



## FROM THE PASTOR: "GIVING HANDS, GRATEFUL HEARTS"



During 2019 we paid off \$415,148 of the principal on our building loan. This means we paid \$222,000 over and above our required payments. Now we owe \$1,028,863 on our buildings. We are barely above \$1 million! Wouldn't it be a great to pay off the balance in 2020!

I am grateful for all of you who have contributed to build our facilities for future ministry. We have built buildings in which ministry will take place for hopefully 100 years or more. Your

generosity will help many Christians in the future.

I am also thankful for those who have supported our ministries through the General Budget. Because of this giving, pastors are able to visit people in the hospital, youth are learning about Jesus, people who are hungry are fed, people in distress can find support groups for their needs, those who are grieving are comforted and so much more. The General Budget giving is the hands and feet of the church.

In February we will hold a two-week stewardship campaign titled "Giving Hands, Grateful Hearts." It is out of gratitude for what God has done for us that we want to give back to God and help others. Yet we find as we give that we become even more grateful that we have the ability to be generous.

On Sunday, Feb. 9th we will make financial pledge commitments for 2020. We will invite you to fill out pledge cards for the General Budget and for the Building Fund. I invite you to join our ministry at Gold Canyon United Methodist Church.

I will see you on Sunday.

Grace and peace,

*Fred*



*We know the scriptures say, "God loves a cheerful giver." A cheerful giver doesn't give reluctantly or out of compulsion. A cheerful giver gives out of thanks for all that God does for him or her.*

- February 2 – Grateful Hearts: Cain & Abel
- February 9 – Grateful Hearts: GSL

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## JOIN PASTOR FRED ON A TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND JANUARY 5-18, 2021 (\$3,498)

You're invited to join Pastor Fred and Beth on a tour of the Holy Land in January of 2021. Set for January 5th-18th, we will be touring Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the region of Galilee, Masada, the Dead Sea and much more. There will also be an opportunity to add an extension to see Petra in Jordan. Brochures are available at the Welcome Center. The \$3,498 cost includes round-trip international airfare, lodging, tour guides, transportation and most meals. Early registration discounts are available. If you are traveling solo we can link you up with a roommate. Pastor Fred would be glad to answer questions or email a brochure if you contact him at [revstein78@gmail.com](mailto:revstein78@gmail.com) or leave a message at the Church Office.



*"...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; coming up this month is the **Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner** and the **Spring Eggstravaganza** in early April. 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.

### FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER!



SHROVE TUESDAY

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.

### EASTER SILENT AUCTION



To support our Easter mission (yet to be determined) 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. We have some very talented artisans in our midst! Deadline to bring in donation is Sunday, March 15. Donor forms will be available in the Church Office, Welcome Center or in the Education Building on the first Sunday in February. If you need suggestions, have any questions, or want to make a monetary donation towards a basket, please contact Pastor Katharine.

### WOMEN'S ONE-DAY RETREAT



*"Wonderfull World – Where Women Explore God's Love and Wonder"* is where we'll 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 on the church campus in the Education Building on Sat., 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 Form is available on page 14 of this newsletter, and in the Lobby of either building. The deadline to register along with your deposit is Sunday, February 16th.

### RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE IN MESA



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.

### DISCIPLE 1

Congratulations to the class members who recently completed DISCIPLE 1 taught by Zane Close.







# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Janice Eddy



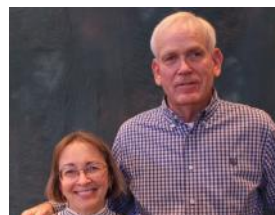
Jim Shoop



Kathy Hicklin



Mary & Phil Linoski



Nancy & David Miller



Jan & Dave Abbott



Deborah Rumpitz



Doug & Lee Hughes



Ed Pullen & Clar Knight



Carol & Glen Hollinsworth



Ron Keeler



## LENTEN MOVIE SERIES



Instead of our typical Lenten Bible Study, we are offering different weekly films which focus on Christ and/or his journey during Holy Week.

Beginning the first week in

March we will show the first of 5 movies, which will be shown Wednesday mornings at 10am and Thursday evenings at 6:30pm—both in the Esther Room (Missions Center). Questions will be sent home for private reflection. Popcorn and water will be available. The films are still being chosen, but we will share the titles in March's newsletter and late February bulletins. Come to one or all of them!

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE



Our Ash Wednesday worship service will be at 7:00pm on 2/26 in the Sanctuary. Please join us for communion and the imposition of ashes.

When you let  
go, something  
magical  
happens, you  
give God room  
to work.



## CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Sherry Hussein

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2020



Calling all volunteers! Reserve your seat on the *Rocky Railway*, "Jesus Power Pulls Us Through" - the theme of our Vacation Bible School 2020 scheduled for June 1st—5th.

