



FROM THE PASTOR: "I AM"



During the last twelve months, I have tried to remember that Jesus frequently said, "I am..." He said, "I am the gate." "I am the good shepherd." "I am the bread of life." "I am the light of the world." "I am the true vine." "I am the way, the truth and the life." "I am the resurrection and the life."

In these "I am" sayings, Jesus reveals a lot about Himself. During the Season of Lent, the Sunday morning sermons will explore our understanding of Jesus through these "I am" sentences. Appropriately, on Easter we will finish with how Jesus stated, "I am the resurrection and the life."

All of these "I am" sayings are found in the Gospel of John so I would encourage you to read this book. I know some people rarely read their Bible so I think at minimum everyone should read at least one of the four gospels each year. As a church, let's read the book of John before Easter which occurs on April 4th.

John only consists of 21 chapters so it won't take long to read. Maybe you could make it into a daily devotional by reading one chapter each day. I believe it would be a great way to nourish your soul in these days approaching Easter.

Many people have wondered when we might worship in person. We are watching the infection rate and the vaccination rate closely. Our church does not think that the risk is low enough yet. We are praying that the infection rate will continue to drop and the mutations of the virus will not cause another infectious wave. We hope to inform you soon that we are meeting again! That will be a glorious day!

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.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & EVANGELISM

Pastor Katharine Keller

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



NATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Below is an excerpt from Pastor Jerry Herships' (Aspen Community Church) message referencing National Holocaust Remembrance Day back in January.

The picture is of prisoners at Buchenwald. Author Elie Wiesel, a Romanian-born American writer, professor, political activist, Nobel laureate, and Holocaust survivor is in this picture, 7th from the middle row. 76 years since the liberation of Auschwitz. Less than 100 years...and the insurrection at the Capitol was only a few months ago and some protestors were wearing shirts that read Camp Auschwitz or 6MWNE ("6million were not enough").

It's important as followers of Jesus, who of course was a Jew, to not turn away from these images and realities because they remind us of the work that we still have to do.

Anti-semitism is not gone. It walks around more freely now in our country and world than it has in decades.

The holocaust was not only the extermination of 6 Million Jews; the disabled, homosexuals, and Jehovah's Witnesses were also targeted.

This genocide was not just during that period of time, but think too of Darfur, Cambodia, Rwanda.

1930s atrocities in Germany is what can still happen when people do not speak up or if people become

indifferent to injustice .

Martin Niemöller, A German Lutheran pastor penned this post-war "confessional" poem":

*First they came for the socialists,
and I did not speak out—
because I was not a socialist.
Then they came for the trade unionists,
and I did not speak out—
because I was not a trade unionist.
Then they came for the Jews,
and I did not speak out—
because I was not a Jew.
Then they came for me—
and there was no one left to speak for me.*

I do not believe all who stormed the Capitol were anti-Semites, Herships continues, yet they were there. We are called to speak up when we see injustice; connect with what we think in our head and what we feel in our hearts to our hands and feet and mouths.

What does God want from us?

Micah 6:8 "He has told you, O mortal what is good - What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God."

People even back at the time of Micah didn't know how to please God just like we don't. They wanted to please Him. In giving and sacrifices they thought they were, but they were coming up short - it was righteousness that God desired...it still is. It is what we do and say and what we don't say that matters. It requires of us kindness and humility. It is how we connect our faith to our actions.

Sometimes this walk of following Jesus is tough but that shouldn't stop us. Part of what makes it hard is looking at the uncomfortable truth about our thoughts our words and actions and the dark side of our past.

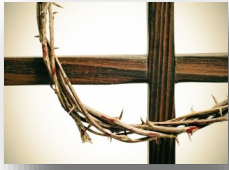
We can't be silent about racism, sexism, or any "ism" even when it's hard.

May we get better at saying "never again." Don't let anyone tell you what you are seeing with your own eyes isn't happening. Most of us have a pretty good antenna of what is right or wrong.

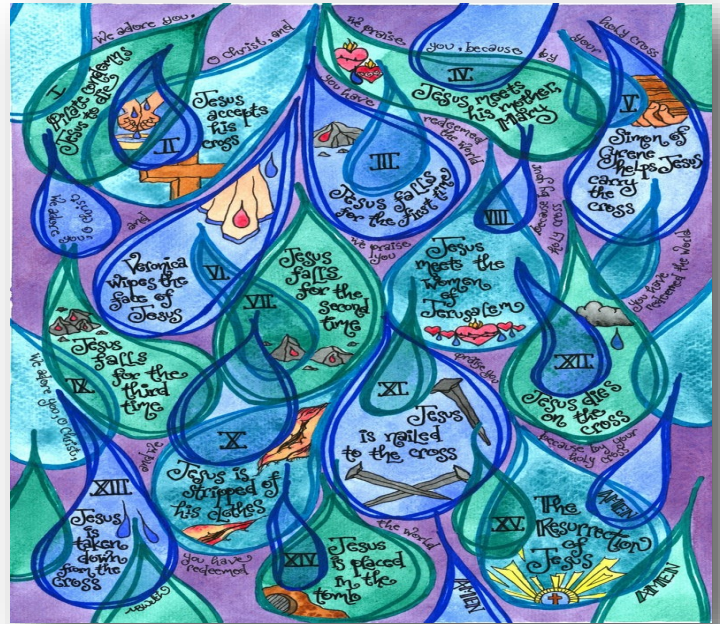
May we truly never forget. And may we always speak up

