



- ✝ Dec. 1 – In Difficult Places
- ✝ Dec. 8 – In Lowly Places
- ✝ Dec. 16 – When We Can't See It
- ✝ Dec. 22 – When Celebrating

JOIN US ON CHRISTMAS EVE

THREE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES...
...ONE GLORIOUS STORY

3:00pm—Family Candlelight service with
Puppet Show & Petting Zoo
6:00pm & 8:00pm—Candlelight service
with inspirational message &
Chancel Choir

ALL ARE WELCOME!



FROM THE PASTOR: "INSIDE THE JOY"

Author Mark Gauvreau Judge witnessed what can only be described as unashamed joy—something we don't often get to see in a broken world, let alone the church. He wrote:

After almost three hours, it was time for a curtain call—one last bow to end the evening. As the host of the event reintroduced everyone, the featured jazz band played "When the Saints Go Marching In." That's when something happened.

The audience at the Strathmore Theater rose to its feet to acknowledge the fellowship winners—it seemed at the time like one last blast of applause before the exit. But as we clapped in time to "When the Saints Go Marching In," the performers onstage began to dance... The jazz band, sensing something in the air, got louder, and kept playing. And playing. And playing. Onstage, the performers formed a conga line, led by one of the jazz musicians, then a circle, each person taking his or her turn in the center. The invisible line between performers and audience evaporated. It had turned into one big party—or revival meeting.

After about thirty bars of saints marching in, the host shut things down. No one wanted to leave; I honestly believe the band could have played for an hour and no one would have moved for the exits. Staggering outside, I heard a woman say she was "swimming in joy." I myself was speechless. Like everyone else, I just wanted to stay inside the joy.

This Advent we will search for joy in the Christmas story. We will find joy in unexpected places and events. We will find joy in the belief that God can bring good out of evil. We will find joy in the midst of difficulties. We will find joy through humility. We will find joy in the midst of sorrows and grief. I hope you will be able to join us for our weekly worship services and for Christmas Eve. I will see you on Sunday.

Grace and peace,

Fred

JOIN PASTOR FRED & BETH ON A HOLY LAND TRIP DEPARTURE JANUARY 5, 2021

You are invited to join Pastor Fred and Beth on a tour of the Holy Land in January of 2021. Our tentative departure is set for January 5, 2021, and we will be touring Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the region of Galilee, Masada and the Dead Sea. There will also be an opportunity to add an extension to see Petra in Jordan. Brochures will be available soon. Pastor Fred would be glad to answer questions or email a brochure if you contact him at

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



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & EVANGELISM

Pastor Katharine Keller

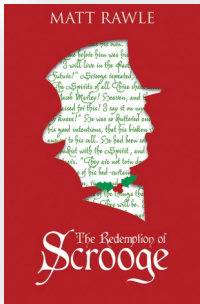
"...Growing disciples of Jesus Christ and living the Word."

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2020



Last call for any teen in 7th grade and above to attend the 13 weekly sessions of Confirmation, where students become more familiar with Methodist doctrine and history, as well as learn about foundational beliefs as Christians. If your student has an interest, please contact Pastor Katharine (ladiebug1214@gmail.com) or call the Church Office no later than December 14th.

ADVENT CLASS



Our 5-week, video-based Advent Study will be *The Redemption of Scrooge* taught by Matt Ramle. Based on Charles Dicken's *A Christmas Carol*, we'll explore the world of Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim and the Cratchits, with an eye to Christian faith. Along the way we'll meet the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Yet to

Come and learn about living with and for others in a world blessed by Jesus. Facilitated by Pastor Katharine. our Advent study is being offered at two times:

- The daytime sessions are Mondays (11/25, 12/2, 12/9 and 12/16) from 1pm–2pm.
- The evening sessions are Tuesdays (11/19, 11/26, 12/10, 12/17) from 6:30pm–7:30pm.

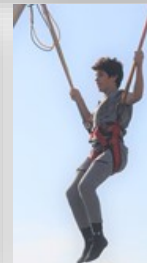
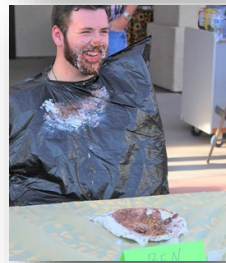
Please sign-up for either of the sessions in the building Lobbies or by calling the Church Office.

TEAM OUTREACH



Our Outreach Team hosts a number of community and church events throughout the year. We are a fun, welcoming bunch, and are very dedicated and hard-working in offering hospitality to everyone who comes onto our campus. If being part of big events isn't your style, we also staff the Welcome Center in the main Sanctuary Lobby during both of the worship services. Please contact Pastor Katharine if you are interested in joining the team.

HARVEST FESTIVAL PICS



CELEBRATION OF VETERANS 2019

Nearly 400 people attended this special event to honor our Veterans this year!



ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING



Advent begins Sunday, December 1st. We are looking for Advent wreath readers/candle lighters for all four services on December 1st, December 8th, December 15th and December 22nd. We'll also need readers for the three services on Christmas Eve (3pm, 6pm, and 8pm). A script including the prayer and Scripture reading will be provided for you, and readers can be a family, a couple of single people, a Bible Study group, etc. Please call Pastor Katharine in the Church Office to sign-up, requesting which date and service you would prefer.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE



On Wed., 12/4 at 7:00pm, a service will be held in the Sanctuary to remember loved ones who have passed away during the past year. Please call the Church Office to register the names of those to be remembered and your name (in case we need to verify spelling). Along with Scripture readings, hymns and prayers, we will be lighting candles for those who have gone before us. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Katharine in the Church Office.

