From The Pastor:  
“Honoring Family”

Mother’s Day is May 13th. A day on which we honor the sacrificial love of mothers. We certainly need a special day to remember all the hard work and love that made us into who we are today. It is easy to take our mothers’ love for granted and never say thanks. In reality it is one day of many that we should express our appreciation.

Perhaps you have heard the story of the hungry 15-year-old boy who found his mother in bed and was suddenly seized with concern. "Mom, are you sick or something?" "Well, as a matter of fact," his mother replied weakly, "I'm not feeling very well." "I'm sorry Mom," the boy responded with furrowed brow. After a brief pause, he then added: "Don't you worry a bit about dinner. I'm getting pretty big now, and I'll be happy to carry you down to the stove!"

Have you ever taken your parents for granted? I know I did when I was young. We are reminded in Exodus 20:12 of the importance of honoring our parents. “Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.”

During May we will have a two week series on how we should honor our parents and if we are married how we should honor our spouse. When we fail to honor these important people in our lives problems begin to develop. I hope you will join me for these two weeks of honoring special people in our lives.

Grace and Peace,

Fred

Afterlife Sermon Series Continued:

We will finalize this sermon series begun in April, on the first Sunday in May.

May 6 — Afterlife & The Bible-View of Heaven

Honor Our Family Sermon Series

We imagine ourselves in perfect families, and then reality sets in. Being a parent, a husband, a wife, a child is frightening, exhilarating, gut-wrenching, life-changing, sorrowful, and joyful all at once. And the positions don't come with an owner’s manual. Join us for this two week series as we explore the difficulties and responsibilities of parenthood, marriage and giving thanks for a job well done.

May 13 – Honoring Parents
May 20 – Honoring Our Spouse

“Following Jesus, Serving Others”
Christian Education
By Katharine Keller

“Our mission is to bring the love of Christ and His teachings to learners of all ages on their spiritual journey, that they be transformed and thus positively affect our local and global communities.”

Time For Summer Camp!

June and July are great months for camp at Mingus Mountain. Brochures are now available through Katharine in the church office. Explorers Camp (grades 3 – 6) is June 4-9 and will be led by Katharine Keller. The early bird deadline for the Explorers’ Camp is May 8th, so please see Katharine for a registration form if you don’t already have one.

The Senior High Camp (grades 9 – graduated seniors) meets July 2-7 and will be led by Jody Topping. And, there are other camps in between these dates.

The cost is $310 per person for all camps, with deadline dates after which there is an additional fee of $25, so please pick up the brochure soon. If you need scholarship help, please let Katharine know. If you are able to assist those attending camp, please write your checks to GCUMC and memo it: Mingus Camp.

If you are a youth and wish to help at Explorers Camp and you are under 18 years of age you must have gone through Cabin Assistant Training in April. One cannot be a helper unless one goes through the training. The fee for a Cabin Assistant is $150, however, scholarship monies may also be used for them.

DIVE in to Vacation Bible School with Operation Overboard: Where Kids Dare to Go Deep with God!

VBS will be held June 18th - 22nd, and includes Ages 4 - having completed 6th Grade. Early registration (before June 11) is $15 per child/$50 max per family. After June 11 the fee is $20 for the first two children/$15 for additional children. We will have Bible lessons, crafts, music and so much more! Registration forms are available in early May in the church office, at the Information Center in the Narthex, and in the lobby of the Education Building. Register online as of May 15th.

VBS Needs

If you can, please donate items from the following list we will need for VBS (items may be brought in to the church office):

- Empty 2 liter plastic bottles with a CLEAR bottom
- White pipe cleaners
- Blue foil door curtains (Party City)
- Inflatable fish, sharks, octopi, etc.
- Quart-size Ziploc plastic bags
- Little food coloring bottles
- Rubber gloves (small, medium or large)
- Rainbow colored goldfish crackers
- Foam swimming noodles - all colors (from dollar store)
- Light or dark blue plastic tablecloths (dollar store)
- SMALL bottles of water
- Snorkel/diving masks
- Flippers
- Black light
- Wet suit
- Oxygen tank - preferably empty

To borrow:
Join Us for Summer Fun and Worship!

Spirit Club ~ Spirit Club’s last session for the school year will be Wednesday, May 23. Miss Linda and Miss Katharine had a terrific year with all the children and look forward to starting up again in the fall. Spirit Club is designed for 1st – 6th graders, so we hope your children will plan on joining us. Please take a look below at Kids’ Kapers for the summer....

Kids’ Kapers ~ Something new we are offering this summer for children is Kids’ Kapers. Every week there will be some sort of activity offered. Some of the events are free, some may have a cost; some will require a registration, some will be “just come”. A brochure describing these fun times will be available in the middle of May. We hope you and your children can join us for one or all! Once you see the offerings, if you would like to assist or chaperone, please contact

Our Church History

History Committee Update

God had a purpose for this church. He was always there when we needed Him! I will never forget Miracle Sunday. A few people plus Rev. David McPherson, the pastor, believed we needed a real place to worship and that we could raise the money to get it done. Those in charge of building new United Methodist Churches thought we were crazy! At that time there were very few people living in Gold Canyon and they thought we would not be able to support it. THEY WERE WRONG! We raised the money one Sunday to purchase the land and begin the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church. We were so excited!

The choir grew very quickly. They were all so devoted. However, I was lacking a soprano who could hit a note above F#. I kept asking the Village Voices and the RV Park Choirs if they knew anyone that I could borrow to sing with us on Sunday. I did that many times. Several ended up singing with our choir as well as their RV Park Choir. When Wanda Heinzman joined our Gold Canyon United Methodist Choir my worries were over. She had such a lovely, high voice. We were a proud music family and loved singing for God and our congregation.

