



FROM THE PASTOR: “MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSON”



I just checked Time Magazine’s 100 Most Influential People of 2021. Your mother did not make the list, and neither did mine. Yet as I look back at my mother’s impact on me, she is one of the most influential people in my life. I would not be a pastor today if my mother didn’t share her Christian faith with me. How did she do that? She dragged me to church. I only went to church because she required it. Today as I look back, I am glad she did.

On Sunday, May 8th we will honor mothers. I will give a message titled “Mother’s Care.” Mothers often do whatever is needed to take care for their children. For example, I know my mother talked to family and friends to make sure my sister would receive a kidney transplant. As a result, my sister outlived my mother by two years.

I read about an 82-year-old mother, Norma Brickey, who had been driving the streets of Columbus, Ohio, with a sign in her car window. “My son needs a kidney, O positive,” followed by her phone number.

Brickey knew the difficulties of finding a kidney firsthand: She and another of her sons had kidney transplants. Unfortunately, all three suffered from Polycystic kidney disease. With more than 121,000 people on the kidney transplant waiting list and 3,000 being added every month, Norma was not content to sit around and wait.

Norma typifies a mother concerned about her child. I give thanks to all the women who show such love. To all women, I say Happy Mother’s Day! I will see you on Sunday .

Grace and peace,

Fred



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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & EVANGELISM

Pastor Katharine Keller

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

EASTER CELEBRATION 2022

Easter this year brought beautiful music, a processional, a sunrise service with breakfast afterwards, great messages... and lots of joy!



Easter Sunrise Worship service



Easter Sunrise Continental Breakfast Team



Traditional Worship Processional



Sanctuary Cross



LENTEN STUDY CONCLUSION



In the last weeks of class we covered Peter's denial, the crucifixion, and the empty tomb. The participants had "crown of thorns" and empty tomb roll treats. We even had an egg hunt at the last session. Below are all the weekly tokens each participant received, nicely displayed by Jan and Dave Larsen.





PHOTOS FROM PALM SUNDAY



GRIEF SHARE



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

Both are 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.

MONTH OF MAY ON A METHODIST CALENDAR

Our The United Methodist Church recognizes many special days in May: Native American Ministries on May 1, Mother's Day on May 8, Heritage Day on May 22 and Ascension Sunday on May 29. We do not often acknowledge or preach about Ascension Day, but here is some background:

The **Ascension of Christ** is the teaching that Christ physically departed from Earth by rising into heaven, in the presence of eleven of his apostles. According to the New Testament narrative, the Ascension occurred on the fortieth day counting from the resurrection. In the Christian tradition, reflected in the major Christian creeds and confessional statements, God exalted Jesus after his death, raising him from the dead and taking him to Heaven, where Jesus took his seat at the right hand of God.

Luke 24:50: Jesus leads the eleven remaining disciples to Bethany, a village on the Mount of Olives, and instructs them to remain in Jerusalem until the coming of the Holy Spirit: "And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy."

Acts 1: Jesus tells the disciples to remain in Jerusalem and await the coming of the Holy Spirit; He is then taken up from the disciples in their sight, a cloud hides Him

from view, and two men in white appear to tell them that He will return "in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven."

The Ascension of Jesus is significant for several reasons:

1. It signaled the end of His earthly ministry. God the Father had lovingly sent His Son into the world at Bethlehem, and now the Son was returning to the Father.
2. It signified success in His earthly work. All that He had come to do, He had accomplished.
3. It marked the return of His heavenly glory. Jesus' glory had been veiled during His sojourn on earth, with one brief exception at the Transfiguration.
4. It symbolized His exaltation by the Father.
5. It allowed Him to prepare a place for us.
6. It indicated the beginning of His new work as High Priest and Mediator of the New Covenant.
7. It set the pattern for His return. When Jesus comes to set up the Kingdom, He will return just as He left—literally, bodily, and visibly in the clouds.

CONFIRMATION 2022



These five (5) wonderful students will be confirmed on Sunday, May 15th at the 9:30am worship service in the Sanctuary.



Hunter Adams



Michael Adams





Andy Herron

Tristan Williams

Above are pictures of Jack painting his Confirmation cross.

MORTGAGE BURNING

On Sunday, February 14th, we burned our mortgage and



Jack Cleary



HAPPY
Retirement!
Fay!



