



FROM THE PASTOR: "HOPE FOR 2022"



Is anybody ready to leave 2021 behind? I imagine that most of us are ready. We certainly hope that during 2022 life will be better. We pray that our world will fully recover from Covid-19 and return to normal. We are tired of the virus' restrictions on our lives.

I am a person of hope. Of course, it helps to be a person of hope. To believe that the future will be better than today. I think that 2022 will be better than 2021. We frequently see this hope

reflected in the Scriptures.

Bob Seiple points out that in the darkest days of the Babylonian siege of Jerusalem, God asked Jeremiah to go out and buy a piece of real estate — complete with witnesses, a deed, and money (Jeremiah 32:6 – 15). This act seemed to make no sense since Judah was about to be conquered, and its people were taken into exile. But in seventy years, as God reminded Jeremiah, the people would be set free and return to the land to rebuild homes and replant vineyards. Jeremiah's land purchase was to provide a beacon of hope during the long years of captivity.

How might we be people of hope during 2022? How might we share our hope with others around us about a better life? How might we drive a stake in the ground like Jeremiah and declare our hope to people around us?

I frequently find myself sharing my sense of hope with people who are depressed about their lives and who don't think that things will get better. When we act with Christian love, mercy, and grace, the world does get better. As representatives of Christ, we give others hope.

As a Christian church, we plan on bringing hope in 2022. I pray you will join me. I hope to 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."

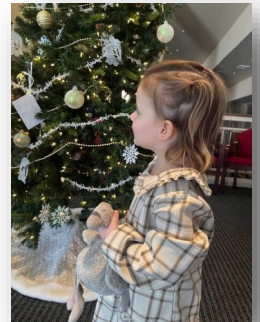
PARTNERING W/ PERALTA & FOUR PEAKS

For the month of January we are doing a bottled water drive for the elementary schools with whom we partner. Please bring in either 8-ounce or 16-ounce bottles on any Sunday in January or to the Church Office during the week. Thank you for donating! We want to help keep the students hydrated. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Katharine.



New babies! LaVoyce Nolan with new great-grandbabies, Ryder and Kayden Beauperlant. Congratulations, great-grandma!

*Special Christmas
Moments*



20th Annual Gold Canyon United Methodist Church

Christmas Concert





CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

Linda Clise, Children & Youth Ministries Director

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

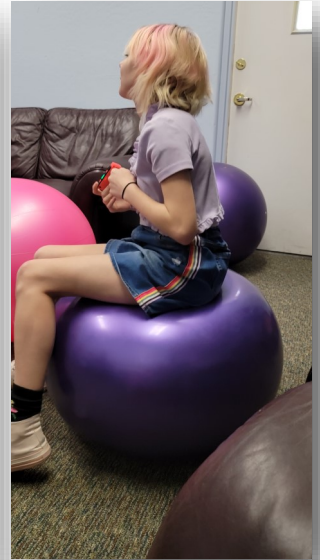


Blessings to you and yours this New Year! What a year 2021 was! The children have enjoyed being back in person and having Sunday school with their friends. They played on the playground, learned all about Jesus and how we are to love like Him, did many crafts, and ate lots of snacks, too! The Christmas party was with the youth, and the children absolutely adore having them in their classroom and playing games and celebrating with them. We are all excited to see what 2022 will bring!

YOUTH GROUP



Happy New Year! I always think of 2 Corinthians 17 each New Year. *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!"* We all talk about our New Year's Resolutions and reflect back on the past year and what he hope to change about the coming year. I am very thankful that we are meeting in person and that we are growing as a youth group. There were times when just a few youths were able to attend group and now we have an average of 14 youth! Exciting times are ahead for the youth of GCUMC! During December, the youth chose Genesis as their Christmas charity. We prepared 100 bags for their clients which included: beef jerky, granola bars, fruit bars, socks, wipes, fingernail clippers, deodorant, candy and a handwritten Christmas card. There were given out during the Christmas Extravaganza held at Genesis. We also donated 100 jars of jelly as that was the number one wish item on their list. The youth had lots of fun as well! With the growing numbers they are able to play some of their favorite games such as 9 square, murder in the dark, sardines and alien. I was also able to attend Dalton and Jacob Adams' wrestling meets on Wednesdays.





