



FROM THE PASTOR: "MORE THAN EXPECTED"



2020 is behind us. I would guess you might exclaim, "Thank goodness!" A new year is ahead of us! We pray 2021 will be a year of dramatic improvement. We pray for COVID-19 to be eliminated, for political divisions to be healed, for a return to worship together, for new jobs for the unemployed, for a time when we can hug and shake hands without fear and strengthen relationships with family and friends. As we leave 2020 behind, we vow to not take relationships, our democracy, our jobs or health for granted ever again.

Craig Larson talks about a coffee table book titled, "America's Spectacular National Parks" by Michael Duchemin which he leaves open on his coffee table for friends to enjoy. For several days he left the book open to a photo of the Grand Teton Mountains. It is a majestic display of deep blue sky, rugged, gray, snow capped mountains; and a calm lake in the foreground. But one day he decided to turn the page and he found that there was an extra-long page folded over, covering part of the Grand Tetons. When he opened it up, it added some sixteen inches to the width of the photo. Wow! The Grand Tetons became even grander. What he discovered is there is "more than expected."

In January I plan on starting a sermon series entitled "More Than Expected." As Christians we have a God who is "more than expected." God's grace and mercy goes way beyond what is required. God's grace and love is dramatic and blows us away. Then Jesus asks us to respond in "more than expected" ways.

I will see you online on Sunday.

Grace and peace,

Fred

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

To participate:

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



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & EVANGELISM

Pastor Katharine Keller

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

THE 21-DAY RACIAL EQUITY HABIT BUILDING CHALLENGE



Have you ever made a successful change in your life? Perhaps you wanted to exercise more, eat less, or change jobs? Think about the time and attention you dedicated to the process. A lot, right? Change is hard. Creating effective social justice habits, particularly those

dealing with issues of power, privilege, supremacy and leadership is like any lifestyle change. Setting our intentions and adjusting what we spend our time doing is essential. It's all about building new habits. Sometimes the hardest part is just getting started. The good news is, there's an abundance of resources just waiting to empower you to be a more effective player in the quest for equity and justice.

About the 21-Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge

- For 21 days, do one action to further your understanding of power, privilege, supremacy, oppression, and equity
- Plan includes suggestions for readings, podcasts, videos, observations, and ways to form and deepen community connections

We will begin this program on January 18, 2021. If you are interested in pursuing this challenge and dialoguing with others as to what you learn and experience, please email Pastor Katharine at ladiebug1214@gmail.com by the first week of January, so that she can explain this program further. This will all be done virtually, of course; a Zoom link will be provided for you.

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY



We are all family. When we walk past our neighbor who is hiding in plain sight, we limit the gifts and graces that our sisters and brothers in Christ bring to the table. We limit the experiences, the voices and the beloved

community that take place through mutual sharing of gifts. We join with United Methodists around the world, remembering that the size of the table of divine love is unlimited.

January, 17th, the Sunday before MLK's birthday, is celebrated in the United Methodist denomination as Human Relations Day.

Across the United Methodist connection we come together to help bridge the gap between church and community, recognizing the message Jesus demonstrated during his life: all of God's children are important.

In recognizing Human Relations Day, we are called to make an impact in communities where people struggle because they don't have the tools or resources to reach their God-given potential. Consider supporting one of the many neighborhood programs in Apache Junction or Gold Canyon: Genesis, Project Help, our Food Bank, AJ Community Development Division, Community Alliance against Family Abuse, for example.





WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

The second online Coffee with the Pastor gathering was December 14th using Zoom, and resulted in another new member, Pam Atkins. If you have been thinking about making Gold Canyon UMC your church home, be sure to watch the bulletin for an announcement for information on our next gathering.



Pam Atkins

Oh Lord, for your mercy, we humbly now ask
 May the coming year be much better than the last
 We pray for an end to pestilence and plague
 Our petition specific, not a little bit vague

Oh Lord, in our exhaustion we cry out to you
 May you dwell in our homes and heal our country, too
 We pray for an end to the things that divide
 Our petition is simple, let it not be denied

Oh Lord, you are majestic, your renown greater still
 May you pardon our sins and show us your will
 We pray for an end to deception and lies
 Our petition is strategic, our very spirit cries

Oh Lord, you are worthy of our worship and praise
 May you bless this small remnant for all of our days
 We pray for an end to hollow disbelief
 Our petition is sincere, we are seeking relief

Oh Lord, we now thank you for keeping your word
 May you intervene with a miracle, our request has been heard
 We pray for the strength to continue the fight
 Our petition is secure, we trust you with our rights



CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Sherry Hussein

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

Happy New Year to everyone! Hope you are feeling blessed as we start the New Year 2021. "Bringing in the New Year" — new beginnings and a feeling of renewal — can be a time to strengthen our faith in Christ. Let's celebrate Jesus everyday, after all He is the ultimate gift from God! Jesus gives us so much hope, peace, joy, and love, and we can all get to know Jesus better. He was sent to us as the long-awaited Messiah, Prince of Peace, King of Kings, Our Savior... and Jesus can be our best friend ever! Once you give yourself to Jesus, and accept Him into your life, you will be amazed at all that is given back to you.