Please come to a reception on
Sun., 5/22 at 1:00pm in the **Koinonia Room**
to honor the ministry of Rev. Dr. Fay Quanstrom
as she retires from Staff at the end of May.
No RSVP needed.



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 6th-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. We are in need of crew leaders and a game captain. For more info or to volunteer, please contact me at (480)982-3776 or lclise@goldcanyonumc.org.

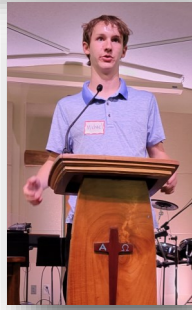
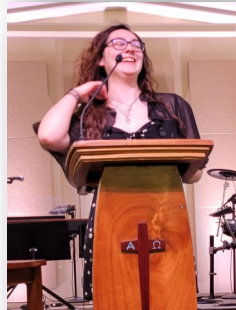


YOUTH GROUP



On April 10th, the Annual (well, after a few years off) Shareholders' Dinner was held in the Education building. Four youth spoke about their past mission trip/service project trip experiences and how they have impacted them. Two youth talked about how excited they are to be going on their first mission trip this year! We will be going to Colorado Springs, CO on June 11th in partnership with Next Step Ministries. A big thank you to all of the youth and adults that helped to make the dinner such a success! I heard how nice it was to get back to more normal and be able to sit down and enjoy a meal together and appreciate just how much we missed that sort of fellowship. There will be 8 youth and 3 adults going on the mission trip/service project this year. A personal thank you to all of you that have donated to the youth program. I definitely wouldn't be able to have such a wonderful program without the generous support of the shareholders.





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

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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! Scholarships are available. Please contact Linda Clise, Youth & Children's Ministries Director (Lclise@goldcanyonumc.org or 480-982-3776).



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)



PASTORAL & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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

PASTORAL CARE

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



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

PRAYER REQUEST

...please send prayer requests to
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...*

Connie Moran Dauenhauer

Ray Engbrecht

Lyle Hansen (4/1)

Phyllis Irvin (4/14)

Phillip Roy (OH)

Pat Snyder (NE; 3/21)

Sue Turnpaw (IN; 4/1)

Roger Waugh's brother

In Remembrance

HOLY LAND TRIP



The trip to the Holy Land with
Pastor Fred & Beth is scheduled 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
or leave a message with the Church Office.



CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer



better thought of as Easter. Spring represents the beginning of new life in the natural world; and Christ's death on the cross, and ultimate resurrection, certainly represents new and eternal life for us. As 1 Peter 3-4 (The Message) says - Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven—and the future starts now!

What are we going to do with this brand-new life, this clean slate Christ has given you and me? Just as a new calendar year doesn't cleanse all my ills, doesn't change my behaviors, doesn't "fix" what's wrong in my life, doesn't change my mindset – Easter Sunday doesn't do those things either. But most of us move forward more productively with focus, with a goal to shoot for...so I will let myself focus on the things I want to be better at in this coming year.

I recently read this little story, and... Wow!

"The other day I was hangin' out with a friend. This friend is a Christian but doesn't always act like one. Some days she's in line with God's Word, and some days life's struggles get the best of her. As our eyes met, I really wanted to say something about it but decided to let the Lord speak to her heart, knowing nothing I could say would have the same impact as her Father's Words. So, I prayed with her. And after some time passed, I winked at her... and walked away from the mirror."

It is true for most of us that we have good days and bad days. Days we feel we are completely "on", and things seem pretty easy, and days that are "off", and it feels like nothing is going our way. I can't really pinpoint a pattern, one that says I'm more prone to act in an unchristian-like manner on an "off" day or an "on" day. I must admit that I can be prone to unchristian-like behavior at all sorts of random times. Rather than focusing on my treatment of others and my representation of Jesus Christ to those around me, I fall

into New Years resolutions abound on January 1st each year. But as I reflect on this Easter season, it seems to me that the beginning of our new year might be

into satan's trap, giving way to self-absorption. Before I know it, I find myself judging others, walking my path my way, completely failing to look at my reflection in that mirror.

Why would I do that? Why would it seem like I periodically forget my belief systems, forget that I am to treat others like Jesus would, forget my Christian calling? I read a line in the book *The Lincoln Highway* (by Amor Towles) that struck me as a little funny – "Let's face it, most people need a ladder and a telescope to make sense of 2 + 2."

