



FROM THE PASTOR: "WORSHIP, CONNECTIONS & GIVING"



We anticipate that we will not be able to worship in person for another month or two. We have heard from many of you that the online worship services we have been providing are appreciated... and thank you for expressing that appreciation. I give thanks that we had the ability to stream our services already in place, and pray that soon this virus will be under control so we can worship together again.

During my weekly Thursday online Zoom meetings with church members, I became aware of how many people are feeling isolated during this time of COVID-19. As a result we are going to start a new program titled **"Canyon Connections,"** through which we will help people thrive through this crisis and beyond. Our intention is to pair up isolated individuals with other people who also feel alone. We will then encourage those two people to call and talk to each other every day. Women will be paired with women; We will pair women with women and men with men. If two people don't "click" with each other, they can contact the Church Office and we'll team them up with another person. If you are interested in connecting up with someone in our church, please contact the Church Office and let us know (ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org / (480)982-3776).

During this time we thank you for your financial support. As you might imagine fewer contributions were received in March 2020 than in March 2019. The church's giving is down 11% as of the end of March 2019, which translates to about \$48,000 short of last year's giving. We anticipate our contribution level will be restored once we are able to worship again in person, and I say a **big thanks** to those who have continued to financially support GCUMC. I will see you online on Sunday.

Grace and peace,

Fred

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You are invited to join me
online **Thursdays at 11:00am**
to spend an informal time
talking and connecting.

To participate:
<https://zoom.us/j/713204749>

MORNING SERMON SERIES

"STAYING IN LOVE"



Our church is full of people who've been married for 60 or more years. How were they able to stay together for so long? What caused them to grow together rather than apart? What blueprint did they use to maintain and grow their feelings over time? During this three week series we will explore ways to strengthen all your relationships.

- 5/10 — How Long?
- 5/17 — It's Not About You
- 5/24 — In the Gap

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



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & EVANGELISM

Pastor Katharine Keller

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

We have groups and classes that are meeting online. To participate, attendees can use a laptop, tablet, desktop (with camera/microphone) or phone

- **Cancer Support Group: Wednesdays at 11:00am.** To join: <https://zoom.us/j/225612430>
- **Prayer & Healing: Wednesdays at 11:45am.** Prayer w/ Dr. David Worley and other caring intercessors. To join: <https://zoom.us/j/110403714?pwd=aTk4SlJXL3pGdXc2TkZXdBVbVbHQrUT09>.
- **Women's Bible Study: Thursday evenings at 6:00pm** (started 4/16). Led by Pastor Katharine Keller, this 10-week, 1-hr Bible study is based on the "Bad Girls of the Bible – and What We Can Learn from Them" by Liz Curtis Higgs. Books are available on Amazon/Kindle, but she reads excerpts, if you don't care to buy it. Attendees need a Bible handy. Direct questions to ladiebug1214@gmail.com. To join: <https://zoom.us/j/993088005>.

If you have a group that you'd like to have meet online, contact the Church Office and we can set it up for you.

EASTER FUN

Do any of these people look familiar?



BELL RINGING ON SUNDAYS



Until the "Sheltering in Place" is lifted, the bell of Gold Canyon United Methodist Church will be rung:

Four (4) times at noon each day to represent:

1. those who have COVID-19

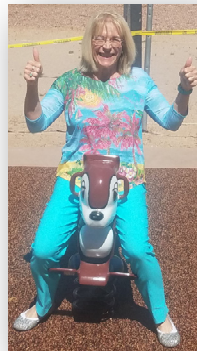
2. medical personnel on the front lines
3. EMS personnel
4. For strength of those who have lost loved ones to COVID-19

There will then be a 1-minute pause for prayer.

Finally, the bell will be rung three more times for:

1. our Father in Heaven,
2. the Son,
3. and the Holy Spirit.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND



CONFIRMATION YOUTH



Confirmation

Congratulations to our 2020 confirmands! Be sure to watch for their statements of Faith that will appear in the June Roadrunner. Because we probably won't be able to worship together in May, we are hoping to have our ceremony later this summer.



Hannah Morawa



Jeremy Brigham



Kyle Cajowski

HOW THE VIRUS STOLE EASTER

(written by Kristi Bothur) and with a nod, and thanks, to Dr. Seuss



Twas late in '19 when the virus began,
ringing chaos and fear to all people, each land.
People were sick, hospitals full,
Doctors overwhelmed, no one in school.

As winter gave way to the promise of spring,
The virus raged on, touching peasant and king.
People hid in their homes from the enemy unseen.
They YouTubed and Zoomed, social-distanced,
and cleaned.

April approached and churches were closed.
"There won't be an Easter," the world supposed.
"There won't be church services,
and egg hunts are out.
No reason for new dresses when we can't go about."

Holy Week started, as bleak as the rest.
The world was focused on masks and on tests.
"Easter can't happen this year," they proclaimed.
"Online and at home, it just won't be the same."

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday,
the days came and went.
The virus pressed on; it just would not relent.
The world woke Sunday and nothing had changed.
The virus still menaced, the people, estranged.

"Pooh pooh to the saints," the world was grumbling.
"They're finding out now that no Easter is coming.
"They're just waking up! I know just what they'll do!
Their mouths will hang open a minute or two,
and then all the saints will all cry boo-hoo.

"That noise," said the world,
"would be something to hear."
So it paused and the world put a hand to its ear.
And it did hear a sound coming through all the skies.
It started down low, then it started to rise.

