



FROM THE PASTOR: "REOPENING FOR WORSHIP"



May 2nd Gold Canyon UMC will reopen for in-person worship. What a joyous day that will be! The worship times will be 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am & 4:00pm. All services will meet in the Sanctuary. We will be asking you to follow some guidelines to keep everyone safe:

- Masks will be required for anyone ages 3 and up.
- Some rows of seats will be blocked to provide safe distancing.
- We ask that your family group leave 3 empty seats between you and another group in the same row.
- All sections of the Sanctuary will be open to allow distancing.
- Refreshments will not be offered.
- Before the 9:30 and 11:00 services, please wait in your car until 15 minutes before service so that worshippers may depart before you enter the building.
- In greeting we will wave a warm welcome, but please refrain from shaking hands or hugging.
- Offerings will be taken online or through collection boxes near the exits.
- Communion will use pre-packaged elements distributed as you arrive.

I know we will have some who object to wearing masks, but we ask you to think about those among us who are at high-risk for serious illness or even death if they catch COVID-19. Out of Christian compassion we seek to help keep these people safe. Thanks for being sensitive to the needs of others in our congregation who may not have received a COVID vaccination.

I will see you in-person or online on Sunday.

Grace and peace,

Fred

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



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & EVANGELISM

Pastor Katharine Keller

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

CHRISTIAN HOME MONTH

The theme chosen a couple of years ago by the United Methodist Church Discipleship Ministries for Christian Home Month (May) was "Families Called to Justice." In the book of Amos, we read, "...let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream." (Amos 5:24) these words can be both thrilling and terrifying. What is the justice we seek? How do we experience God's justice? What do we see in the world around us that calls for God's justice? And as families, what does it mean to be called to justice? For Christians, probably the simplest way to look at God's justice is to know that God's desire is for ALL to be treated as God would treat them. Think for a minute of what you know about the injustices of the world:

- Where is justice at school when children who are different in some way are bullied by others?
- Where is justice for those who have been abused and are ignored when they tell their stories?
- Where is justice in a nation where a person can work hard day after day and still not have enough income to support a family?
- Where is justice for families coming into this country who are separated – children from parents – for months and sometimes years at a time?
- Where is justice for older adults who can no longer care for themselves and suffer at the hands of caregivers?
- Where is justice when loved ones have been randomly shot and killed in neighborhoods and streets, churches and schools?

These questions are not easy. They call upon all of us who claim the name Christian to examine our ways of living. They call all of us to diligent study of Scripture. They call us all to talk about justice in our homes, to practice justice in our home, and to take those beliefs

outside the walls of our dwelling places, and to extend them to our communities and the entire world.

Take a moment and read Isaiah 1:17. What would justice be like for your family? For GCUMC? For the world? Pray for God's justice to be revealed through our daily lives and in our world.

"READ IT & REAP" BOOK CLUB

We are coming to the close of this year's book club in May. We have had great discussions over varied topics, always with a faith perspective in mind. For those who did not participate, here are some of the books we read, and which we all recommend:

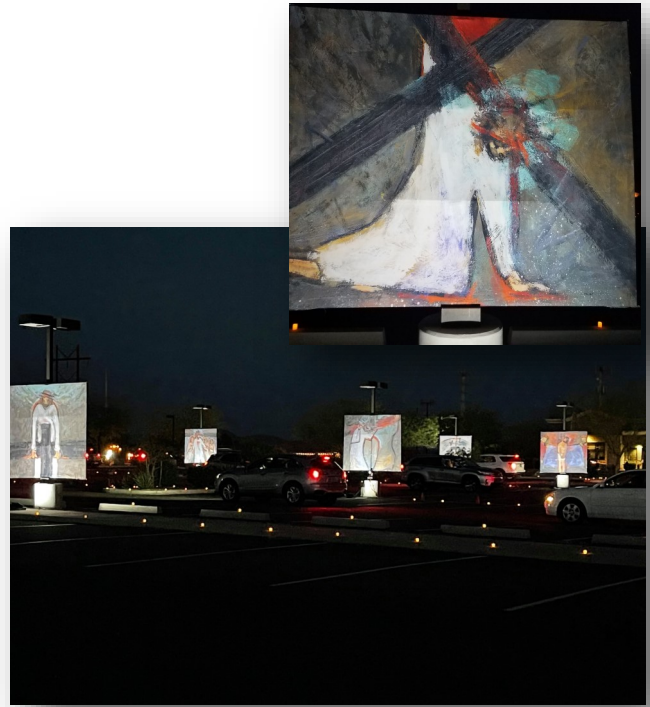
A Knock at Midnight–Brittany Barnett, *In Search of Pink Flamingos*– Susan Greisen, *Of Frogs and Princes*– Kally Reynolds (author in our book club), *From Touched to Exalted*–Nancy Jones (author present), *Maid* – Stephanie Land, and *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande.

