



## FROM THE PASTOR: "CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR!"



Christmas is near! We plan to have three Christmas Eve services. The worship service times will be at 3pm, 6pm, and 8pm. The 3pm service will be oriented more for families and children. The 6pm and 8pm services will include the Chancel Choir and bells. We will celebrate the coming of the Christ child at all three services by singing *Silent Night* in candlelight. Invite your friends and family to join you this year for Christmas Eve!

The church also plans to have a Christmas concert at 3pm on Saturday, December 11. All musical groups in the church plan to participate. The choir will sing. The bells will ring. And the praise band and country-western groups will sing special Christmas music! So don't forget the mark it on your calendar.

Due to the increase in attendance and rise of Covid-19 in Arizona, we will temporarily move the country-western service and the praise service into the Sanctuary on November 28. The move will lessen the risk of infectious spread in our church. This shift is a temporary measure, and we plan on moving back to the Koinonia room as soon as it is safe.

Our financial situation has improved slightly since early fall. However, we are projecting a possible shortfall of about \$35,000 by the end of the year. We have been able to lessen our deficit by holding back spending during 2021. However, we think it might be possible to finish the year in the black with your generous support. We also have an unexpected expenditure of about \$140,000 to reroof the Sanctuary building, which we will pull from our reserves. We have seen some roof damage on the far west side and feel the most intelligent move would be

to replace the whole roof membrane before more of it deteriorates.

I am looking forward to celebrating Christmas this year with people in attendance! I will see you in person or online on Sunday.

Grace and peace,

*Fred*

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### JOIN US ON CHRISTMAS EVE AT GOLD CANYON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*All are welcome!*

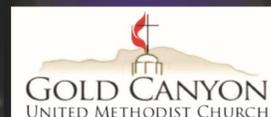
#### 3:00pm

Family Candlelight service with Christmas message, special music & petting zoo

#### 6:00pm & 8:00pm

Candlelight services with Christmas message, Chancel Choir, and Hand Bells

*Three Candlelight Services... One Glorious Story*



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



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & EVANGELISM

Pastor Katharine Keller

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

## PARTNERING W/ PERALTA & FOUR PEAKS

In November Gold Canyon UMC participated in Peralta's "Trunk & Treat Night." Costumed as the Addams Family characters, three of us handed out candy and smiles... well, not Cousin It, because you couldn't see "it." About 300-400 folks showed up for a delightful evening.



For Thanksgiving, we continued our practice of sending notes of appreciation with a \$25 Fry's gift card to all the staff in both schools. We are thankful to all of you who donated Chlorox wipes, waters, candy, and money to this outreach. In blessing the students and staff, we are blessed!

## WOMEN'S RETREAT 2021

Once again the GCUMC women experienced an inspirational and fun retreat, where we laughed, cried, prayed, studied and rested. Be sure to mark your calendars for Nov. 4-6, 2022 so you, too, can join us when we return to the Franciscan Retreat Center!



Thanks to Rev. Fay Quanstrom for the excellent study, Riechia Ralston leading us in music, and the women who gave their testimonies.



## REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



On December 8, 2021 at 7:00 pm we will be remembering those whom we've lost within the past year since our last Remembrance Service that was held virtually on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. This will be an in-person service.

Please register the name(s) of your deceased by emailing [churchoffice@goldcanyonumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@goldcanyonumc.org) by the end of November. Although email is preferred, if you don't have access to a computer, please call the Church Office (480)982-3776.

# Confirmation

Confirmation is an approximately 13-week class for those youth 7th grade and up who wish to become members of Gold Canyon United Methodist Church. We cover basic theological concepts and what it means to be Methodist. Confirmation will begin in January 2022. Most of the class will be via Zoom, however, we're hoping to have a week during spring break where we can all meet for some activities. If your teen has not talked to Linda Clise or Pastor Katharine about Confirmation, please contact Katharine by email ([ladiebug1214@gmail.com](mailto:ladiebug1214@gmail.com)) or call the Church Office, (480)982-3776 by **December 13**.

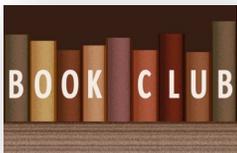
## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



### Christmas Pageant

On Christmas Eve we will have a Family Service at 3pm. We are inviting families with children up through the 5th grade to participate in a very simple pageant as the Christmas Story is retold. If you would like your child to be part of this, we will have one rehearsal, just to go through the "procession" of the characters in the story on Friday, December 23rd (hopefully everyone is out of school). Please contact Pastor Katharine if your child will participate ([ladiebug1214@gmail.com](mailto:ladiebug1214@gmail.com)) or call the Church Office (480)-982-3776.

## "READ IT & REAP" BOOK CLUB



Sometimes we are honored to have an author or relative of an author attend our book club. This past month the group read "*Behind Barbed Wire and High*

*Fences*", a memoir by Helen Frances Buehl Angeny, Carol Wion's mother. The memoir covers the years her missionary parents were incarcerated with 500 others in a Japanese concentration camp in the Philippines during WWII. Carol was born during this time. The picture below is a painting of Carol that her mom did when she was little and Carol today.

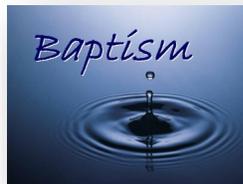


## NEW GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



Grief is difficult for everyone impacted by a death. There are many who are dealing with grief and struggling to make sense of the death of a loved one. Our grief group started last month and meets Thursdays at 1pm in the Emmaus Room. The program, *GriefShare: Your Journey from Mourning to Joy* lasts 13 weeks. The study guide is available for \$15. Facilitators are Pastor Katharine Keller and Dr. David Worley. If you are considering attending this group, please contact Pastor Katharine in the Church Office. If you are undecided, please just show up.

## RECENT BAPTISM



Below are photos taken at the baptism of Olympia Maria Kuzmin, November 14. The proud parents are Christopher and Jessica Kuzmin.