We can all be disciples of Christ by reaching out to other people, giving and sharing hope, peace, joy — and LOVING them. In raising our children we have always taught them to "give & share." It's a wonderful feeling, and the more you give of yourself, the more you will feel blessed & highly favored. The gift of a new year is one of God's many blessings. Glory to God in the highest heaven and peace to us on earth!

Love & Blessings to all, Ms. Sherry

SIDEWALK CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Sidewalk Children's Outreach Ministry serves Apache Junction area children. We meet on Saturdays from 10:00am—11:15am at the Desert Chapel UMC campus. Parents drop

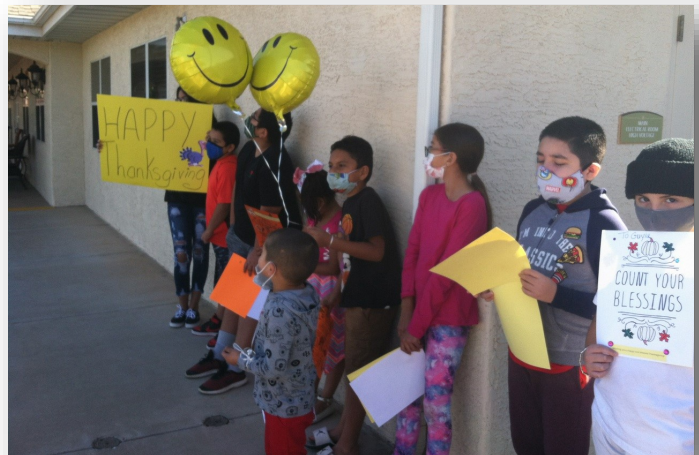
their children off at DCUMC, and the children enjoy Bible lessons, outdoor activities, crafts, and service projects.

On Thanksgiving Day & also on December 23, children and adults took greeting cards to the residents at Aurora Place Assisted Living in Apache Junction. On December 19th we had our Christmas Celebration, and the children were very thankful for the gift bags from Chandler UMC. Many of the families in Sidewalk received gifts from the Angel Tree program at GCUMC, and expressed their gratitude for the generosity of our Church families.

This is our 17th year of Sidewalk, and we are very grateful to our GCUMC congregation for their continued support in blessing this children's outreach ministry.



Boys at the Sidewalk truck



Children visit at Aurora Place Assisted Living



Children put Bible scriptures on water bottle



Mr. Rex "tips on playing ping pong"

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. . If you would like to know more about Sidewalk Children's Ministry, please contact me at (480) 529-9621, or Bev Stout at (480) 926-6479.

MIDWEEK MOUNTAINEERS



Our weekly Wednesday program for students 1st-6th grade continues to meet online. Children from GCUMC, their friends, and other children in our community join together for Bible lessons, music, trivia games, and more.

During December our lessons were about Advent, and we all anticipated the celebration of Jesus birth on Christmas! We did not meet during Christmas & New Year's school break, and will resume on January 6th. We hope to be back together and meeting in-person in January 2021. Many thanks to Jan Daniels for assisting & teaching the children through scripture, and to John Nuss for sharing his music with us.



Fun on the Church playground



Be sure to watch for updates that will be posted in the weekly bulletin. For more info, please contact me SheriffSherry2000@gmail.com or (480)529-9621.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & ZOOM



Our Preschool & Elementary Sunday school classes were meeting in the Koinonia Room through December 13th. However, Pastor Fred determined it would be safer for everyone to discontinue meeting in person for the time being.

December was still an exciting month with Advent activities and our Christmas celebration on December 20th on Zoom. The children all received Christmas bags with special items & treats. The Elementary children made Christmas cards that were sent to people in our Church family.



Ms. Jan teaching children hand gestures to songs

A BIG Thank You to Jan Daniels for teaching Sunday school with the Elementary children. Also, thanks goes to Karlee Caravella for assisting with our preschool children — the children love "Ms. Karlee!" The children will continue receiving packets in the mail containing Bible lessons and fun activity pages. We will continue with our Zoom chat sessions and will let you all know when our Sunday school classes resume at the Church.

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YOUTH GROUP

Linda Clise, Youth Director

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



Well, we are back to meeting online. Since the cases of Covid-19 continued to rise, I made the difficult decision to return to online meetings. The youth were understandably upset, but completely understood. The picture I am sharing is from last year when we were able to meet in person.

To celebrate Advent together, I delivered candles and candleholders to each of the youth. Together each Sunday of Advent we have been lighting the candles while I read the week's message. We, as a youth group, have adopted a family from the Angel Tree. Because we couldn't all shop together, Lorelei and I went to the mall and Target and had a Zoom meeting with those that wanted to shop with us. We would show certain items like a few pairs of pants and then they would get to vote on which pair we would buy for the family member. It was a fun experience! We even ate "together" at the food court!

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

Since we cannot meet in person for a Christmas party this year, I am sewing stockings for each youth and adult volunteer and filling them with chocolates and goodies. Lorelei and I are dressing up as elves to deliver them later in December.



I pray that you all had a wonderful Christmas! Cheers to the New Year!