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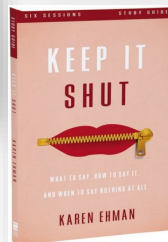
To volunteer prepping food, cooking, dining with the 20-40 residents, and cleaning-up kitchen and dining room, contact Pat Bolster (480)650-4011. Your contact info will be added to the volunteer roster and each month you'll be notified of upcoming date(s), as well as be able to opt in or out as your schedule permits. The next serving date is Wed., December 18th.

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE

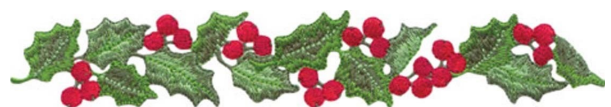


This year during the 3:00pm family service we will have a special video, a basic retelling of the Christmas story with children dressed up in biblical costumes and a puppet show done by our Youth. Carters' petting zoo will also be here from 3:30pm—7:30pm in the courtyard. Come join us!

WOMEN'S WINTER 6-WEEK STUDY



Our study, *"Keep It Shut"* by Karen Ehman, will start Wednesday, January 8 at 10am. Karen is a woman who readily admits her mouth has gotten her into loads of trouble and shares the how (and how not tos) of dealing with the tongue. This video-based Bible study challenges women to dig deep into what the Bible says about the ways we use our words (in person and online) and when we should just keep our lips zipped. Sign-ups sheets are available in the building lobbies. Those women desiring to do a small evening group study in a home, please contact Pastor Katharine and we'll see if we can arrange that. Facilitators are Rev. Fay Quanstrom and Pastor Katharine.





CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Sherry Hussein

NEWS

December is a month of much anticipation, children are excited, anticipating the coming of Christmas Day.

Several of our Sunday school classes will include Advent lessons, "Teaching through the Nativity", with the anticipation of the greatest miracle of all, "The Birth of Jesus", God's son, our Savior. I would like to share the below website with you, as it includes some ways to center the Christmas Holiday on Christ.

<https://www1.cbn.com/mommy/archive/2011/12/02/teaching-children-the-real-meaning-of-christmas>

SIDEWALK MINISTRY



Now in its 16th year, Sidewalk Children's Outreach Ministry continues to be sponsored by Gold Canyon UMC. We are excited to be partnering with Desert Chapel UMC, at 462 N. Palo Verde Drive in Apache Junction, our new Sidewalk Ministry location. Our ministry will continue to love and nurture the children through God's word. Our many volunteer "Shepherds" help with Bible lessons, praise & worship time, music, prayer time, games, special activities, and serving lunch.

We are grateful for our partnership with Chandler UMC, as their congregation donates gift-filled bags to be given out to the children who attend our special Christmas holiday program. We are also very blessed with the GCUMC Angel Tree Ministry which helps brighten Christmas for several of the less fortunate families in Sidewalk.

Our ministry started November 9th and meets 3 Saturdays a month from 10:00am—noon, and will run through April 2020. We transport children in our Church bus/van, picking them up from their homes in Apache Junction, and drive them to our ministry site. Our most urgent need is volunteer drivers/riders. Please consider helping out 1 Saturday a month. All volunteers must undergo a background check. To begin the process, send an email to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC. Volunteer drivers must obtain a DMV clearance, and a copy of their drivers' license is kept on file at GCUMC.

If you'd like more information on joining our children's outreach ministry and making a difference in a child's

life, please contact Sherry (480)529-9621 or Bev Stout (480)926-6479. For questions about transporting children, please contact Kent Hoover (612) 819-3768.

MIDWEEK MOUNTAINEERS



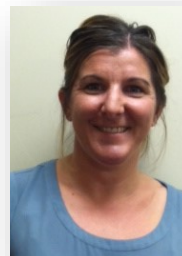
Our midweek children's program for 1st-6th graders meets on Wednesdays from 5:00pm—7:00pm in the Education Bldg. We have Bible lessons, games, music, and dinner. We will be meeting on December 4, 11, 18, and there will be lots of Christmas related activities this month! We encourage children to bring a new friend and join us for a fun, uplifting evening together.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who contribute to the success of this ministry.

NURSERY NEWS



To our families with babies/toddlers, we now have diaper changing pads in the men's & women's restrooms across from the elevator in our Sanctuary Building, and there is also a diaper changing table in the Noah's Ark Room in our Education Building.



Please welcome our new Nursery Caregiver, Kaity Barks. Kaity and a volunteer assistant will be working in the Nursery on Sundays during the 8:00am and 9:30 am worship services. We offer Christian care that is safe, loving, and nurturing, for infants and toddlers, up to 4 years old.

AND A BIG THANK YOU TO...

... Adam and Kaitlin Kalik for donating the fun play structure for our toddlers in the Nursery!

**Kidz
Kanyon**

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



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Diana Bressler



Steve & Judy Fisher



Bob Hill



Karen & Dave Waytenick



Cheryl Ritter



Merry Christmas to you and yours!

~ from the GCUMC Staff and Volunteers



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

* Indicates a ticketed event for a fee presented by the Gold Canyon Arts Council's Canyon Sounds Series. Inquires and/or ticket information can be received via phone (480)983-2171 or online at www.gcac1.com. All other concerts are presented by the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church's Performing Arts Series and are open to the public at no charge as an offering will be received.

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



YOUTH GROUP

Linda Clise, Youth Director

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

HARVEST FESTIVAL FUN!

