



FROM THE PASTOR: "PRISONER OF HOPE"



I sense right now we need to cling to hope. The media and internet is filled with fear and division. On all sides we seem to be buffeted by bad news. We hear of fires in Arizona and California. We hear of rioting, racism and violence. We protect ourselves from COVID-19. We physically distance ourselves from family and friends. We are told the opposite political side is evil. Some have even hinted that this might be the end of the world. This is a lot to take in. For some this is too much to take in. I know many people who have quit reading social media or news.

In the midst of all this turmoil, we need to remember that fear sells. Normal everyday goodness doesn't make the news. Political parties and groups push forward their cause by making people fearful. So how do Christians rise above this fear?

South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu suffered much as a result of racism. It would have been easy to lose hope. But he didn't. He once said, "I am a prisoner of hope."

To some of you who are fearful, I tell you that we will get through this. We will come through this stronger in faith and character. There will come that day when the November elections are over and this country will still be strong and free. The day will come when rioting and violence are behind us. There will come that day when COVID-19 will be defeated. The day will come when we will all worship together as a community. That will be a glorious day.

I, too, tell you that I am a prisoner of hope. I believe that our faith in God and our love for each other will get us through these times. It is times like these in which we rely on our faith. Thank goodness we have faith in Jesus to see us through. I will see you online on Sunday.

Grace and peace,

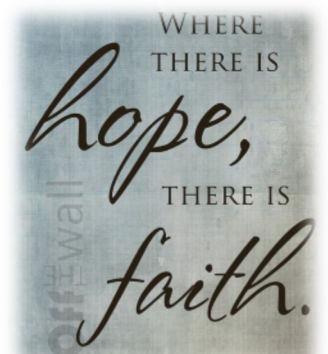
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & EVANGELISM

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ETHNIC VOICES STUDY WRAP-UP



As a result of our Listen to Ethnic Voices conversations, we have decided to not let the momentum retreat. Until a new study is started, we will be publishing various excerpts from leaders – both living and dead – who have stood up for racial equality.

Below is an excerpt from Martin Luther King Jr.'s Letter from Birmingham City Jail, written to white clergy in April 1963 who were critical of his protests. If you are able to find a copy of the complete letter, I think you will find it illuminating.

"You may well ask, 'Why direct action? Why sit-ins, marches, etc.? Isn't negotiation a better path?' You are exactly right in your call for negotiation. Indeed, this is the purpose of direct action. Nonviolent direct action seeks to create such a crisis and establish such creative tension that a community that has constantly refused to negotiate is forced to confront the issue.

The Negro has many pent-up resentments and latent frustrations. He has to get them out. So let him march sometime; let him have his prayer pilgrimages to the city hall; understand why he must have sit-ins and freedom rides. If his repressed emotions do not come out in these nonviolent ways, they will come out in ominous expressions of violence. This is not a threat; it is a fact of history. So I have not said to my people, 'Get rid of your discontent.' But I have tried to say that this normal and healthy discontent can be channeled through the creative outlet of nonviolent direct action.

In spite of my shattered dreams of the past, I came to Birmingham with the hope that the white religious leadership in the community would see the justice of our cause and, with deep moral concern, serve as the channel through which our just grievances could get to the power structure. I had hoped that each of you would understand. But again I have been disappointed. I have heard numerous religious leaders of the South call upon their worshippers to comply with a desegregation decision because it is the law, but I have longed to hear white ministers say follow this decree because integration is morally right and the Negro is your brother. In the midst of blatant injustices inflicted upon the Negro,

I have watched white churches stand on the sideline and merely mouth pious irrelevancies and sanctimonious trivialities. In the midst of a mighty struggle to rid our nation of racial and economic injustice, I have heard so many ministers say, 'Those are social issues with which the Gospel has no real concern,' and I have watched so many churches commit themselves to a completely other-worldly religion which made a strange distinction between body and soul, the sacred and the secular."

Yours for the cause of Peace and Brotherhood,

M.L.K., Jr

KOFFEE WITH KAT!



We miss each other – that is obvious! Realizing we are, in many ways, being held "hostage" by the virus for a time and can't visit in one another's homes, Pastor Katharine is offering you an opportunity to have a one-on-one coffee chat via zoom with her on Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings at 9:00am for no longer than one hour. There is no agenda – if you want to see a friendly face with a smile, want to share what's going on in your life, need to vent or just desire prayer, she's there for you.

You will need to sign up for your day by sending her an email at ladiebug1214@gmail.com and she will provide you with a Zoom link. Whether you are in town or out of town, it would be great to spend some time together! So... bring your cup of coffee or tea and touch base! (Couples may sign up together, if they wish — and children are also welcome!)

UPCOMING DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDIES



DISCIPLE is a program of disciplined Bible study aimed at developing strong Christian leaders. The study gives the Old and New Testaments equal time, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God. DISCIPLE draws upon the work of scholars, the personal Bible reading and study of the participant, and dynamic group discussion to aid understanding of the Bible. As far as time commitment, one usually spends 30-45 minutes daily in preparation for weekly group meetings; and the meetings

themselves run an average of 2 – 2 ½ hours.

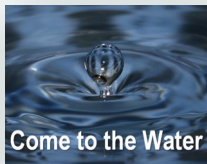
NEW Disciple classes will begin virtually in September.