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

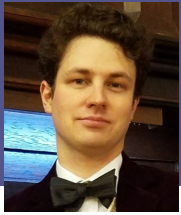
Fridays at 6:30pm (online)

Youth Group

Sundays at 6:30pm (Education Building)

For more information, contact Linda at
LClise@GoldCanyonUMC.org





MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



Happy New Year! As of writing this, it hasn't quite arrived yet but I'm very much looking forward to 2022 and all that it has in store, both musically and otherwise. First of all, I'd like to thank you all for your generous support of and attendance at the 20th Annual GCUMC Christmas Concert. We very much enjoyed performing for you and for the glory of God and hope to continue to do so in the future.

If you enjoyed the performances of both our music ministry and the Gold Canyon Arts Council in December, there will be more to come this month! On **Friday, January 14, at 7:00 p.m.**, the Gold Canyon Arts Council will be presenting singer and actress **Jeri Sager** and her show *This Broad's Way*. Jeri is a veteran of Broadway and best known for her portrayal of "Grizabella" in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "CATS". Jeri has also enjoyed critical acclaim for her portrayal of "Fantine" in *Les Miserables* and "Eva Peron" in *Evita*. In addition to her Broadway roles, Jeri has had the pleasure of working in other theatrical productions such as *City of Angels*, *Brigadoon*, *West Side Story*, *Pippin*, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and *Pump Boys and Dinettes*. She has had the honor of performing for President Jimmy Carter, President George W. Bush and Pope John Paul II. Through her work with the USO, Jeri has performed for both American and British troops. Jeri will provide a show to remember so be sure to get your tickets soon if you haven't already. Tickets are available at goldcanyonarts.org/tickets, the Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce, and Robin Rotella Realtors.

Secondly, the **Gold Canyon Arts Festival** will be held in our church parking lot on **Saturday, January 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** The Festival is a free-admission, much-anticipated community celebration produced each year by the Gold Canyon Arts Council. It is a one-day event featuring a juried art show, musical groups performing throughout the day and a variety of food vendors. It's bound to be a lot of fun!

The day following the festival, a perennial favorite will be returning to perform at GCUMC on **Sunday, January 23, at 2:00 p.m.** The Gold Canyon UMC Performing Arts Series will be presenting **The Rice Brothers** in concert. World-renowned performers, Chris and Johnny are both virtuosi cellists and pianists,

performing in Europe and across North America. Always featuring exquisite technique along-side warm musicality, a varied repertoire, and a familiar stage presence, there is certain to be something for everyone, so bring your friends and family to a great concert. They told me in December that there will even be some new surprises in store for you! Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. and the event will be live-streamed for those of you unable to make it that afternoon. As always, all GCUMC Performing Arts Series concerts are free admission and handicap accessible. We will be receiving a free-will offering to support both the series and the artists; your generosity is always appreciated. And don't forget, if you're able; bring a non-perishable food item for the GCUMC Food Bank.

In other news, over the past few years, I've had a number of people ask about "the organ pipes" or "the organ project" or "whatever is going to happen with that?" Well, I have an update for you on that front. An Organ Project Exploratory Committee started meeting in late November 2021 (delayed to 2021 because of COVID and all the hubbub of 2020) and has begun discussing our options in earnest. In the first meeting, we discussed the committee's role in learning about the different types of organs, their manufacture, components, sound production, aesthetics and more. We also discussed the symbolic role of the organ as a unifier of music, an icon of community, and an anticipation of the heavenly chorus and orchestra. Psalm 150 says "Praise Him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and organ" and also "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." This alone can demonstrate the importance of the instrument in Christian worship.

