



## FROM THE PASTOR: "GIFTS FROM THE HEART"



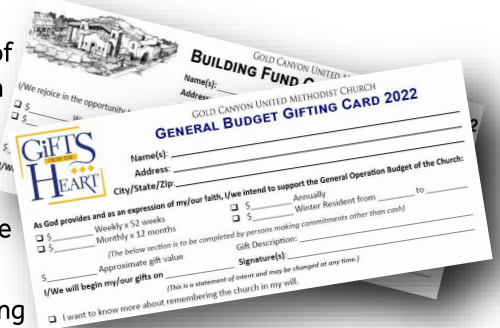
Believe it or not, there is more to Gold Canyon United Methodist Church than just what you see on Sundays! We teach people about the Bible through DISCIPLE classes, help support people through GriefShare, AA, MindMenders, and the Cancer support group. We feed people through our Food Bank and Genesis Project. We counsel those in need and give financial assistance through the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. These are a few of the ministries we believe help spread the love of Christ to others.

All these things are planned and prepared by leadership and staff who are deeply committed to our becoming who it is God is calling us to be. The ministry and mission of our church take place because of the spiritual and financial gifts our members and friends choose to share. These are the resources that fuel our mission; and yes, it does take money to provide these spiritual things!

Your decision to give is the response to an invitation—a choice—but as a follower of Jesus, it isn't an option! Based on what we have received, we are encouraged to give. We contribute out of thanksgiving for what God has done and as a sign of our faithfulness and commitment. We want to be a part of the good things that God is continuing to do in our world. We have the gift of Jesus, and we are invited to respond to what God has given us with our own generosity.

When you give, you decide to give something away that you might use for something else. Your choice, response, and gift matter: it matters to you as the giver and the church that utilizes it as a resource for mission.

As a congregation, we are entering a time of discerning what we will contribute monetarily in the coming year. The practice of exercising financial stewardship is a spiritual discipline and a way to grow our faith. There is joy in practicing generosity, and it begins with a simple step of a commitment to contribute.



I hope to see you in worship or online during the first two weeks of February when we focus on "Gifts from the Heart." I pray you will plan to be present for Commitment Sunday on February 13th. Your response to this invitation and the gifts we all bring will make good things happen. Thank you for being a part of it. Challenge yourself to give in a regular and disciplined way. I promise you won't regret it. Thank you for walking alongside me as a part of Gold Canyon United Methodist Church.

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."*

### LENTEN STUDY



Based loosely on the images of the popular Resurrection Eggs, Pastor Katharine will be leading an interactive 7-week Lenten study on Wednesdays from 10 - 11, beginning Ash Wednesday - March 2 in the K-Room (Education Building). Each week we will center around an image/s, read and discuss pertinent verses leading up to Easter, and challenge ourselves to do acts of piety and charity in that 7-week period. Be a part of the most amazing story in history! Please sign up at the Welcome Center or call in to the Church Office. Questions may be directed to Pastor Katharine.

### BAPTISM OF TIM KEENAN

We rejoice in the baptism of Tim Keenan, grandson of Tim and Trudy Carpenter on December 19, 2021.



### CONFIRMATION

Our confirmands this year are: Tristan Williams, Andy Herron, Jack Cleary, and Michael and Hunter Adams. Please pray for these students as we learn together. The anticipated Confirmation Sunday is scheduled for May 15.



**Confirmation**

### THE BIBLE IS CLEAR...

Moabites are bad. They were not to dwell among God's people (Dt. 23). BUT THEN comes the story of "Ruth the Moabite," which challenges the prejudice against Moabites.

THE BIBLE IS CLEAR: People from Uz are evil (Jer.25). BUT THEN comes the story of Job, a man from Uz who was the "most blameless man on earth."

THE BIBLE IS CLEAR: No foreigners or eunuchs allowed (Dt. 23). BUT THEN comes the story of an African Eunuch welcomed into the church (Acts 8).

THE BIBLE IS CLEAR: God's people hated Samaritans. BUT THEN Jesus tells a story that shows not all Samaritans were bad.

THE STORY MAY BEGIN with prejudice, discrimination, and animosity, but the Spirit moves God's people towards openness, welcome, inclusion, acceptance and affirmation.

- Bixby Knolls, Christian Church, [THEHAPPYGIVERS.COM](http://THEHAPPYGIVERS.COM)

### AND JUST A LITTLE MORE CHRISTMAS...

Despite the rain all day, Christmas Eve celebration 2021 inside the church was complete with a cute children's pageant, regal kings, a darling "baby Jesus", uplifting music and candlelight.