Blessings, Linda

Youth Group

(Fun & faith-based programs & fellowship
for 7th—12th grades)

Thursdays at 6:30pm
Bible Study (Hybrid)

Fridays at 6:30pm
Netflix Movie Party

Sundays at 6:30pm
Youth Group (In person; need
reservation)





MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



Happy New Year! This time around, I'm sure everyone is happy to get 2020 over with! It was a difficult year, but faith manages and we're all looking forward to new and better things in this new year, so here's to 2021. I hope everyone had a good Christmas, despite the limitations. Perhaps you enjoyed the Christmas Concert on the 19th? I do hope so. If you haven't seen it, you can still watch it on our website! I want to thank everyone for their support and generous contributions.

As I said at the concert, we will be continuing the 2020-2021 season of the Gold Canyon UMC Performing Arts series this year, albeit virtually. I'm still ironing out the details, but likely we'll have several virtual concerts over the next few months; so stay tuned to the announcements, website, and newsletters. I should have more information for you soon.

In other (but related) news, the choir did succeed in a virtual choir project as you hopefully saw last month, and we had a number of recordings of choral groups at the end of last year. Unfortunately, the rising number of COVID-19 cases and exposures that the church staff was facing forced us to scale back our efforts. I'm hoping that in a month or two, we'll resume our small choral and bell ensembles, and perhaps get the orchestra running again. Our soloists and instrumentalists are staying focused and ready as always. We're all doing our best to bring you the best music and worship that we can while also remaining safe.

I'm personally counting the days until vaccines are available here in AZ. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to email or call anytime. Be well and again, happy New Year!

Peace and best regards,

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GLOBAL MISSIONS

Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor

GLOBAL MINISTRY CONTINUES AND ADAPTS

Blessed with God-given creativity and practical necessity, the “mother of invention,” our missionaries have continued and expanded their outreach on our behalf and for God’s glory!



- Rice and Beans vegetable gardens have provided a new resource for food production and distribution.
- Rice and Beans Costa Rican team is using lumber scraps to create tortilla presses and drip coffee makers for local sale and export.
- 1,880 Christmas Boxes (shoe boxes filled with a variety of age-appropriate gifts) prepared by U.S. churches are being distributed to Costa Rican children as an expression of God’s love.

- Mobility International’s new building provides great workspace for increased production of carts.



- Faithful professionals carry on health, nutrition, and agricultural work under the auspices of Fellowman International in Honduras.

Our Part: We can all resolve to pray faithfully for God’s protection of our missionaries, Fred Curry (Costa Rica; Rice and Beans Ministries), Lisa Armstrong (Honduras; Fellowman International), and Sandy and Delbert Groves (Africa; Mobility International). Pray for the missionaries, their teams, their families, their health, their energy, and especially for God’s blessing on their work done in Jesus’ name.

GIVE

LOVEJOYHOPEPEACE

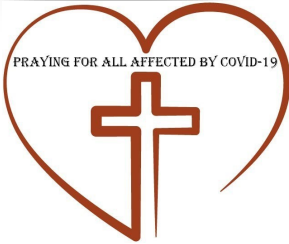
Gold Canyon United Methodist Church supports these Global Missions:





ON THE COUNTRY SIDE

Dr. David Worley



We are waiting, O Lord. We wait for this terrible plague to cease. We wait for economy recovery. We wait to get well. We wait to be able to worship together again. We wait for the coming of our Savior as we celebrate Advent. We wait

for our Lord to come again as He promised. But in all of this waiting we remind ourselves that we wait on YOU. Just as in your good time you sent our Savior to Bethlehem town, so in your good time you will accomplish all of your purposes in this world and in us. So our waiting is not in vain; it is a worshipful waiting that clings to your promises and counts on you Oh Faithful God.

Yet waiting is hard. Eagerly longing for change is hard. Holding to intangible promises is hard. Trusting an invisible God is hard. Not losing heart is hard. So we DO believe but Lord, help our unbelief. Cause our hearts to trust you even as did Mary when she conversed with Gabriel about seemingly impossible outcomes. Cause our hearts to take you at your Word as did Joseph who did not just hear it but believe it and live it. Cause our hearts to rejoice in assurance and like John the Baptist leap for joy even when he was still in Elizabeth's womb when the incarnate Son of God grew near who was also still in the womb. Cause us to move to see anew the babe wrapped in bands of cloth lying in a manger as did the Shepherds of old. May as the old carol says, Jesus be born in us today.

And so we rejoice today in the message and meaning of Advent. With Charles Wesley we sing:

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Sun of righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings,

Ris'n with healing in His wings:

Mild He lays His glory by,

Born that man no more may die;

Born to raise the sons of earth;

Born to give them second birth.

We bless you gracious Father. We adore you precious Jesus. We honor you Divine Spirit this day. And as we wait we pray that every need represented on our prayer list and in our hearts may be met according to the riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

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.



PASTORAL & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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

PASTORAL CARE

Our Pastors are on-call to reach out to members and friends of Gold Canyon UMC. If you know someone in our congregation who is hospitalized, ill at home, needs a listening ear and/or prayers of the community, please send an email to GCUMCPrayers@gmail.com, call the Church Office at (480) 982-3776, or contact one of the pastors directly so they can be included on the prayer list.



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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.



Prayer Chain Ministry

Please email prayer requests to

gcumcprayers@gmail.com.

