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From The Pastor: "Staff Changes"

Rev. Hu Rhymes has informed us that he will be retiring as our Minister of Pastoral Care on December 31, 2012. Hu has visited people in hospitals, homes and care centers since

1999. That means he has been a part of our staff for 14 years! Of course we know that Hu has not been alone in his ministry but that Wendy and Hu have been a team. We rarely see them apart. I appreciate the way they have comforted those who are grieving and those worried about surgeries. They have played a big part in making Gold Canyon United Methodist Church what it is today. Hu and Wendy have cared for people with deep faith and loving humor.

A couple weeks ago I invited Hu to set a date for his retirement party in November or January. When he lets us know what date will work for him, we will pass that information along to you. We also want to celebrate the fact that as of this month Hu has been an ordained pastor for 60 years. Not many pastors can claim such service. I am privileged to have been able to share in ministry with Hu these past 14 years.

Many of you know that our Office Manager, Suzanne Cherry, is finishing her Master of Divinity degree at Claremont School of Theology with the intention of becoming an ordained United Methodist Pastor. In order to finish school this spring she will resign her position to allow her to take classes in California for a couple of days a week. Suzanne has been our Office Manager since 2003. She took the job here as a temporary position but it ended up changing her life. We will continue to support her as a candidate and member of our Church. We will also plan a celebration to honor her service to our church.

Currently Suzanne is assisting with worship at Primera Iglesia United Methodist Church and she interns at Song of Life United Methodist Church. Her commitment to our church, her seminary work and her service at two other churches certainly keeps her busy in ministry. I am privileged to have worked with Suzanne all these years and see the changes that have come to pass in her life.

With Hu and Suzanne departing our staff, the Staff Parish Committee has decided to increase Jody Topping's Pastoral Internship to a fulltime position. We have also accepted Rev. Fay Quanstrom's generous offer to serve as an unpaid staff member working in the area of Pastoral Care. And our Office Manager position will be filled by promoting Kim Shroyer from the front office to this full time position. I look forward to working with all three. I am thrilled we have such capable people willing to help lead our church.

Grace and Peace, Fred



"Face Your Fear" Sermon Series

There is so much to fear in today's world. Some of it is real and much of it is imaginary.

Some of you may remember the legendary reaction to Orson Welles and the War of the Worlds. Some may remember the fears of Y2K when the calendar turned to January 1, 2000. Neither of these fearful periods turned into doom and gloom reality.

This month we will continue our sermon series on fear. We will look at the ways our fear can paralyze us or can stimulate us and motivate us to greatness. We will seek a way to face our fears and act faithfully and courageously in spite of them. Join us for this helpful series.

November 4 – Face Your Fear...Stuck in Addiction November 11 – Face Your Fear...of Tragedy November 18 – Face Your Fear...That Never Ends

"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."



Confirmation is a 13-week program of the Methodist church when youth, 6th grade and higher, learn about the tenets of their faith and about the Methodist denomination. Usually at the end of this time period, the youth decide to become members of the church. If you have a student in this grade bracket who wishes to begin this journey, please contact Katharine in the church office. Classes will begin in January.



Preschool Pizza Party ~

We are excited to invite the preschool Sunday School kids (anyone 3 - 5 or still in kdg.) and their parents for a fun social night at church. On Friday, November 9, from 5:30 - 8 pm we will have pizza, games and a craft for the family to do together. This is a free event, however, we do ask you to rsvp

through the office with the number of adults and children so we know how much food and materials to prepare. We are requesting that older siblings not attend, so that parents can have a special time with their small ones. If you have any questions, please contact Katharine in the church office.

Sidewalk Ministry

Sidewalk Ministry began Saturday, October 20!! We are excited that Amy Nelson and Sherry Hussein have stepped forward to co-facilitate the wonderful team of volunteers from our church. And, also a big shout out to June Welker, our previous team leader,

for helping with this transition! We are excited, too, that we now have a 15-passenger van to utilize for more efficient transportation of our Sidewalk children.





Apache Junction Home Group

Evenings 6-8 pm Begins Friday Oct. 12th No Cost 3500 S. Tomahawk Rd, #196, A.J. **Jack & Pam Kopnick

> Gold Canyon Home Group

Evenings 6:30-8:00 pm Begins Saturday Oct 27th Cost is \$10.00 8310 E. Dalea Way Gold Canyon **Jeff & Crista Schaefer

Study Groups

The Sign-up Information You've Been Waiting for is Here!

> Mesa Home Group Afternoons 2-3:30 pm Begins Tuesday Nov 6th Cost is \$6.00 Starbucks on Signal Butte (just south of U.S. 60) Mesa **Katharine Keller

San Tan Valley Home Group

Evenings 6:30-8:00 pm Begins Wed. Nov 7th No Cost 267 W. Twin Peaks Pkwy. San Tan Valley **Gene & Marilyn Kellough

[** Facilitators]

DISCIPLE 5 ~

We are happy to announce that Don and Marjorie Tonole will be facilitating DISCIPLE 5 starting some time mid November!

If you have already taken DISCIPLE 1, but are not taking any of the other DISCIPLE classes, please consider joining this one. They will meet on Sunday afternoons. If you have questions concerning this class, you are welcome to call Don at <u>480-671-9951</u>.

Advent Wreath Lighters ~

If you, your family or small group/Bible Study wish to light the Advent Wreath during any Sunday worship service in Advent (Dec. 2, 9, 16, or 23rd) or any of the Christmas Eve services (4, 6, 8 or 11 pm), please contact Katharine in the church office.

St. Andrew's Children's Clinic–Visit Update You Do Make a Difference!

Your encouragement, prayers, and supplies help to keep this Mission growing. You have helped St. Andrew's meet the needs of so many over the years. We appreciate your loyalty to this Ministry. The children of St. Andrew's thank you, the clinic thanks you, and

Alyce, Gail and Phyllis thank you. **Blessings to all.** Your contributions include:

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80 cans of Pediasure 5 boxes of vitamins w/ iron 2 cans of Pedialyte 80 cans of prune juice 3 boxes of baby wipes 8 knitted sweaters	181 toiletry kits 18 knitted lap robes 23 knitted caps 235 hand-made toiletry Kit bags 18-8oz. Pediatric electro- lyte	60 quilts 7 flannel blankets 1 prayer shawl 9 pr. Knitted slippers 10 mattress pads 3 blenders 5 baby blankets	3 boxes baby diapers (96) 6 books 4 gallons pure water 200 small stuffed animals and dolls
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Upcoming Meeting Dates and Times — Monthly UMW meetings will be resuming again this month! Please come and join a group of wonderful women for fun, fellowship and service. We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 9:45 am in Room 101/102 and the first meeting is **November 8th.** Chris Houser will present on the P.E.T. Project—Transportation for the mobility impaired. Please join us.

Stitches Unlimited—Quilts for St. Andrews Clinic

Did you know?! The Stitches Unlimited group *makes and donates quilts* to the St. Andrews Clinic. The quilts we make range from infant size (about 40" x 40") to quilts for older kids (about 42" x 60"). Donations of quilts of any size are accepted. We have kits already cut for simple ABC style quilts, directions included. We also have the backing and batting. We *sew toiletry bags* for St. Andrews as well. Those kits and instructions are also available.