**Register for camp and get the Early-Bird Rate:**  
**January 1 - April 30: \$437 per session**  
  
**May 1 - Camp: \$455 per session**

## SUMMER CAMP 2022

**SESSION 1: JUNE 6-8**  
**MINI CAMP**  
 (FOR RISING 1ST-3RD GRADERS)

**SESSION 2: JUNE 20-25**  
**ELEMENTARY CAMP I**  
**JR. HIGH CAMP I**  
**SR. HIGH ADVENTURES IN LEADERSHIP**

**SESSION 3: JUNE 27-JULY 2**  
**ELEMENTARY CAMP II**  
**JR. HIGH CAMP II**  
**SR. HIGH ADVENTURES IN MISSION**

**SESSION 4: JULY 4-9**  
**ELEMENTARY CAMP III**  
**YOUTH ARTS CAMP**  
 (FOR RISING 7TH-GRADUATED SENIORS)

**SESSION 5: JULY 17-21**  
**NIGHT OWLS**  
 (FOR RISING 7TH-GRADUATED SENIORS)

## "JUST DOIN' HIS JOB..."

Sgt 1st Class Matthew R. Kahler  
 K.I.A.: 26 January 2008, Waigul, Afghanistan



Matthew R. Kahler was born on July 24, 1978, and at the age of ten years old, he declared he was going to enlist in the U.S. Army after his graduation from Yellow Medicine East High School in Granite Falls, MN. At the end of May 1997 he enlisted on the Delayed Entry program on his 18th birthday into the 82nd Airborne in Ft. Bragg, NC, and left for Boot Camp the day after his graduation. The summer of 1997, he attended Boot Camp, Advanced Infantry Training, and Airborne Jump School — all at Ft. Benning, GA. After his training he reported to Ft. Bragg, and deployed to Ryad Air Force Based in Saudi Arabia, in November of 1997. In February 2000, he reported to Army Ranger Training School at Ft. Benning, GA along with 500 other men, and in April 2000 he was 1 of 200 men to complete Ranger Training. Upon completing Ranger Training he was promoted to the rank of Sargent and became the youngest Sargent in the US Army. The fall of 2000, he reenlisted and transferred to the 173rd Airborne in Vicenza, Italy. He served at Camp Ederle until his death in 2008.

In 2003 he deployed as a Staff Sgt. with the 173rd, where they were deployed to the invasion of Iraq, In 2005 they deployed to Afghanistan, and in 2007 he was promoted to Sgt. 1st Class and became the Platoon Sgt. for 2nd Platoon/503, better known as "Chosen Company." Chosen Company deployed to Northern Afghanistan in May 2007 to the Kornegal Valley, which was known as the Valley of Death. Starting early on in their deployment, Chosen Company began to experience significant losses of men.

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# CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

Linda Clise, Children & Youth Ministries Director

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

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



In December, the children had a joint Christmas party with the Youth. The children really love to have the "big kids" in their class!



They made king crowns, opened presents, had goodies and played games.



The children continue to enjoy the playground here at GCUMC. I overheard one child say, "This is the best part of my day... I get to learn about Jesus and play on a slide!"

## YOUTH GROUP



On December 26th, Andrew (Andy) Herron was baptized by Pastor Fred Steinberg. It was a wonderful celebration of his faith and desire to grow in his walk with the Lord. He lives in California, but has always come over for his breaks from school to visit with his cousins, Robert, Dalton and Jacob Adams. He has gone to camp with the children and youth while growing up. He also played on the volleyball team last year. He is currently enrolled in the Confirmation Class via Zoom with Pastor Katharine.

Also, during the month of December, Pastor Katherine had some extra fun children's messages, including one where she dressed up as an angel.



Of course, there was the Christmas pageant, where Andy, the youth that was baptized in December, played Joseph.

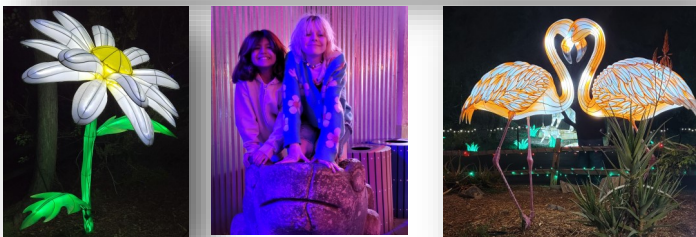




The Genesis Project was the charity chosen by the youth this year for their Christmas charity. We were able to purchase 100 jars of jelly (#1 wish list item) and put together 100 bags for their annual Christmas gathering. Each bag had a handwritten Christmas card, snacks, socks, fingernail clippers, wipes and other various items on the list from Genesis that their clients need/want.