even if our voice shakes .

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS (DRIVE-THRU)



Good Friday, April 2nd will look a little different this year. Rather than a worship service inside, we will be offering a drive-through experience in our North parking lot . Very special illuminated tapestries representing the 12 Stations of the Cross will be displayed, with a devotion booklet to use as you drive through; inspirational music will be transmitted. as well. The Stations will be open from between 4:00pm—9:00pm... Bring a friend or neighbor and reflect together on the Passion of our Christ.



Come Alive This Easter!

WORSHIP ONLINE WITH US EASTER WEEK!



HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday 4/1—7pm

Good Friday (drive thru) 4/2—7pm

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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CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Sherry Hussein

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

Greetings to our wonderful Church families. March is an amazingly beautiful month! Spring is approaching, and it reminds me of "new life", with the desert wildflowers starting to bloom, and baby animals born on the farm. If you have lived in the Midwest, you welcome Spring, as the snow melts & the weather warms up.

In March we start thinking about the upcoming Holy days, Palm Sunday, and Easter on its way. I have such fond memories of Palm Sundays at Church, walking through the Sanctuary with the little children, holding their hand, as they wave the palm branches with their other hand.

Imagine being with the crowd of people in Jerusalem, when they heard that Jesus was coming. Many people went out to greet Jesus. They walked along the road with Him. It was like a parade! People waved palm branches and shouted praises to God. Dear Jesus, I would like to have waved a palm branch when you rode on a donkey. But I can still praise you and tell you that I Love You Jesus! Amen. *Love & blessings to all... Ms. Sherry*



Boys putting candy on Valentine scripture cards"



"Making Valentine cards to give away"

SIDEWALK CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Shepherds at the Sidewalk truck"

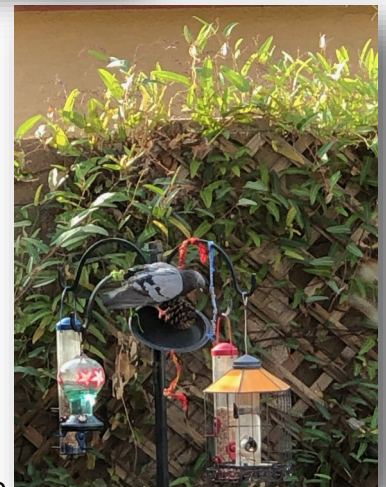
Sidewalk Outreach Ministry serves Apache Junction area children. We meet on Saturdays from 10:00am—11:15am at the Desert Chapel UMC campus.

Parents drop their children off at DCUMC,

where they enjoy Bible lessons, outdoor activities, crafts, and service projects.

We continue following the guidelines for social distancing & wearing masks. Sandy Mueller had two great crafts for the children this past month, a very unique bird feeder & beautiful painted tiles with Bible scriptures for Valentine's Day. The children also made Valentine cards to send out to elderly people in our Church family.

"Bird feeder (craft) at home"



Many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who continue serving, and ministering to the children. 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.

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

MIDWEEK MOUNTAINEERS



Our weekly Wednesday program for 1st-6th grade students continues to meet online at our new time of 4:30pm—5:30pm.

Children from GCUMC, their friends, and other children in our community join together for Bible lessons, music, trivia games, and more. The children receive lesson packets in the mail, and parents receive an email with our Zoom information.

During February, we have been following Jesus in our Bible lessons as He matured, was baptized, and started His ministry.

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

For more information, please contact Sherry Hussein at sheriffsherry2000@gmail.com or (480)529-9621.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & ZOOM SESSIONS



In February the children made Valentine cards at home, and the cards were then sent to elderly people in our Church family.

The children will continue receiving resource packets in the mail with 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.

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. *Discovery on Adventure Island*, "Quest For God's Great Light" is sure to be energizing & uplifting! The children will explore the ways

God's great light shines in the world and show them

how they can reflect that light in their own lives. We held our first planning meeting on Feb. 23rd.

