



## FROM THE PASTOR: "OUR CHURCH ONLINE"



Our living situation has changed dramatically from just one month ago. Your church is changing to adapt with the situation. We are now worshipping online. Last Sunday 3,000 people participated in our online worship. Some church groups are now meeting online using a computer application called Zoom. Here are a list of those who have moved to online ministry:

- Morning Worship
  - Country Worship
  - Youth Ministry
  - Confirmation Class
  - Rev. Fay Quanstrom's Disciple Bible Study
  - Rev. Fay Quanstrom's Acts of the Apostles
  - Rev. Fay Quanstrom's Promises of Hope Study
  - Dr. David Worley's Healing & Prayer Time
  - United Methodist Women are working on it.

Soon I will be setting up a weekly time that people can logon and spend some time with their Senior Pastor. I would encourage all groups to consider meeting online. We can help your participants move online. The church has already paid for the online access so there is no charge for those groups that use it. We also have people who are willing to run your online meeting.

Please know as we move towards Holy Week that all the worship services will be able to be seen online. We still plan on having a Maundy Thursday service and a Good Friday service. In preparation for Sunday April 5th communion services, we are inviting people to have bread and grape

juice ready for communion to be celebrated online. If you don't have grape juice any other drink will suffice. We don't want you to risk your health just to buy grape juice. May God strengthen you and give you hope and encourage for the days ahead. I will see you online on Sunday.

Grace and peace,

*Fred*

*Come Alive This Easter!*

**WORSHIP ONLINE WITH US EASTER WEEK!**

**HOLY WEEK**  
Maundy Thursday 4/9—7pm  
Good Friday 4/10—7pm

**CELEBRATE THE RISEN SAVIOR EASTER SUNDAY!**

**ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES**  
**April 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am & 5:00pm**  
(services can also be watched later)

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## 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?*

- 4/ 5 — Come Alive: On Trial
- 4/12 — Come Alive: Through the Tears

*"..Following Jesus... Serving Others"*



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & EVANGELISM

Pastor Katharine Keller

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

In light of our new "circumstances" in regard to dealing with events being "suspended," we have begun holding online — and attendees can participate on a computer, iPad, tablet or phone!

- **"Promises of Hope" Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 10:00am with Rev. Fay Quanstrom. To join: : [https://zoom.us/j/393086285?pwd=VWtUdUZOTDdhaFpWd3hMeTlmaUhEQ\\_T09](https://zoom.us/j/393086285?pwd=VWtUdUZOTDdhaFpWd3hMeTlmaUhEQ_T09;); Meeting ID: 393-086-285.
- **Prayer & Healing:** Wednesdays from 11:45am–12:45pm. 1-on-1 prayer time by caring intercessors; To participate, contact Dr. David Worley (970)821-5404.

Be watching our all-church emails and Sunday Bulletins as more online meetings and classes become available.

## LENTEN MOVIE SERIES



Thank you to all who were able to attend our first two movies. I enjoyed hosting them. Although we have cancelled the rest of the movies, if you would like to borrow any of them –

*The Gospel of John, Godspell, Jesus, the Film, Jesus Christ Superstar or Son of God*, please call me at church. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Katharine.

## EASTER SILENT AUCTION



We have 33 absolutely wonderful, creative, beautiful donations for our silent auction. Since the church isn't open on Sundays for the foreseeable future, we are waiting until that time when we can begin to display the items. Bidding is vital, because all of the money raised will be going to our Easter mission, "The Covid-19 Relief Fund." At this time we believe doing an online silent auction is prohibitive, but we are looking into it.

## OUTDOOR MOVIES



Our outdoor family movies have been postponed. *Lion King* and *Overcomer* were our next two films – again, it's a "wait and see" as to when we might show them. If it gets into late spring, chances are it will be too hot and we may wait until fall.

## CONFIRMATION YOUTH



**Confirmation**

We have ceased meeting together face-to-face, however, Pastor Katharine is putting together assignments for the students to complete at home each week. We are all learning to be creative! We

## 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.



are still anticipating the Confirmation Service will be May 17<sup>th</sup>.

## PERALTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Pastor Katharine is in touch with the principal. Should any special needs arise, especially regarding food for families, the principal will contact her. As of this writing it is unclear whether they will return to school after March 31.

## FEAR, FOOLISHNESS & FAITH

Dr. David Worley

We have a new abbreviation in our vocabulary – Covid19. The words may have been abbreviated, but the pandemic is not likely to end soon. How shall we respond as Christians during this time? I suggest that there are three possible responses among others: fear, foolishness or faith.

Fear is a gift from God that helps us to protect ourselves either through flight or fight; it is not, then, in and of itself evil. We are told in Scripture to fear God, which does not mean that we are to cringe in terror before Him but to show Him the ultimate respect He deserves; this is why we pray "Hallowed be thy name." In these words, we are showing due reverence for our God who is Holy – unique and unlike any other.

However, fear can also be debilitating when we allow it to rule us. Paul wrote to his protégé Timothy, a young pastor facing the kinds of issues practically all pastors face. After encouraging him to remain strong, Paul said, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline" (2 Timothy 1:7, NLT). In other words, in difficult situations we are not to cling to fear and become immobilized and terrorized. Many are, unfortunately, imprisoned by fear in the face of the current situation which we have rarely faced in contemporary times.

Others reportedly are responding foolishly, believing they are somehow invincible and will not contract the virus because they are young, healthy or over confident claiming a faith that will shield them from all harm. Do you remember when Satan tempted Jesus? At one point during this encounter Satan taunted Jesus by encouraging Him to throw

Himself from the pinnacle of the Temple to prove that He was the Son of God. Satan even quoted Scripture about God's protection noting that the angels would protect him miraculously from any harm (Psalm 91:11). Jesus responded by also quoting the Old Testament namely, Deut. 6:16 which warns us not to put God to the test. In other words, our faith can be strong and resilient, but we should also remember that we are not to act unwisely.