Reminder: Disciple 1 must be taken before going on to the other options. After taking Disciple 1, you may attend any of the other classes in no particular order. We hope you will seriously give thought and prayer to joining one of the following classes:

- **DISCIPLE 1** — Tues. at 1pm; Facilitator: Deane Elek; Starts September 22
- **DISCIPLE 2** — Tues. at 1pm; Facilitator: Rev. Fay Quanstrom; Starts September 22
- **DISCIPLE 3** — Wed. at 1 pm; Facilitator: Dr. David Worley; Starts September 23

To register, please email the Church Office ChurchOffice@goldcanyonumc.org, specifying which class. Workbooks (\$35) may be picked up at the Church Office on Fridays; or if you are out of town, register by September 9th to receive it in the mail before class starts. Payment can be made by check or cash — by mail or our drop box — preferably before the classes start. If you cannot afford a book, please email Pastor Katharine at ladiebug1214@gmail.com.

"COME TO THE WATER" WOMEN'S VIRTUAL RETREAT



Ladies, we will be retreating via Zoom and the dates are Fri., October 23rd from 5pm—7pm (Arizona Time), and Sat., October 24th from 10am—3pm (Arizona time). Pastor Fay, Pastor Katharine and Riechia Ralston are all working on the curriculum and general content.

We are able to provide this virtual retreat at no cost, but it will be a "closed" retreat. Therefore you need to register by Sunday, October 18th. Once we start the retreat, you will not be able to "jump in," because we will be using videos that can only be used if we are a "closed" group.

Please register as soon as possible by emailing Riechia at ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org as soon as possible. Prior to the Retreat, booklets will be provided to registrants by email, mailed, or pick-up.

Please address any questions to Pastor Katharine at ladiebug1214@gmail.com.

HARVEST FESTIVAL DRIVE-THRU EVENT



This fall, instead of our huge on-campus Harvest Festival for the community, Team Outreach will host a Drive-Thru event. Our volunteers will be dressed in costume and

safely handing out bags containing various treats and small pumpkins from 6pm—8pm in the parking lot. We'll be playing "spooky" music and hope to have some fun decorations! The bags of goodies will be for the first 300 children.

As in previous years we are requesting bags of individually wrapped candy. Starting September 1st please drop candy donations off at the Food Bank on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between the hours of 9am—12pm. If these hours don't work for you, please contact Pastor Katharine (480-888-5411); and she will arrange a time for a drop off.

*"But blessed is the one
who trusts in the
Lord, whose confidence
is in him."*

- Jeremiah 17:7



CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Sherry Hussein

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

Hello to all of our wonderful Church families! Many of us seem to be gradually getting back to our "normal" routines, with schools in session, children outside playing, more of us venturing out, going on vacations.

The children started school online in a virtual classroom — some enjoyed it, while others struggled with it. Both online and in-school classes have restrictions, like not talking or speaking up whenever you feel like it. There is an old proverb, "Speech is silver and silence is golden." After all, we learn more by active listening. During those times when you need to be quiet and not doing classwork, try some "quiet praise."

"Sing and make music in your hearts to the Lord."

— Ephesians 5:19

Try doing these things when you can't talk out loud: think happy thoughts, talk quietly to God in your mind, remember a fun time you had. You can also sing to Jesus! What song might you think about when you want to make music in your heart? God always hears what's in your mind, and your heart.

We will be together again soon and all things are possible with God! Our God is so good... always. — *Love and blessings, Ms. Sherry*

SIDEWALK CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Sidewalk Children's Outreach Ministry serves Apache Junction area children, and meets Saturday mornings during October-April. There are many adult volunteer "Shepherds", that help with

Bible lessons, praise & worship time, songs, and other activities, we also serve lunch. We plan to meet again at Desert Chapel UMC, with a tentative start date of October 24th. We are grateful for the partnership with DCUMC, in Apache Junction, for hosting our children's ministry at their Church campus. With many of the families living near our meeting site, we will be asking the parents to bring their children on Saturday mornings. Many thanks to our GCUMC congregation for their continued support in blessing this children's outreach ministry. If you would like to know more about Sidewalk Children's Ministry, please contact Sherry Hussein, (480) 529-9621, or Bev Stout, (480) 926-6479.

ZOOM CHATS WITH OUR CHILDREN!



Our Preschool & Elementary Sunday school class children receive packets in the mail containing Bible lessons and fun activity pages. We have continued to meet in Zoom chat sessions, where we talk about our Bible lessons, and share stories about our at-home activities. It is so great to see the children and adults online... and we even have some pets join us Saturday! If you would like to join our Zoom chat with your child (or grandchild), please email Sherry at SheriffSherry2000@gmail.com.

CHILDREN RECEIVE SCHOOL SUPPLIES



Families with children drove up to pick up backpacks and school supplies on Sat., Aug. 1st. We helped 34 families — a total of 75 children — with needed items to start their school year. All the parents were very grateful. Many thanks to all the generous givers at GCUMC, you truly blessed so many families.

Children also received drinks, snacks, and a special gift of a new Bible for their family. We also gave away some fun prize items.

A BIG THANK YOU to Rick Ceynar, for all his help in setting up canopies & tables, for our recent drive-thru events at Church. So very grateful for all the volunteers, especially Jan Daniels, and Leslie (one of the teens from Sidewalk), for all their time spent filling backpacks and packages of school supplies. Thank you also to the families that brought donations of used children's clothing, for the missions project at Desert Chapel UMC. From the photos on the opposite page, you can see we had many happy recipients — and some families just stopped by to say hello for the joy-filled event.