*Pray one for
Another*

- James 5:16



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

Royce Brownfield
Charles Eugene Dillon
Zach Eschelman
Donna Gale
Dustin Grothe
Dort Halsted
Marge Heine

Marilyn J. Ungman
John Neal
Robert Reid
Sandy Swiatowy
Jim Tambke
Pat (Tucker) Roberts

In Remembrance



CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

HOPE AND TRUST



As I reflected back on the past few months, thought about all the past year's happenings, and what I'd written about in 2020 newsletters – "Hope" rose to the surface as the recurring theme. Especially in the most recent

months. And as I was thinking about this, and what the new year might bring for all of us in 2021, I received a Christmas card and letter written by my niece Sarah Shroyer. One paragraph in her letter struck me as particularly powerful, and she graciously gave me permission to use her thoughts. She reflected upon the hopes we've all had in this past year, and then said:

So if our country can't find truth in all these hopes, where do they find it? Where does someone with no hope turn? Who do they cry out to in their despair? My friends, when you hold onto hope you are searching for something that is true, something that is stable, someone to believe in. The thing that is missing from all those hopes isn't a thing at all. It's a who. Jesus. Not a day has gone by this year that God hasn't interceded our prayers in accordance with the will of God. For we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him. (paraphrase Rom 8:26-27)

For the person struggling: Hope for what is true. Hope for whom never fails. Hope for Jesus.

For everyone: Keep the hope. Show kindness. Speak life. Demonstrate love. Be Jesus for the world.

She ended those thoughts with a question – Where does your hope lie?

That is a powerful question. Does our hope lie in the expected or desired actions of individuals here on earth? Or does it lie in our hope in, and trust of, God? The Bible reminds us that it should be the latter.

Our heavenly Father keeps His promises and answers our prayers, but His response often takes more time than we desire or expect. In our human frailness, we tend to want answers now AND want the exact answers we asked for. Here is where it strongly behooves us to remember that God has perfect timing and wisdom, and when the time is right, He will always do what is best. Two significant problems arise for us here...

Problem One: We often don't have the patience to wait for God's response. We can feel as if our prayer was

unanswered when nothing we prayed for goes our way. We want an answer instantly, and we can't see His answer if it doesn't come in the form for which we hoped. We forget that God is able to turn circumstances around for our long-range good, we have never been promised that the answers will be rapid. In reality the answers may be 1 week, 1 month, 1 year, 5 years down the road. In some cases, we may not fully recognize the answer until we reside with our heavenly Father one day. Our instant gratification mindset gets the better of us.

Problem Two: We tend to expect that God's responses will be according to our will, rather than His. We paraphrase God's promises to us, and our thought processes may go something like this – "I've been a good Christian, if I just pray he'll give me the answer I want, he certainly wouldn't give me a bad outcome, not on something this important!"

When we think along those lines, we are forgetting that evil is prevalent all around us on earth. God is not the one who "makes" bad things happen. But if we receive and recognize God's answer, and it's not what we prayed or hoped for, we can end up angry and disappointed. In our hurt we forget that God never promised His answers would make us happy, He promised that "...all things work together for good...". We just don't always see the "for good" part when we receive His response.

This is where Hope meets Trust. If you are having difficulty recognizing God's responses (or seeming lack of) to your prayers, or understanding His timing, please remember that at GCUMC we are blessed with 4 pastors who are 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.

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. 27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. 28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ~ Romans 8:26-28 (NRSV)



MINISTRY & MISSIONS

SCRIP "BUS & VAN FUND"



YOUR reported participation in the scrip Bus Van Ministry has continued to support the bus and van program so that going forward we will be ready to roll! **Your** most recent quarterly reported participation in the programs to support our Bus & Van Fund was:

• Bashas	\$358
• Fry's	\$193
• Amazon Smile	\$120
• Designated Gifts	\$ 0
• Grand Total	\$671

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

Thank you for your continued support!

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

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

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.

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

Link your Fry's VIP Card online to Fry's Community

Rewards program and choose GCUMC (Account #TS438), Fry's 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.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



United Methodist Women
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13.

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners . . . Isaiah 61: 1.

As children of God and members of the United Methodist Women, we begin the new year as we begin every day; we seek to follow the path that Jesus Christ laid before us, we look for hope, and we find strength in the Bible, in our church, and in each other. This past year has been one of challenges, but is this new? Throughout history, throughout the Old Testament and the New Testament, throughout the years of the early church, and throughout the past century, we have lived through challenges. My father, who died in July at the age of 95, lived through the Great Depression, WWII, the Korean and Vietnam Wars, the Civil Rights movement, 9/11, the death of his wife and his youngest son. Through it all, God is with us. He comforts us, he guides us, and gives us hope and strength.

The United Methodist Women calls us to find this hope and strength and to do God's work here on Earth. We are given so much so that we can give to others.

Our East District United Methodist Women will have their annual **Leadership Event on Saturday, January 16, beginning at 9:00am via Zoom**. This is a free event and all UMW members (and non-members) are invited to attend. This is an excellent opportunity to meet UMW's from across the East District, to find out more about UMW, and to learn about leadership. This event also provides an opportunity for those in leadership

positions to learn more about their specific office. Registration is required to get the Zoom link: <https://dscumc.zoom.us/j/92111111111>.