In the current situation, we are not to act foolishly against the counsel of health officials. Failure to practice safety guidelines such as social distancing (which some have now termed social respect), staying at home as much as possible and sanitizing our hands frequently is not robust faith, it is acting unwisely. Remember Paul told Timothy that God has given us a sound mind. We need, therefore, to be intelligent in our responses to this and other threats we may face.

In the end, as Christians we are called to respond in faith. That is, we have unshakable confidence in the Lord of the universe. We believe that He will provide guidance, wisdom and help during these troubled times. We believe that His goodness, grace and generosity will see us through whatever we may face as a globe, a nation and individuals. This gives us courage and as Paul noted in his words to Timothy, the power to remain inwardly peaceful and also to do good in the midst of stressful times. Not only can we then practice safety but keep social connections through electronic means, worship online, earnestly pray, and where we can, be of service to others near us. Especially if we are healthy, we can use that blessing to bless others by running errands, working in a food bank or checking on others who are ill or isolated. Technology offers us many opportunities to reach out and interact with others while reducing any risks. Again as Paul noted to Timothy, we are called to love.

Covid19 is not a reason to fear or to act foolishly but a call to faith, prayer and service. It is an opportunity to learn the deeper meaning of Paul's words to Timothy regarding fear, power, love and service.





## CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Sherry Hussein

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

Keeping our church Family and all the children in my prayers. Below are a couple of scriptures I find to be comforting... may they comfort you also. I'm looking forward to seeing you back at church soon.— Love & blessings, Ms. Sherry

*Jesus made this promise to His followers: "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (John 14:27 NIV).*

*Whoever goes to the Lord for safety, whoever remains under the protection of the Almighty, can say to Him, "You are my defender and protector. You are my God; in you I trust." He will keep you safe from all hidden dangers and from all deadly diseases. (Psalms 91:1-3)*

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2020



VBS is June 1-5, 2020, and we're calling all volunteers! Reserve your seat on the Rocky Railway, "Jesus Power Pulls Us Through". VBS is free and open to children ages 3 1/2 (potty-trained) through 5th grade. We meet 9:00am—

12:15pm, each day. Registration will start April 10th and forms will be available in the Church office, at the Welcome Center, and in the Education Building.

Parents, Grandparents, and Guardians, we look forward to you bringing the children to VBS. It's going to be an amazing, uplifting experience, and lots of fun too!

We have volunteer openings for:

- Crew Leaders
- Bible Storytellers
- Photographer
- Decorating Team, and
- A "Train Conductor" and "Train Engineer" (costume provided; no previous acting experience needed)

There will be an "All VBS Staff Training Meeting on Sat., May 2nd at 10:00am in the Koinonia Rm. Please direct any questions to Sherry 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 children to bring a new friend, and join us for a fun, uplifting evening together.

April dates are 8, 15, 22, and 29, and we'll be having a special celebration on April 15th, "He Has Risen".

We have been filling our Thankfulness jars with coins during Lent season, and will decide on a charity to give the money. 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

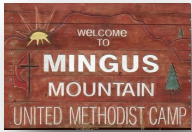
through April. Many of the children consider Sidewalk "their Church," as they do not attend another Church. Each Saturday we have a unique Bible lesson, keeping the children engaged in learning more about God's Word, and His Son, our Savior. We always say the pledges to the American and Christian flags.

April 25th will be our last Saturday for the season, we will have a special celebration that day. We do keep in touch with the children during the summer months, making family visits. Several children enjoy attending VBS at our Church. We are grateful for the continued support and generosity of spirit from our Church Family at GCUMC. Many thanks to the dedicated volunteers in this ministry, you have made a difference in the children's lives, just being there to guide, love, and nurture them through God's word.

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.



## SUMMER CAMP AT MINGUS MOUNTAIN



Our Methodist camp is designed to guide children in exploring and experiencing God's love while having absolute FUN, in a safe and beautiful environment. There will be three sessions of Elementary Camp: 1) June 1-6; 2) June 22-27; 3) June 29—July 4.

Ms. Sherry is planning to attend June 22-27. Transportation provided on Church vehicle, with advance notice. Cost of Camp is \$380, per session, and scholarship funds are available. To register your child, visit: [www.dsccamps.org](http://www.dsccamps.org). Please contact Sherry Hussein at Church Office for questions and if needing financial assistance.

### BLESSED IS HE



Read Matthew 21:1-11 NIV

Then fill in the correct words using the numbered clues below.  
Find out what the crowds shouted to Jesus when He was on the road to Jerusalem.  
The answer will be in the red squares.



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1. What did the people cut down from the trees? (verse 8)
2. Who answered, "This is Jesus the prophet from Nazareth?" (verse 11)
3. The whole city was stirred when Jesus entered what city? (verse 10)
4. What did the crowds spread on the road? (verse 8)
5. Who would come gentle and riding on a donkey? Your \_\_\_\_ (verse 5)
6. What did Jesus ride along the road to Jerusalem? (verse 7)
7. Where did the crowds spread their cloaks? (verse 8)