Come join us on the *first Wednesday of every month* at 9 am/Rm 101-102. We work *year round*. Bring your sewing machine and sew (we do have a couple of machines here), your rotary cutter and cut kits, iron, or pick up some kits to sew at home.

We would also *gladly take donations* of cotton, flannel, light weight denim, light weight corduroy fabric, and fleece, in solids, tone on tone, and kid friendly prints. Or \$. Slightly used sheets (or new) are good for backing too. For questions or more info call

Hope Women's Center Fundraising Art Event \sim

Ladies, Hope Women's Center, a non-profit organization that provides counseling, pregnancy tests, education and Christ's love for hundreds of clients, will be hosting an Art Exhibit and Fundraising Event called *"Created By Hope."* This event will be held on *Saturday, November 10, from 7 - 9 pm* at Redemption Church in Gilbert. Enjoy an evening of art, live music and gourmet desserts and see how the Lord is restoring the lives of women in our community at Hope Women's

Center. If you are interested in attending, please call Diana Linton at <u>480-229-0706</u>. We already have three women going from this church; it would be great to fill a table! Individual tickets are priced at \$35 each or if we fill a table of 8, the cost is slightly cheaper.



Sweet Life Café Where Women Savor Time with God



Remember this all day retreat ladies, on Saturday, November 3rd from 8:30 am — 3:30 pm at the Town Hall Building on King's Ranch Road (part of Gold Canyon Golf Resort). Cost is \$50, including meals & snacks. Call the church office to register.

Gold Canyon United Methodist Church



Gold Canyon UMC Youth

Gold Canyon United Methodist Youth Group News



Wendy Moore, Youth Director



We Are Always Learning

This last month we studied "influences", discussed what and who influences us and how we influence others. We also talked about "Our Youth Group" and what it means to be a part of this special family of Christ. After viewing the popular movie "The Avengers", we discussed "Heroes" and examined them from a biblical perspective.

One of our Youth Group alumni (now in Young Adult Group) Sean Sheridan has been teaching lessons each Sunday with our Young Adults. This is a testament to the support of our church in passing the torch to our next generation.

Our youth are active in the community and participate in many sporting events such as swimming, MMA, volleyball, and basketball. Even with so many extracurricular activities they still come each Sunday to share in fellowship and faith.

> Never underestimate how important you are to our youth!

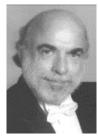
Our own Skylar Saathoff was crowned Homecoming Queen this year at AJ High School. Yea Sky!



David Moore – MMA



Charlie Olson— Swimming



Music Notes

November is one of my favorite months. Yeah, my birthday is this month, but who's counting?! More importantly, November is a time of reflection and thanks for all the blessings God and his people give to us each and every day, a time of remembering those who

have fought to protect us and our way of life, and finally, the promise of a much cooler climate – summer is finally gone, the leaves are changing and we need to dig out our heavy coats (windbreakers?) for the winter.

This year Veteran's Day, November 11, falls on Sunday so our 7th Annual Celebration of Veterans will be on that day at 3:00 pm. You will want to be here before 2:30 however, as we are showing two outstanding videos followed by music from the Agape Brass Quintet beginning at 2:30 pm. Major Neil Brogren, U.S. Army, Retired, will be our M.C. Speakers include Cecil Highland who will again quote Freedom is Not Free!, Kevnote Speaker **Dennis Mack**, a Vietnam War Veteran and Rick Hardina will interview Rudolph Vidmar, Army Air Corps, Retired, and POW #2305. George Staerkel from the Arizona Opry will sing and play, including a special rendition of *Taps*. The combined choirs from Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Superstition Foothills Baptist Church and Gold Canyon United Methodist Church will sing God Bless the U.S.A. and the Battle Hymn of the Republic. Baritone Don Enbrecht will sing God Bless America and you and everyone will sing America **the Beautiful**! Be sure to wear your uniform, if you can. We will have hot dogs and drinks after the program. Everyone is asked to please bring at least one non -perishable food item per person for the GCUMC Food Bank. All checks should be made payable to Carl Hayden VA Medical Center and in the memo section you must put GPF 9914 Returning Warriors - the VA will return the check if it is not filled out his way. You might want to make out the check before you go so the "Pay to" and "Memo" are correct. 100% of the proceeds from this event will go to this fund.

The next two pages (6 & 7) contain the schedule for our **Performing Arts Series**. We have brochures at the Information Center so you may pick up one next time you are in church. As you may know, there is no budget, and we don't charge for our Performing Arts Series, so we completely depend on free will offerings to support our series. We certainly hope you, and all of our patrons, will be as generous as you are able. We also ask everyone to please bring at least one non-perishable food item per person for the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church (ves, our church's) Food Bank. Our Performing Arts Series is one of the greatest means we have to help supply our Food Bank which, as you can imagine, goes through literally tons of food on a regular basis, especially during these tough times. Our series is also a great means for community outreach, which is one of the main reasons for having these events.

Several of you have asked about the difference between the Gold Canyon Arts Council's Canyon Sounds Series and our **Performing Arts Series**. The Arts Council brings in the best of world class performers, artists and groups that are not otherwise available for the Gold Canyon community to experience. Our series features only faith-based performers, artists and groups, though I strive to get the finest people that I can afford, and, like the Arts Council, a mix of different styles, but certainly our series is more local. The Arts Council Artistic Director, **Dr**. Jack Kukuk and I have a great relationship and we both work very hard to offer the best that we can in our chosen areas. I am very pleased that the Arts Council has chosen to help support our Food Bank, and I am very pleased that they have chosen our facility in which to present their concerts. It is incredible to me that our little town of Gold Canyon, AZ has one of the finest Arts Councils in this country, and their commitment to the youth of our community through their School Residencies impacts numerous young musicians and their families! What a great place we live!

The **Gold Canyon UMC Orchestra** begins practice on **Wednesday, November 7** from **7:00-8:30 pm** in the **Music Room**. Those of you who have an instrument that you can play, dust it off, work up your embouchure or strengthen your bowing arms, and come join us! We have added Wenger Acoustic Sound Panels to the walls and ceiling which has done wonders to deaden the extremely live sound in the Music Room, so we will not have to suffer headaches when we leave rehearsals! I am hoping to perform some great music this year with the Orchestra, but we need YOU!!! Any questions? Give me a call.

Also, we begin rehearsals for our *Choral Christmas Concert* (Sat. Dec. 8 at 3:00 and 6:30 pm) on **Sat.**, **October 27th**, from **9:30-noon**. If you can sing on pitch, read music at least a little and would like to sing with us, but not commit to every Sunday morning, come join us on Sat mornings and sing with us at the concerts. Sat., Nov. 3 is the last day to join if you want to sing with us. If you have any questions or want to discuss this, let me know.

If you are able to travel around, I hope you will take time to really see the beauty of Nature as God changes her into Autumn. I also hope everyone will take time to thank those who have done good things for you and to certainly thank our Lord and God for his many blessings in our lives.

I am thankful for each of you, your voices on Sunday morning – both in the Choir as well as in the Congregation, making a joyful noise while singing, to all who have donated and continue to donate to the Music Fund and Organ Pipe Fund, to all who play an instrument in the orchestra, Handbell choirs, or solo with the Choir, piano, organ, and all the incredible soloists who sing for the Offertories, etc. Life is good, and this church is Great! Thanks be to God!