For our April session, "In Search of Pink Flamingos," we had the very engaging author present on zoom. Below is a picture of those attending that gathering...all in pink! I will be starting up again in the fall, so in August look for an opportunity to sign up. ~ Pastor Katharine



HOLY WEEK IN PICTURES

Good We want to thank the many, many volunteers and staff who made the Maundy Thursday service, the Good Friday drive-through event and the outdoor Easter services so inspirational. Below are pictures of some of our helpers and of the experiences.—*With Gratitude, Pastor Katharine*





CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Sherry Hussein

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

Hello to all of our wonderful Church families. What a joyous celebration it was to be back at our Church on Easter Sunday. We had Sunday school class, our Bible lesson on Jesus Has Risen! The children had fun looking for eggs out in the grass, and they did the Resurrection eggs with Ms. Jan, Children wrote "Jesus" on an egg, and colored it, they decorated an Easter bag, and filled the bag with treats & other fun items. The best was saved for last, when the parents arrived after service. We released butterflies, each butterfly was in a separate envelope, and children & adults opened the envelopes, such a beautiful site....watching the butterflies ascend into the air.

I am truly grateful for the opportunity to have served as the Children's Ministry Director, since October 2019. Most of that time we were not "in-person" at Sunday school classes. Keeping in touch by emails, texts, Zoom sessions, and sending Bible activity packets to the children was the "new norm". April 15th was my last day in that Church staff position, and I am looking forward to returning as the Nursery caregiver on May 2. It will be so exciting to be back in our Church for services, and looking forward to seeing everyone, especially the children.

Please welcome Linda Clise as our new Children's Ministry Director, she will also continue with her Youth Ministry position. Linda Clise and her family have been very involved in the youth programs at GCUMC, she also has experience in children's ministry. You will all get to meet Linda on May 2, when Church resumes, and Sunday school classes.— Blessings, Ms. Sherry

SIDEWALK CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Sidewalk Children's Outreach Ministry has served children in Apache Junction for the past 17 years. Many of the children do not attend another church and if asked, they would say, "Sidewalk is my Church." We

have been meeting three Saturdays a month since November from 10:00am—11:15am at the Desert Chapel UMC campus.

Our ministry season ended 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 had several creative crafts for the children to make this Sidewalk season. Rex Smith & Bob Emmett, two of our dedicated volunteers, set-up the Sidewalk truck, and had outdoor games ready for the children as they arrived. Many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers that served in Sidewalk this season.

Please keep the children and the ministry in your prayers. There will be a need for new leadership & volunteers if this children's ministry is to continue and resume in the fall. We are very grateful to our GCUMC congregation for their continued support in blessing this children's outreach ministry. We also extend thanks to Desert Chapel UMC, and Pastor Sharon Pajak for hosting the ministry on their campus. Sherry Hussein and Bev Stout have Co-Directed the past two years in Sidewalk, both of whom have been volunteers in Sidewalk for many years, enjoying all the opportunities in serving the children and their families.



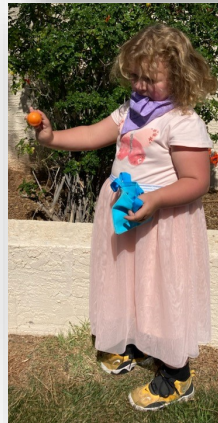
Mr. Mike playing foosball with the boys



Boys enjoying a game of ping-pong



Ms. Sandy with crafts for the children



MIDWEEK MOUNTAINEERS



Our weekly Wednesday program for Elementary students held their last Zoom session, with Bible lessons & activities on April 14th. We all enjoyed following Jesus through His ministries during His life on earth.

