



FROM THE PASTOR: "MUSIC DIRECTOR HIRED"

I want to express a big thank you to our Staff Parish Relations Committee. During July the S.P.R.C. sifted through twenty applications for our Music Director Position. They then selected six people to interview for the position. Four of the candidates flew in from Florida, Kansas and Texas so we could meet with them in person. The Committee then spent about 90 minutes interviewing every applicant followed by a 25 minute organ audition for those who played organ. For those applicants I didn't know personally, I took them out to dinner or lunch. This allowed me to spend another 90 minutes or so getting to know them and let them ask anything about the church's ministry that they had questions about. As part of this process, we also called previous employers and references. All of this was a big undertaking.

I am so thankful for those who gave a lot of time to make all the meetings so they could adequately compare candidates to each other. What is really remarkable is that at the end of this process and after some important discussion, the Committee unanimously voted to hire Dr. Ian Classe. By the time you read this article, Ian will have started the job on Aug. 21st. This means that his first Sunday was on Aug. 25th. If you want to learn more about Ian, check his article in this newsletter on the Music Ministry page.

I hope you will help me welcome Ian to Gold Canyon United Methodist Church. He is moving from Kansas and will be making new friends in our congregation. I look forward to closely working with Ian to better the worship ministry of our church. We don't expect Ian to be Doug. We expect Ian to bring his own gifts and talents to the ministry we will do together. I will see you Sunday .

Grace and peace,

Fred



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



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 in supporting this children's ministry for 15 years.

You can make a difference in the lives of children and youth, and you can make a difference in the effectiveness of this ministry by volunteering. Many of the children that attend Sidewalk consider the ministry "their Church".

As a volunteer "Shepherd" you may enjoy helping with music, praise & worship time, prayer time, Bible lessons, games, special activities, lunch service, transporting children, or just ministering to a child in need, what ever your talents may be.

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 would 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, please contact Katharine Keller at (480)982-3776. All volunteers must undergo a background check.

MIDWEEK MOUNTAINEERS



Beginning Wednesday, September 11th, our FREE midweek program for students 1st-6th will resume 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.



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

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 will be offered. We're hoping to offer a hayride and 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!

“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 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. Grand-dads and kids are welcome, too.

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 Adults 18+; \$50 Children/Youth 5 -17 years, and; free for children 4 years and under.

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

FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT



Save the date! The Women's "Rooted in Grace" Fall Weekend "Retreat will again be held at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Scottsdale from October 18th—20th.

Rooted in Grace 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 4 of this Newsletter, and at the Welcome Center and Church Office.

Don't miss this weekend of refreshment and fellowship at this lovely facility!



VOLUNTEERING AT PERALTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Last year was our first year partnering with the elementary school nearest to us, Peralta Elementary. It was a mutual blessing; and we look forward to continuing that this year.



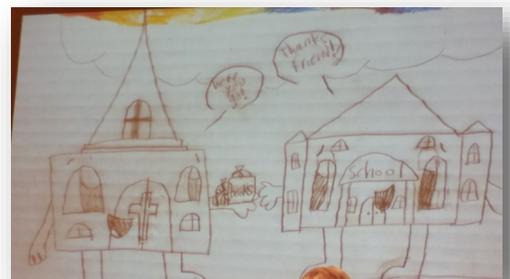
If you would like to volunteer in any capacity — in the classroom, reading to the children, special events, music, etc. — you will need to go to the school office to get a packet of forms. A background check is mandatory. If you have volunteered before, please go to the Office and ask Elena or Jacque for a renewal form.



A group has already provided breakfast snacks for the teachers.

Thank you to all who have already donated school supplies and teacher supplies already this year. We are anticipating that the improvements to their playground will also be installed during this school year.

If you have questions about volunteering, please contact Pat Bolster (480)650-4011 or Pastor Katharine in the Church Office. Let's make this another great year of supporting the students and staff at Peralta!