What did the crowds shout when Jesus rode past them on a donkey? \_\_\_\_\_



## YOUTH GROUP

Linda Clise, Youth Director

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

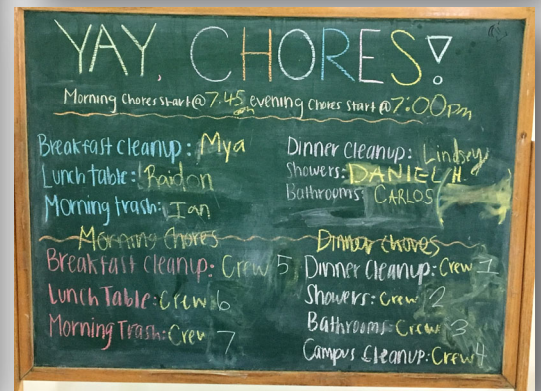
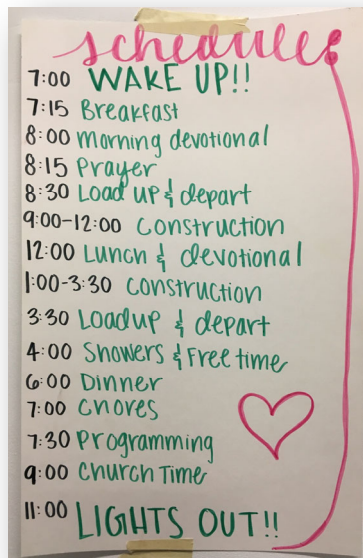
During the time of social distancing, the youth are still connecting! We have a lively group chat, play Minecraft together online, and are having virtual youth group meetings. We text each other and share funny stories about being self-quarantined! We are all looking forward to the time when we can all meet together again, in person! Of course we are all excited for the annual summer youth group trip!

This year we will be going to Colorado Springs, Colorado. Colorado Springs is the second largest city in Colorado and was recently ranked as one of the best cities to live in. However, amongst this beautiful city are individuals struggling with material poverty and homelessness. 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 to "Youth Group Summer Trip." Or if you are giving online, please choose "Youth" as the fund and in the memo section write, "Youth Group Trip." Thank you so much for making these trips possible each year!

For those of you who have already made donations to the youth group this year, you are considered shareholders and the money will go to the mission trip.

Blessings, *Linda*



**Youth Group—ONLINE!**

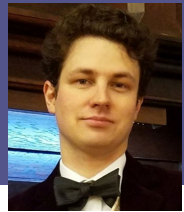
(7th—12th grades)

**Sundays at 6:30pm**

*Fun faith-based programs & fellowship!*







## MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



As we come to April, it's important to remember that this is a time for celebration, even in difficult circumstances. On April 12th, we will celebrate Jesus' resurrection and the new life that he offers to all of us. As of writing this, many are concerned about the COVID-19 pandemic and we on the church staff take both the physical and spiritual health of our congregation very seriously. So if we haven't resumed church services yet in person, just know it's in the best interests of all of us and continue to tune in for worship together online.

global situation improve faster than expected, I hope to be able to bring in an artist in late April, but if not, thank you all for your continued support which is always appreciated. I hope everyone continues to enjoy the weather and Arizona sunshine. Stay tuned to the church newsletters, emails, and website for further information going forward. In the meantime, stay safe, stay healthy, pray for your friends, family, our community and world!

Peace and best regards,

On a lighter note, I want to thank all of you who joined me at Organ Stop Pizza on March 6th, we had a great time and I hope to see as many folks when we decide to do it again. I was also very grateful for the support I and the music program in general received at my organ recital on March 15th. I hope that we'll be able to move forward in the near future with a number of important projects.

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HAVE  
Blessed  
Easter

In the last weeks of March, the Music department has had to be rather creative, given that all of the larger music groups have been cancelled. We're going to continue to offer a variety of worship music and hope that you're all joining in at home. We're all still working towards offering our best to the Lord, even with smaller numbers. Should the



04/09/20 Thu 7:00pm

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

04/10/20 Fri 7:00pm

**Good Friday Worship**

04/12/20 Sun 8:00am

**Morning Worship**... come alive with us and celebrate our Risen Christ!

04/12/20 Sun 5:00pm

**Easter Sunset Worship** ...our Country/Western celebration of Christ Alive

*\* Indicates a ticketed event for a fee presented by the Gold Canyon Arts Council's Canyon Sounds Series. Inquires and/or ticket information can be received via phone (480)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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## GLOBAL MISSIONS

Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor

# POSTPONED UNTIL LATER DATE

### THE LAME SHALL LEAP LIKE A DEER



Isaiah prophesied that one day "the lame shall leap like a deer," (35:6) Jesus healed the lame (Matthew 15:30-31) as did Peter and John (Acts 3:1-10), and the result was praise to God, the ultimate Healer of body and soul.

If you have ever been immobile for any length of time, you know how challenging everyday activities can be. You may need to be waited on or call in hired help. If you are in a wheelchair you may be able to manage a little better, but a wheelchair poses other challenges like door too narrow to allow passage or cabinetry that keeps a person from getting close enough for effective work. If cabinetry closes the area below a sink, simply pulling up close enough to have access to the faucets is nearly impossible. And this is just a sample of the challenges that the mobility-impaired face.

In less developed countries the challenges of self-transport multiply. The indignity of crawling or dragging oneself about may be the only choice for a person who has suffered debilitating disease like polio, a stroke, an unfortunate injury, or a birth defect.

Mobility Worldwide has developed a personal energy transportation (PET) cart made of sturdy, simple parts. The PET, powered by hand cranking, turns an invalid into an active member of the community. No longer are crutches or crawling necessary. Even more, a person can convert a PET into an ice cream truck by the addition of use the "luggage compartment" of a PET for an ice chest, from which milk or snacks can be sold. Alternatively, some PET recipients have carried general store dry goods and used their cart to become a traveling merchandiser, not only self-transporting, but self-supporting as well.

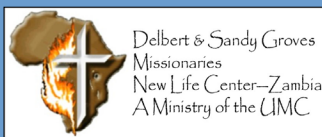
With our 2020 Easter offering, we are challenging the congregation to supply 100 PETs to needy individuals. The carts are shipped in containers to fill requests from disabled children, youth, and adults. Missionaries Delbert and Sandy Groves, whom GCUMC helps to support,

distribute mobility carts in Zaire as part of their work. This is just one of hundreds of locations where PETs have transformed lives.

