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FROM THE PASTOR: "UPDATE ON IN-PERSON WORSHIP"



As Arizona COVID-19 infections are declining, some have asked when we might meet in person for worship. In response to this question, we have been closely tracking infection rates and hospitalization rates in our community. We have noticed that as some school and University campuses have reopened infections have risen among students. The big question is will this create another wave of infections in Arizona? In light of

this issue, we think it is wise to wait. Also our bishop has not given permission for United Methodist Churches to resume in person worship in our Annual Conference.

Even though we are delaying in person worship, we are currently trying to assess if we think it is safe enough for groups of less than 10 to resume meeting. Our Administrative Council will discuss this issue when they meet in early October. There are several small church groups that have told us they would like to start meeting. In light of that request, we have already prepared procedures that we would put in place to decrease the risk of spreading the virus.

In light of COVID-19, our goal is to keep our people in the church and our community safe. We don't want to be the source of an outbreak in Gold Canyon. Many older people are also relying on our wisdom to keep them safe. I will see you online on Sunday.

Grace and peace,



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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



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & EVANGELISM

Pastor Katharine Keller

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

"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 must 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 Our first book will be "Being Mortal: Medicine and What "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

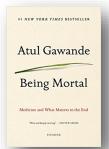


This fall, instead of our huge oncampus Community Harvest Festival, Team Outreach will be hosting a drive-thru event on Halloween, Oct. 31st from 6pm-8pm.

Our volunteers will be dressed in costumes and safely handing out bags containing various treats and In his bestselling books, Atul Gawande, a practicing small pumpkins 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 and failures in his own practices, as well as others' as life 300 children.

As in previous years we are requesting bags of individually-wrapped candy. Please drop candy donations off at the Food Bank on Monday, Wednesday A different book will be read each month, and you can or Friday between the hours of 9am—12pm. If these attend when you're able. If this program interests you, hours don't work for you, please contact Pastor you have questions, or you want to know what book is Katharine (480-888-5411), and she will arrange a time to be read in the coming month, please email Pastor for a drop off.

NEW "READ IT AND REAP" BOOK CLUB



Ladies, join us on a new venture into a monthly church book club with some "meat" to it. The books chosen will be designed to make us think, maybe open our eyes and see issues, events, others' lives from perspective.

Our first "Read It and Reap" will be Wednesday, October 28th at

1:30pm AZT. We are designing this event (virtual at first) to not be longer than 1 1/2 hours. Books are usually available on Amazon, possibly Kindle and at your local library.

Matters in the End" by Atul Gawande. Here is a summary of the book: Medicine has triumphed in modern times, transforming the dangers of childbirth, injury, and disease from harrowing to manageable. But when it comes to the inescapable realities of aging and death, what medicine can do often runs counter to what it should.

Through eye-opening research and gripping stories of his own patients and family, Gawande reveals the suffering this dynamic has produced. Nursing homes, devoted above all to safety, battle with residents over the food they are allowed to eat and the choices they allowed to make. Doctors, uncomfortable discussing patients' anxieties about death, fall back on false hopes and treatments that are actually shortening lives instead of improving them.

surgeon, has fearlessly revealed the struggles of his profession. Here he examines its ultimate limitations draws to a close. Riveting, honest, and humane, Being Mortal shows how the ultimate goal is not a good death, but a good life all the way to the very end.

Katharine at ladiebug1214@gmail.com.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15 — and the rich tradition of poetry from Latinx poets year-round — here is a poem written by Ada Limon, followed by a writing of Alberto Rios.

For Mammoth Cave National Park



About this poem: "This poem came out of a recent, almost urgent, need to point back to the earth. We have done so much harm in this life—to one another, to the ground

we think we own—and I wanted the chance to speak directly to a sacred place and look for answers, or to simply lay my buzzing mind down at the mercy of the earth's core." — Ada Limón

"Humongous cavern, tell me, wet limestone, sandstone caprock, bat-wing, sightless translucent cave shrimp, this endless plummet into more of the unknown, how one keeps secrets for so long.

All my life, I've lived above the ground, car wheels over paved roads, roots breaking through concrete, and still I've not understood the reel of this life's purpose.

> Not so much living, but a hovering without sense.

What's it like to be always night?
No moon, but a few lit up circles at your many openings.
Endless dark, still time must enter you.
Like a train, like a green river?

Tell me what it is to be the thing rooted in shadow. To be the thing not touched by light (no that's not it) to not even need the light? I envy; I envy that.

Desire is a tricky thing, the boiling of the body's wants, more praise, more hands holding the knives away.

I've been the one who has craved and craved until I could not see beyond my own greed.

There's a whole nation of us.

To forgive myself, I point to the earth as witness.
To you, your Frozen Niagara, your Fat Man's Misery,
you with your 400 miles of interlocking caves
that lead only to more of you,
tell me, what it is to be quiet, and yet still breathing.