Come and join us, share your gifts & talents, and get energized on our Rocky Railway adventure! We had our first planning meeting in January, and we still have lots of volunteer openings: Music leaders, Crew leaders, Bible stories, Game leaders, Video & sound system people, Decorating, and more!

Be sure to watch for our next meeting dates in the Sunday bulletins. If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Hussein in the Church Office.

### 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.

The excitement of Christmas, with gifts and all, has come & gone. We always want the children to remember Jesus, God's gift to us, our Savior.



On December 21 Ms. June presented the Christmas story to the children. We will continue teaching the children about Jesus, loving and nurturing them all, through God's word.



The Sidewalk Ministry girls had a great time decorating the bags for Rice & Beans Ministry, Pastor Fay took them on the Mission trip to Costa Rica.



Sidewalk Ministry transports 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.

### MIDWEEK MOUNTAINEERS



Our midweek children's program for 1st-6th graders meets on Wednesdays from 5pm—7pm during the school year in the Education Bldg.

We have Bible lessons, games, music, and dinner, and We encourage children to bring a new friend and join us for a fun, uplifting evening together.



January and February lessons have been on "Attributes of God", we started with "Almighty and Awesome", and will finish with "Love and Compassion". We will be meeting February 5th, 12th and 19th.

Many thanks goes to all of the cooks, and John Nuss for the music time with children.



*The boys enjoying their decorated cookies, Christmas celebration.*

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

This year's Pageant was a great success! The children were wonderful, they all did such a great performance. Pastor Katharine led the production, and many thanks to all the amazing volunteers that helped with rehearsals and the Pageant performance.



02/09/20 Sun 2:00pm  
 02/14/20 Fri 7:30pm \*  
 02/26/20 Wed 7:00pm  
 03/06/19 Fri 7:30pm \*  
 03/15/20 Sun 2:00pm  
 03/27/20 Fri 7:30pm \*  
 04/05/20 Sun 2:00pm  
 04/09/20 Thu 7:00pm  
 04/10/20 Fri 7:00pm  
 04/12/20 Sun 6:00am  
 04/12/20 Sun 8:00 & 9:30  
 04/12/20 Sun 10:50am  
 04/12/20 Sun 5:00pm

**The Rice Brothers** ...both are virtuoso pianists and cellists

**GCAC Concert: The Four Freshmen**...relive an era of romance and elegance!

**Ash Wednesday Worship** ...join us as we begin the journey through Lent

**GCAC Concert: Carpe Diem String Quartet**...one of the most sought after ensembles

**GCUMC Organ Recital**...to benefit the Pipe Organ Fund

**GCAC Concert: Jeri Sager**...a Broadway veteran with a show to remember!

**Spring Eggstravaganza**...fun community event for kids & families!

**Maundy Thursday Worship** ...special service with communion and ashes

**Good Friday Worship**

**Easter Sunrise Worship** ...in north Parking Lot facing the Superstitions

**Easter Celebration Worship** ...Christ is Arisen with Brass, Bells and Choir

**Easter Praise Worship** ...Uncommon Grace leads our Praise of the Risen Lord

**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)493-6731 or online at [www.gcac1.com](http://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!

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## YOUTH GROUP

Linda Clise, Youth Director

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

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A SHAREHOLDER?

Our Youth Group will be returning to Colorado Springs, CO this summer in June to attend a week-long service project sponsored by Next Step Ministries. We were there in 2017, and there is still so much work to be done! Currently, in Colorado, on any given night there are 16,203 individuals in the state of homelessness. There are 939 just in Colorado Springs alone, and of those 148 are between the ages of 13 and 25.

We will be participating in building projects for families, outreach events to the community, service projects that meet the food and shelter needs of those who are in need. Along with Next Step Ministries, we will be partnering with local churches in the area and Family Life Services which focuses on rebuilding the lives of single moms and their children. Type of work we may be doing: building repair (apartment remodels, flooring, roofing), landscaping at Family Life Services, and working at a food pantry or serving meals at a local shelter.

In order for the youth to financially be participants on this mission trip, would you consider being a shareholder? The cost per share is \$400, half a share is \$200, a quarter share is \$100, but any amount is greatly appreciated. As a shareholder, you will receive a letter from the youth telling about their trip plus you will be invited to attend the "Shareholder Thank You Dinner" where you will see a video and hear stories from the teens about their experiences. These trips are life changing for the participants as well as the people they are serving! If you wish to donate, please mark your checks or giving envelopes to "Youth Group Mission Trip".

For those of you who have made donations to the Youth Group this year, you are already considered shareholders and the money will go to the mission trip. Thank you so much for making these trips possible!