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. If you have volunteered with VBS in past years, you know the benefits of investing your time into this amazing summer program, it's a rewarding experience! Many children will treasure their VBS memories through adulthood.

For more info or to volunteer, please contact me (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.





YOUTH GROUP

Linda Clise, Youth Director

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

YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2021—WILL YOU BE A SHAREHOLDER>?

Our youth group will be heading off to Colorado Springs, CO this summer in July to attend a week long service project sponsored by Next Step Ministries (Covid-19 Permitting). Over the last three years, Colorado Springs has seen a rise in homelessness. Just this past year, the homeless population was up nearly 6% with youth homelessness up 7%.

We will be participating in building projects for families, outreach events to the community, service projects that meet the food and shelter needs of those who are in need. Along with Next Step Ministries, we will be partnering with local churches in the area and Family Life Services which focuses on rebuilding the lives of single moms and their children. Type of work we may be doing: building repair such as apartment remodels, flooring, roofing and landscaping at Family Life Services as well as working at a food pantry or serving meals at a local shelter.

In order for the youth to financially attend this mission trip, would you consider being a shareholder? The cost per share is \$400, half a share is \$200, a quarter share is \$100, but any amount is greatly appreciated. As a shareholder, you will receive a letter from the youth plus you will be invited to attend a "Thank You Dinner" where you will see a video and hear stories from the teens about their experiences in Colorado Springs. These trips are life changing for the participants as well as the people they are serving! If you wish to donate, please mark your checks or giving envelopes to "Youth Group Mission Trip" or online,

please select youth on the dropdown menu.

To participate online with Zoom, send an email to:

LindaKTClise@gmail.com



Our youth not only help with mission opportunities, but they volunteer to be communion servers, liturgists or greeters on the first Sunday of each month at the 9:30 am worship service. It is such a blessing to have the youth so active in our church and in the community! Thank you so much for your financial support and especially for your prayers!!

Blessings, Linda

JOIN US!

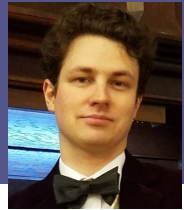
Youth Group

(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



Spring is coming, and hopefully that means renewal for the church as well as the landscape. Normally, the music department would be deep in planning and rehearsals for Easter, but this is a difficult time so while I am hoping to present some small ensembles again as we get into the Spring and more performers are vaccinated, we still won't have our full forces on display just yet. Keep a look out for new mail, a lot can change in just a few weeks. This month we will be concluding the 2020-2021 season of the Gold Canyon UMC Performing Arts series with two virtual concerts.

The first concert is on March 7, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. and we'll again be hosting the Rice Brothers for their originally contracted concert for this season. As many of you know, both Rice Brothers, Chris and Johnny, are both virtuoso cellists and pianists who have performed across the globe from Europe to North America. They'll be playing another one of their variety-filled programs which are always popular here in Gold Canyon.

The next and final concert of this season of the Gold Canyon UMC Performing Arts series is a "Kaleidoscope of Organs and Organists" which we will present on March 21, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. I have asked friends and colleagues of mine in the organ world to participate in a virtual concert where they will be bringing you music from their instruments from across the country so you may experience different types of organs as well as a

variety of organ music and performers. You may stream both concerts on their respective days at 3 p.m. or watch whenever is convenient for you from our website or Facebook.

As always, all GCUMC Performing Arts Series concerts are free admission though we do accept and receive an offering to help support the series. Also as per usual, the free-will offering to be received from the organ concert will go to support the Gold Canyon UMC Pipe Organ Fund. As of my writing this, the organ fund is over \$125,000, so thank you all for your generous support. As with many projects, COVID-19 has made long-term planning somewhat difficult, but we will likely be forming an organ committee later this year to discuss ideas moving forward as we slowly start returning to normal. If you would like to help out with this project in any way, please let me know. Checks can be made payable to the church with 'pipes', 'organ', or 'pipe organ' in the memo line. Your generosity makes both our concert series and future musical projects possible.

Be sure to stay tuned because we've still got a lot of year ahead of us and hopefully we'll start getting back to normal soon. As always, if you have any questions, feel free to call, email, or write.

Peace and best regards,

Ian





GLOBAL MISSIONS

Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor

EASTER OFFERING



Rice and Beans Ministries (RabMin) had 50 groups booked to travel to Costa Rica and work with them in 2020, but Covid-19 resulted in all of them cancelling.

What to do? At the beginning of the year, before Covid, the ministry had prayed that they would listen to God's voice and become even more faithful. What would this faithfulness look like? Gardens of Hope developed. Growing food from seeds bought at wholesale began the action plan. A 2.5 acre garden became the source for fresh vegetables nurtured, weeded, and harvested by the RabMin team for distribution to people in need. As always, the food was delivered with a prayer of blessing for the home and recipient family. The relationship is the path; the food is (usually) how we get there.