Mary Ann Warren (more next month)

Church Wish List

Want to give back to Gold Canyon United Methodist Church beyond your pledge to the General Budget or the Building Fund? Listed below are some items that will better enable us to fulfill our mission as a church.

- Pave the North Parking Lot - $200,000
- Religious Statue for South Exterior Alcove of Sanctuary Building
- Playground - $10,000-50,000
- Stain Glass for upper Sanctuary windows - $105,000 ($3,000 per panel)
- Building Fund Loan Payoff
Youth News Update From Wendy:

Hallelujah, Christ has risen!!

Easter was made even more special this year for the youth, because of their opportunity to be involved in the Good Friday service. They came together and put on an original play about the last hours of Christ’s life. In doing so, they thought differently about the sacrifice made and the love Christ has for us. The youth did an amazing job! We received many comments of support and thanks for the play.

Thank you to Jody Topping, Roy Fuerherm, Beth Steinberg, Jill Saathoff, and Jed Moore for their support in making our play a reality.

Youth Mission Trip in June...

Our planning for our Mission Trip to Busby, Montana is well underway. The youth are very excited about this opportunity. Eight more shares were purchased in the past month by generous donors! Thank you sooooo much!

We are making reservations and working out the logistics on what should be a life changing trip for all involved. Our youth members and young adults are excited to serve.

In listening to Pastor Fred’s Easter Sunday sermon, I heard something that applies to us and to our youth. He talked about the reasons people come to church (i.e.: the sermon, the music, etc.), but mentioned the most important reason to come was to worship Jesus. And that Jesus, like our human father, might be asking us to join in a game of catch… just to spend time with us. I think the love and caring that you all show the youth gives them that feeling.

Wendy Moore
GCUMC Youth Director

Perspectives:

“While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.”

- Saint Francis of Assisi
Music Notes

May is one of my favorite months. I can finally put away my heavy coat, long-johns, sweaters, etc., that we locals need when the temperature is less than 90 degrees! More importantly, this is the time of year when I get to look at/listen to publishers new music for choir, orchestra, handbells, kids, organ, organ/piano, brass and all the various combinations of the above. This, then, allows me to dream and plan for the upcoming year’s potential musical offerings. This month I also begin the process of contracting the Performing Arts Series events for 2012-2013.

This is also the time of year that we have to say “Goodbye!” to our winter residents again, but are able to say “Welcome!” to those who sing in our Choir during summer months. If you are interested in singing with us just during the summer and you can read music, sing on pitch, and like to have fun, come join us on Thursday evenings from 6:50-8:30.

I want to say a big “THANK YOU” to all of you who have been so generous with your time and commitment by singing in the Chancel Choir, Joyful Noise, ringing handbells, and/or playing instruments, both in the Orchestra, with the Choir and/or playing solos during church services. A special THANKS to those of you who have sung Offertories during our services. Our two main pianists for the Traditional Services, Linda Jones and Nancy Virden also deserve our appreciation for their willingness to do what is needed to provide consistently great music for us to enjoy, and especially as accompanists for the Choir, soloists and instrumentalists.

My most profound appreciation, however, goes to a true saint, who does incredible volunteer work for the entire Music Ministry and keeps me sane, our Music Librarian, Dottie House! Our Music Ministry program would not be what it is without her. She has told me she will “retire” from this volunteer job in August of this year. I am looking for someone who has very good people skills, has a good, general grasp of music and great organizational skills to fill Dottie’s incredible shoes. If you know of someone who perhaps fits this description, please let me know.

We have one event this month you will want to attend: the San Tan Orchestra and Chorale, performing together in our Sanctuary under the direction of Matthew Frable, Haydn’s famous The Seasons on May 6th at 3:00 pm. The text is expressive of the themes of humanity’s relationship with nature and its quarterly cycle, light, landscape, agriculture, nobility and country people. This is Haydn’s last major work. This is a ticketed event with a fee. Tickets for the general public at the door at $10.00, adults, and $5.00 Children. For Gold Canyon United Methodist Church attendees, discount coupons are available at the Information Center on Sunday morning, May 6. Everyone is asked to please bring at least one non-perishable food item per person for the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church Food Bank. Come, enjoy some great, live music for orchestra and choir, at a very reasonable cost!

Finally, thank you to all of you who attended and supported our Performing Arts Series this year. We work very hard during the year to provide excellent, Christian experiences through music for you, and judging by the feedback we receive, you appreciate our efforts. I will announce our series for next year in August. Many of you have already asked about our Christmas Concert – it will be performed on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Please be aware we may change the times to 1:00 pm and 4:30 pm.

Thanks and blessings to all,

Doug

Douglas J. Benton
Director of Music Ministries
Greetings again!

Spring is a good time to take care of some of the health upkeep we need to maintain healthy mouths and teeth. Have you scheduled your appointment yet for a bi-annual oral exam and teeth cleaning? This is as important as an annual physical checkup, because we use our mouths in a variety of ways on a moment by moment basis. Eating, drinking, talking, chewing on a pen or ice as a stress release, and smoking for some. Three key areas should be considered when planning your oral care:

#1— Choosing the Right Toothpaste. There are a lot of choices out there, but keeping it simple and down to only a few ingredients is best. But, be careful of believing everything you hear or read about toothpaste. I have a few recommendations:

♦ Use Arm & Hammer Baking Soda with a drop of peppermint essential oil as a mild abrasive to gently clean the teeth
♦ Try an all-natural brand called "SPRY” with Xylitol. It has anti-plaque and anti-cavity properties, and protects your mouth from the other “chemicals” that well known toothpastes have in them. Those chemicals, including Fluoride, can actually be harmful.
♦ Another homemade toothpaste that kills bacteria and helps rebuild gums:
  ~ 1/2 tsp. finely ground Dead Sea Salts
  ~ Stevia organic sweetener (1 drop of liquid, or a pinch of the powder)
  ~ 1 drop of Thyme ct Thymol essential oil
  ~ 1 drop of Tea Tree Oil
  ~ 1 drop of Peppermint essential oil
  ~ 1/2 cup of baking soda

Stir together and keep in a glass jar with a tight lid.

