



FROM THE PASTOR: "MISTAKEN REPORTING OF SPLIT"



The news media recently reported that the United Methodist Church is going to split. The truth is we don't know what the United Methodist Church is going to do. The next United Methodist General Conference is scheduled to begin on May 5, 2020. During this General Conference a decision may be made to split or not. The last time predictions were made about what the General Conference would approve the opposite happened. So it's a little crazy to predict what the outcome will be.

There are many plans being proposed at this next General Conference. For example there is the "Indianapolis" plan, the "UMForward" Plan, the "UMCNext" Plan and the "Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation" plan. All of them have strengths and all of them have weaknesses. We will let you know at any point if our church needs to make a decision on something. We fully anticipate that our ministry will continue as before. We plan on worshiping, teaching, and doing mission work no matter what happens.

Our strength is that we have a long history of doing effective ministry together. Please be aware that these discussions have been going on for twenty or more years and we can't live in worry about something that might or might not happen. We have faith that we will continue to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. And we will continue to do effective ministry through Gold Canyon United Methodist Church. I will see you on Sunday.

Grace and peace,

Fred

COME ALIVE MORNING SERMON SERIES

How might the story of Jesus as we near Easter cause us to come alive? How might it give us hope?

How might it give us new direction? How might we be resurrected? Join us for this sermon series entitled "Come Alive."

- 2/16 – Come Alive: Prepare the Way
- 2/ 23 – Come Alive: Taming Temptation
- 3/1 – Come Alive: Something New in Communion
- 3/15 – Come Alive: Plucking on the Sabbath
- 3/ 22 – Come Alive: Enough for the Moment
- 4/ 5 – Come Alive: On Trial
- 4/12 – Come Alive: Through the Tears

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & EVANGELISM

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SPRING EGGSTRAVAGANZA!



Save the date of **Sunday, April 5** from **2:00pm—5:00pm** for our annual Spring Eggstravaganza! This is one of our grand outreach events to which the community is

invited. With all the fun comes the need for many helping hands. If you are willing to serve in some capacity – food prep, chaperone the bounce houses, set up and tear down, etc., we could use you! Once again we could use donations of individually-wrapped candies and Costco-sized cookies for our Easter Eggstravaganza. Please contact Pastor Katharine if you are willing and able.

LADIES' "KEEP IT SHUT" CLASS

Congratulations to the class members who recently completed the "Keep It Shut" class facilitated by Pastor Katharine Keller.



EASTER SILENT AUCTION



Please take part in our Silent Auction which will begin March 22nd in the Lobby of the Sanctuary Building. The Auction supports our Easter mission (*yet to be determined*). There is still time

to bring in auction donations — as the deadline is Sunday, March 15th. 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! Donor forms are available in the Church Office, Welcome Center or in the Education Building. Please direct any questions to Pastor Katharine.

SHOWING PERALTA STAFF SOME LOVE

Thanks to those who donated treats for the teachers and staff of Peralta Elementary School in February to show appreciation for all they do!



LENTEN MOVIE SERIES

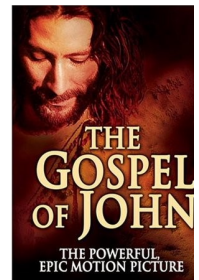


Instead of our typical Bible study during Lent, we will be showing a weekly movie that has to do with Jesus' life, Passion Week and his death and resurrection. The presentations are all radically different. You are invited to come to one or all of them.

Please note there are two showings in the Missions Center: Wednesday mornings at 10:00am and Thursday evenings at 6:30pm (*most films are approximately two hours in length*). Questions to take home will be handed out. Popcorn and water will be available at all showings. Below is the anticipated films and a brief synopsis. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Katharine,

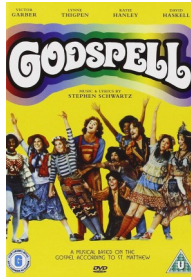
- **March 4th/5th—"The Gospel of John"**

John the Apostle recounts the life and times of Jesus Christ, including testimonies from other disciples, his final hours leading up to his crucifixion and subsequent resurrection. Narrator: Christopher Plummer; Ian Cusick as Jesus.



• **March 12th/13th—"Godspell"**

At the behest of John the Baptist (David Haskell), young men and women forsake their jobs and take up the mantle of Jesus Christ (Victor Garber) -- becoming his disciples -- in a musical retelling of the Gospel of Matthew set in modern-day New York City. Using song and dance, the apostles traverse the city, spreading Christ's message of love and tolerance as the time moves ever closer to his betrayal at the hands of Judas (also played by David Haskell) and, ultimately, his crucifixion.



Confirmation

Brigham, Kyle Cajowski, and Hannah Morawa.

CONFIRMATION YOUTH

Please pray for the following youth, who are going through the confirmation process. For the next few months they will be learning about the tenets of our faith and the United Methodist Church. The students are: Jeremy

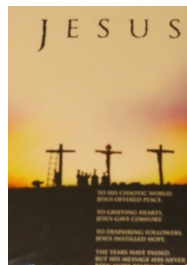
MARCH OUTDOOR MOVIE



Please join us out on the patio on **Friday, March 27th at 7:00pm** for the newest version of Disney's "The Lion King." Experience a grand, epic adaptation of the story, brought to life by a voice cast that is brilliant. As always, popcorn and snacks will be served. Please bring friends; families with children are very much encouraged. The only item you need to bring is a chair. See you at the movies!

