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FROM THE PASTOR “PROJECTED \$50,000 SHORTFALL”

All through the year we monitor our expenses and income. Since we are a church with a substantial Winter Resident fluctuation, it is difficult to determine our financial situation based on pledges. Instead we track our giving month-by-month and we can usually forecast how much money will be received for ministry by the end of the year.

In 2018 we began January with a substantial drop in giving from the previous year. You can see this drop in January and February in the below chart. The percentage figure represents a decrease or increase from 2017 giving. From March through June our giving increased, so that we are in a much better position in July than we were in January.

- † January.....-7%
- † January—Feb.-6%
- † January—March-1%
- † January—April2%
- † January—May.....2%
- † January—June.....3%
- † January—July.....2%

As of July, our 2018 giving is now 2% above 2017 giving. However our 2018 Budget is set at \$1,229,614 and we are predicting a \$50,000 shortfall based on giving thus far. We are delaying some expenditures in an attempt to reduce this shortfall. For example we are delaying the purchase of new digital hearing assist systems for the Sanctuary and the Koinonia Room.

I bring this to your attention because it wouldn't take much of an increase in giving to bring us back on track for making our budget. I would rather let the

church know of this need in September than learn of the shortfall in December when it is too late to correct. A long time ago our church learned to be fiscally responsible and not spend more than we receive.

We strive to be good stewards of what God gives us through your contributions for ministry. Thanks for your support and generosity in doing the ministry God calls us to do in our community and beyond. I will see you on Sunday.

Grace and peace,

Fred

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES...



The book of Genesis in the Bible is an incredible resource of stories about the human condition.

It shares our strengths and vividly points out our weaknesses.

In September Pastor Fred Steinberg will focus on three stories from Genesis that can help us in our daily spiritual growth.

- † Sept. 2 – *Creation Truths*
- † Sept. 9 – *Blame Game*
- † Sept. 16 – *In-Between Time*

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

by Katharine Keller

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

SIDEWALK MINISTRY



Sidewalk will be resuming on Saturdays, starting later in October. Please consider serving as a Sidewalk Ministry Shepherd in the fall. We'll need Drivers/Chaperones to

transport the children to/from our ministry site in Apache Junction — and you'll have an opportunity to make a difference in a child's life by loving and nurturing them through Christ. You can be a tremendous help—no matter what gifts/talents you may have—even if it's just listening to and talking with the children.

For more information please contact Ken Hopkins at (850)217-0594 or khop149612@yahoo.com. All volunteers must undergo a background check.

KIDZKANYON NEWS



Preschool Teacher Needed: Do you enjoy teaching preschoolers? Have you been told that you are especially gifted with the younger children? We hope you will consider at least serving a year in our preschool classroom at 9:30am on Sundays.

We are looking for more than one person, so that there are two adults at all times. If there are many applicants, we will be able to share the teaching responsibility. Please contact Katharine in the Church Office if this position interests you.

KidzKanyon & Family Worship Weekend: On Sunday, 9/2, we are encouraging families to worship together in the "big church" to celebrate Family Worship Weekend. Our Kidz Kanyon Sunday morning programming will resume Sunday, 9/9. The nursery is available at all services for children 5 years old and younger.

CHANGES TO OUR MIDWEEK PROGRAM



Beginning September 12th we will resume our midweek program for 1st–6th graders. In the past, we have been using Pioneer Club programming, but have decided to use different curriculum and call ourselves the "Midweek Mountaineers." The schedule will remain the same — 5:00pm–7:00pm on Wednesdays — and we will

still include a Bible lesson, dinner, music and other fun activities.

The program is free, but we would appreciate if you register your student with us. This program is open to anyone, so your student may bring a friend. Registration forms may be picked up in the Church Office or in the Education Building.



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

UPCOMING WOMEN'S RETREAT



Gather with us for an inspirational weekend at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Scottsdale. During our time together we will be considering landmark rocks, Scriptural rocks, God as our Rock and stones in Jesus' teachings. We'll paint – not throw – rocks. We'll sing "rock" music! Come and explore this theme with us as we enjoy an overnight getaway with great food and fine fellowship.

Cost is \$130 (double occupancy) which includes room for two nights, six meals, and materials; if you choose a single room the cost is \$180. Please use the registration form on page 4 of this newsletter, or pick one up in the Lobby of either building. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is required to hold your spot. **The absolute registration deadline is Monday, September 3.** Please invite a friend!

FALL FAMILY CAMP AT MINGUS!



Katharine will be leading a family camp for the entire Desert Southwest Conference at Mingus Mountain Camp 10/12 – 10/14. Singles, couples and families with children are all invited, and you do not need to be a Methodist or a member of our church to attend! The following registration fees include five meals, room (or rustic cabin if we run out of rooms) and materials: \$90 Adults (18 & up); \$75 Teens (13–17); \$50 Children (12 and under). Depending on weather we will be offering hikes, archery, zipline and hopefully a hay

ride. We will also have devotions and Sunday morning worship in addition to a craft for the kids.



Please register through the Camp website, www.dscamps.org. If you have any problems registering, contact Katharine or Dina Reid, Camp Registrar, at (602)266-6956. **Registration deadline is October 6.**



UPCOMING ADULT CLASS OFFERINGS

The purpose of the DISCIPLE courses is to develop strong Christian leaders through regular in-depth study of Scripture. Disciple making and Christian nurturing are its goals.

† DISCIPLE 1—*Becoming Disciples* DISCIPLE Through Bible Study: This is the introductory course and a prerequisite to the other DISCIPLE classes. It will meet on Thursdays from 1pm–3pm in the Emmaus Room starting 10/4. **Facilitator:** Zane Close

† DISCIPLE 2—*Into the Word, Into DISCIPLE the World:* (pre-requisite is DISCIPLE 1): This class meets on Wednesdays from 1:00pm–3:30pm in the Esther Room (Missions Center) starting 10/3 **Facilitator:** David Worley

† DISCIPLE 5: Jesus in the Gospels: **JESUS IN THE GOSPELS** (pre-requisite is DISCIPLE 1): This class meets on Mondays from 1pm–3:30pm in the Emmaus Room starting 9/24. **Facilitator:** Fay Quanstrom

† God of Creation: Thursdays from 9am–11:30am starting 10/18 (10 sessions). This study is by Jen Wilkin (see synopsis below). Cost is: \$13 for the workbook. **Facilitator:** Chris Miller

The opening lines and chapters of Genesis teach us fundamental truths about God. We watch Him bring light after darkness, order after chaos, and rest after toil—all through the power of His Word.

