



FROM THE PASTOR: "EASTER WEEK ACTIVITIES"



This year we have some surprises in store for Easter week!

Easter In-Person Worship

North Parking Lot at 8:00am & 10:00am

Join us for in-person Easter Sunday worship in the north parking lot. You will need to bring your own chair and wear a mask. This will be our first in-person worship in over a year. It will be great to SEE YOU! We will also produce all Easter worship services online for those who don't make it to these services.

Good Friday Drive-Through "Journey to the Cross"

North Parking Lot from 4:00pm—9:00pm

Drive through and see large, beautiful tapestries of the Stations of the Cross in our north parking lot. You will be able to listen to the inspirational music on your car radio and read each station's description in the provided devotional booklet.

Maundy Thursday Worship

Online at 7:00pm

Rev. Fay Quanstrom will give the message during our Maundy Thursday service. Special music will also be performed. This service will be found online.

I will see you online and in-person during Holy Week.

Grace and peace,

Fred

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WORSHIP ONLINE WITH US EASTER WEEK!



HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday

4/1 at 7pm

Good Friday Journey to the Cross (drive-thru) 4/2 from 4-9pm

CELEBRATE THE RISEN SAVIOR EASTER SUNDAY!

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES

April 4th at 8am, 10:50am & 5pm

(Traditional, Praise & Country services can be watched later)



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



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & EVANGELISM

Pastor Katharine Keller

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

Below is an **LET THE CHURCH DECLARE: ASIAN LIVES MATTER** — *published by Interfaith America (Raymond Chang and Michelle Reyes, contributors)*

Recent violent incidents against Asian and Pacific Islanders have been skyrocketing at an alarming rate following historic patterns of anti-Asian sentiment and hate that have always been a part of the racialized American landscape.

Many, including those in our own circles, have expressed concern about leaving their homes to perform everyday tasks. To add insult to injury is the gaping void of evangelical voices publicly speaking up about anti-Asian violence.

Tim Cook, CEO of Apple, was one of a relatively few well-known voices to speak out on Twitter, saying, "The rising violence against the Asian community is a painful & urgent reminder that we must unite against racism in all its forms. There is no place for hate in our society."

It's sad when you hear more from an economically motivated business leader than your siblings in Christ about the rise in anti-Asian hate.

The church is called to love all of its siblings and neighbors. This includes both its Asian American Christian brothers and sisters and its non-Christian Asian American image bearers of God. While some churches are growing in their support and allyship for the dignity and value of Black lives, the U.S. American church as a whole is still woefully behind in raising its voice for the dignity and value of Asian lives.

In our Black-white racially divided landscape, Asians are erased, expected to be silent and expelled from the imagination. Asian Americans are often forgotten and forsaken when it comes to issues of social import.

It is exhausting to appeal over and over again to the commonalities we have as image-bearers of God (Gen. 1:27). When we ask others to care for us, we are often met with logical arguments minimizing our factually based, lived experiences. Even after we share evidence of anti-Asian racism on different occasions in different locations, we've had fellow Christians minimize it, argue against it, or flat-out deny it. A commitment to the imago dei in everyone should at least make someone approach your situation with humility and

compassion, instead of an immediate dismissal because they have never experienced it themselves.

What is difficult about the conversation on anti-Asian racism is that it often flies under the radar. When racist acts are directed toward Asians, unless they are overt, widely understood racist acts, most people both inside and outside of the church struggle to identify it as racist.

Instead, we have a strong tendency to explain it away as isolated events that have nothing to do with race or minimize it by saying it wasn't really that bad. We often think racism directed toward Asian Americans won't get worse — until we find entire laws have been created to ban us, concentration camps constructed to contain us, juries formed to prevent justice from flowing to our communities, and words used to scapegoat us.

People also need to understand that racism in this country looks different for Asian Americans than it does for African Americans, Latinos and Native Americans. For Asian Americans, racism is often grounded in the "forever foreigner" designation and the "status quo-accepting," "model minority" trope. These two things keep us in a perpetual cycle of silence, minimization and mass dissociation.

This often leads us to say that what we experience isn't all that bad because it doesn't happen as often or in the same ways as it does to other communities of color. This is why there is relative silence and apathy by large swaths of the Asian American community when it comes to these attacks and assaults that have led to death. Many see it as a distant, far-off reality that has no bearing on them until it happens to them.

Pastors and Christian leaders must disciple people away from racialized and racist postures and perspectives that leave Asian Americans (and all racialized minorities) in the margins of our church communities and the broader society. The church can and should take preemptive measures against anti-Asian racism.



GOOD FRIDAY (DRIVE-THRU) "JOURNEY TO THE CROSS"

Good Friday, April 2nd will look a little different this year. Rather than holding an inside worship service, we will be offering a drive-through experience in our North parking lot. Very special illuminated tapestries will be displayed; inspirational music will be transmitted; and you will receive a devotional booklet to use as you drive through.

This outdoor experience will be open from between 4:00pm—9:00pm. Bring a friend or neighbor and reflect together on the Passion of our Christ.

SEEKING CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES DIRECTOR

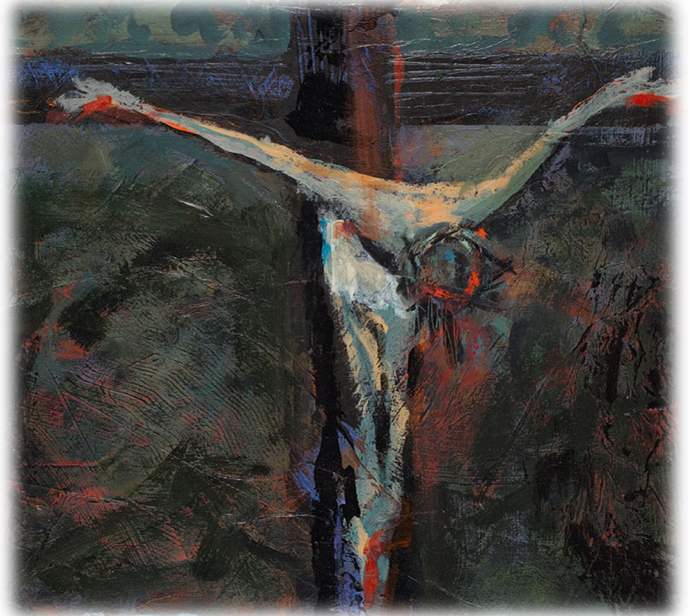


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Michael & Sue Malloy stopped by with their daughter, Tammy, to say farewell before their move to Texas later this month... you can contact the Church Office for their address if you'd like to stay in touch.



CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Sherry Hussein

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

Hello to all of our beloved Church families. April 2021 is here, and we are celebrating Easter on the first Sunday. On Good Friday we feel some sadness in our hearts & minds for Jesus, how He suffered and endured so much pain. Jesus did that because He loved us all so much! Yes, Jesus died so that our sins can be forgiven. Easter Sunday we rejoice and celebrate in the joy of the resurrection, and the special hope God gives us through Jesus. HE HAS RISEN!

We all have many fond memories of Easter in past years, attending Church service, wearing our new special outfit, children searching for their hidden Easter baskets, the petting zoo at Church, Sunday school classes, families together, and Easter dinner. We all have our Easter holiday traditions, many have been passed down for generations, and we hold them dear to our hearts. Try adding a new Easter holiday tradition each year, you will be building memories for your children. Here's a website with some ideas for traditions: b-inspiredmama.com/easter-traditions. Hop into Easter traditions that will give your family a new way to celebrate one of the most sacred of holidays. Perhaps you might invite someone new to join your family for Easter dinner, many people are alone and have no one to celebrate with on Easter.

Everything bright, beautiful and blessed....that's what you're wished this Easter... and always.

Love & blessings to all... Ms. Sherry

SIDEWALK CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Chapel UMC campus.

Our ministry season ends on April 17th with an outdoor celebration for the children. The children and adult "Shepherds" have enjoyed Bible lessons, outdoor activities, crafts, games, and service projects. Sandy Mueller has had several creative crafts for the children

Sidewalk Children's Outreach Ministry serves Apache Junction area children. We have been meeting three Saturdays a month since November, from 10:00am—11:15am at the Desert

to make during this Sidewalk season. The children also made Easter cards for the people who are homeless, elderly, and other guests who attend the Saturday Community Feast at Desert Chapel.

Many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers that served in Sidewalk this season. Please keep the children and the ministry in your prayers. We are very grateful to our GCUMC congregation for their continued support in blessing this children's outreach ministry.

If you would like to learn more about Sidewalk Children's Ministry or are interested in volunteering, please contact Sherry Hussein (480) 529-9621, or Bev Stout (480) 926-6479.

MIDWEEK MOUNTAINEERS



Our weekly Wednesday program for students 1st-6th grade continues to meet online from 4:30pm—5:30pm.

Children from GCUMC, their friends, and other children from our community join together for Bible lessons, music, trivia games, and more.

Children receive lesson packets in the mail, and their parents receive an email containing our Zoom information.

During March our Bible lessons followed Jesus, His ministry & miracles, also Jesus teaching in Parables. The children who participated in Midweek this month received a "fast food" gift card of their choice. When we used to meet in-person, dinner was included.

Many thanks to Jan Daniels for assisting & teaching the children through Scripture, and to John Nuss for sharing his music with us.

If you have a child that would like to join us, please contact me at sheriffsherry2000@gmail.com or (480) 529-9621.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & ZOOM SESSIONS



It appears as though our prayers are being answered, looking forward to being together in Sunday school classes. The children decorated Easter cards and sent them to elderly people in our Church

family. We are anticipating an Easter celebration with the children at the Church, April 4th. The children will continue receiving packets in the mail with Bible lessons and fun activity pages. We will continue with Zoom chat sessions, until we are all back in person at Church.

Please contact Sherry (sheriffsherry2000@gmail.com) if your children or grandchildren would like to join our group on Zoom!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2021



We are moving forward with plans for a traditional VBS program this summer from June 7—11. *Discovery on Adventure Island, "Quest For God's Great Light."* is sure to be energizing & uplifting, inviting the children

to explore the ways God's great light shines in the world and shows them how they can reflect that light in their own lives.

There will be many volunteer opportunities where you can let your gifts & talents shine. If you are not available to volunteer in June for VBS, we always have lots of prep work, helping with props & decorations, and "behind the scenes" advance preparation.

We are in need of crew leaders & assistants, Bible storytellers, craft leaders, game leaders, music assistants, and video & sound system people. Parents, Grandparents, and Guardians, we look forward to you bringing the children to VBS! It's going to be an amazing, uplifting experience and lots of fun too!

Watch for updates in the Sunday bulletin. For more info, register children, or to volunteer, please contact me at (480)529-9621 or sheriffsherry2000@gmail.com.

MINGUS MOUNTAIN CAMP IS OPEN FOR SUMMER CAMPS!



If your student would like to attend our Methodist Camp in Prescott on the beautiful campus of Mingus Mountain, registration is open! If you want to know a little more about the camp and all its offerings, please visit their website at:

<https://mingusmountaincamp.org/>

You may also use this site to register for camps. They host one for each age group through senior high,

including a "mini camp" for those children entering 1st-3rd grades. Pastor Katharine is the Spiritual Director for a Senior High Adventure camp with Linda Clise, our Youth Director who will be one of the counselors for that week.

In addition, the camp has been very proactive about their COVID response. Detailed information is on this site as well, but numbers will be more restricted this year. Gold Canyon UMC offers scholarships to attend camp, so contact either Ms. Sherry or Pastor Katharine if you have questions about financial assistance. The Conference also can offer financial aid.

HOLY LAND TRIP (\$3,498) RESCHEDULED OCTOBER 4-14, 2022



Our Holy Land trip has been rescheduled for 10/4-10/14, 2022, with the Jordan Petra extension taking place from 10/14 – 10/18. This change means the weather will be more moderate for our trip since October is typically pleasant and mild in Israel.