MIDWEEK MOUNTAINEERS



Midweek Mountaineers is our weekly Wednesday program for 1st—6th grade students and open to GCUMC children, their friends, and our community children. This program is spiritually uplifting and fun, and includes a Bible lesson, music, trivia games, and more.

Midweek Mountaineers starts up again on September 16th, and will run through the first week of May. We will be starting our program online in a virtual Zoom session, Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm—7:00pm. Children in the Midweek Mountaineer Program receive their weekly lesson packets in the mail, and parents will receive an email with Zoom information.

When we are given approval to meet in person, our program will meet in our Education Building, start earlier and include dinner. Please contact Sherry for more details, at SheriffSherry2000@gmail.com or (480)529-9621.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2020



We will be presenting the Rocky Railway "Jesus Power Pulls Us Through", as a virtual online program, October 5-9, during the Elementary Schools Fall Break. Our VBS program will be interactive, engaging, relational, and fun... for both the children and the adults. This will be another way to bring faith into the home, and God has opened the door for this opportunity.

The children will receive a resource packet with all the items needed for each day of VBS. Registration forms have been sent out, as we need to know who will be

participating, and it will help us with making our resource packets.

Be sure to watch for updates in the weekly bulletin. Contact Sherry Hussein at (480)529-9621 with any questions, or if you need a registration form sent to you. Please continue to keep the VBS ministry in your prayers!





YOUTH GROUP

Linda Clise, Youth Director

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

YOUTH SPOTLIGHT: BROOKE HARTMAN



Brooke Hartman is 17 years old and has been attending Gold Canyon United Methodist Church "for as long as she can remember". Pastor Fred baptized her! She currently attends Imagine Preparatory Charter School and is a senior. Brooke enjoys hiking, especially in Sedona. She is a member of the student council, National Honors Society, and yearbook. Brooke likes to spend time with her family and friends and loves to play card games. She also enjoys mystery programs and podcasts. Brooke has been on three mission/service project trips and enjoys helping locally at *Genesis* and *Feed My Starving Children*. She has one younger brother, Zack, that also attends youth group and our church.



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



Youth Group—ONLINE!

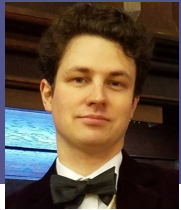
(7th—12th grades)

Thursdays at 6:30pm
Bible Study

Fridays at 6:30pm
Netflix Movie Party

Sundays at 6:30pm
Youth Group





MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



While this is normally the time of year where I start announcing the resumption of choir, bells, and orchestra, the COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to change our plans drastically. It certainly feels like a long dry spell without corporate music like congregational singing or large groups performing together, much like the dry summer we've had here in Arizona.

As of writing this, we did finally get some rain, which should help. That means I won't have to water the pianos at church quite so often. I do actually have to water the pianos, much like plants. They have a humidifier system to keep them better in tune and otherwise regulated, so ever so often, one has to fill the reservoirs with water.

As for ending the musical dry spell, the music department is coming up with some creative plans for this fall. If you're in the choir and reading this, be sure to fill out the survey the church office sent regarding music. If we get enough people, there are a few things I'd like to do this fall, including some virtual choir performances and possibly small groups as it becomes safer.

As always, we're still looking to expand our music rotation, so if you're interested in participating in our online music ministry, please contact me or Cindy Hoff. We're also planning on seeing if we can drum up some interest for an online concert series so stay tuned for more information.

I had no questions sent in to me this last month so I'll just continue to wish everyone the best and hope you're all still safe and healthy. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Peace and best regards,

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GLOBAL MISSIONS

Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor

COVID-19 IMPACTS MISSION WORK

Covid-19 impacts mission work with distancing, masks, and a sense of isolation, much the way it has changed our lives. Yet the message and mission of Christ remains powerful and transforming. The needs continue, making our prayer support even more vital. Our global missionaries, Lisa Armstrong, Fred Curry, and Sandy and Delbert Groves are counting on our prayers!



Gold Canyon United Methodist Church supports these Global Missions:



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



The Holy Land trip with Pastor Fred & Beth was rescheduled to January 4—17, 2022 due to the coronavirus.

If you've already paid your deposit, it can be left on file and you'll automatically be moved to this new trip date. If you'd like to withdraw from the trip, please contact Educational Opportunities and they will fully refund your deposit. Those who have paid their initial deposit will not need to pay the second deposit until July of 2021. All trip details remain the same and new brochures will be available in the future.

Pastor Fred would be glad to answer questions or email you a brochure if you contact him at revstein78@gmail.com or leave a message with the Church Office.



... AND ON THE COUNTRY SIDE

Dr. David Worley

After a few weeks of vacation, we are looking forward to resuming our Country and Western worship service in September. Although the spread of COVID has decreased in Arizona at the time of this writing, the threat of further spread has not diminished sufficiently to allow us to gather in person for worship.

Therefore, we will continue to offer online worship for the foreseeable future. However, this does not mean we cannot engage worship by any means! I hope you will sing, pray and praise as we worship each week. This is not the time to draw back, but to engage and enjoy what God has provided for us during this difficult time.

I am working on some messages that I hope will prove uplifting... so join us!





PASTORAL & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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

PASTORAL CARE

Our pastors are on-call to make visits to members and friends of Gold Canyon UMC. Please feel free to call the church office at (480)982-3776 and one of the pastors will respond to your request. After hours, you may call or email one of the pastors directly:



Rev. Fred Steinberg, Senior Pastor
RevStein78@gmail.com / (480) 982-3776

Rev. Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor
Fay.Quanstrom@gmail.com / (480)458-8420

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.