Ruler of the Underlying,

let me speak to both the dead and the living as you do.
Speak to the ruined earth, the stalactites,
the eastern small-footed bat,
to honor this: the length of days.

To speak to the core that creates and swallows, to speak not always to what's shouting, but to what's underneath asking for nothing.

I am at the mouth of the cave. I am willing to crawl."

©2016 by Ada Limón. Originally published in Poem-a-Day on November 29, 2016, this poem was commissioned by the Academy of American Poets and funded by a National Endowment for the Arts Imagine Your Parks grant.

One River Gives Its Journey to the Next



About this poem: "This is a poem of thanks to those who live lives of service, which, I think, includes all of us — from the large measure to the smallest

gesture, from care-giving to volunteerism to being an audience member or a reader. I've been able to offer these words to many groups, not only as a poem but also as a recognition. We give for so many reasons, and are bettered by it."— Alberto Ríos

"We give because someone gave to us. We give because nobody gave to us.

We give because giving has changed us. We give because giving could have changed us.

> We have been better for it, We have been wounded by it—

Giving has many faces: It is loud and quiet, Big, though small, diamond in wood-nails.

Its story is old, the plot worn and the pages too, But we read this book, anyway, over and again:

Giving is, first and every time, hand to hand, Mine to yours, yours to mine.

You gave me blue and I gave you yellow. Together we are simple green. You gave me

What you did not have, and I gave you What I had to give—together, we made

Something greater from the difference."



CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Sherry Hussein

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

Happy Fall to all of our wonderful Church families! I am looking forward to seeing you soon... it's sure to be a celebration in our hearts, as it seems so long since we have been together at Church. It reminds me of that phrase "absence makes the heart grow fonder."

Since the weather is cooling down slightly, it's nice to get outdoors and go for a walk. Have you noticed all the rocks? Yes, just about every yard in Arizona has rocks, big ones, little ones, even colored ones. As I was walking, noticing all the big "landscaping" rocks, and the far off view of the Superstition Mountains, it made me think of God.

God used the image of a rock to give us an idea of what He is like. The Bible calls God "the Rock of our salvation" (Psalm 95:1). We all know God is even more solid than the rocks beneath our feet. He never shifts or changes. "Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord God is the eternal Rock." Isaiah 26:4

With hopes that our prayers will be answered soon, we know God is always with us, and will lead us back together. Smile... God loves you! — 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" who help with

Bible lessons, praise & worship time, songs, and other activities, as well as serve lunch.

We have a tentative start date of October 24th. We are grateful for the partnership with Desert Chapel UMC 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2020



We are presenting the Rocky Railway "Jesus Power Pulls Us Through", as a virtual online program, October 5-9, during the Elementary Schools' Fall Break. During each of the five days, five stations will be available to visit each

day... it's sure to be energizing & engaging!



Resource packets children who have been registered for VBS will be available for pick-up on Sat., October 3rd between 9:00am-11:00am at the Church. After VBS Week, we will have a special celebration on Saturday, October 10th, from 10:00am— 12:00pm with a VBS parade and other fun activities for the children.



Registration is open through October 3rd. For more information, or to register for VBS, contact Sherry Hussein at (480)529-9621 or sheriffsherry2000@gmail.com.

MIDWEEK MOUNTAINEERS



Midweek Mountaineers is our weekly program for 1st—6th grade students on Wednesday evenings from 6::00pm—7:00pm. The spiritually uplifting and fun program

is open to GCUMC children and their friends, as well as our community children — and includes a Bible lesson, music, trivia games, and more.

Midweek Mountaineers started virtually using Zoom on September 16th, and will continue through the first week of May. Children receive their weekly lesson packets in the mail, and their parents receive an email with Zoom information. Thank you goes to John Knuss for joining us, and bringing his guitar and songs!

When we are given approval to meet in person, our program will meet in the Education Bldg., starting earlier to allow time for dinner beforehand.

Please contact Sherry Hussein for more details, at sheriffsherry2000@gmail.com or call 480-529-9621.

BIBLE LESSONS & MORECHILDREN!



Our Preschool & Elementary Sunday school class children receive packets in the mail with Bible lessons and fun activity pages. We continue to meet on Zoom chat sessions, talking about

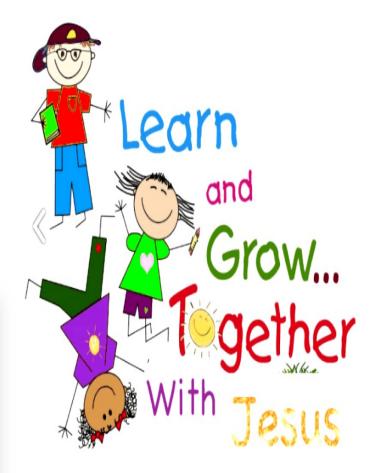
our Bible lessons, sharing stories about at home activities, it's great to see the children and adults online. If you would like to join our Zoom chat with your child (or grandchild), please email Sherry at SheriffSherry2000@gmail.com.