In the November meeting, the committee ironed out an organ's mission as well as defined and ranked the most important roles for an organ to fulfill for our congregation. After a vote, they decided that (in order of importance) the main roles that an instrument should fulfill are:

1. Leading congregational singing
2. Performing solo organ literature for prelude and postlude, concerts, and other special events
3. Accompanying the church's choirs, vocal soloists, and instrumentalists

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GLOBAL MISSIONS

Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor



WORKING UNDER COVER FOR GOD

"Under cover" is the mode that works when churches are not allowed to meet. This is the method to which missionaries turn when a culture is anti-Christian and anti-American but they remain impressed to follow God's direction by living and working in these circumstances. Because of acute medical needs in a particular restrictive country, a physician and nurse couple are able to serve disabled children, orphans and emergencies. They are able to partner with local medical practitioners, educating the public in nutrition, weight management, and family medicine. In these relationships, even with all the restrictions, the missionaries are able to express God's love and grace.

Covid protocols have further influenced mission outreach activities. This fall on a rainy Saturday morning, the team prayer walked the streets near their home. As they walked around a college campus they prayed for the mental and spiritual health of students as they all deal with the consequences of prolonged restrictions. The social work team interacts with parents and special needs individuals around art activities, building connections with often-marginalized people. God is at work through their creative outreach. They so much appreciate the prayers and support of God's people.

Would you pray for this courageous couple whose names we aren't free to share? Stay tuned for more news of covert work for Christ.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Please be sure introduce yourselves!



Paul & Lynn Lindholm



Carol & Ken Hill



Carol & Rick



Catherine & Daniel



Kathi & Don Anderson



Jeff & Connie Enevold



ON THE COUNTRY SIDE

Dr. David Worley

With the onset of a New Year we typically see our attendance swell in all services, including our 4pm Country Worship Service. We welcome all of those who return to the Valley and extend a hand of fellowship. A visitor said to me recently, "We just love the friendliness of this church. We have visited congregations where not one person spoke to us." May that never be said of our congregation or our country crowd! Let's make some resolutions, shall we? First, we will make it our purpose to honor our Savior when we gather as we sing, pray and hear God's Word. Second, we will pray regularly for the service and all of our musicians and our preacher. Third, we will warmly welcome any and all who come to worship with us. There are certainly others, but these three are a great beginning. We hope that you will join us and then join in the worship each Lord's Day.

... AND ON A PASTORAL NOTE

Do you remember Frank Sinatra? Even though he is not in the roster of musicians younger people listen to, many of us remember him. I can rehearse many of his tunes in my mind as I think back over the years. One of them is titled The Best is Yet to Be/Come and begins with the lyric "out of the tree of life I just picked a plumb." Remember it? The song focuses on the enjoyment that comes from the blossoming of a romantic relationship, which culminates "in the day I make you mine."

As we begin a New Year, it may be difficult to believe that the best is yet to come given the state of our world. But we come to January 1st with hope in our hearts because our Lord has promised that He will bless us and work all things together for good in this life (Romans 8:28). And this says nothing about the promise of the life to come! We have good reason to cling to hope and to say on the authority of Scripture that the best is yet to be! Well may we pray, "Even come Lord Jesus!" Believe, my friends, the best IS yet to be.

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)

OCT. 18-27, 2022



Pastor Fred scheduled a Holy Land trip for October 18-31, 2022. Brochures and information about this are now available. Pastor Fred would be glad to answer questions or email a brochure if you contact him at revstein78@gmail.com or leave a message with the Church Office.



PASTORAL & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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

PASTORAL CARE

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



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



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

Doris Adamson
Wanda Christiansen's son
Shirley Edwards' sister
Randy Fetcenko
Joe Halinron
Vernon Jensen
George Jones

In Remembrance





CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY



Probably Galatians 5:22-23 appears as a roadmap of sorts to the Christian life. Well, at least it has always seemed like a good beginning for me - 22 By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,

peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. [NLT] Different readings, studies or versions of the Bible, explain this for us. In my understanding, Paul is laying out for us that there are two forces fighting within us. They are the Holy Spirit, and our human, sinful nature. This particular scripture tells us that the "fruit of the Spirit" are the character traits found in Christ, the traits that combat our sinful side.

Whether you know Christ well, or you are beginning to explore the Christian life, you may be saying to yourself "well that looks like a no brainer!" It certainly does, but sometimes it isn't nearly as easy to follow that roadmap as it seems when we read it.