Over 10 sessions of verse-by-verse study, dive into the first 11 chapters of Genesis by following 3 critical stages of understanding: comprehension, interpretation and application. Teaching videos are key in understanding this study. Revisit familiar stories and historical figures, challenge your basic knowledge, and discover deeper meanings in the text. As God reveals Himself through Scripture, we can only begin to understand ourselves when we first glimpse the character, attributes, and promises of our Creator.

† Emotional Wellness Class: This 7-week class meets on Wednesdays from 10am–11am in the Martha Room (Missions Center) starting 10/3., and offers a non-pharmaceutical approach for understanding and dealing with anxiety and depression. Anyone who wishes to enhance their own mental health or understand others is welcome to participate.

Facilitator: Fay Quanstrom



Do you like to welcome new people in the name of Christ? Do you love to plan events for friends and strangers alike? Do you enjoy showing people the church's love of the community? If that sounds like you, we invite you to connect with our Team Outreach ministry. We are a fun bunch to be sure!

We meet the first Tuesday of every month at 4:30 to plan events and talk about new ways to reach out to those outside the church. If you work during the week and cannot attend the meetings, we also offer the "on site" crew, who can give us the hands-on help that we need during special events.

Our first meeting for the fall is Tue., 9/4 in the Stephen Room (Missions Center). We welcome anyone interested in joining us. If you have questions or want to have your name included on the on-site/hands-on list, please contact Katharine Keller in the Church Office or email her at ladietbug1214@gmail.com.



Women's Fall Weekend "Living Stones" Retreat

FRANCISCAN RENEWAL CENTER – SCOTTSDALE, AZ

FRI., 9/14 (4:00PM) – SUN., 9/16 (1:00PM)



Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/ST/Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Single Room Request (*Limited number of Single rooms available*)

Double Room 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: \$130.00 (*double-occupancy*) ; includes lodging & meals, facilities & program materials

\$180.00 (*single-occupancy*) ; includes lodging & meals, facilities & program materials

Non-Refundable \$50 Deposit: Date Paid: ____ / ____ / ____ Check #: _____ Balance Due: \$ _____

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Notes: _____

Make a Difference GET INVOLVED



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

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

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

Not plugged in yet?...

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

https://secure.accessacs.com/access/mydashboard/_sgavailablegroups.aspx

A Note from Bob



Summer has flown by with not too many really hot days (over 109) and enough wind, dust storms and rain to make it interesting. As I write this, the humidity is still high from the recent monsoon storm, and I can do without that!

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.

My focus is on our weekly Country Western services which begin with the last Sunday of this month (8/26) and don't stop until the end of May 2019. I 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.

On behalf of David Ballard, our Musical Director, his wife and keyboard artist, Carol Ballard and all those who provide music, I invite you to come and experience a one-of-a-kind worship service. You will 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!

I hope you all have had a great summer and look forward to having you back in town for the Fall and Winter months. Remember, you can see the morning Traditional and Praise worship services on Livestream and Facebook every Sunday morning, as well as some of the Country Western services. If you miss them live, they are archived on the website for viewing at your leisure.

Peace and joy,

Bob Deits





GCUMC Youth Group News

By Beth Steinberg, Youth Director



2018 SUMMER MISSION TRIP TO NOVATO, CA

The following is a letter from one of the youth who went on the trip:

Dear Shareholders,

Thank you so much for providing for this year's mission trip. Without you, I wouldn't have had the opportunity to meet and serve people in need. This was my third mission trip and it was definitely the most impactful. To be honest, the first couple of days I was nervous to be stretched outside my comfort zone when we went to serve the homeless. However when I engaged in conversations with the people I met, I began to recognize that they are people just like you and me. For example, while passing out food to a homeless community near an overpass I met a man named Asia. He told us that he wants to go to college to study music. As he talked about his passion, that is when I recognized that the homeless are people just like you and me. The only difference is their lifestyle. Again, I can't express how grateful I am for your support. Without you, I would have never recognized this life-long lesson. God bless you. — Shea Major (18 years old)

I would like to share a little more about Asia who Shea mentioned above. After we finished talking with Asia, we asked if we could pray for him and he said, "Yes." We circled around him and laid our hands on him. Before we had a chance to pray for him, he asked if he could pray first and then he prayed for us! We were really touched by this young man's prayer. The other thing that struck us was that this community of homeless people were looking out for each other. If people needed to go take showers, etc. someone would stay behind and watch their belongings. They had built a community of trust and caring for one

another. Many of the people we met told us they believed in God. It was eye opening for the youth group to see people living on the streets who still had a strong faith in God. Thanks for making this trip possible!

Blessings, *Beth*



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY CLASS

(7th—12th Grades)

Sundays at 9:30am in the Educ. Bldg.
Creative Bible lessons & discussions!

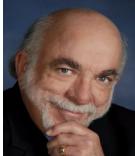
YOUTH GROUP

(7th—12th Grades)

Sundays 6:30pm in the Educ. Bldg.
Fun, faith-based programs
and fellowship!

YOUTH CALENDAR — SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun., 9/2	SUNSPASH Cost \$25; Bring extra \$ for food Friends are welcome; Must contact Beth by 9/1 to add people to the list.	12:20pm 1:00pm 7:45pm	Meet at church... OR Meet there Approximate return
Sun., 9/9	YOUTH GROUP	6:30—8:30pm	Education Building
Sun., 9/16	YOUTH GROUP	6:30—8:30pm	Education Building
Sun., 9/23	YOUTH GROUP	6:30—8:30pm	Education Building
Sun., 9/30	YOUTH GROUP	6:30—8:30pm	Education Building



MUSIC NOTES

Douglas J. Benton
Director of Music Ministries



Now comes September with the excitement of a new season of opportunities to share with each other. Perhaps this can be a month of “awakening” for us – to try new things, study new things (perhaps a Discipleship class or a class at Mesa Community College, or ...?). Give yourself the freedom to explore this month! Perhaps you would like to sing in the Choir, or play an instrument in the Orchestra!

