



SPEED LIMIT ?

How wide is God's mercy?

Some think the circle of God's mercy just includes them and a few others. You probably know some churches that believe that they will be the only ones in heaven. Some draw the circle of God's mercy to include every person on earth. Does that mean that

all those who are intentionally hurting other people will be in heaven?

Are there any limits to God's love? Should there be any limits to our love?

- **January 5** – *Any Limits...to God's Mercy?*
- **January 12** – *Any Limits...to Love?*

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FROM THE PASTOR: "DONALD'S MEMORIAL SERVICE"



On Saturday, December 7th we held a Memorial Service for Donald Brigham. For the last ten years Donald spent many hours sitting on the bench in front of the medical center on Kings Ranch road. At night he would sleep in various locations around Gold Canyon. For a time he slept behind our church. Most recently he was sleeping at the Foothills Baptist Church.

Since Donald's homeless situation was well-known in Gold Canyon, many people sought to help him through gifts and assistance. Some would buy him something to drink and sit with him on his bench. When Donald ended up in the hospital, quite a few people from Gold Canyon drove to Scottsdale to visit him. When he died almost 300 people attended his Memorial Service at Gold Canyon United Methodist Church. That's how much he was loved by our community and church.

Erica Meeks with the help of others was able to find Donald's family. It turned out they had not seen him in 10 years even though they were living in Phoenix. We were pleased that Donald's ex-wife and daughter were able to attend his service. We also found out the Donald has three children and three grandchildren.

During the Memorial Service about 30 people expressed just how much Donald meant to them. They shared about how Donald cared about others. One church member shared how she fell in front of Donald's bench and he quickly got up, walked over and helped her get back to her feet.

Someone stated that Donald never took more than he needed. Another person recalled offering Donald a bunch of water bottles and Donald said, "I only need one." If he received more than what he needed, he would give it to somebody else. He had a giving nature.

Tressa sang two songs at his Memorial service. It was the right amount to sing because previously Tressa had brought Donald into her hair salon and invited him to sit down and while she sang some songs to him. Tressa played her baby grand and sang two songs but when she was getting ready to sing a third song he said, "I think I've had enough." Donald promptly got up and left. Two songs in his service was the right amount.

I think all of us left the service feeling blessed for knowing Donald. During the service we gave thanks that now his mental illness was gone and he was made whole. And that's, good news!

I will see you on Sunday.

Grace and peace,

Fred

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



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & EVANGELISM

Pastor Katharine Keller

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

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.

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 to) 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 for day and evening groups. Please contact Facilitators, Rev. Fay Quanstrom or Pastor Katharine with any questions.

WOMEN'S ONE-DAY RETREAT



Wonderfull World – Where Women Explore God's Love and Wonder.

We will embark on a virtual journey around the world through this relational women's retreat experience. Various Bible stories will be explored to uncover answers to some of our biggest "wonderings" about God, like "I wonder where God is when life is hard?" Facilitators will be Rev. Fay Quanstrom and Pastor Katharine.

Our retreat will be held on the church campus in the Education Building on Saturday, February 22nd from 9:00am—4:00pm. The cost is \$50 per person for continental breakfast, salad lunch and materials; a \$25 non-refundable deposit is required upon signing up. We invite all to participate; so, please bring a friend. A

Registration Forms is available on the next page, or in the lobby of either building beginning the first weekend of January.

FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER!



SHROVE TUESDAY

Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner returns! In celebration of Fat Tuesday (the day before the somber Ash Wednesday), otherwise known as Shrove Tuesday, Team Outreach will be hosting our annual FREE all-you-can eat Community Pancake Dinner on our campus on Tuesday, February 25th from 4:30pm—6:30pm in the Education Building! No reservations are necessary. Donations will be accepted to benefit the Genesis Project, an organization that feeds those in need in Apache Junction. Come feast on pancakes before the Lent Season begins and bring a friend. Save the Date!

EASTER SILENT AUCTION



To support our Easter mission we will hold our annual Silent Auction in March. For this event people donate a basket full of goodies or a handmade "craft of distinction" (lamp, woodworking, jewelry, pottery, etc.) One could also make a meal for a certain amount of people. There will be more details in February's newsletter, but you creative persons – be thinking about what you might like to donate! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Katharine.

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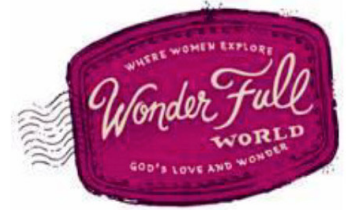


To volunteer prepping food, cooking, dining with the 20-40 residents, and cleaning-up kitchen and dining room, contact Pat Bolster (480)650-4011. Your contact info will be added to the volunteer roster and each month you'll be notified of upcoming date(s), as well as be able to opt in or out as your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



WOMEN'S 1-DAY RETREAT

SAT., 2/22 FROM 9:00AM-4:00PM
IN THE KOINONIA ROOM



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City/ST/Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Allergies/Special Needs/

Dietary Restrictions? ☐ Yes ☐ No Please explain: _____

\$25 Deposit Paid: ☐ Yes ☐ No Date / Check #: _____

\$25 Balance Due Paid: ☐ Yes ☐ No Date / Check #: _____

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 revstein78@gmail.com.

