnabas)
Sun Apr 21	All day	Easter Sunday
	6am	Easter Sunrise Worship (N Parking Lot)
	7am	Easter Breakfast (Patio)
	8am	Easter Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)
	9:30am	"The Table" Adult Sunday School (MC-M)
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Easter Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (Noah's Ark)
	10:50am	Easter Praise Worship (Koinonia Rm)
	5pm	Country Western Worship (Koinonia)
	5pm	Easter Sunset Worship (Koinonia Rm)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)
Mon Apr 22	All day	Easter Monday / OFFICE CLOSED
	9:30am	Bible Banter (Emmaus)
	1pm	DISCIPLINE 5 (Emmaus)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)
	7pm	AI-Anon (Sea of Galilee)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)
Tue Apr 23	9am	DISCIPLINE 1 Women's Class (Emmaus)
	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-Barnabas)
	6pm	One in the Spirit Rehearsal (Koinonia)
	6pm	Trustees Mtg (MC-Martha)
	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)
Wed Apr 24	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	DISCIPLINE 2 (MC-Esther)
	1pm	DISCIPLINE 2: 2nd 1/2 (ER)
	5pm	Midweek Mountaineers (Educ Bldg/K)
	5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (Koinonia)
Thu Apr 25	1pm	DISCIPLINE 1 (Emmaus)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music)
Fri Apr 26	10am	Mind Menders (Emmaus)
	5:30pm	AA (Emmaus)
Sat Apr 27	8am	PEO Mtg (M-Barnabas)
Sun Apr 28	8am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)
	9:30am	"The Table" Adult Sunday School (MC-M)
	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 Apr 29	9:30am	Bible Banter (Emmaus)
	1pm	DISCIPLINE 5 (Emmaus)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)
	7pm	AI-Anon (Sea of Galilee)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)

Tue Apr 30	9am	DISCIPLINE 1 Women's Class (Emmaus)
	6pm	One in the Spirit Rehearsal (Koinonia)
	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)

## 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!*



## CELEBRATIONS

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

### BIRTHDAYS

Epler, Mary (Peggy) 04/01  
 Glasgow, Joan (Jo) 04/01  
 Lundberg, Betty 04/01  
 Rowe, Jack 04/01  
 Sparks, Donella 04/01  
 Steinberg, Fred 04/01  
 Dybwad, Gay 04/02  
 Pezzino, Peter 04/02  
 Tirrito, Charles 04/02  
 Wehle, Taylor 04/02  
 Mogharbel, Cassea 04/03  
 Morris, Helen 04/03  
 Ramer, William (Bill) 04/03  
 Schoeff, Rose 04/03  
 DeWolf, Janine 04/04  
 Gray, Daniel (Dan) 04/04  
 Hamilton, Verna 04/04  
 Kinder, Elizabeth 04/04  
 Marifjeren, Lorna 04/04  
 Childress, Robert 04/05  
 Fratt, Robert (Bob) 04/05  
 KostECKA, Robert (Bob) 04/05  
 Pape, Micah 04/05  
 Rolf, Vernon (Vern) 04/05  
 Denton, Marian 04/06  
 Kresge, Betty 04/06  
 Lewandowski, Paul 04/06  
 Dulaney, Janet 04/08  
 Harbaugh, Janice 04/08  
 Hick, William 04/08  
 Wachter, Sharon 04/08  
 Hull, Catherine (Cathy) 04/09  
 Mogharbel, Lillie 04/09  
 Campbell, Frank 04/10  
 Lackey, Sally 04/10  
 Thomas, William (Bud) 04/10  
 Lester, Yvonne 04/12  
 Cooke, Teresa 04/13  
 Burrett, Matthew 04/14