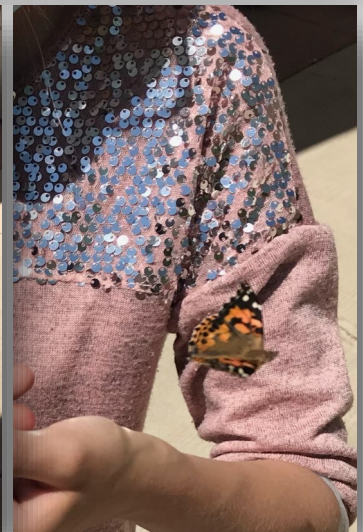
Six children participated our group most Wednesdays. Four of the children are from GCUMC, and two boys joined us from the Sidewalk Children's Ministry. The children were excited to receive a special package as the program ended, with each also receiving a Bahama Bucks gift card.

Be sure to watch for announcements when the program starts up again in the Fall. Many thanks to Jan Daniels for assisting & teaching the children through scripture, and to John Nuss for sharing his music with us!



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Following are just a few of the photos taken on Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday (Resurrection egg hunt, praise & worship, Jesus lesson, prizes, and butterfly release) Children's Sunday School.



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YOUTH GROUP

Linda Clise, Youth Director

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

WE'RE BACK!

Yay! The youth are meeting in small groups (socially distanced of course) again! We have been enjoying spending time together playing nine square, painting crosses, playing fun and sometimes embarrassing games, as well as learning and sharing about Jesus.

During Covid, we had five new youth join our youth group meetings! One is from California, and two are from north Phoenix. The two from north Phoenix have joined us! I am so excited to have such supportive parents for our youth members. The final two are still joining us for Tuesday Bible Study and Friday game nights online. They aren't quite ready to join us in person yet.

We are looking forward to our Outdoor Adventure Camp with Pastor Katherine in June and our extended retreat in July. There is no way that I would be able to have such a wonderful youth program without the dedicated shareholders that we have. A huge thank you and an appreciative hug from me. I was recently told that I like to hug and it was probably difficult for me during our socially distance time. True, it was, and still is, but I am so grateful to be able to meet in person and look forward to our May 2 services in the Sanctuary.

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

Blessings,
Linda

JOIN US!

Youth Group

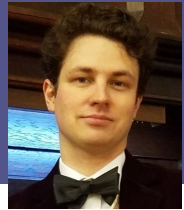
(Fun & faith-based programs & fellowship
for 7th—12th grades)

Tuesday at 6:30pm
Bible Study

Fridays at 6:30pm
Online Games

Sundays at 6:30pm
Youth Group





MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



Just last month we weren't sure if we'd be reopening, and yet as May arrives, we all have new hope and excitement as our church reopens for in-person worship. It's been so long since we've had regular services in the Sanctuary so the music department will also be making adjustments in order to try and get back to normal.

Over the past year, we've done a lot of recording for services and concerts and it's been a challenge for many, but also a blessing that we could still do music. This included the bands, a lot of small ensembles, solo recordings, virtual concerts, and even a virtual choir for last year's Christmas Concert. This was all an effort to try and keep musicians involved, as well as fulfilling our role in supporting worship.

Moving forward, since a lot of people are traveling for the summer (as was common even before COVID) we'll have more small ensembles and soloists for the next few months. However, come autumn time, full choir, bells, and orchestra will resume.

In preparation for that, I'd like to get some general feedback about music and your opinions moving forward. In a few months, expect to get a survey from the church with some questions that will provide me and the other music leaders with some information to help us make some decisions in the fall.

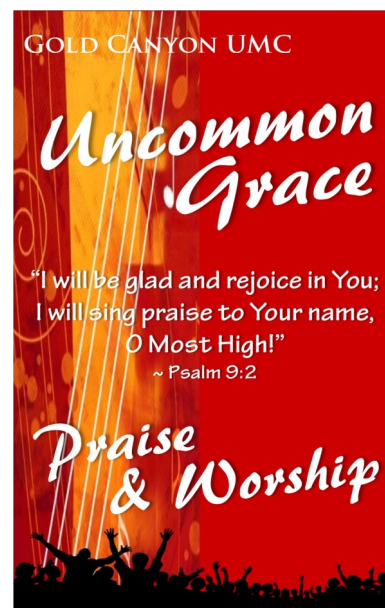
One additional thing, if you're a musician, but you haven't been involved in our music ministries, maybe

think about giving it a try this fall! Church music is for everyone, not just professionals. It's rewarding, worshipful, and fun. It would be great to grow our ministry as the church experiences a post-COVID rebirth.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to email or call. I look forward to seeing many of you soon and for those of you online, we'll do our best to make sure you still get a great worship experience. I hope you all have a great month.