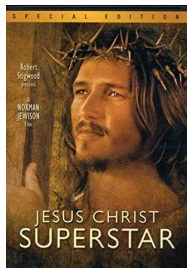
• **March 19th/20th—"Jesus: The Film"**

Take a remarkable journey into ancient Israel to watch Jesus' life unfold. You'll travel to 200 locations in the Holy Land and see ancient cultures and customs. Witness for yourself the most historically accurate film about the tragedy and triumph of the most influential life in human history.



• **March 26th/27th—"Jesus Christ Superstar"**

Adapted from Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's Broadway rock opera, "Jesus Christ Superstar" recounts the last days of Jesus Christ (Ted Neeley) from the perspective of Judas Iscariot (Carl Anderson), his betrayer. As Jesus' following increases, Judas begins to worry that Jesus is falling for his own hype, forgetting the principles of his teachings and growing too close to the prostitute Mary Magdalene (Yvonne Elliman). After Jesus has an outburst in a temple, Judas turns on him.



• **April 1st/2nd—"Son of God"**

In the Holy Land, the Roman occupation has produced a cauldron of oppression, anxiety and excessive taxes levied upon the Jewish people. Fearing the wrath of Roman governor Pontius Pilate (Greg Hicks), Jewish high priest Caiaphas (Adrian Schiller) tries to keep control of his people. That control is threatened when Jesus arrives in Jerusalem, performing miracles and spreading messages of love and hope. Those who fear that Jesus will inspire a revolution decide that he must die. This is a spectacular portrayal of Jesus.



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 or leave a message at the Church Office.





CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Sherry Hussein

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

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 have lots of volunteer openings: music leaders, crew leaders, Bible stories, game leaders, video & sound system people, decorating, and more! "Train Conductors" are also needed (costume provided), and no previous acting experience is needed!

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

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 encourage THE children to bring a new friend and join us for a fun, uplifting evening together.



March dates for Midweek Mountaineers are the 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th. Our lessons will cover "*The Life of Jesus*". Many thanks to all the cooks, and John Nuss for the music time with children!

SIDEWALK MINISTRY



Sidewalk Children's Outreach Ministry continues to serve children in the Apache Junction area, and meets 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. Each Saturday we have a unique Bible lesson, keeping the children engaged in learning more about God's Word, and His Son, our Savior. We always say the pledges to the American and Christian flags.

Everyone enjoys a nice lunch and fellowship together, and we're very grateful to our dedicated Sidewalk volunteers. To name a few: Gail Crawford, has been with Sidewalk for 14 years and prepares the lunches; Rex Smith, Dick Richards, and Dick Kinder, our "Truck Guys," who set-up our ministry truck, stage, sound system, chairs, and more each Saturday. These men have also been with Sidewalk for 14 years.

On January 18th a group of 24 children & 8 adults from Sidewalk went to Jose's Closet in Apache Junction, a wonderful charity and resource center for foster, adoptive, and kinship families. The children were kept busy their entire visit, touring, volunteering, helping to sort & hang clothing, organizing shelves, and cleaning up. One of our Sidewalk families qualified for the Jose's Closet Program — how awesome is that! Our Saturday Ministry offerings of \$265.53 were donated to Jose's Closet. Many thanks to Bev Stout for setting-up the trip & tour.





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.

A BIG THANKS to Uncommon Grace Praise Band members for providing worship music for our Sidewalk group on Sat., Feb. 15th in our Koinonia Room. Everyone was energized and uplifted by the music, and afterwards the band members gave the children "mini lessons" in playing their choice of instrument!

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.



03/06/19	Fri	7:30pm	*	GCAC Concert: Carpe Diem String Quartet... <i>one of the most sought after ensembles</i>
03/15/20	Sun	2:00pm		GCUMC Organ Recital... <i>to benefit the Pipe Organ Fund</i>
03/27/20	Fri	7:30pm	*	GCAC Concert: Jeri Sager... <i>a Broadway veteran with a show to remember!</i>
04/05/20	Sun	2:00pm		Spring Eggstravaganza... <i>fun community event for kids & families!</i>
04/09/20	Thu	7:00pm		Maundy Thursday Worship ... <i>special service with communion and ashes</i>
04/10/20	Fri	7:00pm		Good Friday Worship
04/12/20	Sun	6:00am		Easter Sunrise Worship ... <i>in north Parking Lot facing the Superstitions</i>
04/12/20	Sun	8:00 & 9:30		Easter Celebration Worship ... <i>Christ is Arisen with Brass, Bells and Choir</i>
04/12/20	Sun	10:50am		Easter Praise Worship ... <i>Uncommon Grace leads our Praise of the Risen Lord</i>
04/12/20	Sun	5:00pm		Easter Sunset Worship ... <i>our Country/Western celebration of Christ Alive</i>

** 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.*

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 DONATE TO THE SUMMER YOUTH TRIP?

Our Annual Shareholder Dinner was held on February 1st as a "thank you" to those who have donated to our Youth Ministry Program and the summer mission trip. Ninety-four people attended the dinner and enjoyed a great evening of food, fellowship and hearing the stories told by our Youth on their experiences on the mission trip. Thank you all for coming and supporting our Youth!