So, does that mean that the reason I, most of us, fail more often than we'd like at Christian behavior, is because we're not very bright? I really hope not! And I don't think so. If you remember back to what Jesus' death and resurrection promised us, it was that when we believe in Him our sins are forgiven, and we will have everlasting life. It wasn't a promise that we would never sin again, or that we'd be perfect.

My reflections during this season of Lent have me looking at Easter as sort of a re-boot. A reminder to look at my true reflection in the mirror more often, put two and two together more regularly, listen to my Father's Words, and remember the no-brainer message of Christ's sacrifice for us on the cross by carrying His message to others through my thoughts, words, and actions.

This can be easier said than done though. If your current struggles make this difficult for you, 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.

*No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
and no mind has imagined
what God has prepared for those who love him.
~ 1 Corinthians 2:9 (NLT)*



ON THE COUNTRY SIDE

Dr. David Worley

Incredibly, we are on the brink of summer. Soon we will experience high temperatures, monsoon rains and be grateful anew for air conditioning! As you plan your summer I invite you to join us for our 4:00pm worship live or online, which will continue through the months of June and July each Sunday.



We will take a break during the month of August from our regular worship services, but on the first two Sundays in August (the 7th and 14th), we will gather for a Sing-Along on the 7th, and a Christian film on the 14th. (At least this is the plan as of now.) Many have enjoyed our past Sing-Alongs and some have asked when we will worship together in this way again. So, we hope you will mark your calendars and join us! More details to follow. Until then, join us for worship and the Word each Sunday at 4!

... AND ON A PASTORAL NOTE

I love books. I mean the paper and ink kind that one can hold. I find just being near them therapeutic. And I typically have a stack waiting for me. Of course there is no book comparable to the Bible, which I encourage you to read every day. A Bible reading plan is often helpful and many are offered online (see <https://www.biblegateway.com/reading-plans>). But, I also enjoy a variety of other genres as well as recommendations for “good reads” from others. If you share my penchant and you are looking for a reading suggestion let me encourage you to consider Dane Ortland’s *Gentle and Lowly* for both enlightenment and encouragement. If you are not a reader there are also audio books and videos that provide other ways to encourage your spiritual growth. One of my favorite videos is *Pilgrim’s Progress* which is available free of charge on Youtube. The bottom line is I encourage you to fill your minds with godly content to encourage your spiritual growth and to share titles with friends and family as well.





GLOBAL MISSIONS

Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor

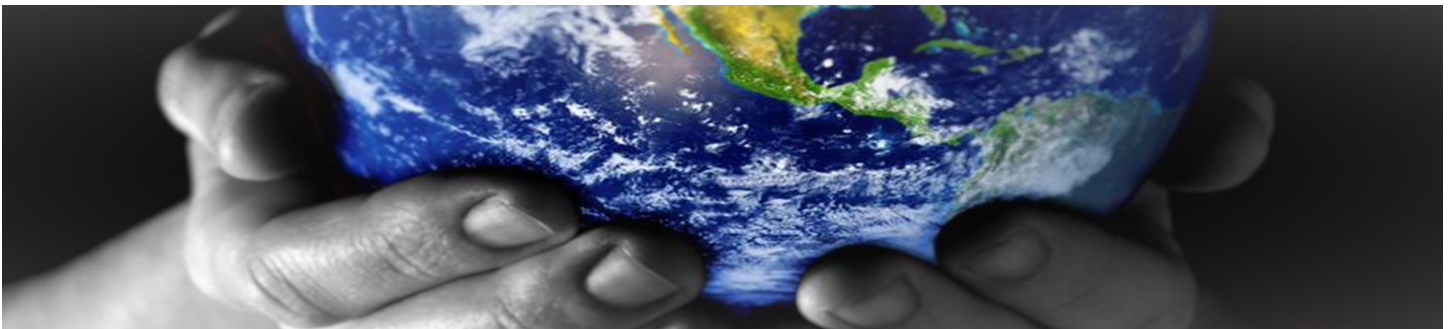


MESSAGE FROM AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION

Brian and Eva Holsinger work as medical professionals in a country that regulates religious activity has had ultra-strict Covid restrictions, pushing their creativity. The consequences of prolonged restrictions include depression and stress, limited education and social engagement. One of the activities that has been possible is prayer walking, which is just what it sounds. The Holsingers walk through the neighborhood, observing needs and silently, individually praying as they go. This is an effective spiritual discipline that any of us can practice as well!