Peace and best regards,

Ian



Sundays at 11:00am!

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

RICE & BEANS UPDATE



Exceptions, surprises, disappointments, tears and questions filled the air. Tears flowed. What would Rice and Beans (Rabmin) do when every booked group cancelled in 2020? How would the ministry go on? How could the staff manage or minister without any income? Would God see them through? Would good times ever return?

The Rabmin staff prayed and committed to reduced pay and increased creativity. Founder and CEO Fred Curry dusted off his horticulture degree and went to work cultivating acreage that will become a soccer field eventually. Okra, tomatoes, green beans and more were started in paper cups and transplanted to the new garden. God blessed the effort with remarkable growth and abundant yields to share with needy families. The excess filled the ministry's freezers and extended the ability to give. The staff was learning and doing new skills. Necessity had pushed innovation. Future work teams would enjoy home grown vegetables and so would people receiving food baskets.

From thousands of miles away in Gold Canyon the Covid Relief Fund provided a monetary gift that brought tears of joy to the Costa Rican staff. The joy and hope of Resurrection lives! Rabmin had prayed and innovated. God provided a surprise blessing as GCUMC shared its Easter offering with our friends in Costa Rica. Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me, bless his Holy Name!



Gold Canyon United Methodist Church supports these Global Missions:





ON THE COUNTRY SIDE

Dr. David Worley

TOGETHER AGAIN AT 4PM

This month marks the resumption of our public worship after a long period of being apart. Thank God we are together again. COVID has left its mark and continues to do so although its awful progress has been somewhat thwarted leaving us, I pray, with new appreciation for some of the things we easily take for granted. We are not the first to be together again after a long absence for worship as seen in Francis Grimke's sermon given when his congregation met for the first time after the flu epidemic of another generation. His observations are worth pondering. (You can find his sermon at <https://www.9marks.org/article/some-reflections-growing-out-of-the-recent-epidemic-of-influenza-that-afflicted-our-city>.)

Please note that we are together again at a new starting time...4pm. We chose to change our worship time in order to allow for greater flexibility that will accommodate both our service as well as our Youth who meet in the Koinonia Room immediately after us, when we eventually resume meeting there. Some who do not drive at night have also said that the earlier hour means they can join us since it will be daylight when we end the service. I hope many of you can join us in person but I encourage those of you have health concerns to be wise; our service will still be livestreamed so that you can join us virtually. In either case, together again, what a joyful thought!

... AND ON A PASTORAL NOTE

Leaving

That famous quote from *Romeo and Juliet* "parting is such sweet sorrow" comes to mind each spring as our winter visitors head back to their summer residences. The sorrow is even more prevalent this year as we not only say goodbye to our winter visitors but to many others who have permanently relocated to other locales for a variety of reasons. Such partings are indeed bittersweet. On the one hand, we recognize that many of our winter visitors want cooler weather or to be nearer to their families for a few months and on the other we also realize that many need to be make a permanent change for good reasons. Yet, we miss those of you who temporarily or permanently leave us. We find this year even more bitter than sweet because we have been unable to be together for these many months. Although we have been able to say a face to face goodbye with some of you, we regret we have been unable to see others of you who are leaving. However, rather than saying goodbye I prefer to say, "See you later" knowing that later may either be in this life when (we hope) you come to visit again or in that country where there are no more goodbyes. Until then as Paul said to the Ephesian elders on his final departure: *"I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified"* (Acts 20:32).

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



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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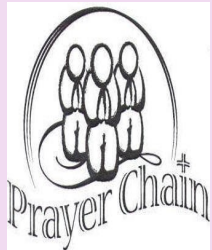
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Caring for others in the GCUMC fellowship of believers is shared by clergy & lay caregivers. In addition to the pastoral staff, trained Lay **Congregational Care Ministers (CCMs)** share a ministry of loving spiritual care: visits, prayer, Holy Communion, music, meals, errands and more. You are invited to join the **Congregational Care Ministry** by contacting Rev. Fay Quanstrom.



Prayer Chain Ministry

Please email prayer requests to

gcumcprayers@gmail.com.

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

Flo Junkermeier
Joan Hutchison
Greer Lambert
Catherine Sullivan

In Remembrance

PRAY
FOR
ONE
ANOTHER.

James 5:16





CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

ZN6AYSDU15!!