This year we're going to Colorado Springs, the second largest city in Colorado that was recently ranked as one of the best cities in which to live. However, amongst this beautiful city are individuals struggling with material poverty and homelessness. This summer our teams will continue to participate in building projects for families in transitional housing, join outreach events in the community, and engage in tangible service projects that meet the food and shelter needs of individuals living in states of at-risk homelessness or homelessness. No matter the project, students will have many opportunities to share the Gospel to families that find themselves in hard times.

In order for our teens to financially attend the mission trip to Colorado Springs, would you consider donating to the Youth Group? These trips are life changing for our youth! If you wish to donate, please mark your checks or giving envelopes to "Youth Group Summer Trip." Thank you so much for making these trips possible each year. — 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)

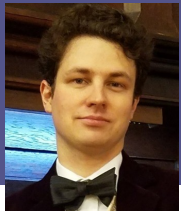
Sundays at 6:30pm

in the Education Building

Fun faith-based programs & fellowship!

YOUTH CALENDAR—MARCH 2020

Sun., 3/1	YOUTH GROUP	6:30pm	Education Building
Sun., 3/8	YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL (Deposit due for Summer Mission Trip)	6:30am	Education Building
Sun., 3/15	RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL	11:00am	Return 4:30pm
Sun., 3/22	YOUTH GROUP	6:30pm	Education Building
Sun., 3/29	YOUTH GROUP	6:30pm	Education Building



MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



It's now March and we're marching forward towards Easter in April. March is the season of Lent, a season of reflection, meditation, and preparation for the risen Lord. The Music Department is busy preparing the music for the Easter season and looks forward to sharing their gifts with the Lord and our congregation. We're also looking forward to several events early this spring.

Many of you have asked me about the annual visit to Organ Stop Pizza in Mesa. The visit for this year is scheduled for Friday, March 6th at 11:00 a.m. The fee is only \$8.75 per person (cash only, ATM on site) which includes pizza, salad bar, and a fabulous musical program performed by one of Organ Stop's fine theatre organists, Lew Williams and Brett Valliant. Drinks and ice cream can be purchased in addition. It will be a great time, so be sure to sign up as soon as you can if you haven't already. Sign-up sheets can be found in the Welcome Center and Education Center lobby on Sundays as well as the church office during weekly office hours. You may also call the church office to sign up, just be sure to include your name and number of people in your party. If you want to ride-share, meet in the church parking lot at 10:15 on that Friday morning. Organ Stop Pizza is located at 1149 E Southern Ave, Mesa, AZ 85204 on the corner where Stapley intersects.

March is indeed the month for organ music! In addition to our visit to Organ Stop Pizza, I will be giving an organ recital as the fifth and final concert of the 2019-2020 season of the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church Performing Arts Series. The recital is set for Sunday, March 15th at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The program will feature a variety of music from different musical periods including composers such as Buxtehude, Bach, Vienne, as well as lesser known artists.

As per usual, all GCUMC Performing Arts Series concerts are free admission and handicap accessible. This time, the free-will offering to be received will go to support the Gold Canyon UMC Pipe Organ Fund. As of February, the organ fund is over \$110,000, so thank you all for your generous support! We are currently evaluating how we might proceed with an organ project and will be forming an organ committee this fall to discuss our options. If you would like to help out with this project in any way, please let me know. Checks can

be made payable to the church with 'pipes', 'organ', or 'pipe organ' in the memo line. If you have any questions, I would be happy to discuss them with you any time. Feel free to call me at the church, email me, or set up an appointment.

The Gold Canyon Arts Council is also presenting their final concert for this season, featuring Jeri Sager, the renowned Broadway singer with her solo show, *This Broad's Way* on Friday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. In addition to her Broadway roles, Jeri has worked in many theatrical productions such as *City of Angels*, and *West Side Story* as well as the honor of performing for President Jimmy Carter, President George W. Bush, and Pope John Paul II. Through her work with the USO, Jeri has performed for both American and British troops. Tickets are available at the Gold Canyon Visitor's Center or online through the Arts Council's website. Discount coupons are available to church members two-weeks in advance at the Welcome Center on Sundays or at the church office during the week. Don't forget, if you're able, try to remember to bring a non-perishable food item for the GCUMC Food Bank to any and all concerts hosted at GCUMC! Your support is always appreciated. I hope everyone continues to enjoy the weather and everything our community has to offer this spring!

Peace and best regards,

Ian





GLOBAL MISSIONS

Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor

2020 COSTA RICA MISSION WORK TRIP



"It's not about the food. The food creates a path toward relationship." This was the message emblazoned on the 2020 Rice and Beans tee-shirts. The food is a gift that opens the door

and allows for conversation with the householder, learning the prayer needs of the home, and prayer with the family as they join hands with team members and our interpreters.

We waited while an elderly man shuffled with his walker from his back yard to the front gate. His suspicions dropped as he asked for prayer for his arthritis pain and together we lifted that need to the Lord. *The food creates a path toward relationship.* Farther down the street a stern woman continued to glare at us as we presented the gift of rice, beans, masa, and dry milk. She softened a bit when we said we would like to pray a blessing on her and her home and following the prayer she smiled warmly and hugged each of us tightly, calling, "Bendigo." after us. *The food creates a path.* We greeted soot-covered workers weary from a day of cutting sugar cane, but eager to receive a Spanish Bible.



We visited a three-generation family, familiar from a previous year and delighted to see the picture we'd taken of them then. A stop at Adela's brought a warm welcome and expressions of gratitude from another three-generation family for the impact of Rice and Beans Ministry. *It's not about the food. The food creates a path toward relationship.* We were blessed to follow that path and connect with 200 homes and families.