You can be the answer to someone's prayers by contributing to this project. (\$300 buys a whole cart.) ?



Gold Canyon United Methodist Church supports these Global Missions:





## PASTORAL & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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

As our winter visitors prepare to return home, as many do during the month of April, I want to affirm how blessed we are to have you among us for the months you escape the winter weather "back home." Because of the suspension of public meetings we are not able to bid you farewell personally, but please know that it is a pleasure to have had the opportunity to become better acquainted with you as well as minister to and with you as opportunity arises. So, winter guests, we send you home with a sense of bitter sweetness trusting you have felt our love and care and also knowing that the congregations you attend back in your hometowns will be delighted to see you again. We wish you God's protection in your travel, God's provisions in your trials and God's providence in your trip back to us in the coming season. We will keep the home fires burning and think of you enjoying the lakeside cool while we swelter in the summer heat! Vaya con dios!

— Dr. David Worley



## ... AND ON THE COUNTRY SIDE

Dr. David Worley

At the time of writing this piece, our congregation is meeting online and our Country service starts meeting online this Sunday, March 29th. We feel keenly the loss of being able to wish many of you goodbye as you head to your various homes. We look forward to seeing you again upon your return, however. How good to know in these uncertain times that we serve a God who is faithful to uphold us and see us through whatever we may face!

With the dawn of the month of April comes the experience of spring, if not the calendar date of spring. That is, we are more likely to see the

evidence of spring all around us as flowers burst from the cacti, birds return for the season and the weather becomes stunningly beautiful. Likewise, Easter, which we celebrate this month is life realized anew. As we remember that our Lord rose from the grave we also remember that we are called to a new life which Paul explains in Romans Chapter Six. This is true for us wherever we are; so let us live in the joy and power of that new life in Christ.



## 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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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!*



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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).

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E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you!*

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

Kay Batt  
Michael Garrett  
Doris Erickson  
Evelyn Nuss  
Paul Roberts  
Alice Myers  
Karen St. John (MI)

James Zieglowsky  
Arquish's daughter  
Pete Peterson's brother  
Paul Renfer  
Rev. Fred Steinberg's sister  
Gloria Sheridan  
Patsy Arehart

*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

### DO WE HAVE TO BE THAT DISTANT?

I'd imagine some of you are tired of the term "social distancing", and more tired of actually doing it. I've been doing a lot of reading and a lot of listening with the extra time on my hands, and that makes me think a little. Here's one of the first ones that struck me...

Gretchen Schmelzer recently blogged a story titled *This Can Be Our Finest Hour*. The title caught my eye because I love the story of Apollo 13. Gretchen synopsised a key moment in the story – "When the Apollo 13 oxygen tank failed and the lunar module was in danger of not returning to earth, Gene Kranz, the lead flight director overheard people saying that this could be the worst disaster NASA had ever experienced—to which he is rumored to have responded, "With all due respect, I believe this is going to be our finest hour." And, it was.

She went on to write - For the vast majority of people nationwide and worldwide, this virus is not about you. This is one of those times in life, in history, when your actions are about something bigger. They are about someone else. They are about something greater, a greater good that you may not ever witness. A person you will save who you will never meet...every small act of 'not doing' what you were going to do, and 'doing' an act of kindness or support will add up exponentially.

Over the past several decades we Americans have been rather spoiled. I will speak for myself here so as not to offend all of you, but I know I have become increasingly selfish. In the day to day I have forgotten the sacrifice of those gone before us during times such as the Civil War, WWI, WWII and the many others in which countless Americans have sacrificed. Each of those called for Americans to make significant personal sacrifices for the greater good. Yesterday I pulled out my grandmother's WWII Ration Book, with a few remaining stamps for sugar, coffee, vegetables. It brought a little sobering perspective.

We are being asked to pretty simply, stay home. Maybe God is telling us to slow down. As a friend of mine recently walked through her neighborhood, a huge difference from what she was used to seeing, struck her. Instead of doors closed and very few others out and about, she heard laughter, saw whole families walking and riding bikes together, kids playing basketball, people doing yard work or sitting on their patios and waving. Most of the "things" we typically fill our lives with are temporarily suspended – work, school, bars, restaurants, movies, large sports events, bowling, concerts, casinos, shopping for the fun of it. So what now?

"Religion in the time of quarantine will challenge conceptions of what it means to minister and to fellowship". This is among the more profound I've heard. Remember that physically, God has always been distant...we can't see Him...we can't touch Him...we can't hug Him...but does that change our relationship with Him? No! Can we still love others from afar? Of course! How do we do it?

Let's look beyond the disappointment of cancelled events, trips, etc. During WWII, Winston Churchill's cabinet was amazed and heartened to witness the ascendance of human goodness—altruism, compassion and generosity of spirit and action. And we haven't changed for the worse. If there are more than one of you in your home, quarantine may be easier; you may enjoy games, deeper conversation, laughter, back to the basics together. For some who are home alone though, it can seem VERY distancing – this is where "our finest hour" comes in. In this age of technology—computers, smart tv's, cell phones, e-readers - we are blessed with the ability to still be social from afar. Write a note to a friend or someone alone, call, play on-line games, order delivery to a friend from a restaurant struggling to pay employees, sign up for on-line bible study, etc.

Remember the church is the people, we are still in community, we just aren't sitting and walking side by side. We just have to get a bit more creative. In Pastor Fred's first on-line only sermon during this national crisis, he spoke of the recent death of his sister. He shared how she planned her own memorial service, focusing primarily on the "gifts" in her life, some of which might be seen as a negative if looked at from a different perspective than she chose. He urged us to give thanks for the gifts in our life, in the midst of this Coronavirus outbreak.

