



FROM THE PASTOR: "STAFF CHANGES"

Rev. Bob Deits is retiring on September 30th. He told me, "50 years of preaching, 7,000 sermons & eighty six years of life is long enough." Bob has been leading the Country Western service for fifteen years. I have been working in ministry with Bob for twenty three years. I appreciate his ministry and leadership at Velda Rose U.M.C. and at Gold Canyon U.M.C. He has touched many lives in Christ's name.

Please know that Bob and Nancy will continue to lead the Grief Group on Monday afternoons. Bob's final day of preaching was September 22nd. For those of you wondering about the leadership of the Country Western service, Dr. David Worley will take over the preaching in October.

Most of you know that Beth Steinberg is retiring from Youth Ministry on September 30th. The Staff Parish Relations Committee voted to hire Linda Clise as our new Youth Director. Linda has been working with our youth group for two years as a volunteer. Our youth already have a strong relationship with her so we hope the transition will be easy. Linda also has two children who are very active in the youth ministry program. We welcome Linda to our staff.

At the last Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting the group also voted to hire Sherry Hussein as our new Children's Ministry Director. She will start this position on October 15th. Sherry currently works in our nursery and has been a strong leader in the Sidewalk Ministry program. This means Pastor Katharine Keller will relinquish her role with children's ministry to focus more on Pastoral Care and Adult Christian Education.

With the recent hiring of Dr. Ian Classe and these changes we are reorienting our staff to enhance the ministry of our church. I believe we will continue to be blessed by their ministry among us. I will see you Sunday.

Grace and peace,

Fred

"...FOLLOWING JESUS... SERVING OTHERS"



MUZZLING MONSTERS
TAKING CONTROL OF FEAR

SERMON SERIES
"MUZZLING MONSTERS: TAKING CONTROL OF FEAR"

- ✝ October 6 – When I Am Afraid
- ✝ October 13 – Send Someone Else
- ✝ October 20 – Fearing Our Neighbor
- ✝ October 27 – Loneliness
- ✝ November 3 – Political Worries
- ✝ November 10 – Life is Short

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Pastor Katharine Keller

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

SIDEWALK MINISTRY



Sidewalk Children's Ministry is an outreach ministry serving children in Apache Junction, and recently in the Gold Canyon area. Our Big Yellow Truck is parked at Church, with a Rainbow & Dove, "God's Promise" painted on it. GCUMC has been honored to support this children's ministry for 15 years.

Please continue to keep this children's outreach ministry in your prayers, as we are still in need of a new Sidewalk Ministry Director (or Co-Directors) to start this fall on Saturdays. Because Sidewalk starts in early October, the person(s) should be year-round residents. The only other criteria is that one love children and have a heart for outreach. We have Ministry "veterans" who would be happy to explain the program and responsibilities in detail.

If you'd like more information on joining our children's outreach ministry and making a difference in a child's life by loving and nurturing them through God's word, contact Katharine Keller at (480)982-3776. All volunteers must undergo a background check.

MIDWEEK MOUNTAINEERS



Our FREE midweek program for students 1st-6th began in September for the school year. Mountaineers includes a Bible lesson, dinner, music, some mission focus, and various other activities. Friends and non-members of GCUMC are welcomed. There is no need to register ahead of time. If you have any questions, please contact Katharine in the Church Office.

FALL FAMILY CAMP OCTOBER 11-13



Fall is the perfect time to think about the trees changing color and fruit... apples, pumpkins, and more. But we will also be talking about living into the fruit of the Spirit. You are invited to join us for the All Conference Fall Family Camp at Mingus Mountain in the beautiful

mountains above Prescott. This will be a relaxing and fun weekend, beginning Fri., 10/11, at 7:00pm, ending after lunch on Sun., 10/13. Pastor Katharine is leading this fall family retreat and, depending on the weather, activities will include the zip line, climbing wall, and archery. We're hoping to offer a hayride and a campfire with s'mores! A Craft time and hiking will also be available. We will experience informal devotionals and outdoor Sunday morning worship. Adults without children are also welcome, and the camp fees are as follows:

- Adults 18+ = \$80
- Children/Youth 5-17 Years = \$50
- Children 4 Years & Under = Free of Charge

Registration fees include lodging for two nights and five meals, beginning with breakfast on Saturday. Please plan to eat dinner prior to arrival on Friday night.

This is a FUN getaway for the entire family! For more info, contact Pastor Katharine in the Church Office. Register early to reserve a spot in a retreat cabin!

FAMILY OUTDOOR MOVIE!



Our outdoor movies on the patio resume on Friday, October 25th at 6:30pm on our patio, when we gather to watch *Breakthrough*.

When Joyce Smith's adopted son John falls through an icy lake, all hope seems lost as John lies lifeless. In the face of every bleak medical case history and dire scientific prediction, Joyce's unwavering belief inspires her community to pray for John's recovery. Based on the incredible true story, *Breakthrough* is an enthralling reminder that faith and love can create a mountain of hope, and sometimes even a miracle.

"DAD & ME" CAMP OCTOBER 25-27



Research shows that a healthy bond between children and their fathers prevents a host of bad behavioral choices. A strong bond between dads and kids also opens

doors of communication. To help build strong bonds between kids and dads, Mingus Mountain Camp will host "Dad & Me" Camp on 10/25—27. This camp will be a time and space set apart for kids to participate in positive, outdoor activities with their fathers and/or grandfathers. This camp is specifically designed for children between ages 4 and 18, and their dads and grandfathers.

What will we do? There are hikes, campfires, and projects scheduled, along with the challenge course, great food, and comfortable accommodations. If you, as a dad, feel like you haven't connected to your child lately, we have the perfect opportunity to make new memories.

The camp will start on Friday night after dinner and end on Sunday after lunch. Experienced camp leaders, Alan Lewis and John Rees, will lead the camp. The registration fee is \$80 for Adults 18+; \$50 for Children/Youth 5-17 years, and is free for children 4 years and under.

For more information, contact John Rees at kd7qyb@yahoo.com.