Olympia joins big sister, Tatiana.



# CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

Linda Clise, Children & Youth Ministries Director

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

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



As the weather has been cooler, the children are enjoying being outside and using our wonderful playground. We are continuing with our curriculum, Simply Loved and have been learning about how Jesus

saves us in all circumstances. Since Advent season is approaching, we will move our focus to Advent, what it means and how we can prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Some of the questions that we will be asking the children are: Do you remember a time when someone stopped by your house unannounced, were you surprised? Were you prepared? What do you think that you and your family might have done differently if you would have known ahead of time that your visitor was coming? I will have an Advent packet to send home with each child, so they can celebrate Advent at home with their families. Also, the children will be participating in a special story with Pastor Katherine for the family service on Christmas Eve!

We are still looking for a few Sunday school teachers. Even if you can only work one Sunday a month, that is perfect! We offer Sunday school at 9:30 and 11:00. If you attend the 9:30 service, you can stick around and teach Sunday school at 11:00! I have youth workers who that are helping, as well. Please me know if you are interested in helping to teach Sunday school. I have the curriculum all set and ready for you!



## YOUTH GROUP



Our youth have been busy this fall with all of their sports and activities in full swing. Swimming and volleyball, chess, and football are now over with wrestling starting for many of the youth. The majority of them went to homecoming at their respective high schools and looked very grown up! We went to a haunted house for our October outing, where I may or may not have been scared so much in line that I was too chicken to go inside. Afterwards, some of the youth decided to stick around and go on a few of the carnival rides. For November, Dr. David Worley was generous and donated tickets to the American Heritage festival to the youth. Many of them are looking forward to attending. The youth have chosen Genesis as their Christmas Charity, and will be working with the director to put together bags for the clients. Like the children, the youth will have Sunday school lessons on Advent during the season. I always seem to learn so much when we have our discussions. Blessings to you and yours during this holiday season.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



### CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

*(Fun fellowship & faith-based programs for Children (PreK-6th) & Youth (7th-12th))*

#### Children Sunday School

9:30am & 11:00am *(Education Building)*

#### Youth Bible Study

Tuesdays at 6:30pm *(Education Building)*

#### Youth Online Games

Fridays at 6:30pm *(online)*

#### Youth Group

Sundays at 6:30pm *(Education Building)*

For more information, contact Linda at [LClise@GoldCanyonUMC.org](mailto:LClise@GoldCanyonUMC.org)



## MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



Season's Greetings once again! As we continue through Advent towards Christmas, may we be filled with love and joy as we come to celebrate the Savior's coming and birth, as well as return to more normal times.

I'm happy to announce that this year our church is continuing our tradition of annual Christmas concerts and we'll be presenting an *in-person* Christmas Concert this year on **Saturday, December 11 at 3:00pm**. Our concert music this year will feature all of our music groups, from choir to bands to bells, as well as the Sonoran Brass Quintet, vocal soloists Cynthia Hoff and Nathan Myers, and a number of instrumentalists. There should be something for everyone, from traditional carols to new Christmas arrangements. The concert is free and open to the public, so come early to get your seat! A free-will offering will be received to support our music ministries. If you're able, please bring a non-perishable food item for the GCUMC Food Bank, as there are many in need, especially around the Christmas season. Also, keep in mind that the concert will be live-streamed so if you're not back in Gold Canyon yet or you're a little worried about COVID spread, you can still watch online at [www.GoldCanyonUMC.org](http://www.GoldCanyonUMC.org) or on our Facebook page.

If you're not concerted-out by mid-December, the Gold Canyon Arts Council will be hosting the Diamonds and their Silver Bells Holiday Show in the Sanctuary on

**Friday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m.** The Diamonds have been touring as a quartet since the 1950s and early 1960s with 16 *Billboard* hit records. They continue to expand their audience performing worldwide with Symphony Orchestras, in major concert halls, and on world-wide tours. It should be a special performance, so get your tickets now at [www.GoldCanyonArts.org/tickets](http://www.GoldCanyonArts.org/tickets), the Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce, or Robin Rotella Team Realtors. As always, if you're able, please bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Bank!

I'm sure it is elsewhere in the newsletter, but also feel free to join us on Christmas Eve! The Chancel Choir and Canyon Carillon will be performing that evening at the 6:00pm & 8:00pm services.

Since I won't be writing again until January, have a merry Christmas and as always, if you have any other questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to call or email any time.

Peace and joy,

*Ian*





# GLOBAL MISSIONS

Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor

## NEW DEVELOPMENTS FOR MOBILITY



Mobility Worldwide, one of the global missions that GCUMC supports, continues to build and ship personal transportation carts in answer to needs around the world. They also develop new products and are presently field testing a light weight resin cart. Samples shipped to distribution partners provided opportunity for performance reviews and structural improvements. Comfort and convenience were also incorporated into design revisions. When a final design is approved, resin carts will be added to Mobility Worldwide's catalog of products, but will not replace the current models, which offer the advantage of disassembly for shipment.

Most carts are presently packed into shipping containers for delivery to distribution partners around the world. Taking a more individual approach is another innovation called Mobility Box. A Mobility Box is tailored for an aid worker's use and is ideal for transporting one or two unassembled carts. The Mobility Box adheres to the airline industry's checked baggage size and weight limits, so a person traveling abroad is able to add one to his/her personal baggage. Carts built for the Mobility Box use an expanded metal platform, another innovation. Later this year the designers expect to roll out manufacturing methods that can be duplicated in affiliate shops in host countries. Meanwhile, mission trip participants can deliver single units as needed. Each cart lifts someone out of the dirt, into mobility, community, and self-sufficiency.