Chancel Choir... rehearses Thursdays from 6:30—8pm in the Music Room and sings at both traditional services on Sunday (8am & 9:30am), but, leaves after singing the Anthem at the 9:30 Service, so you don't have to commit to staying all the way through both services. I always work about 4 weeks in advance, so if you need to be gone for a week or two, no problem! Chances are we have already worked on the anthem that you would be singing when you return!

Some of you have said, “Oh, I could never sing in the Choir – they are too good!” Oh yeah?... Yes, you probably could! We do not audition, and all we ask is that you can sing pretty well on pitch, and read music at least a little! It is my job to take care of everything else for you. If you are not sure about reading music, we can put you next to someone with a strong voice to help you get started! Choir is all about sharing voices together in worship of our God and Lord, and I sincerely hope you will give us a try! We really have a good time with our Choir Family and we would like you to be a part of us!

Canyon Carillon Handbells... rehearses Tuesday evenings from 6:30—8pm in the Sanctuary. This group of ringers is pretty well established, but if you are an experienced ringer and would like to give us a try, please give me a call at the church. If you are new to bell ringing and would like to be in a beginning Handbell Choir, let me know that as well. Handbells is the only thing I can think of, other than prayer, that can be successfully done by pretty much anyone regardless of experience or music knowledge!

Orchestra: Did you play an instrument in school? Do you still have it? Would you like to play in a group again? Then our GCUMC Orchestra wants YOU! We'll begin rehearsals in late October or November. Be sure to watch the Sunday Bulletin and Roadrunner for more info.

Our **Sacred Sounds Series & Events** calendar has been completed and is on page 8 of this Roadrunner. Copies will be available in the Welcome Center soon.

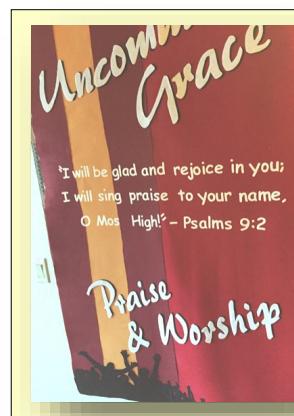
I am very excited to report that our **Pipes for the Organ Fund** has now topped \$80,000, getting us exactly halfway to our \$160,000 goal! As mentioned earlier, the **Gold Canyon Arts Council** has agreed to present a fundraising event for us on Fri., 3/29, 2019 at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary! **Bach and Sons** is a live organ performance by **Dr. Jeannine Jordan, concert organist**, and with multi-media performed by **David Jordan, media artist**. It is told from the perspective of four women important in Bach's life. Dr. Jeannine Jordan performs the organ music of Bach and two of his sons, Wilhelm Friedemann and Carl Philipp Emanuel. David Jordan's media talent brings the story to life visually. This live projection, utilizing five different cameras, is interspersed with video and images, which takes the viewer to Bach's Germany. You will gain insight into the human being and what he went through to create the music he made, as he became the most famous of all musicians. I hope you will come and join us at this very unique event! This has been performed throughout the world – including Germany – to great critical acclaim!

It is my hope that this event will finally put us over the top so we can get the pipes and casework, and move the organ to where it needs to be for the Choir and for the organist – above and behind the handbells. Again, it will not “blast” the Choir! Indeed, the sound will stretch the entire width behind the handbells and Choir in such a way where it will not project directly into the Choir but above it into the Congregation. Please trust me on this – I've done this before!

Well, this being my last year as Director of Music Ministries, I am “pulling out all the stops!” Take a good look at our Schedule of Events and mark your calendars now.

Love and blessings to all,

Doug



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

Together we'll lift our hearts, souls and spirits... and you'll be sure to feel uplifted and energized when you leave afterwards!



2018-2019 PERFORMANCES & EVENTS

10/28/18	Sun	3:00pm	Harvest Festival ...for the entire community to celebrate Fall
11/11/18	Sun	3:00pm	Celebration of Veterans ...returns under new leadership. Please come!
11/16/18	Fri	7:30pm	*
			Russian String Orchestra ...Audience selects soloists to play!
12/8/18	Sat	3:00pm	17th Annual Choral Christmas Concerts ...with Brass, Bells, Choir
12/8/18	Sat	6:00pm	17th Annual Choral Christmas Concerts ...with Brass, Bells, Choir
12/14/18	Fri	7:30pm	*
			Harp Fusion ...returning by popular demand – very unique sound!
12/24/18	Mon	3:00pm	Family Christmas Eve Worship ...Join us for family worship w/ candlelight!
12/24/18	Mon	5:30pm	Gift of Music ...Choir, Bells, instrumentalists, soloists
12/24/18	Mon	6:00pm	Christmas Eve Worship ...Join us for worship w/ candlelight!
12/24/18	Mon	7:30pm	Gift of Music ...Choir, Bells, instrumentalists, soloists
12/24/18	Mon	8:00pm	Christmas Eve Worship ...Join us for worship w/ candlelight!
1/11/19	Fri	7:30pm	George Dyer ...one of the very finest tenors – ever!
1/18/19	Fri	7:30pm	*
			Side Street Strutters ...celebrating a century of Jazz
1/27/19	Sun	3:00pm	Legacy Quartet ...Southern Gospel and sooo much more
2/08/19	Fri	7:30pm	*
			Philadelphia Big Brass ...featuring Rodney Marsalis, trumpet
2/10/19	Sun	2:00pm	The Incredible Rice Brothers ...both are virtuoso pianists and cellists
2/17/19	Sun	2:00pm	Erin Downey ...“the finest handbell soloist I’ve ever seen!” – Doug Benton
2/22/19	Fri	7:30pm	*
			The Lettermen ...famous close harmony Pop group from the ‘60s
3/03/19	Sun	2:00pm	Mac Frampton ...outstanding concert pianist - with our Choir!
3/06/19	Wed	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Worship ...join us as we begin the journey through Lent
3/09/19	Sat	7:30pm	NAU Shrine of the Ages Chorale & Harter Handbells ... don't miss this!
3/22/19	Fri	7:30pm	*
			O Sole Trio ...two amazing voices and a virtuoso pianist/violinist
3/24/19	Sun	2:00pm	Spring Concert ... featuring all of Doug's groups – and his final concert!
3/29/19	Fri	7:30pm	*
			Bach and Sons ...Arts Council fundraiser for our Pipes for the Organ!
4/14/19	Sun	3:00pm	Spring Eggstravaganza ...fun community event for kids & families!
4/18/19	Thu	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Worship ...special service with communion and ashes
4/19/19	Fri	7:00pm	Good Friday Worship ...very moving – the Death of Christ!
4/21/19	Sun	6:00am	Easter Sunrise Worship ...in north Parking Lot facing the Superstitions
4/21/19	Sun	8:00 & 9:30	Easter Celebration Worship ...Christ is Arisen with Brass, Bells and Choir
4/21/19	Sun	10:50am	Easter Praise Worship ...Uncommon Grace leads our Praise of the Risen Lord
4/21/19	Sun	5:00pm	Easter Sunset Worship ...our Country/Western celebration of Christ Alive