A NOTE FROM ONE OF OUR PASTORS

Frustrated! That's how our pastoral staff feels about not being able to minister to people face-to-face. We so much want to literally stand with you and to hold your hand as you deal with an array of daily challenges; but, that's not possible right now for many reasons.

However, we are finding ways to continue to reach out as you will see from the opportunities listed in this newsletter and in our Sunday bulletins. There are multiple ways to connect with our various staff members each week ranging from organized studies to informal chats. Why not join one of these online open doors for interaction with us? Or, if you wish you can set an appointment to visit on the phone or on Zoom. You can also email us or write a letter.

We are not on break; we are here. So as we reach out, please reach back. s - *Dr. David Worley*



Prayer Chain Ministry

Please email prayer requests to
gcumcprayers@gmail.com.

*We honor the lives and memories of these
members and friends,
as well as their families and friends,*

Norman Dahle
Urban Helleman
Brother of Ann Owens
Father of Laura & Richard
Fred Thum
Ron Walker

In Remembrance



CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

PAIN + CHRISTIANITY = HOPE + PEACE

Do you +remember the Ten Commandments (*Exodus 20:2-17*) ? I find myself going very long stretches without having reviewed the Commandments, and it's amazing the different takeaways I have each time I do. Every day in our lives is different. Here's a refresher on the Tenth Commandment:

*"You shall not covet your neighbor's house;
you shall not covet your neighbor's wife,
or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey,
or anything that belongs to your neighbor."*

I recently read the book *Robin* (by David Itzkoff), the biography of the late actor/comedian Robin Williams. Ultimately, it brought to mind for me the Commandment above. We are going through strange times right now; they can be described as odd, abnormal, isolating, off, and many others. As we miss doing things or seeing people the way we did just five months ago — especially with a 24/7 barrage of news and social media — many of us find ourselves discontented and with somewhat skewed views of others' lives. And as such, at risk of violating the Tenth Commandment — *"You shall not covet... anything that belongs to your neighbor."*

What does this have to do with the book? Well, no matter how hard I try not to, I can still sometimes put public (or other) figures on a little pedestal. I may like what they do; who they seem to be as a person; maybe I identify with them; and I can fall into the trap of thinking *"Wow, they really seem to have it made... they have it all..."* Any version of maybe wishing we could "be like that person" or "have their life" is risking violation of the Tenth Commandment. Appearances are only one piece of a complex puzzle; things aren't always as they seem.

The brief truth about Robin Williams is that he wasn't necessarily happy. He had insecurities, personal failures, physical and other maladies — just like all of us. His ultimately led to the taking of his own life. I walked away from that reading feeling sad, pondering the age-old question of how someone could feel so alone, feel like they only had one choice.

I was later talking with a good friend of mine about the book and it hit me that there was one word I never read

in *Robin* — that word was God, or any substantial mention of spirituality. Although I can't say with any certainty that he didn't have God in his life, or that if he did his outcome would have been different, it made me further think out loud to my friend...*Ū wonder how much the fact that he didn't seem to have God in his life played into his outcomes?"* She answered quickly with a very important observation, put perfectly:

*"Christians get depressed
and have all the same problems anyone does.
I think the key difference is
that Christians also have hope."*

Yes, in the end he was absent hope. For years, Robin Williams' assistant (later his wife) told him before each show, *"You can do it. You're okay. I love you."* We have more than human assurances when we believe in God; we know our heavenly Father loves us and is always there for us, and that instills hope, trust and peace when we allow it. Our blessing as Christians is that we have God with us all the time, He is continually saying *"You can do it. You're okay. I love you."* However, that doesn't mean we don't have pain, don't have depression, don't suffer from isolation or consequences of the current times, or that we don't allow our brains to venture down a path of faulty thinking every now and then.

Please remember that God has placed 4 pastors in your path to be there for you. Let them help. 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 (currently emailed to congregants prior to Sunday on-line worship services), church office or the Pastoral and Congregational Care page of this newsletter.

*Let your steadfast
LOVE,
O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.*

— PSALM 33:22 —



MINISTRY & MISSIONS

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<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/86-0621002>.

Great news... AmazonSmile customers can now support GCUMC in the Amazon shopping app on mobile phones (iOS & Android)! Follow the below instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations to support our Bus/Van Fund.

- Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device.
- Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings'.
- Tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process.



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. Please contact Jan Daniels (480)540-7454 with any questions.

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Happy September! As I'm sitting here putting this article together on August 1st, it's almost impossible to believe I just typed "September." With all

the changes the Covid-19 virus has brought, time has gone on and we are about to enter the autumn season of 2020. At times we've wondered, worried, tried not to worry, questioned, wear a mask or not, quarantine or not, stay home? My church doors are locked? It's been a year like none of us have ever experienced, but through it all our faith has remained strong!! I think of the great song, "Through it All - I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God." I pray all of you have remained strong. Sometimes that is hard to do, but God is still here with us! We will get through this!