But the sound wasn't depressed.
Why, this sound was triumphant!
It couldn't be so!
But it grew with abundance!

The world stared around, popping its eyes.
Then it shook! What it saw was a shocking surprise!
Each saint in each nation, the tall and the small,
was celebrating Jesus in spite of it all!

It hadn't stopped Easter from coming! It came!
Somehow or other, it came just the same!
And the world with its life quite stuck in quarantine
Stood puzzling and puzzling. "Just how can it be?"

"It came without bonnets, it came without bunnies,
It came without egg hunts, cantatas, or money."
Then the world thought of something it hadn't before.
"Maybe Easter," it thought,
"doesn't come from a store.
Maybe Easter, perhaps, means a little bit more."

And what happened then? Well....the story's not done.
What will YOU do? Will you share with that one
or two or more people needing hope in this night?
Will you share of the source of your life in this fight?

The churches are empty - but so is the tomb,
and Jesus is Victor over death, doom, and gloom.
So this year at Easter, let this be our prayer,
as the virus still rages all around, everywhere.

May the world see hope when it looks at God's people.
May the world see the Church
is not a building or steeple.
May the world find Faith in Jesus'
death and resurrection,
May the world find Joy in a time of dejection.
May 2020 be known as the year of survival,
but not only that... Let it start a revival!





CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Sherry Hussein

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

MIRACULOUS MAY

Many Christians are anticipating some miracles in May, with all the prayer requests made in March & April, and our continued prayers daily. "As children of God we should anticipate great things from our great God." We should expect him to hear our cries and respond, as we look with anticipation all around us for His answer and provision. Anticipate God's work in your life. Ask God to show you great & mighty things, that only He can do." Praise His Holy Name. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

— Love & blessings, Ms. Sherry



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ZOOM SESSION



On Saturday, April 11th, Sunday School teachers and the children enjoyed visiting with each other online... and a few pets

even joined us! It was a great experience — the "next best thing to being there." So much fun!



We would like to have more people participate in future Zoom sessions. It's fairly easy to access, once you have the Zoom app downloaded on your computer, and laptops work well. Thanks so much to Riechia for assisting those that needed help!



SIDEWALK CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Sidewalk Children's Outreach Ministry serves children in the Apache Junction area, and meets on Saturdays, October-April. Our ministry program includes Bible lessons, songs, games, field trips, lunch time, and so much more. We have prayer circle and offering, before eating lunch. This year we donated our total monies from offerings to Jose's Closet in A.J., a resource center helping Foster families in AZ.

March 14th was our last day with the children, due to unforeseen circumstances. We do keep in touch with the families and children through out the year. Making home visits during the summer months. Many of the children look forward to attending VBS at our Church, and several children would like to attend summer camp at Mingus Mt. We are grateful for the continued support from our Church Family at GCUMC. Our children's ministry continues to flourish, due to the generosity of spirit from our congregation. Our partnership with Desert Chapel UMC has also been successful, many thanks to Pastor Sharon Pajak for hosting Sidewalk at their campus. Most importantly...a very BIG THANK YOU goes to all the volunteer "Shepherds" that have been so dedicated to this ministry, by loving and nurturing the children through God's word. Many, many thanks go out to the volunteers that were drivers and chaperons on the vehicles, transporting the children to our ministry site. Thanks to Bev Stout for Co-Directing this season. Prayers for all of us to stay healthy and strong, so that we may continue serving God, by being disciples of Jesus, and teaching the children to love and accept Jesus into their hearts. Amen.

God willing, we will be back to a time when we can meet as a group, and have our big Sidewalk celebration with families, children, and "Shepherds."

If you would like to know more about Sidewalk Children's Ministry, please contact Sherry Hussein, (480) 529-9621.,

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2020



Our VBS program *Rocky Railway "Jesus Power Pulls Us Through"*, originally set for June 1-5 will be postponed. An alternate date will be announced when we receive notice that it's safe to return to our Church campus. We can continue our planning for the stations, via e-mails, and small group meetings online. God willing, and with continued prayers, we will be back together soon. Please contact

Sherry Hussein at (480) 529-9621 for questions and to volunteer.

MIDWEEK MOUNTAINEERS



Our midweek Our Midweek children's program for 1st - 6th graders, that meets during the school year, Wednesday evenings, ended early this year. At the end of our program, we have a special celebration, going out to eat at Golden Corral, that has been postponed. Looking forward to a bigger & better celebration, as soon as we are able to meet again. Many thanks to all the volunteer cooks that prepared dinners for our Midweek group, and to John Nuss for leading music time with the children. I am so very grateful to Jan Daniels, for her dedication in assisting with this Bible based program for the children. Praise God for all He has given us, especially for His Son Jesus, Our Savior.

SUMMER CAMP AT MINGUS MOUNTAIN



Considering the uncertainty of our circumstances, and not knowing if the summer camps will be postponed, we are referring all interested families of campers to Dina Reid, Desert Southwest Conference, UMC, Administrative Assistant, Camp & Retreat Ministries, 602-266-6956 x215. You can also access camp information online at www.dsccamps.org. Contact Sherry Hussein at Church Office for questions and if needing financial assistance.