Gold Canyon United Methodist Church supports these Global Missions:





## ON THE COUNTRY SIDE

Dr. David Worley

Promises matter. In fact one Bible commentator asserts that we live on the promises of God. As we look through the Bible God's promises reappear as the ground of assurance. For example, think of the covenants He made with Abraham, the Israelites and David, to say nothing of the promises He has given us. As we come to Advent, a special season in multiple ways, we encounter the fulfillment of God's greatest promise – the gift of His Son and our Savior the Lord Jesus Christ. Whatever else Advent may bring – and it brings plenty of joys as well as sorrows – the season is a wonderful highlight of God's astounding promise wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger. As we gather each week during Advent for our Country and Western Worship Service at 4 pm, I invite you to reconsider this promise in four different ways which are at the heart of my Advent this year. Together we will also have the added joy of singing some of the great songs of this holy season. Please join us and bring a friend.

### ... AND ON A PASTORAL NOTE

Recently I read this statement from the pen of R. C. Sproul, noted theologian, author and teacher: "The essence of theology is grace; the essence of Christian ethics is gratitude." Although a simple statement it is rich with insight. Sproul asserts that our study of God (theology) and His Word brings us to one overarching, overwhelming principle: grace – the revealed unmerited favour of God. So, as we make our annual trek to the manger scene this year I trust we will look into the face of that baby boy born in Bethlehem and see the grace of God embodied. In response, how can we not be grateful? That gratitude when unleashed will permeate our lives with a sweetness that infuses our own hearts with wonder, love and praise and spills over to bless those around us. I hear that there may be many things that we will not have access to this year due to supply chain interruptions. Rather than gripe, could this be the year to remember that Christmas is not about stuff but about grace and gratitude?

GOLD CANYON UMC

# Uncommon Grace

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

## Praise & Worship

**Sundays at 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)*

## HOLY LAND TRIP (\$3,498)

### RESCHEDULED OCT. 18-27, 2022



The Holy Land trip with Pastor Fred has been rescheduled due to the coronavirus to Oct. 18-31, 2022. If you have already paid a deposit, it can be left on file, and you will automatically be moved to this new trip date. All trip details will remain the same, and new brochures will be coming out soon. Pastor Fred would be glad to answer questions or email a brochure if you contact him at [revstein78@gmail.com](mailto:revstein78@gmail.com) or leave a message at the Church Office.

If you have any questions feel free to me at [revstein78@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.



**P R A Y E R  
R E Q U E S T S**

Please email Prayer Requests to  
[GCUMCPrayers@gmail.com](mailto: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...*

Constance Bonisese (PA)  
Rebecca Carl  
Grandmother of Dr. Ian Classe  
Richard Danielson (MN)  
Tom Forgrave  
Michael Hamerski  
Beth Myers  
Pat McNeil (NC)

*In Remembrance*





## CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

### PEACE AND JOY



Probably two of the most powerful and sought-after states of being that exist. And in the lives of Christians, or even those who celebrate Christmas but who haven't fully pledged their lives to

Christianity, this is the season that shoves peace and joy to the forefront of conversation, advertisements, expectations and desires or hopes. For some they are achievable, for others it can be a stress-filled time. Why are peace and joy at the forefront of the season? How do we deal with the stress some of us can find in it? Let's take the answers one at a time...

Prominent scripture in the Bible gives us a quick answer to peace and joy's stature in the landscape of Christ's birth story. Shepherds, angels, and wise men all tell of joy and peace:

- **Luke 2:9-11, 14:** *9 Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them (shepherds), and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, 10 but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. 11 The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!... 14 "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." (the angels declared)*
- **Luke 2:15-17, 20:** *15 So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. 17 Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. 20 Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them. [The shepherds were initially terrified, but their fear soon turned to joy!]*
- **Matthew 2:10:** *10 When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! (wise men)*

The angels told us not to be fearful. With Christ's birth God was telling us something like "I've got your back." What does that mean in our real world today, and how do those struggling from stress deal with it? I've subscribed to a newsletter from a website (GrownandFlown.com) since my youngest son was in high school. It's full of tips and information to help parents of teens, college students and young adults as they hopefully find a life including peace and joy. I think they often apply to all ages, and the most recent to grab me was titled *The 10 Things I Say to My Teens When They are Stressed Out* (by Elizabeth Spencer). They are:

1. I love you.
2. Take a deep breath.
3. I'm already proud of you.
4. This is not your whole story.
5. How you feel at this moment is not how you're going to feel forever.
6. Remember how you've gotten through tough times before.
7. Just do the next thing.
8. Is there anything I can do to help?
9. I'm here for you.
10. How about some ice cream?

I don't know about you, but these struck me as words of wisdom that can be used for anyone of any age. And more importantly, for the most part, I can see Jesus saying them! Sure, a few modifications make them sound more like Jesus and his true messages from the Bible (e.g., don't be anxious/fearful, pray, trust your heavenly Father, be persistent, there is hope in your future, etc.). But Jesus lived on earth as a human and he understands life as a human, so although ice cream wasn't prevalent in His time here, I can see Him recommending praying, giving our anxieties to God, trusting, relaxing, and enjoying some of the joys around us even in times of trouble. After all, He paid the price for our sin, opening the way for all of us to have peace with God, we just quite often miss the "way".

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## MINISTRY & MISSIONS

### SCRIP BUS & VAN FUND



Your most recently reported participation in the SCRIP programs at Bashas, Amazon Smile and Frys in support of GCUMC's bus and van program has totaled over \$950! Your continued support is so appreciated! Well done good and faithful Bashas' card users—and thanks for that extra effort to recharge your cards. In addition, we are always grateful for those who linked-up Frys to SCRIP, not to mention those who are using Smile.Amazon to support this ministry. It's so easy to do... just call Jan Daniels (480) 540-7454 or the Church Office if you need help!

**amazon smile** if you haven't done so, be sure to link your Amazon account to **Smile.Amazon.com** (same merchandise & prices) and choose Gold Canyon UMC as your charitable 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 that was obtained 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!