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—FEBRUARY 2020

Sat., 2/1	<b>SHAREHOLDERS DINNER</b> <i>Those who went on Mission Trip need to help with set-up, the program, and clean-up</i>	4:30pm	Education Building
Sun., 2/2	<b>YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL NO YOUTH GROUP</b>	9:30am	Education Building <i>Enjoy Your Super Bowl Parties!</i>
Sun., 2/9	<b>YOUTH GROUP</b>	6:30pm	Education Building
Sun., 2/16	<b>YOUTH SUNDAY</b>	6:30am	Education Building
Sun., 2/23	<b>YOUTH GROUP</b>	6:30pm	Education Building





## MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



February – also known as peak season for us here at Gold Canyon United Methodist Church! I'm still relatively new on staff, so I while I've heard about the growth in attendees on Sundays in the winter, let's just say seeing is believing. I'd like to offer my warmest 'welcome back' to those of you who spend your winter months here and my sincerest thanks for all the welcoming and words of praise I've received from everyone — winter visitors and year-rounders included. Since this is our busiest time of year, I'll get right to it:

The GCUMC Orchestra is recruiting still, and hoping to get some additional instrumentalists for this Spring. If you still have a dusty old violin, trombone, clarinet – or any instrument really — somewhere at home just waiting to be played, you're welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm. You do not have to be a virtuoso to join!

Choir of course is always recruiting, as well. We've grown substantially since the Christmas concerts, but there is still room! Choir rehearses on Thursday nights at 6:30pm in the Music Room.

While our music program doesn't require you to be a virtuoso to join, we will be hosting two virtuosos in concert this month! The fourth concert of the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church Performing Arts Series will feature the world-renowned Rice Brothers in concert on Sunday, February 9th at 2:00pm. Both Rice Brothers, Chris and Johnny, are fabulous cellists and pianists, performing in Europe and across North America, even earning a coveted billing at Carnegie Hall. Featuring exquisite technique along-side warm musicality, the Rice Brothers will perform a variety of music, everything from Bach and Chopin to Jazz and Boogie-woogie. There is certain to be something for everyone so bring your friends and family to a great concert. Doors will open at 1:15pm and the event will be live-streamed for those of you unable to make it that afternoon.

As always, all GCUMC Performing Arts Series concerts are free admission and handicap accessible. A free-will offering will be received in order to support the series and artists, and if you're able, please remember to bring a non-perishable food item for the GCUMC Food Bank.

I hope everyone will take advantage of everything our church has to offer this month, as well as the fine Arizona weather we will have. As always, feel free to say hello to

me after services or reach out to me via email or office phone.

Peace and best regards,

*Ian*

**MUSICIANS WANTED**

*Orchestra rehearses Wednesdays at 7:00pm*  
**Contact Ian for more info!**

**New Members Welcome!**

**CHOIR**  
 Rehearsal  
**Thursdays at 6:30pm**

**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

### "RICE & BEANS" MISSION WORK TEAM RETURN FROM COSTA RICA



On January 4th the 2020 GCUMC mission work team left for a week with Rice and Beans Ministries in Costa Rica. We worked side-by-side with the residential Costa Rican team on

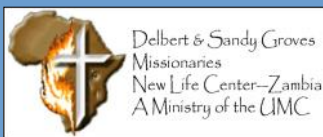
a variety of projects.

Our day began with a hearty breakfast at 6:30. We spent mornings working to repair a local Pastor's home, a project that is beyond his minimal salary. After lunch we packed reusable grocery bags with rice, beans, masa, and dry milk to deliver to homes in pre-selected communities, some desperately poor, some extremely modest, some middle-class. At each stop we presented a food bag as a token of our love for Christ and our call to share the good news of Jesus. We then offered to pray with the recipient and family. The person often called others of the home to join our circle. We joined hands and prayed for their requests, blessing the home and its residents. The encounters often ended with hugs all around and sometimes tears as well. After-dinner devotional time rounded out each day.

On Sunday, December 8th we were privileged to hear from Founder and Director, Fred Curry, who shared God's use of the surprising people, unassuming people who have developed into the leadership team of Rice and Beans. God calls and equips in amazing ways to accomplish His work in this world. It was the privilege of Brian Carlson, Julie Camp, Ginger Martindale, Louise and Bob Flom, Caryl and Charlie Lang, and Rev. Fay Quanstrom to share one week of this adventure in hard work and spiritual growth. Thank you for supporting us with your prayers as we went.



Gold Canyon United Methodist Church supports these Global Missions:







## PASTORAL & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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

### GIVING AND RECEIVING



A few days ago as I was visiting with some of our members, we talked about the tension between giving and receiving. Tension? Yes, especially for those who have consistently given during their years of following Christ and then face a point when

they are no longer able to continue to give and need to receive. Many who come to this juncture feel the loss keenly and experience the tension of learning to receive rather than give.

While it is more blessed to give than receive, it often takes more grace to receive than give. Yet, this is the tension to which we are called as Christ's body. As we can, we contribute to the work of the Lord. This does not just mean our money, although that matters, but also our time and our talents. So many people in our

congregation give faithfully and sometimes without much recognition. I could point to any number of people who faithfully give to the life of our church every week. I invite you to pay attention to the various ways this happens and express your thanks to these people.