We also plastered bathroom walls, washed and painted and placed girders, sanded and stained decking, packed

food bags, toured a coffee co-op, and enjoyed spotting exotic birds on a river cruise.

The Costa Rica experience of 2020 was unique in that the team stayed in the dormitory that previous teams helped to build. Why not consider participating in the 2021 adventure with Rice and Beans Ministries in Costa Rica?

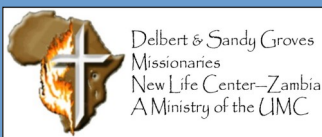


2020 Team Members (L-R): Caryl Lang, Fay Quanstrom, Julie Camp, Ginger Martindale, Charlie Lang, Brian Carlson, Louise & Bob Flom



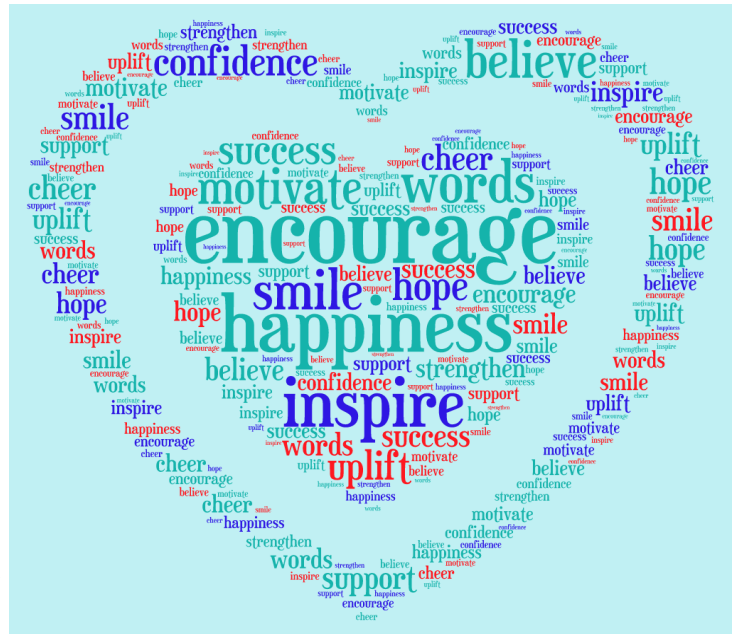
Above: Sugar cane workers

Gold Canyon United Methodist Church supports these Global Missions:



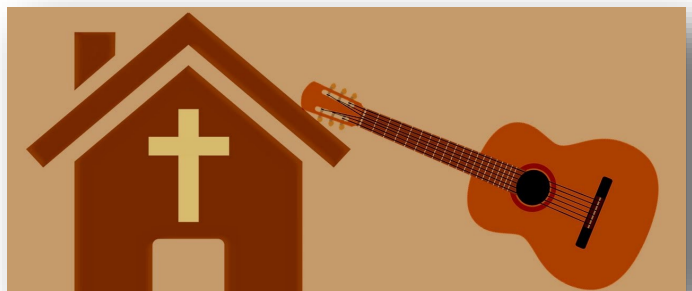
Rev. Fay Quanstrom, Dr. David Worley, Pastor Katharine Keller

Rather, all of us need words of encouragement that help to bless and buoy us up. May we all be nicknamed “encourager” as was Barnabas so that it may be said of us as is described in an old cowboy song “seldom was heard a discouraging word.” —*Dr. David Worley*



Dr. David Worley

We invite you to join us to celebrate this month during Lent as we think together about how Jesus' last words on the cross and His earlier Sermon on the Mount, especially the Beatitudes, intersect. Our door is open,,, Come on in!





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.

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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...

Tom Brannon	Megan Rickey family (WA)
Chuck Christiansen	Margaret Schottler
Ginny Harker (WA)	Wally Scott
Nancy Pearson family (NE)	Meredyth Stamp
Joe Polonski	Sharon Webster's sister
Al Przybyliki	Merna Francis Wilden

In Remembrance

Pray one for Another

- James 5:16



Prayer Chain Ministry

Please email prayer requests to
gcumcprayers@gmail.com.



CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

WHAT AM I?



I'd be interested in your answer, what the picture above calls to mind – what one word would you use to describe this image? For me it would be "worry". When I worry, I feel like I look a little bit like this!

A few mornings ago I sat on my patio with coffee, staring at the Superstition Mountains, watching a puff of cloud hanging over the

East end near Peralta Canyon. Apparently I was staring for quite a while because my husband asked "what are you thinking?" His question surprised me a little and I said "nothing really, just thinking how beautiful it is." That made me think how seldom I do that.

The other thing it made me realize was that although I had been staring off into the distance for about 4-5 minutes, and I **was** thinking how beautiful it was, there were still underlying thoughts and rumblings rolling through my head. Thoughts like - bills I needed to pay, 'to do' list for the day, a family member and their troubles, and more. Why is it we have such a difficult time completely clearing our mind?! Instead, we have to figure it out, worry, dwell on it, fix it, plan, re-invent, etc. Don't get me wrong, there's a time and place for all of those things, they are necessary at times. But why is it that striking the balance between taking care of business in our lives and caring for ourselves and others, versus worrying, is an ever present battle? Is it really a lapse in our faith, of sorts?

I've gotten some nuggets in the past few months from daily devotionals I've read or heard. Here are some of the most thought provoking -

*Worry is taking on a burden God never intended you to have.
When you worry you are playing God. Or...*

Why would you trust God for everlasting life but not to meet your daily needs? Or...