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2020



Confirmation Class for grades 7 and up will start in January 2020. Katharine would like to find out which students will be participating in this approximately 13-week program.

Confirmation is the time adolescents/ teens become more familiar with Methodist history and doctrine and our foundational beliefs as Christians. At the end of the program sometime in May, participants have the option of becoming members of Gold Canyon UMC. If your student will be taking this class, please email Pastor Katharine (ladiebug1214@gmail.com) to let her know or call the Church Office.

**Kidz
Kanyon**

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

FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT



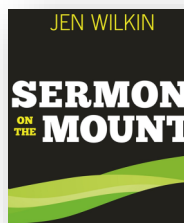
Rooted in Grace

The deadline to register for the "Rooted in Grace" Women's Fall Weekend Retreat is Friday, October 18th. This uplifting weekend of refreshment and fellowship is scheduled for October 18th—20th again being held at the beautiful Franciscan Renewal Center in Scottsdale.

The registration fee is \$200 for double-occupancy and \$280 for a single room, and includes all (6) meals and materials. A \$100 non-refundable deposit will hold your spot, and a Registration Form is available on page 14 of this Newsletter, and at the Welcome Center and Church Office.



UPCOMING ADULT CLASS



Have a seat on the mountainside. Most of us have only encountered the Sermon on the Mount in fragments, considering its subdivisions as complete teachings in their own right. But what if we navigated these three chapters in Matthew as they were originally heard: one cohesive, well-ordered message intended to challenge us to think differently about what it means to be a follower of Jesus, a citizen of the kingdom of heaven? Come and learn from Jesus, just as His disciples did.

Starting Thurs., October 17th (with no classes over the holiday weeks), Chris Miller will be facilitating the 10-week study, "Sermon on the Mount" by Jen Wilkin, from 9:00am—11:00am in the **Emmaus Room**.

Call the Church Office or sign-up at one of the Welcome Centers.

PARTNERSHIP WITH PERALTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Throughout the course of this school year we will post certain needs the school has for the children and staff. For the month of October we wish to supply their cupboards for the weekend bags and for miscellaneous needs – Pop tarts, small cereal boxes, snack size bags of crackers, pretzels, cookies (no little containers of fruit).

Secondly, we have committed to praying for all the staff, some of whom have changed since last year. Beginning in October we will have prayer cards available in both buildings – please pick a name or two and commit to praying for them. If you would like to send the persons a note once and a while, you may leave it for Pastor Katharine and she will make sure it gets to the school. There is still plenty of room for you to volunteer; and we will occasionally treat the staff, so the congregation could help support that way as well. As we assist with the addition to their playground, we will keep you posted. If you have questions about volunteering, please contact Pat Bolster (480)650-4011 or Pastor Katharine in the Church Office.

TEAM OUTREACH & HARVEST FESTIVAL



GCUMC has an outreach team who hosts a number of community and church events throughout the year. We are full of fun, but the participants on this team are also a welcoming bunch and very dedicated and hard-working in offering hospitality to everyone who comes on to our campus.

If being part of big events isn't your style, we also staff the Welcome Center in the main Sanctuary Lobby during both of the worship services. Please contact Pastor Katharine if you are interested in joining the team.



The annual Harvest Festival will be held on our campus on Sunday, October 27th from 2 :00pm–5:00pm (three hours this year!). This is an afternoon of great fun – inflatables, games, pony rides, hay wagon ride, costume parade at 3:30, the return of the pie eating contest, free hot dog meal and much, much more. We are looking for many volunteers to help run many of the

activities, so please sign up – you don't have to help the full three hours.

We need donations of individually-wrapped candy, Costco-sized cookies, and 16 oz. bottled waters, as well.





COUNTRY NEWS FROM BOB & NANCY

Rev. Bob Deits & Nancy Meise-Deits



The time has come for me to fully retire. Issues of health and age have brought me to this decision, but that isn't everything. It is important to please note that Nancy and I will continue leading the Grief Support Group on Mondays at 1:00pm in the Martha Room (Missions Center).

I was ordained Deacon in 1967 and Elder in 1969. I served 2 years prior to that with a license to preach. In 2002 I retired from the Annual Conference, but soon after responded to a call from my dear friend and colleague, Fred Steinberg, to provide a 4th service at Gold Canyon while the new Sanctuary was being built. If my memory is correct I have been here about 15 years. It all adds up to 54 years of ministry and about 7000 sermons. I do not have the stamina to continue. Nancy and I want to do some short trips to see various family members and sites around the country. I am also going to attempt to write one more book.

It has been the joy of a lifetime to be here and work with the other pastors on the staff. They are the best. The same is true for the lay staff. I'm forever grateful to David and Carol Ballard, the Housers and all who made the 5pm service so good. I hope you know how blessed you are. We will be visiting you from time to time, so I won't say "good-bye," just "see you soon". One final comment from my years doing a country western service here: "Yee-Haw!"