At the same time, when you reach a point when you need to receive, I trust you will ask God for the grace to do so and that you will not only receive, but request; let us know how we can help. Too often people face disease, difficulties or a death in their family and we do not know about it or learn about it later. Rather than rely on word of mouth to reach us, let me invite you to contact us and keep us informed so that we can walk with you. In this way, you will learn how to receive and perhaps use your experience as a fresh way to once again give to others.

—Dr. David Worley



### ... AND ON THE COUNTRY SIDE

Dr. David Worley

We have enjoyed an influx of people to our 5:00pm service in recent weeks. Many are winter visitors who returned after the holidays, while there are others who are visiting for the first time. Regardless, it is a blessing to join together in worship and hearing the Word of God.

I want to say a special thank you to Dave and Carol Ballard, as well as the members of *One in the Spirit* and *Wranglers for the Lord* for the gift of music that keeps us singing, clapping our hands and tapping our toes. Without a doubt, our service is lively and engaging, as many have noted.

If you have never visited us, we would love to have you join us. As promised, I am working my way through the various sermon suggestions that people offered at my invitation; the response was so healthy that I will need

to save some of the requests for next fall! However, in the upcoming season of Lent, I will be preaching a series of messages that blends the Beatitudes from Matthew 5 with the last words of Jesus on the cross. I pray that this series will both instruct and inspire and invite you to join with us as these holy days draw near beginning the first Sunday in March. I promise you that you will receive a big Howdy Partner!





## 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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**Dr. David Worley, Director, Congregational Care**  
DWorley3@gmail.com / (970) 821-5404

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

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

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

*Please help us save postage!*



...by receiving your Roadrunner by email!

You can even have it sent to multiple emails in the same household! Just fill out the necessary information below and place your completed form in the offering plate, mail it to us, bring to the Church Office — or send an email to [churchoffice@goldcanyonumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@goldcanyonumc.org).

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

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...*

Jared Curry  
Kitty Ashbaugh  
Paul Hardy  
Nancy Bertsch  
Alex Collins  
Kathy Lang  
Fran Periman

Nam Morawa's mother  
Collins Family  
Pam Bennett's parents  
]Savannah Burford  
Ed Champlin  
Cliff Kannegeiter  
Jean Simmons' sister

*In Remembrance*

*Pray one for Another*

*- James 5:16*



**Prayer Chain Ministry**

Please email prayer requests to  
[gcumcprayers@gmail.com](mailto:gcumcprayers@gmail.com).





## CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

### CIRCUMSTANCE, HAPPENSTANCE OR MY STANCE?



Here we are at February, often popularly known as the month of Love! Instead of cupid, candy hearts, romance and candlelight dinners, let's ponder God's love just a bit.

In a December prayer Dr. David Worley described the circumstances in our lives at varying times as *the waiting room of life*. I took from his message the thought that if we are not careful, we can allow our entire lives to become a waiting room. We wait for the next great job, the birth of a child, the kids to move out and go to college, our health to improve, the next raise, the perfect vacation, to meet the love of our life, to retire, etc. If we aren't observant and focused, we can find ourselves in a continual waiting room rather than truly living as God intended. When we are waiting, time can pass slowly.

In the book *Noel Street* by Richard Paul Evans there is a formula regarding time passing slowly:

$$V = D^2 + W$$

(Velocity of time = current *Drudgery*<sup>2</sup> + the next *Worthwhile event in your life*)

In other words, time moves slowly when we are walking through day to day challenges - when we are waiting for things to get better, when we wake up each day saying "if only...", when we have just received incredibly bad news. At times we can even feel like the "D" for Drudgery isn't just squared, it seems to be carried out to the 'N<sup>th</sup> degree, and there may not even be a known "next Worthwhile event" that we see on the horizon.

Isn't it during these times that we need God the most? Of course, yet it is often during these times that we let our faith wane, we give into depression or other negative thinking.

Circumstance is the current state in which we find ourselves, happenstance is a circumstance that happened by chance, and I would venture to say that our "stance" is how we choose to view and deal with the first two! Remember, God is not interested in your comfort, He is interested in your character. Here are just a couple of the

many definitions of the word character - *the mental and moral qualities distinctive to an individual, and strength and originality in a person's nature.*

Whatever we are experiencing, it is paramount that we remember God's love for us. And not only remember it, but acknowledge and recognize it by who we are, and how we live our lives. The words of the band Alabama's song *Give Me One More Shot* in part say -

...Well that's just not my nature  
to sit around feeling sad  
We're only here for awhile so why not smile  
hey living ain't all that bad  
So give me one more shot I'll give it all I've got  
Let me open my eyes to a new sunrise I pray  
Give me one more chance I'll learn to dance the dance  
Well I'm satisfied just being alive  
give me one more day

If circumstances have pushed your nature more toward sad...if it's been a little hard to take a positive stance...if you aren't feeling that strong...if you often feel like you are in a perpetual waiting room...if you want to get back to dancing a little more, and appreciating the new sunrise every day...then take a new stance!