In December we talked a little about joy and peace. Moving into this new year seems like a good time to look a little more deeply into kindness and generosity.

The dictionary definitions of those two words are very similar. Kindness – the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. Generosity - the quality of being kind and generous. Interesting that they each have the other's name in their definitions. Is it any surprise that two such similar words are used in the very same scripture? Sometimes it takes hitting us between the horns to make us take notice. God knew this, as did the authors of scripture.

Recently I read a quote that was attributed to Author Mark Twain...it reads "kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." I've since seen information that it wasn't really Twain who said this, but something similar was originally quoted by Christian Nestell Bovee, another American author (1820-1904). But truly, does it really matter?!

Whoever authored this sentence seemed to capture the essence of both the words kindness, and generosity. It seems to say that kindness transcends

all the bodily senses. It reaches us where we are...with just a smile, tone of voice, squeeze of the forearm, hug, giving of our time, simple act, or sometimes even inaction...we can "feel" the kindness and generosity of others. These things can be planned or spontaneous. They can be offered to people you know, those you don't know, those you love, those you like, and those you don't like.

One such story I read not long ago, whether true or not, was inspiring. Consolidated here, the story goes something like this: A cab driver arrived at an older home to pick up a fare. After ringing the bell, an elderly woman slowly came to the door with suitcases in tow. She looked behind her at the home one more time with a wistful, sad look and closed and locked the door. During the initial, idle chit chat on the ride, the cab driver learned that he was taking the woman to hospice. He silently turned off the cab's fare meter and spent the next unaccounted-for amount of time driving the woman around town, where she showed him all the important places, landmarks and history in her life. He took her down memory lane and it meant the world to her.

Moving into this new year, on any given day our actions may not be as involved as the cab drivers, and I'm not sure what mine will look like. But what I do know is that every day many opportunities will arise for my own generosity and kindness to be expressed. My prayer is that I can seize as many of those moments as possible.

If extending your own generosity and kindness to others is a stressful thought for you right now, or if you need to discuss the need for some of each in your own life, then consider reaching out to one of GCUMC's 4 Pastors to 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.

She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.—Proverbs 31:26 (NRSV)



MINISTRY & MISSIONS

SCRIP BUS & VAN FUND



Your continued participation in the SCRIP programs at Bashas, Amazon Smile and Frys that support GCUMC's bus and van programs is

so appreciated! We raised \$4906.98 in 2021 between the three programs, and it's so easy to do... just call the Church Office if you need help!



How many of us shop on Amazon?!? Be sure to link your 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.



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'.



Link your Fry's VIP Card online to Fry's Community Rewards program and choose GCUMC (Account #TS438), and Fry's will contribute 3% of your purchases to our church!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



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

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

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

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

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

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

This platform suggests ways to cut down on personal energy use, lessen water consumption, reduce plastic waste, encourage recycling and learn more about deforestation throughout the world. In cooperation with other groups within GCUMC, the plan will also empower others to lead in improving the health of the environment.

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

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



(Photo: Barbara Bancroft, LaVia Merrick, and Dian Capen in Skit at UMW Christmas Tea)

Our Second Annual UMW Christmas Tea was amazing! We had 82 women in attendance along with our 8 wonderful "Tea Stewards". Delicious food, delightful music, great entertainment, and, best of all, warm fellowship.

Thank you to all who contributed of your time and talents... be sure to check out the photos on this page!

Upcoming Gold Canyon UMW events:

- **January 5, 2022:** The UMW Reading Program meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 10:00 am in the 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 information, contact Peggy Kinder at p.kinder@mchsi.com or 480-474-0964.
- **January 15, 2022. from 9:00am—2:00pm:** East District UMW Leadership Enrichment Event. Theme: "Healing Together Joyfully". Keynote Speaker: Rev. Rachel Gilmore, Pastor at Central UMC. This event is designed for all UMW members, though there will be break-out sessions for those in offices. Registration is \$15 and includes lunch. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about leadership and meet UMW's from other churches in the East



District!

