



## FROM THE PASTOR: "HOLY WEEK WORSHIP EXPERIENCES"



Happy Easter! This year during Holy Week, we will celebrate through various worship experiences:

**Palm Sunday Worship:** April 10, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am  
Rev. Fred Steinberg  
4:00pm with Dr. David Worley

**Stations of the Cross:** Tuesday—Friday, April 12-15  
8:00am – 4:00pm, Sanctuary Building  
Art & meditational words will guide you  
through an experiential journey to the cross

**Maundy Thursday Worship:** April 14, 7:00pm with Pastor Katharine Keller

**Good Friday Worship:** April 15, 7:00pm with Dr. David Worley

**Easter Sunrise Worship:** April 17, 6:00am  
with Rev. Dr. Fay Quanstrom

**Easter Worship:** April 17, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am  
Rev. Fred Steinberg  
4:00pm with Dr. David Worley

All of the worship services will be in-person and broadcast via Livestream. Special music will remind us of the message of Holy Week and Easter. We encourage you to invite a friend to join you for Easter worship this year. Also, just curious, did you take me up on my challenge to read the gospel of Matthew this year? You still have a couple of weeks left to finish the gospel. Matthew is only 28 chapters in length.

This year's Easter offering will go towards help for Ukrainian refugees. Any donations you want to make towards this Easter offering can be marked Ukraine or placed in an Easter offering envelope. We will send these gifts to Ukrainian refugees through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief.) Since our church apportionments pay for the administrative costs of UMCOR, every dollar goes entirely to help people suffering from the war. I hope to see you during Holy Week and Easter.

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."*

## GRIEF SHARE (TWO NEW SESSIONS)



Grief is difficult for everyone impacted by a death. There are many who are dealing with grief and struggling to make sense of the death of a loved one. Two new grief support groups will be starting in April:

- The evening group will begin Mon., 4/11 at 6pm
- The daytime group will begin Thurs., 4/14 at 1pm

Both will be held in the Emmaus Room in the Education Building. We are using the program, *GriefShare: Your Journey from Mourning to Joy*, which is 13 weeks long. There is a study guide for each participant which costs \$20. (If the cost of the workbook is a prohibitive please just speak to the facilitator.) Facilitators for this group will be Pastor Katharine Keller in the evening and Pamela Kopnick during the day.

If you are considering attending either group, please contact Pastor Katharine in the Church Office. If you are undecided, please just show up at the first meeting.

## "READ IT & REAP" BOOK CLUB



Our book club will meet one last time for the season in April. We will start up again in the fall, but in the meantime, here are the books we discussed this year:

- *Nomadland* by Jessica Bruder;
- *Behind Barbed Wire and High Fences* by Helen Frances Buehl Angeny
- *To Heaven and Back* by Dr. Mary C. Neal
- *The Red Light Runner* by Dr. Bobbi Lancaster;
- *Limitless* by Mallory Weggemann
- *Through the Banks of the Red Cedar* by Maya Washington, and
- *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans.

We were "stretched" with some of the books, but always had inspiring discussion!

## LENTEN STUDY



During this year's Lenten study, it has been experiential in nature...we have done some role playing, discussed in groups, listened to various music supporting the theme of the week, and did acts of piety between sessions. As of this writing, we have journeyed through Palm Sunday, looked at Judas' betrayal, become familiar with the Passover meal, and considered Jesus prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, while also experiencing different methods of prayer. Below are two pictures from the class:





## PARTNERING WITH PERALTA & FOUR PEAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



Below is a thank you note we recently received from Harley, the Four Peaks Elementary School Student Council President:

"Thank you for donating cases of water to Four Peaks School for a student council event." (It was actually for their week of testing).

It is just a blessing to support our local schools!

## CONGRATS, COACH WALKER!



After leading the Poston Butte Broncos boys basketball team to their first-ever Regional Championship, Coach Rob Walker—who became a Gold Canyon UMC member last August—was named Black Canyon Region Coach of the Year.