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<sup>31</sup>For who is God except the Lord?  
And who is a rock besides our God?—

<sup>32</sup>the God who girded me with strength,  
and made my way safe.

<sup>33</sup>He made my feet like the feet of a deer,  
and set me secure on the heights.

<sup>34</sup>He trains my hands for war,  
so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

<sup>35</sup>You have given me the shield of your salvation,  
and your right hand has supported me;  
your help has made me great.

<sup>36</sup>You gave me a wide place for my steps under me,  
and my feet did not slip.



## MINISTRY & MISSIONS

### SCRIP "BUS & VAN FUND" MINISTRY



Thank You to all who have used their Bashas cards in the SCRIP Program! You have contributed \$1,531 to the Bus and Van Ministry. And for those who have linked their Fry's card to the Church's charity, you have contributed \$194. Amazon participators have contributed \$77, bringing a total of **\$1802** raised in the last three months!

It's really easy to participate and it costs you nothing. If you have yet to connect to the charitable programs available, stop by the Welcome Center or Church Office and ask for a brochure on the SCRIP Program that funds our Bus & Van Ministry. You can also give Jan Daniels a call (480-540-7454) if you need more information., and we would be happy to help you.

Remember a little effort by you to use these reward programs offered by Bashas, Frys and Amazon has big benefits to all those who ride in the bus or van. 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>.



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 Frys 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.

### FOOD BANK



Your Food Bank continues to experience considerable growth. The number of people who we served food throughout 2019 came to 12,934. This was a 15.4% increase over the prior year!

The Federal Government has modified eligibility requirements effective January 1, 2020 for people applying for food assistance. This is through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Previously referred to as the food stamp program. It will be considerably more difficult for people to qualify. We believe food banks will experience serious increases in number of people coming for food.

Due to space limitations and increases in those needing food, the food bank will only be able to accept food and paper product donations. Clothing, shoes, hygiene products, etc. may be donated to Genesis Project Resource Center, or to Desert Chapel United Methodist Church (462 N. Palo Verde Dr.) — both in Apache Junction.

Your continued generosity in donations of food and money are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support!

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

— by Dian Capen, GCUMC UMW Vice President



Christmas and New Years have come and gone, and we continue on our journey into a new year and a new decade. We thank God for all our past blessings and pray for His continued guidance as we strive to do His work here in Gold Canyon and around the world. We are proud to be United Methodist Women and invite all women to join us as we work together to make the world a safer, happier, and healthier place for women and children – no matter where they may be.

Our Christmas Tea was a great success – with beautiful tables, wonderful food and 62 delightful guests. Thank you to all who contributed in any way to such a fun Christmas event.



A special Thanks to Pat Bolster (pictured) for her "tea expertise" – even though we varied the rules a little.



Be sure to **Save the Date** for **December 5, 2020** for our next annual Christmas Tea to be held in the Koinonia Room.

#### Upcoming Meetings:

- **February 15:** "Mission Moments" Experiences in South Africa with Days for Girls Ministry in July 2019. Six members from our church met Paula Blessman in Limpopo Province for a blessed time with amazing people.
- **February 29:** UMW members will be attending a Jewish Shabbat Service at Temple Emanuel of Tempe from 9:30am—11am. There will be a bat mitzvah during the service. We will meet at the Missions Center at 8:15am. For more information or to register, call Carol Johnson (602)750-2008 or Dian Capen (919)357-6933. There will also be a sign up sheet on the Welcome Desk in each building.
- **March 21:** "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. Koinonia Room (Education Building), Fellowship 10 am; Meeting 10:30am

We continue to collect books for the "Open Books... Open Hearts" Ministry. If you any have questions about this article or you would like to join us in our mission work, please contact Carol Johnson at (602)750-2008 or [CarolJohnsonAZ@yahoo.com](mailto:CarolJohnsonAZ@yahoo.com).

## 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.



## GENESIS PROJECT

Because of the generosity of our church and local Community, the Genesis Project served over 85,000 meals in 2019. In addition to a daily hot meal, our guest are offered a lunch bag to go. This additional lunch is often the only meal

they have until Genesis opens the following day.

The Genesis Project continues to be a lead partner of the Apache Junction Community Resource Center. Our support provides office space for agencies to meet clients and provide valuable resources and services.

For those who are Arizona residents the charitable state tax credit is available until April 15, 2020. Please consider making a contribution to Genesis.

Thank your for your continued support and prayers.