All travelers leaving their current registrations intact will be automatically moved to the new trip dates, and you won't have to resubmit deposits or complete a new form. An updated brochure should be available soon.

I think we are making a smart decision by making sure that world travel is safe for all of us during these last days of COVID-19. I am really looking forward to this trip.

If you have any questions feel free to me at revstein78@gmail.com or leave a message with the Church Office.



YOUTH GROUP

Linda Clise, Youth Director

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

YOUTH UPDATE

During this time of social distancing, our Youth are still connecting! We have a lively group chat, play Minecraft and many other games together online, and are having virtual youth group meetings. We also have a



Bible

study on Tuesday nights. We text each other and share funny stories about being self-quarantined! We are all looking forward to the time when we can all meet together again, in person! Of course we are all excited for the annual summer youth group trip!

This year we will be going to Colorado Springs, Colorado (Covid-willing). Colorado Springs is the second largest city in Colorado and was recently ranked as one of the best cities to live in. However, amongst this beautiful city are individuals struggling with material poverty and homelessness. Students will have many opportunities to share the Gospel to families that find themselves in hard times.



We are also planning an outdoor adventure camp with Pastor Katherine Keller and a five day retreat in July. We will be going to north Arizona and partnering with a local United Methodist Church and possibly, The Salvation Army.

TO PARTICIPATE ONLINE ON
ZOOM, SEND AN EMAIL TO:
LINDAKTCLISE@GMAIL.COM



In order for our teens to financially attend the mission trip to Colorado Springs, the Outdoor Adventure Camp and the late summer retreat, would you consider donating to the youth group? These trips are life changing for our youth! If you wish to donate, please mark your checks to "Youth Group Summer Trip." Or if

you are giving online, please choose "Youth" as the fund and in the memo section write, "Youth Group Trip."

JOIN US!

Youth Group

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

Tuesday at 6:30pm
Bible Study

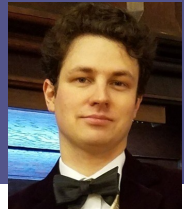
Fridays at 6:30pm
Online Games

Sundays at 6:30pm
Youth Group

Thank you so much for making these trips possible each year! For those of you who have already made donations to the Youth Group this year, you are considered shareholders and the money will go to the youth trips.

Blessings, Linda





MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



As we come again to April, I'd like to wish everyone a renewing and happy springtime as we approach Easter. It's amazing to think this is my second Easter at Gold Canyon UMC and yet both of them have been under the shadow of the COVID-19 pandemic. Still, I must, and I encourage you all to remember that this is a time for celebration. This year, we certainly seem to have more to celebrate as vaccine distribution ramps up and more and more people are able to feel more confident about their health and safety as an end to the pandemic appears in sight. As of writing this, the statistics are looking good but we still have to be careful, so close to the finish line. As such, the Canyon Carillon has resumed rehearsals socially distanced and we're hoping to present music on Easter as well as in April and May. The Chancel Choir is also meeting in small groups and you will see some of these in worship over the next few weeks, including on Easter Sunday. We're also planning on meeting outdoors to work on some singing exercises and perhaps some simple call and response songs. I and everyone else are hoping we'll be getting back to a semblance of normalcy by the fall.

With this hope in mind, I want to thank you all for your support of the 2020-2021 season of the Gold Canyon UMC Performing Arts Series. While we didn't do as well as we normally do financially speaking, we still remained in the black and were able to put on a great season with both familiar and new artists. I wasn't sure

if it would work out considering the entire series was virtual this season and we were missing some of our favorite groups, but you all came through, so thank you.

If you missed an earlier concert or haven't seen the last concert, the "Kaleidoscope of Organs and Organists" yet, all of them are available through our livestream at goldcanyonumc.org. Just click on one of the banner slides on the home page and when it takes you to a video, press the "X" in the upper right hand corner below the red "Go Live" button. A list should appear on the right side of the screen and you can scroll down and find the concerts as well as past worship services. I'm looking forward to next season and hope that we'll be able to have some live concerts with both old favorites and new artists. I'm also looking forward to moving forward with a number of important projects that COVID has put on hold. Stay tuned to newsletters, website, and the livestream for further information going forward. In the meantime, stay safe, stay healthy, and pray for your friends, family, our community, and world. Hopefully, we'll all be worshipping and concert-going together again in person soon!

Peace and best regards,

Ian



GOLD CANYON UMC

Uncommon Grace

"I will be glad and rejoice in You;
I will sing praise to Your name,
O Most High!"
~ Psalm 9:2

Praise & Worship

Sundays at 10:50am!

Together we'll lift our
hearts, souls and spirits...
and you're sure to feel
uplifted and energized
when you leave!

It's a great way to start
off the week!

Interested in joining
the Praise Team?

Contact David at...

(DCBallardsAZ@gmail.com)



GLOBAL MISSIONS

Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor

COVID CRUNCHES COSTA RICA



Without tourism the Costa Rican economy has shriveled and everyday life has become more difficult for most people in the country. School supplies are limited; even something as simple and inexpensive as pencils are in short supply. As funds become available Rice and Beans Ministry helps schools with basic classroom supplies, as well as uniforms and shoes for students. Your Easter offering will be able to:

FEED FAMILIES:

- Feed a family (Food bags feeds family of 4 for 4 days) \$12
- Provide food for a month: \$70
- Buy 50 lbs of rice for a family: \$35
- Buy 16 lbs of beans for a family: \$20
- Buy 5 lbs of powdered milk: \$15
- Buy a fruit tree: \$12

EDUCATE CHILDREN & ADULTS:

- Complete school uniform: \$55
- Buy school shoes: \$20
- Provide school supplies: \$55/year
- Provide school supplies for teachers: \$250
- Job training (adult classes 6 months): \$600
- Job training (adult classes 12 months): \$1200
- Bunk bed for a child: \$250

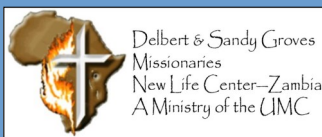
REBUILD & REPAIR HOMES:

- Home for a family \$12,000
- Home Repair Fund: \$500/\$1000/\$2,500/\$5,000

Our missionary with Fellow Man International, Lisa Armstrong, reports that cases of Covid and treatment for those who have contracted the virus have diverted funds and personnel that would normally be used for a spectrum of preventative care. Our support continues to provide vital funds for this outreach to those who live in the mountains of north central Honduras.