A big thank you to all the youth who helped with the Harvest Festival! It was a fun event, especially the pie eating contest! See below for our upcoming December Events!

Blessings, *Linda*



YOUTH CALENDAR—DECEMBER 2019

Sun., 12/1	YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL PUPPET SHOW REHEARSAL YOUTH GROUP	9:30am	Education Building
		5:30pm	Sanctuary
		6:30pm	Education Building
Sun., 12/8	YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL NO Puppet Show Rehearsal YOUTH GROUP CAROLING (Taking bus/van)	9:30am	Education Building
		5:30pm	Meet at GCUMC
		7:45pm	Return
Sun., 12/15	YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL PUPPET SHOW REHEARSAL YOUTH GROUP	9:30am	Education Building
		5:30pm	Sanctuary
		6:30pm	Education Building
Sun., 12/22	YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL PUPPET SHOW REHEARSAL YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY (Bring wrapped White Elephant gift & munchies to share!)	9:30am	Education Building
		5:30pm	Sanctuary
		6:30pm	Education Building
Tue., 12/24	PUPPET SHOW 3pm CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE	TBD	Sanctuary
Sun., 12/29	NO YOUTH GROUP		
Tue., 12/31	NEW YEARS EVE LOCK IN	7:00pm—8:00am	

Sunday Bible Study Class

(7th—12th grades)

Sundays at 9:30am

in the Education Building

Creative Bible lessons & discussions!

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

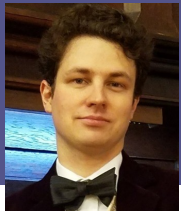
Youth Group

(7th—12th grades)

Sundays at 6:30pm

in the Education Building

Fun faith-based programs & fellowship!



MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



The season of Advent begins on December 1st so Christmas is just around the corner. May we be filled with love and joy as we come to celebrate the savior's coming and birth. As part of that celebration, Gold Canyon UMC has a tradition of Christmas concerts performed by the music ministries. We continue that tradition this year, presenting the 18th Annual GCUMC Christmas Concerts on Saturday, December 14th at 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. As this tends to be one of the largest events of the year, I encourage you to arrive early to get your seats.

Music this year will feature all of our music groups, from choir to bands to bells, as well as the Agape Brass, vocal soloists Cindy Hoff and Don Engbrecht, and a number of instrumentalists. There should be something for everyone, from traditional carols to new Christmas arrangements. The concerts are free and open to the public. A free will offering will be received to support the music ministries. If you're able, please bring a non-perishable food item for the GCUMC Food Bank, there are many in need, especially around the Christmas season.

As per usual, our church has three Christmas Eve services with a family service at 3:00pm and two Candlelight Services at 6:00pm and 8:00pm. Prior to the two Candlelight Services, come 20 minutes early to join in the singing of your favorite Christmas Carols! It's a great way to fellowship and celebrate the birth of the Lord. Bring your family friends, family, and neighbors to share the good tidings.

Peace and have a merry Christmas season,

Ian



and
suddenly
there was with
the angel
a multitude of
the heavenly host
praising God
and saying
Glory to God
in the highest, and on earth
peace, goodwill towards
men
Luke 2
13-14

GOLD CANYON UMC

Uncommon Grace

"I will be glad and rejoice in You;
I will sing praise to Your name,
O Most High!"
~ Psalm 9:2

Praise
& Worship

Sundays at 10:50am!

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

It's a great way to start off
the week!

Interested in joining the
Praise Team?... contact
David at...
(DCBallardsAZ@gmail.com)



GLOBAL MISSIONS

Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor

MISSIONARIES HAVE CHRISTMAS WISH LISTS, TOO!



LISA (Fellow Man International of Honduras):

- Safe round trip travel to Honduras
- Community garden development
- God's continued blessing on traveling dentistry and medical teams



GROVES (Mobility Worldwide):

- Custom-free delivery of PETs container
- Scholarships for Theological School students
- Church planting success



FRED (Rice & Beans Ministries in Costa Rica):

- Completion of second dorm and kitchen/dining buildings
- Partnership with local congregations
- Outreach to Brazil

How does a person help make our missionaries' Christmas wishes come true?

- Pray regularly for GCUMC's missionaries: Lisa Armstrong (Fellowman International), Delbert and Sandy Groves (Mobility Worldwide and African Theological Seminary) and Fred Curry (Rice and Beans Ministries)
- Check out the Rice and Beans catalog, available at the Welcome Desk, and choose gifts from it
- Participate in the annual Mission Work Trip
- Make a designated gift to any of these missions via check to GCUMC with your choice of mission in the memo line.

POSTAGE WITH A PURPOSE



Christ or "cute"? Each year the US Postal Service issues a distinctly Christian stamp. These stamps could be considered miniature **Christmas** cards, but many other choices (snowmen, poinsettias, gingerbread houses, Santa & Rudolph) are also available. Sometimes the "cute factor" captures us and determines our choices. Is this a harmless thing or a serious "vote"? **If Christians don't choose the Christian Christmas stamp, will the Post Office still print them?** The law of supply and demand says that our patronage matters. A person may not need that many Christmas postage stamps, but why not buy double what you'll use in December and use them throughout the year on bills and other non-personal mailings? The small things like the stamps we choose can be part of our witness to the world. By buying Christian Christmas stamps, we are voting for present and future issues of postage that reflects the true meaning of Christmas and helps keep Christ in the holiday with His name.