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



*"While shepherds kept their watching  
over silent flocks by night,  
behold throughout the heavens,  
there shone a holy light.*

*The shepherds feared and trembled  
when lo! above the earth*

*rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth.*

*Down in a lowly manger, the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation, that blessed Christmas morn."*

*- Luke 10:25-29*

You probably recognize the above verses from the spiritual "Go, Tell It on the Mountain". It tells of the angels' visit to the shepherds telling them of the birth of Jesus. One of our banners used at the front of our Main Sanctuary has the many names by which God/Christ is called in the Bible, one of which is the Good Shepherd. I was struck recently by how many of our well-known Christmas carols mention the shepherds; and with good reason, for they were one of the first to be told of the birth of the Christ Child! Shepherds play a major part throughout the Bible and still do today, don't they? I think of shepherds as anyone who teaches, mentors, guides, or models Christian behavior. Sometimes shepherds even correct our behavior when we stray from our path. In The Gold Canyon United Methodist Women and the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church, I have been blessed to have many shepherds surrounding me! I bet you do, too!

I recently attended two Leadership Trainings in the UMW and we offer a number of books on leadership in our Reading Program. Leadership is an important component of the United Methodist Women as it allows us to help guide and "shepherd" others who come alongside and after us. And it allows us to use the talents God gave us to a greater extent.

Many thanks to everyone who made our Bake Sale Fundraiser on November 21 a success!!! The proceeds went to fund the missions of the United Methodist Women and CAAFA, the Community Alliance Against Family Abuse. Thank you, Bakers, Volunteers, and everyone who purchased baked goods and donated toward these wonderful organizations!

Due to our Christmas Tea, we will not be having a

regular UMW Meeting in December. Our regular meetings will resume in January!



Photo: UMW Culinary Circle visit to the EVIT Baking School!

## COVID-19 THANK YOU'S



Thank you for your generosity in your donations to the Covid-19 Aid Fund. We have about \$2,000 left in the Fund that has been used to help 23 families so far this year! I am blessed to help you bring the love of our Lord to those who need help.

### Single mom who works in public schools

*"I am so truly grateful for everything you have done. God bless you all for having helped for people like me. Me and the kids have been going to the 9:30 service. Thanks for inviting us. It's nice to be a part of the church."*

### Single mom, daycare worker.

*"It has been such a rough year for me. We go back to work then they shut us down again. It's so hard to keep up with my bills. I have found a part time job delivering groceries that will help and I'll keep it when the daycare opens up again. I am so truly thankful for everything your have done for me. Please tell your church thank you for us."*

### Single man who works in Senior Care facility

*"Thank you so much! We got called back to work. Finally. Then I tested Covid positive. Only lasted a week. Glad I got the vaccine. Your help with rent and electric really helped me get through the summer. Please let the people at church know that I appreciate them helping someone they didn't even know. I'll never forget their kindness."*

### Mom who works at an auto service business, had to reduce her hours when daycare closed due to Covid.

*"I'm so grateful for the help you guys have given us. We are both back to working full time again. I hope it can stay that way and that daycare can stay open. The help from your church kept us from being evicted. We'll come visit soon."*

### Single mom of 3, works in public schools

*"We would like to express our sincere appreciation for all you have done for us. We also want to apologize for being so long to say this. Our family is small with few places to turn for assistance. Your kindness and generosity have given this family a feeling of comfort and safety. Thank you."*

### Single mom with a special needs child

*"My son and I would like to thank all of the people of this church for all you do. If it wasn't for this church and the wonderful people who donate, we would be homeless. We are truly blessed and very thankful to you all. Thank you so much and may God bless you all like you have done for us. Lots of love..."*

- Submitted by Colette Bos, Chairperson – Local Missions Ministries

### Upcoming Gold Canyon UMW events:

- **Annual UMW Christmas Tea!** The Tea is an exciting and fun event for women of our church, their friends and family members that is scheduled each year in the Koinonia Room. Our Tea this year will have some differences from our previous event, including our new Wait Staff!
- The **UMW Reading Program** meets on the first Wednesday of every month (December 1, 10:00am, Barnabas Room, Missions Center). We have wonderful discussions about the books we have read from the UMW Reading List and sometimes discuss other books. If you are a new attendee of our Reading Program, we now offer you the ability to order a book from the Reading List, which will be purchased by the Gold Canyon UMW! For more info, contact Peggy Kinder at [p.kinder@mchsi.com](mailto:p.kinder@mchsi.com) or (480)474-0964.

Our Circles continue to meet:

- **Culinary Circle:** Meets monthly. Check church bulletin for specific date and time or contact Carol Johnson at [caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com](mailto:caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com) or (602)750-2008.
- **Matthew 25 Prison Ministry Circle** meets monthly. Contact Cherie Creel for information: [cheryljunec@icloud.com](mailto:cheryljunec@icloud.com) or (480)232-1584.
- **Esther Circle (Bible Study):** To meet again starting in 2022. If interested in joining, contact Carol Johnson at [caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com](mailto:caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com) or (602)750-2008.
- **Creation Care Circle:** To meet again beginning in 2022. For more info, contact Rita Vadasz-Miller at [RitaRKV2@aol.com](mailto:RitaRKV2@aol.com).

- Submitted by Carol Johnson

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



We are participating in a two-story house build in Tempe in February of 2022, located near Kyrene and Southern on land that has been donated to Habitat by the city of

Tempe. This home will be the first to be built on that land.

Our church will be paired with a group of United Methodist churches known as the Mighty United Methodists. They have been building in the Valley for many years.

We hope to provide some volunteers to work one or two Saturdays. Tasks are flexible and we can accommodate various levels of skill. You do not need to be an expert to come out and help.

Please help us reach our goal of \$10,000 toward the building of this home in partnership with a qualified, needy family.