In Zambia the work of Sandy and Delbert Groves continues at African Methodist University, New Life Center, and with Mobility Worldwide. In addition to Sandy's work as a medical lab technologist and clinician (minor surgery and maternity care) and Delbert's work with printing, publishing, and church planting, the couple teaches English and places PET (personal energy transportation) units. They place mobility carts with individuals who have upper body strength but cannot walk. Being able to self-transport with a PET transforms the life of the recipient by enabling the person to enter fully into community activities, including worship and Bible study.

Gold Canyon United Methodist Church supports these Global Mis-





ON THE COUNTRY SIDE

Dr. David Worley

We all realize that the celebration of Easter will be different this year. How I wish we could be together to sing with gusto, "Up from the grave He arose with a mighty triumph o'er His foes!" But unfortunately we cannot. But this does not mean we should in any way squelch the glory of the day.

In the end, Easter is not about a holiday but about a lasting truth that endures for time and eternity. A different celebration need not in any way reduce true celebration. With Paul I urge you to "Rejoice and again I say rejoice!" For, Christ is risen; Christ is risen indeed! In response, I answer with the lyrics of an old Gospel song "Oh say but I'm glad!" Will you join me?



JOIN OUR TEAM

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSOCIATE



Are you a person of strong Christian faith who enjoys working with people? Gold Canyon UMC currently looking to fill the Administrative Associate position in our front office. In addition to answering phones and greeting office visitors, responsibilities include preparing a variety of correspondence (written and electronic), general administrative duties, database entry and reporting, volunteer coordination, office errands, the creation of worship service visuals — and more. This position is ½-time and includes a compensation package of \$21,800. The ideal candidate should have excellent people skills, computer-savviness (with a willingness to learn), the ability to pay attention to detail and a team-player attitude. Interested persons should email ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org for a copy of the job description and application.

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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.



Rev. Fred Steinberg, Senior Pastor

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Pastor Katharine Keller, Associate Pastor

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Dr. David Worley, Director, Congregational Care

DWorley3@gmail.com / (970) 821-5404

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.

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

Patricia Aiello (RI)

Darrell Mitchell (MI)

James Archambeau

Ron Pinkowski

Dick Branson

Doug Tidwell

Diane Johnson

Pray one for Another

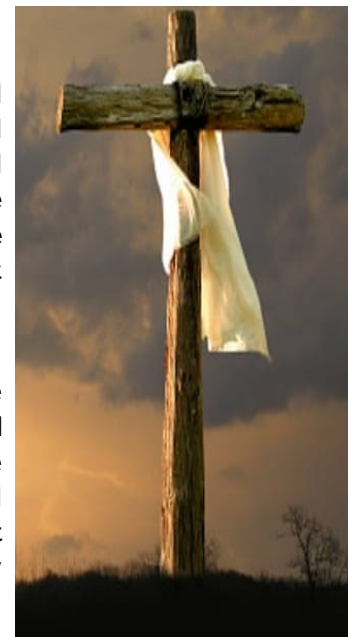
- James 5:16

In Remembrance

TOUCHPOINTS

Touchpoints... the term is used generically to identify a point of reference and typically one that is important. For the Hebrews the touchpoint of their history and Scriptures (what we call the Old Testament) was the Exodus. On the day the word came for them to get ready to depart Egypt, they were told to prepare to leave the land of slavery; God was ready to redeem them through the lamb's blood on the doorposts and by His mighty power. Thereafter, the Passover became a touchpoint and central to their story.

For Christians, the touchpoint of our history and faith is the cross and the resurrection of Jesus Christ, prefigured in the Passover. Like our spiritual ancestors, we, too are redeemed by blood and by power from our spiritual slavery to sin. Christ's blood and the power of His resurrection delivers us and seals that deliverance forever. So, we point back to the cross and the resurrection each Lenten Season and touch these vital events by faith. We celebrate them at the Lord's Table regularly. This is our touchpoint not only for Lent, but for the entirety of the Christian journey to the Celestial City where the celebration never ends, but is realized in all of its true, eternal wonder!





CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

IT IS FINISHED!

*All moments
are key moments,
and life itself
is grace.*
~ Frederick Buechner

It This morning I awoke to the sound of my Cardinal outside singing, the peaceful song wafting through my open window. Yes, you caught that right, MY Cardinal! He has been absent longer this winter, so I am more delighted than ever that he is back.

Obviously, he is not mine, but when the Cardinal sings I love to think of it as my grandmother, grandfather, dear friend, or even God speaking to me – trying to get my attention about something!

We ended last month talking about the “unseen” hand of God in some of the more intangible happenings all around us. Recently, during African American History Month, I’ve seen social media posts from the numerous National Parks in our country memorializing African American leaders who have made significant impacts in our history. One of those is George Washington Carver. A man of deep faith and many insights, he said “I love to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting station, through which God speaks to us every hour, if we will only tune in.” Carver believed God spoke to us through all His creations.

In 1989 I was blessed to work at George Washington Carver National Monument, site of his boyhood home in Southwest Missouri. It was a beautiful, peaceful, contemplative place, commemorating Carver’s humble beginnings. Re-reading that quote I was again reminded that seeing God around us in the “little” things is sometimes the saving grace that gets us through the difficulties of this life.

As we look forward to this Easter Sunday, the celebration of Christ’s Resurrection, we are reminded that He gave the utmost – He died for our sins, so that we would be forgiven, and have eternal life. The beautiful promise to us is that when we have faith in Christ Jesus, we are blessed with God’s grace. Jesus’ final word’s “It is finished” should not be seen as sad, but rather as Jesus statement that He had fulfilled his purpose, and God’s promise of grace and eternal life!