I am not sure about each of you, but I have had a few things going on this Spring! Changes to plans, surprises, good news, bad news, happy things, sad things. Those tend to have my thoughts and emotions all over the board at times.

One of the things I have dealt with over the years (good ole heredity) is a propensity for Migraines. For decades,

while in a stressful job, I had them routinely. During periods of my life when I have focused on nutrition, exercise, proper sleep, and most importantly letting God control more than I attempt to control, they have been less frequent.

This past year has been one of those periods of time in which I've been more often able to ward off those pesky Migraines. But I had one yesterday. Harumph!!!! When that happens these days, I think long and hard about what I have been doing, or not doing, that might have helped lead up to that event. Not allowing God to sit in the driver's seat is almost always at the top of the list.

I recently saw the picture above and it made me laugh out loud. Usually, the things that make us chuckle the most are those that we can relate to. That is true in this case for me. My recent reflections on multiple topics have felt a bit like the above, and my prayers most certainly have! Now, the beautiful thing about that in the prayer arena is that God doesn't care. Thankfully, God knows our heart and He can sort out the mess. Thank You God!

An old saying talks about mischievous children and goes something like this - "One will think about it, two will talk about it, three will do it." If you have children or grandchildren, or simply harken back to your own youth, you probably see some truth in this! But how does this compare to all of us, not just kids up to

mischief?

It makes me think of the power of the human mind and spirit. If we can put our heads together for negative outcomes, why can't we do the same for positive outcomes? Have the thoughts in your head, and your prayers to God, been jumbled like mine lately? Can we somehow harness the meaning of that old saying to foster good? On two fronts I believe the answer is "yes." First, our communities are physically coming back together. Have you wanted to start a new mission at church, been afraid to serve in a particular area, desired to travel to a place you've never been, feared rejection in reaching out for a friendship, wanted to start your own business? Talk to a 2nd person, a 3rd person, you may be amazed how the jumbled ideas or thoughts suddenly become clear and can lead you toward action, doing it.

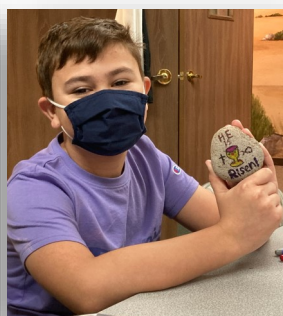
Second and more importantly, although God CAN make sense of our seemingly non-sensical prayers, that doesn't mean that's always the best way to go about it. It helps if we have a solid idea of what we truly wish to ask Him, what we want Him to do, the peace we hope for Him to provide. Talking to a 2nd believer, a 3rd believer, can sometimes help fine tune our expression of our needs and prayers.

If talking to another believer doesn't help unjumble your mind and prayers or put you closer to allowing God to take the driver's seat, remember another old saying, "two heads are better than one." ***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.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ~Romans 8:26-27 NRSV

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES





MINISTRY & MISSIONS

SCRIP BUS & VAN FUND



We remain grateful for your continued support and thank our good and faithful Bashas' card users! In February 2021, Bashas

Community Support card users earned \$242 for our church Bus/Van Fund. Thanks for that extra effort to recharge your cards. We are also grateful for those who linked up their Fry's card and contributed \$211.

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.

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

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

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 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

— Submitted by Dian Capen



We wish you a Happy Mother's Day! May God Bless all women, young, old – and everywhere!!

Amid the Covid 19 that has shaken our world, our UMW around the world has remained as active and as connected as possible! With 93 registrants on Zoom, we participated in the "Holy Humor Retreat" sponsored by the Desert Southwest Conference UMW. Our Reading Program participants have met outside and more recently in the Barnabas Room. Many new books have been added to our Reading Program Library! Culinary Circle has been active: – Members toured Boyce Thompson Arboretum and enjoyed a picnic lunch; Mary Ann Davenport served a delicious Mexican Dinner on her patio; and Carol Johnson treated us to a delicious Parisian event.

Zoom has been a wonderful tool for us – every Monday we meet at 10 AM to support, pray and discuss plans and programs for when we can join together face to face again. Oh, and we usually have a great laugh or two!!!

Our new Creation Care Circle has been gearing up and is very excited to get started this fall!! Rita Vadasz-Miller shares the following quote taken from UMC bulletin on Climate Justice: Gus Speth – An American environmental lawyer and advocate writes – "I used to think the top environmental problems facing the world were global warming, environmental degradation, and ecosystem collapse, and that we scientist could fix those problems with enough science, but I was wrong. The real problem is not those three items but greed, selfishness, and apathy. And for that we need **spiritual and cultural transformation**. And we scientists don't know how to do that. We need help!!"