The regular activity of this couple includes developing an orphanage and daycare center for children with disabilities, a project that has potential for bearing much fruit. Creative art opportunities have provided connection and empowerment for people who are often marginalized. Taking the challenge of Luke 14:12-24, they have gone out and brought people from the margins together. Connectedness and empowerment have resulted. Meanwhile seeing patients and practicing medicine in a clinic setting continues to be the basic work of these missionaries.

Specific prayer requests for this couple and their work are wisdom for the clinic team, mental health and perseverance for all, recovery of a 16-year-old spina bifida patient from surgery, and physical safety for the missionary team and those whom they seek to reach for Christ.



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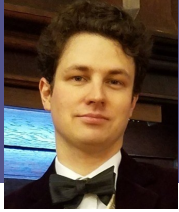
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MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



It's May, so it's time to take a breath for those of us in the music department! A lot of people will be heading back up north soon (if they haven't already) and so you may see less of us on Sundays, but rest assured, we'll still be doing our best to support worship with that special spark that only music can provide.

Speaking of which, I hope you all enjoyed the Holy Week offerings, especially Easter! All of the musicians worked hard to bring you the best worship experience possible this season, so if you see one, thank them.



Moving forward, as we approach summer, I'm looking to include some more musicians in our rotation. If you've considered performing with us before, but you weren't sure you wanted to

commit to so many rehearsals and performances, I encourage you to contact me. We're looking to do some one or two-off ensembles this summer that rehearse a few times then perform. It's a lot less pressure than performing week -to-week, but is still a great way to contribute to our music program and the church at large.



As promised from last month's article, I'll answer the question I received about music titles. A number of people have asked why so many prelude and postlude pieces have foreign titles, and why I don't just translate the titles for you each week.

In the coming weeks, if there's room on screen, I may have the visuals include the translation to help you out; however, I often put the titles of the various works in their original languages in order to be the most clear and authentic. After all, the organ has existed over thousands of years and therefore has an enormously varied repertoire — so there are a lot of pieces with the same general titles if they were all translated. I also assume that if someone is interested enough in a given piece's title, they'll Google it!

But since the question was asked, I'll give you a few examples of foreign words and phrases that will help you glean more from the titles in the coming weeks and months. Most people know the words 'Prelude' and 'Postlude'; these come from the Latin prefixes "pre-" and "post-" which mean "before" and "after"

respectively in this context. The root lude comes from ludus which in this context is Latin for "play." As you know, the prelude is played before the service while the postlude is played after.

Interludes of course are played "in between" parts of the service. What you might not know is that the French often use the word "Sortie" which means "exit" or "way out" for the postlude, primarily because that's when most people leave, like you see on Sundays. If I play music by a French composer, you'll often see the aforementioned "sortie" as well as "grand choeur" which means "great choir" and in this context basically means "Full Organ." So a "Sortie sur le grand choeur" would mean "Postlude on Full Organ."

Other French phrases that you might see are "pour (le grand) orgue" (for [the great] organ) or words like "fete" meaning feast (such as the Feast of Pentecost) and "dialogue" which is a cognate (a word that has the same derivation and meaning) in English, hence the word "dialogue."

Another cognate is the Spanish "ensalada" which means "salad" and in a musical context, is a piece that is a mixture of different themes and techniques just like the salad that you eat has different components. Many Italian words are used in music (of various nationalities including the US) to describe and title various pieces.

The word moderato means "moderate" and usually applies to the tempo of a piece. So a piece entitled Moderato pour orgue would include both the Italian and French languages and mean essentially "Moderate-tempo piece for organ." It sounds better in the foreign languages does it not?

Another important Italian word that is used by many nationalities is the word Toccata (such as the Toccata I played for Easter Sunday). Toccata comes from the Italian verb "toccare" which means "to touch" and is usually a piece that requires a lot of finger movement.

These are just a few of the descriptive words you might see in some music titles, I'll include more in successive articles over the summer, so stay tuned.