Whichever type of paste you choose:

♦ Be sure to disinfect your toothbrush. When rinsing your toothbrush, consider using a drop of tea tree oil mixed with a small amount of water as a disinfectant.
♦ ALWAYS replace your toothbrush after being ill with a cold or flu, and at about every 90 days to keep germs and frayed bristles at bay.
♦ Make sure you use one with soft, to very soft, bristles. This will prevent damage to your gums.

#2— Brushing Techniques. Brush at least twice a day, and brush lightly to prevent gums from receding. Once plaque has hardened and calcified (tartar) it cannot be removed by brushing. Take about two minutes to gently brush all areas of your teeth. Remember to also gently brush your tongue to remove bacteria and freshen your breath.

#3— Always Floss. Flossing at least once a day is extremely valuable to the health of your gums and teeth. It’s never too late to become a “flosser”. Remember that it takes about 21 days to develop a new habit - so, start today if you have not been a “flosser” in the past and practice every day! If you tend to get food particles trapped, flossing more often can help. Carry a small container of Floss in your pocket or purse. Take your time when flossing as it requires coordination and thought. Be gentle in the area of your gums because you can make them bleed, opening yourself up for infection and germs to enter your blood stream. It is recommended that you use about 18 inches of floss so that you can clean both sides of each tooth with a fresh section of floss.

Most dentists recommend that parents supervise their child’s oral hygiene until the age of 12. I know, you’re thinking “you’ve got to be kidding!” But, learning proper methods is important, or bad habits could follow them into adulthood and potentially cause serious problems later in life. We are blessed with one set of teeth and we should care for them. Yes dentures are available but most who have them wish they still had a good set of natural teeth.

A bi-annual dental cleaning by a professional hygienist is also important! Be sure that your dentist does an oral exam and checks your tongue for any suspicious lesions which may lead to oral cancer. After each appointment, be sure and make another for about 6 months out so it does not get forgotten.

Blessings of Health & Wellness,
SUSAN MALLOY RN BSN,
GCUMC PARISH NURSE
"Speak UP and Stay ALIVE"
by Pat Rullo

The Health & Wellness Ministry is pleased to announce the upcoming **FREE presentation** “Speak UP and Stay ALIVE” by Pat Rullo, author of the book of the same title. Her personal experiences and her wonderful communication style will give you some vital information to help you avoid potentially dangerous situations, if for any reason you are admitted to a hospital. It will be worth your time and effort to attend. She has an ability to share this in a light hearted and humorous way. It will also boost your self confidence in being prepared for any future planned, or unexpected, trip to the hospital. I HIGHLY recommend this and hope to see you on **May 2, 2012, at 1:30 pm in the Education Building**. Please feel free to bring a friend or two.

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

Save time, simplify your life, and support our church! In this new millennium the church is keeping up with the times by offering our givers a new way to help our ministry. Our new electronic contribution program is an automatic funds transfer program that will allow you to make contributions without having to lift a pen to write a check or reach into your wallet for cash!

Here is how it works: you authorize a specified amount of money to be electronically transferred directly from your checking or savings account to the church's account. You can also specify the frequency of the transfer to allow you to keep your check register up to date.

It is fast, safe, and easy! In fact, it is less risky than checks, as it cannot be lost, stolen, or destroyed in the mail, and the rate of accuracy is high. The electronic transfer will cost you NOTHING and you save the cost of the check. The church will issue you a donation statement for your records, and bank statements will provide you with a record of transfer as additional proof of your contributions. Donations via electronic transfer can be made to our general fund or our building fund. Designations to Missions or the Pastors Discretionary Fund can also be made. Of course you can cancel your authorization of transfer at any time by notifying us in writing. We believe that once you have enjoyed the convenience and savings of this new program, you won’t want to go back. Contact the church office now.

DONATIONS AND ATTENDANCE

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

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We cannot give God anything; for everything is already His, and all we have comes from Him. We can only give Him praise, thanks, and honor.

~ Martin Luther
WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY

By Hu & Wendy Rhymes, with a little help from Hattie, Muffin (& Sadie, too)

JUST A REMINDER: Please let the Rhymes know at whsadier@earthlink.net or call the church office if you WANT A NAME REMOVED FROM THE ROADRUNNER or SUNDAY PRAYER LIST or are having surgery or are in the hospital, if you wish a visit or want to be on the Sunday Prayer List.

FROM THE SADIE RHYMES’ MISSION CORNER

The people come and thanks to all of you, the Food Bank can help them with food. Thank you again this month to Hattie & Muffin’s veterinarian, Dr. Munion, for donating pet food. Also to the folks who have donated money for pet food as Memorials. Thank you to Shirley Hill for her bags of pet food in memory of her husband, Jim. What a special thing to do. Thanks again to the Agnew and Kimball families, Jeanette Lunstead & Lolly Skillman for purchasing and/or bagging pet food so our furry friends can eat. We are also very thankful for those Food Bank helpers who are bagging while volunteering. We don’t know who you are to thank you personally. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO CONTRIBUTE FOOD & PET FOOD AND THOSE WHO HELP IN THE FOOD BANK.