But how exactly does that play out here on earth? I don’t really have the answers to a question like that, but I have some thoughts. I like what Minister and Author Frederick Buechner said, “All moments are key moments, and life itself is grace.” Now that’s an interesting statement! From what I’ve read, he was saying we need to listen to life, that God is present all around us, present in our pain, excitement, boredom, fear, happiness. And as my Cardinal reminded me this morning, or George Washington Carver mused so many years ago, He is present in the rain, the sunshine, the birds, the wind, always speaking to us. The choice is ours – do we recognize Him in the life around us or not?

And I would venture to say, one step better than recognizing Christ in our own lives, is to be Christ-like toward others. As we move into the rest of this year, with the renewed hope that Easter brings, let us strive to shine the light of God’s grace on those around us. Just as His gift to us was free, no strings attached, so should be our extension of that gift to others.

Sometimes we may find it hard to see God’s work in our lives. Extending patience, kindness, forgiveness, grace to others can then be difficult. If you possibly find yourself in that place, remember that bouncing your thoughts and concerns off one of our Pastors can take the weight of the world off your shoulders. 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.

²² We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. ²³ For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. ²⁴ Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.

~ Romans 3:22-24 NLT





MINISTRY & MISSIONS

SCRIP BUS & VAN FUND



We remain grateful for your continued support! Again a big thanks to our good and faithful Bashas' card users. In January, 2021, Bashas Community Support card users received \$456 for the church. Thanks for that extra effort to recharge your cards. And of course we are also grateful for those who linked up their Amazon to Amazon Smile who contributed \$171. We only get reports from Smile and Frys quarterly and that figure has not come in yet.

Remember you can recharge the Bashas Community Support Cards that you have to add more money to use as a payment card. All purchases using the Community Card at Bashas benefits the Church at 6% - and doesn't cost you anything except your time to recharge the card before the cashier rings up your groceries. Need a card or a replacement card, you can contact me (Jan at 480-540-7454) or the Church Office 480-982-3776.

amazon smile 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>.

AmazonSmile customers can also 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

— Submitted by Rita K. Vadasz-Miller

"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it." Psalm 24:1

"All creation is the Lord's and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it. Water, air, soil, minerals, energy resources, plants, animal life and space are to be valued and conserved because they are God's creation and not solely because they are useful to human beings."

— Social Principles of the United Methodist Church, 2017-2020

What a beautiful and wonder-filled world we live in! As Christians, we are called on to notice, be grateful for, and care for our world: the rivers and oceans, trees and plants, animals, and people. God entrusts the earth to the care of human beings—you and me. As followers of Jesus Christ, we have a responsibility to preserve, protect, and care for what God has created.

Beginning this year, 2021, The Gold Canyon United Methodist Women Social Action Committee will coordinate with the National United Methodist Women's Action Campaign on ways in which we, as individuals and as groups, can better care for our planet. We hope to encourage local United Methodist Women, members and friends of our congregation, and youth, to participate in this project, which we call "Creation Care". We will also be forming a Creation Care Circle for members of the Gold Canyon UMW who are interested in pursuing these goals.

"Social Principles: The Natural World" from the The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church educates us in UMC teachings on important social issues, including global climate stewardship.

This platform suggests ways to cut down on personal

energy use, lessen water consumption, reduce plastic waste, encourage recycling and learn more about deforestation throughout the world. In cooperation with the Youth Director, the plan will also empower our church youth to lead in improving the health of the environment.

Gold Canyon UMW Creation Care Circle members will soon provide educational material and monthly examples of ways in which we can have a positive impact on our environment.

If you would like to learn more about "Creation Care" or the Creation Care Circle, please contact the Gold Canyon UMW Social Action Chair Rita K. Vadasz-Miller. RitaRKV2@aol.com; cell 810-629-1240.

Gold Canyon UMW members touring the new Wallace Desert Garden at Boyce Thompson Arboretum. February 25, 2021.

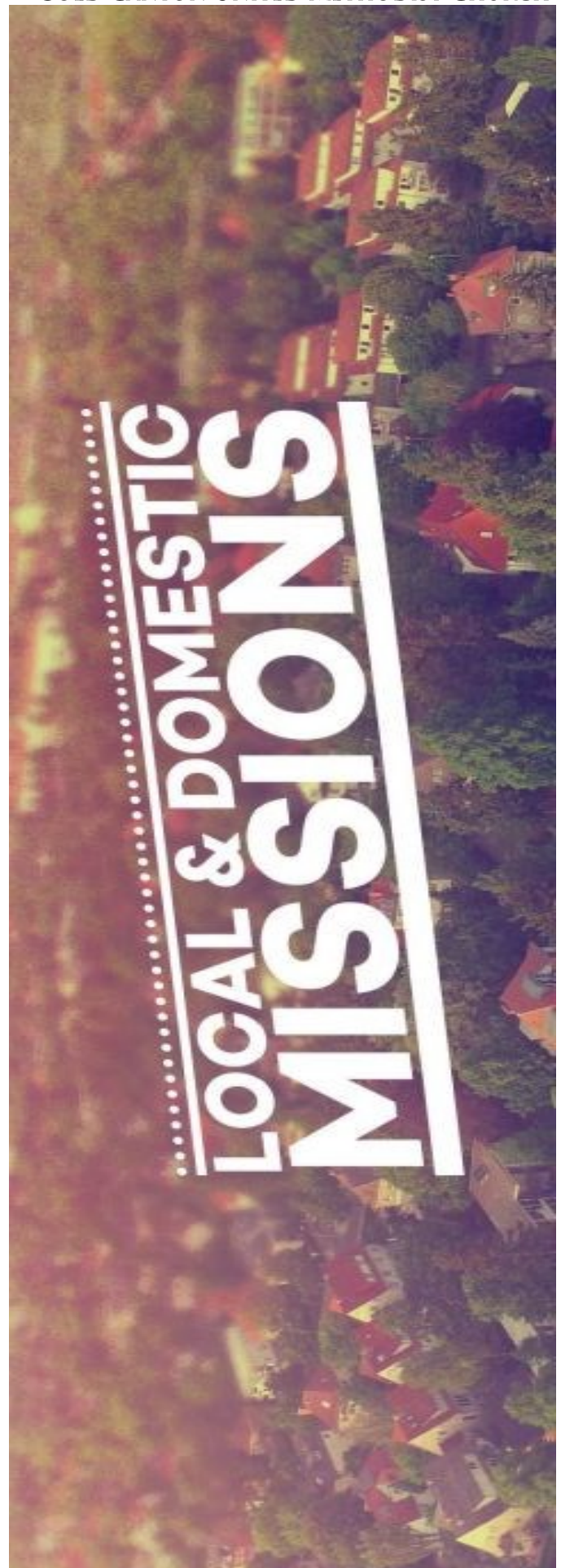
Future Gold Canyon UMW Events:

- **UMW Meetings:** Weekly on Mondays from 10:00am—11:00am. Zoom link is in the Sunday Bulletin.
- **Reading Program:** Monthly on the first Wednesday. Meets at 10:00am on the Patio of the Missions Center. UMW books will be discussed, followed by lunch at a local restaurant. For information, contact Peggy Kinder at p.kinder@mchsi.com or (480)474-0964.
- **Culinary Circle:** April 22, 2021 at 11:30 am. **"Bon Appetit!" - a culinary journey to France!** For more information or to RSVP, contact Carol Johnson caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com or (602)750-2008.
- **Creation Care Circle:** An exciting new endeavor aimed at educating and empowering us all to better care for our planet! For more info, contact Rita Vadasz-Miller at Ritarkv2@aol.com or (810)629-1240.

FOOD BANK



The March Food Bank Drive has been extended into April. Needed items include canned fruit, pasta sauce, beans, cereal, mac-n-cheese and peanut butter. Donations can be dropped off at the back door during open hours of Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00am–Noon. Please direct any Food Bank questions to (480)982-6789.





APRIL CELEBRATIONS

*If your name is missing, or you find an error, please call the Church Office.
We truly don't mean to make mistakes or to leave anyone out!*

Happy Birthday!

Epler, Mary (Peggy) 04/01
Lundberg, Betty 04/01
Rowe, Jack 04/01
Steinberg, Fred 04/01
Dybwad, Gay 04/02
Wehle, Taylor 04/02
Mogharbel, Cassea 04/03
Schoeff, Rose 04/03
Gray, Daniel (Dan) 04/04
Hamilton, Verna 04/04
Kinder, Elizabeth 04/04
Marifjeren, Lorna 04/04
Childress, Robert 04/05
Fratt, Robert (Robert) 04/05
Pape, Micah 04/05
Rolf, Vernon (Vern) 04/05
Denton, Marian 04/06
Kresge, Betty 04/06
Lewandowski, Paul 04/06
Dulaney, Janet 04/08
Harbaugh, Janice (Jan) 04/08
Hick, William 04/08
Wachter, Sharon 04/08
Hull, Catherine (Cathy) 04/09
Mogharbel, Lillie 04/09
Campbell, Frank 04/10
Lackey, Sally 04/10
Thomas, William (Bud) 04/10
Glasgow, Joan (Jo) 04/11
Lester, Yvonne 04/12
Cooke, Teresa 04/13
DeWinter, Ruth 04/14
Gingrich, Gary 04/14
Fridlund, Edward (Ed) 04/15
Killorn, Erlice (Bid) 04/15
Digerness, Nancy 04/16
Togstad, Keith 04/16
Zabel, Cameron (Cam) 04/16
Barks, Tucker 04/17
Roller, Don 04/17

Evans, Dennis 04/18
Manbeck, Lucas 04/18
Revis, Lynn 04/18
Svoboda, Beverly 04/18
Andrews, Holly 04/19
Lilly, Rod 04/20
Brown, Karen 04/21
Crane, Linda 04/21
Lester, James (Jim) 04/21
Lindsay, Jenny 04/21
Warren, Harry 04/22
Weiss, Donna 04/22
Whitmore, Sandi 04/22
Sutter, Susan (Sue) 04/23
Graham, Jean 04/24
Hanshaw, Judy 04/24
Manack, Jane 04/24
Ellis, Caren Susan 04/25
McNutt, Deborah 04/25
Bos, Colette 04/26
Robertson, Dave 04/26
Williams, Barbara 04/26
Witucky, Michelle 04/26
Anderson, Anne 04/27
Arquisch, Duri 04/27
Bennett, Sharyn 04/27
Fitzgerald, Gracie 04/27
Kirby, Kara 04/27
Morawa, Hannah 04/27
Rickey, Craig 04/27
McDaniel, Marilyn 04/28
Krstyen, Michelle 04/28
Steckley, JoAnn 04/28
Wehle, Peter Francis 04/28
Downing, John (Jeff) 04/29
Bjorklund, Alice 04/30
Houtcooper, Melva 04/30
Nunn, Kevin 04/30
Ralston, Tim 04/30

Happy Anniversary!

Gish, Connie & Wayne 04/02
Carpenter, Tim & Trudy 04/07
Nelson, Marcia & Jack 04/07
Nelson, Joni & Lee 04/07
Blankenship, Betty & Roger 04/09
Wiff, Bette & Tom 04/11
Kennedy, Barbara & Tom 04/13
Eisentraut, Arne & Bonnie 04/15
Lampsas, Roy & Tamara 04/15
Christ, SuzAnne & Dick 04/16
Elek, Deane & Tim 04/17
Fitzgerald, Chris & Susan 04/18
Bell, Jim & Merry 04/20
Rewerts, Jerry & Glass, Carol 04/20
Mintert, Frank & Zenith 04/20
Eddy, Barry 04/21
Eddy, Janice 04/21
Malloy, Michael & Susan 04/23
Lindsay, Jenny 04/26
Daniels, Brad & Jan 04/27
Watters, Scott & Ortega-Watters, Monica 04/30
Thacker, Jerry & Ruth Ann 04/30

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APRIL CALENDAR

(Calendar is subject to change;