Women's Fall Weekend Retreat

"Rooted in Grace"



FRANCISCAN RENEWAL CENTER – SCOTTSDALE, AZ
FRI., 10/18 (4:00PM) – SUN., 10/20 (1:00PM)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/ST/Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Single Room (\$200) Request *(Limited number of Single rooms available)*

Double Room (\$280) Request *(Indicate Roommate)* _____

Allergies/Special Needs/
Dietary Restrictions? Yes No Please explain: _____

Are you able to drive? Yes No How many passengers can you take? _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

TOTAL RETREAT FEE: \$200.00 *(double-occupancy) ; includes lodging & meals, facilities & program materials*

\$280.00 *(single-occupancy); includes lodging & meals, facilities & program materials*

Non-Refundable \$100

Deposit: Date Paid: ____ / ____ / ____ Check #: _____ Balance Due: \$ _____

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Notes: _____



COUNTRY NEWS FROM BOB & NANCY

Pastor Bob Deits & Nancy Meise-Deits



Greetings from Vienna, Austria! Nancy and I have a few more days until we return home. It's been a challenging — and at times, exhausting — but all in all joyful time. I'm writing this from the sundeck of our Viking Longboat as I look across the Danube River toward the Vienna skyline.

We will be leading the Country service at 5:00pm on August 25th. My sermon title will be "Food for Champions," inspired by a very old advertisement for Kellogg's cereal and based on Scriptures.

Now that our break is over for the 5:00pm Country Western service... all of us associated with this remarkable, unique service that is just plain fun to experience... we are ready and eager for another season.

I would also like to take a moment to thank and congratulate David Ballard and the "Wranglers for the Lord" musicians who have performed on the last Sundays of the month during the summer.

I invite you to come and experience this one-of-a-kind worship service, where you'll find your spirits lifted and a special joy in your heart. It's a great time to bring friends or visiting family, and you will always find a warm welcome and a likely "Howdy Partner" as you come through the doors!

Peace and joy,

Bob Deits





YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Beth Steinberg, Youth Director

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

THANK YOU, SHAREHOLDERS!

My name is Ainsley and I am 16 years old. This is my second mission trip but I have been with Gold Canyon United Methodist Church for 12 years. I wasn't actually planning on going on this trip but thanks to Beth, she made a spot for me and my brother Micah and I am so grateful. I was super excited but also nervous to find out that I would be doing construction on a Native American man's property. We were building a workshop for his jewelry making business. He was super sweet and kind and he cracked a few jokes to liven us up. I was not very skilled in construction but one of the leaders decided to put me up on the roof. It was exciting but I was scared to do something wrong. I got over my fear and I ended up doing one half of the roof with my friend Robbie. I felt that God was really with me in helping me get through my fears. Another fun thing that happened was that I got to use power tools and cut wood. The devotions and program that were provided by the leaders were amazing. We sang songs and got to listen to some really good messages about how the Lord loves us no matter what. This really opened my eyes up and helped me realize that I AM worthy of God's love even if I don't feel I am. I want to thank you for your contributions in making this trip possible for all of us. You are such a huge part of these projects and I know that every single one of the youth members really appreciates everything you do for us.



Thank you so much! —*Ainsley Pape*



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—SEPTEMBER 2019

Sun., 9/1	SUNSPLASH Cost: \$25 (Bring extra \$ for food) <i>Friends welcome; Must contact me by Sat., 8/31 to add people to the list</i>	12:20pm 1:00pm 6:45pm	Meet at GCUMC OR Meet at Sunsplash Approximate return
Sun., 9/8	YOUTH GROUP	6:30pm	Education Building
Sun., 9/15	YOUTH GROUP	6:30pm	Education Building
Sun., 9/22	YOUTH GROUP	6:30pm	Education Building
Sat., 9/28	FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN <i>Must register to attend; Bring money for lunch</i>	10:40pm 11:15pm	Meet at GCUMC OR Meet at 1345 S Alma School Rd
Sun., 9/29	NO YOUTH GROUP	2:45pm	Approximate return



MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



As this will be my very first "Music Notes" submission for the *Roadrunner*, I'd like to offer my warmest greetings to the entire Gold Canyon United Methodist Church community! I am incredibly grateful and excited for the opportunity to serve this community's music ministry. I would especially like to thank Pastor Fred and the entire Staff Parish Relations Committee for their kindness, generosity, and warmth during the entire discernment process. I'd also like to thank the church office staff for their quick communication, thoughtfulness, and assistance in crossing all the "I's" and dotting the "T's" when it comes starting in my new position. Finally I'd like to thank Doug for being so welcoming and helpful to me during this transition. By the time this is published, I will have likely already started making music with you all in Gold Canyon; however, I haven't quite arrived as of writing this, so I figure I should start with a short introduction.