Our **Gold Canyon UMW Reading Program** will be hosting a monthly get-together! Our first will be on **Wednesday, January 6, 2021, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon** on the patio outside the Barnabas Room at the Missions Center. There will be an opportunity to check out and return books, discuss the books we have read (a mini book club!), and to fellowship together. This is a drop-in event; no need to register. Bring a cup of coffee or tea and sit for a while! For more information, contact Peggy Kinder at p.kinder@mchsi.com or 480-474-0964. We ask that you please wear a mask.

Our **Matthew 25 Prison Ministry** will have its monthly Zoom meeting on **January 21, 2021, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am**. If you are interested in learning more about this wonderful ministry, please join us. We would love to have more women serve as pen pals; this is a great way to provide hope, inspiration, and companionship to women currently serving prison terms at Perryville Women's Prison.

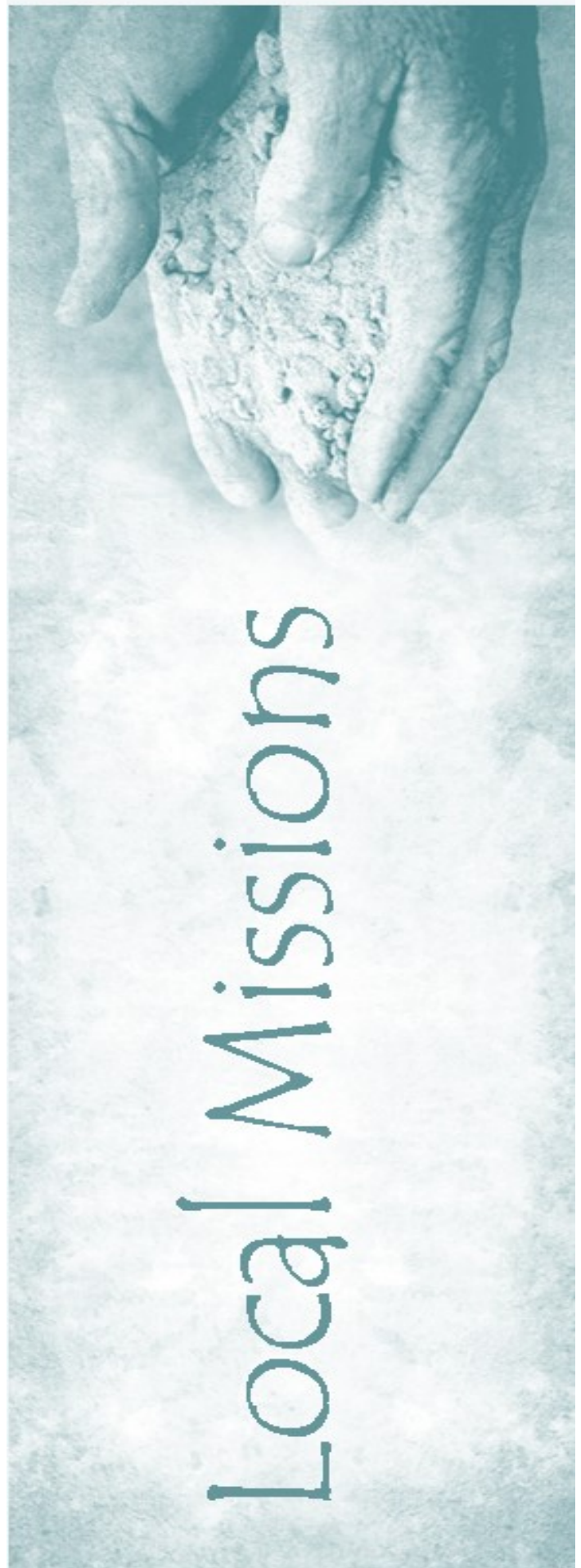
Our **Gold Canyon UMW Culinary Circle** will have its next meeting in January or February. If you are interested in all things food-related, please contact Carol Johnson at caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com or (602)750-2008.