Our UMW includes "Circles," which are different groups made up of whomever wants to join. Each Circle focuses on different interests, such as Bible Study, Culinary, Crafts, etc. Our newest Circle is called "Matthew 25," a mission group involved with incarcerated women. Cherie Creel shares:

"Become a Pen Pal for our Matthew 25. If you have some idle time on your hands, as I do now, please consider joining our Matthew 25 Pen Pals ladies circle. We have 16 women inmates that are requesting pen pals at the present time. Let us help bring these women the support and inspirational words they need. Remember this verse: Matthew 25:36 "I was naked, and you clothed me, I was sick, and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Let's bring back letter writing! (emails are possible also) For more info please contact Cherie Creel (480)232-1584"

Lorna Marifjeren is also one of our Pen Pals:

"I first heard of Mathew 25 from a friend at Red Mountain Methodist Church. She had a Mathew 25 pen pal with the Methodist women from that church. I was very impressed and when our women decided to join that program, I immediately signed to be a pen pal. The program has been described as an "Envelope of Hope" as many of these ladies never receive mail from anyone. Just to hear her name at Mail Call can be a day brightener."

My pen pal has been incarcerated for almost 3 years. During that time she has completed an Addiction course through the Rio Salado's Incarcerated Correspondence Education and has goals to obtain an AZ State Certificate to become a Peer/Recovery Support Specialist when she is released in 2021.

She is also teaching the Wellness Recovery Program to other inmates. Besides teaching this class and her own studies with Rio Salado, she felt it has helped her in her own recovery and to be able to give back to others.

She does have a loving and supportive family, but this winter has brought the additional stress of learning her mother has cancer. She is grateful her brother can work from home during this pandemic and is taking care of her mother.

We correspond at least once per month. I send colorful cards on any special day or for no reason at all. I feel in some small way if I can be supportive of her, I have a purpose for my day and it helps me, too."

Pastor Katharine writes:

"My decision to accept an incarcerated pen pal last fall was a spiritual conviction to "visit those in prison," as Matthew 25 states, but in the form of letters. I have been delighted with the written dialogue I have had with my pen pal since the beginning. She is a mother and grandmother, so especially now with the pandemic, we both bemoan not being able to see our families. She is an artist and before the virus hit, was able to sell some of her work outside the prison - to earn some cash. My pen pal also works in the print shop at Perryville; and seems to have a giving heart to newbies entering the prison. Now that we can email, rather than rely on snail mail, we "converse" more often - she asks questions about my life on the "outside" and I ask questions concerning her life behind bars. This pen pal arrangement has been enriching for both of us, I think, and has certainly made me more compassionate for those incarcerated."

The Gold Canyon UMW continues to have weekly Zoom meetings Mondays at 10:00am and invites any woman to join in for fellowship, prayer, and support. For more information about UMW or on how to join, contact Carol Johnson CarolJohnsonAZ@yahoo.com / (602)750-2008. - Dian Capen UMW VP

GENESIS PROJECT



As we continue to navigate through Covid-19 and the blazing Arizona heat, Genesis Project remains a beacon of hope for the hungry and homeless in our community through the generosity of Gold Canyon United Methodist

Church! Already in 2020 we have served over 46,000 meals to those in need and given out over 100,000 bottles of water.

Many modifications have been made to ensure anyone who is struggling with hunger has the opportunity to receive a healthy, well balanced meal with quality proteins, carbohydrates, fruits, and vegetables. In addition to proper nutrition, hydration is a paramount need for the guests we serve daily. Modifications of meal service have come at a 38% increase in meal costs.

Additionally, we have seen new faces each day that are facing economic uncertainty that brings them to the soup kitchen to eat. Your contributions allow us to serve the much-needed nutrition and hydration to our guests. Thank you for your continued support and prayers!

CANYON CONNECTIONS MINISTRY



If you are feeling alone during this COVID pandemic and social distancing, of our ministries, "Canyon Connections," helps people thrive through this crisis and beyond.

Isolated individuals are paired up with other persons who also feel alone, and encouraged to call and talk to each other daily. Women are paired women with women; men with men. If people don't feel like they are connecting with their assigned person, they can contact the Church Office and they will be reassigned. If you would like to connect another in our church, please contact the Church Office.

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

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

**HERE I AM LORD..... SEND ME
MISSIONS MINISTRY**





SEPTEMBER 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!