May God continue to bless us, everyone! Douglas J. Benton, Director of Music Ministries

Gold Canyon United Methodist Church *Performing Arts Series, 2012-2013*



Sunday, November 11, 3:00 PM: 7th Annual *Celebration of Veterans* Our Community-wide celebration featuring several great speakers, George Staerkel, from the Arizona Opry, Don Engbrecht, the Agape Brass and the combined choirs from Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Superstition Foothills Baptist Church, and Gold Canyon United Methodist Church. Offering goes to the Returning Warriors Fund.



Saturday, December 8, 3:00 & 6:30 PM: *11th Annual Choral Christmas Concert* featuring the Chancel Choir, Joyful Noise, Canyon Carillon, Youth Handbell Team, Agape Brass Quintet, Harp, Timpani, Organ and YOU, in the biggest Christmas event in Gold Canyon! We know you will be as blessed as we will be, with your presence. Come early!



Friday, January 11, 7:30 PM and Saturday, January 12, 3:00 PM, the incomparable George Dyer in Concert! Branson, MO's favorite tenor is returning again for his fourth year presenting an all new concert of classical, contemporary, operatic, Broadway and traditional standards. Every year, George completely fills our 1200-seat Sanctuary with incredible music and we are now offering two concerts to accommodate all of George's fans. You don't want to miss this! Come early – not for just a good seat, but for any kind of seat! We will close the doors when the Sanctuary is full.



Sunday, January 27, 3:00 PM: *The Legacy Quartet* returns for their 6th annual concert here - one of the most popular programs we offer. They have toured extensively throughout Korea, Australia, Canada, Cuba and the USA, sharing their unique arrangements of music for male quartet in the southern gospel tradition, plus so much more. Be sure to come early!



Sunday, February 10, 3:00 PM, pianist, Jerry Nelson in concert!

International Christian concert performer, composer, orchestrator and recording artist, Jerry Nelson, will share his incredible God-given talent with us on the 9'3" Petrof *Mistral* Concert Grand Piano. He has performed on all continents and has teamed up with Dino and Anthony Burger, and accompanied such artists as Glen Campbell, Sandi Patti, Tom Netherton and Steve Amerson. As a composer, arranger, conductor and studio producer, he has conducted orchestras from London and Tel Aviv to Nashville and Los Angeles. Come and enjoy one of the great Christian pianists of our day!

Sunday, February 17, 3:00 PM, the incredible *Don Engbrecht* **in concert!** Local singer continues to thrill audiences around Arizona with his incredible voice. He will sing a mixture of popular standards, sacred, Gospel, and Broadway songs that will remind you of voices of the past like Ezio Pinza! He will be joined by local favorites Cynthia and Wade Hoff. Come, enjoy an afternoon of great music!



Sunday, February 24, 3:00 PM, our annual Country/ Western Concert featuring *The Houser Gang!* One of the most popular programs we offer every year, Ron, Chris, Tara and Brett, with their friends, will raise the roof with toe-tappin', foot-stompin' music that will stir your very soul and fill it with God's grace. Get here early!



Sunday, March 3, 3:00 PM, *John and Chris Rice*, two brothers who are both prodigies on both piano and the cello! These great, young Christian musicians will present an afternoon of music that will be long remembered! They both study piano with Robert Hamilton at ASU and both have studied cello with Takiyori Atsumi. Their program will a unique focus on "Chopin's Heart".



Sunday, March 10, 3:00 PM, the world renowned handbell soloist, *Christine Anderson* in concert! Christine has performed in all 50 states and 25 countries around the world. She rang her first handbell solo in 1980 and it is now said she has probably rung more handbells in concert than any other living person. I dare say many of you have probably already seen her in concert someplace! She has published over 100 titles of solo handbell music. Christine literally wrote the book on solo ringing in the modern era! She is a devout Christian who is honored to share the gifts God has given her. You will not believe what this one person can do with a full set of Malamrk handbells!!!

Other Special Programs:

Saturday, February 23, 5:00 PM, Uncommon Grace our Praise Band, in the Koinonia Room. Sunday, March 17, 3:00 PM, Brass, Reeds & Winds, Oh My! Agape Brass and friends. Good Friday, March 29, 7:00 PM, the Choir presents Dubois' Seven Last Words of Christ. Sunday, April 14, 5:00 PM, One in the Spirit concert in the Koinonia Room, Education Bldg. Sunday, April 21, 3:00 PM, 2nd Annual Interfaith Choral Festival at Our Savior's Lutheran Ch.

All programs are offered at no charge as free will offerings will be received. Each person is asked to please bring at least one non-perishable food item for the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church Food Bank. For more information, call 480-982-3776 or check our website: www.goldcanyonumc.org.

News from the Health and Wellness Ministry of Susan Malloy, Parish Nurse Wishing You a Healthy 2012!



In an attempt to keep you informed and motivated to be your own health advocate, I am writing this month on the eye disease *Glaucoma*. It is a very misunderstood disease, and people frequently do not realize it's severity until it is too late. This month's article will provide you with information and steps to take so that you are not one of those folks!

It is estimated that over 2.2 million Americans have Glaucoma, and only 50% of those who do, actually know it! According to the World Health Organization (WHO), Glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness. Untreated, Glaucoma is the leading cause of blindness. Unfortunately, even those who act in a timely manner to receive proper treatment, 10% may still experience a loss of vision. There is NO cure for Glaucoma, and any visual deficits that occur because of it cannot be regained.

There are few, if any, symptoms to alert a person to impending loss of vision. Symptoms may include loss of peripheral vision or side vision. Our tendency is to compensate by turning our head right or left slightly. Consider seeing your eye doctor if you have these concerns.

Another effect of Glaucoma is it's economic impact. Glaucoma accounts for over 10 million visits to physicians each year. In terms of Social Security/Medicare Benefits, it is estimated that U.S Government costs are over \$1.5 Billion annually. Glaucoma can cause loss of independence and the need to rely on someone to care for you. It may mean giving up activities you enjoy because you cannot see or it is no longer safe for you to participate.

However, *the good news is* that if you act in a timely manner, your vision can be preserved with medication and/ or surgery.

Who is at Risk for Glaucoma?

Everyone, from babies to seniors, is at risk for glaucoma. Did you know?

- Babies can be born with glaucoma (approximately 1 out of 10,000 babies born in the USA has Glaucoma)
- Young Adults can also develop glaucoma
- Some ethnic groups are more susceptible including African-Americans, Asians and Hispanics over the age of 60
- Steroid users (asthma sufferers who need 14 to 35 puffs of steroid inhaler to control their disease) are

40% more likely to develop ocular hypertension or Glaucoma.

- Eye injuries may cause a secondary open angle glaucoma - it may happen at the time of injury or develop years later
- Blunt injuries that bruise the eye, or penetrating eye injuries, can damage the eye's drainage system and lead to "traumatic Glaucoma".
- Other potential risk factors include High Myopia (nearsightedness), untreated or poorly managed hypertension, and a central cornea thickness found on a more detailed exam by your ophthalmologist

What Can I Do?