THIS
IS THE
HOLY LAND

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CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Sherry Hussein

A NOTE FROM SHERRY

The Christmas Holiday has come and gone, we are moving on into the New Year, 2020. Let's keep the JOY of JESUS in our Hearts. Jesus, Our Savior. Jesus, The Light of the World. When I think of Jesus, I think of the children, the Nursery at church, Sunday School classes, songs like "Jesus Loves Me," and "This Little Light of Mine." Let your JOY continue to shine, for the children. Looking forward to an amazing year in our children's ministries. Happy New Year!

SIDEWALK MINISTRY



Sidewalk Children's Outreach Ministry continues to serve children in the Apache Junction area. We meet from 10:00am—12:00pm at Desert Chapel UMC three Saturdays a month through April. Many of the children consider Sidewalk "their Church", as they do not attend another Church.

December was an exciting month with our Advent lessons, the crafts they made, our visit to the residents at Aurora House Assisted Living Community, and the gifts children received. We are always teaching the children about giving, and how good it makes you feel to bless someone else. Even if we don't have much, we can still give something.



Every Saturday at Sidewalk we have prayer circle and offering, before we children eat lunch. Our offerings this year will be given to Jose's Closet in Apache Junction, a resource center for foster, adoptive, and kinship families in AZ. The children of Sidewalk will be taking a tour of Jose's Closet in the near future.

Our ministry continues to be blessed by so many wonderful people. We are very grateful to our GCUMC family and their continued support of Sidewalk. In addition, many thanks goes to the congregation of Chandler UMC for blessing Sidewalk with their December Communion offerings. The donations to our children's ministry helps us to continue serving lunches on Saturdays. We also were recently blessed with gift cards from Willowbrook UMC in Sun City, AZ. GOD IS SO GOOD! We are certainly blessed and highly favored in our Sidewalk Ministry.

We transport the children in our Church bus/van, picking them up from their homes in Apache Junction, driving them to our ministry site, also in A.J. Our most urgent need right now is volunteers as drivers/riders. Please consider helping by volunteering 1 Saturday a month. All volunteers must undergo a background check. If you would like more information on joining Sidewalk and making a difference in a child's life, please contact Sherry Hussein (480) 529-9621 or Bev Stout (480) 926-6479. For questions on transporting children, please contact Kent Hoover (612) 819-3768. Blessings for a New Year filled with hope, peace, joy, and much LOVE.

MIDWEEK MOUNTAINEERS

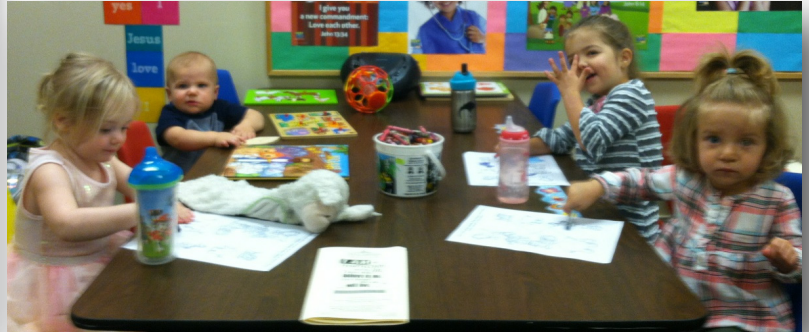


Our midweek children's program for 1st-6th graders meets on Wednesdays, 5-7 p.m., during the school year, in the Education Bldg. We have Bible lessons, games, music, and dinner. December lessons were all about the real meaning of Christmas, and knowing that Jesus came so we can be saved from sin. We will meet January 8, 15, 22, 29. We encourage children to bring a new friend, and join us for a fun, uplifting evening together. Many thanks to all the volunteers that contribute to the success of this ministry.

**Kidz
Kanyon**

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

Happy New Year from some of the children of GCUMC!



PERFORMANCES AND EVENTS 2019-2020

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."

SHAREHOLDERS DINNER INVITATION

For those of you who have donated to the Youth Mission trip, the Youth Ministry program or want to hear about the summer trip, you are invited to attend our ANNUAL SHAREHOLDER'S DINNER on Saturday, Feb. 1st from 5:00pm-7:00pm. We will be serving a taco bar, rice & beans, drinks and dessert. Please RSVP by Tues. Jan 28th by calling the Church Office (480) 982-3776 or email Linda at lindaktlise@gmail.com. Come see a video of our youth trip from last summer and hear the youth talk about their experiences. It should be a fun evening of great food and fellowship!

Blessings, *Linda*



Sunday Bible Study Class

(7th—12th grades)

Sundays at 9:30am

in the Education Building

Creative Bible lessons & discussions!

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

Youth Group

(7th—12th grades)

Sundays at 6:30pm

in the Education Building

Fun faith-based programs & fellowship!