The Youth Group went to Zoo Lights in December for our monthly outing. It was a fun time for everyone who attended!



Our Youth Group is continuing to grow as former members return and friends of the youth start to come, as well. We really have a fun and energetic group.

We are excited and looking forward to our service project/mission trip this June to Colorado Springs, CO. Be sure to attend Youth Sunday this year on February 20th, as we have some really fun things planned!



## 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**

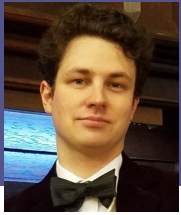
**Fridays at 6:30pm** (online)

### **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



As we enter peak season here at GCUMC, I've noticed more and more people in the sanctuary on Sundays. It's almost starting to feel like normal. Of course, also around the time of writing this, the latest strain of the Coronavirus is hitting Arizona hard. Hopefully, by the end of the month or near then, it will be on the downswing. The music department is doing our best to cope and still support Sunday worship as best as we can, as well as continuing our concert series! We hope you've enjoyed our offerings this season thus far.

This month, for the first time in over two years, we'll be hosting the world famous **Legacy Quartet** on **Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** As many of you know, Legacy began as a Southern Gospel quartet and have since expanded their repertoire, becoming much more. Previous concert-goers can't say enough about Legacy, exclaiming that they 'sing the song' and 'walk the walk.' They are a perennial favorite here in Gold Canyon. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to see and hear this incredible group. Legacy will be singing at our three morning services, including the special arrangement by Joel Raney of *How Great Thou Art*, commissioned for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church. This piece combines the Legacy Quartet with the Chancel Choir, members of the AJHS Choir, the Sonoran Brass, and the Canyon Carillon. It is one of the congregation's top favorites. Don't miss out on February 6<sup>th</sup>!

All Gold Canyon UMC Performing Arts Series concerts are open to the public with free admission. A free-will offering will be received to continue to support the artists and series at each concert. Attendees are also encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item or cash donation for the GCUMC Food Bank if able.

The next week on **Friday, February 11, 2022**, the Gold Canyon Arts Council will be presenting **The Brothers Four** in concert. The Brother s Four is an American folk singing group, founded in 1957, bringing classics from the 20<sup>th</sup> century to today. An early Rock and Roll group, their second single, "Greenfields", released in January 1960, hit No. 2 on the pop chart, sold over one million copies and was awarded a gold disc by the Recording Industry Association of America. Their first album, *Brothers Four*, released toward the end of the year, made the top 20. Other hits include "Try to

Remember" and "Across the Wide Missouri." Their hit recording of "The Green Leaves of Summer" from the motion picture *The Alamo* was nominated for an Academy Award. Come enjoy this taste of 20<sup>th</sup> century Americana, you won't be disappointed. Tickets are available at [goldcanyonarts.org/tickets](http://goldcanyonarts.org/tickets), the Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce, and Robin Rotella Realtors.

In other exciting news, this year, GCUMC is resuming its annual tradition to visit to **Organ Stop Pizza** in Mesa for lunch! The visit for this year is scheduled for **Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.** The fee is only \$9.50 per person (cash only, ATM on site) which includes pizza, salad bar, and a fabulous musical program performed by one of Organ Stop's fine theatre organists, Brett Valliant and Glenn Tallar. Drinks and ice cream can be purchased in addition. It will be a great time, so be sure to sign up as soon as you can! Sign-up sheets can be found in the Welcome Center on Sundays as well as the church office during weekly office hours. You may also call the church office to sign up, just be sure to include your name and number of people in your party. Please sign up by **February 24<sup>th</sup>** in order to guarantee a spot! Organ Stop Pizza is located at 1149 E Southern Ave, Mesa, AZ 85204 on the southwest corner where Stapley intersects.

Here's another update on the organ committee: this past month, the committee met and intended to discuss winding and different types of pipes in more detail, however, the conversation veered off into a parallel but no less important subject. We began discussing the overall vision of the church and the relationship that an organ might have to this vision. The committee decided that in order to develop a recommendation for the church, they would need the senior pastor's support as well as an idea of his vision. In order to begin to contemplate this question and to have some hard numbers with which to discuss with Pastor Fred, the committee asked me to compile a quantitative report including an appraisal of our current instrument involving related costs, current condition, and an estimate of longevity, research on the longevity of digital instruments in general, as well as baseline estimates for potential repairs and replacement.