I am originally from St. Louis, Missouri and I've been involved in music since I was about six-years old, starting with piano lessons. I studied music throughout my early years; sung in choir, played in orchestra, and finally completed several degrees in music, finishing with a Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the University of Kansas this past spring. I have been a church musician for over a decade and have both studied and performed instrumental and choral conducting, organ, harpsichord, piano, cello, and even carillon. I am delighted to be able to make use of these skills and work with the great group of musicians at Gold Canyon UMC.

As Doug said in last month's "Music Notes," Gold Canyon United Methodist Church is a unique place of God. I, too, felt that there was something special about it when I met with Pastor Fred and the committee last month and so I'm very much looking forward to working with all of the musicians, staff, leadership, and indeed the whole congregation of the church. I know that I have some big shoes to fill, but I will make every effort to make the music ministry at Gold Canyon UMC a fabulous offering both to God and the community.

As part of that goal, I would like to welcome potential new members (and returning ones!) to the music ministry. There are many opportunities in the program

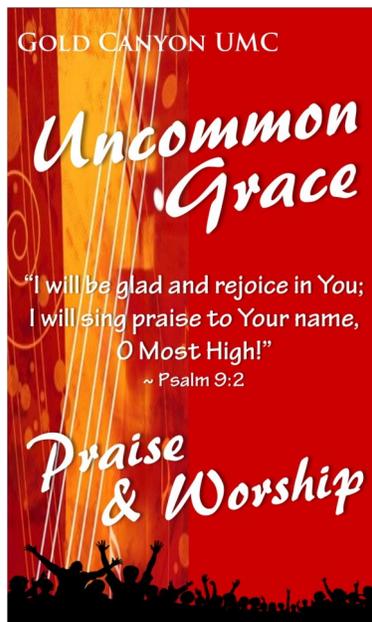
(choir, bells, orchestra, etc.) for people of different ability levels. One doesn't have to be a musical extraordinaire to join! I am very much looking forward to meeting all members of the music ministry as soon as I can.

I am also looking forward to meeting everyone in the community throughout the year, and I hope to meet many of you this month. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me by phone or email. Again, thank you all for this opportunity to serve, and I hope to see you very soon!

Peace and best regards,

Ian

Director of Music Ministries



...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!



GLOBAL MISSIONS

Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor

MOBILITY CARTS CHANGE LIVES



Missionaries Delbert and Sandy Groves distribute mobility carts in Zambia, where they also serve at the African Bible College. GCUMC

supports both the Groves and Mobility Worldwide.

Standard Large Crank Mobility Cart



- Load capacity 300 lbs.
- Treated wood is usually standard for this model.

Solid Seat Pull Cart



- Load capacity 300 lbs.
- Arm rests raise for entry and exit.
- Box of tools and spares parts included.

Small Crank Mobility Cart



- Load capacity 125 lbs.
- Box of tools and spares parts included.
- Seatback is a semi-adjustable sling style.

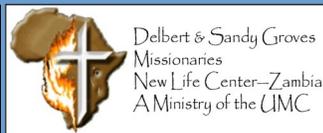
Mini-Mart Kit



- Enables the recipient to earn an income.
- Includes a styrofoam cooler for cold merchandise, a rear deck platform for cooler mounting and two sturdy plastic bins for small merchandise.

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

TRUE COLORS



As the days shorten and there is less sunshine and temperatures cool, autumn arrives and something beautiful happens: deciduous tree leaves change color. As the chlorophyll which makes

the leaves green and is critical to the food-making process of photosynthesis abates, the various colors of orange, yellow, red, and purple emerge, although they have actually been present all of the time. There are variables that affect how much red color is evident in fall leaves, but the other colors are reliably present. In short, the leaves true colors are seen. We are like those leaves; we, too, possess true colors. We sometimes call this our "true self."