Peace and joy, *Bob Deits*



10/27/19	Sun	2:00pm	Harvest Festival ...for the entire community to celebrate Fall!
11/08/19	Fri	7:30pm *	GCAC Concert: Vida Guitar Quartet ...four of the world's exceptional guitarists!
11/10/19	Sun	3:00pm	Celebration of Veterans ...join us to honor our veterans!
11/22/19	Fri	7:30pm *	GCAC Concert: Erin Shields & David Shenton ...romp through the classics!
12/14/19	Sat	3:00pm	18th Annual GCUMC Christmas Concert ...featuring all our music ministries
12/14/19	Sat	6:00pm	18th Annual GCUMC Christmas Concert ...featuring all our music ministries
12/24/19	Tue	3:00pm	Family Christmas Eve Worship ...Join us for family worship w/ candlelight!
12/24/19	Tue	6:00pm	Christmas Eve Worship ...Join us for worship w/ candlelight!
12/24/19	Tue	8:00pm	Christmas Eve Worship ...Join us for worship w/ candlelight!
01/10/20	Fri	7:30pm	George Dyer ...one of the very finest tenors – ever!
01/17/20	Fri	7:30pm *	GCAC Concert: Akropolis Wind Quartet ...an extraordinary musical adventure!
01/25/20	Sat	9:00pm	GCAC Arts Festival ...a much-anticipated community celebration!
01/26/20	Sun	3:00pm	Legacy Quartet ...Southern Gospel and much more!
02/09/20	Sun	2:00pm	The Rice Brothers ...both are virtuoso pianists and cellists
02/14/20	Fri	2:00pm *	GCAC Concert: The Four Freshmen ...relive an era of romance and elegance!
02/26/20	Wed	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Worship ...join us as we begin the journey through Lent
03/06/19	Fri	7:30pm *	GCAC Concert: Carpe Diem String Quartet ...one of the most sought after ensembles
03/15/20	Sun	2:00pm	GCUMC Organ Recital ...to benefit the Pipe Organ Fund
03/27/20	Fri	7:30pm *	GCAC Concert: Jeri Sager ...a Broadway veteran with a show to remember!
04/05/20	Sun	2:00pm	Spring Eggstravaganza ...fun community event for kids & families!
04/09/20	Thu	7:00pm	Maudy Thursday Worship ...special service with communion and ashes
04/10/20	Fri	7:00pm	Good Friday Worship
04/12/20	Sun	6:00am	Easter Sunrise Worship ...in north Parking Lot facing the Superstitions
04/12/20	Sun	8:00 & 9:30	Easter Celebration Worship ...Christ is Arisen with Brass, Bells and Choir
04/12/20	Sun	10:50am	Easter Praise Worship ...Uncommon Grace leads our Praise of the Risen Lord
04/12/20	Sun	5:00pm	Easter Sunset Worship ...our Country/Western celebration of Christ Alive

* Indicates a ticketed event for a fee presented by the Gold Canyon Arts Council's Canyon Sounds Series.

Inquires and/or ticket information can be received via phone (480)983-2171 or online at www.gcac1.com.

All other concerts are presented by the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church's Performing Arts Series and are open to the public at no charge as an offering will be received.

We ask that everyone please bring at least one non-perishable food item per person for the GCUMC Food Bank — and is always in need of cereal, tuna, Ramen, Saltines and macaroni-n-cheese. Thank you for your patronage!



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Beth Steinberg, Youth Director

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VOLLEYBALL TEAM!

At the end of July, the youth attended a district dance at First Mesa UMC. We were given the Golden Volleyball Award, because our team had the most wins in the league! This special volleyball is now in a display case in the youth room. There were 8 Methodist churches playing in the summer league. We ended up winning 7 games and losing only one. The last game was a tie-breaker game against the Gilbert A team and we won the tie-game! So a BIG CONGRATULATIONS to our awesome team and our wonderful coaches, Peter Wehle and Mark Adams! Due to their coaching, the youth really came together this year and worked hard as a team! I'm so proud of you all! Blessings, *Beth*



Sunday Bible Study Class

(7th—12th grades)

Sundays at 9:30am

in the Education Building

Creative Bible lessons & discussions!

NOTE: (1st Sunday of each month Class attends 9:30am Worship Service)

Youth Group

(7th—12th grades)

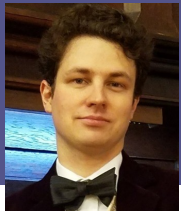
Sundays at 6:30pm

in the Education Building

Fun faith-based programs & fellowship!

YOUTH CALENDAR—OCTOBER 2019

Sun., 10/6	YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP	9:30am 6:30pm	Education Building Education Building
Sun., 10/13	YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP	9:30am 6:30pm	Education Building Education Building
Sun., 10/20	YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP	9:30am 6:30pm	Education Building Education Building
Sun., 10/27	YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL HARVEST FESTIVAL <i>Youth Group will help with games & clean-up afterwards</i> NO YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT	9:30am 1:30pm	Education Building Ending about 5:30pm <i>Please wear costumes!</i>



MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



Is it almost fall already? The Autumnal Equinox is September 23rd this year, so perhaps in October we will see a slight decline in temperatures. I've been enjoying my first months here in Gold Canyon, but it has been pretty hot! I want to thank everyone at the church for the warm welcome (pun intended). I have also been told by many that October is when I will start seeing an influx of residents returning from their summer travels. I am looking forward to meeting people throughout the year as I get settled in, so feel free to say hello when you arrive!

As autumn commences, the music ministry at Gold Canyon UMC is getting back into the swing of things. As of this writing, the Chancel Choir has already started rehearsing and the bells will start in a few days. A few new members have already joined the choir and we're off to a great start! Next month, we will resume rehearsing the Gold Canyon UMC Orchestra on Wednesday, November 6 at 7:00 p.m., so grab your instrument and come join us!

The current schedule for the traditional music ministry rehearsals is as follows:

- **Tuesdays starting 9/10 at 6:30pm:** Canyon Carillon rehearsal in the Sanctuary, for experienced handbell ringers
- **Wednesdays starting 11/6 at 7:00pm:** Orchestra rehearsal in the Music Room
- **Thursdays 6:30pm-8:00pm:** Chancel Choir rehearsal in the Music Room. All are welcome; no auditions. If you can carry a tune and listen well, please join us!

If you are interested in either Uncommon Grace (our excellent Praise Team) or either of the Country/Western ensembles, contact David Ballard, our Associate Director of Music.

For any questions or concerns, please give me a call at the church or email me anytime. Thanks again for making my first few months so welcoming and enjoyable! I hope you all will find joy this month and be able to engage with others here in the church and in our community, especially as those of you out-of-state return.

Peace and best regards,

Ian

Canyon Carillon starts Tues., 9/10!

*New ringers welcome...
Contact Ian for more info!*

MUSICIANS WANTED

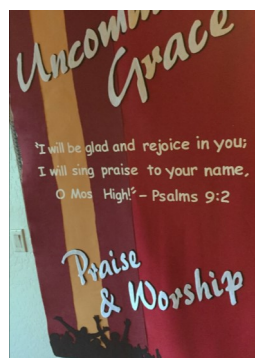
*Orchestra starts on November 6th at 7:00pm
Call Ian for more info!*

New Members Welcome!