HOLY LAND TRIP

RESCHEDULED JANUARY 4-17, 2022 (\$3,498)



The Holy Land trip with Pastor Fred has been rescheduled due to the coronavirus to January 4-17, 2022. If you have already paid a deposit, then it can be left on file and you will automatically be moved to this new trip date. If you would like to withdraw from the trip, you can contact Educational Opportunities and they will fully refund your deposit. For those who have paid the initial deposit, this means that the second deposit is not due until July of 2021. All trip details will remain the same and new brochures will be coming out soon. Pastor Fred would be glad to answer questions or email a brochure if you contact him at revstein78@gmail.com or leave a message with the Church Office.



YOUTH GROUP

Linda Clise, Youth Director

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

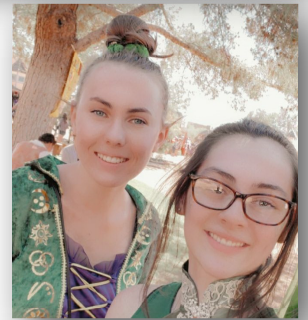
During this time of quarantine, the youth have continued to meet. In fact, we actually meet more now than we did before! We meet on Wednesday nights for a Bible study/devotional class, Friday evenings we have movies via Netflix Party, and on Sunday evening we meet for Youth Group.

We still have lots of laughs of course, but now they are just virtual. We play Pictionary, have scavenger hunts, trivial questions, and play the whisper challenge. In May, we will read and discuss a few books from Lee Strobel, starting with *The Case for a Creator*.

Our last time we met in person, we were fortunate enough to go on an outing. We went to the Renaissance Faire, and enjoyed turkey legs, jousting, and of course, the Greyhound Guild.

I thank you for your continued prayers and support for the youth.

Blessings, *Linda*



To participate with our Youth Group online with Zoom, send an email to: LindaKTClise@gmail.com



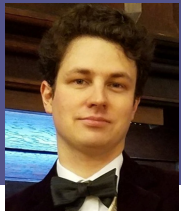
Youth Group—ONLINE!

(7th—12th grades)

Sundays at 6:30pm

Fun faith-based programs & fellowship!

YOUTH CALENDAR—APRIL 2020



MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



Happy May! I hope you all had a great Easter and are enjoying the Easter season, such as it is. I know we're all locked up at home still, I was even quarantined for two weeks (that's why you didn't see me much on livestream around Easter), but I hope you're all staying healthy, safe, and not too bored. The choir, bells, and orchestra have all participated in Zoom meetings over the internet/phone during the past month to stay in touch. As we continue to do recorded music for Sundays, the music ministry is still trying to include as much variety as we can into service with our limited resources and we're hoping as things get better in the coming months that we'll be able to go back to full livestream and eventually regular services.

As I don't have terribly too much to tell you about the goings-on in the music ministry right now, I thought I'd open up this section of the newsletter to your questions. If you have any questions about music, organ, choral singing, music history, really anything related to these topics, feel free to shoot me an email at ian.classe@gmail.com and I will respond. I'll also choose several top questions and put them in next month's newsletter. For this month, I've taken some questions from the choir and answered them below.

One question I received asked "I noticed that sometimes in the bulletin, it says there are pieces written by you on different titles. Often, there are songs that I recognize incorporated. Do you compose these songs during the week to be played on Sunday?"

My answer is as follows: On some Sundays, I will improvise on one of the hymns for the day. The titles such as 'Aurelia' or 'Precious Lord' are the tune names for the hymn. Every hymn in the United Methodist Hymnal has both a tune name and a regular hymn title. The tune names allow for composers and organists to locate or create arrangements of hymn tunes for use as new accompaniments, anthems, preludes, postludes, or other compositions based on familiar tunes. Some hymns even use the same tune but different texts. During the week, I might create an outline or practice an improvisation, but I rarely actually write down the music that I am playing on Sunday, it's usually somewhat spontaneous.

Another question asked "When I was a kid and went to church, I remember we had an organ with large shiny pipes at the back and I will always remember that sound. Why does the organ at our church not sound like the organ I remember from my childhood?"

My answer is as follows: Just like everyone has a different

sounding voice, every organ is different as well. They each have different specifications which means different numbers of pipes, sounds available, and even the space they are installed in changes the sound of the instrument. An 18th century German instrument will sound different from a 19th century French instrument, and even instruments built in those styles will differ from each other. Furthermore, in the 20th century, the development of electronic and digital instruments means some organs do not have pipes at all and therefore will not create the same sounds as a pipe instrument. The organ at our church is currently a digital instrument which mimics the sounds of different pipes with varying degrees of effectiveness through sophisticated computer technology, digital sampling, and speakers. The organ from childhood was likely a pipe organ with a very different specification and therefore a different sound.

The last question for this newsletter is one that I've gotten many times over the past weeks. "Would it be possible to do a choir performance over Zoom like those videos I've seen on Facebook?"

The short answer is no. The long answer is that it's complicated. The videos you've seen on social media of performing groups all singing or playing together through their cell phones or computers are actually pre-recorded much like the music we've been performing for the past weeks. Each participant must record on their own at home and later their recording combined with the others by an editor with advanced music production software. These videos are multi-track video and audio projects that require hours and hours of editing to make sure all the recordings are synchronized, all the different sounds are balanced, and the end result is clear and professional. I'm afraid we don't quite have the resources to make that happen effectively at church. I am hopeful that in the coming weeks though we do go back to livestream and can at least have limited numbers of musicians together. We'll just have to see how the health situation plays out.