Gold Canyon United Methodist Church supports these Global Missions:





PASTORAL & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Rev. Fay Quanstrom, Dr. David Worley, Pastor Katharine Keller

CHERISH COMMUNITY



Recently, a visitor to our church commented on the apparent sense of community in our congregation. She was referring to the deep sense of connection, concern, care and compassion we express to one another in our congregational community as well as our geographical community. Let me assure you that this is no minor matter! This enviable but often absent sense of togetherness is rare in our world filled with isolation and insular attitudes. Sadly, it is even rarer in churches across our country even though people, especially younger people, are looking for a deep sense of connection with others.

So, I want to call all of us to a new sense of cherishing our community. Let's do our part to keep a sense of acceptance and welcome alive with one another and with those who come within our doors. This may mean that we need to step outside of our comfort zone a bit and talk with others whom we do not know very well. This may mean that we need to express our concern in practical ways that may be as simple as a get-well card, an encouraging telephone call, delivering a meal or a warm hug. This may mean that we volunteer at the Food Bank, Genesis or in knitting prayer shawls. You know that little nudge you sometime get to reach out?

Well, obey that nudge! Listen to how Luke describes the church as it was just beginning in Acts 2:43-47

43 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. 44 All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Of course, there are cultural aspects in these verses that are not necessarily applicable today, but read them carefully. You will see there was concern for one another's needs whether physical, emotional or spiritual that was expressed in tangible ways. This is what community looks like. Others see it in us here at GCUMC, may we see and cherish it too.

—Dr. David Worley



... AND ON THE COUNTRY SIDE

Dr. David Worley

Incredibly, over a month has passed since I joined in the weekly worship at the County and Western service. From my perspective it has been a great month with inspiring music provided by One in the Spirit and Wranglers for the Lord and a healthy number of people attending, some for the first time. Deb and I have deeply appreciated the warm welcome we have received. I have "gotten back into the groove" of preaching weekly and people have responded kindly to the messages I have shared.

I also want to mention that the service is now live streamed each week for those of you who want to join us via the web. However, folks tell me it's just not the same as being with others in the actual experience of our 5:00pm worship service. So, if you haven't joined us, please do so as you are able.

This Advent Season I will be preaching a series entitled *The Bible in Twelve Words*. Although the title doesn't sound "Christmassy" I think you will see that the great



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Rev. Fay Quanstrom, Dr. David Worley, Pastor Katharine Keller

PASTORAL CARE

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



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

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

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

*Pray one for
Another*

- James 5:16



Prayer Chain Ministry

Please email prayer requests to
gcumcprayers@gmail.com.

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

Katie Phillips family

Richard Muir family

Ed Sessler Family

Pam Remington family

Helen Johnson family

Bob Nelimark family

Linda Jones family

David Manilla family

In Remembrance

themes of this Holy Season are clearly included in a way that will highlight our faith and also the uniqueness of the Scriptures in developing our faith.

I also want to highlight our Christmas Sing-Along which will be held in the Koinonia Room on Saturday, December 7 at 5:00pm. We will join in singing the great songs of Christmas together for an hour or so before we end the evening with refreshments and fellowship... Join us for the Christmas Cheer!

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

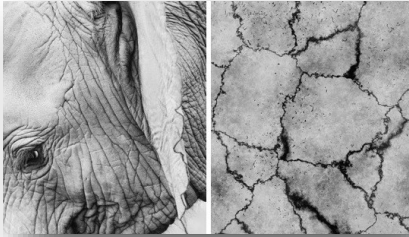




CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

WRINKLES & CRACKS



I find food for thought, motivation, and beautiful sentiment in unusual places every now and then - like this for example from the novel *This Tender Land*, by William Kent

Krueger - "Only God is perfect. To the rest of us, he gave all kinds of wrinkles and cracks. If we were perfect, the light he shines on us would just bounce right off. But the wrinkles, they catch the light. And the cracks, that's how the light gets inside us." Interestingly enough, the story was about the plight of children in a depression era orphanage.

Love those few sentences! They so perfectly apply to our lives and the reason Jesus Christ was born. We as a human race not only had wrinkles and cracks, we had chasms. But what was missing was our ability to see and reflect the light of God. A baby brought that. What better time to reflect upon that than in this Christmas season? Thanks to that gift over 2000 years ago, we continue to be blessed by the light.

I have found that some of the most "wrinkled" and "cracked" individuals I've been blessed to know, or cross paths with, are the most inspirational. They are the ones who reflect nothing but light back to others. Have you ever been inspired by someone whom, by observing them from the surface, you'd assess as having a lot of those cracks or wrinkles? Have you found yourself maybe feeling sorry for them, asked yourself "how do they remain so positive?" or said "I'm not sure I could have that attitude." I have.

Speaking for myself, I think it is because I can get caught up in this worldly maelstrom of judgment, measuring myself against my neighbor, always wanting to look and be my best, striving for perfection. And in that, I miss the perfection God made in each of us, with our differences, anomalies and abilities to positively affect others.



I offer you an example of a light that has crossed my path over the past 2.5 yrs. It's one so bright it is blinding. Little Madelyn was born at 26 weeks, and by all human assessment, was predicted not to be here. Her family had faith, and God brought her through. He gave her to this world as a gift. To everyone who is exposed to her, she brings motivation, laughter

and joy. She has a crack and a wrinkle or two, but she doesn't know it!! Each of those only serve to reflect the light from her even more brightly to others. How does she do it...and others facing even stronger challenges than she?