What to do? is an appropriate question for us, as well. We have prayed regularly for our missionaries, especially in this difficult past year. We rejoice at the creativity with which Rice and Beans has carried on. We have an opportunity to boost this ministry in Jesus' name by our special generosity this Easter.

Here's what your gift can do to help build the relationship path:

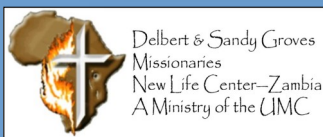
- Feed a family for five days ...for \$12
- Purchase garden seeds ...for \$20
- Buy a pair of school shoes ...for \$25
- Purchase a school uniform ...for \$55
- Sponsor home repairs ...for \$2,500-\$4,000
- Provide extensive home repair ...for \$5000-\$10,000
- Reconstruct a home ...for \$12,000
- Underwrite job training ...for \$40/month
- Give a university student grant ...for \$800/quarter
- Help an elementary school ...for \$3,000/year



RABMIN



Gold Canyon United Methodist Church supports these Global Missions:





ON THE COUNTRY SIDE

Dr. David Worley



Soon it will be a year since we met in face-to-face worship. I said to someone the other day, "I don't know if I will know how to preach to real, live people rather than a camera! If someone should say, "Amen" (which we

have been known to do in our C&W service), I may jump out of my skin from receiving live feedback again."

Just this past week, someone emailed me and said, "Open up, will ya?" I answered, "I wish we could." But, we must still wait until gathering again is feasible. When that day comes, we WILL celebrate. I think we might sing more robustly, pray more energetically, worship more expressively and I may preach more animatedly.

Until then, "keep on keeping on" as we used to say when I was growing up. Don't stop singing. Don't stop worshipping. Don't stop praying. And I will keep on preaching. God bless you!



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.

PASTORAL NOTE



When I was a boy we used to go on summer vacation, which meant a road trip. One summer we drove in my Dad's Super 88, chrome-adorned, fin-tailed, shiny, blue and white Oldsmobile from Southern Illinois to Long Beach California. We were scheduled to go to Disneyland on this trip and my sister and I were restlessly excited. Like children still do, I suspect, we would often ask as we traveled, "Are we there yet?"

I sort of feel that way again as we travel through this time marked by so much difference as compared to the way we lived not so long ago. I feel like asking, "Are we there yet? Are we done with this journey through this strange time?" But, then I thought about the journey itself. Let me share just three reflections that help me keep traveling this unique journey.

The journey is for learning. What have we learned during these tough days? I recall when I was in the hospital fairly early on in my life and I was reading William Barclay's commentary on Matthew when I came upon a sentence that in essence read, "We will be benefited by remembering that life is not constructed for our comfort but our learning." Are we learning as we journey?

The journey is for loving. What made that long trip to California when I was a boy so memorable was that it was a family vacation. It was Dad jumping in the pool with us at a motel where we stayed one night. It was all of us sitting around the table at a Mexican restaurant with an entrance that looked like a sombrero, unwittingly eating fiery hot salsa. It was the love we shared even through the bickering and our repetitive inquiry of "Are we there yet?" I ask then: How has our love for Christ and for others developed during this journey?

The journey is for living. When we are so focused on "getting there" whatever that may mean, we may well forget to enjoy the journey. Jesus came to give us life that is true life. When we miss the joy of the journey we miss the pleasure He intended for us. Rather than live out this time with white-knuckled anxiety or simmering anger, find joy, express joy, live joyfully!

We will finally get through these tough times; but when we do I pray that when we get back to what we call normalcy (whatever that is!) and look back on this journey we will realize that we have learned, loved and lived so that the question won't be "Are we there yet?" Instead we will acclaim, "What a journey!" — Dr. David Worley



CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

PROMISE



It is not difficult to argue that one of the most important promises in the Bible is the promise of salvation. Salvation is ours if we have faith in Christ - it means we will be delivered

from sin and its consequences, given eternal life. Whew, sometimes that feels like a tall order to us doesn't it?!

We may believe in Christ Jesus, but we know we have sinned and wonder if we are "good" enough to truly receive God's promise. We may have had a tough enough few months that we find ourselves angry with God, wondering if He will fulfill that promise for us. Or maybe things have been going well for us, and we find ourselves on that shaky ground where we trust ourselves, our decisions, our control more than we trust God's. We can be living on autopilot and taking God and salvation for granted. As a friend of mine recently put so aptly - we are walking through life regarding God with a little "g" rather than a big "G".