Love, Hu, Wendy, Hattie, Muffin and Sadie too!!!

WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY

Sympathies: Carol Acevedo & Dr. Karen Acevedo-Mogharbel, upon the death of Carol’s mother & Karen’s grandmother, Sarah McCoy; Sharon Fritz, upon the death of her daughter, Wendy; Shirley Hill, upon the death of her husband, Jim; Eugene Leicht, upon the death of his wife; The family of Rhonda Love, upon her death; Jim & Marcia Ritenour, upon the death of Jim’s brother; Wanda Tufte, upon the death of her husband, Marven; Larry & Pam Wagner, upon the death of Larry’s brother, Gene; Reta Wilson, upon the death of her husband, Bill and the families & friends of the above.

Concerns and/or Continued Prayers: Charles Allew, Pat Alsup, John Banwell, Chris Barker, Leon Blumhagen, Isaiah Bradthen, Bob Burgi, Boyd Burnett, Alan Burg (Houser’s brother-in-law), Jack Challender, Jordan Clegg, Marian Coapstick, Lavern Colby, Pastor Wayne Collins, Cris Criswell, Mike Donnelly, Lacy Eriksen (granddaughter of Eriksens) Brenda Esterline, Jake Foster, Ermal Gottswiller (Paula Tucker’s stepfather), Patty Jo Hamilton, Judy Hanshaw, Barbara Hardesty, Lloyd Hetherington, Ray Heyse, Bill Hightower, Judy Hill, Clair Hodges (Clarence Hodges’ brother), Mary Hollingsworth, Carol Kachelmeyer, Phyllis Krebs, Sally Kunkle, Norma McKim, Vivian Miller; Tate Mitchell, Glenn Navarre, Garry Neisius, Linda Granger-Ogilvie, Lee Opperman, Tommy Russell, Natalie Ryan (Carol Ballard’s great niece), Leon Shortenhaus, Orville & Maxine Slagle, Jay Small, Chris Sobil, Stephanie Thelen (Bill & Judy Atkinson’s daughter), Peggy Tippie, Tracy Tucker, Gage Wallace, Karen Winter, and Lisa Buscher, on a MISSION in PERU until June, 2012 (Jeff/Jane Hayes’ daughter), PRAYERS for the families & caregivers of the above. PRAYERS for requests in the “CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER” boxes & UNSPOKEN REQUESTS. Also, those FOOD BANK CLIENTS who have requested prayers. PRAYERS for our MILITARY personnel (Chris Everett, Felip Gonzales, Matthew Jacobson, Jacob Manbeck, Sierra Nagle & Myles Strange), those in harm’s way & those suffering from, PTSD & other maladies as a result of their military service & their families. Also, those who are POOR or HOMELESS & IN NEED OF EMPLOYMENT. PRAYERS for the families of SIDEWALK MINISTRY.

Still in Need of Prayers: John & Doris Adamson, Richard & Eleanor Armstrong, Tom & Dee Ashe, Patti Baker, Barbara Barnhill (Nancy Jonovich’s daughter), Bob & Ruth Bennett, Cathy Bird, Irene & Jr. Blake (Paul Fillion’s sister), Marge Bos (Dave Bos’ mother), Kay Bottomley (Mike Vagnier’s mother), Lyle Brewer, Jack & Esther Ann Brown, Barbara & Royce Brownfield, Gen Brunk (Jerri Manbeck’s mother), Jeff & Karen Brown, Dr. Brad & Arlaine Bryant & Julie Bryant-Holver, Martha Burkinshaw, Jim & Carolyn Burt, Leon & Linda Schafle-Castonia, Mindy Couch (Don/Diane Parker’s daughter), Rev. Bob & June Deits, Chuck Dickinson, Laura Dingess, Jim & Eve Dinkel, Eulalia Pascal Domingo, Adelyne Douglass, Janet Fillion (Paul & Joyce Fillion’s daughter-in-law), Peter
Fillion (Paul Fillion’s brother), Dale & Inge Fitzpatrick, Gen Friesen, Sue & Dave Flitsch, Lois & Leo Gerst, Danna & Andy Gharavi, Ardeen Gillette, Bill Green, Arline Hacker, Gaylord Hart & kids, Kathy & Paul Fabish, Jan Helquist, Shirley Hill, Neil & Melva Houtcooper, Jim & Suzanne Jameson, Dawn Johnson (Todd Williams’ aunt), Ginny & Joe Johnson, Helen Johnson, Gladys Kay (Jane Hayes’ Mom), Mel & Mary Kilbo, Diane Kissner, Tom & Mariol Knapp, Thelma Lang (Pete ‘n Kay Johnson’s mother), Ardis Larson, Rick & Diane Lockwood, Bob & Juana Mahlandt, Sue & Michael Malloy, Earl & Lorna Marifjeren, Tony Masucci (Colette Bos’ father), Will Matthews, Colin Mattoon (Joe & Uni Kincade’s nephew), Bryan McGiann (Jeanette Lunstead’s son), Corine McGinley (Diane Kissner’s sister), Larry & Pat McMann, Wilbur McMann, Anita Mendoza (Lucy Kidwell’s mother), Linda & Mike Mestek, Vivian Miller (Marcella Dorsey’s aunt), Bill & Freda Moffatt, Judy Monk, Hedy Moore (Jed Moore’s mother), Lorraine Murphy, Bill & Alice Myers, Calder & LaVoyce Nolan, Ramona Orr (Kris Laux’s mother), Roy & Marilyn Pearson, Jim & Marcia Ritenour, Peter Ritsch, David & Judy Robertson, Tom & Marty Robison, Virgil & Rose Scantlin, Ari Shreffler, Debbie Steedy, Lew & Doris Stichter, Marilyn & Dave Striebel, Rick & Sue Sutter, Lillian Thomas (Bill & Mary Thomas’ mother), Kenneth Tippie (Jerry & Peggy Tippie’s son), Gordon & Patty Truckle, Wanda Tufte, Jim & Charlene Van Slooten & Floy Kilbourn-their daughter, Nancy Villeneuve, Nancy Virden, Mickey Wenzel, Garnet White (Jody Topping), Delza Wilson (Jayne Urbach’s mother), Reta Wilson, Pat Zirjacks and the families of the above.