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



PASTORAL & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

WHY DOESN'T GOD CURE EVERYONE WHO PRAYS FERVENTLY FOR HEALING?

This question often arises in our darkest hours when bad news comes and begins to consume us. Embedded in the question are two key assumptions. First, that ours is a God of miracles, including healing. Scripture attests that miracles display God's power, cause wonder and confirm his message.

The second assumption is that believers are instructed to pray fervently. . . "without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17) because habitual prayers express dependence on God. Positioned as little children, we anticipate "good things" from our heavenly Father (Matt. 7:11). But there are more truths.

First, God does not always respond to our desires, and frequently allows circumstances we wish he would not. This is sovereignty, the scriptural truth that God is in control of events he directs or allows. God has the power and responsibility to exercise his right over creation. Our requests will not always coincide with God's plans. Peter wrote, "So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good" (1 Peter 4:19).

Second, our tendency is to doubt God's sovereignty in tumultuous times. When we doubt we presume to know better than God does. We might think that miraculous intervention would produce waves of affirmation to his authority, but in reply to the "rich man," Jesus said, "If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead" (Luke 16:31). The nature of our faith is to be "certain of what we do not see" (Heb. 11:1). While the world looks for proof in signs and wonders, we remember that "the message of the Cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1:18). It is in this power that he asks us to trust.

Third, we can trust the sufficiency of God's grace in all circumstances. The God of the mountaintop is also the God of the valley. The Apostle Paul prayed three times to be healed of his "thorn in the flesh." God's response? "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor. 12:9). The sufficiency of God's grace is ours.

Jesus endured the Cross for the "joy set before him" (Heb 12:2); God's grace allows us to do the same. Our affliction is purposeful and passing, and although we may not be able to understand it we can cling to God's goodness and follow the pattern of his Son.

So we are left with this: We do not know why God allows one to be healed and others not. We have all been touched by

situations where God did not heal despite the faithful prayers of his people. Alister McGrath wrote, "Experience cannot be allowed to have the final word...The theology of the Cross draws our attention to the sheer unreliability of experience as a guide to the presence and activity of God. God is active and present in his world whether or not we experience his being so. Experience declared that God was absent from Calvary, only to have its verdict humiliatingly overturned on the third day."

As with the Cross, our darkest hour may be God's finest moment. Instead of letting circumstances consume us, we are to be consumed with God. To that end, we pray without ceasing, trust his sovereignty , and find comfort in his hope.

(adapted from an article by Mark M. Yarbrough, Christianity Today, September 2004)



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

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Rev. Bob Deits, Associate Pastor
RDeits@cox.net
602.615.6634

Rev. Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor
Fay.Quanstrom@gmail.com / 480.458.8420

Dr. David Worley, Director, Congregational Care
DWorley3@gmail.com/ 970.821.5404

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.

OILY PRAYER- Dr. David Worley



"What? Have you gone off the deep end? What in the world is oily prayer? It sounds suspect." That may well be your response when first reading the title of this piece, but stay with me for a few more lines. I am not advocating some peculiar type of prayer. Rather, I am referring to the practice of anointing with oil, laying on of hands and praying for the ill; I used the unusual title to catch your eye. The practice of anointing and prayer is referred to in James 5:14: Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. (NSRV)

This practice is debated by theologians and differing opinions prevail regarding its contemporary practice. Some believe it was a practice of the early church as was illustrated by the Disciples of Jesus (see Mark 6:13) and then disappeared after the Apostolic age. Others contend that "oily prayer" is a practice mandated by the Bible and should be regularly used in ministry to the sick. Methodists teach that anointing with oil accompanied by prayer is a symbolic, meaningful but not necessarily miraculous practice that may be used at the discretion of the person praying. In other settings, such as pastoral ordinations, pray conjoined with touch and anointing are commonly practiced in the UMC. Essentially, then, anointing with oil is not mandated nor discouraged, but practiced when desirable.

Personally, I find the combination of oil, prayer and touch worthwhile. So, I carry a small bottle of oil with me and offer to anoint people with whom I visit, particularly those who are ill and/or are near death. Recently, when I pulled out my bottle of oil the person I was visiting said "What is that?" with a bit of alarm. I explained what it was and the reason for its use. The person for whom I was praying was, I believe, afraid that I was practicing a kind of last rites and they wanted prayer but not a prayer to send them off to glory just yet!

The question still remains, however, as to why "oily prayer" is meaningful. As we read through the Bible, oil is used for a great variety of practical purposes, but you may recall that specially formulated oil was used to sanctify the Old Testament priests as well as the Hebrew Tabernacle in the wilderness for which Moses received detailed building plans. By sprinkling or pouring oil, people and places were uniquely set aside to God's purpose. Oil was also a sign of God's choice and approval as is illustrated when the Prophet Samuel encountered the young shepherd boy David and poured a horn of oil upon his head declaring him King as Saul's replacement.

So, in my view, when I offer to anoint people with oil, by applying the oil in conjunction with prayer and touch I am, in faith, requesting God's special intervention and blessing. Because the Bible uses oil as a type of the Holy Spirit, by applying a drop of oil to someone's forehead I am symbolically and verbally asking for a unique touch of the Holy Spirit. Does the act impart a special, sacramental blessing? Not as I see it. Rather, it is a physical way to make a spiritual concept tangible. Never underestimate the power of human touch, believing prayer and a simple drop of oil; these are gifts we give one another born of Christian love and a desire to do that which will edify one another and more importantly request the blessing of Our Father.