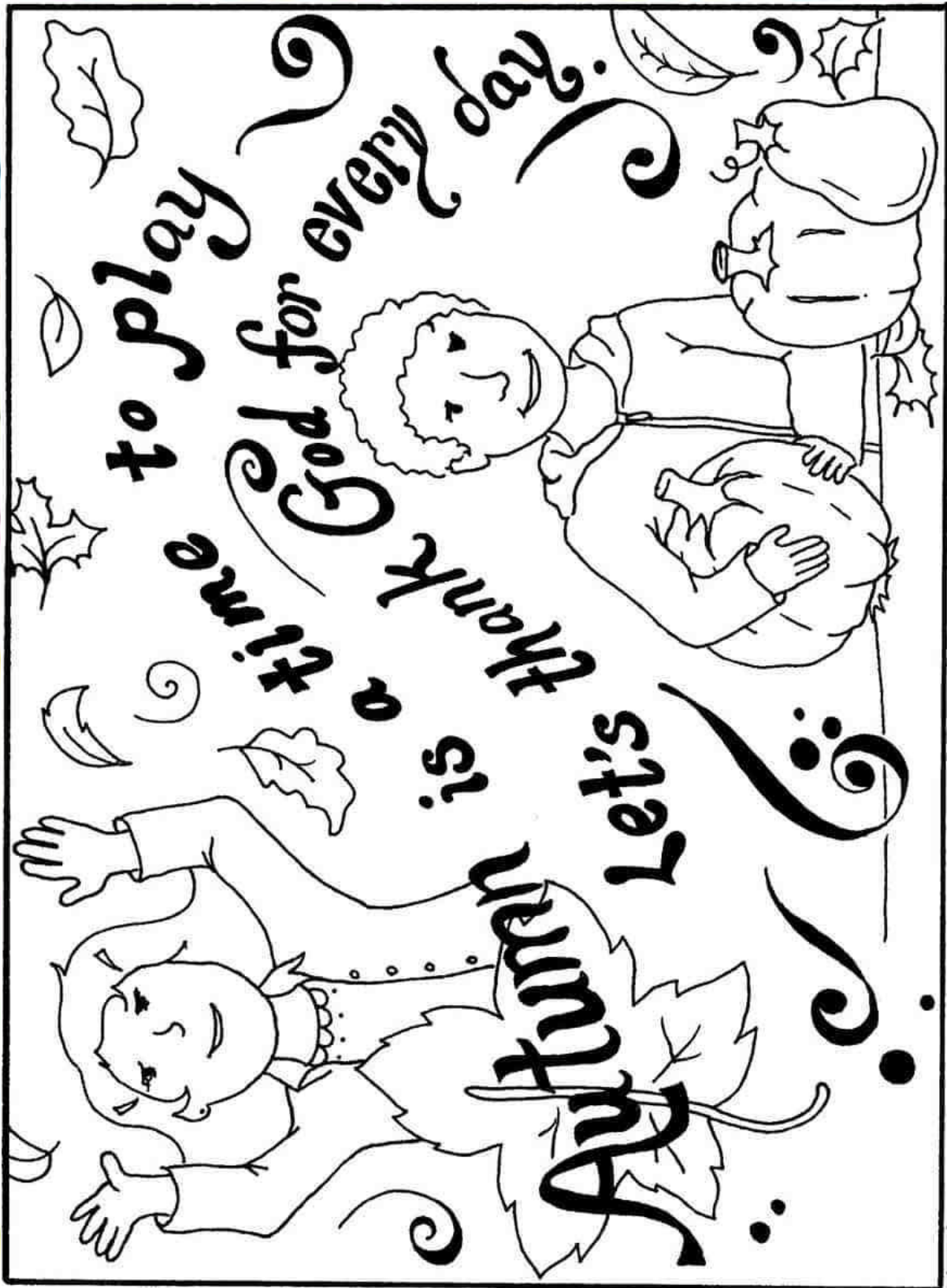
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Gale, Donna 09/01
McDaniel, Stephen (Steve) 09/01
Williams, Ashley 09/01
Grills, Iona 09/02
Hoffert, John 09/02
Johnson, Ginny 09/02
Jurgens, Ronald 09/02
Linton, Diana 09/02
Matthews, Lowell 09/02
Miller, David 09/02
Irick, Jeff 09/03
Luse, Robert (Bob) 09/03
Ritter, Cheryl 09/03
Christian, Wendy 09/04
Lewis, Dean 09/04
Luther, Mavis 09/04
Zieglowsky, Rick 09/04
Clise, Dave 09/05
Gaulke, Norma 09/05
Pappalardo, Christina 09/05
Ingram, Pamela (Pam) 09/06
Plaski, Tom ("Sam") 09/06
Thum, Barbara 09/06
Ralston, Riechia 09/07
Fye, Carol 09/08
Helt, Mitchell 09/08
Jacobsen, Betty 09/08
Lyons, Susan 09/08
O'Donnell, Michael (Mike) 09/08
Shroyer, Kimberley (Kim) 09/08
Burris, Rodger 09/09
Jameson, James (Jim) 09/09
Jones, Riley 09/09
Miller, Janeane 09/11
Pezzino, Gina 09/11
Sisson, Pamela (Pam) 09/11
Crites, Margaret 09/12
Downing, Harriette 09/12
Helt, Lisa 09/12
Brigham, Nazareth 09/13
Cleavenger, Isaiah 09/13
Hegna, Jan 09/13
Pepin, Sally 09/13
Wachtel, Daniel 09/13
Gunn, Susan (Sue) 09/14
Ingram, Bob 09/14
Watters, Scott 09/14

Barks, Karen 09/16
Parke, Bob 09/16
Rosenberg, Joe 09/16
Messmer, Patti 09/17
Trout, Ron 09/17
Billeter, Sandy 09/18
Reichert, Cynthia 09/18
Van Slooten, James 09/18
Bos, David 09/19
Gibson, Dianna 09/19
Parsons, Laura 09/19
Rowland, Philip (Phil) 09/19
Seabright, Randy 09/19
Confer, Terry 09/20
Evans, Lora Lee 09/20
Fransen, Yolanda 09/20
Koch, Karl 09/20
Mansdorfer, Nyla 09/20
Olson, Randene (Randi) 09/20
Ashe, Diana (Dee) 09/21
Hodges, Wes 09/21
Johnsen, Donna 09/21
McGinness, Patrick 09/21
Ohnstad, Jeanette (Jenny) 09/21
Pingree, Blair 09/21
Travis, Pam 09/21
Williams, Tristan 09/21
Adams, Jacob 09/22
Blankenship, Sherry 09/22
Cajowski, Cassandra 09/22
Lukas, Stephen (Steve) 09/22
Miller, Nancy 09/22
Moorberg, Deb 09/22
Nielsen, Bonny 09/22
Pappalardo, Robert 09/22
Van Sickle, Arthur 09/22
Walker, Mary Ellen 09/22
Wilson, Reta 09/22
Helt, Charlie 09/23
Olson, Robert (Carter) 09/23
Brown, Jeffrey (Jeff) 09/24
Picek, Char 09/24
Rolf, Jayne 09/24
Cassidy, Hannah 09/25
Creel, William T 09/25
Koch, Roberta (Bobbie) 09/26
Rolley, Emunds (Bud) 09/26
Voelker, Le Roy (Roy) 09/26
Schmidt, Conrad 09/27
Cloud, Jeanne 09/28
Gerst, Leo 09/28