YOUTH CALENDAR—JANUARY 2020

Sun., 1/5	YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL STARFIGHTER ARCADE	9:30am 3:00pm	Education Building Education Building
Sun., 1/12	YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP	9:30am 6:30pm	Education Building Education Building
Sat., 1/18	REHEARSAL FOR YOUTH SUNDAY & Pizza Lunch	10:30am	Sanctuary
Sun., 1/19	YOUTH SUNDAY (Youth Group will be leading all three (3) morning worship services) NO YOUTH GROUP	7:30am	Sanctuary & Koinonia Rm
Sun., 1/26	YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP	9:30am 3:00pm	Education Building Education Building



MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



I'm sure I won't be the only one saying this, but Happy New Year! A new decade has dawned and with that comes hope and new beginnings. I hope that everyone had a festive and joy-filled Christmas season connecting with their family and friends. I would like to offer my gratitude to those of you who attended our 18th Annual Christmas Concerts in December and especially thank all of the musicians for their hard work and participation.

The Christmas Concerts (*photos on page 14*) were a great way to start off the 2019-2020 season of the Gold Canyon UMC Performing Arts Series, so another special thanks to all the attendees for your generous donations at the free-will offering. Your generosity ensures that we can continue to support a fine performing arts program.

The second concert of the season will be on Friday, January 10th at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary, when renowned tenor George Dyer returns — with all your favorites, including music from Opera, Broadway, Jazz standards, as well as spiritual music and covers of newer artists such as Michael Bublé. Come and enjoy a variety of hits!

The third concert of this season will featured the fan-favorite, Legacy Quartet on Sunday, January 26th, at 3:00pm (*doors will open at 2:15pm*). Legacy began as a Southern Gospel quartet and have since expanded their repertoire, becoming much more. Previous concert-goers rave about Legacy, saying that they 'sing the song' and 'walk the walk'. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to see and hear this incredible group. Legacy will be singing at all our services, including the special arrangement of How Great Thou Art, commissioned for the 25th Anniversary of our church. This piece combines the Legacy Quartet with the Chancel Choir, Cindy Hoff, soprano, Agape Brass, and the Canyon Carillon, and is one of the congregation's top favorites. Don't miss this on January 26th!

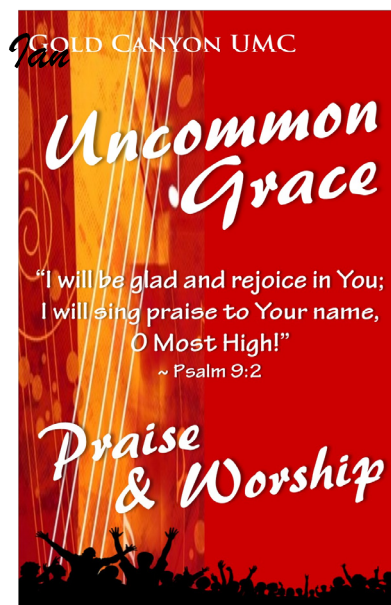
All Gold Canyon UMC Performing Arts Series concerts are open to the public with free admission. A free-will offering will be received to continue to support the artists and series at each concert. Attendees are also asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the GCUMC Food Bank if able.

A few other notes: the Chancel Choir, Orchestra, and Canyon Carillon continue to welcome new members. If you are interested, feel free to contact me by email or by phone. Information can also be found by calling the Church Office or visiting our website.

I'd like to offer my continuing thanks to the many generous donations and regular donations that we receive. They are the foundation for a great future! We continue to accept contributions to the Pipe Organ Fund. This project is very much alive and currently under review.

Finally, I'd like to thank all of the ushers, chefs, custodians, Audio/Visual Tech personnel, and volunteers in general who help make our concerts run smoothly. We would not be able to put on a great series without you.

Peace and Happy New Year!



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



COSTA RICA TRIP TO RICE & BEANS

Gold Canyon's team of ten will spend January 19-26 in Costa Rica working with Rice and Beans Ministry. You may recall that our 2018 Easter offering was dedicated to purchasing food bags for this ministry. Thank you for your generous support of brothers and sisters in Christ who have so little for basic necessities.

Last year, Caryl and Charlie Lang, Rosemary and Duri Arquisch, Randi Olson, Dolores Clausen, Bob Moyer, Pam Pitman, Kay Merrill, and Fay Quanstrom worked on construction each morning, assisted with the placement of steel two-by-fours, washing and painting girders, cutting wire, and tying rebar baskets. After lunch we packed food bags (rice, beans, masa, dry milk) and went door-to-door in various neighborhoods delivering these gifts of food and praying with family members. We were often invited into the modest homes and also saw utter poverty and incredible crowding in sub-standard living conditions. One family with "nothing" pressed a gift of gratitude for our prayers, a few garlic cloves, into our hands! "Out of her

poverty she gave what she could," Jesus said of the widow and her mite. We also gave dresses, t-shirts and wooden toys, sent with us by generous craftspeople, to the children. Another aspect of the 2019 trip was the presence of another volunteer group with whom we worked and served.