- **January 29, 2022:** Monthly UMW Meeting (Fellowship 10-10:30 am, Meeting 10:30-11:30am) in the Barnabas Room, Missions Center. Installation of Officers will occur.

Our Circles continue to meet:

- **Culinary Circle:** Meets monthly. Check the church bulletin for specific date and time or contact Carol Johnson at caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com or 602-750-2008.
- **Matthew 25 Prison Ministry Circle** meets monthly. Contact Cherie Creel for information: cheryljunec@icloud.com or (480)232-1584.
- **Esther Circle (Bible Study):** To meet again beginning in 2022. If interested in joining Circle, contact Carol Johnson at caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com or (602)750-2008.
- **Creation Care Circle:** To meet again beginning in 2022. For more information, contact Rita Vadasz-Miller at RitaRKV2@aol.com or (810)629-1240.

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

Volunteers needed!

If you can help in any of the below positions, please contact Jennifer (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 **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.
- **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. 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!





JANUARY CALENDAR

(Calendar is subject to change;

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

MAIN CAMPUS

EB = Education Bldg
ER = Emmaus Rm
K = Kitchen
KR = Koinonia Rm
MR = Music Rm
NAR = Noah's Ark Rm
P = Patio
S = Sanctuary
SoGR = Sea of Galilee Rm
WR = Wesley Rm
YR = Youth Rm

MISSIONS CENTER

MC-B = Barnabas
MC-E = Esther
MC-M = Martha
MC-S = Stephen

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Sat Jan 1	All day	New Year's Day
	5pm	G.C. Grubfest & Farmers Mkt (MC Parking Lot)
Sun Jan 2	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	9:30am	Youth Participate in Worship (S)
	9:30am	Youth Sunday School (YR)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	11am	Praise Worship (S)
	3pm	Country Music Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Country Worship (S)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (K)
Mon Jan 3	10am	UMW Mtg (ONLINE)
Tue Jan 4	9am	CLASS: DISCIPLE 2 (Feather; ER/Zoom)
	2pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 3 (ER)
	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
Wed Jan 5	10am	Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical League (E-MC)
	10am	UMW Book Club (BC-Patio)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/Zoom)
	11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	1pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 4 (MC-E)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (ER)
	3:30pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	5:30pm	UG Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Jan 6	All day	Epiphany
	9am	Matthew 25 Ministry (ONLINE)
	12:45pm	GriefShare (ER)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (M)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)
Fri Jan 7	11am	MindMenders (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)

	6:45pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)
Sat Jan 8	9am	PEO Mtg (B-MC)
	11am	MEMORIAL: Michael Hamerski (S)
	12pm	Memorial Reception: Michael Hamerski (KR)
	5pm	G.C. Grubfest & Farmers Mkt (MC Parking Lot)
Sun Jan 9	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	9:30am	Youth Sunday School (YR)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	11am	Praise Worship (S)
	3pm	Country Music Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Country Worship (S)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (K)
Mon Jan 10		
Tue Jan 11	9am	CLASS: DISCIPLE 2 (Feather; ER/Zoom)
	9am	Stitches Unlimited (B&Patio-MC)
	2pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 3 (ER)
	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
Wed Jan 12	10am	Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical League (E-MC)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/Zoom)
	11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	1pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 4 (MC-E)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (ER)
	1:30pm	"Read It & Reap: Book Club (K)
	3:30pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	5:30pm	UG Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Jan 13	9am	Lions Club Mtg (MC-M)
	12:45pm	GriefShare (ER)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (M)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)
Fri Jan 14	11am	MindMenders (ER)
	2pm	Reserved (S)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	6:45pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)
	7pm	GCAC CONCERT: Jeri Sager (S)
Sat Jan 15	10am	Reserved (N Parking Lot: GC Strong Walk for Wellness & Win)
	10am	UMW Mtg (MC-B/Zoom)