**DESIGNATED GIFTS FROM MEMORIAL/FUNERAL SERVICES**

RAY VILLENEUVE: Pet Food for the GCUMC Food Bank
BILL WILSON: GCUMC Food Bank (people & pet food)

**"Laugh a Little" - with Hu**

**YOU DON’T STOP LAUGHING BECAUSE YOU GROW OLD, YOU GROW OLD BECAUSE YOU STOP LAUGHING.**

**KEEP LOOKING UP**

A Sunday school teacher was struggling to open a lock on the Sunday School supply cabinet. She had been told the combination, but couldn’t quite remember it. Finally she went to the pastor’s study and asked for help.

When the minister began to twist the dial, he paused after the first couple of numbers and stared blankly. Finally he raised his eyes toward heaven and his lips moved silently, then he looked back at the lock, turned to the final numbers, and clicked open the lock.

The teacher was amazed. “I’m in awe of your faith, Pastor.”

“It’s really nothing,” he responded. “The numbers are on a piece of tape on the ceiling.”

**CONTROVERSY**

A ten year old, was becoming quite knowledgeable about the Bible. Then one day she floored her teacher when she asked, “Which virgin was the mother of Jesus, the Virgin Mary or the King James Virgin?”

**SUPPORT GROUPS**

**GRIEF**

As of May 25th, 2012 The Grief Support Group will meet through the summer only on an on-call basis. Please call Laurie at 480-518-3786 or Email at Lchristy20@yahoo.com to schedule.

**MIND MENDERS**

Meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday each month at 10:00 am in the Education Building. Mind Menders is a support group for caregivers of Alzheimer’s and other dementia disease patients. Come join us. Contact Jeanette Lunstead at 480-671-9888 or the church office for more information.

**CANCER**

...support group meets each Wednesdays at 11:00 am in Room 101-102. This active group provides spiritual support, love, friendship and a helping hand to cancer patients, caregivers and their families. For further information, contact Tom or Dee Ashe at 480-924-5483 or 480-650-6765 (cell) or by email at deeeshe7580@gmail.com.
May 2012 International Missions Update:

At our program/brunch in March, we shared with those in attendance how far and wide the support of GCUMC extended around the world in 2011 and the first part of 2012:

♦ For three years we have been supporting Lisa Armstrong/Fellow Man International’s mission in Honduras by selling Green Parrot coffee. This winter we contributed $1,500 to Lisa and FMI. Quilts donated by Quilts Without Borders were sent to Lisa for mothers and new babies.

♦ Nine members of GCUMC traveled to Costa Rica to work as volunteers at Universidad Biblica Latinoamericana. The team assisted with construction of living quarters for the seminary students at UBL. Additionally, quilts and sundresses were donated to the people there.

♦ Continuing our support for the Wangshi Church in China, we contributed $800.00 to help them buy pews for their new church building.

♦ Prachakittisuk Church Orphanage, in Chiang Rai, Thailand received quilts from GCUMC through the donation from Quilts Without Borders.

Reflecting on all we were able to do is rewarding and also motivating as we consider support for the rest of this year and into 2013. Our goals include:

♦ Continuing to bring missionaries to GCUMC to help enlighten our understanding, foster awareness, and encourage us to stretch ourselves spiritually as we involve ourselves more fully in global missions.

♦ Continue to support Lisa Armstrong and Fellow Man International in Honduras, with an annual gift of $1,500.00. Additionally, we will continue to sell Green Parrot coffee and other Fair Trade products.

♦ Contribute $1,000 to the Wangshi Church in China as they work to complete their church building.

♦ Send another mission team to Universidad Biblica Latinoamericana, Costa Rica, in January 2013 to continue the work done this year, and further strengthen relationships with this mission. Spaces are available for this mission trip.

If you are interested in being a part of this team, please contact Rev. Fay Quanstrom.

We are grateful for the contributions many of you made to our international missions work. It is a blessing to see how far your contributions went! Our Sunday morning Fair Trade coffee, tea and cocoa sales will be suspended through the summer months. We do have a few products available for purchase from the church office Monday-Friday, May through September. We appreciate your support of our Fair Trade products and look forward to seeing you at our table on Sunday mornings again in October.
Welcome New Members for First Quarter 2012!

Let’s welcome the newest “card carrying” members of Gold Canyon United Methodist Church. When you see these folks, please give them your personal welcome and let them know that we rejoice in their presence.

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me…” Matt. 5:35

Rich and Evie Bogle
Theodore and Sandi Carl
Jim Carter
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News from the Wesley Foundation at ASU

The Wesley Foundation at ASU is looking for alumni that participated in ASU Wesley over the years. So if you participated in ASU Wesley in the past, please contact them. They would also like to announce that there is a Valley Wesley Alumni group on Facebook that is open for anyone to join and stay in contact with other alumni, so please check it out.