SEPTEMBER VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: CHARITY

**"Charity cannot be neutral or indifferent!
Charity takes risks! For true charity is
always unmerited, unconditional
and gratuitous! Charity is creative."**



Prayer Chain Ministry

Please email prayer requests to gcumcprayers@gmail.com.





GLOBAL MISSIONS

Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor



MEET MISSIONARIES DELBERT & SANDY GROVES!



The Groves are the founders of the United Methodist New Life Center in Zambia. The center has numerous outreach ministries, including the distribution of personal energy "bikes" that we know as PETs, through Mobility International. This aspect of their mission works delivers the possibility of mobility to individuals who would otherwise be limited to crawling. Injuries, disease, lack of medical care, or birth defects make walking, which we take for granted, difficult or impossible for many in third world areas.

Imagine what an incredible gift, given with Christ's love, this type of cart is to someone unable to walk. You can see and even try riding a PET! The GCUMC PET is located near the west door of the sanctuary building. In its "trunk" you'll find brochures with further information about sponsoring a PET in whole or part. It's a great gift for celebrating someone who "has everything," providing something vital to a person who does not have everything.

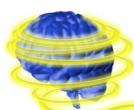
The Groves' work at the New Life Center also includes New Life Press, health education, a learning and computer lab, English instruction, instruction in new church construction and other training ministries. Delbert and Sandy also host volunteers in mission work teams.

Delbert reminds us, "Christ not only saves us from our sinful, selfish nature, but He heals the body and mind so we can discover all that He has for us to live out a new life filled with purpose and hope. I love watching God work."

Sandy adds, "It's amazing what God can do if we make ourselves available to be used by Him. I consider it a privilege to the hands that He is using in Zambia."

GCUMC supports the Groves through allocation in our General Budget. Your support of GCUMC helps support this Global Mission effort. Thank you!

HOW CAN WE HELP?



MindMenders provides support for caregivers of Alzheimer's and other dementia-disease patients and meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday of each month at 10:00am in the Education Building. Contact Nancy (480)982-3686.



Cancer Support Group provides spiritual support, love, friendship and a helping hand to cancer patients, caregivers and their families. During the summer, CSG will meet the last Wednesday of the month at 11:00am in the Emmaus Room (7/25, 8/29, 9/26) resuming their regular weekly schedule on 10/10. Contact Dee Ashe at (480)685-7175 or de eashe7580@gmail.com.



Emotional Wellness Support Group is intended for those who have completed the "Emotional Wellness" class, and provides tools for self-understanding and helping others, as well as those who are suffering from depression. If you wish to attend, but have not yet taken the class, please contact Fay Quanstrom fay.quanstrom@gmail.com.



Grief Support Group is for those who have experienced a major loss such as the death of a loved one or divorce. The leader of the group, Rev. Bob Deits, has been working extensively with these issues for 36 years and addresses them in his book, *Life After Loss*, now in its 6th edition. The book chronicles the loss of his wife, June, and is now available in the office for \$14.00. Please accept Bob's invitation to attend the Grief Support group he leads every Monday from 1:00pm—2:00pm in the Martha Room (Missions Center). For questions or to speak with Bob privately, you may call him at (602)615-6634.



by Kim Shroyer

JESUS & PEACE

KNOW JESUS KNOW PEACE

I recently had the joy of visiting Kentucky for our grandson's wedding, and some much needed family time. We flew in and out of Cincinnati for the first time, and visited the downtown area on our last day – well, the south side of the Ohio River so it was actually Newport, Kentucky. After parking we walked toward *Newport on the Levee*, a newer developed area along the river. As we approached a street corner I looked up and saw a massive bell. Signs stated it was the *World Peace Bell*, and the inscription on the ground below read:

*Peace starts at home.
Peace starts in our schools.
Peace starts on our city streets.
If we have peace in our homes
And in our schools
And on our streets,
Then our governments
And our nations will follow
And we will have world peace.
To sustain this peace,
We must continue to write about it,
We will have to talk about it
To our family and friends and neighbors.
And when our Peace Bell rings,
The World will listen.*

The bell is in a non-descript location, on the outskirts of a revitalized area, wedged between a parking lot and a *White Castles* fast food restaurant. If you read about it, you will find there are lots of opinions on what should be done on the site, and disappointment that the original plans to glorify the bell and its representation haven't come to fruition. The path taken by, and the statistics on, the bell are amazing. At 66,000 pounds, it was cast in France in 1999 on the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human rights and over the course of several months made its way across the ocean, and up the Mississippi and Ohio rivers to its home in Newport.

The powerful thing about this whole experience to me, no matter all the politics behind where the bell rests, how it's presented, or what development occurs around it, is the inscription. It is difficult to compare world peace and the peace that God provides, they are distinctly

different things. However, I couldn't help but draw a comparison between this inscription, Christianity, what Jesus' life represented and what we are called to do.

I was once asked why I didn't "care" much about politics; why I didn't engage in arguments or debates. The question, at first, made me feel like the belief was that I let life happen around me rather than engaging in important matters. I had to think about my answer, but I finally replied "*I engage in what matters in the manner I can, I take in information and I vote; no matter the topic I choose not to get angry or allow my opinions to overshadow other's rights to opinion; I hope and pray that if I live my life with love, respect, caring, and treat people as Jesus would have, that I am making one of the greatest impacts in this world that I can.*"

I don't profess that to be necessarily correct, be the only way, or be the path for everyone. And I don't accomplish it all the time. But I do draw parallels with Jesus' teachings, what Christians are called to do, and the inscription about the bell. If we live the teachings of Christ behind closed doors in our homes, teach our children to carry it forward each day, to community and leadership as they become adults, and we live that life outwardly in our everyday interactions and dealings with family, friends and neighbors – people will see and hear. They will watch how we act as Christians.

Whether a more quiet or more vocal individual, if we focus our message on one that Christ has asked us to relay – love, respect, acceptance, stewardship, service, and the Peace that God provides – I know that we are much closer to personal peace. And I can't help but believe one step closer to world peace.