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## GLOBAL MISSIONS

Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor



### A FEW WORDS FROM AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION

Working undercover sounds more like the role of spy than missionary, but some parts of the world restrict "missionary" activity to the extent that great creativity is required of those who would share the good news of Jesus. "Entrepreneur," "health worker," "nurse," or "physician's assistant," are among the skills that are welcomed in many otherwise closed locations. A medical team, for instance, might establish a clinic that serves a variety of general practice clients. An entrepreneur might establish a small business that not only employs nationals but also provides the teaching of English or computer skills. Meanwhile the entrepreneur and the health workers are able to speak quietly to issues of faith as they treat patients and serve clients. This can be dangerous, but the mission work is often tolerated by the host community, outweighed by the benevolent impact of professional activity — healing, teaching, physical therapy, compassionate visits to elderly, orphans and other neglected groups.

BAM is an acronym for "Business As Mission," the evangelism approach now favored by many sending agencies. In addition to mission education and language school, candidates for BAM are trained in developing small business opportunity and friendship communication. From relationships built with local leaders, impact for Christ can result. Business employment can lead to relationships that invite faith conversations that lead to Bible study, that draw individuals to Jesus. This "tentmaker" approach resembles the methods of Paul and Silas in New Testament times. Supporting themselves with marketable skills, the first missionaries built connections that led to teaching and preaching opportunities. And so today, in undisclosed locations around the world, the powerful, saving message of Jesus goes out as sent-ones use their professional and spiritual gifts. Let's remember to pray for missionaries whose names we cannot print! God knows each one!







## ON THE COUNTRY SIDE

Dr. David Worley

Music is one of God's many gifts. Think of how much music adds to our lives. But, the higher purpose of music as the Psalmist teaches is us to worship God. We receive the gift of music and then use the gift to honor our Lord. So each week as we gather for our service, music plays an important role. We are, then, especially grateful for the musical leadership of David Ballard along with One in the Spirit and the Wranglers. But their leadership is not a substitute for our voices. So, as we gather at 4:00 pm each week, I encourage you to sing heartily and worshipfully in praise of our good God.

### ... AND ON A PASTORAL NOTE

The other day I read a short article from The Gospel Coalition entitled, "Habits Not Resolutions" (see <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/spiritual-habits-few-minutes>). This piece identifies a range of spiritual habits we can practice in a relatively short amount of time. For example, we can repeat the Lord's Prayer in about 30 seconds. So, while we are washing our hands, as we should be doing regularly, rather than letting our minds wander we can pray the Lord's Prayer. I find that praying this pattern prayer aloud is a great approach to helping me think about the words. Just as we habitually attend to a variety of things like brushing our teeth are we equally habitual in our daily walk with God? What spiritual habits have you established? What spiritual habits do you need to develop? The point is simple but clear, as we tend to everyday chores and the flow of life we can integrate spiritual habits naturally so that taking out the trash for example stimulates us to pray, sing, or meditate on Scripture. Such habits are good for our souls!

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](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.



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

Barbara Lee Crane

Nancy Miller

Randy Fetcenko

Helen Morris (UT)

Baby Huff

Don Parker

Karen King

Pat & Dick's son

Howard M (TX)

Paul Waechter (CA)

Marion Maw

*In Remembrance*







## CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

### LOVE



*"Only God can give us a selfless love for others, as the Holy Spirit changes us from within. This is one reason we must receive Christ, for apart from His spirit we can never be freed from the chains of selfishness, jealousy, and indifference. Will others see Christ's love in your life today?"*

- Pastor Billy Graham

What does love look like to you? It can take so many forms that sometimes we miss it. If I told you that this small bag of sugary sweet marshmallows pictured was one of the greatest demonstrations of love, would you believe me?

You probably wouldn't without an explanation and a little context – A teacher taught at a school for students in need, and each one received free breakfast and free or reduced cost lunch every day. At Christmas, a little girl in her class gave her this bag for a gift. You see, this little girl so loved and appreciated her teacher that she desperately wanted to give her a gift. She had 'nothing', so she gave her what often equaled the best part of her breakfast and her day, something precious to her. She meticulously picked the marshmallows out of her cereal and 'wrapped' them for her teacher.

How do we demonstrate Christ's love to others? As the question is posed by Pastor Graham above, Will others see Christ's love in your life today? It surely could be seen in that little girl's selfless expression of love to her teacher. She had 'nothing', but she gave 'everything.'

We receive God's selfless love toward us each and every day, even when we don't give Him anything in return. When we love someone else, we desire their happiness, and that is what God desires for us. Sometimes though we struggle reaching out to others, expressing love to others, or even loving ourselves, because we have become focused inward on our problems and current issues.