"Sunday school lessons at home"



"Home Schooling, learning about sharks"





YOUTH GROUP

Linda Clise, Youth Director

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

YOUTH SPOTLIGHT: MEET LORELEI CLISE



Lorelei has been a Christian her entire life and grew up in a Christian household. She was dedicated as a baby and baptized and confirmed by Pastor Fred. Lorelei is 17 and a junior in high school. She is homeschooled and looks forward to attending E.V.I.T. for auto collision repair. Her dream job would be to have her own vintage custom car shop! Lorelei is multifaceted, she enjoys many activities and hobbies. She has danced for many years, took Kempo Karate, circus and archery classes (but not together!) Lorelei loves to draw and paint, baking, traveling with her mom, and of course reading! Last year, she started volunteering with Arizona Adopt a Greyhound, she enjoys spending time with all of those greys! One fun activity is working as an ambassador at the Renaissance Festival. There she is able to visit and educate with people about the myths and truths of owning a greyhound. Currently, Lorelei is dancing with Basileia Christian Dance Company. Each class they have a devotional and use music and dance to worship. She loves to help with the younger students at church and at dance.











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



Happy Autumn friends! It already looks like we're the Food Bank online or by mail in lieu of the normal seeing dipping temperatures (at least below 100) as I canned good. write this. I'm not certain how many winter visitors will be returning this year, but we hope you're all still attending online and staying in touch.

getting back into a normal pattern of rehearsals, email any time. Stay safe, stay healthy, and I hope to preparation, and complementing worship on Sunday see you all soon. mornings with choir, bells, and orchestra in addition to our soloists. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic has made that somewhat more difficult than usual. Jan Fear not though; as we move towards the end of the year, we're going to be working on some projects including some small ensembles, soloists, and perhaps even a virtual choir.

I'm also working on some contingencies for the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church Performing Arts Series. It is possible we might be able to do live performances early next year, but for now, I'm working on some virtual events.

As a prototype for future virtual concerts, we'll be hosting the world-renowned Rice Brothers on Sunday, October 25th at 2:00pm. This will be an onlineonly event which you may livestream or watch at your convenience from our website. Vimeo, or Facebook. As many of you know, both Rice Brothers, Chris and Johnny, are both virtuoso cellists AND pianists who have performed across the globe from Europe to North America. In addition to being well traveled, they also bring a huge variety of repertoire to the

table with everything from J.S. Bach and Frederic Chopin to Boogie-Woogie and Gospel.

As always, GCUMC-hosted concerts are free admission, but we will be taking a free-will offering if you're inclined to help out. You may donate either through the church website or by mail. Please remember, your support is what makes our concerts possible! Also, as a side note, you can also donate to

I hope you'll join us on October 25th to enjoy some great music from the comfort of your own home. If you have any other questions, concerns, or comments, my Ordinarily by now, the Music Department would be door is always open, so to speak. Feel free to call or

Peace and best regards,





GLOBAL MISSIONS

Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor

MOBILITY WORLDWIDE REACHES AROUND THE GLOBE

Mobility Worldwide reflects the love of God by bringing the gift of mobility and dignity to those in developing countries who are unable to walk. When given a Mobility Cart...

- Mobility Worldwide
- a child has the opportunity to attend school and receive an education...
- a family provider can find employment or bring products to market to provide for their family...
- beneficiaries can go to church, the marketplace and social gatherings...
- individuals can travel to local health centers for needed medical care...
- recipients have their pride and dignity restored as they are raised from the ground.

GCUMC has been supporting this mission and ministry, including missionaries Sandy and Delbert Groves in Zaire, for many years. Generous individuals have sponsored _____mobility carts to date. Visit the Mobility Worldwide website for inspiring stories of recent recipients. Monetary gifts given through GCUMC with "Mobility Worldwide" written in the memo line of your check, or sent directly to:

Mobility Worldwide

503 E. Nifong Blvd, Ste H #186 Columbia, MO 65201

M W began in 1994 when Larry Hills, at the time missionary in Zaire, Africa, told Rev. Mel West of the great need for 3-wheeled, hand-cranked wheelchairs for victims of polio and landmines. Mel contacted Earl Miner, product designer and long-time friend and mission partner, and the process of the prototype design began. In 1995 when prototype development was ready for field testing, four were shipped to Larry Hills with the instructions to "put these in the worst place you can find, and see if they pass the test." Larry did, and the Mobility Carts did. Shipments to Zaire, where Larry had set up a place to receive the frames, put on the wooden beds, and distribute them. Other areas where carts have been distributed are: Afghanistan, Argentina, Armenia, Angola, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi,

Cambodia, Cameroon, Chad, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Democratic Republic of Congo, Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Gaza, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Latvia, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, North Korea, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Republic of Congo, Romania, Russia, Rwanda, Samoa, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Republic of South Sudan, Swaziland, Syria, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad, Turkey, Uzbekistan, Uganda, Ukraine, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Vietnam, West Bank, Western Sahara and Zimbabwe.

