For more info, please visit www.GoldCanyonUMC.org or call the Church Of-

Thu Apr 1	All day	Maundy Thursday	1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (Worley-ONLINE)	
	8:30am	Tax Prep (MC-S)	1:30pm	Tax Prep (MC-S)	
	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Prayer Shawl Ministry (S-MC)	1:30pm	Read It & Reap (ONLINE)	
	11am	Chat w/ Pastor Fred (ONLINE)	4:30pm	Midweek Mountaineers (ONLINE)	
	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Choir Rehearsal (Music)	5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Wranglers for the Lord (KR)	
	7pm	Maundy Thursday Worship (Sanctuary)	Thu Apr 8	8:30am	Tax Prep (MC-S)
Fri Apr 2	All day	Good Friday	11am	Chat w/ Pastor Fred (ONLINE)	
	8:30am	Tax Prep (MC-S)	1pm	***SUSPENDED*** Gold Canyon Arts Council Mtg (S-MC)	
	10am	***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Choir Rehearsal (Music)	
	4pm	Good Friday Journey to the Cross (Parking Lot)	Fri Apr 9	8:30am	Tax Prep (MC-S)
Sat Apr 3	5:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** AA (ER)	10am	***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)	
	6:30pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)	10am	***SUSPENDED*** Mind Menders (ER)	
	All day	Holy Saturday	5:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** AA (ER)	
	8:30am	Tax Prep (MC-S)	6:30pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)	
Sun Apr 4	10am	***POSTPONED*** Mtg: GC Coordinating Council (S-MC)	Sat Apr 10	9am	***SUSPENDED*** PEO Mtg (E-MC)
	All day	Easter Sunday	Sun Apr 11	8am	Traditional Worship (ONLINE)
	8am	Traditional Worship (ONLINE)	8:30am	Tax Prep (MC-S)	
	8am	Outdoor Easter Worship (North Parking Lot)	9am	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)	
	9am	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Sunday School (YR)	
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Sunday School (YR)	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Discussion Grp (E-MC)	
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Discussion Grp (E-MC)	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Traditional Worship (ONLINE/S)	
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Traditional Worship (ONLINE/S)	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Children Sunday School (KR)	
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Participate in Worship (S)	10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Children's Sunday School (KR)	
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Children Sunday School (KR)	10:50am	Praise Worship (ONLINE)	
	10am	Outdoor Easter Worship (North Parking Lot)	3:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Country Music Rehearsal (KR)	
	10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Children's Sunday School (KR)	4pm	Youth Group (K)	
	10:50am	Praise Worship (ONLINE)	5pm	Country Worship (ONLINE)	
	3:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Country Music Rehearsal (KR)	6:30pm	Youth Group (K)	
	4pm	Youth Group (K)	Mon Apr 12	8am	Reserved (MR)
	5pm	Country Worship (ONLINE)	8:30am	Tax Prep (MC-S)	
	6:30pm	Youth Group (K)	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Bible Banter (I)	
	Mon Apr 5	All day	Easter Monday	10am	***SUSPENDED*** UMW Leadership Committee (SoGR)
8:30am		Tax Prep (MC-S)	10am	UMW Mtg (ONLINE)	
9am		***SUSPENDED*** Bible Banter (I)	1pm	***SUSPENDED*** Grief Support Mtg (ONLINE)	
10am		UMW Mtg (ONLINE)	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** CoDA Mtg (ER)	
1pm		***SUSPENDED*** Grief Support Mtg (ONLINE)	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** AI-Anon (SoGR)	
7pm		***SUSPENDED*** CoDA Mtg (ER)	Tue Apr 13	8:30am	Tax Prep (MC-S)
7pm		***SUSPENDED*** AI-Anon (SoGR)	9am	Stitches Unlimited (B&Patio-MC)	
Tue Apr 6	8:30am	Tax Prep (MC-S)	9am	Elijah Study (Priscilla Shirer) (Feather-ONLINE)	
	9am	Elijah Study (Priscilla Shirer) (Feather-ONLINE)	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** GC Garden Club (Esther-MC)	
	2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ONLINE)	2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ONLINE)	
	2pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ONLINE)	2pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ONLINE)	
	5:30pm	Youth (K)	5:30pm	Youth (K)	
	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 (ONLINE)	6:30pm	Youth Bible Study (ONLINE)	
Wed Apr 7	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)	
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Music Librarians (MR)	Wed Apr 14	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Music Librarians (MR)
	10am	UMW Book Club (BC-Patio)	11am	Cancer Support Group (ONLINE)	
	11am	Cancer Support Group (ONLINE)	11:30am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)	
	11:30am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)	1pm	DISCIPLE 4 (Paul-ONLINE)	
	1pm	DISCIPLE 4 (Paul-ONLINE)	1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (Worley-ONLINE)	

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	1:30pm	Tax Prep (MC-S)
	4:30pm	Midweek Mountaineers (ONLINE)
	5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Wranglers for the Lord (KR)
	6pm	***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Vista del Corozon HOA-DRC (S-MC)
Thu Apr 15	All day	Tax Day
	8:30am	Tax Prep (MC-S)
	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Prayer Shawl Ministry (S-MC)
	11am	Chat w/ Pastor Fred (ONLINE)
	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Choir Rehearsal (Music)
Fri Apr 16	10am	***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)
	5:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** AA (ER)
	6:30pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)
Sat Apr 17	10am	***SUSPENDED*** UMW Mtg (B-MC)
Sun Apr 18	8am	Traditional Worship (ONLINE)
	9am	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Sunday School (YR)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Discussion Grp (E-MC)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Traditional Worship (ONLINE/S)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Children Sunday School (KR)
	10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Children's Sunday School (KR)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (ONLINE)
	3:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Country Music Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Youth Group (K)
	5pm	Country Worship (ONLINE)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (K)
Mon Apr 19	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Bible Banter (I)
	10am	UMW Mtg (ONLINE)
	1pm	***SUSPENDED*** Grief Support Mtg (ONLINE)
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** CoDA Mtg (ER)
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** Al-Anon (SoGR)
Tue Apr 20	9am	Elijah Study (Priscilla Shirer) (Feather-ONLINE)
	2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ONLINE)
	2pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ONLINE)
	5:30pm	Youth (K)
	6pm	***SUSPENDED*** One in the Spirit Reh (KR)
	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	6:30pm	Youth Bible Study (ONLINE)
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)
Wed Apr 21	8am	***SUSPENDED*** Newsletter Team (MR)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Music Librarians (MR)
	11am	Cancer Support Group (ONLINE)
	11:30am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 4 (Paul-ONLINE)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (Worley-ONLINE)
	4:30pm	Midweek Mountaineers (ONLINE)
	5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Wranglers for the Lord (KR)
Thu Apr 22	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Days for Girls (B-MC)
	11am	Chat w/ Pastor Fred (ONLINE)
	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Choir Rehearsal (Music)
Fri Apr 23	10am	***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)
	10am	***SUSPENDED*** MindMenders (ER)
	5:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** AA (ER)
	6:30pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)
Sat Apr 24	9am	PEO Mtg (E-MC)
Sun Apr 25	8am	Traditional Worship (ONLINE)
	9am	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Sunday School (YR)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Discussion Grp (E-MC)
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Traditional Worship (ONLINE/S)