As we move into this Christmas season and the coming new year, I challenge you to slow down and take a little time to observe others as you interact. Instead of seeing the wrinkles and cracks, watch and see how God's light is emanating from them. I'm pretty sure that you will begin to see more light than you first recognized was there.



Remember, it all started with a baby. Large or small never underestimate the impact you may have on others. Refuse the urge to caulk over your wrinkles and cracks, God gave them to you for a reason. Reflect God's light back toward others all around you.

If you are having a little trouble understanding the purpose of your own wrinkles and cracks, or seeing more darkness than light in others around you, this holiday season remember that God has placed 4 pastors in your path to help you along the way. They make visits to members and friends of Gold Canyon UMC. Please simply call the church office at 480-982-3776 and one of them will respond to your request. After hours, you may call or email one of the pastors directly. You will find their contact information in the bulletin, church office or the Pastoral and Congregational Care page of this newsletter.





MINISTRY & MISSIONS

ANGEL TREE MISSION



Our Angel Tree Christmas Mission is running at FULL SPEED! We welcome your help, and together we can accomplish great things. If you are willing to participate as a volunteer using your spiritual gifts, please call Jane Hayes (602) 320-5952.

Other ways in which congregation members can help is by taking more than just one gift tag from the Angel trees in our lobbies... and purchasing ONLY what is on the tag(s). Monetary donations can also be made for our shoppers to purchase the needed item(s). You can also bake cookies, collect lingerie/shirt gift boxes! Thank you for your generosity!



"BUS & VAN FUND" MINISTRY

As part of the Angel Tree Mission, you will be able to buy \$20 Bashas' cards for Christmas family donations. These cards for donation will be available at the Welcome Center from November 24 through December 15th... and it's just another way to give to the Angel Tree project!

Just as a reminder to those who are returning and shopping at Bashas' for their groceries... please remember to use their Bashas' Community Gift card! And also a reminder to all that, in order to avoid a dormancy fee of \$2 per month, please use them at least once within a 12- month period.

Thanks again. Just a little effort from you to use these reward programs of Bashas', Fry's and Amazon has big benefits to all those who ride in the bus or van... and YOU are appreciated!



Amazon shoppers... if you haven't done it already, be sure to link your account to

Smile.Amazon.com and choose Gold Canyon UMC as your charity organization. Amazon donates 0.5% of the cost of your eligible purchases to our SCRIP Bus & Van Fund whenever you shop—the same selection—same prices! Just go to: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/86-0621002>.

Bashas' When you shop at any Bashas' store for food, gift cards or prescriptions and use their rechargeable card purchased here at the Welcome Center or the Church Office, GCUMC receives a 6% charity gift from Bashas.'



Link your Fry's VIP Card online to Fry's Community Rewards program and choose GCUMC (Account #TS438), Fry's contributes 3% of your purchases to our church!

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

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." Matthew 25:35-36

As the holiday season begins, and we celebrate the birth of our Savior, I try to keep in my heart some of Christ's most valuable teachings. The above scripture reminds me of the way in which Jesus associated with and showed love and compassion for those people who were marginalized in his day; the tax collector, the sinner, the prisoner. The Matthew 25 Prison Ministry was started as a pen pal program in 2013 by the Red Mountain United Methodist Church and Red Mountain UMW. Their goal was to "to build safer communities by providing support to women still in prison through our pen pal program and by providing supportive help upon release in order to create smoother reentry". The members of the Prison Ministry became pen pals with women incarcerated at Perryville Women's Prison,

offering them words of hope and encouragement. The ministry has now grown to include a scholarship program, college courses toward a degree or certification, and assistance with re-entry into the community on their release from prison. They now partner with Rio Salado College Incarcerated Distance Learning and Bridges Re-Entry Program's Magdalene West House, which has a two year long program of counseling, community living and support.

Our Gold Canyon UMW has partnered with the Matthew 25 Prison Ministry and eleven of our members are corresponding with women incarcerated at Perryville Women's Prison. It is already proving to be an enriching and rewarding experience for everyone involved. We are forming a new UMW Circle for our members who are serving as pen pals and we have a liaison, Cherie Creel, with the larger Matthew 25 Prison Ministry. We ask for your prayers as we begin this ministry at our church.

The Gold Canyon UMW invites all women in the church to our Christmas Tea on December 21, 2019, from 10am—11:30am. Our members are "sponsoring" each table (decorating them in unique ways) and our Culinary Circle will be serving different types of tea along with scones, Devon cream, lemon curd, small sandwiches and other sweets. Enjoy a short respite from the holiday busyness and live like the Crawleys on Downton Abbey! Dress in your "tea" clothes and wear a hat! Please RSVP to Carol Johnson.

Upcoming Events:

- **1/18/2020:** Leadership Enrichment Event at Red Mountain United Methodist Church 9am to 2 pm. All members in a leadership role and any other interested members are invited to attend.
- **1/18/2020:** "Travels to Africa with the Days for Girls Ministry" UMW Meeting, Barnabas Room, Missions Center. Fellowship 10-10:30 am, Meeting 10:30am.

A special thank you to everyone who supported our Gold Canyon UMW Fundraiser on November 17! It is through your kind generosity that we can help fund UMW Missions around the world and help provide needed items for Hope Women's Center! Thank you!

We continue to collect books for the "*Open Books... Open Hearts*" ministry and feminine hygiene and toiletry products for the Gold Canyon Food Bank. Many of our members continue to contribute time and talent to the Days for Girls Ministry.