**P.S.:** Be sure to save February 25th for the 5th Annual Genesis Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner!

## ST. ANDREW'S CHILDREN'S CLINIC



Thurs., March 5, is the next date for next trip to St. Andrew's Children Clinic in Nogales, Arizona, leaving at 6:00am and returning around 4:00pm. If you would like to experience this rewarding

trip, please sign-up in the Lobby of the Sanctuary Building. Space is limited so don't wait!

In addition to the volunteers who participate, GCUMC provides needed items listed on the Wish List on the Bulletin Board in the Sanctuary Building. If you have collected toiletries, small stuffed animals, strollers, blenders, please bring and place them in the St. Andrews collection bin starting February 1.

This trip, we would like to focus on a few items that are badly needed for the children: single-serving prune juice, dry milk, and hand sanitizer. Please deliver items to the Church Office by Sunday, March 1st, and direct any questions to Alyce Ancell (480)983-2510 or Gail Crawford (480)268-0918.

## 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.

## THANKS TO OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS

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](http://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](mailto:MoandJoeM@aol.com).

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

Email your story to...[ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org](mailto:ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org)

I just want to take a moment to sincerely thank the below special ladies, as well as the many other wonderful volunteers who help in the Church Office — be it on a regular basis or for special projects. We couldn't do it without you, and you're ALL appreciated!

— Riechia Ralston, Office Manager



Left to Right: Holly Warth, Diane Kissner, Pat Beaver, Nellie Moore, Carol Randolph, Linda Young, Reta Wilson, Ginger Martindale and Donna Johnsen



## WOMEN'S 1-DAY RETREAT

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



Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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 #: \_\_\_\_\_



## FEBRUARY 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!*

Behan, Jack (John?) 02/01  
Hoerter, Coleen 02/03  
Barton, Marlene 02/04  
Jungman, Marilyn 02/04  
Hoefs, Edwin (Ed) 02/05  
Hoff, Cynthia 02/05  
Lindaman, Carol 02/05  
Merrick, James 02/05  
Osgood, Gladys 02/05  
Barraza, Roman 02/06  
Barraza, Vivienne 02/06  
Breuklander, Bobbie 02/06  
Bos, Daniel 02/06  
Lambert, Alice 02/06  
Oxley, Gene 02/06  
Chase, Donna 02/07  
Elek, Deane 02/07  
Lindsay, Larry 02/07  
Cook, Theodore (Ted) 02/08  
Huffman, Darlene 02/08  
Mogharbel, Amira 02/08  
Nelson, Joni 02/08  
Novak, Sandra 02/08  
Pappalardo, Megan 02/08  
Hicks, Dean (Steve) 02/09  
Peterson, Marilyn 02/09  
Waytenick, Dave 02/10  
Brown, Barbara 02/11  
Halterman, Bobbie 02/12  
McBride, Paula 02/12  
Unz, Gwen 02/12  
Colaizzi, Michael 02/13  
Elco, Jackie 02/13  
Jacobsen, Elaine 02/13  
Lane, Bonnie 02/13  
Travis, Mark 02/13  
Willis, Gloria 02/13

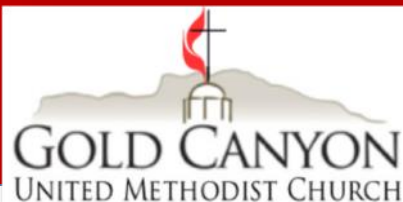
Fridlund, Jo 02/14  
Richter, Val 02/14  
Schmidt, Judy 02/14  
Christ, SuzAnne 02/15  
McGinness, Anne 02/15  
Sanders, George 02/15  
Brannan, Thomas 02/16  
Carpenter, Trudy 02/16  
Heath, Judy 02/16  
Russell, Bob 02/16  
Adams, Ada 02/17  
Burris, Terry 02/17  
Malloy, Susan 02/17  
Burzlaff, Julie 02/18  
Newkirk, Edgar 02/18  
Broderon, Darlene 02/20  
Kaul, Imogene (Jean) 02/21  
Yoder, Bill 02/21  
Atkinson, William (Bill) 02/22  
Chase, Bob 02/22  
Cook, Kay 02/22  
Fratt, Imogene (Genie) 02/22  
Ball, Margaret 02/23  
Fye, Ben 02/23  
Nelson, Wylladene 02/24  
Beasley, Earl 02/25  
McConnell, Alice 02/25  
Rasmussen, Gordie 02/25  
Whalen, Wendy 02/25  
Daniels, Jacob 02/26  
Kness, Larry 02/26  
Owens, Ann 02/26  
Giroux, Shane 02/27  
Halbig, Shelley 02/27  
Franklin, Char 02/28  
Mulhair, Bob 02/28  
Waechter, Nancy 02/28  
Schwartz, Dick 02/29