The Organ Project

Stewarding, Honoring, Dreaming

For the quick conclusion, I have a small update on the Organ Project. The committee was planning on presenting a vision letter to the congregation this month, but couldn't quite get it ready by the deadline for the May Roadrunner, so they may present that to you next month. At the moment, the committee and I are conferring with several different organ builders to develop proposals, plans, drawings, and concepts and it's going well. I hope to have something more concrete to share in the near future, but like any project, these things take time.

If you have any questions, concerns, or musical interest, please be sure to let me know via phone or email! I hope you all have a great month and I look forward to seeing you either at worship or when you return to AZ.

Peace and best regards,

Ian

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
in the
Koinonia Room!**

Together we lift our
hearts, souls and
spirits... and you'll feel
uplifted and energized
when you leave!

Interested in joining
the Praise Team?

Contact David at...
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Get involved!



For more info contact Ian
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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! So far in 2022 you've raised **\$1340.24** 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.

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'.



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

(formerly United Methodist Women)

To all the Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, Sisters and other women in our lives who care for us and love us unconditionally... HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith new 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. All women are welcome in United Women in Faith!! We invite women of all ages to join with us as we continue in faith, action and sisterhood!



Our Bake Sale on Sunday, April 3rd was a great success. We want to thank all who contributed – and especially all who supported our mission projects – UMF (UMW) missions and Lutheran Social Services Afghan Resettlement Program here in Arizona.





Upcoming Gold Canyon UWF Events:

- **May 4, 2022:** Our UWF Reading Program will meet in the Barnabas Room, Mission Center at 10:00am. We have many new books to choose from – stop in and join us as you are able. Contact Peggy Kinder for more information at p.kinder@mchsi.com.
- **May 21, 2022:** general meeting – 10:00am in the Barnabas Room, Mission Center. Nancy Paterson will share and demonstrate how we can “Look Our Best at Any Age”

Our Circles continue each month:

- **Culinary Circle:** Plans are in process for taking a meal to a local women’s center – Date and time to be determined.
- **Matthew 25 Prison Ministry Circle:** Next Meeting on May 19, 2022, at 9:00am on Zoom. Contact Cherie Creel for more information at cheryljune@icloud.com.
- **Creation Care:** Our next meeting will be in the fall! Rita Vadasz-Miller shares the following tip from the Creation Care Circle “Corner”:

Recycle, Reuse, Refresh, Reclaim, Rejoice

Question: How can you make a difference this month in stewardship of our earth?

Climate Justice: Be Just, Be Green

United Women in Faith calls for sound stewardship of the earth, and environmentally friendly lifestyles that preserve creation for benefit of present and future generations. For more information contact Rita at RitaRKC2@aol.com or (810)629-1240.

United Women in Faith – beyond the local church unit – the East District - Conference - all the way to Assembly 2022 – Turn It Up!

Assembly is a truly unique gathering featuring inspiring

worship, music, workshops, moving speakers and a chance to be with members of United Women in Faith from around the world. Carol Johnson and Dian Capen will be traveling to Orlando, Florida for this once-in-every-four-years” Assembly May 20-22. We feel very blessed to have this opportunity to be a part of this wonderful group of women, especially the first Assembly as United Women in Faith! Please keep the Assembly and us in your prayers as we all travel and spend this special time together.

- Submitted by Dian Capen, Vice President

FOOD BANK



The Food Bank is seeing an increased number of people who are in need. This is not a surprise. We all are experiencing shortages of items in the store and weekly price increases. The Food Bank is also seeing smaller shipments of proteins from our local food bank suppliers.

Your continued support is still greatly needed and always appreciated. We can use canned tomatoes, canned fruits and meats. This summer we will again be a hydration location for those in need of water. Please drop off all donations at the back door of the Mission Center, on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9:00am until noon.

Not plugged in yet?...