Coach Walker plans to hold GCUMC Basketball Camps for local youth once the new Fellowship Hall building is completed.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

*Please be sure introduce yourselves!*



Jennifer Gray



Tressa & Todd Erickson



Lisa & Erwin Turner



Lori Leiman



Jeff & Jonna Sich



Phil & Sue Kench



Jim & Sally Herrold



Mary Lou & Gary Hosler



Barb & Ron Parson



Dick & Susan Johnson



Ray Daniels





# CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

Linda Clise, Children & Youth Ministries Director

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

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



This year's VBS: Food Truck Party "On a Roll with God!" is sure to be energizing and uplifting! It is scheduled for June 5th - 9th. It will be a fun packed four days!

This VBS invites children to pray as Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6:11; "Give us this day our daily bread." These words serve as a reminder that everything we have comes from God — and that it's by turning to God in prayer that all of our daily needs are met.

Many volunteer opportunities are available where you can let your gifts & talents shine! Even if you are not available to volunteer during the actual VBS week in June, we always have lots of prep work, such as helping with props & decorations, and "behind the scenes" advance preparation.



If you have volunteered with VBS in past years, you know the benefits of investing your time into this amazing summer program. It is a very rewarding experience, and many children will treasure their VBS memories throughout their adulthood. For more info or to volunteer, please contact me.

## YOUTH GROUP



Our Annual Shareholder Dinner will be this month on April 10 at 6pm in the Koinonia Room. This dinner is a "thank you" to anyone who has donated to our youth ministry program and the summer mission trip. The last time we had one (in 2020) ninety-four people attended! It was a great evening of food, fellowship and listening to the stories told by our Youth about their experiences on the mission trip. Thanks to all to attended that evening and supporting our Youth!

In June we will be going to Colorado Springs, Colorado. Colorado Springs is the second largest city in Colorado and was recently ranked as one of the best cities to live in. However, amongst this beautiful city are individuals struggling with material poverty and homelessness. This summer our teams will continue to participate in building projects for families in transitional housing, join outreach events in the community, and engage in tangible service projects that meet the food and shelter needs of individuals living in states of at-risk homelessness or homelessness. No matter the project, students will have many opportunities to share the Gospel to families that find themselves in hard times.

In order for our teens to financially attend the mission trip to Colorado Springs, would you consider donating to the Youth Group? These trips are so life changing for all of our youth!

If you wish to donate, please make your check payable to Gold Canyon UMC with "Youth Group Summer Trip" written in the memo. Thank you so much for making these trips possible each year!







## CALLING ALL CAMPERS!



At Mingus Mountain, to practice living in a beloved community, laugh, pray, cry, dance, run, experiment, learn, and SO MUCH MORE all while surrounded by friends, peers, counselors and staff who celebrate or commiserate alongside us! Register your children & youth for camp today to ensure they get a chance to experience all of this in 2022!



## 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)



**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)**





## GLOBAL MISSIONS

Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor

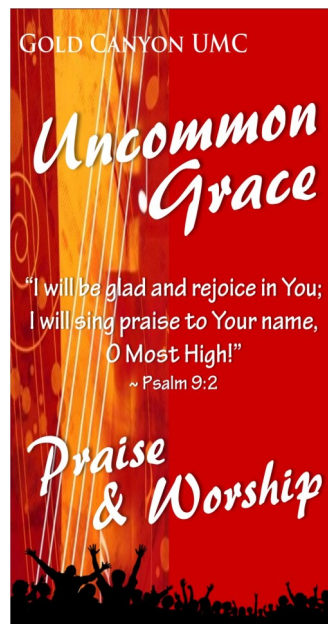


## FELLOW MAN INTERNATIONAL SHARES GOD'S LOVE IN HONDURAS

The three-fold mission of FMI continues to be providing medical care for the sick, combatting malnutrition and hunger through agriculture, and improving literacy and numeracy through educational support. The staff continues to search for ways to make the mission self-sustaining by encouraging the participation of Hondurans. They also work at developing programs with income generating potential. The goal is to pay part of the operating costs while reinvesting in and expanding the present services. These worthy goals depend on the lifeblood of donations. GCUMC is pleased to support the ministry of FMI through General Budget and designated giving.