### *Happy Anniversary!*

Straka, Stan & Virginia 02/03  
Vorseth, Duane & Sue 02/04  
Adams, Ada & Michael 02/05  
Lackey, Sally & Steve 02/05  
Toppin, Beverly & James 02/05  
Colmer, Jerry & Margaret 02/06  
Nelson, Bill & Patty 02/06  
Zabel, Darlene & Vinton 02/07  
Crites, Kenneth & Margaret 02/09  
Deits, Rev. Bob & Meise-Deits, Nancy 02/10  
Bogle, Evie & Rich 02/11  
Jacobsen, Betty & Bob 02/12  
Kness, Dee & Larry 02/12  
Clark, Daniel & Sharon 02/13  
Bliss, Dr. Joy V. & Dybwad, Gay 02/14  
Laich, Flossie & Nick 02/14  
Vander Stoep, Karen & Paul 02/14  
Lundberg, Betty & Joseph 02/19  
Cooke, Teresa & Jon 02/21  
Larsen, David & Jan 02/24  
Burgi, Jenelu & Bob 02/28  
Bright, Teresa & O'Gary, Richard 02/29







# FEBRUARY CALENDAR

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

Sat Feb 1	10am	Mtg: GC Coordinating Council (MC-S)	Sat Feb 8	11am	Sofie's Start Fashion Show/Luncheon (Educ Bldg)
	4pm	Shareholder's Dinner Setup/Cleanup (KR/ER/Kitchen)	Sun Feb 9	8am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
	5pm	Shareholder's Dinner (KR/ER/Kitchen)		9am	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)
Sun Feb 2	8am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)		9:30am	"The Table" Adult Discussion Group (MC-Martha)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)		9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	"The Table" Adult Discussion Group (MC-Martha)		9:30am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)		10:50am	Children's Sunday School (Noah's Ark)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)		10:50am	Praise Worship (Koinonia)
	9:30am	Youth Participate in Worship (Sanctuary)		2pm	Concert: Rice Brothers (Sanctuary)
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (Noah's Ark)		5pm	Country Worship (KR)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (Koinonia) 5pm Country Worship (KR)		5:30pm	Confirmation Class (SoGR)
	5:30pm	Confirmation Class (SoGR)		6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)	Mon Feb 10	9:30am	Bible Banter (Emmaus)
Mon Feb 3	9:30am	Bible Banter (Emmaus)		10am	UMW Leadership Committee (SoGR)
	1pm	Class: Acts of the Apostles (ER)		1pm	Class: Acts of the Apostles (ER)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)		1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)		1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)
	7pm	Al-Anon (Sea of Galilee)		7pm	Al-Anon (Sea of Galilee)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)		7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)
Tue Feb 4	9am	DISCIPLE 1 Women's Class (Emmaus)	Tue Feb 11	9am	DISCIPLE 1 Women's Class (Emmaus)
	2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)		9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-Barnabas)
	4:30pm	Team Outreach (MC-Esther)		9:30am	GC Garden Club (MC-M)
	6pm	One in the Spirit Reh (KR)		2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)		6pm	One in the Spirit Reh (KR)
	6:30pm	SPRC Mtg (MR)		6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	7pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)		7pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)
Wed Feb 5	9:30am	Music Library Activities (Music)	Wed Feb 12	9am	Class: Foot, Shoulder, Neck Massage (MC-B)
	10am	Women's Study: Keep It Shut (KR)		9:30am	Music Library Activities (Music)
	11am	Cancer Support Group (Emmaus)		10am	Women's Study: Keep It Shut (KR)
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-Stephen)		11am	Cancer Support Group (Emmaus)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 2 (MC-Esther)		11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-Stephen)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 4 (Emmaus Rm)		1pm	DISCIPLE 2 (MC-Esther)
	5pm	Midweek Mountaineers (Educ Bldg/Kitchen)		1pm	DISCIPLE 4 (Emmaus Rm)
	5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (Koinonia)		5pm	Midweek Mountaineers (Educ Bldg/Kitchen)
	7pm	Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)		5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (Koinonia)
Thu Feb 6	9am	Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC-Stephen)		6pm	Mtg: Vista del Corozon HOA-DRC (MC-Stephen)
	1pm	DISCIPLE II (Emmaus)		7pm	Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)	Thu Feb 13	9am	Lions Club Mtg (SoGR)
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music)		1pm	DISCIPLE II (Emmaus)
Fri Feb 7	10am	Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical League (E-MC)		1pm	Gold Canyon Arts Council Mtg (MC-Stephen)
	5:30pm	AA (Emmaus)		1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)