I hope these questions and answers were of some interest to you. Again, feel free to send me an email at any time. I will answer your questions even if they don't appear in next month's letter. Stay safe, healthy, and be sure to remember those who are less fortunate during this difficult time.

Peace and best regards,

Ian



GLOBAL MISSIONS

Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor

AN URGENT NEED FOR PRAYER

Would you stop for a moment to consider how urgently our missionaries need prayer at this time? Not only are there concerns for their own health, but also all those who are part of their staff wherever they serve. In addition, because of the serious fear of COVID 19 most summer mission trips have been cancelled or postponed. That means that the funds that usually come to the ministry by means of volunteer workers are not now coming to them. That puts ministries around the world on hold for lack of funds. A person begins to see how the dominoes fall in surprising and unintended ways. So how does one pray for the faithful servants who continue to serve God's work in other countries? Here are some possibilities:

Fred Curry; Rice & Beans (Costa Rica):

- *health protection;*
- *creativity in using resources;*
- *blessings on all who have cancelled trips;*
- *generous donations from those able to give*



Lisa Armstrong; Fellowman International (Honduras):

- *health protection;*
- *continued local interest in community gardens and protein (rabbits; chickens; pigs) production;*
- *ability of health and dental services to continue;*
- *for Lisa and her family in Kansas, directing FMI remotely.*



Sandy & Delbert Groves; Mobility Worldwide (Zaire):

- *health protection;*
- *ability to continue education ministry at the African University (seminary);*
- *availability of PET units for distribution.*



May God hold us all in the protective palm of his hand.

Gold Canyon United Methodist Church supports these Global Missions:





PASTORAL & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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

As of the writing of this piece, we are still unable to gather for public worship due to COVID 19. We simply do not know how long this horrible siege will last.

In this time of separation I have been interested to see the kinds of Facebook posts that reflect what people are feeling and thinking. Among them are posts that show Brazilians worshipping and praying in the streets, calls to unified national prayer, and a poll asking if people miss their church families.

While Facebook often has such posts, there seems to be more of them as awareness grips us of how much we need God. I find these posts heartening during a dark time, but the one that gripped me the most was a post from a pastor friend that depicts a church building with empty pews along with the question, "This room empty on Easter? Relax . . . and then a picture of Christ's empty tomb is displayed with the tag line, "this one still is as well!"

Easter 2020 is past but the truth of Easter remains every day. We do not need a building, a crowd, a liturgy or a sermon to celebrate this blessed reality, although all of these remain important!

We rejoice in the truth of Christ's resurrection which remains true regardless of surrounding circumstances. Every Sunday is Easter!

— Dr. David Worley



... AND ON THE COUNTRY SIDE

Dr. David Worley

In past years, as many people return to their homes for the summer, we have brought to a close our weekly Country and Western services. However, given that we are now live streaming the service, we will continue to meet weekly through the month of July and then take a break during the month of August.

While we hope that we will be able to meet together for worship in the Koinonia Room during the coming weeks, we will continue to provide an online worship experience at 5:00pm on Sundays. So, I will see you online although I hope I will be able to greet some of you face to face before too long.

As I look back over the last few months that I have been blessed to share this service after Pastor Bob's retirement (who by the way is still missed), I am so grateful for the opportunity to work with a terrific group of musicians, tech crews, communion servers, liturgists and worshippers. I have so enjoyed becoming acquainted with the great people who have joined us over the past few months.

Thank you to everyone who has pulled together to make our Sunday evening services a blessing and to make me feel so welcome!



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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Rev. Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor
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Pastor Katharine Keller, Associate Pastor
LadieBug1214@gmail.com / (480) 888-5411

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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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.

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...

Kay Ackerson
Dan Lilienthal (MN)
Bruce Mjoen

In Remembrance

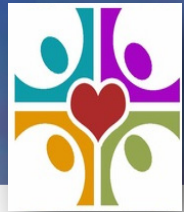
Pray one for Another

- James 5:16



Prayer Chain Ministry

Please email prayer requests to
gcumcprayers@gmail.com.



CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

WHERE TO NOW?

It is after Easter as this is written, and as you read, it is rapidly approaching May 1. And we are in the midst of a great deal of uncertainty – primarily about both health and economy in our country. For the majority of Americans this pandemic has been the most significant event of its type in our lifetimes. In a few short weeks our daily lives, and likely our futures, have been changed dramatically. We have been isolated, and even more prone to the human condition of “worry.”

Memes, cartoons and the like abound on social media and all around us. They can be humorous, sentimental, profound or philosophical. No doubt we can find one to fit our own narrative on any given day. The one shown below interested me. I think I really liked it because it fell in line with some of my thought processes that there would be some good to come from this experience.

But, is this a C.S. Lewis quote, and was it written in 1942? Although my initial reaction was “wow, would you look at that, history repeats itself, amazing.” My curiosity led me to look a little further. I found that others had researched as well, and the best I’ve found is the quote is not attributed to C.S. Lewis, and the origination appears to be about mid-March 2020. As it relates to the year written and the author, it seems it isn’t real. Does that make the message any less thought provoking? Not necessarily.

Maybe it really reinforces our need to focus on what IS real. Many mental health professionals would tell us that to move forward in this time in a positive, productive and healthy manner we should focus on what we can control. That comes down to things like what our dinner menu is, what we will do to entertain the kids this afternoon, balancing our adjusted budget today, the ability to tell someone we love them right now, the decision to stay home if we don’t need to go to the store at this moment, etc. And for many, these decisions will be even more critical – where will the next meal come from, or might you need to close your business doors permanently?