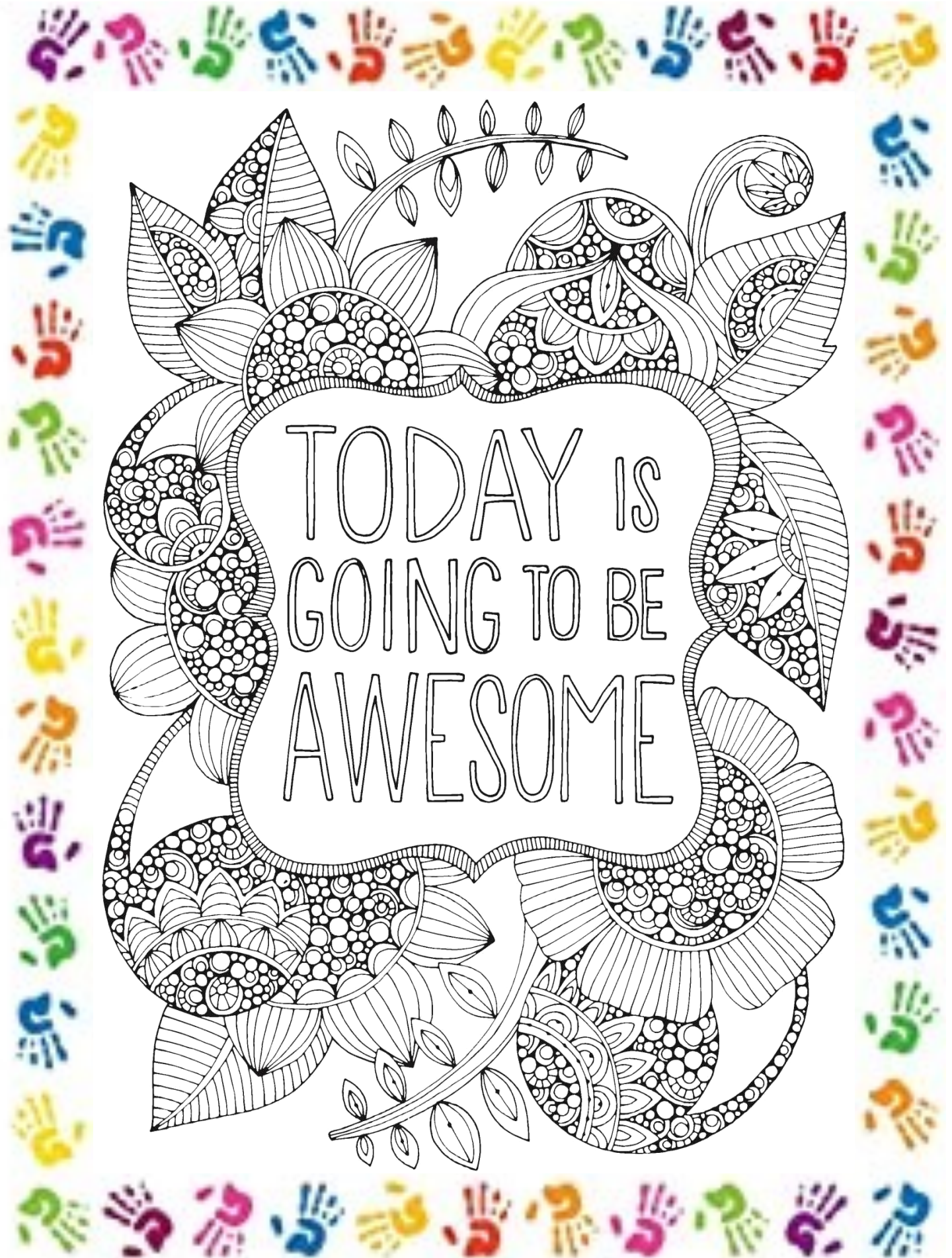
Submitted by Carol Johnson

FOOD BANK



Our Food Bank volunteers have continued to distribute food to area people in need, and your donations of non-perishable items and financial support have made this possible. Our Food Bank volunteers continue to do amazing work under difficult conditions, and we are blessed to have such wonderful support. Blessing and thanks to all!







JANUARY 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!

Sohocki, Dena 01/01
Zieglowsky, Sheila 01/01
Karr, Janet 01/02
Holbrook, Sonia 01/04
Wilson, Don 01/04
Zabel, Darlene 01/04
Clymer, Ruth 01/05
Digerness, Bruce 01/05
Virden, Nancy 01/05
Barraza, Angela 01/08
Cassella, Channan 01/08
Richardson, Connie 01/08
Young, Jane 01/08
Mulry, Kathleen (Katie) 01/09
Brown, Vernon 01/10
Bowman, Judith 01/12
Johnson, Leila 01/12
Palmer, Charlie 01/12
Beebe, William (Bill) 01/13
Blank, Donald (Don) 01/13
Hopkins, Barbara 01/13
Miller, John 01/13
Berry, Myra 01/14
Bressler, Kent 01/14
Kalik, Allison Shannon 01/14
Schoeff, Gary 01/14
Mogharbel, Karen 01/15
Tirrito, Janine 01/15
Burhans, Lyle 01/16
Hollingsworth, Glen 01/16

Peterson, McKenna 01/16
Nefzer, Richard (Rick) 01/18
Schwartz, Myrtice (Ann) 01/18
Barraza, Gabriel 01/19
Collins-Mitchell, Lauren 01/19
Larson, Sharon 01/19
Trout, Nancy 01/19
Wion, Carol 01/19
Broadley, Louise 01/20
Hammond, Lynda 01/21
Krull, Richard (Rich) 01/22
Barnes, Rachel 01/23
Kalik, Stephen 01/23
Miller, Sally 01/23
McLeod, Suzanne 01/24
Mogharbel, Abed 01/24
Carpenter, Tim 01/25
Parsons, Phillip (Phil) 01/25
Allensworth, Jacquelyn (Jaci) 01/26
Gray, Phyllis 01/26
Kingsley, Ruth 01/26
Nelson, Bill 01/26
Niemann, Marlene 01/27
Scharringhausen, Fred 01/28
Annin, Karen 01/29
Feather, Shirley 01/30
Walker, Barb 01/30
Wehle, Carol 01/30
Kies, Sherry 01/31
Russell, Nancy 01/31

Happy Anniversary!