CHOIR

Rehearsal

Thursdays at 6:30pm





GLOBAL MISSIONS

Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor

WORK TRIP TO RICE & BEANS, ALEJUELA, COSTA RICA



The GCUMC Global Missions work trip to Rice and Beans, Alejuela, Costa Rica is planned for January 4-11, 2020. This is a great opportunity to participate in food ministry, construction, and Vacation Bible School in an unfamiliar culture where we receive excellent support from the local Rice and Beans team. Most tasks can be learned quickly on site; any skill level is welcome. We have daily opportunity to interact with and pray with people at their homes. We work hard but have appropriate breaks. Each evening we participate in a time of worship.

The Rice and Beans team meets us upon our arrival in San Jose. They tend to our luggage and transport us to the campus, where we will be staying in the newly completed Rice and Beans dormitory. The meals are home-cooked delicious, local cuisine (not spicy). Water throughout Costa Rica is safe to drink and electric power and plugs are US compatible; converters aren't needed. Each of the staff is bilingual, able to provide translation in case it is needed.

Although the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends an array of inoculations for travel to Central and South America, as long as you are up to date on routine immunizations and have a current tetanus shot, you have adequate protection. We work and stay at an elevation well above sea level and have not been bothered by mosquitoes, so Zika and malaria are not concerns.

The team will choose an outing for Friday. This may involve additional cost, as does the evening when we eat at a local restaurant. Several opportunities to shop will be available.

You are invited to an initial informational meeting on September 17 at 4:00pm in the Missions Center to be conducted by Rev. Fay Quanstrom, who will lead the trip. Come with your questions and to meet others who are investigating this opportunity for service in Christ's name.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the next Rice & Beans Mission Trip to Costa Rica on January 4—11, 2020!



Gold Canyon United Methodist Church supports these Global Missions:





PASTORAL & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Dr. David Worley, Director of Congregational Care

I'D RATHER DO IT MYSELF

As lunchtime arrived, I swung by Fry's to grab a salad and eat in their small cafeteria before attending to a number of duties in the afternoon. I chose a table near the front window of the eating area so that I could look out on the parking lot. As I sat down, I saw a Mom and a little boy, who I would estimate to be about three or so walking across the parking lot headed for the store entrance. As those of you who have visited this store on Signal Butte know, cross traffic between the parking lot and front entrance can be quite heavy. Unfortunately, some motorists drive as if they were on a raceway rather than the lot of a busy grocery store. Even though there are clearly marked pedestrian crosswalks, some drivers speed through rather than yield to pedestrians. Wise parents with small children, therefore, typically hold on to their hands, as the Mom I was watching was doing. But, the little boy was not pleased with being restrained; he pulled away from his Mom. You could almost hear him saying "Let me go. I can walk on my own. I don't need you to hold my hand." Certainly, children need to explore their independence, but safely, not while crossing a busy thoroughfare. So, the wise mother refused to let go even as her little guy was protesting her tenacious grip.

How often I am like that little boy with my Heavenly Father. He lovingly seeks to protect me from dangers, most of which are ultimately more severe than a car speeding in front of me since some of them can cause soul damage that takes years to heal, but still leave a scar. He promises in Isaiah 41:13, "For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear; I will help you." Even though He directs me in a safe path I so often pull against his direction preferring my own way. The old commercial's tag line is all too true at such times, "I'd rather do it myself."

Scripture teaches us that God does, indeed, provide guidance. Much of that guidance is rather clear. It isn't that we don't necessarily know the proper path to take; it's that we don't like what we're told; we prefer our own way that disregards God's counsel. As Mark Twain once supposedly said, "It is not the things which I do not understand in the Bible which trouble me, but the things which I do understand." That statement

likely rings true with us. If you're like me perhaps you find God's direction too stultifying or restrictive, especially when we have our hearts set on a certain path or course of action.

Let's take an example. Consider this direction from the Apostle Paul to the Colossians: "But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips" (Col. 3:8). OK, I think I understand that pretty well, don't you? But let something go amiss and the first inclination is to go my own way and do exactly the opposite of what Paul advises. Harsh words leap to my lips with such ease. Or, let someone pull out in front of me or creep along on Highway 60 when I am in a hurry. I can lay my tongue to several descriptors of those other drivers, none of which are complimentary! Of course, this says nothing of a confrontation with someone else that escalates into a full scale shouting match. Everything Paul warns against quickly comes into play at such times, I fear.

So, what's the big deal with words after all? They're just words. But words are powerful, notwithstanding the old quip, "Sticks and stones may break my bones but words can never hurt me." Listen to some of the advice of Proverbs:

12: 18: The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

15:1: A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Words hurt or heal. Words calm a confrontation or fuel it. James advises us that our tongues can set a fire that consumes us and others (See James 3:1-12). So, how shall we respond? Shall we go our own way and pour out a stream of profanity and wounding words, or rely on the Holy Spirit to teach us how to control our speech, knowing this is God's direction for us.

Perhaps you feel troubled because you know your speech has not and does not always align with God's direction. Good news! God forgives us for the asking; just confess and claim God's gracious forgiveness. But, at the same time also ask God to do a deeper work in your heart to break the tendency to wounding words and sweeten your words with grace.

Most of know Colonel Harland Sanders, the founder of

Kentucky Fried Chicken. The Colonel was widely known for what he called "cussin'." According to those who knew him, he was particularly prone to let loose a stream of vindictive when he was angry. Even though he had gained notoriety and was a wealthy man after selling the KFC franchise to a large food company, he was still unsettled. He began attending church and one Sunday the Pastor asked him if he would like to trust Christ. Sanders replied, "'I really would. Do you think that Jesus could save me to the point where he would take away my cussing?" The Pastor assured Sanders that indeed the Lord would work in his life and help him clean up his speech. Later, Sanders reportedly went back to speak with the pastor and said, "Since I prayed the sinner's prayer, things have completely changed in my life. I have not cussed even one time since then. It has really made a difference with me." Jesus saves us to change us. This may happen quickly or progressively; but, it happens.