The pop artist Cyndi Lauper captures this idea in her well-known song that includes the lyrics, "I see your true colors shining through." The message of the song is clear – be who you are because you are loved as you are; there's no need to fear. What an encouraging word! Too often we fear being truly known for who we are by other people. Yet, Our Father knows us completely; He sees our true colors. Jesus taught us that He even knows how many hairs are on our heads, although admittedly some have considerably fewer hairs than others! Nevertheless, Our Father sees us as we are and accepts us as we are. Perhaps there are aspects of our lives that engender shame, guilt or embarrassment. There is no need to seek to tuck these away from God's view. Rather, bring them out into the open and let His love and forgiveness free you from your fear and withdrawal. This is the first step to help and healing, as many recovery programs emphasize.

A number of years ago, I spent about three days alone in a quiet retreat with nothing but my Bible, a notebook, pen and quiet time – no media, no reading material, and no distraction. I only drank water and even though it was bitterly cold, I bundled up and went for an extended walk each day in woods nearby my retreat. One day, I came across a stream that was largely frozen, but was beginning to melt because the temperatures were hovering around freezing. As I

stood there watching the water bubble and flow under the ice cover, I felt my heart do the same; I melted in God's presence. At the end of those few days, I sensed a definite nudge to go talk with a fellow pastor and open my heart to him about areas that I had hidden away but which were, I knew, not God's will for me. He graciously received me and listened to my confession. Then, he did something that I had never experienced in my tradition; he spoke words of forgiveness to me. He announced, using words of Scripture, my forgiveness because of the work of Jesus. I wept with relief. At the end of our time together he said, "David, the issue is not these specific matters about which you feel convicted; the issue is you have been trying to hide from the truth and shield yourself from being known." At first, I thought his diagnosis was off, but upon reflection I recognized that his insightful comment was on target. Revealing my true colors was an important step in my spiritual growth.

Doctrinally it is true that we may come to Christ directly and personally and ask for forgiveness; we do not need a mediator other than Jesus (see I Timothy 2:5). Experientially, however, we often need to show our true colors to other mature, responsible believers. James (5:16) advises us, "Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another that you may be healed." I am not suggesting that we go about carelessly detailing our areas of temptation, weakness or fault. Rather, we should only invest sensitive information in someone who is wise, prudent and discrete and who will, indeed, pray with us and for us.

Do you remember how the story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden recounts the couple's disobedience to God's command and became aware of their nakedness? They took steps to cover themselves and sought to hide away from God's presence. How like them we are! But, our Father invites us to disclose all; to let our true colors come shining through. And in response He says, "I love you." Not, "I love you anyway" but simply and purely, "I love you." I invite you, then, to step into the light and be known, forgiven and freed.



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

Pastor Katharine Keller, Licensed Pastor
LadieBug1214@gmail.com / (480) 888-5411

Dr. David Worley, Director, Congregational Care
DWorley3@gmail.com / (970) 821-5404

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

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

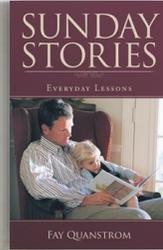
You are invited to join the **Congregational Care Ministry** by contacting Rev. Fay Quanstrom.



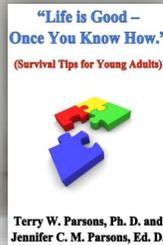
Prayer Chain Ministry

Please email prayer requests to gcumcprayers@gmail.com.

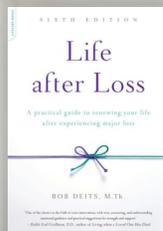
THE BOOK SHELF



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



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



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

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

Lucinda Demary family
Rosemary Aspenson family
Eldon Junkermeier family

In Remembrance



CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

GOT ARMOR?



Last week I was walking down a city street and saw this grasshopper perched precariously on the cactus below. Well, it initially seemed precarious to me!

But as I looked more closely, I recognized that he appeared comfortable, content and totally unfazed by me as I snapped a photo. I couldn't help but zoom in and marvel at the delicate balance the grasshopper struck by sitting on the tips of the cactus needles. He needn't be concerned though — because the grasshopper goes through life with a built-in coat of armor; an exoskeleton rather than a shell. Unlike our interior skeletons, the grasshopper and many other creatures wear theirs on the outside.