- Eat a healthy diet including fresh fruits and vegetables. Manage the number of carbohydrate calories you take in.
- Monitor your caffeine intake.
- Some research indicates taking supplements such a Lutein, Bilberry and most recently Astaxthanin. However, the allopathic world of medicine (mainstream medicine) does not support these.
- Manage your stress, and exercise in moderation.
- Schedule Annual eye exams, age 40 to age 65, after which you may find you need an exam twice a year.
- Be your own health advocate by being proactive in the care of your eyes.

I trust this information will cause you to be aware of your vision health. So, get those annual exams and be sure and have a dilated exam done to check for the subtle, life changing symptoms Glaucoma may cause. This disease not only affects you but also those who love you!

Blessings of Health & Wellness, Susan Malloy RN BSN

For additional information please go to the American Glaucoma Society (AGS), American Academy of Ophthamology, www. Mayoclinic.com , www.webmd.com/eyehealth/glaucoma

Sleeping Bags Needed!

An on-going need for the Fall/Winter months, are donations of sleeping bags for



the Homeless. Please drop any donations by the church office. And Thank You!

DONATIONS AND ATTENDANCE

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

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	General	Building	General	Building	General	Building	Worship All	Worship All
1st	\$16699	\$9771	\$\$15223	\$10215	16809	6453	492	490
2nd	7419	2758	10503	3581	10103	3805	530	555
3rd	13082	3170	11610	5361	13169	7336	539	550
4th	8947	4393	9658	3020	13124	3270	640	547
5th					8270	4096		643
Total	\$46147	\$20092	\$46994	\$22176	\$61475	\$24960	2201	2785

GCUMC Permanent Endowment Fund

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 which the church has in turn 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.

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.



SCRIP/BUS FUND ~

<u>Welcome back</u> to all of you who have been away this summer! Over the past ten years, **at no cost to participants**, the church bus fund has earned over \$104,000 from the *Scrip* program (\$86,000 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. <u>With</u> <u>your continued support we just purchased the</u> <u>new fifteen passenger van to accompany our</u> <u>bus!!</u> Now we will put funds toward paying off that van, and providing for maintenance and service.

We are asking *all* of you who shop at these two stores to consider 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! B a shas' 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. Many of you in the past only used the "number program" at Bashas' which was a separate program - this program was discontinued about two years ago due to economic conditions. If you have any questions, please give Betty Rolley a call at 480-380-0147. Thanks for your continued support.

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 <u>WANT A NAME</u> <u>REMOVED FROM THE ROADRUNNER or SUNDAY PRAYER</u> <u>LIST</u> 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

Many of you know about the death of little Kiaya, a Yorkie, by a wild animal, She was Linda and Ron Walker's baby. Her picture was in the last Gold Canyon Ledger. As a celebration of Kiaya's life, the Walkers donated money for pet food for hungry pets. Thank you so much Ron and Linda. What a wonderful way to celebrate the happiness Kiaya brought into your lives. It is unbelieveable how much pet food goes out of the Food Bank each day. We are so thankful for all of you who donate & bring pet food. 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: The family of Lindy Bigbee, upon her death; Jim Bjorklund, upon the death of his sister, Margaret Marrotte; Marilyn Cogswell, upon the death, of her sister, Barbara Newhous; Pete & Kay Johnson, upon the death of Pete's mother, Thelma Lang; Evelyn Laich, upon the death of her brother, Keith Biggs; Betty Lundberg, upon the death of her brother, Tommy Oster; Alice Super, upon the death of her husband, Roy; and the families & friends of the above.

Concerns and/or Continued Prayers: Arlene Bay, Mona Bazan, Dee Brinjak, Ginna Carr, Jani Carter, Diane Connell, Cris Criswell, Dick Dresbach, Jean Eister, Dave Flitsch, Bob Freemire, Larry Freemire, Ray Freet, Glen & Eileen Galliart (Herb Galliart), Don Hammond, William Hansen, Tiera Cox Harlan, Richard Hawk, Mary Hollingsworth, Peggy Howk, Nick Hurst, Bill Hytinen, Jay & Gracie Jayden, Helen Johnson, Pete Johnson, Darla Jones, Carmen Laux, Randy Martinson, Willadene Nelson, Nancy Orr, Katie Phillips (granddaughter of Victor & Lorraine Phillips, Victor Phillips, Barbara Rabbitt, Nancy Robis, Evelyn Roys, Aaron Russell, Linda Shafer, Nettie Shepherd, Vardon Swenby, Rose Marie Tallman, Wendy Whalen & PRAY-ERS 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 (Ryan Hoff, Matthew Jacobson, Jacob Manbeck, Sierra Nagle, Max Reece), those in harm's way & those suffering from PTSD & other maladies as a result of their military service & their families. Also, those Woo 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, Dave & Linda Austin, Patti Baker, Bob & Ruth Bennett, Irene Blake (Paul Fillion's sister), Marge Bos (Dave Bos' mother), Kay Bottomley (Mike Vagnier's mother), Lillian Boyd (Jeanette Lunstead's sister in-law), Pam Bramlet, Rebecca Bridgewater, Jack & Esther Ann Brown, Jeff & Karen Brown, Royce Brownfield, Gen Brunk (Jerri Manbeck's mother), Dr. Brad & Arlaine Bryant, Maggie Bryant, Bob & Jenilu Burgi, Martha Burkinshaw, Jim & Carolyn Burt, Lisa Buscher, in Rome, until March 2013 (Jeff & Jane Hayes' daughter), Sandy Campbell, Leon & Linda Schafle-Castonia, Rev. Bob & June Deits, Chuck Dickinson, Rev. Jim & Eve Dinkel, Kaelin Dirlam (Grace Rhodes' granddaughter), Eulalia Pascual Domingo, Adelyne Douglass, Kayla Eriksen (Ritchie & Norm Eriksen's granddaughter), Peter Fillion (Paul Fillion's brother), Inge Fitzpatrick, Dee Dee Frazer, Danna & Andy Gharavi, Ardeena Gillette, Arline Hacker, Neil & Melva Houtcooper, Gladys Kay (Jane Hayes' Mom), Lynn Kerr (Gary Stemple's sister), Mel & Mary Kilbo, Thelma Lang (Pete 'n Kay John-

son's mother), Ardis Larson, Gary & Kaye Loutzenheiser, Sue & Michael Malloy, Sally Marvaino (Suzanne Cherry's sister), Marva Masters, Scot Maitland (Suzanne Cherry's cousin), Bryan McGann (Jeanette Lunstead's son), Anita Mendoza (Lucy Kidwell's mother), Linda & Mike Mestek, Judy Monk, Hedy Moore (Jed Moore's mother), Bill & Alice Myers, Calder & Lavoyce Nolan & family, Delores & Lester Norton, Sharon Olsen, Ramona Orr (Kris Laux's mother), Bob Parker (Don Parker's brother), Catrina Juan Pascual, Clarence & Lois Penninger, Deb Peterson (Diane Kissner's daughter), John Renfrow (Ruth Ann Thacker's brother), Tom & Marty Robison, Virgil & Rose Scantlin, Tamii Schrum, Rick & Sue Sutter, Lillian Thomas (Bill & Mary Thomas' mother), Kenneth Tippie (Jerry & Peggy Tippie's son), Jim & Bev Toppin, Gordon & Patty Truckle, Wanda Tufte, Sam & Jack Twa, Nancy Villeneuve, Nancy Virden, Jack & Edith Viviani, Kathy & Dick Wagner, Lovena & Harry Warren, Delza Wilson (Jayne Urbach's mother), Jack & Lavern Workman, Pat Zirjacks and the families of the above.