If you haven't already, complete and submit a Time & Talents Sheet — available in the Lobbies of either building or the Church Office. We have many areas from which you can select and connect... and it's a great way to make new friends! To see areas where you can get involved, visit:

[https://
secure.accessacs.com/
access/mydashboard/
ablegroups.aspx](https://secure.accessacs.com/access/mydashboard/ablegroups.aspx)



MAY CALENDAR

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

MAIN CAMPUS

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

MISSIONS CENTER

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

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Sun May 1 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)
11am Children's Sunday School (EB)
11am Praise Worship (KR)
3pm Country Music Rehearsal (KR)
4pm Country Worship (KR)
6:30pm Youth Group (YR)

Mon May 2 8am Embry Health Covid Testing (N Parking Lot)
6pm GriefShare (ER)

Tue May 3 8am Embry Health Covid Testing (N Parking Lot)
2pm CLASS: DISCIPLE 3 (ER/Zoom)
3pm Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
5pm Country Band Rehearsal (KR)

Wed May 4 8am Embry Health Covid Testing (N Parking Lot)
10am MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical League (E-MC)
10am UMW Book Club (BC-Patio)
10:30am Cancer Support Group (Zoom)
11am Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
3:30pm CLASS: DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
6pm Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)

Thu May 5 8am Embry Health Covid Testing (N Parking Lot)
1pm GriefShare (ER)
6pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
7pm AA (MC-E)

Fri May 6 8am Embry Health Covid Testing (N Parking Lot)
11am CareGivers Support Group (ER)

Sun May 8 5:30pm AA (MC-E)
6:45pm Youth Games (ONLINE)
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)
6:30pm Youth Group (YR)

Mon May 9 8am Embry Health Covid Testing (N Parking Lot)
6pm GriefShare (ER)

Tue May 10 8am Embry Health Covid Testing (N Parking Lot)
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 Country Band Rehearsal (KR)

Wed May 11 8am Embry Health Covid Testing (N Parking Lot)
10am MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical League (E-MC)
10:30am Cancer Support Group (Zoom)
11am Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
3:30pm CLASS: DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
6pm Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)

Thu May 12 8am Embry Health Covid Testing (N Parking Lot)
1pm GriefShare (ER)
6pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
7pm AA (MC-E)

Fri May 13 8am Embry Health Covid Testing (N Parking Lot)
11am CareGivers Support Group (ER)
5:30pm AA (MC-E)
6:45pm Youth Games (ONLINE)

Sun May 15 All day CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
8am Traditional Worship (S)
9am UG Rehearsal (KR)

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	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)		6:30pm	Youth Group (YR)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)	Mon May 23	8am	Embry Health Covid Testing (N Parking Lot)
	9:30am	Youth Sunday School (YR)		6pm	GriefShare (ER)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)	Tue May 24	8am	Embry Health Covid Testing (N Parking Lot)
	11am	Praise Worship (KR)		9am	Stitches Unlimited (B-MC)
	3pm	Country Music Rehearsal (KR)		2pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 3 (ER/Zoom)
	4pm	Country Worship (KR)		5pm	Country Band Rehearsal (KR)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (YR)		6pm	CLASS: Jesus & Women (ZOOM)
Mon May 16	8am	Embry Health Covid Testing (N Parking Lot)	Wed May 25	8am	Embry Health Covid Testing (N Parking Lot)
	10am	Mtg: UMW Leadership (MC-B)		10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical League (E-MC)
	6pm	GriefShare (ER)		10:30am	Cancer Support Group (Zoom)
	6:30pm	MTG: Admin Council (MC-B)		11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
Tue May 17	8am	Embry Health Covid Testing (N Parking Lot)		3:30pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	2pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 3 (ER/Zoom)		6pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)	Thu May 26	All day	Ascension Day
	5pm	Country Band Rehearsal (KR)		8am	Embry Health Covid Testing (N Parking Lot)
	6pm	MTG: Trustees (Zoom)		9am	Days for Girls (B-MC)
Wed May 18	8am	Embry Health Covid Testing (N Parking Lot)		1pm	GriefShare (ER)
	10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical League (E-MC)		6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (Zoom)		7pm	AA (MC-E)
	11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)	Fri May 27	8am	Embry Health Covid Testing (N Parking Lot)
	3:30pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 1 (ER)		11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	6pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)		5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Thu May 19	8am	Embry Health Covid Testing (N Parking Lot)		6:45pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)
	1pm	GriefShare (ER)	Sun May 29	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)		9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)		9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
Fri May 20	8am	Embry Health Covid Testing (N Parking Lot)		9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)		9:30am	Youth Sunday School (YR)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)		11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	6:45pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)		11am	Praise Worship (KR)
Sat May 21	10am	MTG: UMW (MC-B/Zoom)		3pm	Country Music Rehearsal (KR)
Sun May 22	8am	Traditional Worship (S)		4pm	Country Worship (KR)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)		6:30pm	Youth Group (YR)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)	Mon May 30	All day	OFFICE CLOSED/MEMORIAL DAY
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)		8am	Embry Health Covid Testing (N Parking Lot)
	9:30am	Youth Sunday School (YR)		6pm	GriefShare (ER)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)	Tue May 31	8am	Embry Health Covid Testing (N Parking Lot)
	11am	Praise Worship (KR)		2pm	CLASS: DISCIPLE 3 (ER/Zoom)
	1pm	Fay Quanstrom Retirement Party (KR)		3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
3pm		Country Music Rehearsal (KR)		5pm	Country Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Country Worship (KR)			