Rather than spending inordinate amounts of time reading or listening to information in the media and on-line, the more significant lesson learned from the unreal C.S. Lewis quote may be that we need to intensify our focus on the truth; a focus on what Jesus’ message for us would be, rather than Satan’s. I’m not sure it was happenstance

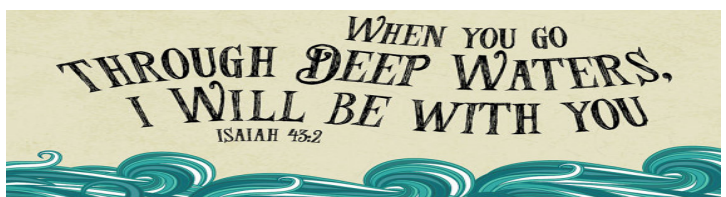
that this time of uncertainty has come upon us during the holiest of Christian seasons. Where is there more truth than in God’s promises?

For me, the timing could not have been more perfect. The reminder of God’s greatest sacrifice, his Son, for us is huge in its delivery of hope and promise at this time. The GCUMC Easter service renewed my personal commitment to focus on the truth, and continually strive to filter out the superfluous noise around me.

The song sung by Riechia Ralston, *Because He Lives*, and its lyrics inspire strength “...Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, Because He lives, all fear is gone....” And Pastor Fred left us with powerful words – First he described Mary Magdalene’s initial jump to a negative conclusion when she found the stone rolled away from Jesus’ tomb, the conclusion that his body was stolen, rather than Jesus’ rise from the dead. He challenged us with the question “Do you ever assume the worst, instead of the best?” He then reminded us that “Jesus is with you, the world is never hopeless, evil and sin and hopelessness and the virus will never have the last word, death and despair don’t have the last word...Easter celebrates the work of God in our lives and in the world...God brought victory out of defeat, God brought life out of death, God brought hope out of despair... He has risen indeed!”

Seeing hope and promise in times like these can be difficult, please remember that 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.

*When you go through deep waters, I will be with you.
When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown.
When you walk through the fire of oppression,
you will not be burned up;
the flames will not consume you.
~ Isaiah 43:2 (NLT)*





MINISTRY & MISSIONS

NEW CANYON CONNECTIONS MINISTRY



During the first Thursday online "Meeting with Pastor Fred," he became more aware of the many people who live alone who are feeling isolated during this time of social distancing. Because of this, we have started a new program called "Canyon Connections." Through this program we will help people thrive through this crisis and beyond.

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If you are interested in pairing up with someone in the church, please contact the Church Office and let us know via email or phone call.

SCRIP "BUS & VAN FUND"



A big, big hand of thanks to all those who continue to 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 donates 0.5% of the cost of your eligible purchases to our SCRIP Bus & Van Fund whenever you shop—the same selection—same prices! Just go to: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/86-0621002>.



When you shop at any Bashas' store for food, gift cards or prescriptions and use their rechargeable card purchased here at the

Welcome Center or the Church Office, GCUMC receives a 6% charity gift from Bashas.'



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

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

FOOD BANK



The Food Bank has experienced significant changes due to the COVID-19 virus. The only thing that has not changed is we are still serving those in need of food.

Our volunteers have been amazing as changes in staffing and distribution continue to evolve. We recently changed how food is given out to a drive-by pick-up system. Guests call upon arrival and volunteers place food bags on a table outside the building. We have restricted entrance into the building to staff only.

We ask that donations like Ramen noodles and saltine crackers be dropped off at the back door. The Food Bank will also deliver food to those unable to leave their homes. To arrange food delivery, or ask any questions, please call us at (480)982-6789 between 8:30-am—noon.

We continue to be blessed with dedicated volunteers willing to work under very challenging conditions. We ask for your prayers for both the volunteers and guests.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

- by Dian Capen, GCUMC UMW Vice President



The UMW is continuing to meet online every Monday morning from 10:00am—11:30am on Zoom! We invite and encourage all members and all women to join us. It's a great opportunity to get together and stay in touch during this uncertain time. What a wonderful gift we have with Zoom.

- **United Methodist Women: Mondays at 10:00am** Check-in, pray together and offer positive words of hope. All women welcome. To join: <https://zoom.us/j/361215193>. Contact Carol CarolJohnsonAZ@yahoo.com / (602)750-2008.

Carol Johnson shared this beautiful prayer last week, and I want to pass it on. May God bless everyone — world wide — as we are all in this together!! I can still hear a dear friend who once told me, "This too shall pass," and it will! Stay safe and well!