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 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

which has not yet been established.

You will probably note that the Manacks are no longer singing with us. We miss their contributions, but wish them well as they begin new phases of their lives. We are, however glad to welcome Jeanie Reynolds to our praise team and remain so grateful for the Ballards and Kelly Williams for their ongoing contribution.

We always pray that what we prepare and provide will prove to be a blessing to you!

We are glad to be back to share new music and As of this writing Pastor Emeritus, Bob Deits, who messages with you after our hiatus in August. The only served for many years as the preaching pastor of our downside of rescreening those live worship services is Country and Western Service, is recovering from that they remind us of the joy we had being together in emergency procedures in California where he and public worship. But rest assured we will be able to Nancy were vacationing. We have been in touch with worship together face to face again at some point, them throughout this ordeal and praying regularly for them. As we have done so, it is a reminder that social distance does not impact prayer; we can send our love, our concern and our prayers to people all over the world. The God to whom we pray, you will recall is omniscient; He is everywhere present and nowhere absent. So, know that your prayers reach our Father and also those for whom we care no matter how far removed they may be.



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

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Fay.Quanstrom@gmail.com / (480)458-8420

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

THOUGHTS & THEOLOGY BEHIND THE GREEN BANNER

"Ordinary Time" describes the period in the liturgical year from the end of Pentecost until Christ the King Sunday or the first Sunday of Advent, depending on the year. Each of the seasons of the Church Year has a distinctive color, with green signifying Ordinary Time, a time of growth.

A 40-foot green banner featuring the I AM sayings of Jesus, plus a few additional names, is now in place. The names rise from a representation of the Shekinah, the cloud of God's glory that first filled the Tabernacle (Exodus 40:34) and later the Temple (1 Kings 8:11; 2 Chronicles 7:1-3), where it rested between the cherubim on

the Mercy Seat of the Ark (Numbers 7:89). "I AM" boomed forth at the burning bush in response to Moses' question, "What shall I say when the people ask who sent me?" (Exodus 3:13-14). "I am who I am" is repeated to the left and right, echoing that overarching truth.

The seven "I am" statements with which Jesus identified himself as God Incarnate appear in various fonts. They are The True Vine, The Good Shepherd, The Gate, The Beginning and the End (reiterated as Alpha and Omega, and The First and the Last), Bread of Life, True Light, The Way, The Truth and the Life. Lamb of God and Living Water find their place among the great "I AMs". At the center of the banner, behind the IAM, stands the sturdy Tree of Life, an image that first appears in the Garden of Eden and finally grows in the City of God pictured in the last chapter Revelation. The names Root of Jesse and Offspring of David lie among the roots. The Hebrew letters within the A form God's name, "Yahweh."

The banner was designed and painted by Rev. Dr. Fay Quanstrom.

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

Doris Bright
Gaylord Kruger (9/7)
Chuck McKim
Mary Jane Menke (FL)
Jennie Oukada (9/1)





CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

HELLO... GOD?

"You weren't listening. You were letting your eyes rest on me while you thought about yourself." (from One Last Lie, by Paul Doiron)

I read the above quote recently, said by an older and deserted, 15 miles wiser Native American character in the book. It was like a cold splash of water across the face. My whole life I've heard, read, and been taught how important pray, do we always listening is. I've heard the saying that "God gave you 2 ears and 1 mouth for a reason." I was in a career field where listening was critical. But that certainly doesn't mean I'm always good at it. Listening is something we must consciously think about, a habit we develop, one paying attention to we can fall in and out of if we're not careful. My what He is "telling" husband and I haven't always had the best joint prayer us? habits, but in recent years we've begun each day together with a hug and a prayer. This habit has kept become us grounded, and we have almost always physically and obscured as that phone booth in the woods? Are we mentally felt how this has set the tone for our day.

Funny thing about habits though, if we change something in our lives, we must often re-create a habit. In the past few months, we have traveled in our RV, and many things are new and different. We've noticed we rush out the door to meet our day and have often slipped and missed our morning prayer together. Several times we've caught ourselves already on the road and said our prayer then. On one such day, I said the prayer while my husband was driving. After, he chuckled and said, "you know, you don't have to close your eyes to pray, good thing I didn't, I'm driving." It was a humorous moment...habit again. Since then I've often kept my eyes open, especially when in places of beauty, to enjoy God's wonders while praying. In one of Pastor Rick Warren's August devotionals, he reminded us that looking up toward God when you pray can be the first step toward focusing on and seeking Him. I love that point too.

Another consideration about habits is they can become so habitual that they are rote, we risk forgetting why we are doing them, or can't remember IF we even did them that day. (e.g. getting to the end of the street and asking, "did I hit the button on the garage remote?" or "did I take my vitamins today?")