DESIGNATED GIFTS FROM MEMORIAL/FUNERAL SERVICES

DALE FITZPATRICK-Memorial Gifts to GCUMC Choir Fund





SATAN'S NEW PARTNER



Three small boys were bragging about their fathers. The first boasted that his father

owned a farm. The second said his dad owned a factory. The third boy, a pastor's son replied: "That's nothin'. My dad owns hell."

"No way," another boy scoffed. "How can a man own hell?"

"Sure he can," the preacher's son said. "My mom told my grandma that the elders of our church gave it to him last night."

WHICH IS MORE DIFFICULT?

After listening restlessly to a long and tedious sermon, a six year old boy asked his father what the preacher did the rest of the week.

"Oh, he's a very busy man," the father replied. "He takes care of church business, visits the sick, ministers to the poor....And then he has to have time to rest up. Talking in public isn't an easy job, you know."

The boy thought about that a minute, then said, "Well, listening ain't easy either."

YOU DON'T STOP LAUGHING BECAUSE YOU GROW OLD, YOU GROW OLD BECAUSE YOU STOP LAUGHING.

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

Meets each Wednesday 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 deeashe7580@gmail.com.

GRIEF

For grief support, please contact the church office for information, or possible referral to a Stephen Minister.

Global Missions

"The world is my parish." - John Wesley

"...We will strive to be a church that serves our community and the world, realizing and sharing the satisfying and abundant life Christ brings to all people."

As Christians in a democratic society, we are fortunate to have the freedom to worship as we choose, without risk of persecution or violence. Many Christians in other parts of the world risk personal safety to worship as they choose.

A recent article from Linda Bloom, United Methodist News Service multimedia reporter based in New York, was posted on the United Methodist website. Her article was disturbing in its reporting of the plight of some Christians in Syria. Excerpts from the article follow: (to read the full article, go to http://www.umc.org/)

UMNS Report By Linda Bloom*

3:00 pm ET October 16, 2012

United Methodists who have had longtime relationships with Christians in the Middle East through ecumenical organizations are concerned about their plight in Syria and other countries.

The Rev. Motoe Yamada, senior pastor of the Japanese United Methodist Church in Sacramento, Calif., first become acquainted with Mor Eustathius Matta Roham, the Syrian Orthodox Metropolitan (archbishop) of Jazirah and Euphrates, in 2006.

Both are members of the World Council of Churches Central Committee. "He's really a down-to-earth person," she said. "He's always willing to explain his traditions of the Syrian Orthodox Church."

However, Yamada is worried that Syria's civil war is threatening Matta and his church, just as Frances Alguire, former president of the World Methodist Council, has concerns for a longtime friend, Mar Gregorios Yohanna Ibrahim, the Syrian Orthodox archbishop of Aleppo. Jan Love, who represented The United Methodist Church for many years in various roles with the World Council of Churches, agreed Christians in the region, particularly Syria, are "very threatened," despite the "faithful, long-standing presence dating back to the early centuries of the church."

Love, Dean of Candler School of Theology at Emory University, acknowledged the "profound" dedication of Syrian Christians to ecumenism. "It's deeply sad to think that they all are suffering so much fear now in the midst of the civil war."

Yamada said she has made a special effort to "check in" with Matta since the events of the Arab Spring. When she saw him at the council's Commission on World Mission and Evangelism meeting in March, he mentioned a sniper had killed a bishop, she recalled.

In September, two days after the Central Committee meeting started in Greece, Yamada said she asked Matta how he was doing. He told her the restaurant where he had eaten lunch just before flying to Greece had been bombed. "He was in tears," she reported.

As a local church pastor, "when I hear about Syria, I often just think of what I see on TV," she reflected. But, as Yamada told her congregation after her conversations with Matta, "it's not just happening on the news. When one suffers, we all suffer together. As a body of Christ, we need to remember other parts of the the world."

That message was sent worldwide by the council's Central Committee, which issued a Sept. 4 statement on Syria calling for an end to all violence and for dialogue by all parties, including Christians, as "the only solution...to safeguard the unity and pluralistic nature of historic Syria."

On Oct. 12, the British Orthodox Church posted a letter to the British foreign secretary on its website, calling for attention to the plight of Christians in Syria.

The letter cited reports of "fierce fighting" in an Armenian Orthodox Church compound in Aleppo in September and noted that Gregorios had told Reuters news service that hundreds of Christian families had fled the city in recent weeks.

How to help



Both the United Methodist Committee on Relief and Church World Service have supported several partners aiding Syrians,

including the International Orthodox Christian Charities, which is providing humanitarian relief inside Syria through the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East and outside Syria in refugee camps in Jordan and Lebanon.

Donations can be made to International Disaster Relief UMCOR Advance # 982450 to support UMCOR's humanitarian aid to Syrian refugees.

As a minority, Christians risk being targeted and manipulated during civil war, she pointed out. "I'm sure it's deeply dangerous for them and probably an extraordinary challenge to try to reach out and address the humanitarian needs of all.

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE! \sim

You may give a one-time or recurring donation online by logging on to our church website at and selecting "Click to Give". You will then be guided through the steps to get set up. It's easy and convenient!

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Buy a Handcrafted Cross to Support Global Missions!

Beginning in October, the Global Missions team will be selling hand crafted wooden crosses to support Global Missions. Wally Quanstrom and Harry Warren, the creators of these crosses, are members of the Global Missions Team and mission team to Costa Rica. The workmanship in these 18" high by 12" wide crosses is exquisite. Original design

crosses will be sold for \$30.00.

Custom made (special requests for particular scriptures or other word-ing) crosses are also available for \$40.00.

Please look for the crosses at our Global Missions table in the courtyard this Fall.





Current UMCOR

Emergencies

United Methodist Committee on Relief please write your check to

GCUMC and write "UMCOR Advance ###### (fill in the appropriate number)" on the memo line. 100% of your donation goes to those affected by the emergency.

<u>Wings of Caring - Projects</u> ~ Advance #08595A - Supports evangelism, education, transportation & medical emergencies in rural areas

<u>Midwest Emergencies - Projects</u> ~ Advance #901680 - Responding to emergency victims of tornado, flood, etc.

<u>Disaster Response, International - Projects</u> ~ Advance #982450 - Quick response to meet emergency needs around the world.