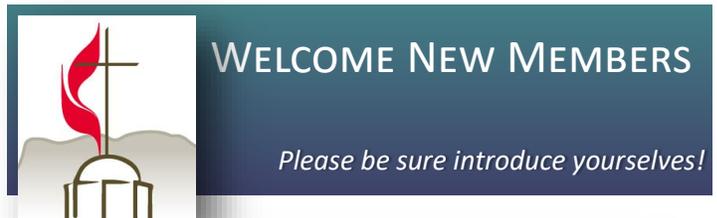
Please make your check to GCUMC and indicate "Habitat for Humanity" in the memo, or make your contribution online at [www.GoldCanyonUMC.org](http://www.GoldCanyonUMC.org). Thanks so much for your ongoing support of this ministry. Please contact Joe and Maureen Morton at (602)284-2826 or [MoandJoeM@aol.com](mailto:MoandJoeM@aol.com) with any questions.

**Volunteers needed!**

If you can help in any of the below positions, please contact Jennifer ([AdmAssocGCUMC@gmail.com](mailto:AdmAssocGCUMC@gmail.com)) in the Church Office:

- A **CONCERT USHER COORDINATOR** is needed to coordinate those who have volunteered to welcome guests to our GCUMC concerts.
- A **MEMORIAL SERVICE COORDINATOR** is needed to work with bereaved families to help with details on the day of their loved one's Memorial.
- A **SCRIP COORDINATOR** is needed to administer our SCRIP Program, whose funds raised support our GCUMC Bus/Van Ministry.
- **SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP GOODIES!** If you have a knack for baking, we always appreciate baked goods from your kitchen!

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:** Teachers are needed 1-2 times a month working with a partner. Curriculum and supplies are provided and set-up... you just show up, have fun with the kids, and teach about Jesus! If you have a heart for teaching children and a love of our Lord, please call the Church Office or email [LClise@GoldCanyonUMC.org](mailto:LClise@GoldCanyonUMC.org).
- **SINGERS & INSTRUMENTALISTS WANTED!** If you have a heart for worship through music — be in Choir, Orchestra, or hand bells — contact Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries at (480)982-3776 or [Ian.Classe@gmail.com](mailto:Ian.Classe@gmail.com). New members are always welcome... and it's not too late to participate in the GCUMC Christmas Concert Choir!
- **WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS:** If you would like to welcome church attendees—old and new—to church through Ushering, Greeting, or at the Welcome Center, please call Jennifer in the Church Office... Be one of our lights!



Kathy Lenz & Bob Heft



# DECEMBER CALENDAR

(Calendar is subject to change;

For more info, please visit [www.GoldCanyonUMC.org](http://www.GoldCanyonUMC.org) or call the Church Office)

Wed Dec 1	9am Advent Study (ER)	10am CLASS: Emotional Wellness (ER)
	10am Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)	12:45pm GriefShare (ER)
	10am UMW Book Club (BC-Patio)	6pm Choir Rehearsal (M)
	10:30am Cancer Support Group (ER/Zoom)	7pm AA (MC-E)
	11am Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)	Fri Dec 10
	1pm CLASS: DISCIPLE 4 (MC-E)	11am MindMenders (ER)
	3:30pm CLASS: DISCIPLE 1 (ER)	5:30pm AA (MC-E)
	5:30pm UG Rehearsal (KR)	6:45pm Youth Games (ONLINE)
	6:15pm Youth Bible Study (YR/Zoom)	Sat Dec 11
Thu Dec 2	8am UMW Christmas Tea Prep (KR)	9am PEO Mtg (B-MC)
	10am CLASS: Emotional Wellness (ER)	3pm 20th Annual GCUMC Christmas Concert (S/MR)
	12:45pm GriefShare (ER)	5pm G.C. Grubfest & Farmers Mkt (N Parking Lot)
	6pm Choir Rehearsal (M)	6pm 20th Annual GCUMC Christmas Concert (S/MR)
	7pm AA (MC-E)	Sun Dec 12
	7:30pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal (M)	8am Traditional Worship (S)
Fri Dec 3	8am UMW Tea Food Prep (KR/K)	9am UG Rehearsal (KR)
	11am MindMenders (ER)	9:30am Children's Sunday School (EB)
	5:30pm AA (MC-E)	9:30am Traditional Worship (S)
	6:45pm Youth Games (ONLINE)	9:30am Youth Sunday School (YR)
Sat Dec 4	10am UMW Christmas Tea Setup (KR)	11am Children's Sunday School (EB)
	2pm RESERVED (S)	11am Praise Worship (KR)
	2pm UMW Christmas Tea (KR)	2pm GC Strong: Groovin' w/ Santa (N Pkng)
	3pm WEDDING: Underhill (S)	3pm Country Music Rehearsal (KR)
	5pm G.C. Grubfest & Farmers Mkt (N Parking Lot)	4pm Country Worship (KR)
Sun Dec 5	8am Traditional Worship (S)	5pm Reserved (B-MC)
	9am UG Rehearsal (KR)	6:30pm Youth Group (K)
	9:30am Children's Sunday School (EB)	Mon Dec 13
	9:30am Traditional Worship (S) Church Office	6:30pm Coffee with the Pastor (Music Rm/Zoom)
	9:30am Youth Participate in Worship (S)	Tue Dec 14
	9:30am Youth Sunday School (YR)	All day Reserved (KR)
	11am Children's Sunday School (EB)	9am Class: DISCIPLE 2 (Feather; ER/Zoom)
	11am Praise Worship (KR)	9am Stitches Unlimited (B&Patio-MC)
	3pm Country Music Rehearsal (KR)	2pm CLASS: DISCIPLE 3 (ER)
	4pm Country Worship (KR)	3pm Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	6:30pm Youth Group (K)	5pm SFCOA Annual Mtg (MC-B)
Mon Dec 6	10am UMW Mtg (ONLINE)	Wed Dec 15
	6pm Trustees Mtg (MC-B)	All day Reserved (KR)
Tue Dec 7	9am CLASS: DISCIPLE 2 (Feather; ER/Zoom)	9am Advent Study (ER)
	2pm CLASS: DISCIPLE 3 (ER)	9am Days for Girls (B-MC)
	3pm Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)	10am Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)
Wed Dec 8	9am Advent Study (ER)	10:30am Cancer Support Group (ER/Zoom)
	10am Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)	11am Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	10:30am Cancer Support Group (ER/Zoom)	1pm CLASS: DISCIPLE 4 (MC-E)
	11am Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)	3:30pm CLASS: DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	1pm CLASS: DISCIPLE 4 (MC-E)	5:30pm UG Rehearsal (KR)
	1:30pm "Read It & Reap: Book Club (K)	6:15pm Youth Bible Study (YR/Zoom)
	3:30pm CLASS: DISCIPLE 1 (ER)	Thu Dec 16
	5:30pm UG Rehearsal (KR)	All day Reserved (KR)
	6:15pm Youth Bible Study (YR/Zoom)	10am CLASS: Emotional Wellness (ER)
	7pm Remembrance Svc (S)	12:45pm GriefShare (ER)
Thu Dec 9	9am Lions Club Mtg (SoGR)	6pm Choir Rehearsal (M)
		7pm AA (MC-E)
		Fri Dec 17
		All day Reserved (KR)
		11am MindMenders (ER)
		1pm Reserved (S)
		5:30pm AA (MC-E)
		6:45pm Youth Games (ONLINE)
		7pm GCAC CONCERT: The Diamonds (S)