We shared delicious meals and rich times of evening worship as well as outdoor communion on the worksite at the end of the week. Each of us dropped a prayer or Scripture promise into the hole in which a citrus tree was then planted. These and the remainder of the poured-out Communion elements will nourish the tree as it takes root, grows, and produces fruit. On our final day we visited Waterfall Park in the cloud forest, where an abundance of butterflies and hummingbirds, as well as rescued wildlife, birds, snakes, and amphibians are displayed next to a successive trio of waterfalls. God blessed us with safety, great fellowship and new experiences during our week in this beautiful country.

The 2020 trip is planned for January 11-18. Won't you consider being part of this adventure with God?



Gold Canyon United Methodist Church supports these Global Missions:





PASTORAL & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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

RESOLUTION



How are you doing with your New Year's Resolutions so far? Studies show that less than 25% of people actually stay committed to their resolutions after just 30

days, and only 8% accomplish them. Yet, others argue that resolution make a difference in the behavior of those who make them as compared to those who don't. Whatever the value of New Year's resolutions, resolve is an important part of living the Christian life.

In Luke 9 Jesus interviewed three people all of whom had reasons why they could not at that time follow Him. In response, He said "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." This somewhat confusing statement is essentially a call to resolve to follow Jesus. Like a farmer who begins to prepare for planting, followers of

Jesus need to "keep on keeping on."

Will you resolve to follow Jesus as the main focus of your life in these early days of the New Year? By establishing your priority, you will find that along the way the Holy Spirit will nudge you to serve others. In the end that's the heart of pastoral care and the privilege of God's people. Our service gives substance to our resolve.

Frances Ridley Havergal expressed Christian resolve this way in the first verse of her famous hymn,

"Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee; Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise, Let them flow in ceaseless praise."

I encourage you to mediate on these words and also read the other verses to this hymn so that you may be inspired to make and live out your resolve to follow Jesus this New Year.

—Dr. David Worley



... AND ON THE COUNTRY SIDE

Dr. David Worley

STILL GIVING CHRISTMAS GIFTS



As we start a New Year, we look forward to beginning afresh and welcoming additional people who return from colder climates to our service. I am also grateful for the

number of people who regularly attend our service, including those who attend an earlier worship service on the Lord's Day either at GCUMC or another congregation. What a joy to share our worship time together!

We are blessed by the musical leadership of Dave and Carol Ballard, One in the Spirit and Wranglers for the Lord. Ron Houser often adds to our worship time, as well. Thank you to everyone who is engaged in the ministry of music.

One of the Christmas gifts I offered to everyone who attended during December of last year is the opportunity to offer suggestions for sermons in 2020. I received several ideas which I am reviewing. I will plan some messages related to those topics beginning in January, including the Bible's insights regarding the return of the Lord. I am, then, still giving Christmas gifts in the New Year.

The Psalmist David declared, "I have been anointed with fresh oil" (Ps. 92:10), which is a beautiful picture of new beginnings ordained by God. As we worship in the Country and Western service this year, I trust that we, like David, will together enjoy fresh insight and inspiration guided by the Holy Spirit. Join us!



PASTORAL & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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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Pastor Katharine Keller, Associate Pastor

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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.

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E-Mail _____

2. Name _____ and _____

E-Mail _____

Thank you!

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

Roger Bovee
Carolyn Burch
Larry Granquist
Richard Hoff (SD)
Dan Paynich (MT)
Leroy Salzbrun
Grace Bannick

Ian Gust
Bill Berger
June Bruss
Charles Tirrito
Harley Bratton
Linda Jones
Art Schlee

In Remembrance

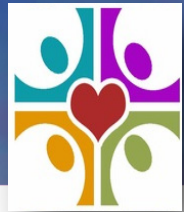
Pray one for Another

- James 5:16



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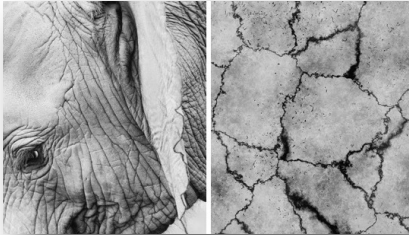
Please email prayer requests to gcumcprayers@gmail.com.



CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

RESOLUTION OR SOLUTION



I In the past few weeks we have probably all heard the words "New Years Resolution" numerous times. Most of us have a lot of experience with resolutions in years

past, and statistics unfortunately show an incredibly low success rate in meeting goals set forth in our resolutions.

I was curious, so I looked into a couple of definitions – resolution vs. solution. The words are so close, and one actually includes the other. I found that indeed the two words sometimes refer to the same thing. But "resolution" is almost always used in the case of a conflict. There's usually some kind of stress involved. Resolution is described as a firm decision to do or not to do something, and is indicative of intent, resolve, and strength of will. Clearly, we are deciding to, and then making something happen.

Solution, on the other hand, is a means of solving a problem or dealing with a difficult situation. Solving or finding the answer to a problem does not necessarily involve a conflict.

Interesting if you think about it. Don't we often attempt to handle our problems or challenges by "strength of will" (resolution), rather than utilizing the greatest "means of solving a problem" (solution) of all time - prayer and trust in God?