FMI has now developed its own breeding stock of hogs, allowing them to produce meat for local nutrition programs as well as sell feeder pigs. The flock of dual-purpose hens now lays over 80 eggs a day. Eggs are an excellent means of addressing protein deficiency because clean, unwashed eggs do not require refrigeration. To accommodate the laying flock, local labor repurposed old roofing for the new hen house. In addition, chicks are raised to fryer weight, providing another protein source. Both Covid and recent hurricanes have increased malnutrition, making FMI's agricultural work vital.

The FMI physicians, Drs. Pineda and Villela, both Hondurans worked with the Ministry of Health to distribute and administer vaccines in the remote villages of the FMI service area. More than 600 people have received two doses of Covid-19 vaccine. The mission's service area has one of the lowest infection rates in Honduras, thanks to the early, extensive vaccination effort.



**Sundays at 11:00am  
in the Koinonia Room!**

Together we lift our hearts,  
souls and spirits... and you'll  
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)





## ON THE COUNTRY SIDE

Dr. David Worley

### GRIEF, GLORY & GRACE

As we come to the month of April we encounter two important days in the church calendar. First, there is Good Friday. This day is indeed a good day for us, but a grievous day for Him since it is the day our Lord bore the pain of the world's sins in obedience to the Father. But it is also a day of grief for us. When we remember our Lord's pain of body and soul knowing that that He stood in our place, how can we not be grieved by our sins that nailed Him there? However, praise God that Good Friday is not the final word! As Easter morning dawned the grief gave way to glory as Jesus rose from the dead triumphant over death, hell and the grave. The Gospel declares that His grief and glory now ushers in the day of grace for all who will believe upon Him. The cross and the empty tomb are not just symbols but God's answer to our need offered as a free gift to any and all who will truly say, "Lord I accept you as my Savior."

### ... AND ON A PASTORAL NOTE

April is the season of taxes and goodbyes. The one often frustrates us and the other saddens us. As, you, our winter visitors, return to your primary residences, we bid you farewell, hoping that we will see you again with the onset of fall. As you go, our prayers go with you for a safe journey and a thoroughly enjoyable spring and summer as you are once more near family and friends. We hope that you will tune in to our worship services via livestream, keep in touch with us during your time away and also continue to pray for us.

Like the Apostle Paul who repeatedly asked the people he wrote to pray for him so that he would be given opportunities to share the Good News and that he would have the courage to grasp those opportunities, we, too, request your prayers. Pray that as a community of faith we will stay focused and true to our mission to follow Jesus and serve others.

We look forward to seeing you soon!



### EASTER LILIES 2022

**Easter is April 17th... and you can now order Easter Lilies in honor or in memory of a loved one.**

We are pleased to offer floral quality plants (18"-23" tall w/ 3-5 blooms) for \$15.00 each.

To order, please complete the below Order Form along with payment and:

- Make checks payable to "GCUMC" with "Easter Lily" in the memo section.
- Bring completed form with payment to the Welcome Center on Sunday or to the Church Office during the week.

Easter Lilies will be placed in the Sanctuaries for enjoyment during the Easter season. **You may take yours home after Easter Sunday.** A booklet listing those who gave lilies will be available during Easter Day services. Please contact Church Office with questions.

**ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED IN CHURCH OFFICE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 8th**

### EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

☐ I am ordering a lily in **Memory of**:

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

☐ I am ordering a lily in **Honor of**:

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

☐ Payment of \$15.00 for each is **enclosed**

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

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

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



## 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.

### PRAYER REQUEST

...please send prayer requests to  
[GCUMCPrayers@gmail.com](mailto:GCUMCPrayers@gmail.com)  
or call the Church Office

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

Nancy Arbuckle  
Floyd Bruning (IL)  
Howard Bryant (MA)  
Mark Edwards (CO)  
Kelly Ganong  
Hollingsworth Twin Sisters  
Les Kimball  
Larry Kness' sister (NB)  
Norb Palmer  
Bruce Stofferan (3/18)  
Martin Studenec (WI)  
Lorraine Witucky

*In Remembrance*

## HOLY LAND TRIP



Pastor Fred has scheduled a trip to the Holy Land for

**October 18-31, 2022**

The cost is \$3,498 and informational brochures about the trip are available at the Welcome Desk and Church Office.