If you are in an especially difficult place during this crisis, please know God has placed 4 pastors in your path to help you along the way. They minister to members and friends of Gold Canyon UMC. Please simply call the church office at (480)982-3776 and one of them will respond to your request. After hours, you may call or email one of the pastors directly. You will find their contact information in the bulletin, church office or the Pastoral and Congregational Care page of this newsletter.

*9 I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." ~ Joshua 1:9 (NRSV)*



## MINISTRY & MISSIONS

### SCRIP "BUS & VAN FUND" MINISTRY

**Great News for 2019 Totals on the Bus and Van/Script Program!**

- Bashas .....\$ 5,820
- Fry's..... \$ 800
- Amazon Smile.....\$ 390
- Designated Gifts from Individuals.....\$ 850
- Grand Total .....\$7,860**

A big, big hand of thanks to all those who take a little extra time and effort to use these programs, as well as those who make regular designated gifts to the Bus and Van program. You have been faithful and you really are a blessing to those who benefit from our bus and van ministry. Keep on serving Jesus in this way!

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 smile** 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.'

**fry's** 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 Rita K. Vadasz-Miller, GCUMC UMW Communications Chair



Prayer has always been an important part of UMW. There are seven admonitions in each Response magazine: Think, Learn, Live, Give, Listen, Act, and the final one is always Pray.

Last year, friends prayed special prayers for me, prayers of thanksgiving, prayers over concerns of me and my family, and prayers for travel mercies. It is a comfort when friends say, "You are in my prayers daily." Prayer is important to me.

In the Old Testament, God and humans engaged in dialogue. Understanding prayer as a personal confrontation with a responsive referent continues into New Testament Christian prayer. The first mention of prayer in connection with the life of Jesus is when He was baptized and the heavens opened and God spoke. Later, Jesus taught us how to pray when he spoke the Lord's Prayer. Christians know that God is susceptible to human influence by means of prayer.

I requested something in writing about prayer from my Michigan friend, Mary Martin, age 92, and she wrote: Prayer is verification you believe there is a God; verification you believe you can communicate with Him; verification you believe in a relationship with Him; verification you assume He has anthropomorphic attributes such as the ability to see, hear, answer, etc.

Communicating with our God is calming and when we pray for assistance in our life journey, we know that He listens and will help us understand God's purpose in our lives. Prayers brings us into a better fellowship with the Lord.

Keep praying! For yourself and for others. Anytime, anywhere, talk with God!

#### ***Pray!***

*Lord, grant us eyes to see, and ears to hear,  
And souls to love, and minds to understand,  
And steadfast faces toward the Holy Land,  
And confidence of hope, and filial fear,  
And citizenship where Thy saints appear  
Before Thee heart in heart and hand in hand,  
And alleluias where their chanting band*

*As waters and as thunders fill the sphere.  
Lord, grant us what Thou wilt, and what Thou wilt  
Deny, and fold us in Thy peaceful fold:  
Not as the world gives, gives to us Thine Own:  
Inbuild us where Jerusalem is built  
With walls of jasper and with streets of gold,  
And Thou, Thyself, Lord Christ, for cornerstone.*

*From the Jan/Feb 2020 Response. Written by Christina G. Rossetti,  
1900.*

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

- **April 18:** Our annual "Call to Prayer and Self Denial" and a film clip on church grocery fundraising will be shown.
- **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](mailto:CarolJohnsonAZ@yahoo.com).

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

- by Rita K. Vadasz-Miller, GCUMC UMW Communications Chair



We did it... thanks to all of you who donated money and helped with the Habitat Build this year! Our church contributed over \$14,000, and the combined coalition of 8 churches plus the chapel at Valle del Oro contributed over \$30,000, nicely exceeding our goal of \$25,000. The overage will be carried forward for next year's build. We had many volunteers help with building, as well as bringing breakfast and lunch goodies for the workers.

Construction is nearly complete, and on Friday March 13 at 10 AM the house will be dedicated. Volunteers from the churches are encouraged to attend the ceremony at 626 S Lawson Drive, Apache Junction. The Garay family is excited to move into their new home.

We will soon begin planning for next year's build, and will keep you informed about when and where it will be. It is

not too early to start contributing funds for next year. We look forward to seeing our experienced volunteers and some new ones too. For more information, contact Joe and Maureen Morton (602)284-2826 or [moandjoem@aol.com](mailto:moandjoem@aol.com).

## ST. ANDREW'S CHILDREN'S CLINIC



We would like to thank everyone who participated in the March 5th trip to St Andrews Clinic. This was a successful trip with 10 people participating. Donations included:

- a check in the amount of \$750 from GCUMC
- 120 quilts and toiletry kits
- 14 blenders,
- 5 umbrella strollers
- 4 year supply vitamins,
- 24 jars vitamins
- 12 packages diapers
- 3 packages girls panties
- 9 packages boys briefs,
- 20 bars artisan soap
- several large bags stuffed toys
- 20 packages baby wipes
- Back packs



Thank everyone for supporting this mission. The next mission trip will be in October 2020.

## RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE MINISTRY



Ronald McDonald House Ministry supports the Ronald McDonald House Dobson by cooking dinner once a month for the residents. Ronald McDonald House provides a place to stay for families with children hospitalized in the Carden Children's Medical Center in Mesa. The average stay for these families is six months, as their children have serious medical issues. After a



long day at the bedside of their child, they love to walk into the House and smell a home-cooked meal waiting for them. A touch of home provided by smiling chefs. We set the tables with tablecloths, china, cutlery, fabric napkins, and flowers. The meal is served buffet style at 6:00 p.m. sharp with all dishes prepared in the kitchen.