During this season of Lent (representing the 40-day period Christ spent fasting in the wilderness, and tempted by Satan), which ends on Easter Sunday, we are asked to place intentional focus on Christ. Ideally, we focus less on ourselves and less on new year's "resolution" type actions such as a diet or giving up gum; and shift our focus to Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and ultimate resurrection. It is a time to contemplate what our Lord really did for us on the Cross and listen for God's leading in our lives.

A good prayer to honestly open ourselves up to God is Psalm 139:23-24 (NLT):

*²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.*

*²⁴ Point out anything in me that offends you,
and lead me along the path of everlasting life.*

Just like our faith, salvation and eternal life are something we cannot see or touch in the physical sense. When we have faith, we ultimately believe in them, but we can lose sight of them as we go about our daily lives. They are not always tangible, and the increased focus on Christ and how he is working in our lives becomes so much more critical. If we relax our focus for too many long periods, it can become easier and easier to regard God with a little "g", relying on our own earthly resources to solve problems.

God has gifted many people in this world with great minds, physical strength and other amazing skills. Gifts that mend, heal, cure disease, solve problems, make life easier, bring joy, unite others. We humans can get sucked into the power of the human mind, human strength, human abilities - sometimes forgetting (or shoving to the back of our thoughts) that all those abilities came from God.

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Prayer Chain Ministry

Please email prayer requests to
gcumcprayers@gmail.com.

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

Daniel Baune

Phillis Davis

Marilu Elich

Patti Girardi

Ron Hart

Carol Ely Hill

Patrick Kelley

Tom Kelly

Jerry Marthaler

Jim Meskimen

Bob Norin

Dan Rowe

Norman Walker

Kermit Vollmar

Tok Yi

*Pray one for
Another*

- James 5:16

In Remembrance



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

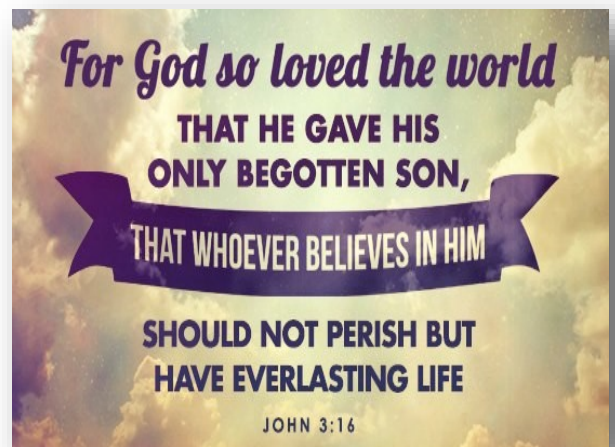


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Focusing on the "simple" miracles from God all around me help me to regain perspective when I need it. I read a book this past Christmas season titled *The Christmas Table* by author Donna VanLiere. In a discussion of faith, she wrote, "We can't see the wind, but we see what it touches..." The meaning was simple. Although unseen by itself, we see the wind touch the grass, leaves, flags, lake surface, hair, etc. We see the results. Likewise, we may not be able to see God, but just like the wind we can see what He touches, and what those who love Him touch! I am challenging myself to find one new thing daily in my surroundings that demonstrates the "unseen" hand of God. What can you see?

Do you believe in God, salvation, eternal life... but have fears that you won't be accepted by Him? Have you struggled with putting God first in your life? Or has your faith been shaken this past year? Are you not seeing His hand in action around you? Is focusing on, listening to, and allowing God to lead in your life a little difficult at the moment?

Sometimes just bouncing your thoughts and fears off one of our Pastors can take the weight of the world off your shoulders. **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 contact the Church Office at ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org or (480)982-3776 to have one of them will respond to your request. After hours, you may call or email one of the pastors directly. You can find their contact information on the Pastoral and Congregational Care page of this newsletter.





MINISTRY & MISSIONS

SCRIP BUS & VAN FUND



Thank you for your continued support... Well done good and faithful Bashas' card users! Thanks for that extra effort to recharge your cards, and we are very grateful for those who have linked-up their Amazon to Smile and Fry's. It's so easy to do so... just call if you need help!

A reminder to those who are returning and shop Bashas: You can recharge the Community Support cards that you have and add more money to use as a payment card. All purchases made 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! If you have funds on your card and fail to use it within 12 months, an inactivity fee is deducted at \$2 per month by Bashas. If you need a card or a replacement card, please contact Jan at (480)540-7454 or the Church Office.

YOUR recently reported participation in the programs to support the bus and van program, as well as for 2020:

Year 2020 (per available info)

• Bashas'	\$ 1772	\$ 5102
• Fry's	\$ 205	\$ 812
• Amazon Smile	\$ 120	\$ 324
• Individuals		\$ 150
• Grand Total	\$ 2097	\$ 6388

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

Thank you for your continued support!

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>.