Ballard, Carol & David 01/18/1975
Burhans, Judy & Lyle 01/22/1966
Campbell, Frank & Sandy 01/01/1989
Cook, Trish & Ted 01/30/2016
Dauenhauer, Connie & Dick 01/08/2011
Elco, Jackie & Jim 01/25/2014
Elieff, Helen & Jim 01/11/1974
Fratt, Genie & Robert 01/12/2001
Gaulke, Donald & Norma 01/10/1978
Huffman, Darlene & Gene 01/15/2000
Johnson, Woody & Carol 01/19/2019
Keller, Julius & Katharine 01/15/2005
Miller, Chris & Mike 01/09/1982
Paone, Albert & Ellen 01/29/1966
Pappalardo, Michelle & Bob 01/09/1988
Ramacher, Don & Marcielle 01/03/2014
Rodgers, Barb & Will 01/17/1970
Rolf, Jayne & Vern 01/25/1958
Steinberg, Beth & Fred 01/09/1982
Voorhees, Deb & Steve 01/08/1977

Happy 70th Anniversary!

Jim and Alice Bjorklund celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Sunday, November 29, 2020. Jim and Alice were high school sweethearts and married in Tracy, MN. They have three children: Brian 52, Steven, 52 and Pamela 65, as well as seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



JANUARY CALENDAR

(Calendar is subject to change;

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

Fri Jan 1	All day	New Year's Day + (OFFICE CLOSED)		5:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** AA (ER)
	10am	***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)		6:30pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)
	5:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** AA (ER)	Sat Jan 9	9am	***SUSPENDED*** PEO Mtg (E-MC)
	6:30pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)	Sun Jan 10	8am	Traditional Worship (ONLINE)
Sat Jan 2	10am	***POSTPONED*** Mtg: GC Coordinating Council (S-MC)		9am	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)
	10am	UMW Christmas Tea (KR)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Discussion Grp (E-MC)
Sun Jan 3	8am	Traditional Worship (ONLINE)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Traditional Worship (ONLINE/S)
	9am	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Sunday School (YR)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Discussion Grp (E-MC)		9:30am	Children Sunday School (KR)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Traditional Worship (ONLINE/S)		10:50am	Praise Worship (ONLINE)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Participate in Worship (S)		10:50am	Children's Sunday School (KR)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Sunday School (YR)		3:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Country Music Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children Sunday School (KR)		4pm	Youth Group (on campus)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (ONLINE)		5pm	Country Worship (ONLINE)
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (KR)		6:30pm	Youth Group (on campus)
	3:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Country Music Rehearsal (KR)	Mon Jan 11	9am	Bible Banter (ONLINE)
	4pm	Youth Group (on campus)		10am	***SUSPENDED*** UMW Leadership Committee (SoGR)
	5pm	Country Worship (ONLINE)		10am	UMW Mtg (ONLINE)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (on campus)		1pm	***SUSPENDED*** Grief Support Mtg (ONLINE)
Mon Jan 4	9am	Bible Banter (ONLINE)		7pm	***SUSPENDED*** AI-Anon (SoGR)
	10am	UMW Mtg (ONLINE)		7pm	***SUSPENDED*** CoDA Mtg (ER)
	1pm	***SUSPENDED*** Grief Support Mtg (ONLINE)	Tue Jan 12	9am	Stitches Unlimited (B&Patio-MC)
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** AI-Anon (SoGR)		9:30am	GC Garden Club (Esther-MC)
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** CoDA Mtg (ER)		2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ONLINE)
Tue Jan 5	2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ONLINE)		2pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ONLINE)
	2pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ONLINE)		6pm	***SUSPENDED*** One in the Spirit Reh (KR)
	6pm	***SUSPENDED*** One in the Spirit Reh (KR)		6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)		6:30pm	Youth Bible Study (Hybrid)
	6:30pm	Youth Bible Study (Hybrid)		7pm	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)	Wed Jan 13	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Music Librarians (MR)
Wed Jan 6	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Music Librarians (MR)		11am	Cancer Support Group (ONLINE)
	10am	UMW Book Club (BC-Patio)		11:30am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	10am	Youth Sunday Rehearsal (S & KR)		1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (ONLINE)
	11am	Cancer Support Group (ONLINE)		1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (Paul-ONLINE)
	11:30am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)		5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Wranglers for the Lord (KR)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (ONLINE)		6pm	***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Vista del Corozon HOA-DRC (S-MC)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (Paul-ONLINE)		6pm	Midweek Mountaineers (ONLINE)
	5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Wranglers for the Lord (KR)	Thu Jan 14	11am	Chat w/ Pastor Fred (ONLINE)
	6pm	Midweek Mountaineers (ONLINE)		1pm	***SUSPENDED*** Gold Canyon Arts Council Mtg (S-MC)
Thu Jan 7	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Prayer Shawl Ministry (S-MC)		6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Choir Rehearsal (Music)
	11am	Chat w/ Pastor Fred (ONLINE)	Fri Jan 15	10am	***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)
	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Choir Rehearsal (Music) Fri		5:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** AA (ER)
Jan 8	10am	***SUSPENDED*** Mind Menders (ER)		6:30pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)
	10am	***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)		7pm	GCAC Concert: Brothers Four & Guest Choir (S)