Heinauer, Richelle 09/28
Oldham, Barbara 09/28
Hammers, Timothy (Tim) 09/29
Linowski, Mary 09/29
Manbeck, Rich 09/29
Plakos, Shirley 09/29
Robison, Tom 09/29
Eisentraut, Bonnie 09/30
Hammers, Janet (Jan) 09/30
Joyce, Aileen 09/30
Shaughnessy, Julie 09/30

Happy Anniversary!

Miller, John & Sally 09/01
Adkins, Ann & George 09/02
Bird, Mark & Margie 09/02
Hoffert, Jane & John 09/02
Holmes, Dean & Rose 09/02
Lane, Bonnie & John 09/04
Rhodes, Gary & Grace 09/04
Dage, Carol & Carroll 09/05
Campbell, Donna & Kim 09/06
Lukas, Steve & Teri 09/09
Steckley, JoAnn & Leonard 09/09
Williams, Barbara & Jay 09/10
Halsted, Dort & Vern 09/12
Helt, Charlie & Lisa 09/14
Peterson, Marilyn & Pete 09/14
Reynolds, James & Kally 09/14
Schmidt, Conrad & Judy 09/14
Bowman, Hank & Judith 09/15
Heppner, Glorianna & Ron 09/15
Schwartz, Ann & Dick 09/15
Dunn, Carol & Storley, LeRoy 09/16
Butler, Joan & Paul 09/20
Downing, Harriette & Jeff 09/23
Urbach, Art & Jayne 09/23
Hammers, Jan & Tim 09/26
Thum, Barbara & Fred 09/26
Houser, Chris & Ron 09/27
Warth, Holly & Terry 09/27
Genetti, Frank & Judy 09/28
Brigham, Danielle & Jeremy 09/29
Plaski, Tammy & Sam 09/29
Cline, Mike & Nancy 09/30





SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

(Calendar is subject to change;

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

Tue Sep 1	2pm	Class: Emotional Wellness (ZOOM)	11am	Cancer Support Group (ZOOM)
	6pm	***SUSPENDED*** One in the Spirit Reh (KR)	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (ZOOM)
	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)	5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Wranglers for the Lord (KR)
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)	6pm	***SUSPENDED*** Vista del Corozon HOA-DRC (S-MC)
Wed Sep 2	9am	Koffee w/ Kat (ZOOM)	Thu Sep 10	11am Online Chat w/ Pastor Fred
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Music Librarians (MR)		1pm ***SUSPENDED*** Gold Canyon Arts Council Mtg (S-MC)
	11am	Cancer Support Group (ZOOM)		6:30pm ***SUSPENDED*** Choir Rehearsal (Music)
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (ZOOM)		6:30pm Youth Bible Study (ZOOM)
	5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Wranglers for the Lord (KR)	Fri Sep 11	9am Koffee w/ Kat (ZOOM)
Thu Sep 3	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Prayer Shawl Ministry (S-MC)		10am ***SUSPENDED*** Mind Menders (ER)
	11am	Online Chat w/ Pastor Fred		10am ***SUSPENDED*** Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)
	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Choir Rehearsal (Music)		5:30pm ***SUSPENDED*** AA (ER)
	6:30pm	Youth Bible Study (ZOOM)		6:30pm Youth Netflix Party (ZOOM)
Fri Sep 4	9am	Koffee w/ Kat (ZOOM)	Sun Sep 13	8am Traditional Worship (ZOOM)
	10am	***SUSPENDED*** Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)		9am ***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)
	5:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** AA (ER)		9:30am ***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Discussion (E-MC)
	6:30pm	Youth Netflix Party (ZOOM)		9:30am ***SUSPENDED*** Children Sunday School (EB)
Sat Sep 5	10am	***POSTPONED*** Mtg: GC Coordinating Council (S-MC)		9:30am ***SUSPENDED*** Traditional Worship (ONLINE/S)
Sun Sep 6	8am	Traditional Worship (ZOOM)		9:30am ***SUSPENDED*** Youth Sunday School (YR)
	9am	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)		10:50am ***SUSPENDED*** Children's Sunday School (NAR)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Discussion (E-MC)		10:50am ***SUSPENDED*** Praise Worship (KR)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Children Sunday School (EB)		3:30pm ***SUSPENDED*** Country Music Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Traditional Worship (ONLINE/S)		5pm Country Worship (ZOOM)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Participate in Worship (S)		6:30pm Youth Group (ZOOM)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Sunday School (YR)	Mon Sep 14	9am ***SUSPENDED*** Bible Banter (___)
	10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Children's Sunday School (NAR)		9am Koffee w/ Kat (ZOOM)
	10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Praise Worship (KR)		10am ***SUSPENDED*** UMW Leadership Committee (SoGR)
	3:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Country Music Rehearsal (KR)		10am UMW Mtg (ZOOM)
	5pm	Country Worship (ZOOM)		1pm Grief Support Mtg (ZOOM)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (ZOOM)		5:30pm Mtg: Sierra Vista HOA Mtg (Esther-MC)
Mon Sep 7	All day	Labor Day (OFFICE CLOSED)		7pm ***SUSPENDED*** Al-Anon (SoGR)
	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Bible Banter (___)		7pm ***SUSPENDED*** CoDA Mtg (ER)
	9am	Koffee w/ Kat (ZOOM)	Tue Sep 15	6pm ***SUSPENDED*** One in the Spirit Reh (KR)
	10am	UMW Mtg (ZOOM)		6:30pm ***SUSPENDED*** Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	1pm	***SUSPENDED*** Grief Support Mtg (ZOOM)		7pm ***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** Al-Anon (SoGR)	Wed Sep 16	9am Koffee w/ Kat (ZOOM)
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** CoDA Mtg (ER)		9:30am ***SUSPENDED*** Music Librarians (MR)
Tue Sep 8	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Stitches Unlimited (B-MC)		11am Cancer Support Group (ZOOM)
	2pm	Class: Emotional Wellness (ZOOM)		11:45am Healing & Prayer Time (ZOOM)
	6pm	***SUSPENDED*** One in the Spirit Reh (KR)		5pm ***SUSPENDED*** Wranglers for the Lord (KR)
	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)	Thu Sep 17	9am ***SUSPENDED*** Prayer Shawl Ministry (S-MC)
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)		11am Online Chat w/ Pastor Fred
Wed Sep 9	9am	Koffee w/ Kat (ZOOM)		6:30pm ***SUSPENDED*** Choir Rehearsal (Music)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Music Librarians (MR)		6:30pm Youth Bible Study (ZOOM)