Why do we seem to find it so hard to rely on God to guide us? We desperately seek change, improvement, peace, stability – yet our fallback position seems to be trying to make something happen rather than reliance on God.

I recently heard some excellent words of wisdom in a daily devotional. The message went something like this... *Worry is faith in fear. If you pray, then worry, it nullifies your prayer. You are saying "I don't believe God can do it... So I'm going to worry just in case." Worry is taking on a burden God never intended you to have... so in essence, you are playing God. Why would you trust God for everlasting life but not trust Him to meet your daily needs?*

Very good question! I think the answer is "human nature." How about we work on that moving into this new year? Instead of a traditional resolution that relies on your own strength of will, consider telling yourself "God will give me the grace, strength and capability to go through the challenge or the problem facing me." Instead of worry and willing what we want to happen, resolve to let God be the solution.

We continually resolve to do all these things, but ultimately, God's got it! Out of our need for control, lack of trust, egotism, and impatience we often blow God off, sometimes intentionally and sometimes not. I once heard a pastor say "I don't know what I'm gonna do, but I know a God who knows what I'm gonna do." And it cannot be said better than in Jeremiah 29:11 - *For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.*

My prayers moving into 2020 are to keep it simple. God has my back and my job is to trust him in that. How about yours?

If you are unsure what your path looks like moving into this new year, if you can't relinquish control, or if each next step feels a bit like going over a speed bump, remember that God has placed 5 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.

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.*

*In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.*

~ Proverbs 3:5-6 (NRSV)

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE 2019

In December a service was held in the Sanctuary to remember loved ones who have passed away during the past year. It was a beautiful time of Scripture readings, hymns and prayers, and the lighting of candles for those who had gone before us.





MINISTRY & MISSIONS

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



*"Where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also."
- Matthew 6:21 (NIV)*

With the beginning of a new year, many of us think of New Year's resolutions: lose weight, exercise more, save more, get more organized. Personally, I try to reassess my life and invest more in those things I value, such as family, friends, and my church. As president of Gold Canyon United Methodist Women, I try to evaluate how our unit is doing as a whole and whether we are living up to the ideals and goals of UMW. Since we reorganized 2½ years ago, I believe we have come a long way! We have identified and given time and money to many local and international missions. We have learned a great deal about ourselves and our faith. We have had two successful Sunday Market fundraisers and had our first UMW Sunday this year. We have laughed and had fun and made lifelong friends! Our UMW is filled with amazing women of faith!



In 2020, I pray that we continue to grow and reach out to those in need, no matter where they are. I pray that we stretch ourselves and get outside our comfort zones. I pray that we focus on those treasures in this life

upon which Christ would have us focus. We will be meeting in the next two weeks to determine our meeting programs and goals for this next year. We hope that you pray that God guides us and we pray that you join us on this journey!

Our UMW leaders, as well as any interested woman, will be attending our annual "Leadership Enrichment Event" on Saturday, January 18, 2020, at Red Mountain UMC. This event provides us with many opportunities to meet with other UMW's and learn more about our leadership positions.

Upcoming UMW Meetings:

- **January 25:** "A Mission Trip to Africa with Days for Girls Ministry" Local church members who traveled

to South Africa in July 2019 will present a slideshow and informative talk on their experiences. Days for Girls empowers girls and women worldwide with more dignity, health and safety through access to quality sustainable menstrual health management and education.

- **February 15:** TBD

- **March 21:** "Unfolding A Pieced Life" Rev. Fay Quanstrom will use her quilt work to reflect on her personal journey using changed circumstances and opportunities for creative expression of her faith.

We continue to collect books for the "Open Books . . . Open Hearts" ministry and feminine hygiene and toiletry products for the Gold Canyon Food Bank. If you have questions about this article or you would like to join us in our mission work, contact me, Carol Johnson, at (602)750-2008 / CarolJohnsonAZ@yahoo.com.

FOOD BANK



The GCUMC Food Bank continues to experience an increase of people in need of food assistance. We experienced a 10 percent increase in 2019 over the number of families served the previous year.

Unfortunately, due to the likely reduction of those receiving SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits in 2020, we are expecting a continuing increase in the number of those in need. As a result, the Food Bank has added additional refrigeration and processing stations. This has also changed our focus to providing food only. Your continued financial support and food items donations are still gratefully needed and appreciated. From all of us at the Food Bank, we wish you a blessed and safe New Year!

SOFIE'S START



Mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual Flaire Fashion Show & Luncheon fundraiser for Sofie's Start Ministry set for Feb 8th! The Sofie's Start Ministry aims to change lives by helping families move from crisis to independence... and we always have a wonderful time with fashion, food and fellowship! If you have any

questions about this event or the ministry please call Colette Bos at the Church Office number and leave a message.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



We are looking forward to participating in building a home with the Garay family in Apache Junction this winter as part of our membership in the Superstition Coalition of churches in the East Valley. The location is 626 W

Lawson, near Ironwood and Broadway.