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Sat Jan 16	10am	***SUSPENDED*** UMW Mtg (B-MC)	4pm	Youth Group (on campus)	
Sun Jan 17	All day	YOUTH SUNDAY	5pm	Country Worship (ONLINE)	
	8am	Traditional Worship (ONLINE)	6:30pm	Youth Group (on campus)	
	9am	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)	Mon Jan 25	9am	Bible Banter (ONLINE)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Discussion Grp (E-MC)		10am	UMW Mtg (ONLINE)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Traditional Worship (ONLINE/S)		1pm	***SUSPENDED*** Grief Support Mtg (ONLINE)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Sunday School (YR)		6:30pm	Ad Council (Online)
	9:30am	Children Sunday School (KR)		7pm	***SUSPENDED*** AI-Anon (SoGR)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (ONLINE)		7pm	***SUSPENDED*** CoDA Mtg (ER)
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (KR)	Tue Jan 26	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Stitches Unlimited (B-MC)
	3:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Country Music Rehearsal (KR)		2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ONLINE)
	4pm	Youth Group (on campus)		2pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ONLINE)
	5pm	Country Worship (ONLINE)		6pm	***SUSPENDED*** One in the Spirit Reh (KR)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (on campus)		6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
Mon Jan 18	All day	Martin Luther King Jr. Day		6:30pm	Youth Bible Study (Hybrid)
	9am	Bible Banter (ONLINE)		7pm	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)
	10am	UMW Mtg (ONLINE)	Wed Jan 27	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Music Librarians (MR)
	1pm	***SUSPENDED*** Grief Support Mtg (ONLINE)		11am	Cancer Support Group (ONLINE)
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** AI-Anon (SoGR)		11:30am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** CoDA Mtg (ER)		1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (ONLINE)
Tue Jan 19	2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ONLINE)		1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (Paul-ONLINE)
	2pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ONLINE)		5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Wranglers for the Lord (KR)
	6pm	***SUSPENDED*** One in the Spirit Reh (KR)		6pm	Midweek Mountaineers (ONLINE)
	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)	Thu Jan 28	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Days for Girls (B-MC)
	6:30pm	Youth Bible Study (Hybrid)		11am	Online Chat w/ Pastor Fred
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)		6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Choir Rehearsal (Music)
Wed Jan 20	8am	***SUSPENDED*** Newsletter Team (MR)	Fri Jan 29	10am	***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Music Librarians (MR)		5:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** AA (ER)
	11am	Cancer Support Group (ONLINE)		6:30pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)
	11:30am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)		7pm	GCAC Concert: The Diamonds (S)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (ONLINE)	Sun Jan 31	8am	Traditional Worship (ONLINE)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (Paul-ONLINE)		9am	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)
	5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Wranglers for the Lord (KR)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Discussion Grp (E-MC)
	6pm	Midweek Mountaineers (ONLINE)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Traditional Worship (ONLINE/S)
Thu Jan 21	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Prayer Shawl Ministry (S-MC)		9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Sunday School (YR)
	11am	Chat w/ Pastor Fred (ONLINE)		9:30am	Children Sunday School (KR)
	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Choir Rehearsal (Music)		10:50am	Praise Worship (ONLINE)
Fri Jan 22	10am	***SUSPENDED*** MindMenders (ER)		10:50am	Children's Sunday School (KR)
	10am	***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)		3:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Country Music Rehearsal (KR)
	5:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** AA (ER)		4pm	Youth Group (on campus)
	6:30pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)		5pm	Country Worship (ONLINE)
Sat Jan 23	9am	PEO Mtg (E-MC)		6:30pm	Youth Group (on campus)
Sun Jan 24	8am	Traditional Worship (ONLINE)			
	9am	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)			
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Discussion Grp (E-MC)			
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Traditional Worship (ONLINE/S)			
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	10:50am	Praise Worship (ONLINE)			
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	3:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Countrv Music Rehearsal (KR)			

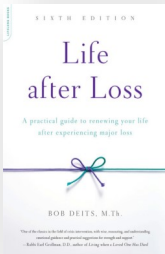
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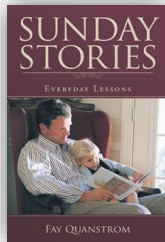
THE BOOK SHELF



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



"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.



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.



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ROADRUNNER & BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please send your content for the **FEBRUARY Roadrunner** via email to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org **no later than 8:00am, Mon., 1/11/2021**

Weekly Bulletin & Flower Orders
12:00pm on the Friday two Sundays before
Service to be listed

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Please let us know if your children or grandchildren would like to join our Zoom group... just email me at sheriffsherry2000@gmail.com.



(Left—Stephen, "Look at my missing teeth!")

Please contact me if your children or grandchildren are interested in attending "in-person" Sunday school classes. As of this date, we are limited to small groups of 10 maximum — that's 2 adults & 8 children in each of the two sessions at 9:30am or 10:50am.

For more info or to sign-up, please contact me at sheriffsherry2000@gmail.com or (480)529-9621.



CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

November	2017			2018			2019			2020		
	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All
	100735	28612	5931	99401	74966	4924	96393	64948	6669	112670	88954	8816

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; \$749,707 given so far)
- Stained Glass for upper Sanctuary windows (\$151,230 given so far; \$2,725 per 2'5"x 2'8.5" panel + scaffolding)
- Organ Pipes: (\$127,503 given so far)
- Building Fund Debt Payoff (\$769,586/\$222,000 prepaid in 2019)



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.



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- ✚ ... 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



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✝ 8:00am	TRADITIONAL (Online)
✝ 10:50am	PRAISE (Online)
✝ 5:00pm	COUNTRY (Online)

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 (Koinonia Room)
✝ 10:50am	Children (Koinonia Room)

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