If you are interested in joining us in our mission work, or have any questions about anything in this article, please contact Carol Johnson at 602-750-2008 or caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com.

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

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

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 RESURRECTION • AND • LIFE
 JESUS**





Arise, shine, for your light has come!



DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

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

BIRTHDAYS

Andie Chung 12/1
 Ryan McClung 12/1
 Peggy Scott 12/1
 Diane Wenger 12/1
 Carolyn Wilcox 12/1
 Dale Kissner 12/2
 Terry Roberson 12/2
 Kathleen King 12/3
 Larry Raffurty 12/3
 Jerry D Walker 12/3
 Lori Blank 12/4
 Dorothy Halsted 12/4
 Sharolyn Bermele 12/5
 Gary Capen 12/5
 Shirley Eby 12/5
 Angie Fyfe 12/5
 Judy Walsh 12/5
 Carol Johnson 12/6
 Charlie Palmer, II 12/6
 Robert Vogelgesang 12/7
 Susan Wachtel 12/7
 Kathy Boldt 12/8
 Katelin Kalik 12/8
 Geneva Molzen 12/9
 Marty Robison 12/9
 Elva Bradley 12/10
 Linda Broz 12/10
 Caleb Shroyer 12/10
 James Anderson 12/11
 Neil Brogren 12/11
 Ian Classe 12/11
 Anita Raffurty 12/11
 Mary Ann Warren 12/11
 Jerome Biggs 12/12
 Samuel Graves 12/12
 Margaret Lemmon 12/13
 Marcia Ritenour 12/13
 Gerald Lynn Tabor 12/13
 Don Anderson 12/14
 Sharon Clark 12/14
 William Green 12/14
 Ron Houser 12/14

Katharine Keller 12/14
 Hannah Rhoton 12/14
 Anthony Sisson 12/14
 Ilene Tabor 12/14
 Paula Tucker 12/14
 Carol Acevedo 12/15
 Doris Newton 12/15
 Mary Gay Twa 12/15
 Suzanne Jameson 12/16
 Jeff Pepin 12/16
 John Toole 12/16
 Cheyenne Velock 12/16
 Nancy Hill 12/17
 Darrell Keast 12/17
 Peggy Kinder 12/17
 Joseph Morton 12/17
 Kathleen Serrine 12/18
 Alisha Crowther 12/19
 Judy Robertson 12/19
 Tom Sawyer 12/19
 Patricia Bolster 12/20
 Helen Flowers 12/20
 William Mc Auliffe 12/20
 Kay Leet 12/21
 Georgia Kirkpatrick 12/22
 Ken Jacobsen 12/23
 Claudia Mc Auliffe 12/23
 Edna Haines (Gardner) 12/24
 Heather Rhoton 12/24
 Holly Warth 12/24
 Deborah Brooks 12/25
 Vern Halsted 12/25
 William King 12/25
 Steve LeQuire 12/25
 Christine Miller 12/25
 Craig Starks 12/25
 Becky Anderson 12/26
 Danna Gharavi 12/26
 Dawn Gilbreath 12/26
 Alice Smith 12/26
 Barbara Brown 12/27
 Kay Cartney 12/27
 Lester Lambert 12/27
 Michael Malloy 12/27

Joyce Schenck 12/27
 Don Tonole 12/27
 Joseph Lundberg 12/28
 Connie Schuler 12/29
 Linda Clise 12/30
 William Waechter 12/30
 Dalton Adams 12/31
 Joie Hall 12/31
 Jerrilyn Manbeck 12/31

ANNIVERSARIES

Lori Bachler-Palmer & Charlie Palmer 12/01
 Alice & Les Lambert 12/02
 Karl & Bobbie Koch 12/03
 Lynda Hammond & Kevin Nunn 12/10
 Mary & Bill Thomas 12/11
 David & Debra Worley 12/11
 Diana & John Linton 12/14
 Adam & Katelin Kalik 12/15
 Kathy & Rick Nefzer 12/15
 Bob & Pamela Ingram 12/16
 Bill & Gail Yoder 12/18
 Dianna & James Gibson 12/19
 Dottie & Richard House 12/19
 James & Mary Ann Davenport 12/20
 Jim & Shirley Fast 12/20
 John & Kathy Nuss 12/20
 Ruth & Terry Steinkruger 12/20
 Mary Gay & Jack Twa 12/21
 Mid & Noreen Carlozzi 12/22
 Connie & Phalen Schuler 12/23
 Leo & Lois Gerst 12/24
 Bob & Jenny Crow 12/27
 Leila & Richard Johnson 12/27
 Barbara & Vernon Brown 12/28
 Harley & Meg Lemmon 12/28
 Kay & William Greenlee 12/29
 Carol & Don Lindaman 12/29
 Gary & Joyce Gingrich 12/30
 Jim & Sue Gunn 12/30
 Deborah & Brooks 12/31
 Ed & Jo Fridlund 12/31