Lucia Garay was born in Mexico and relocated to Phoenix 16 years ago. Her daughter Joanna and her twin boys, Bryan and Brandon, were born here. For the last five years she has worked in the culinary industry and has had a great passion for cooking. Her children do well in school and have high aspirations for their careers. But she has struggled to keep up with payments on her apartment. Lucia is very grateful for the opportunity to own her own home through Habitat.

Please pray for this ministry and consider donating money or time to this effort.

Please mark your check memo for "Habitat for Humanity," or make your contribution online at www.GoldCanyonUMC.org. Thanks so much for your ongoing support of this ministry! For more info, please contact Joe and Maureen Morton at (602)284-2826 or MoandJoeM@aol.com.

ANGEL TREE MISSION 2019



This year our church family assisted 28 families referred to us by Project Help, Hope Women's Center, or Sidewalk Sunday School. We have had a successful mission. We helped 84 children, their parent(s), and grandparents if they are living in the same household.

Thank you for your generosity and assistance with donations, and volunteer work. This Mission takes a huge effort of many to come to a successful completion. I would not be able to do this Mission alone. The efforts of the congregation and the following members of the Angel Team are amazing:

Lucy Kidwell	Deb Tufte	Aileen Joyce
Dave Kidwell	Bonnie Becker	Terri Bright
Bob Carnahan	Carole Lindemann	Sherry Hussein
Karen Carnahan	Melvis Luther	Gail Crawford
Frank Annin	Jean Kaul	Nancy Denman

Karen Annin	Chris Houser	June Welker
Janet Ford	Lauren Collins-Mitchell	Georgia Kirkpatrick
Jack Ford	Alyce Ancell	Dee Ashe
Nellie Moore	Betty Rolley	Fred Steinberg
Karen Waytenick	Ginger Martindale	Beth Steinberg
Barbara Thum	Charlotte Martin	Riechia Ralston
Jeff Hayes	Claudette Haigh	Colette Bos
Caryl Lang	Jerri Manbeck	Tina Bird
Charlie Lang	Rush Tucker	John Ewing
Kathy Fabish	Paula Tucker	Ruth Ewing
Jan Daniels	Linda Clise	Barbara Thum
Lorelei Clise		

SCRIP "BUS & VAN FUND" MINISTRY



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.



Amazon shoppers... if you haven't done it already, be sure to link your account to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://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>.



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.

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

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

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS 2019

Many thanks to the many musicians, Ushers, Greeters, Tech Ministry and other behind-the-scenes volunteers who helped to make this year's Christmas Concert one of beauty and celebration for the coming of Christ's birth!



Chancel Choir, Canyon Carillon, Organ, Agape Brass



Uncommon Grace Praise Band



Chancel Choir, Canyon Carillon, Organ



A few of our "Shepherd" Greeters



JANUARY 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!*

Happy Birthday!

Bennett, Kay 01/01
 Sohocki, Dena 01/01
 Ziegrowsky, Sheila (01/01
 Karr, Janet 01/02
 Holbrook, Sonia 01/04
 Wilson, Don 01/04
 Zabel, Darlene 01/04
 Clymer, Ruth 01/05
 Digerness, Bruce 01/05
 Virden, Nancy 01/05
 Barraza, Angela 01/08
 Cassella, Channan 01/08
 Richardson, Connie 01/08
 Mulry, Kathleen (Katie) 01/09
 Brown, Vernon 01/10
 Bowman, Judith 01/12
 Johnson, Leila 01/12
 Palmer, Charles (Charlie) 01/12
 Beebe, William (Bill) 01/13
 Blank, Donald (Don) 01/13
 Hopkins, Barbara 01/13
 Miller, John 01/13
 Allen, Florence 01/14
 Berry, Myra 01/14
 Bressler, Kent 01/14
 Kalik, Allison Shannon 01/14
 Schoeff, Gary 01/14
 Mogharbel, Karen 01/15
 Tirrito, Janine 01/15
 Burhans, Lyle 01/16
 Peterson, McKenna 01/16
 Nefzer, Richard (Rick) 01/18
 Schwartz, Myrtice (Ann) 01/18

Barraza, Gabriel 01/19
 Collins-Mitchell, Lauren 01/19
 Larson, Sharon 01/19
 Trout, Nancy 01/19
 Wion, Carol 01/19
 Broadley, Louise 01/20
 Hammond, Lynda 01/21
 Krull, Richard (Rich) 01/22
 Barnes, Rachel 01/23
 Kalik, Stephen 01/23
 Miller, Sally 01/23
 McLeod, Suzanne 01/24
 Mogharbel, Abed 01/24
 Carpenter, Tim 01/25
 Kruger, Gaylord 01/25
 Parsons, Phillip (Phil) 01/25
 Ritenour, James (Jim) 01/25
 Allensworth, Jacquelyn (Jaci) 01/26
 Gray, Phyllis 01/26
 Kingsley, Ruth 01/26
 Nelson, Bill 01/26
 Yoder, Gail 01/26
 Niemann, Marlene 01/27
 Scharringhausen, Fred 01/28
 Annin, Karen 01/29
 Baker, Patricia (Patti) 01/29
 Feather, Shirley 01/30
 Walker, Barb 01/30
 Carpenter, Cheryl 01/31
 Kies, Sherry 01/31
 Russell, Nancy 01/31

Happy Anniversary!