Pastor Fred would also be glad to answer any questions you may have... please send an email to him at [revstein78@gmail.com](mailto:revstein78@gmail.com) or leave a message with the Church Office.





## CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer



Photo Credit, You Tube—Chris McClarney, *I'm Listening*

In March we alluded to the fact that the last week of Jesus' life was difficult. But in his 3-6-22 sermon Pastor Fred elaborated for us, difficult is an understatement. We were reminded that the week in Jerusalem prior to Jesus' death, and in particular Passover (The Last Supper), was filled with uncertainty for Jesus and the Disciples, the momentum surrounding them had shifted. Until then, everywhere they went crowds gathered, momentum continually built, Jesus was a rockstar. Now, there were rumors he was going to die.

It was a most chaotic and unpredictable time for the disciples, but God was leveraging that moment for His most remarkable work. They just couldn't see it at the time. How did Jesus respond during such uncertainty? He knew what awaited Him, yet He approached and endured the cross with confidence and grace. He had faith in our, His, heavenly Father. God fulfilled His promise and Jesus was raised from the dead on the third day, purchasing salvation, forgiveness, and everlasting life for all of us.

Earthly definitions of faith include descriptions such as – steadfast in affection or allegiance; firm in adherence to promise or duty; loyal; quality of being true to one's word or commitments. The Bible's definition of faith is found in Hebrews 11:1 - *'Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.*

When there is uncertainty in our lives, do we respond like Jesus? My March 8<sup>th</sup> devotional (New Morning Mercies, Paul David Tripp) said these things – *Yes, your life is messy and hard, but that is not a failure of the plan; it is the plan. It's God working to complete what He's begun in you...It's not the way we tend to think about God's love. It doesn't seem wise and good to us. It causes*

*us to question God's faithfulness and love...those moments of difficulty are...an important part of His plan. We all need to teach and encourage one another with the theology of uncomfortable grace, because on this side of eternity, God's grace often comes to us in uncomfortable forms...not what you and I want, but it is precisely what we need. God is faithful...*

When our world seems uncertain and crazy, and times are hard do we cling to God and faith, or get discouraged and drift away? It behooves us to remember Jesus' example from the cross, in the most uncertain of times he did not drift but remained steadfastly faithful and hopeful! In *Who is this Man*, Pastor John Ortberg wrote:

*"Jesus outlasted, out maneuvered, and outthought every group, every power. But not just that. Mostly he just out loved everybody. The cross was changed from the symbol of a human empire's power, into a symbol of the suffering love of God...from expression of ultimate threat to ultimate hope..."*

God is good, God is faithful, God is unchanging. He will be with us amidst the good times, and amidst the stormy times, even when we are blind to His presence. If Easter is not a time to renew our faith, when is? Do we allow our hearts to be quiet and listen to the message of hope from the cross? In Psalm 66 we are reminded that just as fire purifies silver in the smelting process, trials refine our character. Being at peace with this can be much more difficult than reading it, however.

If this time in your life makes it difficult to hear the message of **faithfulness** and **goodness** from God, 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.

*God is our refuge and strength,  
always ready to help in times of trouble.*

~ Psalm 46:1 (NLT)



## MUSIC NOTES



Spring is here! It's almost getting hot again and Lent is coming to a close. I hope you're all excited as I am for Easter this year. The celebration of our risen Lord will truly feel like a resurrection for our church as this is our first in-person Easter in the sanctuary since 2019! The music department is very much looking forward to sharing this day with you and is working diligently to prepare great music to support worship. I'm currently writing a new arrangement of our opening hymn, "Crown Him with Many Crowns" and we hope that you'll enjoy joining the choir in familiar uplifting song.



We've also brought the 2021-2022 season of the Gold Canyon UMC Performing Arts series to a close with a fabulous organ recital and a surprise special event featuring a great Nashville Duo. If you missed any of the concerts this season and would like to see them, they're up on the church's live-stream. I'm looking forward to next season, hoping that more people

will be back as we return to normal. I'm also hoping that the Renaissance Faire traffic will go back to normal too.