We hope you will join us in this important endeavor to

cherish God's gift to all of us – by caring for this Earth – our home!

UMW Meetings: Weekly on Mondays from 10 AM to 11AM. Zoom link is in the Sunday Bulletin each week. On **May 17 we will be having a special program** with Rev Diana Loomis speaking on The McCurdy Ministries Community Center in New Mexico. For 103 years, United Methodists have been working at making a difference in the Espanola Valley. We hope you will join us for this special time. Our Monday Zoom connection is listed in each Sunday bulletin. When in-person resumes, notices will be found in the bulletin and during pre-service Sunday announcements.

Reading Program: Monthly on the first Wednesday at 10AM in the Barnabas Room at the Missions Center. UMW selected books both fiction and non-fiction will be discussed. Books can be taken out or returned at this time. For information contact Peggy Kinder at p.kinder@mchsi.com or (480)474-0964.

Culinary Circle: Plans are being made for meeting at Drink Me! Tea Room in Tempe for afternoon tea in May. In June – plans are underway for a Southern Cooking adventure. Contact Carol Johnson for more information – caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com or (602)750-2008.

Creation Care Circle: Will become active in November 2021. In preparation, we recommend viewing Sir David Attenborough's PBS specials "Extinction: The Facts" and "Climate Change: The Facts." Now anyone in the Phoenix broadcast area can go to azpbs.org/watch-azpbs-live or open the video app and watch these programs. For Circle information: Contact Rita Vadasz-Miller – Ritarkv2@aol.com or (810)629-1240

Field Trips: Always fun trips. In the past, we visited UMOM, Sunshine Acres, a synagogue, the monastery near Florence, and an African American church. We soon hope to visit the Mesa Tongan Methodist Church in Mesa. If you have ideas, we are interested!





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!

Kalik, Adam 05/01/1987
Seabright, Mary 05/01/1953
Cook, Trish 05/02/1940
Mullins, Victoria 05/02/1948
Straka, Stan 05/02/1929
Young, Rick 05/02/1956
Alford, Keith 05/03/1944
Gunn, Jim 05/03/1942
Paone, Albert 05/03/1942
Parker, Don 05/03/1939
Rhodes, Gary 05/03/1936
Voorhees, Deb 05/03/1953
BeBout, Terre 05/05/1950
Ireland, Debra 05/05/1987
Kness, Dee 05/05/1949
Campbell, Sandy 05/06/1943
Forest, Betty 05/06/1943
Steckley, Leonard 05/06/1937
Osbacken, Pat 05/07/1929
Rowley, Cheryl 05/07/1948
Worley, Debra 05/07/1957
DeWinter, Don 05/08/1935
Weidner, Harold 05/08/1933
Fitzgerald, Susan 05/09/1974
Flowers (Brown), Mary 05/09/1954
Rowe, Ella Mae 05/09/1929
Dage, Carol 05/10/1937
Luse, Carol 05/10/1943
Schuler, Phalen 05/10/1944
Alford, Jo 05/11/1947
Hughes, Doug 05/11/1952
Shaughnessy, Mike 05/11/1946
Barber, Ann 05/12/1938
Matthews, Shirley 05/12/1943
Gregg, Shar 05/13/1954
Andreyka, Janice 05/14/1950
Braatz, Patrick 05/14/1961
Carpenter, Wes 05/14/1944

Fabish, Paul 05/14/1949
Svoboda, Richard 05/14/1937
Hartman, Zackary 05/15/2004
Gingrich, Joyce 05/15/1954
Morton, Maureen 05/15/1956
Tyler, Sandy 05/15/1959
Gerst, Lois 05/16/1929
Hartman, Lorna 05/16/1929
Horkey, Marilyn 05/16/1929
Lewis, Carol 05/16/1946
Engbrecht, Don 05/17/1940
Hunter, Gary 05/17/1940
Sanders, Kalleen 05/17/1945
Heppner, Ronald 05/18/1939
Davenport, Mary Ann 05/19/1944
Togstad, Pamela 05/19/1946
Graham, Claudia 05/20/1950
Little, Don 05/21/1939
Woode, John 05/21/1991
Mulhair, Delna 05/22/1941
Nord, Faye 05/22/1945
Weidner, Gloria 05/22/1934
Genetti, Judy 05/23/1944
Twa, Preston (Jack) 05/23/1933
Arehart, Larry 05/24/1935
Bird, Margie 05/24/1948
Burris, Joanne 05/24/1938
Kennedy, Tom 05/24/1940
Kosanke, Karen 05/24/1944
Nefzer, Kathy 05/24/1950
Bonestell, Marian 05/25/1935
Criswell, Bev 05/25/1941
Voorhees, Steve 05/25/1954
Zabel, Vint 05/25/1934
Bell, Jim 05/26/1940
Berglund, Jack 05/26/1926
Greenlee, Bill 05/26/1939
Houser, Chris 05/26/1951
Lackey, Steve 05/26/1942
Nichols, Sam 05/26/1946