Volunteers are needed to help prepare the meal, set the tables, clean up the kitchen and dining room afterward, but most importantly, the volunteers dine with the families and listen to their stories. It is a wonderful gift to give the families for such a small effort.

Volunteers need to be able to be on their feet, unaided, from 2:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., assist in food prep such as peeling/chopping vegetables and salad makings, making desserts, cooking meat, potatoes, pasta, mashing potatoes, steaming vegetables or preparing hearty soups, salads and desserts, setting the tables. After the families have finished eating, we clean up the dining room and kitchen, load the dishwashers, throw the trash, and straggle out to our cars. It is a tiring job with a lot of good fellowship and blessings.

If you are interested, please contact Pat Bolster at (480) 650-4011. If you leave a message, please provide your phone number and email address. At the beginning of each month, an email will be sent to all volunteers providing the date and asking for volunteers.

## 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](mailto:ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org)





## APRIL 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!*

Epler, Mary (Peggy) 04/01  
Lundberg, Betty 04/01  
Glasgow, Joan (Jo) 04/01  
Rowe, Jack 04/01  
Steinberg, Fred 04/01  
Dybwad, Gay 04/02  
Pezzino, Peter 04/02  
Wehle, Taylor 04/02  
Mogharbel, Cassea 04/03  
Schoeff, Rose 04/03  
Gray, Daniel (Dan) 04/04  
Hamilton, Verna 04/04  
Kinder, Elizabeth 04/04  
Marifjeren, Lorna 04/04  
Childress, Robert 04/05  
Fratt, Robert (Robert) 04/05  
Pape, Micah 04/05  
Rolf, Vernon (Vern) 04/05  
Denton, Marian 04/06  
Kostecka, Robert (Bob) 04/05  
Kresge, Betty 04/06  
Lewandowski, Paul 04/06  
Dulaney, Janet 04/08  
Harbaugh, Janice 04/08  
Hick, William 04/08  
Wachter, Sharon 04/08  
Hull, Catherine (Cathy) 04/09  
Mogharbel, Lillie 04/09  
Campbell, Frank 04/10  
Lackey, Sally 04/10  
Thomas, William (Bud) 04/10  
Lester, Yvonne 04/12  
Cooke, Teresa 04/13  
Burrett, Matthew 04/14  
DeWinter, Ruth 04/14  
Gingrich, Gary 04/14  
Fridlund, Edward (Ed) 04/15  
Killorn, Erlice (Bid) 04/15

Digerness, Nancy 04/16  
Togstad, Keith 04/16  
Zabel, Cameron (Cam) 04/16  
Barks, Tucker 04/17  
Roller, Don 04/17  
Evans, Dennis 04/18  
Manbeck, Lucas 04/18  
Revis, Lynn 04/18  
Svoboda, Beverly 04/18  
Andrews, Holly 04/19  
Lilly, Rod 04/20  
Brown, Karen 04/21  
Crane, Linda 04/21  
Lair, Linda 04/21  
Lester, James (Jim) 04/21  
Lindsay, Jenny 04/21  
Warren, Harry 04/22  
Weiss, Donna 04/22  
Whitmore, Sandi 04/22  
Sutter, Susan (Sue) 04/23  
Graham, Jean 04/24  
Hanshaw, Judy 04/24  
Manack, Jane 04/24  
Ellis, Caren Susan 04/25  
McNutt, Deborah 04/25  
Bos, Colette 04/26  
Robertson, Dave 04/26  
Sawyer, Barbara 04/26  
Williams, Barbara 04/26  
Witucky, Michelle 04/26  
Anderson, Anne 04/27  
Arquisch, Duri 04/27  
Bennett, Sharyn 04/27  
Fitzgerald, Gracie 04/27  
Kidwell, Robert (David) 04/27  
Kirby, Kara 04/27

Rickey, Craig 04/27  
Krstyen, Michelle 04/28  
McDaniel, Marilyn 04/28  
Steckley, JoAnn 04/28  
Stichter, Lewis 04/28  
Wehle, Peter Francis 04/28  
Downing, John (Jeff) 04/29  
Bjorklund, Alice 04/30  
Houtcooper, Melva 04/30  
Nunn, Kevin 04/30  
Ralston, Timothy (Tim) 04/30

### *Happy Anniversary!*

Gish, Connie & Wayne 04/02/1996  
Ramer, Waltraud (Trudy) 04/03/1955  
Carpenter, Tim & Trudy 04/07/1973  
Nelson, Forest (Lee) 04/07/2012  
Nelson, Jack & Marcia 04/07/1962  
Nelson, Joni & Lee 04/07/2012  
Christ, Dick & SuzAnne 04/16/1983  
Blankenship, Betty & Roger 04/09/1988  
Wiff, Bette & Tom 04/11/1956  
Kennedy, Barbara & Tom 04/13/1963  
Eisentraut, Arne & Bonnie 04/15/1957  
Lampsa, Roy & Tamara 04/15/1978  
Elek, Deane & Tim 04/17/1971  
Fitzgerald, Chris & Susan 04/18/1998  
Bell, James (Jim) & Merry 04/20/1963  
Glass, Carol & Rewerts, Jerry 04/20/2002  
Mintert, Frank & Zenith 04/20/1974  
Eddy, Barry & Janice 04/21/1973  
Malloy, Michael & Susan 04/23/1994  
Lindsay, Larry & Jenny 04/26/1968  
Daniels, Brad & Jan 04/27/2000  
Thacker, Jerry & Ruth Ann 04/30/1965  
Watters, Scott & Ortega-Watters, Monica 04/30/1982