Prayer for Those Affected by Coronavirus

by the Rev. Dionne P. Boissiere

*Holy One, we come to you in this moment of uncertainty
and uncharted territory –
facing this unprecedented global pandemic.*

*Amid universal fear, panic, confusion and anxiety,
please remind us that you are the God that calmed the storm
and made the winds to cease. We cry out to you!*

*Benevolent Savior, you have called us to be
your hands and feet in this world.*

*As we face this crisis together,
help us remember to be mindful of how we speak to,
live with and treat one another.*

May we truly seek to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

*Master Physician, there are millions now in desperate need
of your healing touch.*

*Look now upon those who are at highest risk –
the immunocompromised, the elderly,
those who have existing chronic health conditions,
cancer patients, transplant recipients, dialysis patients,
those who have been exposed to COVID-19
and are seeking testing or immediate medical attention.*

*All seeing God, look upon those who are now living in isolation,
those who must be separated from loved ones
for safety reasons,*

*those who are single and/or without support systems,
the disabled, those who are already living with mental disease,
emotional and psychological disorders,
those who are poor and already do not have access
to health care or social services.*

*Help them know that social distancing
does not mean social disconnection.
Help us be the community that we seek.*

*Loving God, hear the cries of those who have lost loved ones
to this virus or other ailments and cannot postpone their grief,
but must refrain from gathering in order to care for the living,
even while mourning their beloved who have died.*

*Discerning God, touch now those who are
in decision-making positions, in governments, churches,
corporations, and the like;
help them to realize that their choices
directly impact the lives and futures of our families,
communities, countries and the wider world.
Help them choose people over politics
and the health of humanity
over the wealth of individuals and profiteers.*

*God of justice, safety and care, we pray
for all medical professionals, caregivers, researchers, teachers,
first responders, law enforcement, school officials,
those making decisions about fighting the new coronavirus.
For the small business owner, the hourly wage worker,
the uninsured, the undocumented
and all those who will feel the economic impact
of this pandemic on every level.
Inspire those in position to develop better tests
to diagnose the virus, vaccines to prevent it,
and protocols and communication to eliminate the spread.
May empathy be our guide.*

*Liberating God, remind us that we are still on the journey
with Jesus during this Lenten Season.
Restore our hope, renew our joy and give us your strength
and remind us that resurrection will surely come.
Hear us O God of grace.*

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

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



We have completed this year's Habitat for Humanity Build and our fundraising in conjunction with the other churches in the Superstition Coalition. It was wonderful this year, better than expected. We want to thank our members for their donations and for volunteering on the site.

Our friends at Central Christian, Church of the Ascension, First UMC of Mesa, First Presbyterian Mesa, Valle del Oro Chapel, and Velda Rose UMC, although not formally part of our coalition anymore, continue to bless us with substantial monetary contributions.

This year Red Mountain UMC was able to exceed their normal pledge, as was Church of the Master Presbyterian and Gold Canyon UMC..

As a group we met our \$25,000 pledge and are able to apply almost \$10,000 toward next year's build. When

we meet next fall we will set a new goal for the Coalition pledge, which should meet at least the \$20,000 level to be a strong foundation sponsor once again.

We will keep you all in our prayers and look forward to seeing you in the Fall. Thanks again for your support. Blessings, Joe and Maureen Morton (602)284-2826 or moandjoem@aol.com.

GENESIS PROJECT



Things certainly look a different most everywhere you turn during this pandemic as the nation comes together for the greater good of each other to "flatten the curve" with social distancing. For Genesis Project, we too

have changed nearly every operational element of feeding the hungry and homeless to continue providing food, clothing and water in the safest way possible for both our guests and volunteers. Instead of coming inside to dine, our guests visit a to-go window and receive their hot meal already bagged with a bottle of water, condiments, napkin and silverware right there! They then move down the line to choose their dessert, PBJ lunch sack, and any other grocery items we may have available that day, all in a no touch environment while adhering to social distancing.

During this COVID-19 plight Genesis Project has seen not only that hunger truly knows no season, but additionally that generosity knows no bounds, even in very uncertain financial times! Supplies at Genesis are holding up well thanks to the continued support, both in prayer and financially, of our dedicated supporters like GCUMC. On average we are seeing 150+ people per day with a notable increase in children being served. With school canceled for the remainder of the year, many more children are coming in with their families to have a hot meal. We are truly blessed to say the mission to feed, clothe and hydrate is still being carried out! Thank you!

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

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



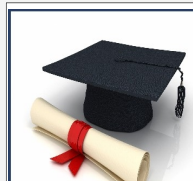
BIBLE VERSES OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Isaiah 41:10 — Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Deuteronomy 31:6 — Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.

Exodus 15:2 — The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Deuteronomy 20:4 — For the Lord your God is he who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to give you the victory.



SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE EXTENDED

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 **July 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.



MAY 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!

Kalik, Adam 05/01
Seabright, Mary 05/01
Cook, Patricia (Trish) 05/02
Mullins, Victoria 05/02
Straka, Stan 05/02
Alford, Keith 05/03
Gunn, James (Jim) 05/03
Paone, Albert 05/03
Parker, Don 05/03
Rhodes, Gary 05/03
Voorhees, Deb 05/03
BeBout, Terre 05/05
Ireland, Debra 05/05
Kness, Deanna (Dee) 05/05
Campbell, Sandra (Sandy) 05/06
Forest, Betty 05/06
Steckley, Leonard 05/06
Osbakken, Pat 05/07
Rowley, Cheryl 05/07
Worley, Debra 05/07
DeWinter, Don 05/08
Weidner, Harold 05/08
Fitzgerald, Susan 05/09
Flowers (Brown), Mary 05/09
Rowe, Ella Mae 05/09
Dage, Carol 05/10
Luse, Carol 05/10
Schuler, Phalen 05/10
Alford, Joletha 05/11
Hughes, Doug 05/11
Shaughnessy, Mike 05/11
Barber, Ann 05/12
Matthews, Shirley 05/12
Gregg, Sharla 05/13
Andreyka, Janice 05/14
Braatz, Patrick 05/14
Carpenter, Wesley (Wes) 05/14
Fabish, Paul 05/14
Svoboda, Richard 05/14
Gingrich, Joyce 05/15
Hartman, Zackary 05/15
Morton, Maureen 05/15
Tyler, Sandra 05/15