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.'

fry's 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



— Submitted by Carol Johnson, Gold Canyon UMW President

"United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church."

Following my father's death in July of 2020, I returned to his home state of Georgia and brought back many boxes of family genealogy information and memorabilia. It has been such fun and so informative to connect with my ancestors and to do research on our family genealogy. It has provided a sense of appreciation and sense of kinship for all those who went before me. But how do I connect with people today, in the time of COVID? How can I help develop a "creative, supportive fellowship" with my church and UMW friends when we cannot gather in person? Fortunately the UMW and our local Gold Canyon UMW provide many opportunities to get together and to grow as women and as a community virtually and safely

in small groups!

The United Methodist Women offer podcasts on a monthly basis:

- **Faith Talks** is a monthly podcast offering conversations by UMW's on topics including politics, racial equity, grief, creating a sustainable lifestyle, and how to better care for our bodies. For more information and to register or listen to a podcast go to: United Methodist Women - United Methodist Women are Members and Leaders.
- **Response Podcasts** features audio versions of some of the articles from each bimonthly issue of the UMW magazine. To listen to the current or previous issues go to: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/responsepodcast>.
- **Holy Humor Retreat:** A virtual event featuring Pastor Ann Lyter from Scottsdale United Methodist Church. This promises to be a fun day! To register, go to: <https://dscumc.org/secure/2021-umw-retreat-holy-humor/>.

Gold Canyon UMW offers the following ways to fellowship:

- Zoom meetings every Monday from 10 am to 11 am. We'd love to have you join us! Click on the following link or copy and past it into your browser:
To join: <https://zoom.us/j/99192245351?pwd=SVpUczU1QUtZMU9ndkluaStlYSs1dz09>
- **Gold Canyon Culinary Circle** meets every month or two. For more information, contact Carol Johnson at caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com or call 602-750-2008.
- **Gold Canyon UMW Reading Program** meets on the first Wednesday of every month at the Missions Center beginning at 10 am. UMW books will be discussed and you can check out and/or return books at that time. We also meet after the meeting for lunch at a local restaurant! For more information, contact Peggy Kinder at p.kinder@mchsi.com or 480-474-0964.
- And, SAVE THE DATE: (functions will depend on whether the church has opened up again)
- The **Gold Canyon UMW Christmas Tea** is scheduled for mid-afternoon on December 4, 2021, in the Koinonia Room of the Education Building!
- And, the **Gold Canyon UMW Bake Sale Fundraiser** is scheduled for November 21, 2021, between church services. .
- Our **Gold Canyon UMW Culinary Circle** hopes to meet in person sometime in February. If you are

interested in cooking, baking — or even just eating — please contact Carol Johnson at 602)750-2008 or caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



We did it! Thanks to all of you who donated money and helped with the Habitat Build this year. Our church contributed \$14,000, and the combined coalition of churches contributed over \$17,000, exceeding our goal once again in a very challenging year. Any overage will be carried forward for next year's build. We had several loyal volunteers help with building, as well as bringing breakfast and lunch goodies for the workers.

Construction is now complete, and on Saturday February 13 the house was dedicated, including a blessing from pastor David. The Rodriguez family is excited to move into their new home.

We will soon begin planning for next year's build, and will keep you informed about when and where it will be. It is not too early to start contributing funds for next year. We look forward to seeing our experienced volunteers and some new ones too. For more information, call Joe and Maureen Morton at 602-284-2826, or email us at moandjoem@aol.com.





MARCH 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!

Bright, Teresa 03/01
Shaffer, Jeanne 03/01
Martindale, Warren 03/02
Messmer, Dick 03/02
Graba, Joe 03/03
Manack, Don 03/03
Muir, Vyrn 03/04
Nielsen, Claudine 03/04
Peterson, Pete 03/04
Schmer, David 03/04
Bilensky, Nancy 03/05
Gish, Wayne 03/05
Linowski, Phil 03/05
Nolan, Lavoyce 03/05
Aldridge, Becky 03/06
Eisentraut, Arne 03/06
Falk, Ellis 03/06
Ruiz, Sandy 03/06
Beam, Jackie 03/07
Crowther, Caitlynn 03/07
VanderRoest, Bobbie 03/07
Fitzpatrick, Inge 03/08
Junkermeier, Flo 03/08
Peterson, June 03/08
Annin, Frank 03/09
Engbrecht, Jackie 03/09
Kinder, Dick 03/09
Smith, Rex 03/09
Bird, Mark 03/10
Lane, John 03/10
Myers, Mary Catherine 03/10
Neil, Dean 03/10
Rush, Mylet 03/10
Van Slooten, Charlene 03/10
Keenan, Erin 03/11
Leach, Don 03/11
Bradshaw, Nancy 03/12
Martini, Cindy 03/12
Brigham, Donald 03/13
Lang, Charlie 03/13
Merrick, LaVia 03/13