Campbell, Frank & Sandy 01/01
 Ramacher, Don & Marcielle 01/03
 Dauenhauer, Connie & Dick 01/08
 Voorhees, Deb & Steve 01/08
 Miller, Chris & Mike 01/09
 Pappalardo, Michelle & Robert 01/09
 Steinberg, Beth & Fred 01/09
 Gaulke, Donald & Norma 01/10
 Elieff, Helen & Jim 01/11
 Fratt, Genie & Robert 01/12
 Huffman, Darlene & Gene 01/15
 Keller, Julius & Katharine 01/15
 Rodgers, Barb & Will 01/17
 Ballard, Carol & David 01/18
 Johnson, Woody & Carol 01/19
 Burhans, Judith & Lyle 01/22
 Elco, Jackie & James 01/25
 Rolf, Jayne & Vern 01/25
 Paone, Albert & Ellen 01/29
 Cook, Trish & Ted 01/30





JANUARY CALENDAR

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

Wed Jan 1	All day	New Year's Day / OFFICE CLOSED	12pm	Memorial Reception: Judy Clemenson (KR/ER/K)	
	12am	Youth Group Lock-In (EB)	1pm	DISCIPLE 2 (MC-Esther)	
Thu Jan 2	9am	De-Greening of the Church	1pm	DISCIPLE 4 (Emmaus Rm)	
	9am	Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC-Stephen)	5pm	Midweek Mountaineers (Educ Bldg/Kitchen)	
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)	5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (Koinonia)	
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music)	6pm	Mtg: Vista del Corozon HOA-DRC (MC-Stephen)	
Fri Jan 3	10am	Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical League (E-MC)	7pm	Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)	
	5:30pm	AA (Emmaus)	Thu Jan 9	All day	Rice & Beans Mission Trip (Costa Rica)
Sat Jan 4	All day	Rice & Beans Mission Trip (Costa Rica)	9am	Lions Club Mtg (SoGR)	
	10am	Mtg: GC Coordinating Council (MC-S)	11am	Memorial: Carolyn Burch (S)	
Sun Jan 5	All day	Rice & Beans Mission Trip (Costa Rica)	12pm	Memorial Reception: Carolyn Burch (KR/ER/K)	
	8am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)	1pm	Gold Canyon Arts Council Mtg (MC-Stephen)	
	9am	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)	
	9:30am	"The Table" Adult Discussion Group (MC-Martha)	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music)	
	9:30am	Children Sunday School (EB)	Fri Jan 10	All day	Rice & Beans Mission Trip (Costa Rica)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)		10am	Mind Menders (Emmaus)
	9:30am	Youth Participate in Worship (Sanctuary)		10am	Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical League (E-MC)
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (Noah's Ark)		5:30pm	AA (Emmaus)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (Koinonia)	7:30pm	Concert: George Dyer (Sanctuary)	
	5pm	Country Western Worship (KR)	Sat Jan 11	All day	Rice & Beans Mission Trip (Costa Rica)
6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)	Sun Jan 12	8am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)	
Mon Jan 6	All day	Rice & Beans Mission Trip (Costa Rica)	9am	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)	
	9:30am	Bible Banter (Emmaus)	9:30am	"The Table" Adult Discussion Group (MC-Martha)	
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)	
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)	9:30am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)	
	5:30pm	Mtg: Sierra Vista HOA Mtg (Esther-MC)	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (Noah's Ark)	
	7pm	Al-Anon (Sea of Galilee)	10:50am	Praise Worship (Koinonia)	
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)	5pm	Country Western Worship (KR)	
	6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)	6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)	
Tue Jan 7	All day	Rice & Beans Mission Trip (Costa Rica)	Mon Jan 13	9:30am	Bible Banter (Emmaus)
	2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)		10am	UMW Leadership Committee (SoGR)
	4:30pm	Team Outreach (MC-Esther)		1pm	Coffee with the Pastor (Music)
	6pm	One in the Spirit Reh (KR)		1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)
	6pm	Trustees Mtg (MC-Stephen)	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)	
	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)	7pm	Al-Anon (Sea of Galilee)	
	7pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)	7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)	
	Wed Jan 8	All day	Rice & Beans Mission Trip (Costa Rica)	Tue Jan 14	9am
9:30am		Music Library Activities (Music)	9:30am		GC Garden Club (MC-M)
10am		Women's Study: Keep It Shut (B-MC)	2pm		DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
11am		Cancer Support Group (Emmaus)	6pm		Mtg: Building Committee (MC-B)
11am		Memorial: Judy Clemenson Vogt (S)	6pm		One in the Spirit Reh (KR)
11:45am		Healing & Prayer Time (MC-Stephen)			