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	5pm	G.C. Grubfest & Farmers Mkt (MC Parking Lot)	2pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 3 (ER)	
Sun Jan 16	8am	Traditional Worship (S)	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)	
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)	Wed Jan 26	10am	Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical League (E-MC)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)		10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/Zoom)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)		11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	9:30am	Youth Sunday School (YR)		1pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 4 (MC-E)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)		1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (ER)
	11am	Praise Worship (S)		3:30pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	3pm	Country Music Rehearsal (KR)		5:30pm	UG Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Country Worship (S)	Thu Jan 27	9am	Days for Girls (B-MC)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (K)		12:45pm	GriefShare (ER)
Mon Jan 17	All day	OFFICE CLOSED (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)		6pm	Choir Rehearsal (M)
Tue Jan 18	9am	CLASS: DISCIPLE 2 (Feather; ER/Zoom)		7pm	AA (MC-E)
	2pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 3 (ER)	Fri Jan 28	11am	MindMenders (ER)
	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)		5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Wed Jan 19	10am	Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical League (E-MC)		6:45pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/Zoom)	Sat Jan 29	5pm	G.C. Grubfest & Farmers Mkt (MC Parking Lot)
	11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)	Sun Jan 30	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	1pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 4 (MC-E)		9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (ER)		9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	3:30pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 1 (ER)		9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	5:30pm	UG Rehearsal (KR)		9:30am	Youth Sunday School (YR)
Thu Jan 20	12:45pm	GriefShare (ER)		11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (M)		11am	Praise Worship (S)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)		3pm	Country Music Rehearsal (KR)
Fri Jan 21	11am	MindMenders (ER)		4pm	Country Worship (S)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)		6:30pm	Youth Group (K)
	6:45pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)	Mon Jan 31	-	-
Sat Jan 22	9am	Gold Canyon Arts Festival (Grounds, Kitchen)			
	9am	PEO Mtg (B-MC)			
	5pm	G.C. Grubfest & Farmers Mkt (MC Parking Lot)			
Sun Jan 23	8am	Traditional Worship (S)			
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)			
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)			
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)			
	9:30am	Youth Sunday School (YR)			
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)			
	11am	Praise Worship (S)			
	2pm	Concert: Rice Brothers (Sanctuary)			
	3pm	Country Music Rehearsal (KR)			
	4pm	Country Worship (S)			
	6:30pm	Youth Group (K)			
Mon Jan 24	4pm	OitS Rehearsal (KR)			
	6:30pm	Admin Council Mtg (ONLINE)			
Tue Jan 25	9am	CLASS: DISCIPLE 2 (Feather; ER/Zoom)			
	9am	Stitches Unlimited (B-MC)			

May you shine with the light of Christ this New Year!





2021-2022 PERFORMANCES & EVENTS

- 01/14/22 Fri 7:00pm * **GCAC Concert: Jeri Sager**...a Broadway veteran with a show to remember!
- 01/22/22 Sat 9:00am **GCAC Arts Festival**...a much-anticipated community celebration!
- 01/23/22 Sun 2:00pm **The Rice Brothers** ...virtuoso pianists and cellists with a wide repertoire
- 02/06/22 Sun 2:00pm **Legacy Quartet** ...Southern Gospel and much more!
- 02/11/22 Fri 7:00pm * **GCAC Concert: The Brothers Four**...folk music group nominated for an Oscar!
- 03/02/22 Wed 7:00pm **Ash Wednesday Worship**
- 03/06/22 Sun 2:00pm **The Sonoran Brass Quintet**... local talent symphony musicians
- 03/11/22 Fri 7:00pm * **GCAC Concert: Fitzgerald Family**...an exciting blend of fiddle, folk, and dance!
- 03/20/22 Sun 2:00pm **Dr. Jacob Hofeling at the Organ**...to benefit the Pipe Organ Project Fund
- 04/14/22 Thu 7:00pm **Maundy Thursday Worship** ...special service with communion and ashes
- 04/15/22 Fri 4:00pm **Good Friday Worship**
- 04/17/22 Sun 6:00am **Easter Sunrise Worship** ...in north Parking Lot facing the Superstitions
- 04/17/22 Sun 8:00 & 9:30 **Easter Celebration Worship** ...Christ is Arisen with Brass, Bells and Choir
- 04/17/22 Sun 11:00am **Easter Praise Worship** ...Uncommon Grace leads our Praise of the Risen Lord
- 04/17/22 Sun 4:00pm **Easter Sunset Worship** ...our Country/Western celebration of Christ Alive

* 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.