Yes, we may strain against God's guiding hand, but He holds on. He promises to never leave us or forsake us. If we insist on our way, we can have it. But, the attached consequences will also come our way. For, as Scripture teaches, we reap what we sow (see Gal. 6:7, 8). Yet, even as we pull away from God declaring that we'd rather do it ourselves, He does not abandon us; His grip is not released so easily. He welcomes us to once more become aware of His hand holding ours and walk with Him harmoniously. As we do, we learn anew the blessing of providential guidance and protection, just as that little boy will one day remember the value of his mother's lovingly firm grasp of his hand that kept him safe.

PASTORAL CARE



Our 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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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.

*Pray one for
Another*

- James 5:16



Prayer Chain Ministry

Please email prayer requests to
gcumcprayers@gmail.com.

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

Braatz Family (uncle's death)
Zane Close family (sister's death)
Wade Hoff Family
Dolores Krota family
Dianne Parker Family
Pennington Family (niece's death)
Denise Pratt family
Richard Sottile family

In Remembrance



CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

WRONG TURN, RIGHT TURN... WHOSE DEFINITION IS IT?



The Merriam-Webster dictionary has plenty of definitions of right, and wrong. There are so many that they are only partially listed here, but let's look at 'wrong' first:

Wrong - an injurious, unfair, or unjust act; action or conduct inflicting harm without due provocation or just cause; something wrong, immoral, or unethical; principles, practices, or conduct contrary to justice, goodness, equity, or law; not according to the moral standard; not right or proper according to a code, standard, or convention; not according to truth or facts; not satisfactory; not in accordance with one's needs, intent, or expectations.

Right - righteous, upright, being in accordance with what is just, good, or proper, right conduct, conforming to facts or truth, the right answer, suitable, appropriate, the right man for the job, straight, a right line, genuine, real; acting or judging in accordance with truth or fact; being in good physical or mental health or order; being in a correct or proper state; most favorable or desired; preferable; socially acceptable.

So, do you let Merriam-Webster dictate your life? I hope not, but I'd be pompous if I said I have never leaned that way. At times it's a bit easy to make life, and our choices or paths, pretty simplistic. We say things like *"this isn't fair...I messed up big this time...I rocked that...whew, I sure didn't see that going this way... I KNEW I'd get that promotion, go me!"*... and so on.

In reality, no matter what path you find yourself on, God's not surprised by it, so figure out how to use it for good!! Do we really believe that God orchestrates the *"injurious, unethical, immoral?"* Or do we believe that God orchestrates the *"righteous, good, suitable, genuine, truthful?"*

Just because you think it was a wrong turn doesn't mean it was. In reality, it was probably just a detour. A detour with a reason. Just because our plan didn't play out like we thought, doesn't mean it's all for naught. Just because we didn't plan it out perfectly, doesn't

mean we don't have a lifetime's worth of wisdom to gain from a particular experience. As a matter of fact, our expectations out of life are often what hold us up.

Have you ever gone on a road trip with someone you love (or just someone you aren't that close to for that matter!), and been in the Navigator seat? You are the one looking at the map, pointing the way, saying *"Hey, numbskull, not that way, this way!"* Now here on earth, especially if the trip was with your spouse, there may have been a spat or two out of that trip. What we have to learn is – maybe what God is throwing our way is our pathway to excellence, financial freedom, personal growth, the love of our life...who knows what!? It's just not necessarily on our timeline, or fitting with our expectations.

Just because it was unexpected, or not what you planned, doesn't make it a wrong turn. Lean into what the Lord allows to cross your path, and keep an open mind to the plethora of positive, long-term results He has in store for you.

If you are struggling a bit with seeing the possibilities in a "wrong" path, God has placed our pastors in our sights to help us along the way, and they 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.

"My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing." ~ James 1:2-4 (NRSV)





MINISTRY & MISSIONS

FOOD BANK



Our Food Bank continues to feed more people every year. We have noticed that each year we serve 8%-12% more needy families. You may wonder how this is accomplished. The doors open at 8:30am to provide this much-needed service. When the

clients begin to arrive, the volunteers who operate the front office greet them, check them in and distribute food bags according to family size.

"Team Sprouts" consists of volunteer drivers who rescue food from two different Sprouts locations. They use the church van and the Food Bank's refrigerated trailer to pick up the donated food. This is a two-person job, and they handle 600—1,000 pounds of food each trip.

On the first Wednesday of every month, the United Food Bank delivers food that volunteers unload and store on our food bank shelves, refrigerators and freezers. We also pick up from Midwest Food Bank, consisting of mostly paper products such as toilet tissue, paper towels, and Kleenex.

Our Food Bank is also supported by generous monetary donations. We are extremely grateful for these contributions that contribute to the success of this mission. Tuna, cereal, saltine crackers, macaroni and cheese, and ramen are always needed for our shelves.

During the summer months many of our dedicated (50+) volunteers return to cooler climates. We are always accepting new volunteers! Currently, we are in need of volunteers for the back. These volunteers are responsible for assembling food bags for the clients, helping sort the Sprouts donations and for stocking the shelves. This growing mission necessitates sound leadership, continual training and solid management. If you are interested in volunteering at the Food Bank, please contact the Food Bank Office at (480)982-6789, or stop by between 8:30am—12pm, Monday—Friday and talk with them about what job you would like to volunteer.



GENESIS PROJECT

Thanks to the partnership of the City of Apache Junction, Pinal County United Way and the Genesis Project we are pleased to announce that beginning in September, the Community Resource Center will have a new home. Located across from The Genesis Project at 564 North Idaho Road, Suite 11, this new location will have two spacious rooms to provide expanded services to the community, while also providing a more private space for our providers to discuss personal information. Additional services will also be made available in this location, including a clothing closet, additional personal items, food for pets, a computer with internet access for job searches and resume building, and — coming soon — a mini post office so our homeless residents have an address to gain access to benefits and employment leaders.