If you don't feel as if you've been able to convey God's message as you'd like, struggle with achieving personal peace in your life at the moment, or possibly have been left with a negative impression of Christianity at some point, please remember your GCUMC Pastoral Team is always here for you. **Four pastors are on-call to make visits to members and friends of Gold Canyon UMC. Please feel free to call the church office at (480)982-3776 and one of the pastors will respond to your request. After hours, you may call or email one of the pastors directly.** You will find their contact information in the bulletin, church office or the Pastoral and Congregational Care page of this newsletter.

¹⁷ *So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.— Romans 10:17*

MINISTRY & MISSION

Updates

STITCHES UNLIMITED & QUILTS FOR ST. ANDREWS



In a recent daily devotional, the writer said we can invest in eternity by our giving. As quilters and sewers I feel we are investing in eternity by the giving and utilizing of our gifts and time spent in making quilts, stuffed animals, dresses for those in need. Whether it is children who come to Nogales for medical attention, our Sidewalk Sunday school kids, angel families, someone in a nursing home, a Habitat family, someone who comes into Genesis or wherever the need might be we lovingly and with glad hearts give to these projects.

Our group has been working all summer quilting and sewing. I know that many of our winter visitors work at home over the summer and come back with finished projects. Please join us on the second and fourth Tuesdays from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Bring lunch if you can stay that long or just drop in and see what we do. You are also welcome to take projects to work on at home. We have quilt kits already made up, pieces cut and directions for sewing.

For questions or more information, please call Bonnie (480)250-9652, and please remember...

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" - Matthew 25:40

FOOD BANK: LINK-2-FEED



A little over a year ago the Food Bank decided to go high tech and learn a new computer system to record all food bank activity. This system was called *PantryTrak* and we implemented the system when we moved over to the Mission Center in May 2017.

Recently, in all its wisdom the State of Arizona DES who controls the food distribution has decreed that all food banks must convert to their computer system called *Link 2 Feed*. This action created quite a stir as most small food banks were not using any computers at all. Luckily, we did make the first effort and therefore we had the equipment necessary to conform. All the office volunteers had to do was learn another new software

program and re-enter about 3,000 family records within 30 days.

With many extra hours and great cooperation your Food Bank was ready for the July 30, 2018 transition. All of the volunteers who have used the new system and the clients who cooperatively filled out new forms and waited for us to input the new data have been surprised that the new *Link 2 Feed* system has worked very well.

Another great benefit to everyone is that our data can be shared between food banks so if a client moves or changes family size we all will know. We look forward to the many benefits that will come from *Link 2 Feed* in the future.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)



Four Gold Canyon United Methodist Women attended Mission U in early August. The Spiritual Growth class was titled "Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living," led by Rev. Khalif Smith of Trinity UMC of Las Vegas. The course focused on God's call to each of us to live in covenantal relationship with all of creation. It challenged us to work toward stronger and healthier relationships with our community and to "be a ministry of presence" wherever we are. Jesus, throughout the Bible, demonstrated this approach. Jesus was not just a Rabbi within the walls of the synagogue; he took his ministry into the community and spoke to his disciples, as well as others, in ways that were easy to relate to their own lives. Jesus spoke to fishermen with parables about fishing and quoted scripture to the Pharisees and the Sadducees. Jesus worked to develop community and establish relationships everywhere he went and with everyone he met. He brought God and his teachings into every encounter and every life. Jesus is

still our role model and teacher: we are all called to be a ministry of presence wherever we are. We are called to step out of our comfort zones and our brick-and-mortar churches and bring God into our communities; we are to show God's love to all people, as well as to all of God's creation. By relating in this way with our neighbors, we learn, we are humbled, and we grow. We sit at the communion table with all others as equals in God's kingdom.

Gold Canyon UMW continues to grow into our purpose of becoming a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ. We recently asked our members to complete a survey of their interests. The interest that scored the highest was learning more about other religions. We hope to include this in our meetings in 2019, with a focus on Jewish and Islam faiths, as well as Christian religions. Other high-scoring interests were: Creativity, Dressing for our figure, Fitness/Staying Healthy and Strong, Plotting our Life Paths, Self-Care: Nutrition, Exercise and Spirituality, De-Cluttering and Sex Trafficking. We hope to feature some of these topics in our meetings in the next year. Thank you to everyone who completed the survey!



We had a fun "Upside Down" meeting in August with unmatched outfits as well as "upside down" treats!

Rev. Fred Steinberg will lead our September meeting with a tour of Gold Canyon United Methodist Church. Do you ever wonder where everyone's office is? Are you curious about where all the work of the church is performed? Do you know that there is a "loaning closet" of medical equipment? Come along as our senior pastor shows us all the nooks and crannies of our home church on September 8. We will meet in the Barnabas Room of the Missions Center: Fellowship 10:00am—10:30am with Tour starting at 10:30am.

Gold Canyon UMW will have a team at the UMOM Walk the Walk for the Homeless on September 22! Please join

us as we raise money for the homeless in our community. We also hope to break the Guinness World Record for the most people doing a 1K walk in flip-flops! To register as a member of our team go to: <https://walkthewalk.rallybound.org/Account/Register>. Make sure you register as a member of the Gold Canyon UMW Team!

We invite all women of Gold Canyon UMC to become a part of our United Methodist Women! Join our "Ministry of Presence" and invite the Holy Spirit into our community! Please contact Carol Johnson caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com or (602)750-2008 with questions or for more info.

GENESIS PROJECT



July was a very busy month for the Genesis Project. Our dedicated volunteers served over 5,900 delicious meals. A special thank you to those who helped paint some kitchen walls. We also refreshed all the floors. We continue to be blessed by the support of the community and our congregation. For the latest partnering schedule, be sure to check out the Genesis Project web page (www.GenesisProjectAZ.com).

—Blessings, Mid Carlozzi, President

ST. ANDREWS CHILDREN'S CLINIC



The time is approaching for our trip to Nogales on Thur., 10/4. If you would like to experience this rewarding trip a signup sheet will be in the Lobbies of both buildings soon; Space is limited so don't wait to sign up. Please contact Gail Crawford (480) 268-0918 with questions.

GCUMC MINISTRIES & MISSIONS LIST

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

https://secure.accessacs.com/access/mydashboard/_sgavailablegroups.aspx

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

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

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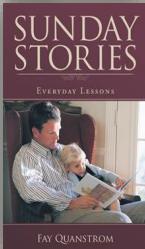
Is **YOUR** information correct in the Church Directory?
Would you like to update your photo?
Would you like to set-up/modify online giving?