# APRIL CALENDAR

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

Wed Apr 1	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Music Librarians (MR)		10am	***SUSPENDED*** Lenten Movie (E-MC)
	10am	***SUSPENDED*** Lenten Movie (E-MC)		2pm	"Promises of Hope" Bible Study (ONLINE)
	11am	***SUSPENDED*** Cancer Support Group (ER)		11am	***SUSPENDED*** Cancer Support Group (ER)
	11:45am	***SUSPENDED*** Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)		11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	1pm	***SUSPENDED*** DISCIPLE 4 (ER)		1pm	***SUSPENDED*** DISCIPLE 4 (ER)
	1:30pm	Tax Prep (M-MC)		1:30pm	Tax Prep (M-MC)
	2pm	"Promises of Hope" Bible Study (ONLINE)		5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Midweek Mountaineers (EB/K)
	5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Midweek Mountaineers (EB/K)		5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Wranglers for the Lord (KR)
	5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Wranglers for the Lord (KR)		6pm	***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Vista del Corozon HOA (S-MC)
Thu Apr 2	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Prayer Shawl Ministry (S-MC)	Thu Apr 9	All day	Maundy Thursday
	1pm	***SUSPENDED*** DISCIPLE II (ER)		8am	Tax Prep (MC-Steven)
	6:30pm	***CANCELLED*** Lenten Movie Series (E-MC)		9am	***SUSPENDED*** Lions Club Mtg (SoGR)
	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Choir Rehearsal (MR)		1pm	***SUSPENDED*** DISCIPLE II (ER)
Fri Apr 3	8am	Tax Prep (S-MC)		1pm	***SUSPENDED*** Gold Canyon Arts Council Mtg (S-MC)
	10am	***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Suprstn Mtn Astro League (E-MC)		6:30pm	***CANCELLED*** Lenten Movie Series (E-MC)
	5:30pm	AA (ER)		7pm	Maundy Thursday Worship (ONLINE)
Sat Apr 4	10am	***POSTPONED*** Mtg: GC Coordinating Council (S-MC)	Fri Apr 10	All day	Good Friday
Sun Apr 5	All day	Palm Sunday		8am	Tax Prep (MC-Steven)
	8am	Traditional Worship (ONLINE)		10am	***SUSPENDED*** Mind Menders (ER)
	9am	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)		10am	***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Suprstn Mtn Astro League (E-MC)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Discussion (E-MC)		5:30pm	AA (ER)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Children Sunday School (EB)		7pm	Good Friday Worship (ONLINE)
	9:30am	Youth Sunday School (ONLINE)	Sat Apr 11	All day	Holy Saturday
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Traditional Worship (S)		6pm	***SUSPENDED*** El Mirador BoD Mtg (E-MC)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Participate in Worship (S)	Sun Apr 12	6am	***SUSPENDED*** Easter Sunrise Worship (N Parking Lot)
	10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Children's Sunday School (NAR)		8am	Easter Traditional Worship (ONLINE)
	10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Praise Worship (KR)		9am	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)
	3:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Country Music Rehearsal (KR)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Discussion (E-MC)
	5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Country Worship (KR)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Children Sunday School (EB)
	5:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Confirmation Class (ONLINE)		9:30am	Youth Sunday School (ONLINE)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (ONLINE)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Easter Traditional Worship (S)
Mon Apr 6	8am	Tax Prep (MC-Steven)		10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Children's Sunday School (NAR)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Bible Banter (ER)		10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Easter Praise Worship (KR)
	1pm	Class: Acts of the Apostles (ONLINE)		3:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Country Music Rehearsal (KR)
	7pm	AI-Anon (SoGR)		5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Easter Sunset Worship (KR)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (ER)		5:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Confirmation Class (ONLINE)
Tue Apr 7	8am	Tax Prep (MC-Steven)		6:30pm	Youth Group (ONLINE)
	9am	***SUSPENDED*** DISCIPLE 1 Women's Class (ER)	Mon Apr 13	8am	Tax Prep (MC-Steven)
	2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ONLINE)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Bible Banter (ER)
	4:30pm	***POSTPONED*** Team Outreach (E-MC)		10am	***SUSPENDED*** UMW Leadership Committee (SoGR)
	6pm	***SUSPENDED*** One in the Spirit Reh (KR)		1pm	Class: Acts of the Apostles (ONLINE)
	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)		7pm	AI-Anon (SoGR)
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)		7pm	CoDA Mtg (ER)
Wed Apr 8	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Music Librarians (MR)	Tue Apr 14	8am	Tax Prep (MC-Steven)