As we approach this first regular Easter in three years, the church is working hard to plan for the future of Christian worship in our community. As Pastor Fred spoke about in his last Roadrunner article, the church has paid off its debt and is now focusing on the new Fellowship Hall project. I am excited about this project, but I am also excited about the prospects for a pipe organ project, as you might imagine! The chair of our

organ committee met with Pastor Fred last month for his leadership and guidance. Pastor Fred believes, like I do, that we can do both a new building and a new pipe organ. He has recently given the committee very helpful guidance on this project, encouraging them to further develop a vision for a new instrument, including a concrete proposal in the coming months. We're making excellent progress on this front and I hope to have more to report in the next month. If you have specific questions, please feel free to email or call and I'd be happy to discuss.

One final question I received isn't directly about the organ, but several people have asked why so many prelude and postlude pieces have foreign titles. Aside from the fact that the organ repertoire is enormous (over 1000 years' worth of music), much of it was written by foreign composers. I don't have enough room to discuss that in this month's article, so next month, I'll delve into the reasons why I still use the foreign titles rather than translating them for you! Stay tuned for that and for other music ministry information upcoming! Have a happy Easter!.

Peace and best regards,

*Jan*



## CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

FEBRUARY	2019			2020			2021			2022		
	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All
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## MINISTRIES & 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 WOMEN IN FAITH



United  
Women  
in Faith

(formerly United Methodist Women)

*Mission Statement: United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual*

*formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.*

The United Methodist Women had its beginning in 1869 and benefited from the work of eight different denominations. During those 153 years it has had more than 25 names, reflecting the denominations it was associated with as well as the ways women were living at the time. The name United Methodist Women was adopted in 1972.

We are now facing new changes and challenges; women's lives are changing, the church is changing (a United Methodist General Conference is scheduled to take place in 2024 which will result in churches leaving the denomination), and the world at large is changing. Our United Methodist Women National Office and Board of Directors, with input from the program advisory group, spent the last four years surveying and interviewing 24,000 United Methodist women as well as women of other denominations in order to address the needs of current members and women who are potential members.

Our new name, United Women in Faith, reflects our new focus: the cross in the middle of the logo reflecting our Christian faith and multiple colors reflecting the diversity of the organization and God's world. All women are welcome in United Women in Faith! You do not have to be a Methodist, and if your church leaves the larger UMC, you are still welcome in United Women in Faith.

We invite women of all ages to join United Women in Faith! Our calling cards are faith, action and

sisterhood! We are a faith-driven organization and our faith calls on us to do more in the world! We are called on to act; acts of love, acts of faith, acts of change. We are called on to show up and get things done! And we are called on to welcome other women in sisterhood; to act together and change communities for the better! Won't you join us?



*Photo: Imam Omar Tawil speaking to women of the Gold Canyon UMW during our tour of the Islamic Community Center of Tempe.*

#### Upcoming Gold Canyon UMW Events:

- **April 3, 2022:** Spring Bake Sale Fundraiser! We will be selling baked goods between church services between the Education Building and the Sanctuary. Donate your favorite baked good or buy a delicious cookie, bread, or other item to support the work of UWF in our community and around the world. We will also be donating a portion of the proceeds to the Lutheran Social Services Afghan Resettlement Program.
- **April 6, 2022:** Our Reading Program will meet in the Barnabas Room, Missions Center at 10:00am. We meet monthly to discuss books we have read in the UWF Reading Program as well as some we have read outside of the program. Contact Peggy Kinder for more information at [p.kinder@mchsi.com](mailto:p.kinder@mchsi.com).
- **April 16, 2022:** UWF Monthly Meeting: "Invest in our Planet" Celebrate Earth Day in this presentation by our Creation Care Circle Chair Rita Vadasz-Miller.