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	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)		1pm	DISCIPLE 2 (MC-Esther)
	7pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)		1pm	DISCIPLE 4 (Emmaus Rm)
Wed Jan 15	9:30am	Music Library Activities (Music)		5pm	Midweek Mountaineers (Educ Bldg/Kitchen)
	10am	Women's Study: Keep It Shut (B-MC)		5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (Koinonia)
	11am	Cancer Support Group (Emmaus)		7pm	Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-Stephen)	Thu Jan 23	9am	Days for Girls Workshop (MC-Barnabas)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 2 (MC-Esther)		1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 4 (Emmaus Rm)		6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music)
	5pm	Midweek Mountaineers (Educ Bldg/Kitchen)	Fri Jan 24	10am	Mind Menders (Emmaus)
	5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (Koinonia)		10am	Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical League (E-MC)
	7pm	Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)		5:30pm	AA (Emmaus)
Thu Jan 16	9am	Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC-Stephen)	Sat Jan 25	9am	GCAC Festival (Grounds, Kitchen)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)	Sun Jan 26	8am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
	6pm	El Mirador BoD Mtg (MC-Esther)		9am	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music)		9:30am	"The Table" Adult Discussion Group (MC-Martha)
Fri Jan 17	10am	Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical League (E-MC)		9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
	5pm	Reserved (S)		9:30am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
	5:30pm	AA (Emmaus)		10:50am	Children's Sunday School (Noah's Ark)
	7:30pm	GCAC Concert: Akropolis Wind Quartet (Sanctuary)		10:50am	Praise Worship (Koinonia)
Sat Jan 18	10am	UMW Mtg (MC-Barnabas)		3pm	Concert: Legacy Quartet (Sanctuary)
	10am	Youth Sunday Rehearsal (S & KR)		5pm	Country Western Worship (KR)
Sun Jan 19	All day	YOUTH SUNDAY		6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)
	8am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)	Mon Jan 27	9:30am	Bible Banter (Emmaus)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)		1pm	Class: Acts of the Apostles (ER)
	9:30am	"The Table" Adult Discussion Group (MC-Martha)		1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)		1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)		7pm	Al-Anon (Sea of Galilee)
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (Noah's Ark)		7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (Koinonia)	Tue Jan 28	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-Barnabas)
	5pm	Country Western Worship (KR)		2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)		6pm	One in the Spirit Reh (KR)
Mon Jan 20	All day	Martin Luther King Jr. Day		6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	9:30am	Bible Banter (Emmaus)		7pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)
	1pm	Class: Acts of the Apostles (ER)	Wed Jan 29	9:30am	Music Library Activities (Music)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)		10am	Women's Study: Keep It Shut (B-MC)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)		11am	Cancer Support Group (Emmaus)
	7pm	Al-Anon (Sea of Galilee)		11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-Stephen)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)		1pm	DISCIPLE 2 (MC-Esther)
Tue Jan 21	2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)		1pm	DISCIPLE 4 (Emmaus Rm)
	6pm	One in the Spirit Reh (KR)		5pm	Midweek Mountaineers (Educ Bldg/Kitchen)
	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)		5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (Koinonia)
	7pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)		7pm	Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)
Wed Jan 22	8am	Newsletter Team (Music)	Thu Jan 30	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)
	9:30am	Music Library Activities (Music)		6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music)
	10am	Women's Study: Keep It Shut (B-MC)	Fri Jan 31	10am	Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical League (E-MC)
	11am	Cancer Support Group (Emmaus)		5:30pm	AA (Emmaus)
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-Stephen)			



BITS-N-BYTES

ROADRUNNER & BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please send your content for the
February Roadrunner
 via email to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org
no later than 8:00am, Friday, 1/6/2020

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>



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.

George Dyer Concert

Friday, 1/10 at 7:30pm
 in the GCUMC Sanctuary

*World-famous Christian tenor
 from Branson, MO*



"Coffee with the Pastor"



**Mon., Jan. 13th
 at 1:00pm in the
 Music Room**

Be a part of GCUMC's ministries!

G.C. Arts Council Concert!
"Akropolis Wind Quartet"
 Fri., 1/17 at 7:30pm
 in the Sanctuary



- Ticketed event for a fee
- For more info call (480)983-2171 or visit www.gcac1.com
- Bring 1+ non-perishable food item/person for Food Bank!



2020 Gold Canyon Arts Festival

- Sat., 1/25 from 9am–4pm on GCUMC grounds
- Free admission and parking
- Features a large art show, musical groups and a variety of food vendors

Many say it's the best 1-day art show in AZ!



CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

NOV	2016			2017			2018			2019		
	General	Building	Worship	General	Building	Worship	General	Building	Worship	General	Building	Worship
	90587	27708	4842	120215	25902	5931	68530	21935	4924	67020	34521	6669

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:

- Loop Hearing Assist System: (\$48,000)
- Fellowship Hall (cost \$2.4 million; \$549K given so far)
- Building Debt Payoff (\$1,046,545 as of 11/2019)
- Playground (\$66,497; \$51,843 given so far)
- Stained Glass for upper Sanctuary windows near ceiling (\$142,314 given so far; \$6,176 per 2'5"x 2'8.5" remaining panel)
- Organ Pipes: (\$113,932 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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