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Fri Sep 18	9am	Koffee w/ Kat (ZOOM)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Traditional Worship (ONLINE/S)
	10am	***SUSPENDED*** Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Sunday School (YR)
	5:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** AA (ER)		10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Children's Sunday School (NAR)
	6:30pm	Youth Netflix Party (ZOOM)		10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Praise Worship (KR)
Sat Sep 19	10am	***SUSPENDED*** UMW Mtg (B-MC)		3:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Country Music Rehearsal (KR)
Sun Sep 20	8am	Traditional Worship (ZOOM)		5pm	Country Worship (ONLINE)
	9am	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)		6:30pm	Youth Group (ZOOM)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Discussion (E-MC)	Mon Sep 28	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Bible Banter ()
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Children Sunday School (EB)		9am	Koffee w/ Kat (ZOOM)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Traditional Worship (ONLINE/S)		10am	UMW Mtg (ZOOM)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Sunday School (YR)		1pm	Grief Support Mtg (ZOOM)
	10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Children's Sunday School (NAR)		7pm	***SUSPENDED*** Al-Anon (SoGR)
	10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Praise Worship (KR)		7pm	***SUSPENDED*** CoDa Mtg (ER)
	3:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Country Music Rehearsal (KR)	Tue Sep 29	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ZOOM)
	5pm	Country Worship (ONLINE)		1pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ZOOM)
Mon Sep 21	6:30pm	Youth Group (ZOOM)		6pm	***SUSPENDED*** One in the Spirit Reh (KR)
	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Bible Banter ()		6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	9am	Koffee w/ Kat (ZOOM)		7pm	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)
	10am	UMW Mtg (ZOOM)	Wed Sep 30	9am	Koffee w/ Kat (ZOOM)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (ZOOM)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Music Librarians (MR)
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** Al-Anon (SoGR)		11am	Cancer Support Group (ZOOM)
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** CoDa Mtg (ER)		11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (ZOOM)
Tue Sep 22	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Stitches Unlimited (B-MC)		1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (ZOOM)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ZOOM)		5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Wranglers for the Lord (KR) (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ZOOM)			
	6pm	***SUSPENDED*** One in the Spirit Reh (KR)			
	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)			
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)			
Wed Sep 23	8am	***SUSPENDED*** Newsletter Team (MR)			
	9am	Koffee w/ Kat (ZOOM)			
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Music Librarians (MR)			
	11am	Cancer Support Group (ZOOM)			
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (ZOOM)			
	1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (ZOOM)			
	5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Wranglers for the Lord (KR)			
Thu Sep 24	All day	Leadership Conference (ZOOM)			
	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Days for Girls (B-MC)			
	11am	Online Chat w/ Pastor Fred			
	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Choir Rehearsal (Music)			
	6:30pm	Youth Bible Study (ZOOM)			
Fri Sep 25	All day	Leadership Conference (ZOOM)			
	9am	Koffee w/ Kat (ZOOM)			
	10am	***SUSPENDED*** MindMenders (ER)			
	10am	***SUSPENDED*** Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)			
	5:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** AA (ER)			
	6:30pm	Youth Netflix Party (ZOOM)			
Sat Sep 26	9am	PEO Mtg (E-MC)			
Sun Sep 27	8am	Traditional Worship (ZOOM)			
	9am	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)			
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Discussion (E-MC)			
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Children Sunday School (EB)			

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 to 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)

July	2017			2018			2019			2020		
	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All
	66731	24808	3759	61629	26776	3632	56550	24791	3421	84437	40841	7709

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; \$663,413 given so far)
- Stained Glass for upper Sanctuary windows (\$150,400 given so far; \$6,176 per 2'5"x2'8.5" remaining panels)
- Building Fund Debt Payoff (\$862,755 as of 8/5/20)
- Organ Pipes: (\$126,138 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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