In their book *The Desire*, authors Dan Walsh and Gary Smalley say "Stress is the gap between what we expect from God's creations and what we're actually receiving. Since only God can meet our deepest needs, the more

*gaps we'll have and the more our frustration will increase...That's how loving God with all our hearts reduces stress. The more we look to Him as the only One who can make a difference, the less we look to things that can't truly help us. The stress goes away because the gaps get closed. God fills our hearts with more love and joy and peace while we wait for our circumstances to get better. With our stress and anger no longer controlling us, we get freed up to care about others instead of always thinking about ourselves."*

The best time to love people is always right now. But is it a little difficult for you to look outward right now, to express love to others, to take it easy on yourself regarding some life circumstances, to think selflessly, to trust God, to feel like you have anything to give?

If there is stress in our lives, creating a gap between us and God, is it possibly because we have placed more emphasis on unmet expectations from some of God's creations than the emphasis we have placed on turning to God to meet our deepest needs? I know I certainly go through periods where all the above is true.

If you fit into any of these categories, then you might 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.

*And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love.*

~ Romans 8:38 [NLT]



## 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!

**amazon smile** 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.

**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), and Fry's will contribute 3% of your purchases to our church!

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



*"When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I*

*am the Lord your God."* - Leviticus 19: 33-34

*"An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. 'Get up,' he said, 'take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.'" - Matthew 2:13*

Most refugees are fleeing for their lives; their stories involve fear and loss and venturing into a new land in which they do not know the language or the culture. Gold Canyon UMC dedicated our Christmas Eve offering to Lutheran Social Services Afghan Resettlement Program. As of this writing, they have already welcomed 150 Afghans to the Phoenix and Tucson area. These families include at least one family member who assisted our military during the Afghan War. They each arrived with one suitcase and one backpack. I cannot imagine exactly what their needs are, but I do know that Lutheran Social Services has a long history of helping refugees from several countries.

Our Gold Canyon United Methodist Women were curious to know more about what it was like to be one of these refugees and exactly how Lutheran Social Services was helping, so we contacted Lutheran Social Services and asked them to speak at our UMW meeting. They were kind enough to agree to speak at our meeting on **Saturday, February 19**. We hope to learn more about how these refugees make it from Afghanistan to Arizona, how Lutheran Social Services finds them homes, jobs, schools, and everything else one might need to feel at home in a strange land (and maybe how we can help!). We hope you can attend! Fellowship is from 10-10:30am; Meeting is at 10:30am in the Barnabas Room, Missions Center. For more information, contact Carol Johnson at [caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com](mailto:caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com) or 602-750-2008.





Associated with our UMW Charter for Racial Justice and our desire to understand other faiths, every year the Gold Canyon UMW visits another house of worship. This year, on **February 24**, we will tour the **Islamic Community Center of Tempe** with Imam Omar Tawil. Our tour will be followed by a brief discussion and Q & A's about the basic tenets and practices of Islam. Our UMW will then have lunch at a local restaurant. Further information will be in the church bulletin, at UMW meetings, or by contacting Carol Johnson at [caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com](mailto:caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com) or 602-750-2008.

Photo: Carol Johnson and Joy Bliss presented a check for \$778.00 to CAAFA (Community Alliance Against Family Abuse) representative Alicia Misilao. A total of \$1,944 was made at the November Bake Sale, with the remainder going to the UMW ministries.



*Above Photo: Carol Johnson and Joy Bliss presented a check for \$778.00 to CAAFA (Community Alliance Against Family Abuse) representative Alicia Misilao. A total of \$1,944 was made at the November Bake Sale, with the remainder going to the UMW ministries.*

Upcoming Gold Canyon UMW events:

- **February 2, 2022: The UMW Reading Program** will meet at 10:00 am in the Barnabas Room, Missions Center. We will have a number of new books from the UMW 2021-2022 Reading Program List available to check out at this meeting!!! 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](mailto:p.kinder@mchsi.com) or 480-474-0964.

Our Circles continue to meet:

- **Culinary Circle:** Meets monthly. February's Get-Together will be a **"First-Lady's Luncheon"** with recipes from the Presidential Wives. Week of February 20. 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):** If interested in joining

Circle, contact Carol Johnson at [caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com](mailto:caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com) or 602-750-2008.

- **Creation Care Circle** has begun! If you care for the Earth and all that is on it, this is the group for you! For more information, contact Rita Vadasz-Miller at [RitaRKV2@aol.com](mailto:RitaRKV2@aol.com) or 810-629-1240.

- Submitted by Carol Johnson

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



The location of this winter/spring build has been changed because of permits not being ready in time. We will be participating in a renovation build instead, much like the one we did last winter. It will be located near West 1st Avenue and Country Club in Mesa. It will start in mid March and we should have two Saturdays assigned to us to work on it. We will be paired with another faith group and probably a corporate group. The family has not been chosen yet but will be selected soon.