#### Our Circles continue to meet each month:

- **Culinary Circle: April 21:** "Put Your Apron On" Susan Lyons will host a fun meal centered on the history of the apron! Wear your favorite apron and bring a story about it. For more information about the Culinary Circle contact Carol Johnson at (602) 750-2008 or [caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com](mailto:caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com).
- **Matthew 25 Prison Ministry Circle:** Next meeting on April 21 at 9:00am on Zoom. Contact Cherie Creel for

more information at [cheryljunec@icloud.com](mailto:cheryljunec@icloud.com).

- **Creation Care Circle:** For all interested in caring for our planet! For more information, contact Rita Vadasz-Miller at [RitaRKV2@aol.com](mailto:RitaRKV2@aol.com) or (810) 629-1240.

- Submitted by Carol Johnson, UWF President

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



The timing of our build this year has changed because of delays in the fall builds getting completed. We are still scheduled to participate in a renovation build, much like the one we did last winter. It will be located near West 1st Avenue and Country Club in Mesa (453 W. 1st Ave.). We hope it will start in mid-April and 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 have had several church members volunteer to work one or both Saturdays, but can still accept more people if you are interested. 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.

We still need about \$4,000 to 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 contribute online ([www.GoldCanyonUMC.org](http://www.GoldCanyonUMC.org)).

Thanks so much for your ongoing support of this ministry. Questions? Please call Joe and Maureen Morton at (602)284-2826 or [MoandJoeM@aol.com](mailto:MoandJoeM@aol.com).



To give 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:

- **Fellowship Hall** (\$2.4M+; \$416,014 raised; pulled \$380,560 from FH investment to pay Building Loan)
- **Pipe Organ:** (\$139,084 raised)
- **Stain Glass for Upper Sanctuary windows** near the ceiling: (Fully funded; being built)
- **Loop Hearing System:** (completed)
- **Building Fund Debt Payoff** (completed)





# APRIL CALENDAR

(Calendar is subject to change;

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## 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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Fri Apr 1	8am	Embry Health Covid Test Site (N Parking Lot)
	8:30am	TAX PREP (MC-S)
	11am	MindMenders (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	6:45pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)
Sat Apr 2	3pm	"Market on the Go" (MC Parking Lot)
Sun Apr 3	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	8am	UMW Bake Sale (Patio)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	9:30am	Youth Participate in Worship (S)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	11am	Praise Worship (KR)
	3pm	Country Music Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Country Worship (KR)
	5pm	Confirmation Class (ONLINE)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (K)
Mon Apr 4	8am	Embry Health Covid Test Site (N Parking Lot)
Tue Apr 5	8am	Embry Health Covid Test Site (N Parking Lot)
	9am	CLASS: DISCIPLE 2 (Feather; ER/Zoom)
	2pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 3 (ER/Zoom)
	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	5pm	OitS Rehearsal (KR)
	6pm	CLASS: Jesus & Women (ZOOM)
Wed Apr 6	8am	Embry Health Covid Test Site (N Parking Lot)
	10am	Lenten Study (KR)
	10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)
	10am	UMW Book Club (BC-Patio)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (Zoom)
	11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	1pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 4 (MC-E)
	3:30pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	5:15pm	UG Rehearsal (KR)

Thu Apr 7	8am	Embry Health Covid Test Site (N Parking Lot)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)
Fri Apr 8	8am	Embry Health Covid Test Site (N Parking Lot)
	11am	MindMenders (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	6:45pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)
Sat Apr 9	9am	PEO Mtg (B-MC)
	11am	MEMORIAL: Jack Elms (S)
	12pm	MEMORIAL LUNCHEON: Jack Elms (KR/K)
Sun Apr 10	All day	Palm 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 (KR)
	3pm	Country Music Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Country Worship (KR)
	5pm	Confirmation Class (ONLINE)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (K)
Mon Apr 11	8am	Embry Health Covid Test Site (N Parking Lot)
	10am	Mtg: UMW Leadership (MC-B)
Tue Apr 12	8am	Embry Health Covid Test Site (N Parking Lot)
	9am	CLASS: DISCIPLE 2 (Feather; ER/Zoom)
	9am	Stitches Unlimited (B&Patio-MC)
	10am	GC Garden Club Mtg (MC-E)
	2pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 3 (ER/Zoom)
	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	5pm	OitS Rehearsal (KR)
Wed Apr 13	8am	Embry Health Covid Test Site (N Parking Lot)
	10am	Lenten Study (KR)
	10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (Zoom)
	11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	1pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 4 (MC-E)
	1:30pm	"Read It & Reap: Book Club (KR)
	3:30pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	5:15pm	UG Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Apr 14	All day	Maundy Thursday
	8am	Embry Health Covid Test Site (N Parking Lot)
	9am	Lions Club Mtg (MC-M)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)