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!

Wow! I'm ashamed to say these pegged me more often than I wish to admit. Words put as stated above might be fighting words if an individual actually said the same thing to our faces. Think about it...what if your neighbor said to you – *You're more fearful than faithful...your prayer is useless because you don't really believe God can do it...you don't trust God, you're playing God.* Whew, break out the boxing gloves!!!

(Metaphorically of course) Yet we'll sit around, sometimes for hours, days or weeks with worry running amok in our heads rather than relying on God.

One Pastor I heard on this topic ended her message with something along these lines - *I don't know what I'm gonna do, but I know a God who knows what I'm gonna do. God will give me the grace, strength and capability to go through the problem...What we focus on is what we magnify in our lives.*

I'm going to choose to magnify my faith over my worry. I know I will fail, that's a given, we're humans and we can't always get it right. But I'm going to give myself a little grace, and believe that I can edge out worry more each day, letting faith win the race. After all, when I give in to worry, it's simply a false sense that I can take care of it by my own devices. And, I believe that God will absolutely give me the grace, strength and capability to do so. How about you?

We are not all at the same ability levels at the same time, and that includes the ability to focus on faith and put all of our trust in God. Think about not carrying the burden alone. A visit with a loving partner in Christ can sometimes help. It's amazing the perspective change we can gain in such a discussion. Please remember that 4 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 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.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

~ Philippians 4:6 (NRSV)





MINISTRY & MISSIONS

SCRIP "BUS & VAN FUND" MINISTRY

SCRIP 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 smile Amazon shoppers... if you haven't done it already, be sure to link your account to **Smile.Amazon.com** and choose Gold Canyon UMC as your charity organization. Amazon donates 0.5% of the cost of your eligible purchases to our SCRIP Bus & Van Fund whenever you shop—the same selection—same prices! Just go to: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/86-0621002>.

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



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

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

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

- by Dian Capen, GCUMC UMW Vice President



Our UMW response Magazine features several articles under the descriptive name of "Bright Lights," describing local efforts to live out the purpose of the United Methodist Women. I truly think our Gold Canyon UMW and Gold Canyon United Methodist Church qualify as "Bright Lights" in our community. Through the amazing efforts of our local UMW and the generosity of our church, we were able to contribute \$1,648.50 to the UMW Missions worldwide and \$1,152.00 to Hope Women's Center in Apache Junction!



Above: Carol Johnson, UMW President; Cecilia Voron, Manager Hope Women's Center; Dian Capen, UMW Vice President

Hope Women's Center plans to use this donation to install a security system in their new Children's Program location. Many women attending classes at the Center come from abusive relationships, requiring that buildings be made especially safe for the women and children inside its doors. Thank you, thank you to everyone who played a part in making these donations possible!!!

I would also like to thank all the UMW's who have agreed to serve as officers for this next year:

- Vice President: Dian Capen
- Treasurer: Joy Bliss
- Secretaries: Barbara Bancroft (*Winter*) and Marilyn Weinhold (*Summer*)

- Membership Nurture & Outreach Chair: Lorna Marifjeren
- Nominations Committee Chair: Kristina Evans
- Secretary of Program Resources (*UMW Reading Program*): Peggy Kinder
- Coordinator of Spiritual Growth: Marilyn Weinhold
- Communications Chair: Rita Vadasz-Miller

Upcoming UMW Meetings: Barnabas Room, Missions Center, Fellowship 10am, Meeting 10:30am

- **March 21:** *"Unfolding a Pieced Life"* Rev. Fay Quanstrom will combine her experiences in quilting with her personal journey using changing circumstances and opportunities for creative expression of her faith. *Meeting will be held in the Koinonia Room.
- **April 18:** TBD
- **May 16:** *"Understanding the Catholic Faith, Mary, and the Eucharist"* Theresa Hayes is a dynamic speaker who was raised in the Catholic faith..

We have officially started our Matthew 25 Prison Ministry Circle and hope to add a new "Arts and Theater" Circle. Please let us know if you are interested in joining either of these new Circles! They are a wonderful way to get to know other women in our church on a more personal level.

We continue to collect children's books for the *"Open Books... Open Hearts"* ministry and will now be collecting feminine hygiene products for Genesis.

If you have completed reading this article, mention it at our next meeting and you will win a small prize!

For more info on UMW or our activities contact Carol Johnson (602)750-2008/ CarolJohnsonAZ@yahoo.com.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



Why should you attend a grief support group? Your loved one has died.

"Experiencing a terrible loss and the grief that goes with it is the most concrete proof there is that you are a real, live, normal human being." - Bob Deits

Our Grief Support Group meets every Monday from 1:00pm—2:00pm in the Missions Center.

SOFIE'S START REACHES FAR & WIDE

On January 29th Sofie's Start Ministry reached out across the state to the Navajo reservation to help those

less fortunate. Thanks to all of the wonderful furniture and household donations made by the members of Gold Canyon United Methodist Church through out the year, we were able to provide two trailer loads of beds, dressers, dinning tables and chairs, sofas, dishes, pots and pans and much more.