An important reminder for all of us - God listens from wherever we are calling. Whether we are looking up,

closing or opening our eyes, in church, or in this phone booth in the woods (recently seen. down a gravel road in CO). But when we listen for what God wants us to hear?! Do we focus on listening to Him and Or does His sometimes voice



praying habitually, and "listening" somewhat like the book character described above - "You weren't listening. You were letting your eyes rest on me while you thought about yourself." Are we so focused on our words, what we want, saying it right, to the point we don't truly seek His response? Or are we focused on His message to us?

If you are having trouble hearing God's message in your life, or perhaps even feel deserted, 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.

"I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me. "~ Proverbs 8:17 (NRSV)



Prayer Chain Ministry

Please email prayer requests to

qcumcprayers@qmail.com.



MINISTRY & MISSIONS

SCRIP "Bus & Van Fund"



YOUR reported participation in the Bus Van Ministry has continued to support the bus an van program so that going forward

we will be ready to roll! Reported in the summer months!

 Bashas \$709

Fry's \$414.13 (as of 5/31/20) • Amazon Smile \$203.32 (as of 6/30/20)

 Designated Gifts \$ 50 • Grand Total \$759

Note: Figures are as available at the time of inclusion deadline.

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Gold Canyon UMC as your charity organization. Amazon donates 0.5% of the cost of your eligible But this special opportunity does not come easy. purchases to our SCRIP Bus & Van Fund whenever you Families are put through a rigorous education shop—the same selection—same prices! Just go to:

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

support GCUMC in the Amazon shopping app on home. When the home is complete, they purchase it mobile phones (iOS & Android)! Follow the below from Habitat with a no interest loan. These hard instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start working, deserving families are able to achieve their 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' prescriptions and use their rechargeable card purchased here at the Welcome Center or the Church Office, Maureen 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.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



For our Fall/Winter 2020 Project, we are looking forward to participating in the renovation of a home with a soon to be selected family in Mesa as part of our membership in the Superstition Coalition of Churches in the East Valley. It will be a single-level home

located at 447 W. 1st Ave. in Mesa.

Habitat homes give families the opportunity to have a stable, safe place they can live for the long-term. These families have often been moving from place to place from one tiny, cramped apartment or trailer in a bad neighborhood to another, which is especially difficult on the children.

program; learning how to budget their money, make low cost repairs, and what to watch for regarding the maintenance of their new home. They also must Great news... AmazonSmile customers can now complete 400 hours of work on the actual build of their dream of an affordable home that they actually own.

> We will be looking for volunteers to work on the build during November, as well as volunteers to bring lunch to the work crew on one of the build days. Donations of \$14,000 are needed to meet our goal. Please make checks payable to "Gold Canyon UMC" with "Habitat for Humanity" in the memo. Do ation sd can also be made online at www.GoldCanyonUMC.org.

store for food, gift cards or Thanks so much for your ongoing support of this ministry. For more information, contact Joe and Morton (602(284-2826 or MoandJoeM@aol.com.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35.

Hannah Kardon in her UMW book Finding Peace in an Anxious World states "To find wisdom and serenity, we need not just have a relationship with God, but also a relationship with others in which we can learn, practice, test ideas and experience offering and receiving care." She goes on to state, "Jean Twenge, a psychological researcher, has noted that a primary factor in the increase of anxiety and depression may be the sharp decrease in the forms of human connection we experience in daily life ..."

Showing up for one another, and God, is a necessary practice. We are all experiencing loss in not being able to see others in person, worship together, hug our loved ones, and share a meal around the table. It is important to know that it is alright to mourn; it is alright to grieve. We can take our sadness and our tears to God. We are missing fellowship with our family, friends, and our church families. Pastor Scott Dalgarno wrote, "Fellowship goes deeper than socializing. Fellowship is participating with God and with one another in the trials and the blessings of life together." How can one connect with others during this time of quarantine though? New times call for new ideas! One of the best ways to find fellowship and reduce feelings of isolation is to help others. Here are some ways I have creatively found fellowship:

- Shop for groceries for someone in your neighborhood.
- Invite someone to read a book you loved and then discuss it. Our UMW Reading Program has a list of many excellent and thoughtful books!
- Try a new recipe and share some of the results with a friend (deliver to their front door).
- Go for a walk, with distancing, in a tranquil nature location (like Boyce Thompson Arboretum).
- Send "thinking of you" notes to family and friends. Include a scripture reading or a word of encouragement.
- Share a copy of the UMW response magazine with a neighbor or friend.
- Send a word of appreciation to our church staff or a first responder.
- Schedule a regular Zoom meeting with family and friends.
- Remember to take care of yourself! Eat a healthy diet, get plenty of sleep, and talk to someone if you're feeling overly sad or lonely. There are many people who care about you!

The UMW Culinary Circle enjoying an online Gelato Cooking Class led by Gio and Sacha, straight from Sorrento, Italy. After whipping our cream, we were instructed to hold the bowls over our heads to prove that the cream was adequately whipped! We were lucky!



Gold Canyon UMW continues to hold virtual weekly meetings using Zoom every Monday from 10:00am—11:30am, and all women are invited. The link to join is: https://zoom.us/j/797851773, The Meeting ID is 797 851 773.