You can do that and much more using GCUMC's online directory, AccessACS! If you aren't already using it, but would like to, just 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 Church Directory on your phone using the Church Life app!
...Get connected!

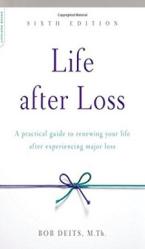


THE BOOK SHELF



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

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



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

ROADRUNNER & BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please send content for
October Roadrunner
via email to
ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org
no later than **8:00am, Tuesday, 9/4/2018**

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

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

LOST & FOUND

If you think we may have your missing item(s), stop by the Church Office!



You can watch our 8:00am, 9:30am and 10:50am worship services LIVE by going to www.Livestream.com/accounts/11627355. Be sure to click on "FOLLOW" so you'll be notified any time GCUMC is streaming live — which makes it even easier! Weekly sermons can also be viewed on our website, our Facebook page, or at www.vimeo.com/goldcanyon.

We honor the lives and memories of these members and friends

Duane Bennett
Bob Hare
Harold Heine
Grace Wrobel

In Remembrance

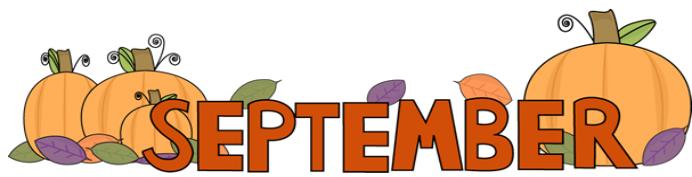

GOLD CANYON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CALENDAR
MAIN CAMPUS

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

MISSIONS CENTER

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

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



Sun Sep 2	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	"The Table" Adult Sunday School (MC-S)
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	9:30am	Youth Participate in Worship (S)
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (NAR)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (KR)
	12pm	Youth Group Outing (Golfland Sunsplash)
	5pm	Country Western Worship (KR)
Mon Sep 3	All day	Labor Day (OFFICE CLOSED)
	9:30am	Bible Banter (ER)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-E)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)
	7pm	Al-Anon (SoGR)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (Youth)
Tue Sep 4	4:30pm	Team Outreach (MC-E)
	6pm	Country Worship Music Rehearsal (KR)
	7pm	UG Rehearsal (KR)
Wed Sep 5	9:30am	Music Library Activities (Music)
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (KR)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)
Thu Sep 6	9am	Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC-S)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (M)
Fri Sep 7	5:30pm	AA (ER)
Sun Sep 9	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	"The Table" Adult Sunday School (MC-S)
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (NAR)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (KR)

Mon Sep 10	5pm	Country Western Worship (KR)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)
	9:30am	Bible Banter (ER)
	10am	UMW Leadership Committee (SoGR)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-E)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)
	7pm	Al-Anon (SoGR)
Tue Sep 11	7pm	CoDA Mtg (Y)
	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-B)
	9am	UMW Craft Circle (SoGR)
	6pm	Country Worship Music Rehearsal (KR)
	7pm	UG Rehearsal (KR)
Wed Sep 12	9:30am	Music Library Activities (Music)
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (KR)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)
Thu Sep 13	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music)
Fri Sep 14	4:00pm	Fall Women's Retreat (Franciscan Renewal Center Lane, Paradise Valley)
	10am	Mind Menders (ER)
Sat Sep 15	5:30pm	AA (ER)
	All day	Fall Women's Retreat (Franciscan Renewal Center, Paradise Valley)
	10am	UMW Mtg (MC-B)
Sun Sep 16	All day	Fall Women's Retreat (Franciscan Renewal Center, Paradise Valley)
	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	"The Table" Adult Sunday School (MC-S)
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (NAR)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (KR)
	5pm	Country Western Worship (KR)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)
Mon Sep 17	9:30am	Bible Banter (ER)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-E)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)
	7pm	Al-Anon (SoGR)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (Y)
Tue Sep 18	6pm	Country Worship Music Rehearsal (KR)
	7pm	UG Rehearsal (KR)
Wed Sep 19	8am	Newsletter Team (M)
	9:30am	Music Library Activities (M)
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (KR)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)
Thu Sep 20	9am	Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC-S)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (M)
Fri Sep 21	5:30pm	AA (ER)
Sun Sep 23	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	"The Table" Adult Sunday School (MC-S)
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (NAR)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (KR)

	5pm	Country Western Worship (KR)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)
Mon Sep 24	9:30am	Bible Banter (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (ER)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-E)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)
	7pm	Al-Anon (SoGR)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (Youth)
Tue Sep 25	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-B)
	6pm	Country Worship Music Rehearsal (KR)
	7pm	UG Rehearsal (KR)
Wed Sep 26	9:30am	Music Library Activities (MR)
	10am	Piano Tuning (S & MR)
	11am	Cancer Support Group (ER)
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (KR)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)
Thu Sep 27	1pm	Days for Girls Workshop (MC-B)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (M)
Fri Sep 28	10am	Mind Menders (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (ER)
Sun Sep 30	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	"The Table" Adult Sunday School (MC-S)
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (NAR)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (KR)
	5pm	Country Western Worship (KR)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)

SCRIP BUS/VAN PROGRAM

Bashas'



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FOOD STORES

Remember... the funds earned from the SCRIP Program purchase gas, licenses, insurance and maintenance on our two vehicles used to bring people to our church and take our Youth to events like the annual Mission trip. Have you seen our new covered structure that helps to protect our vehicles from the Arizona sun and heat?

Also, remember... the SCRIP Program costs those using it **absolutely nothing!** All you have to do is use any—or all—of the below methods to do your shopping! Bashas', Fry's and www.Smile.Amazon.com help non-profit organizations—like GCUMC—by giving a rebate on purchases. The Bashas & Fry's Shoppers cards must be *obtained from and/or be connected to GCUMC.*

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⇒ **Fry's VIP Card (up to 3% rebate)** Register your VIP card online with GCUMC's affiliation #80092, or you can come to the Church Office and we'll be glad to help.