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	7pm	AA (MC-E)		9:30am	Youth Sunday School (YR)
	7pm	Maundy Thursday Worship (Sanctuary)		11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
Fri Apr 15	All day	Good Friday		11am	Praise Worship (KR)
	8am	Embry Health Covid Test Site (N Parking Lot)		3pm	Country Music Rehearsal (KR)
	11am	MindMenders (ER)		4pm	Country Worship (KR)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)		6:30pm	Youth Group (K)
	6:45pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)	Mon Apr 25	1pm	CLASS: Worshipping God
	7pm	Good Friday Worship (Sanctuary)		8am	Embry Health Covid Test Site (N Parking Lot)
Sat Apr 16	All day	Holy Saturday	Tue Apr 26	8am	Embry Health Covid Test Site (N Parking Lot)
	10am	MTG: UMW (MC-B/Zoom)		9am	CLASS: DISCIPLE 2 (Feather; ER/Zoom)
	3pm	"Market on the Go" (MC Parking Lot)			
Sun Apr 17	All day	Easter Sunday		9am	Stitches Unlimited (B-MC)
	6am	Easter Sunrise Worship (N Parking Lot)		2pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 3 (ER/Zoom)
	8am	Easter Traditional Worship (S)		3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)		5pm	OitS Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)	Wed Apr 27	8am	Embry Health Covid Test Site (N Parking Lot)
	9:30am	Easter Traditional Worship (S)		10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)
	9:30am	Youth Sunday School (YR)		10:30am	Cancer Support Group (Zoom)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)		11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	11am	Easter Praise Worship (KR)		1pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 4 (MC-E)
	3pm	Country Music Rehearsal (KR)		3:30pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	4pm	Country Worship (KR)		5:15pm	UG Rehearsal (KR)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (K)	Thu Apr 28	8am	Embry Health Covid Test Site (N Parking Lot)
Mon Apr 18	All day	Easter Monday		9am	Days for Girls (B-MC)
	All day	Tax Day		6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	8am	Embry Health Covid Test Site (N Parking Lot)		7pm	AA (MC-E)
Tue Apr 19	8am	Embry Health Covid Test Site (N Parking Lot)	Fri Apr 29	8am	Embry Health Covid Test Site (N Parking Lot)
	9am	CLASS: DISCIPLE 2 (Feather; ER/Zoom)		11am	MindMenders (ER)
	2pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 3 (ER/Zoom)		5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)		6:45pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)
	5pm	OitS Rehearsal (KR)			
Wed Apr 20	8am	Embry Health Covid Test Site (N Parking Lot)			
	10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)			
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (Zoom)			
	11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)			
	1pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 4 (MC-E)			
	3:30pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 1 (ER)			
	5:15pm	UG Rehearsal (KR)			
Thu Apr 21	8am	Embry Health Covid Test Site (N Parking Lot)			
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)			
	7pm	AA (MC-E)			
Fri Apr 22	8am	Embry Health Covid Test Site (N Parking Lot)			
	11am	MindMenders (ER)			
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)			
	6:45pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)			
Sat Apr 23	9am	PEO Mtg (B-MC)			
Sun Apr 24	8am	Traditional Worship (S)			
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)			
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)			
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)			