Potter, Jim 03/13
Warth, Terry 03/13
Wilson, Peg 03/13
Clark, JoAnn 03/14
Crowther, Hannah 03/14
Donovan, Patrick 03/14
Evans, Kristina 03/14
Larsen, David 03/14
Nelson, Lee 03/14
Genetti, Frank 03/15
Riley, Loren 03/15
Burhans, Judy 03/16
Hare, Wilma 03/16
Shroyer, Pat 03/16
Smith, Dave 03/16
Sweeney, Debbie 03/16
Cline, Nancy 03/17
Miller, Nancy 03/17
Reynolds, James 03/17
Boldt, Gary 03/18
Krull, Julie 03/18
Poppe, Karen 03/18
Richter, Jack 03/18
Steinberg, Beth 03/18
Wilson, Betty 03/19
Steinberg, Tim 03/20
Storbakken, Terry 03/20
Rasmussen, Ann 03/21
Brigham, Jeremy 03/22
Bachler-Palmer, Lori 03/23
Hartman, Brooke 03/23
Minatree, Hope 03/23
Morganegg, Jim 03/23
Brigham, Jaime 03/25
Scharringhausen, Joyce 03/25
Kennedy, Barbara 03/26
Koepp, Carolyn 03/26
McKay, Patricia 03/26
Mueller, Gary 03/26
Weiss, Steve 03/26
Carlson, Velma 03/27
Gish, Connie 03/27
Sebring, Barb 03/27

Williams, Kelly 03/27
Johnson, Neil 03/28
Bressler, Diana 03/30
Riedel, James 03/30
Adams, Jennifer 03/31
Fisher, Steve 03/31
Hussein, Sherry 03/31
Moore, Nellie 03/31

Happy Anniversary!

Epler, Peggy & Keeler, Ron 03/02
Crane, Linda & Steven 03/05
Adamski, Carol & Edward 03/10
Haraldson, Rich & Sebring, Barb 03/10
Schoeff, Gary & Rose 03/11
Graham, Jean & Larry 03/13
Van Slooten, Charlene & James 03/14
Ficarra, Joe & Willa 03/15
Sweeney, Dan & Debbie 03/18
Kaul, Jean & Bob 03/19
Browne, Kim & Mark 03/20
Martin, Darla & John 03/20
Sauerbrunn, Diane & Gary 03/21
Schaefer, Crista & Jeff 03/21
Hansen, Kathy & Ron Horton 03/23
Workman, Janice & Paul 03/23
McAuliffe, Claudia & William 03/24
Smith, Charlene & Rex 03/24
Colehour, Sharon & Ted 03/25
Linowski, Mary & Phil 03/27
O'Donnell, Cherry & Mike 03/27
Williams, Helen & Kelly 03/27
Johnson, Mark & Shirley 03/30
Warren, Harry & Lovena 03/30





FEBRUARY CALENDAR

(Calendar is subject to change;