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Sat Dec 18	All day	Reserved (KR)	7:30pm	Gift of Music (Sanctuary)
	10am	UMW Mtg (MC-B/Zoom)	8pm	Christmas Eve Svc (Chancel Choir)
	5pm	G.C. Grubfest & Farmers Mkt (N Parking Lot)	Sat Dec 25	All day
Sun Dec 19	8am	Traditional Worship (S)	5pm	G.C. Grubfest & Farmers Mkt (N Parking Lot)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)	Sun Dec 26	8am
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Youth Sunday School (YR)	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)	9:30am	Youth Sunday School (YR)
	11am	Praise Worship (KR)	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	3pm	Country Music Rehearsal (KR)	11am	Praise Worship (KR)
	4pm	Country Worship (KR)	3pm	Country Music Rehearsal (KR)
Mon Dec 20	4pm	OitS Rehearsal (KR)	4pm	Country Worship (KR)
Tue Dec 21	9am	CLASS: DISCIPLE 2 (Feather; ER/Zoom)	6:30pm	Youth Group Christmas Party (K)
	2pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 3 (ER)	Mon Dec 27	All Day
	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)	8am	OFFICE CLOSED (Observance of Christmas)
Wed Dec 22	9am	Advent Study (ER)	8am	Reserved (MR)
	10am	Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)	Tue Dec 28	9am
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/Zoom)	9am	CLASS: DISCIPLE 2 (Feather; ER/Zoom)
	11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)	9am	Stitches Unlimited (B-MC)
	1pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 4 (MC-E)	2pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 3 (ER)
	3:30pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 1 (ER)	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	5:30pm	UG Rehearsal (KR)	Wed Dec 29	10am
	6:15pm	Youth Bible Study (YR/Zoom)	10:30am	Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)
Thu Dec 23	10am	CLASS: Emotional Wellness (ER)	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/Zoom)
	12:45pm	GriefShare (ER)	11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (M)	1pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 4 (MC-E)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)	3:30pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
Fri Dec 24	All day	Christmas Eve	5:30pm	UG Rehearsal (KR)
	11am	MindMenders (ER)	6:15pm	Youth Bible Study (YR/Zoom)
	3pm	Christmas Eve Svc (Family)	Thu Dec 30	12:45pm
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)	6pm	GriefShare (ER)
	5:30pm	Gift of Music (Sanctuary)	7pm	Choir Rehearsal (M)
	6pm	Christmas Eve Svc (Chancel Choir)	7pm	AA (MC-E)
	6:45pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)	Fri Dec 31	All day
			11am	OFFICE CLOSED (New Year's)
			5:30pm	MindMenders (ER)
			6:45pm	AA (MC-E)
				Youth Games (ONLINE)

## WEEKLY FOOD FESTIVAL AT GCUMC!

Every Saturday from 5:00pm to 8:00pm GCUMC is the gathering site of community food trucks in our North Parking Lot!

This weekly "Food Festival" is hosted by Rattlerun Events, and is a great opportunity to invite a friend(s) for a bite and support local businesses. If you have any questions about the food trucks, please contact Pastor Katharine in the Church Office.

**HOSTED BY RATTLERUN**

**FOOD FESTIVAL**  
Every Saturday Night

**BRING A FRIEND(S)! 5PM - 8PM**

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**GOLD CANYON, AZ**

**If interested in becoming a food vendor please visit [www.rattlerunevents.com](http://www.rattlerunevents.com) and fill out a vendor interest form**