DECEMBER CALENDAR

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

Dec 1, 2019	2:30am	Angel Team Accept Donations, Gifts, etc. (Lobbies)	Sat Dec 7	10am	Mtg: GC Coordinating Council (MC-S)
	8am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)	Sun Dec 8	2:30am	Angel Team Accept Donations, Gifts, etc. (Lobbies)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)		8am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
	9:30am	"The Table" Adult Discussion Group (MC-Martha)		9am	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)
	9:30am	Children Sunday School (EB)		9:30am	"The Table" Adult Discussion Group (MC-Martha)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)		9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Youth Participate in Worship (Sanctuary)		9:30am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (Noah's Ark)		10:50am	Children's Sunday School (Noah's Ark)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (Koinonia)		10:50am	Praise Worship (Koinonia)
	5pm	Country Western Worship (KR)		4pm	Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal (S)
	6:30pm	Concert: East Valley Choral (S)		5pm	Country Western Worship (KR)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)		6:30pm	Youth Group "Christmas Caroling" (Offsite)
Mon Dec 2	9:30am	Bible Banter (Emmaus)	Mon Dec 9	9:30am	Bible Banter (Emmaus)
	1pm	Advent Study: The Redemption of Scrooge (E-BC)		10am	UMW Leadership Committee (SoGR)
	1pm	Angel Team Sorting/Database (Church Ofc)		1pm	Advent Study: The Redemption of Scrooge (E-BC)
	1pm	Class: Hebrews Study (ER)		1pm	Angel Team Sorting/Database (Church Ofc)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)		1pm	Class: Hebrews Study (ER)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)		1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)
	7pm	Al-Anon (Sea of Galilee)		1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)		7pm	Al-Anon (Sea of Galilee)
Tue Dec 3	2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)		7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)
	4:30pm	Team Outreach (MC-Esther)	Tue Dec 10	All day	Poinsettia Delivery (S)
	6pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)		9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-Barnabas)
	6pm	One in the Spirit Reh (KR)		10am	GC Garden Club Luncheon (MC-E)
	6pm	SPRC Mtg (KR)		2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	6:30pm	Advent Study: The Redemption of Scrooge (ER)		6pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	7pm	Church Conference (KR)		6pm	One in the Spirit Reh (KR)
	7pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)		6:30pm	Advent Study: The Redemption of Scrooge (ER)
	9:30am	Music Library Activities (Music)		7pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)
	10am	Class: Emotional Wellness (MC-Martha)	Wed Dec 11	9:30am	Music Library Activities (Music)
	11am	Cancer Support Group (Emmaus)		10am	Class: Emotional Wellness (MC-Martha)
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-Stephen)		11am	Cancer Support Group (Emmaus)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 2 (MC-Esther)		11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-Stephen)
	5pm	Midweek Mountaineers (Educ Bldg/Kitchen)		1pm	DISCIPLE 2 (MC-Esther)
	5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (Koinonia)		5pm	Midweek Mountaineers (Educ Bldg/Kitchen)
	7pm	Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)		5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (Koinonia)
	7pm	Remembrance Svc (S)		6pm	Mtg: Vista del Corozon HOA-DRC (MC-Stephen)
Thu Dec 5	9am	Class: "Sermon on the Mount" by Jen Wilkin (ER)		7pm	Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)
	9am	Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC-Stephen)	Thu Dec 12	9am	Class: "Sermon on the Mount" by Jen Wilkin (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (Emmaus)		9am	Lions Club Mtg (SoGR)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)		1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (Emmaus)
	6pm	Christmas Choir Rehearsal (Music)		1pm	Gold Canyon Arts Council Mtg (MC-Stephen)
	7pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music)		1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)
Fri Dec 6	5:30pm	AA (Emmaus)		6pm	Christmas Choir Rehearsal (Music)

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Fri Dec 13	7pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music)	Sat Dec 21	9am	Angel Team Gift Delivery/Pick-Up (EB)
	10am	Mind Menders (Emmaus)		10am	UMW Mtg (MC-Barnabas)
	1pm	Reserved (KR/K)			
Sat Dec 14	5:30pm	AA (Emmaus)	Sun Dec 22	8am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
	9am	PEO Mtg (MC-E)		9am	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)
	3pm	18th Annual Choral Christmas Concert (Sanctuary/Music Rm)		9:30am	"The Table" Adult Discussion Group (MC-Martha)
Sun Dec 15	4:30pm	Music Ministries Dinner (KR)		9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
	6pm	18th Annual Choral Christmas Concert (S/MR)		9:30am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
	All day	Angel Team Gifts, Cookies, etc. Due		10:50am	Children's Sunday School (Noah's Ark)
	8am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)	Mon Dec 23	10:50am	Praise Worship (Koinonia)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)		5pm	Country Western Worship (KR)
	9:30am	"The Table" Adult Discussion Group (MC-Martha)		6:30pm	Youth Group "Christmas Party" (Educ Bldg)
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)		9:30am	Bible Banter (Emmaus)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)		1pm	Class: Hebrews Study (ER)
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (Noah's Ark)		1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (Koinonia)	Tue Dec 24	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas) 7pm Al-Anon (Sea of Galilee)
	5pm	Country Western Worship (KR)		7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)		All day	Christmas Eve Calendar:
Mon Dec 16	9am	Angel Team Sorting Day (Campus)		9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-Barnabas)
	9:30am	Bible Banter (Emmaus)		2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	11:30am	Angel Team Lunch (K)		3pm	Christmas Eve Svc (Family w/ Puppet Show)
	1pm	Advent Study: The Redemption of Scrooge (E-BC)		5:30pm	Gift of Music (Sanctuary)
	1pm	Class: Hebrews Study (ER)		6pm	Christmas Eve Svc (Chancel Choir)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)		7pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)	Wed Dec 25	7:30pm	Gift of Music (Sanctuary)
	7pm	Al-Anon (Sea of Galilee)		8pm	Christmas Eve Svc (Chancel Choir)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)		All day	Christmas Day / OFFICE CLOSED
Tue Dec 17	9am	Angel Team Donations to Project Help (Campus)	Thu Dec 26	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)
	2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)		7pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music)
	6pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)			
	6pm	One in the Spirit Reh (KR)	Fri Dec 27,	10am	Mind Menders (Emmaus)
	7pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)		5:30pm	AA (Emmaus)
	8am	Newsletter Team (Music)			
Wed Dec 18	9am	Angel Team Food Boxes (EB)	Sun Dec 29	8am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
	9:30am	Music Library Activities (Music)		9am	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)
	11am	Cancer Support Group (Emmaus)		9:30am	"The Table" Adult Discussion Group (MC-Martha)
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-Stephen)		9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 2 (MC-Esther)		9:30am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
	5pm	Midweek Mountaineers (Educ Bldg/Kitchen)		10:50am	Children's Sunday School (Noah's Ark)
	5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (Koinonia)	Mon Dec 30	10:50am	Praise Worship (Koinonia)
	7pm	Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)		5pm	Country Western Worship (KR)
	9am	Angel Team Wrapping Party (Campus)		9:30am	Bible Banter (Emmaus)
Thu Dec 19	9am	Class: "Sermon on the Mount" by Jen Wilkin (ER)		10am	Angel Team Take-Down Trees (Lobbies)
	9am	Days for Girls Workshop (MC-Barnabas)		1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)
	9am	Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC-Stephen)		1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)
	11:30am	Angel Team Pizza Lunch (KR)	Tue Dec 31	7pm	Al-Anon (Sea of Galilee)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (Emmaus)		7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)		All day	New Year's Eve
Fri Dec 20	7pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music)		2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (Emmaus)		5:30pm	Youth Group Lock-In (EB)
				6pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
				6pm	One in the Spirit Reh (KR)
				7pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)