You may e-mail your contact information, or any questions, to Jennifer Lazbin at jlazbin@q.com.

Current UMCOR Emergencies

To donate to UMCOR on behalf of the following emergency, please write your check to GCUMC and write “UMCOR Advance ####### (fill in the appropriate number)” on the memo line. 100% of your donation will go to those affected by the emergency.

Liberia Emergency ~ UMCOR Advance #150300
Cote D'Ivoire Crisis ~ UMCOR Advance #982450
U.S. Disaster Response ~ Spring Storms UMCOR Advance #3021326

For more ways to help, or to donate online, go to: http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/

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Thinking Theologically —
By Jody Topping, Pastoral Intern

Those of us who live in Arizona year round can tell when the climate is about to change - not because of anything that's happening in the atmosphere, but from the number of RVs that are out on the roads! Yes, many of our winter residents/winter visitors/snowbirds have left Gold Canyon for the summer, and those of us who live here all the time wonder to ourselves..."why"??!! Take today, for example: as I write this column, I'm sitting on the patio of a local coffee shop, sipping an ice cold fresh fruit smoothie, and enjoying the 75 degree temperature outdoors. Who could ask for anything better?

It's times like this that make me thankful for the marvelous world in which we live. At this time of year we enjoy the beauty of colorful spring flowers, occasional spring showers, fresh new growth on our plants, and lush green grass. Our world is indeed a beautiful place, and an inspiration for poets and songwriters throughout the ages. Now I must admit...I'm neither a poet nor a songwriter, but I do enjoy beautiful music, and one of my favorite songs is a hymn called "For the Beauty of the Earth". Written in 1864 by Folliot S. Pierpoint (1835-1917), it is one of those timeless hymns that I think all of us will agree is particularly appropriate at this time of year:

For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies
Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

It is said that Pierpoint was inspired to write these words while enjoying the countryside near his hometown of Bath, England. Overwhelmed with emotion, he had to give thanks to his Creator for the wondrous gift that he had received.

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower
Sun and moon and stars of night
Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

Pierpoint's poem is typically sung to the hymn-tune called "Dix" written in 1838 by German composer and organist Conrad Kocher, but my favorite setting of the text is by John Rutter. I'm sure you've heard the choir at Gold Canyon UMC sing this particular arrangement...but if you haven't, and you've got a computer, just do a Google search on John Rutter For the Beauty of the Earth and enjoy!!

For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given
Graces human and divine
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven
Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

Where ever you are today, whatever the weather, I hope you will take a moment and enjoy the beauty of the earth. And if you happen to be in a place where the sun is warm and the breezes are cool, enjoy a fresh fruit smoothie as well! May God continue to bless us with beauty we find in all creation!!

Grace & Peace,
Jody

BIBLE BANTER
Meets every Monday, 9:30-10:30 am
Mountain Brew Coffee House
6832 S Kings Ranch Rd #5
(near the NW Corner of US 60 and Kings Ranch Rd)

Join us for coffee and stimulating conversation as we discuss ways we can live as faithful Christians in today's world. Don't forget to bring your Bible and any theological topics of conversation you would like us to explore!! All are welcome!
Sister Seminarians

Suzanne Cherry

"The Leper," Continued from April:

Joseph heard many things uttered that afternoon. Each declaration was as a bellows increasing the light of hope that had ignited in his soul. “You are the light of the world,” he heard Jesus say. Who is this man, Joseph wondered, briefly, as he gazed up at him. Upon the hill, he no longer seemed a lowly prophet with dirty feet. He spoke as if he had the authority to teach them. No, to Joseph, Jesus seemed a great candle brightly glowing, illuminating the darkening evening sky. Joseph ruminated over the meaning of Jesus’ speech as the crowd began to disperse. It was time then, to be home. Rebekkah would now be lighting the lamps, soon to be readying the children for bed. Unless...Joseph looked around, wondering if his wife had joined the throng as they had passed their tiny home before he had followed. There were so many people here, he could not see her. She was a curious woman. It would not surprise him if she had come to hear the words of this charismatic speaker. No matter, he thought. It was only by law that they were husband and wife now.

Turning to head back toward the hovel he now called home, Joseph was surprised to find himself once again locked eye-to-eye with Jesus. Suddenly, the new light in his soul flared to a flame and he was possessed by the unexpected desire to kneel before this man. Unthinking, Joseph fell to his knees and cried out, “Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean!”

Jesus reached out and touched him. Touched him! Joseph drew in his breath, for no one had touched him in a very long time; no one had dared. Yet this Jesus reached out without hesitation and touched him, saying, “I do choose. Be made clean!” Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. Matthew 8:1-4

Heartsfelt Words of Thanks...

Thank You:

Your most welcome good wishes for a speedy recovery, the cards, phone calls and prayers made all the difference in the world. Thank you so very much for remembering me as my right knee is healing....God has the most wonderful way of making miles between us disappear and that caring for and about one another is His way of showing what Love truly is. Again - many thanks!

Norma McKim

My son, Steve, asked me if I didn't want to move to Florida to be near him and family. I immediately replied, "I don't think so!!!!" He did not understand this until he came out for Jack's memorial service and saw all the love and friendship I receive here at the church and how I do keep busy. He agreed that AZ was the place for me. Thank you, thank you for all of this.

No one can truly describe the emotions that one has until you experience the death of a loved one and how the Body of Christ comes to the rescue. I thank each and every one of you for your help in so many ways. Yeah, team!

Norma McKim

Nancy Virden
Volunteers Do Make a Difference

**May ~ Inspirational Values**

**Preparation**

Although we may not be so fond of this important value, we certainly just finished our annual preparation of income taxes. Aren’t we fortunate to have volunteers like Terry Parsons to help us when we need it?