Gerst, Lois 05/16
Hartman, Lorna 05/16
Horney, Marilyn 05/16
Lewis, Carol 05/16
Tippie, Jerry 05/16
Engbrecht, Donald (Don) 05/17
Hunter, Gary 05/17
Sanders, Kalleen 05/17
Heppner, Ronald 05/18
Davenport, Mary Ann 05/19
Togstad, Pamela 05/19
Graham, Claudia 05/20
Little, Don 05/21
Woode, John 05/21
Clark, Daniel 05/22
Mulhair, Delna 05/22
Nord, Faye 05/22
Weidner, Gloria 05/22
Crow, Robert (Bob) 05/23
Genetti, Judy 05/23
Twa, Preston (Jack) 05/23
Arehart, Larry 05/24
Bird, Marjorie (Margie) 05/24
Burris, Joanne 05/24
Kennedy, Tom 05/24
Kosanke, Karen 05/24
Nefzer, Kathy 05/24
Bonestell, Marian 05/25
Criswell, Bev 05/25
Voorhees, Steve 05/25
Zabel, Vinton 05/25
Bell, James (Jim) 05/26
Berglund, John (Jack) 05/26
Greenlee, William 05/26
Houser, Chris 05/26
Lackey, Steve 05/26
Nichols, Nancy (Sam) 05/26
Otterstein, Karen 05/27
Pape, Roy 05/28
Storbakken, Linda 05/28
Eddy, Janice 05/29
Fuher, Mavis 05/29
Girardi, Patti 05/29
Pape, Andrea 05/29
Strange, Alice 05/29
Ansell, Bob 05/30

Elco, James 05/30
Petticrew, Katie 05/30
Rhodes, Grace 05/30
Workman, Janice 05/30
Galbraith, Scott 05/31
Harpel, Dorothy 05/31
Vorseth, Duane 05/31



Happy Anniversary!

Brogren, Ann & Neil 05/01
Hoefs, Ed & Wendy 05/01
Formento, Kathy & Russ 05/04
Robertson, Dave & Judy 05/04
Noe, Jim & Mary Beth 05/05
Saathoff, Craig & Jill 05/05
Walker, Barb & Norm 05/09
Tippie, Jerry & Peggy 05/14
Blank, Don & Lori 05/17
Borders, Linda & Ron 05/17
Pautzke, Donavon & Cloud, Jeanne 05/17
Luther, Jeff & Mavis 05/17
Fendley, Cecil & Penny 05/18
Newkirk, Edgar & Linda 05/18
Snyder, Lorrie & Toby 05/20
Butterbrodt, Sandy & Bill 05/21
Galbraith, Scott & Toni 05/21
Rasmussen, Al & Diane 05/22
Roe, Earl & Jeanine 05/25
Weinhold, Eldon & Marilyn 05/25
Stofferan, Bruce & Marge 05/27
Carpenter, Cheryl & Wes 05/28
Welker, June & Larry 05/28
Chase, Bob & Donna 05/29
Paul, Mike & Phyl 05/29
Witucky, Michelle & TJ 05/29
Jungman, Chuck & Marilyn 05/30
Williams, Karen & Todd 05/31



APRIL CALENDAR

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

Fri May 1	10am	***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical League (E-MC)	Sun May 10	8am	Traditional Worship (ONLINE)
	5:30pm	AA (ER)		9am	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)
Sat May 2	10am	***POSTPONED*** Mtg: GC Coordinating Council (MC-S)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Discussion Group (E-MC)
Sun May 3	8am	Traditional Worship (ONLINE)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Children Sunday School (EB)
	9am	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Traditional Worship (S)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Discussion Group (E-MC)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Sunday School (YR)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Children Sunday School (EB)		10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Children's Sunday School (NAR)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Traditional Worship (S)		10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Praise Worship (KR)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Participate in Worship (S)		3:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Country Music Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Sunday School (YR)		5pm	Country Worship (ONLINE)
	10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Children's Sunday School (NAR)		6:30pm	Youth Group (ONLINE)
	10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Praise Worship (KR)	Mon May 11	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Bible Banter (ER)
	3:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Country Music Rehearsal (KR)		10am	UMW Leadership Committee (SoGR)
	5pm	Country Worship (ONLINE)		10am	UMW Mtg (ONLINE)
	5:30pm	Confirmation Class (ONLINE)		1pm	Class: Acts of the Apostles (ONLINE)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (ONLINE)		1pm	Grief Support Mtg (E-MC)
Mon May 4	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Bible Banter (ER)		7pm	Al-Anon (Sea of Galilee)
	10am	UMW Mtg (ONLINE)		7pm	CoDA Mtg (ER)
	1pm	Class: Acts of the Apostles (ONLINE)	Tue May 12	9am	Stitches Unlimited (B-MC)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (E-MC)		2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ONLINE)
	6:30pm	Admin Council Mtg (ONLINE)		6pm	***SUSPENDED*** One in the Spirit Reh (KR)
	7pm	Al-Anon (Sea of Galilee)		6pm	Trustees Mtg (S-MC)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (ER)		6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
Tue May 5	2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ONLINE)		7pm	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)
	4:30pm	***POSTPONED*** Team Outreach (E-MC)	Wed May 13	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Music Librarians (MR)
	6pm	***SUSPENDED*** One in the Spirit Reh (KR)		10am	"Promises of Hope" Bible Study (ONLINE)
	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)		11am	Cancer Support Group (ONLINE)
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)		11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
Wed May 6	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Music Librarians (MR)		5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Wranglers for the Lord (KR)
	10am	"Promises of Hope" Bible Study (ONLINE)		6pm	***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Vista del Corozon HOA-DRC (S-MC)
	11am	Cancer Support Group (ONLINE)	Thu May 14	1pm	***SUSPENDED*** DISCIPLE II (ER)
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)		1pm	***SUSPENDED*** Gold Canyon Arts Council Mtg (S-MC)
	5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Wranglers for the Lord (KR)		6pm	Class: "Bad Girls of the Bible" (ONLINE)
Thu May 7	All day	National Day of Prayer		6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Choir Rehearsal (MR)
	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Prayer Shawl Ministry (S-MC)	Fri May 15	10am	***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical League (E-MC)
	1pm	***SUSPENDED*** DISCIPLE II (ER)		5:30pm	AA (ER)
	6pm	Online Class: "Bad Girls of the Bible"	Sat May 16	9am	PEO Mtg (MC-E)
	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Choir Rehearsal (MR)		10am	UMW Mtg (B-MC)
Fri May 8	10am	***SUSPENDED*** Mind Menders (ER)	Sun May 17	All day	Confirmation Sunday
	10am	***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical League (E-MC)		8am	Traditional Worship (ONLINE)
	5:30pm	AA (ER)		9am	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)