## 2021-2022 PERFORMANCES & EVENTS

10/22/21	Fri	7:00pm	<b>Calvin Jones in Concert...</b> <i>internationally acclaimed composer and pianist!</i>
11/07/21	Sun	2:00pm	<b>15th Annual Celebration of Veterans</b> ...join us to honor our veterans!
11/19/21	Fri	7:00pm	* <b>GCAC Concert: Delirium Musicum...</b> <i>an amazingly creative chamber orchestra</i>
11/21/21	Sun	2:00pm	<b>Jaime Jorge...</b> <i>virtuoso violinist with a worldwide Christian ministry</i>
12/11/21	Sat	3:00pm	<b>20th Annual GCUMC Christmas Concert</b> ...featuring all our music ministries
12/11/21	Sat	6:00pm	<b>20th Annual GCUMC Christmas Concert</b> ...featuring all our music ministries
12/17/21	Fri	7:00pm	* <b>GCAC Concert: The Diamonds...</b> <i>their heartwarming Silver Bells Holiday Show</i>
12/24/21	Fri	3:00pm	<b>Family Christmas Eve Worship</b> ...Join us for family worship!
12/24/21	Fri	6:00pm	<b>Christmas Eve Worship</b> ...Join us for worship w/ candlelight!
12/24/21	Fri	8:00pm	<b>Christmas Eve Worship</b> ...Join us for worship w/ candlelight!
01/14/22	Fri	7:00pm	* <b>GCAC Concert: Jeri Sager...</b> <i>a Broadway veteran with a show to remember!</i>
01/22/22	Sat	9:00am	<b>GCAC Arts Festival...</b> <i>a much-anticipated community celebration!</i>
01/23/22	Sun	2:00pm	<b>The Rice Brothers</b> ... <i>virtuoso pianists and cellists with a wide repertoire</i>
02/06/22	Sun	2:00pm	<b>Legacy Quartet</b> ... <i>Southern Gospel and much more!</i>
02/11/22	Fri	7:00pm	* <b>GCAC Concert: The Brothers Four...</b> <i>folk music group nominated for an Oscar!</i>
03/02/22	Wed	7:00pm	<b>Ash Wednesday Worship</b>
03/06/22	Sun	2:00pm	<b>The Sonoran Brass Quintet...</b> <i>local talent symphony musicians</i>
03/11/22	Fri	7:00pm	* <b>GCAC Concert: Fitzgerald Family...</b> <i>an exciting blend of fiddle, folk, and dance!</i>
03/20/22	Sun	2:00pm	<b>Dr. Jacob Hofeling at the Organ...</b> <i>to benefit the Pipe Organ Project Fund</i>
04/14/22	Thu	7:00pm	<b>Maudy Thursday Worship</b> ... <i>special service with communion and ashes</i>
04/15/22	Fri	4:00pm	<b>Good Friday Worship</b>
04/17/22	Sun	6:00am	<b>Easter Sunrise Worship</b> ... <i>in north Parking Lot facing the Superstitions</i>
04/17/22	Sun	8:00 & 9:30	<b>Easter Celebration Worship</b> ... <i>Christ is Arisen with Brass, Bells and Choir</i>
04/17/22	Sun	11:00am	<b>Easter Praise Worship</b> ... <i>Uncommon Grace leads our Praise of the Risen Lord</i>
04/17/22	Sun	4:00pm	<b>Easter Sunset Worship</b> ... <i>our Country/Western celebration of Christ Alive</i>

\* Indicates a ticketed event for a fee presented by the Gold Canyon Arts Council's Canyon Sounds Series. Inquires and/or ticket information can be received via phone (480)493-6731 or online at [www.GoldCanyonArts.org](http://www.GoldCanyonArts.org). All other concerts are presented by the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church's Performing Arts Series and are open to the public at no charge as an offering will be received. We ask that everyone please bring at least one non-perishable food item per person for the GCUMC Food Bank — and is always in need of cereal, tuna, Ramen, Saltines and macaroni-n-cheese. Thank you for your patronage!

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# CONCERT Series

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I can use these 10 phrases for myself, and possibly to help another, sometime during this Christmas season. Maybe they will even be gateway words to deeper conversations, who knows? However, if you are having trouble finding peace and joy with what may be happening in your life, much less spreading it to others, then consider reaching out to one of GCUMC's 4 Pastors 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 on Sunday morning, (or emailed to you prior to Sunday worship), in the church office or the Pastoral and Congregational Care page of this newsletter.

*‘Don't worry about anything;  
instead, pray about everything.  
Tell God what you need,  
and thank him for all he has done.*

~ Philippians 4:5 (NLT)



## NOVEMBER 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!*

Chung, Andie 12/01  
 Scott, Peggy 12/01  
 Kissner, Dale 12/02  
 Roberson, Terry 12/02  
 King, Kathleen 12/03  
 Raffurty, Larry 12/03  
 Walker, Jerry D 12/03  
 Blank, Lori 12/04  
 Bermele, Shari 12/05  
 Capen, Gary 12/05  
 Fyfe, Angie 12/05  
 Rhine-Walker, Jennifer 12/05  
 Walsh, Judy 12/05  
 Johnson, Carol 12/06  
 Palmer, Charlie 12/06  
 LeRoy, Randy 12/07  
 Wachtel, Susan 12/07  
 Waytenick, Karen 12/07  
 Boldt, Kathy 12/08  
 Hollingsworth, Carol 12/08  
 Kalik, Katelin 12/08  
 Sohocki, Dena 12/08  
 Molzen, Geneva 12/09  
 Robison, Marty 12/09  
 Bradley, Elva 12/10  
 Broz, Linda 12/10  
 Shroyer, Caleb 12/10  
 Brogren, Neil 12/11  
 Classe, Ian 12/11  
 Raffurty, Anita 12/11  
 Warren, Mary Ann 12/11  
 Biggs, Jerry 12/12  
 Graves, Samuel (Bob) 12/12  
 Lemmon, Meg 12/13  
 Ritenour, Marcia 12/13  
 Tabor, Lynn 12/13  
 Anderson, Don 12/14  
 Green, William (Bill) 12/14  
 Houser, Ron 12/14

Keller, Katharine 12/14  
 Rhoton, Hannah 12/14  
 Sisson, Anthony (Tony) 12/14  
 Tabor, Ilene 12/14  
 Tucker, Paula 12/14  
 Acevedo, Carol 12/15  
 Newton, Doris 12/15  
 Twa, Mary Gay 12/15  
 Jameson, Suzanne 12/16  
 Pepin, Jeff 12/16  
 Smith, Jeanine (Jeanie) 12/16  
 Toole, John 12/16  
 Velock, Cheyenne 12/16  
 Hill, Nancy 12/17  
 Kinder, Peggy 12/17  
 Morton, Joe 12/17  
 Hicklin, Kathy 12/18  
 Serrine, Kathy 12/18  
 Walker, Rob 12/18  
 Crowther, Alisha 12/19  
 Robertson, Judy 12/19  
 Bolster, Pat 12/20  
 Farnham, Pat 12/20  
 Flowers, Helen 12/20  
 McAuliffe, William 12/20  
 Kirkpatrick, Georgia 12/22  
 Jacobsen, Ken 12/23  
 McAuliffe, Claudia 12/23  
 Rhoton, Heather 12/24  
 Warth, Holly 12/24  
 Brooks, Deborah 12/25  
 Halsted, Butch 12/25  
 King, Bill 12/25  
 LeQuire, Steve 12/25  
 Miller, Chris 12/25  
 Starks, Craig 12/25  
 Anderson, Becky 12/26  
 Gharavi, Danna 12/26  
 Gilbreath, Dawn 12/26  
 Brown, Barbara 12/27  
 Cartney, Kay 12/27