At times it seems it would be nice to walk through life with a suit of armor like that wouldn't it? Imagine - no cuts or bruises, less likelihood of breaks, deflecting crushing blows. But I suppose those with exoskeletons might say it's not all it's cracked up to be. They'd probably say it's overly rigid, lacks flexibility, and at times can be limiting. After all, just last night I saved a grasshopper from drowning in my swimming pool. He lacked the structure and flexibility to succeed in that environment, he literally fell over and couldn't get up!

God never promised us that we'd go through life without some cuts, bruises, pain, discomfort and sadness. But the beautiful truth is that he has provided us with armor; armor much greater than a sturdy outer shell. In Ephesians 6:10-17, Paul tells us to put on the whole Armor of God:

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. 15 As shoes for your feet

put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. 16 With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

The words of Paul provide us with the assurance of our faith shielding us from the evil around us, from the influences of the devil, as we walk through life's challenges. We humans often focus on the tangible, outward and obvious solutions, wanting the "quick fix". Although that's not exactly how it works, what we have been provided though our faith is amazing. When we wear the armor of God, we can do anything.

Every now and then though, it just may not seem quite as easy as keeping our faith, navigating this delicate balancing act we call life, wearing God's armor and trusting that all will work out as God intended. Here's where Paul's greatest message in Ephesians shines through even more brightly – telling us that the church represents the body of Christ, illustrating unity of purpose and how each individual member is a part that works together with all the other parts.

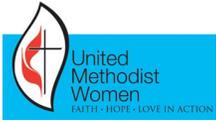
If you feel as if your armor is not fully intact at the moment, remember that five pastors are on call, working together representing the body of Christ for the church family. God has placed these pastors in our paths to help us along the way, and they make visits to members and friends of Gold Canyon 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, AccessACS Online Church Directory, or the Pastoral and Congregational Care page of this newsletter.

*"Peace be to the whole community, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Grace be with all who have an undying love for our Lord Jesus Christ. - Ephesians 6:23-24 (NRSV)*



MINISTRY & MISSIONS

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



A stated purpose of the United Methodist Women is to “equip women and girls around the world to be leaders in communities, agencies, workplaces, governments and churches” and to “provide educational experiences that lead to personal change in order to transform the world.”

An article in our July/August response magazine, entitled “Partnering With Portugal’s Methodist Women”, shows how these goals are being met in Portugal. Portugal’s monarchy ended in 1910, and only since then have people been free to choose their religion. Up until that time, Catholicism was the state religion. Currently the membership of the Methodist Church in Portugal is 2,000. UMW, in partnership with the Portuguese Methodist Women’s Federation, offers a number of programs, including preschool and afterschool programs, summer camp for retired community members, a Sunday school, and scholarships for young women and girls to continue their education. Noah’s Ark, a preschool and afterschool program is located in a low-income neighborhood of Braga. The programs are offered on a sliding-scale of payment, and lunches, transportation and homework help are included. UMW also helped build accessible facilities and a safe, new playground. In the small village of Aguada de Cima, a group of women of all faiths meet to work on handicrafts. The profits from the sale of these crafts are used to help the less advantaged in their community, including a young woman with extensive health problems. In 2018, UMW provided financial backing to award 19 young women with scholarships to assist with secondary and university-level education. Since many women have to travel to attend school, these scholarships allowed them the opportunity to pay not only for their education, but for transportation, lodging and food. Many past recipients of these scholarship have completed their education and are giving back to their community and their churches.

In Portugal and in locations around the globe, United Methodist Women help provide educational opportunities for children and women to make our world a better place!

Upcoming Meetings & Events

(Fellowship 10:00am; Meeting 10:30am)

9/21: Pastor Katharine Keller leads us in *Picture This: Using Art as a Spiritual Discipline*, a unique interactive and personal time of spiritual reflection.

10/19: Tammy Abernethy, CEO of Hope Women’s Center, will speak on the Center’s history and current programs.

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’ identities will be revealed.

Our **Annual Sunday Market Fundraiser** will be held on 11/17 between church services! We would love to have baked good or crafts donated to help raise funds for United Methodist Women Missions and the Apache Junction Hope Women’s Center.

For more info, contact Carol Johnson at (602)750-2008 or caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com.