<u>Japan Emergency ~</u> Earthquake & Tsunami ~ Advance #3021317 <u>Liberia Emergency</u> ~ Advance #150300

Cote D'Ivoire Crisis ~ Advance #982450

U.S. Disaster Response ~ Spring Storms Advance #3021326

For more ways to help, or to donate online, go to: http:// new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/ -You can also follow UMCOR on Twitter at @UMC_UMCOR



Jane Hayes, Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteers Do Make a Difference

GCUMC 982-3776



November ~ ANGEL TEAM

We had our first organizational meeting on October 3rd . Our partners: Sidewalk Ministry, Project Help, and Hope Women's

Center spoke about their ministries. Suzanne Cherry gave us perspective about Methodism and service, providing us with biblical references. This year our Team is divided into 9 Committees:

- Communication
- Inventory
- Trees
- Wrapping
- Food Boxes
- Shoes
- Cookie Exchange
- Organization
- Delivery

We are adding a *Cookie Exchange Event* on December 12th. Get in on the fun by calling Sharee Sifferath at 480-474-8363, for details.



Be sure to check your bulletins for upcoming dates and events. We *could use gift boxes* of all sizes, as well as *cash donations*. Carole Lindemann would love to hear of a store with cases of gift boxes to donate!

<u>Keep Your Eyes Open for These **Garage Sale Finds:** Bicycle helmets for ages 3-18; and gently used stuffed animals.</u>

The **TREES Committee** needs a few volunteers willing to set up and stow away 3 trees. (Takes 1 half-day to set up and another to stow away)

Food Boxes: We will be changing the items for collection and delivery. Rush and Paula Tucker are working with Bashas' to develop a sales ticket allowing for you to make your purchase at church. The meals will include Bashas' assembly of a ham and side dishes.

GREETERS

We would like to honor our Greeters on Sunday Nov. 18th. 2012 Greeters will be receiving an e-mail or call soon, inviting them to pick up a ticket on Nov.



4th or Nov. 11th. The tickets will be available in both buildings.

Picking up this ticket will reserve your piece of pie, to be enjoyed on Nov. 18th. We look forward to seeing you and thanking you in person!



Do you have the time? No, I don't mean your watch!

Please look over this list of volunteer needs. If you can help with one or more of the following, <u>complete and</u> <u>place this form in the collection</u> <u>plate, at the information center, or</u> <u>church office, 480-982-3776.</u>

<u>Time</u> Free	<u>Job</u> I Love to Help!
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50 min.	Greeter
40+ min.	Monthly Sunday
	Coffee
60 + min.	Bulletins
	Registration
	Mailings
90+ min.	Angel Team
Name	
Phone	

<u>PLEASE SEND ME NAMES OF</u> <u>THOSE WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS</u> <u>TO RECOGNIZE!</u>

November Celebrations *Birthdays*

Gladys Kay
Teri Lukas
Joel Hurley
LuAnn Holec
Richard Moore
Laura Wright
Merry Bell
Doug Benton
Lucah Pape
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Betty Hammond
Mary Ann Wing
Matthew Barrick
Edward Easter
Shirley Matzke
Bob Mott
Betty Rolley
Marilyn Thomas
Marilyn Thomas
William Curtis
JJ Hayes
Marge Hodgin
Nancy Vileneuve
Brad Daniels
Bud Goodrich
Cheryl Hall
Richard Haraldson
Betty Fenske
Lu Johnson
Patricia Zirjacks
Patricia Fleck
Ann Adkins
Andy Anderson
Mark Brooks
Ward McCleary
Kevin Holland
Kathy Beebe
Maggie Toner
Clarence Hodges
Michael Adams
Alyce Ancell
Linda Austin
Kade Owen
Gloria Jean Korell
Debbie Hellyer
Judy Johnson

Michael Shaw	16
Dave Hahn	17
Daniel Hoeter	17
Dottie House	17
Calvin Quinn	17
Sue Vorseth	17
Rodney Wood	17
LaDonna Howell	17
Marlene Edwards	18
Michael Sheridan	18
Gaylord Hart	18
Orville Slagle	19
Audrey Whittier	19
Ron Borders	20
Heddy Moore	20
Wally Quanstrom	20
Eldon Junkermier	20
Matt Rhoton	20
Robert Adair	20
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Carole Bailey Donna Bailey	20
Steve Kinder	20
Sandra Mueller	21
Retha Oolman	21
Mike Paul	21
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Floy Kilbourn	
Glenn Bargman	22 22
Myrna Eshelman	
Janice Anderson	23
Martha Benton	23
Robert Myers	23
Alyssa Houseman	23
Lewis Karin	23
Steve Dulaney	23
Noreen Carlozzi	24
David Moore	24
Jayne Urbach	24
Ranford Warren	24
Rich Bogle	24
Tom Ashe	25
Adam Cascaden	25
Jim Griffith	25
Brenda Rahaneotis	
Ruth Rosetti	25
Gene Crawford	26

Alice Hick Agnes O'Byrne Caitlin Kessler John LaViolette Rev. Nolan Williams 27 Sharon Jelinek Lynne Confer Wade Hoff Carma Kostecka Mary Ann Atkinson 30



Anniversaries

David & Lucy Kidwell	3
Paul Roberts & Margaret Ball	3
Roy & Andrea Pape	6
Paul & Bobbie Ryan	9
Jeff & Jane Hayes	12
James & Deborah Primeau	12
Pat & Kim Shroyer	17
William & Helen Curtis	18
Herbert & Jennifer Adams	20
Rev. Hubert & Wendy Rhymes	22
Rodger & Joanne Burris	24
Wayne & Blanche Fritz	24
Reg & Diane Head	25
Ron & Nancy Trout	25
Peter & Carol Johnson	25
George & Marilyn Larson	29
Neil & Judy Johnson	29
Abed & Dr. Karen Mogharbel	29
Steve & LuAnn Holec	29
Michael & Betty Humphrey	30
Bruce & Sue Berg	30



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.

Thinking Theologically with Jody Topping—



Trusting God is so hard, isn't it? Now, I'm sure some of you are thinking to yourselves "heck no...I trust God every day, so trusting God is very easy for me." And if you're saying that to yourself right now and you really mean it, then kudos to you! But I'm too much of a control freak to "Let Go and Let God" as they say...and honestly, that's what trusting God really means: giving up control of our lives and letting God work through us to do the things God would have us do to transform others and help them become disciples as well.

This idea of trusting God has become increasingly important to me as I face meeting with the District Committee for Ordained Ministry and the Board of Ordained Ministry in the coming months. In my head, I know I need to trust that God's will for my life will become a reality, but there's that other part of me – the one that thinks I have to take control over my own destiny – that keeps getting in the way of completely and fully trusting God. I know what I want...but is it the same as what God wants for me? That's the million dollar question.

And that's when I turn to the Scriptures. It's amazing how certain scriptures speak to us just at the right moment, huh? Well, I turned to Psalm 37:3-6 and sure enough, the Psalmist hit the proverbial nail on the head:

Trust in the Lord and do good; Dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture Take delight in the Lord And he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord Trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, Your vindication like the noonday sun.

We all need to do a better job of trusting in God, don't we? When we commit our ways to the Lord, and trust God in all that we do, God will come through for us. We will receive our "righteous reward" because God is good.

I'm so thankful that I can turn to the Scriptures and be reminded of God's grace and mercy. When was the last time you listened for God's still, small voice? Open your Bible and God will speak volumes!

Blessings, Jody



BIBLE BANTER



Meets every Monday, 9:30-10:30am, 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!