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. Last year the work was primarily painting and this may be the same.

Please help us reach our goal of \$10,000 toward the building of this home in partnership with a qualified, needy family. Please make checks payable to GCUMC, indicating "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 (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 **SCRIP COORDINATOR** is needed to administer our SCRIP Program, whose funds raised support our GCUMC Bus/Van Ministry.

## FOOD BANK



The GCUMC Food Bank closed out 2021 having served over 6,600 individuals! We were able to accomplish this because of our donors' and volunteers' dedication to our Food Bank ministry. We expect similar, if not worsening, food insecurity in 2022. Your continued support and prayers are needed and appreciated. Blessing for a safe and Happy New Year!

- **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!

## GENESIS PROJECT



Happy New Year GCUMC! As we begin 2022, Genesis Project would love to take this opportunity to say Thank You! Your unbridled generosity as a congregation allowed the soup kitchen to serve 82,031 meals in 2021, an increase of over 5,000 meals from the previous year. December alone had an average of 165 people per day coming for a hot meal. The cost of food, paper products, and nearly everything has really increased but there is peace in knowing God continues to provide through His people at GCUMC.

Genesis Project is blessed to be a Qualified Charitable Organization in Arizona. This means Arizona taxpayers can donate up to \$400 for individuals and \$800 for joint filers, directly to Genesis Project and receive a dollar-for-dollar credit on their taxes! If you are planning to claim this credit for 2021, you have until April 15th to make your donation. Thank you again for partnering with Genesis Project to feed, clothe and hydrate the hungry and homeless changed!



Every Saturday from 3:00pm to 7:00pm  
GCUMC is the gathering site  
of community food trucks  
in the Mission's Center Parking Lot!

This weekly "Food Festival"  
is a great opportunity to invite a friend(s)  
for a bite and support local businesses!

If you have any questions,  
please contact Pastor Katharine  
in the Church Office.







# FEBRUARY CALENDAR

(Calendar is subject to change;

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

Tue Feb 1	All day	First Day of Black History Month
	9am	CLASS: DISCIPLE 2 (Feather; ER/Zoom)
	2pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 3 (ER)
	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
Wed Feb 2	10am	Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (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 Feb 3	12:45pm	GriefShare (ER)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (M)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)
Fri Feb 4	11am	MindMenders (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	6:45pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)
Sat Feb 5	3pm	"Market on the Go" (MC Parking Lot)
Sun Feb 6	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)
	2pm	Concert: Legacy Quartet (Sanctuary)
	3pm	Country Music Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Country Worship (S)
	5pm	Confirmation Class (ONLINE)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (K)
Mon Feb 7	10am	UMW Mtg (ONLINE)
	6pm	Trustees Mtg (MC-B)
Tue Feb 8	9am	CLASS: DISCIPLE 2 (Feather; ER/Zoom)
	9am	Stitches Unlimited (B&Patio-MC)
	2pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 3 (ER)
	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)

Wed Feb 9	10am	Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (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 (KR)
	3:30pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	5:30pm	UG Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Feb 10	9am	Lions Club Mtg (MC-M)
	12:45pm	GriefShare (ER)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (M)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)
Fri Feb 11	11am	MindMenders (ER) 2pm Reserved (S)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	6:45pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)
	7pm	GCAC CONCERT: The Brothers Four (S)
Sat Feb 12	9am	PEO Mtg (B-MC)
	3pm	"Market on the Go" (MC Parking Lot)
Sun Feb 13	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 Feb 14	All day	Valentine's Day
	10am	Mtg: UMW Leadership (MC-B)
Tue Feb 15	9am	CLASS: DISCIPLE 2 (Feather; ER/Zoom)
	2pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 3 (ER)
	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
Wed Feb 16	10am	Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)
	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 Feb 17	9am	Matthew 25 Ministry (ONLINE)
	12:45pm	GriefShare (ER)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (M)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)
Fri Feb 18	11am	MindMenders (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	6:45pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)

Sat Feb 19	10am	UMW Mtg (MC-B/Zoom)
	3pm	"Market on the Go" (MC Parking Lot)
Sun Feb 20	All day	YOUTH SUNDAY
	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 Feb 21	All day	OFFICE CLOSED/PRESIDENT'S DAY
	9am	Class: "Honoring God" (ER)
	4pm	OitS Rehearsal (KR)
Tue Feb 22	9am	CLASS: DISCIPLE 2 (Feather; ER/Zoom)
	9am	Stitches Unlimited (B-MC)
	2pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 3 (ER)
	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
Wed Feb 23	10am	Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)
	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 Feb 24	9am	Days for Girls (B-MC)
	9am	PEO Mtg (E-MC)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (M)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)
Fri Feb 25	11am	MindMenders (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	6:45pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)
Sat Feb 26	3pm	"Market on the Go" (MC Parking Lot)
Sun Feb 27	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)
	5pm	Confirmation Class (ONLINE)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (K)
Mon Feb 28	-	-