FOOD BANK



The Food Bank now has more storage space thanks to a youth member of the church! Ashton Fitzgerald is a member of Boy Scout Troop 219 in Gold Canyon. He wanted to help his church community with his Eagle Scout Project, and coordinated with Pastor Fred and Foodbank Manager, Linda Clise, to organize two storage rooms.



Ashton recruited members of his troop, as well as youth group members to assist him with this project. The 15 volunteers cleared out the rooms, built and installed ten shelving units, and then organized the contents of the rooms before putting them back. We appreciate all of the effort and the rooms look amazing! Thanks again, Ashton!



July Food Bank Numbers:

- Individuals served: 1,285
- Families served: 400
- # of Food bags: 1,443
- 2019 Running total food bags: 8,299
- Individuals: 6,792
- Families: 2,206

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering in this awesome ministry, please call 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.

ST. ANDREW'S CHILDREN'S CLINIC



Our Mission Trip to St. Andrew's Children Clinic in Nogales, AZ, is Thurs., Oct 3rd. If you'd like to experience this rewarding trip, please sign-up in the lobby of the Sanctuary building soon. Space is limited, so don't wait!

In addition to the volunteers who participate, Gold Canyon UMC also provides items on their Wish List. If you have collected toiletries, small stuffed animals, strollers and blenders thru the winter, please bring them to one of the St. Andrews collection boxes in the Lobbies of both the Sanctuary and Education building starting Sept 1st. The deadline to bring items for the Mission Trip is Sept 29.

Our challenge to you is: We would like to concentrate on a couple of items if possible: Single-serving prune juice, dry milk in single serving packs, Pediasure, Pedialyte, children's vitamins, diapers, baby wipes, and hand sanitizers. These items are badly needed for the children.

If you have any questions, please contact: Alyce Ancell (480)983-2510; Gail Crawford (480)268-0918; Teri Lukas (480)274-3982.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



The Prayer Shawl Ministry has been very busy again this past year. We have made and delivered many shawls. However, we need your help to keep this important ministry going.

Several of our 13 members are having issues with vision, surgery, broken bones. We need more members to help us. If you like to knit or crochet, we'd love to have you join us next fall or winter. We meet in the Mission Center the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, beginning in October. If you can't meet with us, we have yarn and size specifications, and if you contact Nancy Miller, fnmiller61@msn.com. I will give those to you.

It is not necessary to attend the meetings, but we would love to have you join us!

SCRIP "BUS/VAN FUND" PROGRAM



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](https://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.

September

30 DAY SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

EACH OF THE SCRIPTURES BELOW TAKES TEN MINUTES OR LESS TO COPY OUT. COMMIT TO SPENDING TEN MINUTES EACH DAY LISTENING TO GOD'S VOICE AS YOU SIMPLY COPY THESE TEXTS OUT OF YOUR BIBLE.

Week 1

DAY 1- PSALM 121: 1-4
 DAY 2-PSALM 121: 5-8
 DAY 3-PSALM 62: 1-4
 DAY 4-PSALM 62: 5-8
 DAY 5- PSALM 62: 9-12
 DAY 6-AMOS 4:13
 DAY 7- PSALM 93: 1-5

Week 3

DAY 15- PSALM 32:4-6
 DAY 16- 2 TIMOTHY 1: 9-11
 DAY 17- 2 TIMOTHY 1: 12-14
 DAY 18- COLOSSIANS 3: 1-4
 DAY 19- COLOSSIANS 3: 5-10
 DAY 20-COLOSSIANS 3: 12-14
 DAY 21- COLOSSIANS 3: 15-17

Week 2

DAY 8-MATTHEW 22: 34-40
 DAY 9- MATTHEW 11: 25-27
 DAY 10-MATTHEW 11: 28-30
 DAY 11- ISAIAH 53: 1-4
 DAY 12-ISAIAH 53: 5-8
 DAY 13-ISAIAH 53: 9-12
 DAY 14-2 TIMOTHY 1: 6-8

Week 4

DAY 22-COLOSSIANS 3: 18- 21
 DAY 23-COLOSSIANS 3: 22- 25
 DAY 24-MATTHEW 7: 1-3
 DAY 25-MATTHEW 7: 4-6
 DAY 26-MATTHEW 7: 7-12
 DAY 27-MATTHEW 7: 13- 20
 DAY 28-MATTHEW 7: 21-23