I admire D. Elton Trueblood’s quote: “It takes a noble man to plant a seed for a tree that will some day give shade to people he may never meet.” Arizona could use a few more noble men!

I also admire the crew of an Airbus 320 who, after take off, struck a flock of birds and was forced to land in the Hudson River. The pilot and crew have become an inspiration to people around the world. Not only these people, but the first responders from ferry boats who acted quickly and employed their extensive training to make sure EVERYONE got to shore safely.

And to think God does this every second ...

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**SUMMER VOLUNTEERS**

We all enjoy a vacation as the heat swelters around us.

If you have a morning or afternoon to give of your time, please call me.

And once again, a great Thank You to our many volunteers serving seasonally and year-round. The church operation would have difficulty functioning without you!

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**Time** | **Job**
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30 + min. | Hospitality
75 min. | Shut-in Meals
40 min. | Greeter
60 min. | Bake Cookies
240 min. | Office Receptionist

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Do you have the time? No, I don’t mean your watch! Are you willing to volunteer your spiritual gifts? Please look over this list of volunteer needs. If you can help with one or more of the following, complete and place this form in the collection plate, take it to the information table, or send it to the church office, 480-982-3776.

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GREETERS

Each week we have 16 greeters scheduled at our doors to assist with bulletins and passing on a welcome to our guests and congregation. Greeters may obtain a reserved sign for their seats while performing their duty.

Arrive 40 min. prior to service. CALL by Friday at 4:00 pm if you cannot make your assigned Service.
May Celebrations
Birthdays

Betsy Wood 1
Allison Cantrell 1
Nathan Cantrell 1
Mary Sebright 1
Jane Heyse 1
Jacqueline Johnson 1
Adam Kalik 1
Mildred Moore 1
Jennie Oukada 1
Kelly Gingrich 2
Erica Reichert 2
Victoria Mullins 2
Helen Stoner 3
Keith Alford 3
Don Parker 3
Ronald Beason 4
Ruth Rikli 4
Ione Nelson 5
Darrell Tilus 5
Debra Ireland 5
Bay West 5
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Betty Forest 6
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Pat Osbaklen 7
Margaret Baker 8
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Jo Alford 11
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Carmen Nordell 13
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Katie Peticrew 30
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Nina Pennington 31
Duane Vorseth 31

If your name isn’t on this list (or you know of someone who should be), please call the church office with the information. We truly don’t mean to leave anyone out.

Roadrunner Email

We encourage you to sign up to receive your Roadrunner by email. Complete the information below, tear it off and drop it in the collection plate or send it in to the church office.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

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Bill & Trudy Ramer 3
Tim & Trudy Carpenter 7
Len & Hazel Sams 11
Tom & Bette Wiff 11
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Paul & Sara Vara 15
Norman & Barbara Wilke 15
Erik & Amy Olson 17
Chris & Susan Fitzgerald 18
Clare & Clara Goodman 18
Jim & Merry Bell 20
Michael & Susan Malloy 23
David & Barbara Osborn 24
Robert & Mickie Rosenstein 24
Brad & Janet Daniels 27
Dwight & Tracy Callahan 29
Scott & Monica Watters 30
Jerry & Ruth Ann Thacker 30
**W.O.W. Corner**

Well, Spring Fling was thwarted by the weather again this year! It rained hard during the night and the early morning brought VERY cool temperatures and clouds threatening more rain. Since many of the attractions required considerable set-up time the decision had to be made before we knew the day would remain clear. All things considered, it was a good decision as it remained cold requiring the cancellation of the popular dunk tank and turnout would have been light. So, we’ll try again next year!

The efforts of those who helped plan and organize the event as well as the graciousness with which participating vendors accepted the cancellation are very much appreciated.

Please join the W.O.W. Team at the next meeting on Tuesday, May 10th at 6:00 pm the Education Building as we plan for upcoming events.

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**Commemorative Mugs!!!**

Wouldn’t you like to enjoy your morning coffee or tea or perhaps hot chocolate in an attractive Gold Canyon United Methodist Church Commemorative Mug? Stop by the Information Desk or the office and pick one up for only $5.00 each. They also make great gifts! Your W.O.W. team designed the mugs and proceeds are used to support their outreach mission.

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Thank you so much for supporting our Book Sale last month. It never hurts to have a new novel on your nightstand, a mystery by the fireside, a great gift book on your coffee table, and a bio in your guest bedroom. I hope you are enjoying your new finds, and we will continue to try and feed your reading habit. Remember to save everything you read between now and next year so we can sell them back to you!

At the UMW Annual Meeting in October Rev. Bob Burns challenged all United Methodist Women to increase their membership, to use their unique gifts to serve others and to witness to Jesus. I believe the women at GCUMC can step up and take this challenge head on.

They try and meet the needs of our membership, beginning in May UMW meetings will be on the second Thursday each month at 9:45 am; Room 101/102. And, we will begin meeting year round. Co-President Janet Hergatt will officiate meetings November-April, and I will perform those duties May-October. If you are one of those ladies who chooses not to attend our meetings because you just don’t want to sit through another long business meeting each month, come discover we are so much more than that! I would especially love to see some of you ladies who live here year round join us this summer.

Our next meeting (Maybe I should call it a gathering, because in the summer months we don’t even have a secretary or a treasurer because they go North. So it’s tough to have a meeting, if you get my drift.) is Thursday, May 10 at 9:45 am. Please watch the bulletins and overheads for what we have planned for that morning. You won’t be disappointed!