Children's Book: *When Your Grandma Forgets*

Rev. Bob Deits has co-authored a new children's book that helps children understand and cope with the changes in a grand parent who has Alzheimer's disease. It is also an important view of the disease through the eyes of a child for adults. *When Your Grandma Forgets* is available in the church office. The cost is \$14.99. More information on the book is found at: www.becausehopematters.com.

A DIFFERENT KIND OF CHRISTMAS – ADVENT STUDY 2012

Every year, we say we're going to cut back, simplify, and have a family Christmas that focuses on the real reason for the season: Jesus. But every year, advertisements beckon, the children plead, and it seems easier just to indulge our wants and whims. Overspending, overeating, materialism, and busyness rob us of our peace and joy and rob Jesus of his rightful role as the center of our celebration.

This Christmas, cut through the hype that leaves you exhausted and broke at the end of the year. Instead, experience the peace of knowing that God is truly with us, the joy of giving sacrificially, and the love of a Savior who gave everything he had for us.

Join us for this year's Advent Study: *A Different Kind of Christmas,* written by Mike Slaughter, Lead Pastor at Ginghamsburg United Methodist Church. The study will be led by Pastoral Intern Jody Topping,



days and times to be determined. Cost will be approximately \$12-15 per person. Watch for sign-up sheets in the Narthex or contact Jody at the church office or by email at jody@goldcanyonumc.org. Let's make this the most meaningful Christmas ever!!



A Note From Bob...

Boy, are we going country at Gold Canyon UMC! Did

you see Fred in his classy western gear on October 14? He looked like he could have just stepped out of a western frontier town. And, what a great sermon he gave on the early Methodist Circuit Riders! If you didn't hear it, go to the web site and watch it.

I'm grateful to all those who made our Day of the Cowboy picnic the best one yet! So many people stepped up to help in some way. A special thanks goes to Ron Walker and David Ballard who brought it all together.

It's important that we continue to honor our western heritage and we will be doing that throughout the fall-winter season with the Country Western Service at 5 pm every Sunday. In addition there will be western concerts by the Houser's and One In the Spirit - watch for the dates of these.

I will look forward to greeting you any time you can come at 5 pm on Sundays. Bring a friend or two and introduce them to the joy of country western worship.

Peace and joy, Bob Deits

Our Church History ~ History Committee Update From Small Beginnings...Recollections by Mary Ann Warren

Pastor Fred had told me my job was to build the music library. I started that library using only the small room behind the platform, with shelves on the wall and one file cabinet. I began by ordering 25 copies each, but by the time I left we were bursting at the seams. I filled the little room with file cabinets and progressed to ordering 80 copies for the choir!



I worked very hard looking for anthems the choir would enjoy singing. One summer while Nancy and I were in Pennsylvania for a Choral Music Convention, we did sight reading through all varieties of music. One anthem that really stood out was *Runnin' Down to Bethlem'* by Pepper Choplin, but I had to ask myself 'where will I find an accordionist to accompany?" I also bought *The Living Song* by Martin. The anthem was written for choir and included a gorgeous cello part that has been played many times by Shirley Coad.

After a couple of years in our new little sanctuary, the choir started singing more challenging music with beautiful cantatas. Christmas practice started in early November, and I would have the choir over to our home for Christmas rehearsal followed by Christmas cookies. I loved making special cookies at Christmas. The living room was full of chairs and people, Nancy played the keyboard and it was so much fun. Al Wiese always sat close to the table where the cookies were, and more than once I saw him snitch a cookie or two before we finished rehearsal!



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry Stories: When Life Isn't What You Expected

I've got a friend who has had a pretty hard life. She is a good person with a heart of gold, as they say. Over the years she has opened her doors to anyone who had nowhere to turn. Circumstances led her to raising her two boys alone. Her sons are nine years apart, so in some ways, they could be considered "only children." Whether one is a parent of one child or many, raising them alone can be very stressful. It can be even more difficult for a woman raising sons. Working full time and delivering papers in order to make ends meet, my friend didn't have time left to spend with her sons. Eventually, she took a job driving a city bus, which required she be available for varying shifts and working mandatory overtime. By this time, her eldest was married with two young children. It is almost impossible to find adequate child care for later shifts, so the younger son had become a latch-key kid. He was beginning to misbehave when she was at work.

Eventually, my friend's oldest was arrested for a crime and received a long sentence. When his wife was also arrested, my friend gained temporary custody of her grandchildren. With help from friends, she was able to care for them until the mother was released from jail a year later. While my friend missed her grandchildren, her life began to improve. She married and moved to a rural area, where her younger son could attend a smaller school. Over time, she became a stay-at-home mom for her now teenaged younger son and her new husband's children. Things seemed to be going well.

Until the day her younger son was arrested. He spent months in juvenile detention, undergoing counseling. My friend lost all contact with her grandchildren when the mother was arrested a second time and full custody given to the maternal grandmother. Undergoing financial struggles, isolated from her friends, living far from the city with a husband who worked long hours and various shifts, my friend went through a very difficult time.

Thankfully, my friend's younger son was able

to receive spiritual counseling from a United Methodist pastor while he was incarcerated. He has since been released, and we all have high hopes that he will be able to move beyond his issues. My friend has a supportive spiritual community now, as well as friends who do their best to keep in touch in spite of the distance between them.

During this time, my friend could have benefited from a relationship with a Stephen Minister. Unfortunately, it was not an option she had when she was going through the worst times in her life. Of course, she has always had her friends, like me. Often friends are unable to be objective when it comes to those they love. It's easy to want to give advice or even to commiserate so that there is no relief, but reiteration.

Just having someone who can be there for you, even once a week, is a gift. Stephen Ministry is that gift to many people. If you have had a caring Stephen Minister in your life, we invite you to share your story. As you all know, Stephen Ministry is confidential. No Stephen Minister will share a Care Receiver's story. However, if you have come a long way since your crisis, you have the right to share your own story if you wish. You may also remain anonymous, while still sharing your story, if that is what you prefer.

So – if you've ever had a Stephen Minister help you through a difficult time, whether it was here at GCUMC or at another church, please feel free to share your story with us. You just might help someone else make the decision to pick up the telephone and call the church office for a referral to a Stephen Minister. You may confidentially submit your story to Suzanne Jacobson or Kim Shroyer in the office, or to any Stephen Minister with whom you are comfortable.

By Suzanne Cherry

"Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing."

1 Thessalonians 5:11 [NRSV]



W.O.W. Corner

A colossal western thank you goes out to all the volunteers who made the Community Cowboy Picnic a welcoming success to the close to 400 people who showed up on October 14!

Under Ron Walker's terrific coordination, there was a fantastic selection of activities for families - hay wagon ride, train ride, Teton's mining camp, jail photo booth, crafts, gunfighters, games, petting zoo, strolling musicians, line dancing, church tours, balloon lady, and of course - a delicious picnic dinner!

Rev. Bob Deits through his message and One in the Spirit with the toe tapping country music concluded the evening beautifully. Together with our booth at the Day of the Cowboy at the resort, Gold Canyon United Methodist Church greeted and blessed the immediate community and beyond with fun and friendship...all in the name of Christ.



Please join us at our next meeting on **Tuesday**, **November 13** at 6:00 pm as we make plans for the Choral Christmas Concert and Christmas Eve. All are welcome and we invite you to come join the fun and offer your ideas.