HIKING IN THE SPIRIT



This ministry not only lifts you physically, but spiritually, too! The official start of our fall hiking season is October 22nd, and a moonlight hike is also planned this season!

We generally meet at the GCUMC south parking lot at 8:00am (unless otherwise noted). In midwinter when it's cold, we meet an hour later, and in the early fall and late spring when we're experiencing warmer weather, we'll meet an hour earlier to commute to the trailhead. Depending where you live, you can meet up at the trailhead.

We hike on established trails that vary in difficulty. Some are flat (easy) and some are of medium ability. Some are interpretative and teach about the desert plants and animals that live here, as well as how to generally survive in the desert.

Hikes are typically between 3—5 miles, and can be as short as 2 hours. Due to travel time, the entire trip averages 5+ hours, which is why we ask hikers to not plan appointments for the latter part of the day.

The upcoming hiking schedule is:

- 10/22: Phon D Sutton (short)
- 10/29: Bill the Barber (moonlight hike)
- 11/5: Pass Mountain Overlook (Maricopa Trail)
- 11/12: Old Hwy 60
- 11/19: Ruidoso Trail to Cat Peaks & back
- 12/3: Phon D Sutton Park, Mid-mountain Pass
- 12/10: Fortress Rocks near Lost Dutchman park
- 12/17: Silly Mountain near Gold Canyon
- 11/26: No hike (Thanksgiving Break)

Expenses should be shared with your driver if you're commuting and it's recommended to bring 2-3 liters of water, a snack or lunch, good hiking shoes/boots, layers of clothing, a jacket & gloves (depending on the temperature), wide hat, sunscreen, and other items you may need: medications, walking sticks, sunglasses, etc., and a light knapsack in which to put it all. For more info or to request this season's Hiking Schedule, please contact Jim Riedel (414)350-1466 or jariedel12@gmx.com partnership.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love." - Ephesians 4:2.

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." - Micah 6:8.

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines humility as *freedom from pride or arrogance : the quality or state of being humble*. Humble is defined as *not proud or haughty; not arrogant or assertive; ranking low in a hierarchy or scale : insignificant, unpretentious*.

The Bible includes 73 verses which extol us to be humble and to exhibit humility. Solomon states that *"when pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom"* (Proverbs 11:2) Paul calls on us to *"clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."* (Colossians 3:12) Christ instructs his followers to treat others with humility and to humble themselves before the Lord. As I have aged, I have come to see humility as one of our most important qualities.

I disagree with Merriam-Webster's definition that it means low in hierarchy or insignificant. Humility to me means that I am equal to all people, not better and not less than. Humility means that I can learn from everyone; it means that I see God in everyone; it

means that I am here to help and support others as they have frequently supported me. It also means that I need God's help and God's love as I follow in Christ's footsteps.

God has a special plan for all of us, but we must humble ourselves and listen for his guidance, whether that be through reading the Bible and Biblical teachings, meditation (listening to God), prayer (talking to God), church involvement, being in community with other Christians, or other means. Humility also allows me to share my innermost being with others; to share the sadness, fear, anxiety, love, excitement, and humor. It is through this sharing that we love and support each other. Humility makes us stronger, kinder, more understanding and more compassionate. As Paul stated, *"That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."*

It is with humility that United Methodist Women, as an organization and as individuals, does its mission work. We see ourselves in others, and this prompts us to act with mercy and grace. We see God's face in the good that others do, and we are humbled and blessed. Humility is always present in our work, as we know that we learn and are blessed as much as those who our mission work helps. May Christ always guide us through his example of humility.



We invite all women to join us at our meetings and in our mission work! We will be offering volunteer opportunities next month for the *Matthew 25:36 Prison Ministry...* stay tuned!

Upcoming Meetings:

- **10/19:** Lauren Broderick, Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator, Hope Women's Center
- **11/16:** Andrea Brundage: Right Size and Simplify Your Life. World Thank Offering Day.

- 12/21: Christmas Tea, served by the Gold Canyon UMW Culinary Circle. (Secret Sisters will be revealed)

United Methodist Women's Sunday Market Fundraiser will be on November 17th between church services. We will be devoting our funds to the missions of UMW and to Hope Women's Center in Apache Junction.

We continue to collect books for the "Open Books . . . Open Hearts" ministry and feminine hygiene products for the Gold Canyon Food Bank. Many of our members are involved with the "Days for Girls" Ministry and in providing meals at the Ronald McDonald House in Mesa.

If you have questions or would like to join us in our mission work, please contact Carol Johnson at (602) 750-2008 or caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will begin meeting again in October after a long summer break. We invite all knitters and crocheters to join us. We meet the first AND third Thursdays of each month, except December. Then we

have a potluck breakfast the first meeting, and take the rest of the month off.

We make shawls which are given by the pastors or others, to those who have had serious surgery, are suffering with cancer or other illnesses, or have lost a spouse.

We donate the yarn ourselves, but often are given money by a recipient, and use this money to buy yarn. We do not use red heart yarn, as that is too harsh.

If you wish to join us, but cannot meet on our days, call or email Nancy at fnmiller61@msn.com and I will give the particulars on sizes, etc.

Since we have lost several members due to accidents and other health issues, we hope some of you will consider joining us. We make friends, and have fun together!

SCRIP "BUS/VAN FUND" PROGRAM

Bashas' When you shop at any of Bashas' stores for food, gift cards or prescriptions and use their rechargeable card purchased here at the Welcome Center or the Church Office, the church receives a 6% charity gift from Bashas'. If you have already purchased a Bashas' Community Reward card, you should know that Bashas' has a dormancy service charge of \$2/ month when the card isn't used within a twelve-month period. So be sure to use your Bashas' card at least

once a year! If you have an old card or if the numbers are worn off, you can purchase a new starter card, too.



By linking your Fry's VIP Card online to Fry's Community Rewards program and choosing GCUMC (Account #TS438), Fry's contributes 3% of your purchases.