Week 5

DAY 29-MATTHEW 7: 24-29
 DAY 30- CHOOSE YOUR OWN VERSE

*Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.
 Psalm 119:18*



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

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

Sun Sep 1	8am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)	Mon Sep 9	9:30am	Bible Banter (Emmaus)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)		10am	UMW Leadership Committee (SoGR)
	9:30am	Children Sunday School (EB)		1pm	Coffee with the Pastor (Music)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)		1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)
	9:30am	Youth Participate in Worship (Sanctuary)		1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (Noah's Ark)		6:30pm	Admin Council Mtg (MC-Barnabas)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (Koinonia)		7pm	AI-Anon (Sea of Galilee)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)		7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)
Mon Sep 2	All day	Labor Day / OFFICE CLOSED	Tue Sep 10	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-Barnabas)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)		6pm	Trustees Mtg (MC-Stephen)
	7pm	AI-Anon (Sea of Galilee)		6pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)		6:30pm	Mtg: Sierra Vista-GC HOA Board Mtg (MC-Martha)
Tue Sep 3	4:30pm	Team Outreach (MC-Esther)	Wed Sep 11	9:30am	Music Library Activities (Music)
	6pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)		11am	Cancer Support Group (Emmaus)
Wed Sep 4	9:30am	Music Library Activities (Music)		11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-Stephen)
	11am	Cancer Support Group (Emmaus)		5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (Koinonia)
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-Stephen)		6pm	HOA-DRC Mtg: Vista del Corozon (MC-Stephen)
	5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (Koinonia)	Thu Sep 12	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)
Thu Sep 5	9am	Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC-Stephen)		6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)	Fri Sep 13	10am	Mind Menders (Emmaus)
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music)		5:30pm	AA (Emmaus)
Fri Sep 6	5:30pm	AA (Emmaus)	Sat Sep 14	89am	DSCUMC Special Session (GCUMC Campus)
Sat Sep 7	10am	Mtg: GC Coordinating Council (MC-S)	Sun Sep 15	8am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
Sun Sep 8	8am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)		9am	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)		9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)		9:30am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)		10:50am	Children's Sunday School (Noah's Ark)
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (Noah's Ark)		10:50am	Praise Worship (Koinonia)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (Koinonia)		6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)	Mon Sep 16	9:30am	Bible Banter (Emmaus)

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	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)		11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-Stephen)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)		5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (Koinonia)
	7pm	Al-Anon (Sea of Galilee)	Thu Sep 26	9am	Days for Girls Workshop (MC-Barnabas)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)		1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)
Tue Sep 17	6pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)		6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music)
Wed Sep 18	8am	Newsletter Team (Music)	Fri Sep 27	10am	Mind Menders (Emmaus)
	9:30am	Music Library Activities (Music)		5:30pm	AA (Emmaus)
	11am	Cancer Support Group (Emmaus)	Sat Sep 28,	9am	PEO Mtg (MC-E)
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-Stephen)		9am	Wedding Rehearsal: Dennis Tomlinson (S)
	5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (Koinonia)		2pm	Wedding: Dennis Tomlinson (S)
Thu Sep 19	9am	Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC-Stephen)	Sun Sep 29	8am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)		9am	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music)		9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
Fri Sep 20	5:30pm	AA (Emmaus)		9:30am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
Sat Sep 21	10am	UMW Mtg (MC-Barnabas)		10:50am	Children's Sunday School (Noah's Ark)
	11am	Memorial: Lucinda "Cindy" Demary (S)		10:50am	Praise Worship (Koinonia)
	12pm	Memorial Reception: Lucinda ("Cindy") Demary (KR/ER/K)		6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)
Sun Sep 22	8am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)	Mon Sep 30	9:30am	Bible Banter (Emmaus)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)		1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)		1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)		7pm	Al-Anon (Sea of Galilee)
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (Noah's Ark)		7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (Koinonia)			
	6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)			
Mon Sep 23	9:30am	Bible Banter (Emmaus)			
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)			
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)			
	7pm	Al-Anon (Sea of Galilee)			
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)			
Tue Sep 24	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-Barnabas)			
	5pm	SFCOA HOA BoD Exec Mtg (MC-B)			
	6pm	SFCOA HOA BoD Gen Mtg (MC-B)			
	6pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)			
Wed Sep 25	9:30am	Music Library Activities (Music)			
	11am	Cancer Support Group (Emmaus)			