Commemorative Mugs!!!

Have your coffee, tea or hot chocolate in an attractive Gold Canyon United Methodist Church Commemorative Mug! They also make great gifts! Proceeds from the sale of the mugs are used to support outreach to the community. Only \$5.00 each at the Information Center or the office.



Folders For Sale

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GCUMC Folders, bearing the Church logo, are for sale at the Information Center and church office. The cost is \$12.00 each and all *proceeds go to the North Parking Lot Fund.* Thanks for your support!

<u>Deadlines:</u>

December <u>Roadrunner</u> is November 10th Weekly Bulletin Insert is Noon Wednesday

Your GCUMC Publications are brought to you by: Bill Atkinson, Georgia Kirkpatrick, and Kim Shroyer, with help from the Friday Bulletin Team and the Roadrunner Assembly Team.

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—\$38,000 Organ Pipes Playground - \$10,000-50,000 Stain Glass for upper Sanctuary windows - \$105,000 (\$3,000 per panel) Building Fund Loan Payoff (In 2012 we've prepaid \$25,825 on the loan)



Update on Habitat for Humanity – Winter 2013 Project



We are looking forward to participating in renovating a home with a family in Apache Junction this winter as part of our membership in the Superstition Coalition of churches in the East Valley. The home has been donated to Habitat, but needs significant work before it can be occupied by a Habitat homeowner family.

Habitat homes give families the opportunity to have a stable, safe place they can live for the long term. These families have often been moving from place to place, from one tiny, cramped apartment or trailer in a bad neighborhood to another, which is especially difficult on the children.

But this special opportunity does not come easy. Families are put through a rigorous education program; learning how to budget their money, make low cost repairs, and what to watch out for in the maintenance of their new home. There is the sweat equity too, which means they must complete 400 hours of work on the actual build of their home. All this hard work results in a better understanding of what it takes to be a homeowner. These hard working, deserving families are able to achieve their dream of an affordable home that they actually own.

We are excited about our opportunity to be part of this special ministry again. We are *looking for volunteers* to work on a *couple of Saturdays in the January-March* time frame, and also for *volunteers to prepare and deliver lunch to the work crew on those days*. We are really in *need of about 20 generous donors* who would be willing to contribute \$100 toward our goal of \$5000. Of

course gifts in any amount will be greatly appreciated. Please mark your check memo for Habitat for Humanity, or make your contribution online at www.GoldCanyonUMC.org.

We will keep you posted as plans develop. Thanks so much for your ongoing support of this ministry.





SPECIAL GREETERS/USHERS ~

Ever feel like "dressing up" in costume and being an exceptional presence and blessing to our parishioners and guests? Well, you have two opportunities! *For our Christmas Concerts on Saturday, Dec. 8* (either *3:00 or 6:30 pm* or you can serve at both), we need 14 folks to dress up like old fashioned carolers. For the men, the church will pay for rented tuxedos and the ladies will wear long skirts (bonnets and capes provided). You will be both greeter and usher; instructions will be given to

you, especially if you've never done this before.

The second opportunity is *Christmas Eve (Monday, Dec. 24)*. For these services the greeters/ushers get dressed in Biblical costumes, which we provide; and again instructions will be provided. In years past being greeted in this way has made a lasting impression on those who choose to celebrate Christmas with us.

Please call the church office to sign up (couples and singles are both welcome). If you have any questions, please contact Katharine Keller. We look forward to your participation.





To everyone at the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church -

I wanted to thank you all for your thoughts and prayers for a successful surgery and recovery. I'm at home and was able to attend church yesterday. Everything seems to be healing up just fine. I really appreciated the visit on 9/18 in my hospital room, a wonderful time with a very nice prayer. Thank you <u>all</u> very much!

Sincerely and with love, Richard Dresbach

To Our GCUMC Family,

We would like to thank all of you for the cards and calls we received after the tragedy of losing our precious little Kiaya (our Yorkie). We know that many of you have given donations to the Pet Food Mission within our Food Bank. All of your love, support and donations are so very appreciated.

> Sincerely, Ron and Linda Walker

To the Staff and Church Family at Gold Canyon UMC (from the family of Darwin & Joyce Mixer),

We wanted to send a word of thanks for your support and friendship given to my parents over the <u>many</u> winters they spent in Arizona.

They loved and enjoyed your church and the many friends (choir) they developed while there. We are <u>very</u> grateful to your show of love to them. While Darwin and Joyce will be missed we know they will <u>not</u> be forgotten.

Thanks to all of you.

Kevin and Sandy Mixer

To All,

Thank you for the Dillard's gift card. So far I

have <u>tried</u> to shop but got to the door and my body said <u>"Go Home—Try another day!"</u> So, I will shop when able. Have a back brace now so I hope it will help.

> Much <u>Love</u> and Thanx, Patti Baker

Dear John,

A little thank you to you wonderful volunteer bus drivers for getting us to church every Sunday this summer.

God Bless You for your service!

Horizon Bay Residents

After 5 years of chairing Hospitality and W.O.W., the time to step down has come. We have loved every minute of planning events and starting new programs. If time had permitted, it would have been fun to institute many more new programs. The church family and this community have been most supportive of everything that we have been a part of. We want to convey our deepest thanks and appreciation to each of you.

God's blessings, Ron & Linda Walker



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 at the Information Center in the narthex.

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<u>We need your help to save on church mailing costs.</u> Please pick up your printed Quarterly Giving Statement in the Narthex. They are in boxes on the table, in alphabetical order. Also, if you know that you have any of these pledge box numbers, please contact the church office so that we can update our records— #502, 558 or 562. Thank you!!

Merry Christmas!



Believe it or not - it's time to order your Christmas Poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone you love. We are pleased to offer a 3-plant floral quality poinsettia for just \$13.00 each. Please fill out this order blank and include the payment for each poinsettia ordered. Place the order blank and payment marked "Poinsettia" in the collection plate or drop off/mail to the church office. Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuaries for enjoyment during the holiday season. You may take yours home after the Christmas Eve services. A listing of those giving poinsettias will be available during Christmas Eve services.

POINSETTIAS MUST BE ORDERED BY DECEMBER 9th!

POINSETTIA ORDER BLANK

I am ordering a poinsettia in Memory of:

I am ordering a poinsettia in Honor of:

And payment of \$13.00 for each is enclosed

Total: ___

Your Name:

Env. No. (If Applicable)_____

Telephone Number:__

Make checks payable to <u>Gold Canyon UMC</u>. Please call Suzanne in the church office at 480-982-3776 if you have any questions. Orders must be received by December 9.

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 NOTH-ING 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.

<u>GCUMC SINGLES GROUP</u> Come Get To Know One Another!

Singles group is Re-Grouping! Judy Wells is forming a core group of interested singles to meet together for brainstorming ideas for events, service, and church involvement. Please contact Judy at 480-646-1713 to let her know you are interested!

Any Single over the age of 50 is invited. Please join us for fun, food, games and fellowship!

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GCUMC Calendar November 2012



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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

Addressee or Current Resident

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.

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- 57 9:30 AM ~ Children
- 9:30 AM ~ Youth
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Roadrunner Email-If you would like to receive your Roadrunner via email, please send US an email at churchoffice@goldcanyonumc.org!