Amazon shoppers, if you haven't done it already, **please** link your account to **Smile.Amazon.com** and choose Gold Canyon UMC as your charity organization. They donate 0.5% of the cost of your eligible purchases to our SCRIP Bus & Van Fund whenever you shop... with the same selection... and same prices! Just go to: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/86-0621002>.

Thanks again for supporting the Bus/Van Fund. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Daniels (480) 540-7454.

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

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

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



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Would you like to update your photo?
Would you like to set-up/modify online giving?

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

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



ROADRUNNER & BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please send your content for the
November Roadrunner
via email to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org
no later than 8:00am, Monday, 10/7/2019

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

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9:30am and 10:50am worship services,
as well as some events, LIVE by going to
[www.Livestream.com/
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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.



Be the Change, Lead the Change

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

They are available at the Welcome Center,
Education Building Lobby or Church Office.

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

Not plugged in yet?...

To see areas where you can serve/get involved, go to:
[https://secure.accessacs.com/access/mydashboard/
sgavailablegroups.aspx](https://secure.accessacs.com/access/mydashboard/sgavailablegroups.aspx)

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

(Calendar is subject to change;

For more info, please visit www.GoldCanyonUMC.org or call the Church Office)

Tue Oct 1	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)		11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-Stephen)
	4:30pm	Team Outreach (MC-Esther)		5pm	Midweek Mountaineers (Educ Bldg/Kitchen)
	6pm	One in the Spirit Reh (KR)		5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (Koinonia)
	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)		6pm	Mtg: Vista del Corozon HOA-DRC (MC-Stephen)
	7pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)	Thu Oct 10	9am	Lions Club Mtg (SoGR)
Wed Oct 2	9:30am	Music Library Activities (Music)		1pm	Gold Canyon Arts Council Mtg (MC-Stephen)
	11am	Cancer Support Group (Emmaus)		1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-Stephen)		6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music)
	5pm	Midweek Mountaineers (Educ Bldg/Kitchen)	Fri Oct 11	10am	Mind Menders (Emmaus)
Thu Oct 3	5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (Koinonia)		5:30pm	AA (Emmaus)
	9am	Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC-Stephen)	Sat Oct 12	9am	PEO Mtg (MC-E)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)	Sun Oct 13	8am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
Fri Oct 4	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music)		9am	"The Table" Adult Discussion Group (MC-Martha)
	5:30pm	AA (Emmaus)		9am	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)
Sat Oct 5	10am	Mtg: GC Coordinating Council (MC-S)		9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
Sun Oct 6	8am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)		9:30am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
	9am	"The Table" Adult Discussion Group (MC-Martha)		10:50am	Children's Sunday School (Noah's Ark)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)		10:50am	Praise Worship (Koinonia)
	9:30am	Children Sunday School (EB)		5pm	Country Western Worship (KR)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)		6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)
	9:30am	Youth Participate in Worship (Sanctuary)	Mon Oct 14	9:30am	Bible Banter (Emmaus)
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (Noah's Ark)		10am	UMW Leadership Committee (SoGR)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (Koinonia)		1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)
	5pm	Country Western Worship (KR)		1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)		7pm	Al-Anon (Sea of Galilee)
Mon Oct 7	9:30am	Bible Banter (Emmaus)		7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)	Tue Oct 15	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)		6pm	One in the Spirit Reh (KR)
	7pm	Al-Anon (Sea of Galilee)		6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)		7pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)
Tue Oct 8	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-Barnabas)	Wed Oct 16	9:30am	Music Library Activities (Music)
	9:30am	GC Garden Club (MC-M)		10am	Class: Emotional Wellness (MC-Martha)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)		11am	Cancer Support Group (Emmaus)
	6pm	Mtg: Building Committee (MC-B)		11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-Stephen)
	6pm	One in the Spirit Reh (KR)		5pm	Midweek Mountaineers (Educ Bldg/Kitchen)
	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)		5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (Koinonia)
	6:30pm	Mtg: Sierra Vista-GC HOA Mtg (MC-Martha)	Thu Oct 17	9am	Class: "Sermon on the Mount" by Jen Wilkin (ER)
Wed Oct 9	7pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)		9am	Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC-Stephen)
	9:30am	Music Library Activities (Music)		1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (Emmaus)
	11am	Cancer Support Group (Emmaus)		1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)

GOLD CANYON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

	6pm	El Mirador BoD Mtg (MC-Esther)		12pm	Reserved (Campus/K/KR)
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music)	Sun Oct 27	8am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
Fri Oct 18	4pm	Women's Fall Retreat (Offsite)		9am	"The Table" Adult Discussion Group (MC-Martha)
	5:30pm	AA (Emmaus)		9am	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)
	5:30pm	Mtg: Plan Gold Canyon (S)		9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
Sat Oct 19	All day	Women's Fall Retreat		9:30am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
	10am	UMW Mtg (MC-Barnabas)		10:50am	Children's Sunday School (Noah's Ark)
Sun Oct 20	All day	Women's Fall Retreat		10:50am	Praise Worship (Koinonia)
	8am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)		2pm	Harvest Festival Community Event (Campus)
	9am	"The Table" Adult Discussion Group (MC-Martha)		5pm	Country Western Worship (KR)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)		6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)	Mon Oct 28	9:30am	Bible Banter (Emmaus)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)		1pm	Angel Team Phone Calls (Church Ofc)
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (Noah's Ark)		1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (Koinonia)		1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)
	5pm	Country Western Worship (KR)		7pm	Al-Anon (Sea of Galilee)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)		7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)
Mon Oct 21	9am	Angel Team Overview Mtg & Lunch (KR/K)	Tue Oct 29	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	9:30am	Bible Banter (Emmaus)		6pm	One in the Spirit Reh (KR)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)		6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)		7pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)
	7pm	Al-Anon (Sea of Galilee)	Wed Oct 30	9:30am	Music Library Activities (Music)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)		10am	Class: Emotional Wellness (MC-Martha)
Tue Oct 22	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-Barnabas)		11am	Cancer Support Group (Emmaus)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)		11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-Stephen)
	5pm	Mtg: SFCOA HOA BoD Exec (MC-B)		5pm	Midweek Mountaineers (Educ Bldg/Kitchen)
	6pm	Mtg: SFCOA HOA BoD Gen (MC-B)		5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (Koinonia)
	6pm	One in the Spirit Reh (KR)	Thu Oct 31	All day	Halloween
	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)		9am	Class: "Sermon on the Mount" by Jen Wilkin (ER)
	7pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)		1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (Emmaus)
Wed Oct 23	8am	Newsletter Team (Music)		1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)
	9:30am	Music Library Activities (Music)		6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music)
	10am	Class: Emotional Wellness (MC-Martha)			
	11am	Cancer Support Group (Emmaus)			
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-Stephen)			
	5pm	Midweek Mountaineers (Educ Bldg/Kitchen)			
	5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (Koinonia)			
Thu Oct 24	9am	Class: "Sermon on the Mount" by Jen Wilkin (ER)			
	9am	Days for Girls Workshop (MC-Barnabas)			
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (Emmaus)			
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)			
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music)			
Fri Oct 25	10am	Mind Menders (Emmaus)			
	5:30pm	AA (Emmaus)			
	6:30pm	Family Outdoor Movie: Breakthrough (Patio)			
Sat Oct 26	9am	PEO Mtg (MC-E)			