# CONCERT Series



## 2021-2022 PERFORMANCES & EVENTS

02/06/22	Sun 2:00pm	<b>Legacy Quartet</b> ...Southern Gospel and much more!
02/11/22	Fri 7:00pm *	<b>GCAC Concert: The Brothers Four</b> ...folk music group nominated for an Oscar!
03/02/22	Wed 7:00pm	<b>Ash Wednesday Worship</b>
03/06/22	Sun 2:00pm	<b>The Sonoran Brass Quintet</b> ... local talent symphony musicians
03/11/22	Fri 7:00pm *	<b>GCAC Concert: Fitzgerald Family</b> ...an exciting blend of fiddle, folk, and dance!
03/20/22	Sun 2:00pm	<b>Dr. Jacob Hofeling at the Organ</b> ...to benefit the Pipe Organ Project Fund
04/14/22	Thu 7:00pm	<b>Maudy Thursday Worship</b> ...special service with communion and ashes
04/15/22	Fri 4:00pm	<b>Good Friday Worship</b>
04/17/22	Sun 6:00am	<b>Easter Sunrise Worship</b> ...in north Parking Lot facing the Superstitions
04/17/22	Sun 8:00 & 9:30	<b>Easter Celebration Worship</b> ...Christ is Arisen with Brass, Bells and Choir
04/17/22	Sun 11:00am	<b>Easter Praise Worship</b> ...Uncommon Grace leads our Praise of the Risen Lord
04/17/22	Sun 4:00pm	<b>Easter Sunset Worship</b> ...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](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 GCUUC 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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The morning of 26 January 2008, 2nd Platoon was on a mission. They had divided the platoon, and Matt and his squad went up into the mountains, while the other three squads of the platoon each went in different directions. Matt's squad was the only squad that had to go through a check point, that was manned by the Afghanistan National Army. As Matt and his men arrived at the check point, the men manning the check point did not respond to Matt's efforts to contact them.

Matt radioed headquarters to inform his commanding officer what was happening. They arrived at Plan B, and when that didn't work to obtain a response from the men manning the check point, Matt ordered his men to stay put and not to move unless he gave the order. He told his men, "This is a dangerous situation and I will go take care of." He moved forward yelling, "We are Americans don't fire." After giving his notice to the Afghanistan Nationals, 3 shots rang out. Matt was hit by one of them and killed instantly.

His men moved forward immediately to administer medical help to Matt. He was already dead when they got to him. They secured the check point. The Afghanistan Nationals fled the check point.

Initially Matt's squad placed him on a stretcher and began to carry him down the mountain. They needed to get him to a lower altitude so the medivac helicopter could fly to them and remove Matt's body. The squad walked a short distance before they determined they were not going to make it to a lower height carrying Matt on a stretcher. At that time, they lowered the stretcher and one of the sergeants, in the squad, lifted Matt's body into the fireman's carry and carried Matt the rest of the way down the mountain. After Matt was medevacked off the mountain, his squad went right back to complete their mission,

Matt was survived by his men, his wife, his 4 year old daughter, friends, and family. Matt was 29 when he was killed-in-action.

Please keep all of our current and past service men and women in your prayers. Without ALL who have served or who are serving, since our Revolutionary War, we would not be the WONDERFUL country we are today.

*Thank you to ALL of you who are serving or have served our country!*

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These estimates included a variety of options including merely replacing aging components (for as long as such components are still produced) on the current digital instrument, purchasing a new digital imitation instrument, installing a used pipe organ, and commissioning a new pipe organ. While the report is too long to summarize here, I'm happy to discuss it with anyone who is interested. After hearing and discussing said report, the committee discussed how to present this information to the senior pastor, trustees, and administrative council as well as developing a plan for making multi-option recommendation that allows for different variables such as a potential windfall donation(s), an excellent used instrument suddenly becoming available, and strong opposition to any proposed project. In the coming months, the committee plans to resume the education process about different types of organs and organ components so that we are able to add a *qualitative* analysis to the quantitative one. We're also planning to visit various instruments in the Phoenix valley to gain experience about different types of organs and the potential options for GCUMC.

Next month, as we continue to be in peak season, GCUMC will be hosting two more concerts including **The Sonoran Brass**, as well as an organ recital featuring my friend and colleague **Dr. Jacob Hofeling**. The arts council will have an additional concert as well, so stay tuned. As always, if you have questions, concerns, comments, feel free to contact me by phone, text, or email.