Mission is the focus of our organization making a difference in the lives of women and children. The strength of Gold Canyon’s United Methodist Women depends on you as you step forth and use your God given gifts and graces to serve and witness - putting faith, hope and love into action helping us live out the purpose of United Methodist Women in our church, our communities and around the world.

Diana Linton
Co-President
Every Christian is constantly invited to overcome his neighbor’s fear by entering into it with him or her, and to find in the fellowship of suffering the way to freedom.

A Stephen Minister will LISTEN TO YOU, WILL NOT TRY TO TALK YOU OUT OF ANYTHING, and will engage a distinctively Christian process which will relieve the emotional paralysis that can be generated by anger. Just remember, Stephen Ministers do not function as professional caregivers. A Stephen Minister is a caring Christian friend who provides unconditional positive regard, reflective listening, prayer (with and without you), and other distinctively Christian care.

Are you angry? Who or what are you mad at? Believe the prophet: Anger hurts! Anger is painful to live with! You can rid yourself of the HURT by expressing yourself to a Stephen Minister. Doing so will make you feel better and perhaps improve your view of, or relationship with, the object of your anger. Sometimes we even transfer our anger at earthly happenings and heartache, to God.

The Gold Canyon United Methodist Church has a Permanent Endowment Fund which was established several years ago. Did you know that it is possible to make a difference in the ministry of GCUMC even after you are gone? Gifts to the GCUMC Permanent Endowment Fund are invested and in turn only the gains are used to further the missions and ministries of the Church. The principal of the gift is held in perpetuity. This is a wonderful way for any donor to make a difference for many years into the future. The Permanent Endowment Committee has designated the income to be used for Buildings and Property; Scholarships, especially for those entering the ministry; Missions; and Undesignated. Undesignated can mean that a donor may select where he or she wishes the income to be used or leave it up to the Committee to decide. There is a generous donor who has given gifts over the past few years to the Endowment Fund, which were specifically given for the income to be used for scholarships. This income has provided the funds for the scholarships which the church has given to various members.

The Permanent Endowment can become a strong supporter of the Church and its missions, but only if members and others of the congregation remember the Fund with gifts at any time or with estate bequests of any size. Please consider gifts to support the Endowment and GCUMC. For more information on how to make a gift, call Pastor Fred at the church or Wally Quanstrom Chairman of the Endowment Fund Committee at 480-982-9314.
**Folders For Sale**

GCUMC is selling Folders bearing the Church logo. They are identical to the new attendance books you sign on Sunday morning, except that they are blue and black. If you need a way to better organize your bible study notes, your ministry details, your everyday tasks, or you simply want to support your church, please stop by the Information Center or church office to purchase.

They are $12.00 each and all **proceeds are going to the North Parking Lot Fund.** Thanks for your support!

**SCRIP/BUS FUND ~**

Did you know?????...... Over the past ten years, **at no cost to participants,** the church bus fund has earned over $104,000 from the **Scrip** program ($85,000 from Bashas’, $18,000 from Fry’s). This is fantastic!! This money was used to purchase our bus and pay for gas, insurance and maintenance.

Now that we need to purchase a fifteen passenger van to accompany our bus (we are about $10,000 short to buy this van before the youth go on their Mission Project to Busby, Montana this summer), we are asking **all** of you who shop at these two stores to reconsider using a Bashas’ Community Support card and/or Fry’s Gift card purchased at the church Information Center on Sunday mornings or at the church office during the week. Each card starts with $20, $50 or $100, and you recharge it as often as necessary just before you check out at the store (or at Customer Service), using your personal charge card, a check or cash; then use the card to pay for your purchases, and you can even use it for gas at Fry’s!

Bashas’ gives the church 6% of every dollar you load onto the card, Fry’s 3%. Bashas’ cards are honored at Bashas’ grocery stores, A.J.’s Fine Foods and Food City. Fry’s cards are accepted at Fry’s grocery stores, Fry’s Marketplace, and all other Kroger-owned stores throughout the US.

For many of you who in the past only used the “number program” at Bashas’ which was a separate program and only earned 1%, be advised that it has not been in place for the past two years since they had to make a choice of their charitable programs at that time. If you have any questions, please give Betty Rolley a call at 480-380-0147. Thanks for your continued support.

**Donations for Student Financial Assistance**

Have you ever considered financially helping a student to advance his or her education and/or career training but weren’t sure how to go about finding qualified applicants? If so, GCUMC can now be of assistance. A new scholarship program has been established to help students, young and not so young, with their financial needs. There are established criteria that must be met before a potential recipient may receive any available funds. Brochures describing the criteria, along with more details about the program, are available.

**Stitches Unlimited**

Meets on the FIRST Wednesday of each month at 9:00 am in Room 101/102. Contact Melva Houtcooper for more information.

**Lost & Found**

Have you ever lost something and it may have been while you were at church? There is a Lost and Found box in the Church office that contains things like keys, jewelry, sunglasses, umbrellas, etc. If you think your item may be with us, stop by the office.
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SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE
Children’s Sunday School classes begin in the Worship Service with their families. Children are led to their classrooms after the Children’s Sermon.

- 8:00 AM ~ Adult ~ Room 101/102
- 9:30 AM ~ Children
- 9:30 AM ~ Youth
- 10:50 AM ~ Children

WORSHIP SCHEDULE
8:00 & 9:30 AM
Traditional ~ Sanctuary

10:50 AM
Praise ~ Koinonia Room
Music led by Uncommon Grace

5:00 PM
Country Western ~ Koinonia Room
Music led by One in the Spirit or the Housers
Childcare Provided at ALL Services