	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Children Sunday School (KR)
	10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Children's Sunday School (KR)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (ONLINE)
	3:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Country Music Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Youth Group (K)
	5pm	Country Worship (ONLINE)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (K)
Mon Apr 26	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Bible Banter (I)
	10am	UMW Mtg (ONLINE)
	1pm	***SUSPENDED*** Grief Support Mtg (ONLINE)
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** CoDA Mtg (ER)
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** Al-Anon (SoGR)
Tue Apr 27	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Stitches Unlimited (B-MC)
	9am	Elijah Study (Priscilla Shirer) (Feather-ONLINE)
	2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ONLINE)
	2pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ONLINE)
	5:30pm	Youth (K)
	6pm	***SUSPENDED*** One in the Spirit Reh (KR)
	6pm	Trustees Mtg (ONLINE)
	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	6:30pm	Youth Bible Study (ONLINE)
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)
Wed Apr 28	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Music Librarians (MR)
	11am	Cancer Support Group (ONLINE)
	11:30am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 4 (Paul-ONLINE)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (Worley-ONLINE)
	4:30pm	Midweek Mountaineers (ONLINE)
	5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Wranglers for the Lord (KR)
Thu Apr 29	11am	Chat w/ Pastor Fred (ONLINE)
	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Choir Rehearsal (Music)
Fri Apr 30	10am	***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)
	5:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** AA (ER)
	6:30pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)

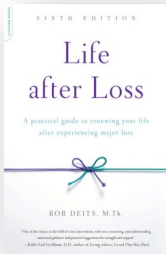
If you are a Facilitator/Teacher/Leader of a class or small group and would like to start meeting with your group online, please contact the Church Office

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Easter

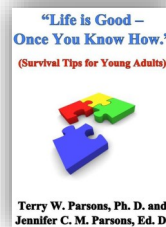


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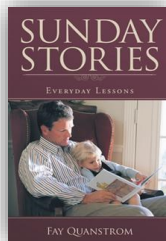
THE BOOK SHELF



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.



Watch live and archived worship services and events at:

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

SCHOLARSHIP MINISTRY



Gold Canyon UMC is pleased to offer a Scholarship Program to our members who qualify for financial assistance. To receive consideration for funds, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a member of GCUMC
2. Be a high school or GED graduate, or 18 years old
3. Complete in detail a GCUMC Scholarship Application Form, and
4. Supply the Committee with written character references from a non-family member/teacher, and from the Pastor or church staff member

Scholarship Application Forms are available in the Church Office and must be submitted to the Office Manager by **June 1, 2021** together with corresponding reference letters/materials. If you would like to speak to a College Scholarship Ministry representative about making a contribution to the Program, or would like additional info, please contact the Church Office.



TAX PREP MINISTRY

A church member graciously volunteers to assist GCUMC attendees who are struggling to prepare (or pay for the preparation of) their 2020 federal and state tax returns. To request an appointment, call the Church Office.

ROADRUNNER & BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please send your content for the **MAY Roadrunner** via email to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org by **8:00am, Mon., 4/12/2021**

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



CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

	2018			2019			2020			2021		
	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All
JAN	118388	26046	9569	129750	26080	9583	119960	28165	9832	51955	21901	6868
FEB	126962	35071	9680	139124	51743	10038	135951	43961	10038	150953	36981	7012

WISH LIST

If you would like 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 raised so far)
- Fellowship Hall (\$2.4M; \$770,701 raised so far)
- Stained Glass for upper Sanctuary windows (\$163,202 raised so far; \$2,725 per 2'5" x 2'8.5" panel + scaffolding)
- Organ Pipes: (\$128,793 raised so far)
- Building Fund Debt Payoff (\$698,311)

End of Year Charitable IRA Rollovers

- Per HR637 of 2015, donors age 70.5+ can make direct gifts to qualified charities via their IRA's **WITHOUT** owing income tax on those withdrawals.
- For more info, please consult your financial advisor, IRA Custodian or call the Church Office.



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.



GIFTING YOUR HOME TO GCUMC

- ... is a practical means of reducing the size of one's estate
- ... simplifies life for one's heirs and executor (personal representative)
- ... eliminates the hassle of having one's home on the market
- ... reduces one's taxes
- ... helps reduce the church's debt
- ... can be done through a lifetime estate, allowing a person to continue living in the home.

ACCESS ACS



You can add/update your photo and contact info — and so much more using GCUMC's online directory, AccessACS! If you aren't already using it, but would like to, send an email to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org with "**AccessACS**" in the subject line and we'll email you login instructions.

You can also view the GCUMC Church Directory on your phone using the ChurchLife app!



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✝ 8:00am	TRADITIONAL <i>(Online)</i>
✝ 10:50am	PRAISE <i>(Online)</i>
✝ 5:00pm	COUNTRY <i>(Online)</i>

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 <i>(Koinonia Room)</i>
✝ 10:50am	Children <i>(Koinonia Room)</i>

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