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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Following this determination, the committee discussed the importance of the organ to each of them personally before moving on to some bigger questions. The committee decided that moving forward, they would need to think deeply about and be able to articulate the "What, When, Where, and Why?" of any future organ project and what we as a church want to accomplish. This will be an ongoing goal to address in all future meetings so that these questions are considered when the committee makes its final recommendation to the church's administrative council.

In the December meeting, the committee began discussing the technical nitty-gritty of organ components and manufacture such as pipe organ winding (wind chests, blowers, pallet boxes, etc.), key and stop actions (mechanical, electric), pipes, electronic sampling and speaker arrangement (for digital imitations), as well as lead times for construction. A discussion and demonstration of our sanctuary's acoustic also took place – in organ building, often times it is said that the most important stop on an organ is the building's acoustic. In keeping with November's goal of thinking about and articulating "what, when, where, and why?" the committee discussed the best potential locations for an organ in our sanctuary as well as the location of our current digital imitation instrument. In addition, the committee began the long discussion on "why" should we consider an organ project, looking into the potential longevity issues in our current instrument, as well as providing a lasting impact on the GCUMC congregation and music ministry for generations to come. Our next meetings will continue to delve into these issues as well as discuss styles of organ, the history of the instrument, and a further examination of our current situation. If you're interested in more information, feel free to contact me and I can provide you with plenty, including books, meeting minutes, videos, etc. I'm always happy to talk about the organ.

Stay tuned for next month as we'll be welcoming back the **Legacy Quartet** and the arts council will have some artists as well! As always, if you have questions, concerns, comments, feel free to contact me by phone, or email.



JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

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

Happy Birthday!

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

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

Miller, Chris & Mike 01/09
Pappalardo, Michelle & Bob 01/09
Steinberg, Beth & Fred 01/09
Gaulke, Donald & Norma 01/10
Elieff, Helen & Jim 01/11
Fratt, Genie & Bob 01/12
Keller, Julius & Katharine 01/15
Rodgers, Barb & Will 01/17
Ballard, Carol & David 01/18
Johnson, Woody & Carol 01/19
Burhans, (Judy) & Lyle 01/22
Elco, Jackie & Jim 01/25
Rolf, Jayne & Vern 01/25
Paone, Albert & Ellen 01/29
Cook, Trish & Ted 01/30

Happy Anniversary!

Campbell, Frank & Sandy 01/01
Ramacher, Don & Marcielle 01/03
Dauenhauer, Connie & Dick 01/08
Voorhees, Deb & Steve 01/08





CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

NOVEMBER	2018			2019			2020			2021		
	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All
	99401	74966	4924	96393	64948	6669	112670	88954	8816	112621	31620	5982

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:

- **Building Fund Debt Payoff** (\$525,062.67)
- **Loop Hearing System:** (\$48,000; \$1,555 raised)
- **Fellowship Hall** (\$2.4M; \$1,032,000 raised so far)
- **Organ Pipes:** (\$138,259 raised so far)
- **Stain Glass for Upper Sanctuary windows** near the ceiling: (Fully funded; being built)



Electronic giving is a great option to use in making contributions, including recurring contributions and additional/special gifts.

- ✚ **AccessACS:** Very easy to set-up/modify 1-time/recurring donations; Call Church Office for info.
- ✚ **eGiving:** www.GoldCanyonUMC.org and click "Make Donation" button. This link now takes you to AccessACS electronic giving.
- ✚ **TEXT** your gift by sending "goldcanyonumc" to 73256 and follow screen instructions.



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- ... is a practical means of reducing the size of one's estate
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- ... eliminates the hassle of having one's home on the market
- ... reduces one's taxes
- ... helps reduce the church's debt
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Watch live and archived worship services and events at:

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



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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 our Church Directory on your phone using the ChurchLife app!

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Please send content for the
FEBRUARY Roadrunner
via email to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org

by 8:00am, Monday, 1/10/2022


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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)

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