Gold Canyon UMW Culinary Circle is holding a "Virtual British Tea" via Zoom on Wed., October 14th from 3pm—4:30pm. We invite all women of the church to mark their calendars and join us! All local registrants will receive a "Virtual British Tea" kit prior to the online event. We hope you can join us!

For more information on anything in this update, or to register for the Tea, please contact Carol Johnson (602)750-2008 / CarolJohnsonAZ@yahoo.com or Dian Capen DKCapen@gmail.com. - Rita Vadasz-Miller

FOOD BANK



Your GCUMC Food Bank continues to serve individuals and families who are in need of food. Throughout the Corona virus pandemic. we elected to serve our clientele with a drive-thru program. This has been very beneficial

in terms of a healthy operation for both our volunteers and clientele. We are extremely thankful for your wonderful support through your donations of food and money. Thank you and God bless.





OCTOBER 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 Birshday!

Brownfield, Royce 10/01 Larsen, Jan 10/01 Walker, Norm 10/01 Ramacher, Marcielle 10/02 Cajowski, Kyle 10/03 Potter, Penny 10/03 Shank, Linda 10/03 Leversee, Sandra (Sandy) 10/04 Tabor, Jill 10/04 Becker, Jack 10/05 Cajowski, John 10/05 Capen, Dian 10/05 Crosswhite, Jason 10/05 Douglas, Marilyn 10/05 Douglass, Jaclyn 10/05 Rodgers, Will 10/05 Rasmussen, Alvin (Al) 10/06 Wion, Sheldon 10/07 Zander, Helen 10/07 Elms, Wilbur Jack (Jack) 10/08 Hunter, Betty Lou 10/08 Lunder, Nancy 10/08 Muir, Barbara 10/08 Behan, Constance (Connie) 10/09 Becker, Bonnie 10/09 Merrel, Kay 10/09 Scott, Jay 10/09 Burgi, Jenelu 10/10 Ewing, John 10/10 Johnson, Peter 10/10 Poppe-Smart, Kimberli 10/10 Vander Stoep, Paul 10/10 Roberson, Rinda 10/11 Larson, Craig 10/12 Borders, Linda 10/13 Cascaden, Lisa 10/13 Graves, Donna 10/13 Keenan, Timmy 10/13 Miller, Fred 10/13 Saathoff, Craiq 10/13 Sifferath, Warren 10/13 Bradshaw, Jack 10/14 Breuklander, Paul 10/14 Eubanks, Rosalie 10/14 Pautvein, Joan 10/15 Reynolds, Kally 10/15 Carnahan, Karen 10/16 Kirby, Cindy 10/16

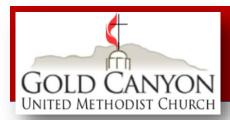
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IJaρρy Anniversary!

Allensworth, Jaci & John 10/29/1966 Cajowski, Barbara & John 10/08/1993 Christian, Wendy & DuPont, Gene 10/12/2012 DeWinter, Don & Ruth 10/12/1961 Edwards, Marlene & Bill 10/25/1956 Fuerherm, Donna & Roy 10/15/1977 Gloss, & Marlene 10/19/1962 Gregg, Bill & Shar 10/05/1994 Hoerter, Coleen & Daniel 10/02/1981 Hopkins, Barbara & Ken 10/20/2012 Klaers, Mary & Nick 10/15/1962 Leversee, Glen & Sandy 10/18/1959 Lunder, Nancy & Wayne 10/21/1981 Matthews, Lowell & Shirley 10/08/1966 Ofstedahl, Sherrie & Ted 10/18/2008 Peterson, June & Rick 10/08/2008 Rowane, Margaret & Tom 10/24/1989 Rowland, Debbie & Phil 10/11/1986 Seabright, Mary & Randy 10/06/1973 Sifferath, Sharee & Warren 10/13/2000 Sweeney, Ken & Lorene 10/29/2007 Tabor, Charles & Jill 10/30/1971 Thomas, Mary & Dick 10/01/1971 Wever, Mike & Shar 10/15/1988 Winkler, Don & & Sarah 10/02/1976