A big thank you goes out to Mike McIntosh, Mike Pine (whom set the trip and contacts up), Ned Egolf and Dave Johnson for donating their time and energy loading and unloading the goods and making the 11 hour round trip to make this happen. I also want to thank John Toole and Mike McIntosh for their help with the donation pick up and delivery assistance every week throughout the year. I hope we can do this again next year. - Earl Beasley



The Sofie's Start Ministry Team would also like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to everyone who attended and/or helped with our Flaire Fashion Show & Luncheon. It was an immense success!



You make it possible for us to make a difference in the quality of life of our families, most of whom need a fresh start in life. Be sure to look us up at the Community Garage Sale to be held in the GCUMC parking lot on Saturday, March 7th from 7:00am—Noon, as all sales from our outdoor space will benefit Sofie's Start!

May God continue to bless you so that we might bless those less fortunate. If you wish to be a Sofie's Start volunteer please contact Earl Beasley (602)304.3074, Diana Linton (480)229.0706 or Colette Bos (480) 695.2109.

GENESIS PROJECT



As Genesis Project enters the 14th year of operation we continue to see the tremendous need for the hungry and homeless to have access to hot meals. Genesis Project serves an average of 140 people per day who come in for a hot meal, sack lunch to go, and bottled water for the road. Just 6 weeks into 2020 we project that we will exceed the record of 86,912 meals served in 2019!

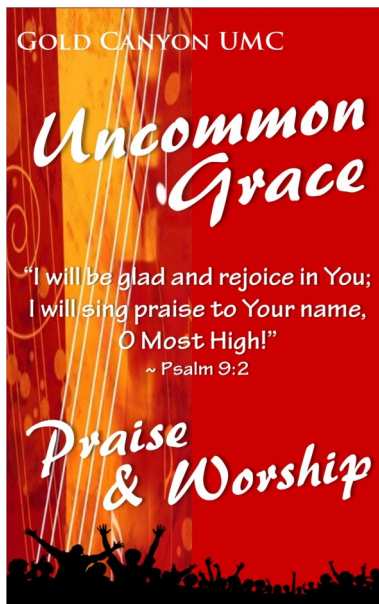
The great increase in 2019 led to the need for an expansion to allow for more seating in our dining room. In September we leased another unit across the parking lot to increase the impact of Genesis Project. This space meets a great need in our community by providing a lounge to warm up or cool down, clean weather appropriate clothing and shoes, hygiene items including all toiletries and toilet paper. Additionally, a dedicated donation sorting room allows for more donations to be received and processed quickly to dispense in higher volumes to those in need! Three private office spaces for the Community Resource Center also provides a high level of dignity for guest coming in seeking services as they are no longer having to pursue help in a crowded dining room.

Genesis Project continues to be a beacon of hope in Apache Junction and the surrounding communities. The mission of Genesis Project to feed, clothe and hydrate the hungry and homeless would not be possible without the daily sacrifice of our volunteers and the generous support of GCMC. From the bottom of our hearts we would like to say THANK YOU!



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

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



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)



MARCH 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!

Bright, Teresa 03/01
Shaffer, Jeanne 03/01
Martindale, Warren 03/02
Messmer, Richard (Dick) 03/02
Bobier, Shirley 03/03
Graba, Joseph (Joe) 03/03
Manack, Don 03/03
Muir, Vyrn 03/04
Nielsen, Claudine 03/04
Peterson, Sherrill (Pete) 03/04
Tippie, Peggy 03/04
Schmer, David 03/04
Bilensky, Nancy 03/05
Gish, Wayne 03/05
Linowski, Philip (Phil) 03/05
Nolan, Lavoyce 03/05
Aldridge, Rebekah (Becky) 03/06
Eisentraut, Arne 03/06
Falk, Ellis 03/06
Ruiz, Sandy 03/06
Beam, Jacalyn (Jackie) 03/07
Crowther, Caitlynn 03/07
VanderRoest, Bobbie 03/07
Fitzpatrick, Inge 03/08
Junkermeier, Flo 03/08
Peterson, June 03/08
Annin, Frank 03/09
Engbrecht, Jackie 03/09
Kinder, Richard (Dick) 03/09
Smith, William (Rex) 03/09
Bird, James (Mark) 03/10
Bose, Dorothy 03/10
Lane, John 03/10
Myers, Mary Catherine 03/10
Neil, Dean 03/10
Van Slooten, Charlene 03/10
Rush, Mylet 03/10
Keenan, Erin 03/11
Leach, Don 03/11
Leversee, Glen 03/11
Allensworth, John 03/12
Bradshaw, Nancy 03/12
Martini, Cynthia (Cindy) 03/12

O'Gary, Richard 03/12
Lang, Charles (Charlie) 03/13
Merrick, LaVia 03/13
Potter, James (Jim) 03/13
Wilson, Peg 03/13
Warth, Terry 03/13
Clark, JoAnn 03/14
Crowther, Hannah 03/14
Donovan, Patrick 03/14
Evans, Kristina 03/14
Larsen, David 03/14
Nelson, Forest (Lee) 03/14
Genetti, Frank 03/15
Riley, Loren 03/15
Burhans, Judith 03/16
Hare, Wilma 03/16
Sweeney, Deborah (Debbie) 03/16
Shroyer, Donald (Pat) 03/16
Smith, Dave 03/16
Cline, Nancy 03/17
Miller, Nancy 03/17
Reynolds, James 03/17
Boldt, Gary 03/18
Krull, Julie 03/18
Poppe, Karen 03/18
Richter, John (Jack) 03/18
Steinberg, Beth 03/18
Wilson, Betty 03/19
Sheridan, Gloria 03/19
Storbakken, Terrance (Terry) 03/20
Steinberg, Timothy 03/20
Brown-Thoms, Esther Ann 03/21
Rasmussen, Ann 03/21
Brigham, Jeremy 03/22
Bachler-Palmer, Lori 03/23
Hartman, Brooke 03/23
Minatree, Hope 03/23
Morganegg, James 03/23
Brigham, Jaime 03/25
Meskimen, Jim 03/25
Scharringhausen, Joyce 03/25
Kennedy, Barbara 03/26
Koepp, Carolyn 03/26
McKay, Patricia 03/26
Mueller, Gary 03/26
Weiss, Steve 03/26