SEPTEMBER 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

Michelle Cassella 09/01
Donna Gale 09/01
Ashley Williams 09/01
Stephen (Steve) McDaniel 09/01
Iona Grills 09/02
John Hoffert 09/02
Ginny Johnson 09/02
Ronald Jurgens 09/02
Diana Linton 09/02
Lowell Matthews 09/02
Jeff Irick 09/03
Curtis (Curt) Johnson 09/03
Robert (Bob) Luse 09/03
Wendy Christian 09/04
Dean Lewis 09/04
Mavis Luther 09/04
Rick Zieglowsky 09/04
Dave Clise 09/05
Norma Gaulke 09/05
Christina Pappalardo 09/05
Pamela Ingram 09/06
Tom ("Sam") Plaski 09/06
Barbara Thum 09/06
Riechia (Riechia) Ralston 09/07
Carol Fye 09/08
Mitchell Helt 09/08
Betty Jacobsen 09/08
Susan Lyons 09/08
Michael (Mike) O'Donnell 09/08
Kimberley (Kim) Shroyer 09/08
Rodger Burris 09/09
James (Jim) Jameson 09/09
Riley Jones 09/09
Shawn McClung 09/09
Janeane Miller 09/11
Gina Pezzino 09/11
Pamela (Pam) Sisson 09/11
Margaret Crites 09/12
Harriette Downing 09/12
Lisa Helt 09/12
Nazareth Brigham 09/13
Isaiah Cleavenger 09/13
Jan Hegna 09/13
Sally Pepin 09/13
Daniel Wachtel 09/13
Susan (Sue) Gunn 09/14
Bob Ingram 09/14
Scott Watters 09/14

Karen Barks 09/16
Bob Parke 09/16
Joe Rosenberg 09/16
Patti Messmer 09/17
Ron Trout 09/17
Sandy Billeter 09/18
Cynthia Reichert 09/18
James Van Slooten 09/18
David Bos 09/19
Dianna Gibson 09/19
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Philip (Phil) Rowland 09/19
Randy Seabright 09/19
Terry Confer 09/20
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Yolanda Fransen 09/20
Karl Koch 09/20
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Diana (Dee) Ashe 09/21
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Donna Johnsen 09/21
Patrick McGinness 09/21
Jeanette (Jenny) Ohnstad 09/21
Blair Pingree 09/21
Pam Travis 09/21
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Robert Pappalardo 09/22
Arthur Van Sickle 09/22
Mary Ellen Walker 09/22
Reta Wilson 09/22
Charlie Helt 09/23
Brenda (Dee) Keyser 09/23
Robert (Carter) Olson 09/23
Jeffrey (Jeff) Brown 09/24
Char Picek 09/24
Jayne Rolf 09/24
Hannah Cassidy 09/25
William T Creel 09/25
Roberta (Bobbie) Koch 09/26
Emunds (Bud) Rolley 09/26
Roy Voelker 09/26

Conrad Schmidt 09/27
Wayne Beam 09/28
Jeanne Cloud 09/28
Leo Gerst 09/28
Richelle Heinauer 09/28
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Aileen Joyce 09/30
Julie Shaughnessy 09/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Larry & Patsy Arehart 09/01
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Barbara & Fred Thum 09/26
Chris & Ron Houser 09/27
Holly & Terry Warth 09/27
Frank & Judy Genetti 09/28
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Tammy & Tom Plaski 09/29
James & Marcia Ritenour 09/29
Myron & Nancy Cline 09/30



CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

JULY	2016			2017			2018			2019		
	General	Building	Worship	General	Building	Worship	General	Building	Wor-	General	Building	Worship
	60232	27680	3154	66731	24808	3759	61629	26776	3632	56550	24791	3421



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 (\$3,236 given so far)
- Organ Pipes: (\$109,301 given so far)
- Playground: \$20,000-40,000 (\$26,060 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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