DeWinter, Ruth 04/14  
 Gingrich, Gary 04/14  
 Moore, Jey (Jed) 04/14  
 Steinkruger, Ruth 04/14  
 Fridlund, Edward (Ed) 04/15  
 Digerness, Nancy 04/16  
 Togstad, Keith 04/16  
 Zabel, Cameron (Cam) 04/16  
 Barks, Tucker 04/17  
 Roller, Don 04/17  
 Bryant, Arlaine 04/18  
 Evans, Dennis 04/18  
 Manbeck, Lucas 04/18  
 Revis, Lynn 04/18  
 Shull, Ruthmary (Mary) 04/18  
 Svoboda, Beverly 04/18  
 Lilly, Rod 04/20  
 Brown, Karen 04/21  
 Crane, Linda 04/21  
 Lair, Linda 04/21  
 Lester, James (Jim) 04/21  
 Lindsay, Polyxeni (Jenny) 04/21  
 Warren, Harry 04/22  
 Whitmore, Sandra (Sandi) 04/22  
 Moore, Scott 04/23  
 Rhoton, Pam 04/23  
 Sutter, Susan (Sue) 04/23  
 Graham, Jean 04/24  
 Hanshaw, Judy 04/24  
 Manack, Jane 04/24  
 Ellis, Caren Susan 04/25  
 Bos, Colette 04/26  
 Sawyer, Barbara 04/26  
 Ingram, Ennis 04/25  
 McNutt, Deborah 04/25  
 Robertson, David (Dave) 04/26  
 Williams, Barbara 04/26  
 Witucky, Michelle 04/26  
 Anderson, Anne 04/27  
 Arquisch, Duri 04/27  
 Bennett, Sharyn 04/27

Fitzgerald, Gracie 04/27  
 Helquist, Jan 04/27  
 Kidwell, Robert (David) 04/27  
 Kirby, Kara 04/27  
 Rickey, Craig 04/27  
 Krstyen, Michelle 04/28  
 McDaniel, Marilyn 04/28  
 Steckley, JoAnn 04/28  
 Wehle, Peter Francis 04/28  
 Downing, John (Jeff) 04/29  
 Stichter, Lewis 04/28  
 Bjorklund, Alice 04/30  
 Houtcooper, Melva 04/30  
 Nunn, Kevin 04/30  
 Ralston, Timothy (Tim) 04/30

### ANNIVERSARIES

Bell, James (Jim) & Merry 04/20  
 Blankenship, Betty & Roger 04/09  
 Carpenter, Tim & Trudy 04/07  
 Christ, SuzAnne & Dick 04/16  
 Daniels, Brad & Janet (Jan) 04/27  
 Eisentraut, Arne & Bonnie 04/15  
 Fitzgerald, Chris & Susan 04/18  
 Kennedy, Barbara & Tom 04/13  
 LampsA, Roy & Tamara 04/15  
 Lindsay, Larry & Jenny 04/26  
 Malloy, Michael & Susan 04/23  
 McClung, Shawn & Victoria 04/10  
 Mintert, Frank & Zenith 04/20  
 Nelson, F Lee & Joni 04/07  
 Nelson, Jack & Marcia 04/07  
 Ramer, Trudy & William (Bill) 04/03  
 Rewerts, Carol Glass & Jerry 04/20  
 Thacker, Jerry & Ruth Ann 04/30  
 Toomey, Janet 04/03/1965  
 Watters, Scott & Monica 04/30  
 Wiff, Bette & Tom 04/11



# CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

*"Let no debt remain outstanding except the continuing debt to love one another."*

*- Romans 13:8 (NIV)*

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	General	Building	Worship									
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## 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 Remodel: \$380,000 (\$304,677 given so far)
- New Church Multi-Site Start-Up (\$3,236 given so far)
- Organ Pipes: (\$90,682 given so far)
- Playground: \$20,000-40,000 (\$11,673 given so far)
- Stained Glass for upper Sanctuary windows near ceiling: (\$142,514 given so far; \$6,176 per 2'5"x 2'8.5" remaining panel)
- ✓ Bus/Van Shelter (Completed in March 2017)
- ✓ Missions Center Loan Payoff
- ✓ Parking Lot Loan Payoff (Completed October 2017)



## 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.



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

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



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## WORSHIP SERVICES

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

(Childcare available at all Services)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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

Addressee or Current Resident

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