Carlson, Velma 03/27
Gish, Connie 03/27
Williams, Kelly 03/27
Sebring, Barbara 03/27
Johnson, Neil 03/28
Bressler, Diana 03/30
Riedel, James 03/30
Adams, Jennifer 03/31
Fisher, Stephen (Steve) 03/31
Hussein, Sharon (Sherry) 03/31
Moore, Nellie 03/31

Happy Anniversary!

Epler, Peggy & Keeler, Ron 03/02
Crane, Linda & Steve 03/05
Adamski, Carol & Edward 03/10
Haraldson, Rich & Barbara Sebring 03/10
Hunter, Betty Lou & Gart 03/11
Sawyer, Barbara & Tom 03/11
Schoeff, Gary & Rose 03/11
Graham, Jean & Larry 03/13
Van Slooten, Charlene & James 03/14
Ficarra, Joe & Willa 03/15
Sweeney, Dan & Debbie 03/18
Kaul, Jean & Bob 03/19
Browne, Kim & Mark 03/20
Martin, Darla & John 03/20
Sauerbrunn, Diane & Gary 03/21
Schaefer, Crista & Jeff 03/21
Hansen, Kathy & Ronald Horton 03/23
Workman, Janice & Paul 03/23
McAuliffe, Claudia & William 03/24
Smith, Charlene & Rex 03/24
Colehour, Sharon & Ted 03/25
Linowski, Mary & Phil 03/27
O'Donnell, Cherry & Mike 03/27
Williams, Helen & Kelly 03/27
Johnson, Mark & Shirley 03/30
Warren, Harry & Lovena 03/30
Whalen, Patrick & Wendy 03/01





MARCH CALENDAR

(Calendar is subject to change;

For more info, please visit www.GoldCanyonUMC.org or call the Church Office)

Sun Mar 1	All day	St. David's Day		9am	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)
	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)		5pm	Country Worship (KR)
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (Noah's Ark)		5:30pm	Confirmation Class (SoGR)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (Koinonia)		6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)
	2pm	GCUMC Organist Recital (S)	Mon Mar 9	8am	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)
5pm	Country Worship (KR)	9:30am		Bible Banter (Emmaus)	
5:30pm	Confirmation Class (SoGR)	10am		UMW Leadership Committee (SoGR)	
6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)	1pm		Class: Acts of the Apostles (ER)	
Mon Mar 2	8am	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)		1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)
	9:30am	Bible Banter (Emmaus)		1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)
	1pm	Class: Acts of the Apostles (ER)		7pm	AI-Anon (Sea of Galilee)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)		7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)
	1pm	Security Training (S)	Tue Mar 10	8am	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)		9am	DISCIPLE 1 Women's Class (Emmaus)
	5:30pm	Mtg: Sierra Vista HOA Mtg (Esther-MC)		9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-Barnabas)
	7pm	AI-Anon (Sea of Galilee)		9:30am	GC Garden Club (MC-M)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)		2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
Tue Mar 3	8am	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)		6pm	One in the Spirit Reh (KR)
	9am	DISCIPLE 1 Women's Class (Emmaus)		6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)		7pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)
	4:30pm	Team Outreach (MC-Esther)	Wed Mar 11	9:30am	Music Library Activities (Music)
6pm	One in the Spirit Reh (KR)	10am		Lenten Movie Series (MC-Esther)	
6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)	11:45am		Healing & Prayer Time (MC-Stephen)	
7pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)	1pm		DISCIPLE 2 (MC-Esther)	
Wed Mar 4	9:30am	Music Library Activities (Music)		1pm	DISCIPLE 4 (Emmaus Rm)
	10am	Lenten Movie Series (MC-Esther)		1:30pm	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)
	11am	Cancer Support Group (Emmaus)		5pm	Midweek Mountaineers (Educ Bldg/Kitchen)
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-Stephen)		5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (Koinonia)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 2 (MC-Esther)		6pm	Mtg: Vista del Corozon HOA-DRC (MC-Stephen)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 4 (Emmaus Rm)		7pm	Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)
	1:30pm	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)	Thu Mar 12	8am	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)
	5pm	Midweek Mountaineers (Educ Bldg/Kitchen)		9am	Lions Club Mtg (SoGR)
	5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (Koinonia)		1pm	DISCIPLE II (Emmaus)
	7pm	Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)		1pm	Gold Canyon Arts Council Mtg (MC-Stephen)
Thu Mar 5	8am	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)		1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)
	9am	Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC-Stephen)		6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music)
	1pm	DISCIPLE II (Emmaus)		6:30pm	Lenten Movie Series (MC-Esther)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)	Fri Mar 13	8am	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)
6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music)	10am		Mind Menders (Emmaus)	
6:30pm	Lenten Movie Series (MC-Esther)	10am		Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical League (Esther-MC)	
Fri Mar 6	8am	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)			5:30pm
	10am	Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical League (Esther-MC)	Sat Mar 14	11am	MEMORIAL: Charlie Tirrito (S)
	5:30pm	AA (Emmaus)		Sun Mar 15	8am
	7:30pm	GCAC Concert: Carpe Diem String Quartet (Sanctuary)	9am		UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)
Sat Mar 7	6am	Community Garage Sale (South Parking Lot)		9:30am	"The Table" Adult Discussion Group (MC-Martha)
	10am	Mtg: GC Coordinating Council (MC-S)		9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
Sun Mar 8	8am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)		9:30am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