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	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Discussion Group (E-MC)		7pm	Al-Anon (Sea of Galilee)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Children Sunday School (EB)		7pm	CoDA Mtg (ER)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Traditional Worship (S)	Tue May 26	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Stitches Unlimited (B-MC)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Sunday School (YR)		2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ONLINE)
	10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Children's Sunday School (NAR)		6pm	***SUSPENDED*** One in the Spirit Reh (KR)
	10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Praise Worship (KR)		6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	3:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Country Music Rehearsal (KR)		7pm	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)
	5pm	Country Worship (ONLINE)	Wed May 27	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Music Librarians (MR)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (ONLINE)		10am	"Promises of Hope" Bible Study (ONLINE)
Mon May 18	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Bible Banter (ER)		11am	Cancer Support Group (ONLINE)
	10am	UMW Mtg (ONLINE)		11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (E-MC)		5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Wranglers for the Lord (KR)
	7pm	Al-Anon (Sea of Galilee)	Thu May 28	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Days for Girls Workshop (B-MC)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (ER)		1pm	***SUSPENDED*** DISCIPLE II (ER)
Tue May 19	All day	POLLING PLACE (KR Rm)		6pm	Class: "Bad Girls of the Bible" (ONLINE)
	2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ONLINE)		6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Choir Rehearsal (MR)
	6pm	***SUSPENDED*** One in the Spirit Reh (KR)	Fri May 29	All day	Piano Tuning (S/MR)
	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)		10am	***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical League (E-MC)
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)		5:30pm	AA (ER)
Wed May 20	8am	***SUSPENDED*** Newsletter Team (MR)	Sun May 31	All day	Pentecost
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Music Librarians (MR)		8am	Traditional Worship (ONLINE)
	10am	"Promises of Hope" Bible Study (ONLINE)		9am	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)
	11am	Cancer Support Group (ER)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Discussion Group (E-MC)
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Children Sunday School (EB)
	5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Wranglers for the Lord (KR)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Traditional Worship (S)
Thu May 21	All day	Ascension Day		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Sunday School (YR)
	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Prayer Shawl Ministry (S-MC)		10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Children's Sunday School (NAR)
	1pm	***SUSPENDED*** DISCIPLE II (ER)		10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Praise Worship (KR)
	6pm	Class: "Bad Girls of the Bible" (ONLINE)		3:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Country Music Rehearsal (KR)
	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Choir Rehearsal (MR)		5pm	Country Worship (ONLINE)
Fri May 22	10am	***SUSPENDED*** MindMenders (ER)		6:30pm	Youth Group (ONLINE)
	10am	***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical League (E-MC)			
	5:30pm	AA (ER)			
Sun May 24	8am	Traditional Worship (ONLINE)			
	9am	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)			
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Discussion Group (E-MC)			
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Children Sunday School (EB)			
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Traditional Worship (S)			
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Sunday School (YR)			
	10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Children's Sunday School (NAR)			
	10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Praise Worship (KR)			
	3:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Country Music Rehearsal (KR)			
	5pm	Country Worship (ONLINE)			
	6:30pm	Youth Group (ONLINE)			
Mon May 25	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Bible Banter (ER)			
	10am	UMW Mtg (ONLINE)			
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (E-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!



CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

March	2017			2018			2019			2020		
	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All
	124126	35513	8058	102216	25036	9680	128653	38085	10632	70302	30328	16042

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)
- Playground (\$66,497; 63,540 given so far)
- Stained Glass for upper Sanctuary windows (\$150,150 given so far; \$6,176 per 2'5"x 2'8.5" remaining panels)
- Building Fund Debt Payoff (\$1m as of 2/2020)
- Organ Pipes: (\$124,163 given so far)



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.

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!



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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

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