	9am	***SUSPENDED*** DISCIPLE 1 Women's Class (ER)		1pm	***SUSPENDED*** DISCIPLE II (ER)
	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Stitches Unlimited (B-MC)		6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Choir Rehearsal (MR)
	2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ONLINE)	Fri Apr 24	10am	***SUSPENDED*** MindMenders (ER)
	6pm	***SUSPENDED*** One in the Spirit Reh (KR)		10am	***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Suprstn Mtn Astro League (E-MC)
	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)		5:30pm	AA (ER)
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)	Sun Apr 26	8am	Traditional Worship (ONLINE)
Wed Apr 15	All day	Tax Day		9am	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Music Librarians (MR)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Discussion (E-MC)
	2pm	"Promises of Hope" Bible Study (ONLINE)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Children Sunday School (EB)
	11am	***SUSPENDED*** Cancer Support Group (ER)		9:30am	Youth Sunday School (ONLINE)
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Traditional Worship (S)
	1:30pm	Tax Prep (M-MC)		10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Children's Sunday School (NAR)
	5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Midweek Mountaineers (EB/K)		10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Praise Worship (KR)
	5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Wranglers for the Lord (KR)		3:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Country Music Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Apr 16	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Prayer Shawl Ministry (S-MC)		5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Country Worship (KR)
	1pm	***SUSPENDED*** DISCIPLE II (ER)		5:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Confirmation Class (ONLINE)
	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Choir Rehearsal (MR)		6:30pm	Youth Group (ONLINE)
Fri Apr 17	10am	***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Suprstn Mtn Astro League (E-MC)	Mon Apr 27	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Bible Banter (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (ER)		1pm	Class: Acts of the Apostles (ONLINE)
Sat Apr 18	10am	***SUSPENDED*** UMW Mtg (B-MC)		6:30pm	Admin Council Mtg (B-MC)
Sun Apr 19	8am	Traditional Worship (ONLINE)		7pm	AI-Anon (SoGR)
	9am	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)		7pm	CoDA Mtg (ER)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Discussion (E-MC)	Tue Apr 28	9am	***SUSPENDED*** DISCIPLE 1 Women's Class (ER)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Children Sunday School (EB)		9am	***SUSPENDED*** Stitches Unlimited (B-MC)
	9:30am	Youth Sunday School (ONLINE)		2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ONLINE)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Traditional Worship (S)		6pm	***SUSPENDED*** One in the Spirit Reh (KR)
	10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Children's Sunday School (NAR)		6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Praise Worship (KR)		7pm	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)
	2pm	***SUSPENDED*** Concert: Tressa & Friends (S)	Wed Apr 29	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Music Librarians (MR)
	3:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Country Music Rehearsal (KR)		2pm	"Promises of Hope" Bible Study (ONLINE)
	5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Country Worship (KR)		11am	***SUSPENDED*** Cancer Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Confirmation Class (ONLINE)		11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (ONLINE)		5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Midweek Mountaineers (EB/K)
Mon Apr 20	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Bible Banter (ER)		5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Wranglers for the Lord (KR)
	1pm	Class: Acts of the Apostles (ONLINE)	Thu Apr 30	1pm	***SUSPENDED*** DISCIPLE II (ER)
	6pm	El Mirador Annual Mtg (E-MC)		6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Choir Rehearsal (MR)
	7pm	AI-Anon (SoGR)			
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (ER)			
Tue Apr 21	9am	***SUSPENDED*** DISCIPLE 1 Women's Class (ER)			
	2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ONLINE)			
	6pm	***SUSPENDED*** One in the Spirit Reh (KR)			
	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)			
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)			
Wed Apr 22	8am	***SUSPENDED*** Newsletter Team (MR)			
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Music Librarians (MR)			
	2pm	"Promises of Hope" Bible Study (ONLINE)			
	11am	***SUSPENDED*** Cancer Support Group (ER)			
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)			
	5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Midweek Mountaineers (EB/K)			
	5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Wranglers for the Lord (KR)			
Thu Apr 23	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Days for Girls (Barnabas-MC)			

***If you are a Facilitator/Teacher/Leader  
of a class or small group  
and would like to start meeting  
with your group online,  
please contact the Church Office.  
We would be happy to help you  
set-up your online meeting space!***



## BITS-N-BYTES

### ROADRUNNER & BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please send your content for the  
**May Roadrunner**  
 via email to [ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org](mailto:ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org)  
**no later than 8:00am, Monday, 4/6/2020**

**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!*

### *Not plugged in yet?...*

If you haven't already, complete and submit a Time & Talents Sheet — available in the Lobbies of either building or the Church Office. We have many areas from which you can select and connect! It's a great way to make new friends, too!

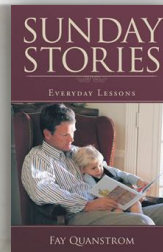
To see areas where you can serve/get involved, go to:  
<https://secure.accessacs.com/access/mydashboard/savailablegroups.aspx>



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



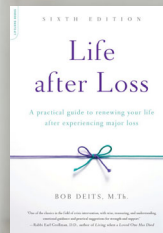
### THE BOOK SHELF



*"Sunday Stories: Everyday Lessons"* by Rev. Fay Quanstrom is a collection of children's stories illustrating how Scripture truths "live" in the life of a child. Available on Amazon, Kindle, Nook, Church Office & Welcome Center. For more info, go to [www.FayQuanstrom.com](http://www.FayQuanstrom.com).



*"Life Is Good—Once You Know How"* by Terry Parsons & Jennifer Parsons is an uplifting gift for young adults, or grandchildren in your family who might be struggling to find their "niche". Available on Amazon, Kindle, and Nook. Check it out!



*Life After Loss: A Practical Guide to Renewing Your Life After Experiencing Major Loss* is the go-to resource for anyone suffering a major loss, by helping to find positive ways to put together a life that is necessarily different—but equally meaningful. Available on Amazon and Church Office.  
[www.YourLifeAfterLoss.com](http://www.YourLifeAfterLoss.com)



#### 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 accessing either of the below links:

- [www.Facebook.com/GoldCanyonUMC/](http://www.Facebook.com/GoldCanyonUMC/)
- <http://goldcanyonumc.org/watch-worship-services-live/>



# CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

*- Romans 13:8 (NIV)*

FEB	2017			2018			2019			2020		
	General	Building	Worship	General	Building	Worship	General	Building	Worship	General	Building	Worship
	127092	26483	11343	102216	25036	9680	96506	45875	10038	99211	40861	9278

## 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; \$1,425 given so far)
- Fellowship Hall (\$2.4M; \$535,848 given so far)
- Debt Payoff (\$1m as of 2/2020)
- Playground (\$66,497; 63,540 given so far)
- Stained Glass for upper Sanctuary windows (\$143,974 given so far; \$6,176 per 2'5"x2'8.5" remaining panels)
- Organ Pipes: (\$122,023 given so far)
- New Church Multi-Site Start-Up (\$3,336 given so far)

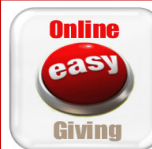
## Access ACS



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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### REGULAR 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)

### REGULAR 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

Addressee or Current Resident

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