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	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music)		9:30am	"The Table" Adult Discussion Group (MC-Martha)
Fri Feb 14	All day	Valentine's Day		9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
	10am	Mind Menders (Emmaus)		9:30am	Traditional 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) 5pm Country Worship (KR)
	7:30pm	GCAC Concert: The Four Freshmen (Sanctuary)		5:30pm	Confirmation Class (SoGR)
Sat Feb 15	10am	UMW Mtg (MC-Barnabas)		6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)
Sun Feb 16	8am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)	Mon Feb 24,	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 Feb 25	9am	DISCIPLE 1 Women's Class (Emmaus)
	5pm	Country Worship (KR)		9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-Barnabas)
	5:30pm	Confirmation Class (SoGR)		2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)		4:30pm	Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner (KR)
Mon Feb 17	All day	OFFICE CLOSED / Presidents' Day		6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	9:30am	Bible Banter (Emmaus)	Wed Feb 26	9:30am	Music Library Activities (Music)
	1pm	Class: Acts of the Apostles (ER)		11am	Cancer Support Group (Emmaus)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)		11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-Stephen)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)		1pm	DISCIPLE 2 (MC-Esther)
	7pm	Al-Anon (Sea of Galilee)		1pm	DISCIPLE 4 (Emmaus Rm)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)		5pm	Midweek Mountaineers (Educ Bldg/Kitchen)
Tue Feb 18	9am	DISCIPLE 1 Women's Class (Emmaus)		5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (Koinonia)
	2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)		7pm	Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
	6pm	One in the Spirit Reh (KR)		7pm	Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)
	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)	Thu Feb 27	9am	Days for Girls Workshop (MC-Barnabas)
	7pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)		1pm	DISCIPLE II (Emmaus)
Wed Feb 19	8am	Newsletter Team (Music)		1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)
	9:30am	Music Library Activities (Music)		6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music)
	11am	Cancer Support Group (Emmaus)	Fri Feb 28	10am	Mind Menders (Emmaus)
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-Stephen)		10am	Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical League (E-MC)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 2 (MC-Esther)		5:30pm	AA (Emmaus)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 4 (Emmaus Rm)			
	5pm	Midweek Mountaineers (Educ Bldg/Kitchen)			
	5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (Koinonia)			
	7pm	Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)			
Thu Feb 20	9am	Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC-Stephen)			
	1pm	DISCIPLE II (Emmaus)			
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)			
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music)			
Fri Feb 21	10am	Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical League (E-MC)			
	5:30pm	AA (Emmaus)			
Sat Feb 22	9am	1-Day Women's Retreat (K/KR/ER)			
Sun Feb 23	8am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)			
	9am	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)			







## BITS-N-BYTES

### ROADRUNNER & BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please send your content for the  
**March Roadrunner**

via email to [ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org](mailto:ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org)  
**no later than 8:00am, Monday, 2/3/2020**

### Weekly Bulletin & Flower Orders

12:00pm on the Wednesday of week to be listed

*GCUMC Publications are brought to you  
by Riechia Ralston, Debra Worley, Carol Lindaman  
the Roadrunner Assembly Team,  
the Friday Bulletin Assembly Team...  
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)



### SCHOLARSHIP MINISTRY

Gold Canyon UMC is pleased to offer a Scholarship Program to our members who qualify for financial assistance. To receive consideration for funds, applicants must meet the following criteria: 1) Be a member of GCUMC; 2) Be a high school or GED graduate, or be 18 years of age; 3) Complete in detail the church's Scholarship Application Form, and 4) Supply the Committee with written character references from a non-family member/teacher, and from the pastor or church staff member.

Scholarship Application Forms are available in the Church Office and must be submitted to the Office Manager by **May 1, 2020**, along with corresponding references letters/material.. Also, if you would like to speak to a College Scholarship Ministry representative about making a contribution to the program, or would like additional information, please contact the Church Office at (480)982-3776.



### TAX PREPARATION MINISTRY

A church member graciously volunteers to assist GCUMC attendees struggling to prepare their 2019 federal and state tax returns. To request an appointment call the Church Office, where you'll also get a list of tax-related documents that must be brought with you.



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/](https://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  
sing the above links.**



**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)*

DEC	2016			2017			2018			2019		
	General	Building	Worship	General	Building	Worship	General	Building	Worship	General	Building	Worship
	107152	34167	6077	110909	39617	8172	103801	22786	6666	118989	35001	9088



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 System: (\$48,000; \$320 given so far)
- Fellowship Hall (\$2.4M; \$566,933 given so far)
- Building Debt Payoff (\$1,028,863 as of 11/2019)
- Playground (\$66,497; 63,515 given so far)
- Stained Glass for upper Sanctuary windows (\$143,999 given so far; \$6,176 per 2'5"x2'8.5" remaining panels)
- Organ Pipes: (\$116,607 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](mailto: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](http://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.

### End of Year Charitable IRA Rollovers

- Per HR637 of 2015, donors age 70.5+ can make direct gifts to qualified charities via their IRA's **WITHOUT** owing income tax on those withdrawals.
- For more info, please consult your financial advisor, IRA Custodian or call the Church Office.







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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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