OCTOBER CALENDAR

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

Thu Oct 1	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Prayer Shawl Ministry (S-MC)		1pm	***SUSPENDED*** Gold Canyon Arts Council Mtg (S-MC)			
	11am	Online Chat w/ Pastor Fred		6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Choir Rehearsal (Music)			
	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Choir Rehearsal (Music)		6:30pm	Youth Bible Study (ONLINE)			
	6:30pm	Youth Bible Study (ONLINE)	Fri Oct 9	All day	VBS (ONLINE)			
Fri Oct 2 9am 10ai 5:30	9am	Koffee w/ Kat (ONLINE)		9am	Koffee w/ Kat (ONLINE)			
	10am	***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)		10am	***SUSPENDED*** Mind Menders (ER)			
	5:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** AA (ER)		10am	***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)			
	6:30pm	Youth Netflix Party (ONLINE)		5:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** AA (ER)			
Sat Oct 3	10am	***POSTPONED*** Mtg: GC Coordinating Council (S-MC)		6:30pm	Youth Netflix Party (ONLINE)			
Sun Oct 4	8am	Traditional Worship (ONLINE)	Sat Oct 10	9am	PEO Mtg (E-MC)			
	9am	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)	Sun Oct 11	8am	Traditional Worship (ONLINE)			
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Discussion (E-MC)		9am	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)			
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Children Sunday School (EB)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Grp (E-MC)			
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Traditional Worship (ONLINE/S)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Children Sunday School (EB)			
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Participate in Worship (S)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Traditional Worship (ONLINE/S)			
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Sunday School (YR)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Sunday School (YR)			
	10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Children's Sunday School (NAR)		10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Children's Sunday School (NAR)			
	10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Praise Worship (KR)		10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Praise Worship (KR)			
	3:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Country Music Rehearsal (KR)		3:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Country Music Rehearsal (KR)			
	5pm	Country Worship (ONLINE)		5pm	Country Worship (ONLINE)			
	6:30pm	Youth Group (ONLINE)		6:30pm	Youth Group (ONLINE)			
Mon Oct 5	All day	VBS (ONLINE)	Mon Oct 12	All day	Columbus Day (regional holiday)			
	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Bible Banter ()		9am	***SUSPENDED*** Bible Banter ()			
	9am	Koffee w/ Kat (ONLINE)		9am	Koffee w/ Kat (ONLINE)			
	10am	UMW Mtg (ONLINE)		10am	***SUSPENDED*** UMW Leadership Committee (SoGR)			
	1pm	***SUSPENDED*** Grief Support Mtg (ONLINE)		10am	UMW Mtg (ONLINE)			
	6:30pm	Admin Council Mtg (ONLINE)		1pm	***SUSPENDED*** Grief Support Mtg (ONLINE)			
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** AI-Anon (SoGR)		7pm	***SUSPENDED*** Al-Anon (SoGR)			
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** CoDA Mtg (ER)		7pm	***SUSPENDED*** CoDA Mtg (ER)			
Tue Oct 6	All day	VBS (ONLINE)	Tue Oct 13	9am ***SI	JSPENDED*** Stitches Unlimited (B-MC)			
	2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ONLINE)		9:30am	GC Garden Club (Esther-MC)			
	2pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ONLINE)		2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ONLINE)			
	6pm	***SUSPENDED*** One in the Spirit Reh (KR)		2pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ONLINE)			
	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)		6pm	***SUSPENDED*** One in the Spirit Reh (KR)			
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)		6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)			
Wed Oct 7	All day	VBS (ONLINE)		7pm	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)			
	9am	Koffee w/ Kat (ONLINE)	Wed Oct 14	9am	Koffee w/ Kat (ONLINE)			
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Music Librarians (MR)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Music Librarians (MR)			
	11am	Cancer Support Group (ONLINE)		11am	Cancer Support Group (ONLINE)			
	11:30am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)		11:30am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)			
	1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (ONLINE)		1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (ONLINE)			
	5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Wranglers for the Lord (KR)		5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Wranglers for the Lord (KR)			
Thu Oct 8	All day	VBS (ONLINE)		6pm	***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Vista del Corozon HOA-DRC (S-MC)			
	•	Online Chat w/ Pastor Fred	Thu Oct 15	•	***SUSPENDED*** Prayer Shawl Ministry (S-MC)			