Otterstein, Karen 05/27/1954
Pape, Roy 05/28/1973
Storbakken, Linda 05/28/1946
Eddy, Janice 05/29/1952
Fuher, Mavis 05/29/1938
Pape, Andrea 05/29/1974
Strange, Alice 05/29/1935
Ancell, Bob 05/30/1939
Elco, Jim 05/30/1933
Rhodes, Grace 05/30/1940
Workman, Janice 05/30/1941
Harpel, Dorothy 05/31/1950
Vorseth, Duane 05/31/1938

Happy Anniversary!

Brogren, Ann & Neil 05/01
Hoefs, Ed & Wendy 05/01
Formento, Kathy & Russ 05/04
Robertson, Dave & Judy 05/04
Noe, Jim & Mary Beth 05/05
Saathoff, Craig & Jill 05/05
Blank, Don & Lori 05/17
Borders, Linda & Ron 05/17
Cloud, Jeanne & Pautzke, Donavon 05/17
Luther, Jeff & Mavis 05/17
Fendley, Cecil & Penny 05/18
Newkirk, Edgar & Linda 05/18
Snyder, Lorrie & Toby 05/20
Butterbrodt, Sandy & Bill 05/21
Rasmussen, Al & Diane 05/22
Roe, Earl & Jeanine 05/25
Weinhold, Eldon & Marilyn 05/25
Stofferan, Bruce & Marge 05/27
Wehle, Carol & Peter 05/27
Welker, June & Larry 05/28
Chase, Bob & Donna 05/29
Paul, Mike & Phyl 05/29
Teller, Ronald & Susan 05/29
Witucky, Michelle & TJ 05/29
Williams, Karen & Todd 05/31



MAY CALENDAR

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

Sat May 1				Tue May 11	9am	Elijah Study (Feather-ONLINE)
Sun May 2	8am	Traditional Worship (S)			9am	Stitches Unlimited (B&Patio-MC)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)			2pm	Canyon Carillon (S)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)			2pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ONLINE)
	9:30am	Youth Sunday School (MC)			5:30pm	Youth (K)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (KR)			6:30pm	Youth Bible Study (ONLINE)
	11am	Praise Worship (S)		Wed May 12	11am	Cancer Support Group (ONLINE)
	3pm	Country Music Rehearsal (S)			11:30am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	4pm	Country Worship (S)			1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (Worley-ONLINE)
	4pm	Youth Group (K)		Thu May 13	All day	Ascension Day
	6:30pm	Youth Group (K)			7pm	AA (MC-E)
Mon May 3	10am	UMW Mtg (ONLINE)			5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	7pm	CoDA (ER)			6:30pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)
Tue May 4	9am	Elijah Study (Feather-ONLINE)		Sat May 15	10am	UMW Mtg (ONLINE)
	2pm	Canyon Carillon (S)			3pm	Wedding: Kathy Simpson & Tom Walsh (S)
2pm		DISCIPLE 1 (ONLINE)		Sun May 16	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	2pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ONLINE)			9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)
	5:30pm	Youth (K)			9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	6:30pm	Youth Bible Study (ONLINE)			9:30am	Youth Sunday School (MC)
Wed May 5	All day	Cinco de Mayo Calendar			11am	Children's Sunday School (KR)
	10am	UMW Book Club (BC-Patio)			11am	Praise Worship (S)
	11am	Cancer Support Group (ONLINE)			3pm	Country Music Rehearsal (S)
	11:30am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)			4pm	Country Worship (S)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (Worley-ONLINE)			4pm	Youth Group (K)
	1:30pm	Read It & Reap (ONLINE)			6:30pm	Youth Group (K)
Thu May 6				Mon May 17	All day	Tax Day
	7pm	AA (MC-E)			10am	UMW Mtg (ONLINE)
Fri May 7	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)			7pm	CoDA (ER)
	6:30pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)		Tue May 18	9am	Elijah Study (Feather-ONLINE)
Sun May 9	All day	Mother's Day			2pm	Canyon Carillon (S)
	8am	Traditional Worship (S)			2pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ONLINE)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)			5:30pm	Youth (K)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)			6:30pm	Youth Bible Study (ONLINE)
	9:30am	Youth Sunday School (MC)		Wed May 19	11am	Cancer Support Group (ONLINE)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (KR)			11:30am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	11am	Praise Worship (S)			1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (Worley-ONLINE)
	3pm	Country Music Rehearsal (S)		Thu May 20	7pm	AA (MC-E)
	4pm	Country Worship (S)		Fri May 21	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Mon May 10	10am	UMW Mtg (ONLINE)			6:30pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)
	6:30pm	Ad Council (Online)		Sat May 22	1pm	MEMORIAL: Dorothy Halsted (S)
	7pm	CoDA (ER)		Sun May 23	All day	Pentecost