OCTOBER 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

Royce Brownfield 10/01
Jan Larsen 10/01
Norm Walker 10/01
Marcielle Ramacher 10/02
Kyle Cajowski 10/03
Penny Potter 10/03
Linda Shank 10/03
Sandy Leversee 10/04
Jill Tabor 10/04
Heidi Thomas 10/04
Jack Becker 10/05
John Cajowski 10/05
Dian Capen 10/05
Jason Crosswhite 10/05
Marilyn Douglas 10/05
Jaclyn Douglass 10/05
Sharrylann McClung 10/05
Will Rodgers 10/05
Al Rasmussen 10/06
Sheldon Wion 10/07
Helen Zander 10/07
Jack Elms 10/08
Betty Lou Hunter 10/08
Barbara Muir 10/08
Bruce Rhoton 10/08
Kathleen (Kay) Batt 10/09
Bonnie Becker 10/09
Connie Behan 10/09
Kay Merrel 10/09
Jay Scott 10/09
Jenelu Burgi 10/10
John Ewing 10/10
Peter Johnson 10/10
Allison O'Brien 10/10
Kimberli Poppe-Smart 10/10
Paul Vander Stoep 10/10
Rinda Roberson 10/11
Craig Larson 10/12
Linda Borders 10/13
Donna Graves 10/13
Timmy Keenan 10/13
Fred Miller 10/13

Craig Saathoff 10/13
Warren Sifferath 10/13
Jack Bradshaw 10/14
Paul Breuklander 10/14
Rosalie Eubanks 10/14
Joan Pautvein 10/15
Kally Reynolds 10/15
Karen Carnahan 10/16
Cindy Kirby 10/16
Kathy Tollefson 10/17
Bob Carnahan 10/18
Adam Kreil 10/18
Lester Norton 10/18
Shirley Rogers 10/18
Paul Workman 10/18
Robbie Adams 10/19
John (Jack) Kopnick 10/19
Paul Butler 10/20
Cheryl Liles 10/20
Ted Ofstedahl 10/20
Debbie Rowland 10/20
Merle Schulz 10/20
William (Bill) Thomas 10/20
Michael Adams 10/21
Dick Dauenhauer 10/21
Juanita Elms 10/21
Ariella Brown 10/22
Carl Charette 10/22
Jim Elieff 10/22
Alexis Fendley 10/23
Cecil Fendley 10/23
Charles Tabor 10/23
Rebecca Donovan 10/24
Pamela Kopnick 10/24
Rush Tucker 10/24
Carol Johnson (Korver) 10/25
Edward Lunn 10/25
Bill Myers 10/25
Richard (Dick) Van Noy 10/25
Kateland Williams 10/25
Mike Miller 10/26
Manny Schorer 10/26
Janet (Jan) Daniels 10/27
Ava Galbraith 10/27

Jane Kirton 10/27
LeWain Crandall 10/28
Ann Slegl 10/28
Donavon Pautzke 10/29
Cindy Hassoun 10/30
Darla Martin 10/30
Eldon Weinhold 10/30
James Gibson 10/31
Sylvia Graba 10/31
Linda Newkirk 10/31
Diane Sauerbrunn 10/31

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary & Dick Thomas 10/01
Coleen & Daniel Hoerter 10/02
Don & Sarah Winkler 10/02
Bill & Sharla Gregg 10/05
Calder & Lavoyce Nolan 10/05
Mary & Randy Seabright 10/06
Barbara & John Cajowski 10/08
Lowell & Shirley Matthews 10/08
June & Rick Peterson 10/08
Debbie & Phil Rowland 10/11
Wendy Christian & Gene DuPont 10/12
Don & Ruth DeWinter 10/12
Sharee & Warren Sifferath 10/13
Donna & Roy Fuerherm 10/15
Mary & Nick Klaers 10/15
Mike & Shar Wever 10/15
Glen & Sandy Leversee 10/18
Sherrie & Ted Ofstedahl 10/18
Jim & Marlene Gloss 10/19
Barbara & Ken Hopkins 10/20
Alice & Bill Myers 10/24
Marlene & Bill Edwards 10/25
Jaci & John Allensworth 10/29
Ken & Lorene Sweeney 10/29
Charles & Jill Tabor 10/30





CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

AUG	2016			2017			2018			2019		
	General	Building	Worship	General	Building	Worship	General	Building	Wor-	General	Building	Worship
	58156	21874	2659	62611	20871	2832	69258	23282	3832	48078	25220	3455



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 (\$305,102 given so far)
- New Church Multi-Site Start-Up (\$3,336 given so far)
- Organ Pipes: (\$111,229 given so far)
- Playground: \$20,000-40,000 (\$29,225 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)

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 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!



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

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



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WORSHIP SERVICES

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

(Childcare available at all Services)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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

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