Lambert, Lester (Les) 12/27  
 Malloy, Michael 12/27  
 Schenck, Joyce 12/27  
 Tonole, Don 12/27  
 Schuler, Connie 12/29  
 Cabrinha, Peggy 12/30  
 Clise, Linda 12/30  
 Waechter, Bill 12/30  
 Adams, Dalton 12/31  
 Hall, Joie 12/31  
 Manbeck, Jerri 12/31  
 Wenger, Diane 12/01  
 Wilcox, Carolyn (Carol) 12/01

### *Happy Anniversary!*

Palmer, Charlie & Lori, 12/01  
 Koch, & Bobbie 12/03  
 Hammond, Lynda & Nunn, Kevin 12/10  
 Thomas, Mary & Bill 12/11  
 Worley, David & Debra 12/11  
 Linton, Diana & John 12/14  
 Kalik, Adam & Katelin 12/15  
 Nefzer, Kathy & Rick 12/15  
 Ingram, Bob & Pam 12/16  
 Gibson, Dianna & James 12/19  
 House, Dottie & Richard 12/19  
 Davenport, Brian & Mary Ann 12/20  
 Fast, Jim & Shirley 12/20  
 Nuss, John & Kathy 12/20  
 Twa, Mary Gay & Jack 12/21  
 Carlozzi, Mid & Noreen 12/22  
 Schuler, Connie & Phalen 12/23  
 Gerst, Leo & Lois 12/24  
 Hosler, MaryLou & Gary 12/26  
 Johnson, Leila & Richard 12/27  
 Brown, Barbara & Vernon 12/28  
 Lemmon, Harley & Meg 12/28  
 Greenlee, Kay & Bill 12/29  
 Lindaman, Carol & Don 12/29  
 Gingrich, Gary & Joyce 12/30  
 Gunn, Jim & Sue 12/30  
 Brooks, Deborah & Mark 12/31  
 Fridlund, Ed & Jo 12/31



# CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

OCTOBER	2018			2019			2020			2021		
	General	Building	Worship All									
	68530	21935	4724	71831	25768	5088	62260	21200	7238	93266	23075	7087



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:

- Building Fund Debt Payoff (\$544,557.54)
- Loop Hearing System: (\$48,000; \$1,555 raised so far)
- Fellowship Hall (\$2.4M; \$977,535 raised so far)
- Organ Pipes: (\$137,799 raised so far)
- Stained Glass for upper Sanctuary windows (\$1,311,503 raised; \$2,725 per 2'5" x 2'8.5" panel + scaffolding)



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](http://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.

Watch live and archived worship services and events at:



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



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"](mailto:ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org)

with "AccessACS" in the subject line and we'll email you login instructions. You can also view our Church Directory on your phone using the ChurchLife app!

## ROADRUNNER & BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please send content for the **JANUARY Roadrunner** via email to [ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org](mailto:ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org)

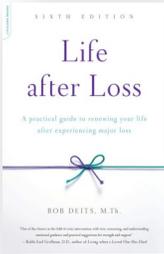
**by 8:00am, Wednesday, 12/08/2021**

**Weekly Bulletin & Flower Orders**  
12:00pm on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday Service



# BITS-N-BYTES

## THE BOOK SHELF

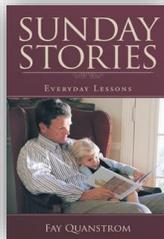


*Life After Loss: A Practical Guide to Renewing Your Life After Experiencing Major Loss* is the go-to resource for anyone suffering a major loss by helping to find positive ways to put together a life that is necessarily different—but equally meaningful. Available on Amazon and Church Office.

[www.YourLifeAfterLoss.com](http://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](http://www.FayQuanstrom.com).

## COMPUTER ASSISTANCE



A church member, Craig Starks, has volunteered to help GCUMC members to set-up their computers to receive email, surf the web, and help with the basics of Microsoft Office, and is knowledgeable on a variety of useful programs. Please **text** Craig at (602) 723-0744, or email him at [CST51@airmail.net](mailto:CST51@airmail.net) if you would like his help.

## RIDES TO WORSHIP



If you need a ride to church to attend our 9:30am worship service, please contact Tim Hammers at (330)534-3779 so he can get you on the schedule.



## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

It is time to order your Christmas Poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one. We are pleased to offer a 3-plant floral quality poinsettia for only \$16.00 each. Please complete the Order Form below and include payment for each poinsettia ordered and:

- Make checks payable to "GCUMC", noting "Poinsettia" in the memo section.
- **Please bring completed form with payment to the Welcome Center on Sunday or to the Church Office during the week.**

Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuaries for enjoyment during the holiday season. You may take yours home after the Christmas Eve services. A listing of those giving poinsettias will be available during Christmas Eve services.

**POINSETTIAS ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3rd**

## POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

I am ordering a poinsettia in Memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I am ordering a poinsettia in Honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Payment of \$16.00 for each is enclosed

TOTAL PLANTS: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$: \_\_\_\_\_

Please call the Church Office at (480)982-3776 with any questions.

**Orders must be received by Friday, December 3rd**



# GOLD CANYON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

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

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

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Children's Sunday School classes are held in the Education Building. Please bring your child(ren) to church with you, where they will be escorted to Sunday School, and you can pick them up after the church service.*

- ✝ 9:30am Children (*Education Building*)
- ✝ 9:30am Youth Sunday School (*Ed Bldg*)
- ✝ 11:00am Children (*Education Building*)

Addressee or Current Resident

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