GOLD CANYON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mon Mar 16	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (Noah's Ark)	Tue Mar 24	7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (Koinonia)		8am	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)
	2pm	GCUMC Organ Recital (S)		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) 6pm One in the Spirit Reh (KR)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)		6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	8am	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)		7pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)
	9:30am	Bible Banter (Emmaus)		8am	Newsletter Team (Music)
	1pm	Class: Acts of the Apostles (ER)		9:30am	Music Library Activities (Music)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)		10am	Lenten Movie Series (MC-Esther)
Tue Mar 17	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)	Wed Mar 25	11am	Cancer Support Group (Emmaus)
	6pm	Mtg: Building Committee (MC-B)		11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-Stephen)
	7pm	AI-Anon (Sea of Galilee)		1pm	DISCIPLE 2 (MC-Esther)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)		1pm	DISCIPLE 4 (Emmaus Rm)
	All day	POLLING PLACE (Koinonia Rm) / St. Patrick's Day		1:30pm	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)
	8am	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)		5pm	Midweek Mountaineers (Educ Bldg/Kitchen)
	9am	DISCIPLE 1 Women's Class (Emmaus)		5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (Koinonia)
	2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)		7pm	Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)
	6pm	One in the Spirit Reh (KR)		8am	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)
	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)	Thu Mar 26	9am	Days for Girls Workshop (MC-Barnabas)
Wed Mar 18	7pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)		1pm	DISCIPLE II (Emmaus)
	9:30am	Music Library Activities (Music)		1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)
	10am	Lenten Movie Series (MC-Esther)		6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music)
	11am	Cancer Support Group (Emmaus)		6:30pm	Lenten Movie Series (MC-Esther)
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (MC-Stephen)		8am	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 2 (MC-Esther)		10am	Mind Menders (Emmaus)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 4 (Emmaus Rm)		10am	Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical League (Esther-MC)
	1:30pm	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)		2pm	Reserved (S)
	5pm	Midweek Mountaineers (Educ Bldg/Kitchen)		3pm	Master Class: Jeri Sager (S)
	5pm	Wranglers for the Lord Reh (Koinonia)		4:30pm	Reserved (S)
Thu Mar 19	7pm	Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)	Fri Mar 27	5:30pm	AA (Emmaus)
	8am	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)		7:30pm	GCAC Concert: Jeri Sager (Sanctuary)
	9am	Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC-Stephen)		8am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
	1pm	DISCIPLE II (Emmaus)		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 & Youth Sunday School (EB)
	6:30pm	Lenten Movie Series (MC-Esther)		9:30am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
	8am	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)		10:50am	Children's Sunday School (Noah's Ark)
	10am	Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical League (Esther-MC)		10:50am	Praise Worship (Koinonia)
	4pm	Wedding: Nancy Beihoffer/Bob Patterson (S)	Sun Mar 29	5pm	Country Worship (KR)
Fri Mar 20	5pm	Wedding Reception: Beihoffer/Patterson (KR)		5:30pm	Confirmation Class (SoGR)
	5:30pm	AA (Emmaus)		6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)
	10am	UMW Mtg (KR)		8am	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)
	8am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)		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	AI-Anon (Sea of Galilee)
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (Noah's Ark)		7pm	CoDA Mtg (Emmaus Rm)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (Koinonia)	Mon Mar 30	8am	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)
Sat Mar 21	5pm	Country Worship (KR)		9am	DISCIPLE 1 Women's Class (Emmaus)
	5:30pm	Confirmation Class (SoGR)		2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)		6pm	One in the Spirit Reh (KR)
	8am	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)		6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	9:30am	Bible Banter (Emmaus)		7pm	UG Rehearsal (Koinonia)
	1pm	Class: Acts of the Apostles (ER)	Tue Mar 31		
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-Martha)			
	1pm	Yoga (MC-Barnabas)			
	7pm	AI-Anon (Sea of Galilee)			
Sun Mar 22					
Mon Mar 23					



BITS-N-BYTES

ROADRUNNER & BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please send your content for the
April Roadrunner

via email to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org
no later than 8:00am, Monday, 3/9/2020

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/)
- 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)

JAN	2016			2017			2018			2019		
	General	Building	Worship	General	Building	Worship	General	Building	Worship	General	Building	Worship
	128609	26957	7784	127092	26483	11343	102216	25036	9680	91640	27965	9832

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 System: (\$48,000; \$1,300 given so far)
- Fellowship Hall (\$2.4M; \$567,932 given so far)
- Debt Payoff (\$1,011,241 as of 1/2020)
- Playground (\$66,497; 63,540 given so far)
- Stained Glass for upper Sanctuary windows (\$144,024 given so far; \$6,176 per 2'5"x2'8.5" remaining panels)
- Organ Pipes: (\$117,273 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.

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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