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

***It all adds up... and the best thing is
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SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS



Cassella, Michelle 09/01
 Gale, Donna 09/01
 McDaniel, Steve 09/01
 Williams, Ashley 09/01
 Grills, Iona 09/02
 Hoffert, John 09/02
 Johnson, Ginny 09/02
 Jurgens, Ronald 09/02
 Linton, Diana 09/02
 Matthews, Lowell 09/02
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 Luse, Robert (Bob) 09/03
 Christian, Wendy 09/04
 Lewis, Dean 09/04
 Zieglovsky, Rick 09/04
 Clise, Dave 09/05
 Gaulke, Norma 09/05
 Johnson, Mary 09/05
 Pappalardo, Christina 09/05
 Ingram, Pamela 09/06
 Petticrew, Daniel 09/06
 Plaski, Tom ("Sam") 09/06
 Ralston, Riechia 09/07
 Fye, Carol 09/08
 Helt, Mitchell 09/08
 Jacobsen, Betty 09/08
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 Jameson, James (Jim) 09/09
 Jones, Riley 09/09
 McClung, Shawn 09/09
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 Miller, Janeane 09/11
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 Sisson, Pamela (Pam) 09/11

 Crites, Margaret 09/12
 Downing, Harriette 09/12
 Helt, Lisa 09/12

Cleavenger, Isaiah 09/13	Brown, Jeffrey (Jeff) 09/24
Hegna, Jan 09/13	Rolf, Jayne 09/24
Pepin, Sally 09/13	Cassidy, Hannah 09/25
Wachtel, Daniel 09/13	Creel, William T 09/25
Ingram, Bob 09/14	Morris, Mike 09/25
Richardson, Douglas 09/14	Rohn, Vi 09/25
Watters, Scott 09/14	Koch, Roberta (Bobbie) 09/26
Parke, Bob 09/16	Schmidt, Conrad 09/27
Rosenberg, Joe 09/16	Beam, Wayne 09/28
Messmer, Patti 09/17	Cloud, Jeanne 09/28
Trout, Ron 09/17	Gerst, Leo 09/28
Billeter, Sandy 09/18	Heinauer, Richelle 09/28
Reichert, Cynthia 09/18	Oldham, Barbara 09/28
Van Slooten, James 09/18	Hammers, Timothy (Tim) 09/29
Bos, David 09/19	Manbeck, Rich 09/29
Gibson, Dianna 09/19	Plakos, Shirley 09/29
Kreil, Adriana 09/19	Robison, Tom 09/29
Parsons, Laura 09/19	Schmidt, Amber 09/29
Rowland, Philip (Phil) 09/19	Eisentraut, Bonnie 09/30
Seabright, Randy 09/19	Gingrich, Noah 09/30
Confer, Terry 09/20	Hammers, Janet (Jan) 09/30
Evans, Lora Lee 09/20	Joyce, Aileen 09/30
Fransen, Yolanda 09/20	Shaughnessy, Julie 09/30
Koch, Karl 09/20	
Mansdorfer, Nyla 09/20	
Olson, Randene (Randi) 09/20	
Ashe, Diana (Dee) 09/21	
Hodges, Wes 09/21	
Johnsen, Donna 09/21	
McGinness, Patrick 09/21	
Ohnstad, Jeanette (Jenny) 09/21	
Pingree, Blair 09/21	
Travis, Pam 09/21	
Williams, Tristan 09/21	
Adams, Jacob 09/22	
Blankenship, Sherry 09/22	
Cajowski, Cassandra 09/22	
Lukas, Stephen (Steve) 09/22	
Miller, Nancy 09/22	
Nielsen, Bonny 09/22	
Pappalardo, Robert 09/22	
Van Sickle, Arthur 09/22	
Wilson, Reta 09/22	
Helt, Charlie 09/23	
Keyser, Brenda (Dee) 09/23	
Olson, Robert (Carter) 09/23	



Arehart, Larry & Patsy 09/01
 Eriksen, Ritchie & Norman 09/01
 Kellough, Gene & Marilyn 09/01
 Adkins, Ann & George 09/02
 Bird, Mark & Margie 09/02
 Hoffert, Jane & John 09/02
 Molzen, Gary & Geneva 09/02
 Kinzel, Alan & Lisa 09/04
 Lane, Bonnie & John 09/04
 Rhodes, Gary & Grace 09/04
 Dage, Carol & Caroll 09/05
 Mott, Bob & Sue 09/05
 Lukas, Steve & Teri 09/09
 Steckley, JoAnn & Leonard 09/09
 Williams, Barbara & Jay 09/10
 Bennett, Sharyn & Bill 09/12
 Halsted, Dorothy & Vern 09/12

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

CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

JULY	2015			2016			2017			2018		
	General	Building	Worship									
MONTH	56737	29296	2180	60232	27680	3154	66731	24808	3759	61629	26776	3632

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



HAVE YOU CONSIDERED GIFTING YOUR HOME TO GCUMC?

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

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



- Building Fund Loan Payoff
- Missions Center Loan Payoff
- Missions Center Remodel: \$380,000 (\$301,132 given so far)
- New Church Multi-Site Start-Up (\$3,236 given so far)
- Organ Pipes: (\$78,118 given so far)
- Playground: \$20,000-40,000 (\$11,673 given so far)
- Stained Glass for upper Sanctuary windows near ceiling: (\$139,834 given so far; \$6,176 per 2'5"x 2'8.5" remaining panel)
- ✓ Bus/Van Shelter (*Completed in March 2017*)
- ✓ Parking Lot Loan Payoff (*Completed October 2017*)

Helt, Charlie & Lisa 09/14
 Peterson, Marilyn & Pete 09/14
 Schmidt, Conrad & Judy 09/14
 Bowman, Hank & Judith 09/15
 Heppner, Glorianna & Ronald 09/15
 Schwartz, Ann & Dick 09/15
 Storley, LeRoy & Carol Dunn 09/16
 Anderson, Andy & Janice 09/20
 Butler, Joan & Paul 09/20
 Downing, Harriette & Jeff 09/23
 Urbach, Arthur & Jayne 09/23
 Hammers, Jan & Tim 09/26
 Houser, Chris & Ron 09/27
 Warth, Holly & Terry 09/27
 Genetti, Frank & Judy 09/28
 Plaski, Tammy & Sam 09/29
 Ritenour, Jim & Marcia 09/29



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)

Addressee or Current Resident

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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