	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	9:30am	Youth Sunday School (MC)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (KR)
	11am	Praise Worship (S)
	3pm	Country Music Rehearsal (S)
	4pm	Country Worship (S)
	4pm	Youth Group (K)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (K)
Mon May 24	All day	Whit Monday
	10am	UMW Mtg (ONLINE)
	7pm	CoDA (ER)
Tue May 25	9am	Elijah Study (Feather-ONLINE)
	9am	Stitches Unlimited (B-MC)
	2pm	Canyon Carillon (S)
	2pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ONLINE)
	5:30pm	Youth (K)
	6:30pm	Youth Bible Study (ONLINE)
Wed May 26	11am	Cancer Support Group (ONLINE)
	11:30am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (Worley-ONLINE)
	1:30pm	Read It & Reap (ONLINE)
Thu May 27	7pm	AA (MC-E)
Fri May 28	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	6:30pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)
Sat May 29	1pm	MEMORIAL: Marilyn Jungman (K or S)
Sun May 30	All day	Trinity Sunday
	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	9:30am	Youth Sunday School (MC)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (KR)
	11am	Praise Worship (S)
	3pm	Country Music Rehearsal (S)
	4pm	Country Worship (S)
	4pm	Youth Group (K)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (K)
Mon May 31	All day	Memorial Day (OFFICE CLOSED)
	10am	UMW Mtg (ONLINE)
	7pm	CoDA (ER)

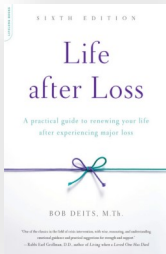
If you are a Facilitator/Teacher/Leader of a class or small group and would like to start meeting again in-person with your group, please contact the Church Office





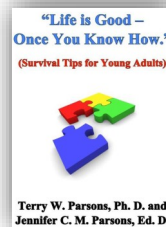
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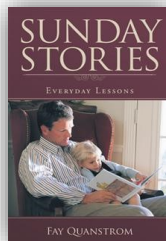


Life After Loss: A Practical Guide to Renewing Your Life After Experiencing Major Loss is the go-to resource for anyone suffering a major loss by helping to find positive ways to put together a life that is necessarily different—but equally meaningful. Available on Amazon and Church Office.

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 **JUNE Roadrunner** via email to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org by **8:00am, Mon., 5/10/2021**

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
102216	25036	9680	128653	38085	10632	70302	30328	16042	160827	34159	7404

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; \$1,440 raised so far)
- Fellowship Hall (\$2.4M; \$787,457 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: (\$131,613 raised so far)
- Building Fund Debt Payoff (\$679,150)

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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WORSHIP SERVICES

- ✝ 8:00am & 9:30am TRADITIONAL (Sanctuary)
✝ 11:00am PRAISE (Sanctuary)
✝ 4:00pm COUNTRY (Sanctuary)

(Childcare available at 8:00am, 9:30am and 11:00am services)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

During the transition after the pandemic, Children's Sunday School classes are being held in the Missions Center. Please drop your child(ren) at the Missions Center for Sunday School, and pick them up after the church service.

- ✝ 9:30am Children (Missions Center)
✝ 11:00am Children (Missions Center)

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