## ROADRUNNER & BULLETIN DEADLINES

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

**NO LATER THAN 8am, Mon., 4/11/2022**

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





## APRIL CELEBRATIONS

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

### *Happy Anniversary!*

Gish, Connie & Wayne 04/02  
Carpenter, Tim & Trudy 04/07  
Nelson, Lee & Joni 04/07  
Nelson, Jack & Marcia 04/07  
Blankenship, Betty & Roger 04/09  
Wiff, Bette & Tom 04/11  
Kennedy, Barbara & Tom 04/13  
Eisentraut, Arne & Bonnie 04/15  
Lampsa, Roy & Tamara 04/15  
Christ, SuzAnne & Dick 04/16  
Elek, Deane & Tim 04/17  
Fitzgerald, Chris & Susan 04/18  
Rewerts, Jerry & Glass, Carol 04/20  
Mintert, Frank & Zenith 04/20  
Eddy, Barry & Janice 04/21  
Malloy, Michael & Susan 04/23  
Daniels, Brad & Jan 04/27  
Watters, Scott & Ortega-Watters, Monica 04/30  
Thacker, Jerry & Ruth Ann 04/30



### *Happy Birthday!*

Epler, Mary (Peggy) 04/01  
Lundberg, Betty 04/01  
Rowe, Jack 04/01  
Steinberg, Fred 04/01  
Dybwad, Gay 04/02  
Wehle, Taylor 04/02

Mogharbel, Cassea 04/03  
Schoeff, Rose 04/03  
Gray, Daniel (Dan) 04/04  
Hamilton, Verna 04/04  
Kinder, Elizabeth 04/04  
Mariferen, Lorna 04/04  
Childress, Robert 04/05  
Fratt, Robert (Bob) 04/05  
Pape, Micah 04/05  
Rolf, Vernon (Vern) 04/05  
Kresge, Betty 04/06  
Lewandowski, Paul 04/06  
Dulaney, Janet 04/08  
Harbaugh, Janice (Jan) 04/08  
Hick, William 04/08  
Wachter, Sharon 04/08  
Hull, Catherine (Cathy) 04/09  
Mogharbel, Lillie 04/09  
Campbell, Frank 04/10  
Lackey, Sally 04/10  
Bryant, Bradford (Brad) 04/11  
Glasgow, Jo/Shirley 04/11  
Lester, Yvonne 04/12  
Cooke, Teresa 04/13  
DeWinter, Ruth 04/14  
Gingrich, Gary 04/14  
Fridlund, Edward (Ed) 04/15  
Killorn, Bid 04/15  
Digerness, Nancy 04/16  
Togstad, Keith 04/16  
Zabel, Cam 04/16  
Barks, Tucker 04/17  
Roller, Don 04/17  
Evans, Dennis 04/18  
Revis, Lynn 04/18  
Svoboda, Beverly 04/18

Andrews, Holly 04/19  
Brown, Karen 04/21  
Crane, Linda 04/21  
Lester, James (Jim) 04/21  
Lindsay, Jenny 04/21  
Lilly, Rod 04/20  
Warren, Harry 04/22  
Whitmore, Sandi 04/22  
Graham, Jean 04/24  
Hanshaw, Judy 04/24  
Manack, Jane 04/24  
Ellis, Caren Susan 04/25  
Enevold, Connie 04/25  
McNutt, Deborah 04/25  
Bos, Colette 04/26  
Robertson, Dave 04/26  
Williams, Barbara 04/26  
Witucky, Michelle 04/26  
Anderson, Anne 04/27  
Arquisch, Duri 04/27  
Bennett, Sharyn 04/27  
Fitzgerald, Gracie 04/27  
Kirby, Kara 04/27  
Morawa, Hannah 04/27  
Rickey, Craig 04/27  
Krstyen, Michelle 04/28  
McDaniel, Marilyn 04/28  
Steckley, JoAnn 04/28  
Wehle, Peter Francis 04/28  
Downing, John (Jeff) 04/29  
Bjorklund, Alice 04/30  
Houtcooper, Melva 04/30  
Nunn, Kevin 04/30  
Ralston, Tim 04/30





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### WORSHIP SERVICES

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

*(Childcare available at 8am, 9:30am and 11am 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 Sunday School (Education Building)
- 9:30am Youth Sunday School (Education Building)
- 11:00am Children Sunday School (Education Building)

**Addressee or Current Resident**