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

Mon Mar 1	All day	First Day of Women's History Month	10am	UMW Mtg (ONLINE)	
	8:30am	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)	1pm	***SUSPENDED*** Grief Support Mtg (ONLINE)	
	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Bible Banter	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** CoDA Mtg (ER)	
	10am	UMW Mtg (ONLINE)	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** AI-Anon (SoGR)	
	1pm	***SUSPENDED*** Grief Support Mtg (ONLINE)	Tue Mar 9	9am	Elijah Bible Study (Feather-ONLINE)
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** CoDA Mtg (ER)	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Stitches Unlimited (B&Patio-MC)	
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** AI-Anon (SoGR)	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** GC Garden Club (Esther-MC)	
Tue Mar 2	9am	Matchless Bible Study (Feather-ONLINE)	1:30pm	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)	
	1:30pm	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)	2pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ONLINE)	
	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 (ONLINE)	
	6:30pm	Youth Bible Study (ONLINE)	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)	
Wed Mar 3	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)	Wed Mar 10	8:30am	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)
	8:30am	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Music Librarians (MR)	
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Music Librarians (MR)	11am	Cancer Support Group (ONLINE)	
	10am	UMW Book Club (BC-Patio)	11:30am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)	
	11am	Cancer Support Group (ONLINE)	1pm	DISCIPLE 4 (Paul-ONLINE)	
	11:30am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)	1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (Worley-ONLINE)	
	1pm	DISCIPLE 4 (Paul-ONLINE)	4:30pm	Midweek Mountaineers (ONLINE)	
Thu Mar 4	1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (Worley-ONLINE)	5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Wranglers for the Lord (KR)	
	1:30pm	Read It & Reap (ONLINE)	6pm	***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Vista del Corozon HOA-DRC (S-MC)	
	4:30pm	Midweek Mountaineers (ONLINE)	Thu Mar 11	8:30am	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)
	5pm	***SUSPENDED*** Wranglers for the Lord (KR)	11am	Chat w/ Pastor Fred (ONLINE)	
	8:30am	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)	1pm	***SUSPENDED*** Gold Canyon Arts Council Mtg (S-MC)	
	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Prayer Shawl Ministry (S-MC)	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Choir Rehearsal (Music)	
	11am	Chat w/ Pastor Fred (ONLINE)	Fri Mar 12	8:30am	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)
Fri Mar 5	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Choir Rehearsal (Music)	10am	***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)	
	8:30am	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)	10am	***SUSPENDED*** Mind Menders (ER)	
	10am	***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)	4pm	Wedding Rehearsal (S)	
Sat Mar 6	5:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** AA (ER)	5:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** AA (ER)	
	6:30pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)	6:30pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)	
	8:30am	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)	Sat Mar 13	8:30am	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)
Sun Mar 7	10am	***POSTPONED*** Mtg: GC Coordinating Council (S-MC)	9am	***SUSPENDED*** PEO Mtg (E-MC)	
	8am	Traditional Worship (ONLINE)	12pm	Sofie's Start Fashion Show/Luncheon (Educ Bldg)	
Mon Mar 8	8:30am	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)	4pm	Wedding (S)	
	9am	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)	Sun Mar 14	All day	Daylight Saving Time starts
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Sunday School (YR)	8am	Traditional Worship (ONLINE)	
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Discussion Grp (E-MC)	8:30am	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)	
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Traditional Worship (ONLINE/S)	9am	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)	
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Participate in Worship (S)	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Sunday School (YR)	
	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Children Sunday School (KR)	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Discussion Grp (E-MC)	
	10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Children's Sunday School (KR)	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Traditional Worship (ONLINE/S)	
	10:50am	Praise Worship (ONLINE)	9:30am	***SUSPENDED*** Children Sunday School (KR)	
	3:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Country Music Rehearsal (KR)	10:50am	***SUSPENDED*** Children's Sunday School (KR)	
	4pm	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Group (on campus)	10:50am	Praise Worship (ONLINE)	
	5pm	Country Worship (ONLINE)	3:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Country Music Rehearsal (KR)	
	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Group (on campus)	4pm	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Group (on campus)	
	Mon Mar 8	8:30am	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)	5pm	Country Worship (ONLINE)
9am		***SUSPENDED*** Bible Banter (I)	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Youth Group (on campus)	
10am		***SUSPENDED*** UMW Leadership Committee (SoGR)	Mon Mar 15	8:30am	Tax Prep (MC-Martha)

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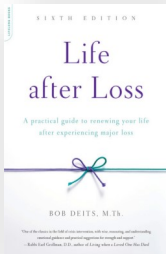
	9am	***SUSPENDED*** Bible Banter	6:30pm	***SUSPENDED*** Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	10am	UMW Mtg (ONLINE)	6:30pm	Youth Bible Study (ONLINE)
	1pm	***SUSPENDED*** Grief Support Mtg (ONLINE)	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)
	7pm	***SUSPENDED*** CoDA Mtg (ER)	Wed Mar 24	8:30am Tax Prep (MC-Martha)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

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



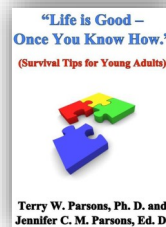
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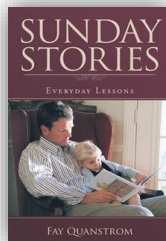


Life After Loss: A Practical Guide to Renewing Your Life After Experiencing Major Loss is the go-to resource for anyone suffering a major loss by helping to find positive ways to put together a life that is necessarily different—but equally meaningful. Available on Amazon and Church Office.

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 **APRIL Roadrunner** via email to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org **by 8:00am, Mon., 3/8/2021**

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."

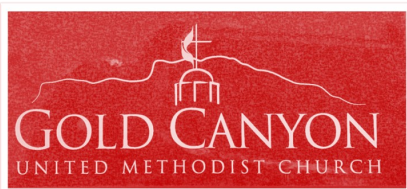
- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

December	2017			2018			2019			2020		
	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All
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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; \$773,383 raised so far)
- Stained Glass for upper Sanctuary windows (\$163,227 raised so far; \$2,725 per 2'5"x 2'8.5" panel + scaffolding)
- Organ Pipes: (\$127,628 raised so far)
- Building Fund Debt Payoff (\$750,865/\$222,000 prepaid in 2019)



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.

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.

AccessACS



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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WORSHIP SERVICES

✝ 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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