BITS-N-BYTES



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

It is time to order your Christmas Poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one. We are pleased to offer a 3-plant floral quality poinsettia for only \$16.00 each. Please complete the Order Form below and include payment for each poinsettia ordered and:

- Make checks payable to "GCUMC", noting "Poinsettia" in the memo section.
- ***Please bring completed form with payment to the Welcome Center on Sunday or to the Church Office during the week.***

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 ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6th***

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

☐ I am ordering a poinsettia in **Memory of:**

☐ I am ordering a poinsettia in **Honor of:**

☐ Payment of \$16.00 for each is **enclosed**

TOTAL PLANTS: _____ TOTAL \$: _____

*Please call the Church Office at (480)982-3776
with any questions.*

Orders must be received by Friday, December 6th

ROADRUNNER & BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please send your content for the
January Roadrunner
via email to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org
no later than 8:00am, Friday, 12/6/2019

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

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and many other **treasured** volunteers!*

To find areas in which your talents and passions lie,
complete and submit a Time & Talents Sheet!
They are available at the Welcome Center,
Education Building Lobby or Church Office.
We have many areas from which you can select and
connect! It's a great way to make new friends, too!

Not plugged in yet?...

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



Garden Music, a CD recorded by Cindy & Wade Hoff with pianist, Mark Fearey, is available for a suggested donation of \$10 at the Welcome Center or Church Office with proceeds going towards GCUMC's Chancel Choir.



CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

OCT	2016			2017			2018			2019		
	General	Building	Worship	General	Building	Worship	General	Building	Worship	General	Building	Worship
	80548	33782	7129	82557	22790	5493	45413	18305	4724	50937	22405	5088

WISH LIST

Want to give back to GGUMC beyond your pledge to the General Budget or Building Fund?

Below are Wish List items that will better enable us to fulfill our mission as a church:

- Building Debt Payoff (*1.1 million*)
- Fellowship Hall (*estimated cost \$2.4 million; \$500K given so far*)
- Playground (*\$20,000-40,000; \$63,395 given so far*)
- Stained Glass for upper Sanctuary windows near ceiling (*\$142,514 given so far; \$6,176 per 2'5"x 2'8.5" remaining panel*)
- Organ Pipes: (*\$112,535 given so far*)
- New Church Multi-Site Start-Up (*\$3,336 given so far*)

Access ACS



You can add/update your photo and contact info — and so much more using GCUMC's online directory, AccessACS! If you aren't already using it, but would like to, send an email to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org with "AccessACS" in the subject line and we'll email you login instructions.

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

...Get connected!



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

✚ AccessACS: Very easy to set-up/modify 1-time/recurring donations; Call Church Office for info.

✚ eGiving: www.GoldCanyonUMC.org and click "Make Donation" button. This link now takes you to AccessACS electronic giving.

✚ TEXT your gift by sending "goldcanyonumc" to 73256 and follow screen instructions.



HAVE YOU CONSIDERED GIFTING YOUR HOME TO GCUMC?

✚ ... it's a practical means of reducing the size of one's estate.

✚ ... it simplifies life for one's heirs and executor (personal representative).

✚ ... it eliminates the hassle of having one's home on the market.

✚ ... it reduces one's taxes.

✚ ... it helps reduce the church's debt.

✚ ... it can be done through a lifetime estate, allowing a person to continue living in the home.



You can watch our 8:00am, 9:30am, 10:50am and 5:00pm worship services and some events LIVE by:

- Liking and following our Facebook page (www.Facebook.com/GoldCanyonUMC/)
- Going to <https://livestream.com/accounts/11627355>, or
- <http://goldcanyonumc.org/watch-worship-services-live/>

Past sermons and events can also be viewed using the above links.



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WORSHIP SERVICES

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

(Childcare available at 8:00am, 9:30am and 10:50am services)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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

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