	11am	Online Chat w/ Pastor Fred		9am	PEO Mtg (E-MC)
	1pm	DISCIPLE II (ER)		10am	Women's Fall Retreat (ZOOM)
	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Choir Rehearsal (Music)	Sun Oct 25	8am	Traditional Worship (ONLINE)
	6:30pm	Youth Bible Study (ONLINE)		9am	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)
Fri Oct 16	All day	Piano Tuning (S/MR)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Grp (E-MC)
	9am	Koffee w/ Kat (ONLINE)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Children Sunday School (EB)
	10am	***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Traditional Worship (ONLINE/S)
	5:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** AA (ER)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Sunday School (YR)
	6:30pm	Youth Netflix Party (ONLINE)		10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Children's Sunday School (NAR)
Sat Oct 17	10am	***SUSPENDED*** UMW Mtg (B-MC)		10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Praise Worship (KR)
Sun Oct 18	8am	Traditional Worship (ONLINE)		3:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Country Music Rehearsal (KR)
	9am	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)		5pm	Country Worship (ONLINE)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Discussion (E-MC)		6:30pm	Youth Group (ONLINE)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Children Sunday School (EB)	Mon Oct 26	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Bible Banter ()
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Traditional Worship (ONLINE/S)		9am	Koffee w/ Kat (ONLINE)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Sunday School (YR)		10am	UMW Mtg (ONLINE)
	10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Children's Sunday School (NAR)		1pm	***SUSPENDED*** Grief Support Mtg (ONLINE)
	10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Praise Worship (KR)		7pm	***SUSPENDED*** AI-Anon (SoGR)
	3:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Country Music Rehearsal (KR)		7pm	***SUSPENDED*** CoDA Mtg (ER)
	5pm	Country Worship (ONLINE)	Tue Oct 27	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Stitches Unlimited (B-MC)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (ONLINE)		2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ONLINE)
Mon Oct 19	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Bible Banter ()		2pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ONLINE)
	9am	Koffee w/ Kat (ONLINE)		6pm	***SUSPENDED*** One in the Spirit Reh (KR)
	10am	UMW Mtg (ONLINE)		6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	1pm	***SUSPENDED*** Grief Support Mtg (ONLINE)		7pm	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** AI-Anon (SoGR)	Wed Oct 28	9am	Koffee w/ Kat (ONLINE)
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** CoDA Mtg (ER)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Music Librarians (MR)
Tue Oct 20	2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ONLINE)		11am	Cancer Support Group (ONLINE)
	2pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ONLINE)		11:30am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	6pm	***SUSPENDED*** One in the Spirit Reh (KR)		1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (ONLINE)
	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)		5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Wranglers for the Lord (KR)
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)	Thu Oct 29	11am	Online Chat w/ Pastor Fred
Wed Oct 21	8am	***SUSPENDED*** Newsletter Team (MR)		1pm	DISCIPLE II (ER)
	9am	Koffee w/ Kat (ONLINE)		6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Choir Rehearsal (Music)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Music Librarians (MR)		6:30pm	Youth Bible Study (ONLINE)
	11am	Cancer Support Group (ONLINE)	Fri Oct 30	9am	Koffee w/ Kat (ONLINE)
	11:30am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)		10am	***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (ONLINE)		5:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** AA (ER)
	5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Wranglers for the Lord (KR)		6:30pm	Youth Netflix Party (ONLINE)
Thu Oct 22	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Days for Girls (B-MC)	Sat Oct 31	All day	Halloween
	11am	Online Chat w/ Pastor Fred		6pm	Community Harvest Festival (Drive-Thru)
	1pm	DISCIPLE II (ER)			
	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Choir Rehearsal (Music)	_		acilitator/Teacher/Leader of a class
	6:30pm	Youth Bible Study (ONLINE)			oup and would like to start meeting
Fri Oct 23	5pm	Women's Fall Retreat (ZOOM)	with you		online, please contact the Church Office
	9am	Koffee w/ Kat (ONLINE)		to set-	up your online meeting space!
	10am	***SUSPENDED*** MindMenders (ER)			
	10am	***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)			
	5:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** AA (ER)			
	6:30pm -	Youth Netflix Party (ONLINE)			
Sat Oct 24	7am	GC Garden Club Plant Sale (S Parking Lot)			



BITS-N-BYTES

ROADRUNNER & BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please send your content for the November Roadrunner

via email to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org no later than 8:00am, Mon., 10/5/2020

Weekly Bulletin & Flower Orders

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

GCUMC Publications are brought to you by Riechia Ralston, Debra Worley, Carol Lindaman the Roadrunner Assembly Team, the Friday Bulletin Assembly Team... and many other treasured volunteers!



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

COMMUNITY SMALL BUSINESS & VENDOR FAIR

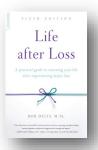


Canyon Strong's Shop Small Business & Vendor Fair is scheduled for Sat., 11/28 from 8am—4pm at the Gold Canyon Executive Suites located at 6589 S. Kings Ranch Road. We will be COVID

respectful at all events. Parking will be available at the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church across the street. For more info on Gold Canyon Strong, visit:

https://goldcanyonstrong.wixsite.com/community

THE BOOK SHELF



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



Once You Know How.

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



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

CALLING ALL PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS!



At GCUMC's next Celebration of Veterans, we would like to recognize Purple Heart Recipients who attend GCUMC. To be added to the recipient list, please email Nancy Fassbender (nfass@earthlink.net).



You can watch all of our worship services (live and archived) by visiting:

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





CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

"Let no debt remain outstanding except the continuing debt to love one another."
- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

st	2017			2018		2019			2020			
gn	General	Building	Worship All									
Au	62381	21486	2832	69258	23282	3212	68713	25570	3445	84678	90918	8819



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)
- Fellowship Hall (\$2.4M; \$500,000 given)
- Stained Glass for upper Sanctuary windows (\$105,000 given so far; \$6,176 per 2'5"x 2'8.5" remaining panels)
- Building Fund Debt Payoff (\$899,703/\$105,000 prepaid in 2020)
- Organ Pipes: (\$129,364 given so far)



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.





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.





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 & 9:30amTRADITIONAL (Sanctuary)♣10:50amPRAISE (Koinonia Room)♣5:00pmCOUNTRY (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

廿 10:50am Children

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