Peace and best regards,

Ian



## FEBRUARY 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!*

Behan, John (Jack) 02/01  
 Talley, John 02/01  
 Hoerter, Coleen 02/03  
 Benjamin, Chris 02/04  
 Hoefs, Ed 02/05  
 Hoff, Cynthia 02/05  
 Lindaman, Carol 02/05  
 Merrick, Jim 02/05  
 Osgood, Gladys 02/05  
 Bos, Daniel 02/06  
 Breuklander, Bobbie 02/06  
 Barraza, Roman 02/06  
 Barraza, Vivienne 02/06  
 Oxley, Gene 02/06  
 Chase, Donna 02/07  
 Elek, Deane 02/07  
 Cook, Ted 02/08  
 Mogharbel, Amira 02/08  
 Nelson, Joni 02/08  
 Novak, Sandy 02/08  
 Pappalardo, Megan 02/08  
 Hicks, Steve 02/09  
 Peterson, Marilyn 02/09  
 Waytenick, Dave 02/10  
 Brown, Barbara 02/11  
 Halterman, Bobbie 02/12  
 Unz, Gwen 02/12

Colaizzi, Michael 02/13  
 Elco, Jackie 02/13  
 Jacobsen, Elaine 02/13  
 Lane, Bonnie 02/13  
 Rumptz, Deborah 02/13  
 Travis, Mark 02/13  
 Willis, Gloria 02/13  
 Fridlund, Jo 02/14  
 Richter, Val 02/14  
 Schmidt, Judy 02/14  
 Christ, SuzAnne 02/15  
 Kurtenbach, Diane 02/15  
 McGinness, Anne 02/15  
 Sanders, George 02/15  
 Carpenter, Trudy 02/16  
 Russell, Bob 02/16  
 Adams, Ada 02/17  
 Burris, Terry 02/17  
 Malloy, Susan 02/17  
 Teller, Susan 02/17  
 Burzlaff, Julie 02/18  
 Newkirk, Edgar 02/18  
 Broderson, Darlene 02/20  
 Atkinson, William (Bill) 02/22  
 Chase, Bob 02/22  
 Fratt, Genie 02/22  
 Fye, Ben 02/23  
 Nelson, Wylladene 02/24  
 Beasley, Earl 02/25

McConnell, Alice 02/25  
 Rasmussen, Gordie 02/25  
 Daniels, Jacob 02/26  
 Kness, Larry 02/26  
 Owens, Ann 02/26  
 Halbig, Shelley 02/27  
 Franklin, Char 02/28  
 Mulhair, Bob 02/28  
 Waechter, Nancy 02/28  
 Schwartz, Dick 02/29

### *Happy Anniversary!*

Vorseth, Duane & Sue 02/04  
 Adams, Ada & Michael 02/05  
 Lackey, Sally & Steve 02/05  
 Colmer, Jerry & Margaret 02/06  
 Nelson, Bill & Patty 02/06  
 Smith, Dave & Jeanie 02/06  
 Crites, Kenneth & Margaret 02/09  
 Deits, Bob & Nancy Meise-Deits 02/10  
 Jacobsen, Betty & Bob 02/12  
 Kness, Dee & Larry 02/12  
 Bliss, Joy & Dybwad, Gay 02/14  
 Laich, Flossie & Nick 02/14  
 Vander Stoep, Karen & Paul 02/14  
 Paterson, Nancy & Bob 02/15  
 Cooke, Jon & Teresa 02/21  
 Larsen, David & Jan 02/24  
 Burgi, Jenelu & Bob 02/28







## CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

*- Romans 13:8 (NIV)*

DECEMBER	2018			2019			2020			2021		
	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All
	103801	22786	6666	118989	35001	9088	132010	26203	10073	121138	23035	6612

### 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** (\$505,427)
- **Fellowship Hall** (\$2.4M; \$1,005,668 raised so far)
- **Organ Pipes:** (\$138,514 raised so far)
- **Loop Hearing System:** (Fully funded; to be installed)
- **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](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/)



### AccessACS



You can add/update your photo and contact info — and so much more using GCUMC's online directory, AccessACS! If you aren't already using it, but would like to, send an email to

**"[ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org](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

**MARCH Roadrunner**

via email to [ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org](mailto:ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org)

**NO LATER THAN 8am, Mon., 1/14/2022**


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### WORSHIP SERVICES

✝ 8:00am & 9:30am TRADITIONAL (Sanctuary)

✝ 11:00am PRAISE (Sanctuary)

✝ 4:00pm COUNTRY (Sanctuary)

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

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

*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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