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!

Brogren, Ann & Neil 05/01	Campbell, Sandy 05/06	Togstad, Pamela 05/19
Hoefs, Ed & Wendy 05/01	Forest, Betty 05/06	Graham, Claudia 05/20
Formento, Kathy & Russ 05/04	Steckley, Leonard 05/06	Heft, Bob 05/20
Robertson, Dave & Judy 05/04	Osbakken, Pat 05/07	Little, Don 05/21
Lindholm, Lynn & Paul 05/05	Rowley, Cheryl 05/07	Woode, John 05/21
Noe, Jim & Mary Beth 05/05	Worley, Debra 05/07	Mulhair, Delna 05/22
Turner, George & Lisa 05/08	DeWinter, Don 05/08	Nord, Faye 05/22
Blank, Don & Lori 05/17	Weidner, Harold 05/08	Weidner, Gloria 05/22
Cloud, Jeanne & Pautzke, Donavon 05/17	Fitzgerald, Susan 05/09	Genetti, Judy 05/23
Luther, Jeff & Mavis 05/17	Flowers (Brown), Mary 05/09	Twa, Jack 05/23
Fendley, Cecil & Penny 05/18	Rowe, Ella Mae 05/09	Arehart, Larry 05/24
Newkirk, Edgar & Linda 05/18	Dage, Carol 05/10	Burris, Joanne 05/24
Snyder, Lorrie & Toby 05/20	Luse, Carol 05/10	Kennedy, Tom 05/24
Butterbrodt, Sandy & Bill 05/21	Schuler, Phalen 05/10	Kosanke, Karen 05/24
Rasmussen, Al & Diane 05/22	Alford, Jo 05/11	Nefzer, Kathy 05/24
Roe, Earl & Jeanine 05/25	Hughes, Doug 05/11	Bonestell, Marian 05/25
Wehle, Carol & Peter 05/27	Shaughnessy, Mike 05/11	Criswell, Bev 05/25
Welker, June & Larry 05/28	Barber, Ann 05/12	Voorhees, Steve 05/25
Chase, Bob & Donna 05/29	Matthews, Shirley 05/12	Greenlee, Bill 05/26
Paul, Mike & Phyl 05/29	Gregg, Shar 05/13	Houser, Chris 05/26
Teller, Ronald & Susan 05/29	Andreyka, Janice 05/14	Lackey, Steve 05/26
Witucky, Michelle & TJ 05/29	Braatz, Patrick 05/14	Nichols, Sam 05/26
Williams, Karen & Todd 05/31	Carpenter, Wes 05/14	Otterstein, Karen 05/27
	Fabish, Paul 05/14	Talley, Donna 05/27
	Kuzmin, Tatiana 05/14	Pape, Roy 05/28
	Svoboda, Dick 05/14	Storbakken, Linda 05/28
	Gingrich, Joyce 05/15	Eddy, Janice 05/29
	Hartman, Zackary 05/15	Fuher, Mavis 05/29
	Morton, Maureen 05/15	Pape, Andrea 05/29
	Tyler, Sandy 05/15	Strange, Alice 05/29
	Gerst, Lois 05/16	Ancell, Bob 05/30
	Horkey, Marilyn 05/16	Elco, Jim 05/30
	Hartman, Lorna 05/16	Rhodes, Grace 05/30
	Lewis, Carol 05/16	Workman, Janice 05/30
	Wirtz, Catherine 05/16	Harpel, Dorothy 05/31
	Engbrecht, Don 05/17	Vorseth, Duane 05/31
	Hunter, Gary 05/17	
	Sanders, Kalleen 05/17	
	Heppner, Ronald 05/18	
	Davenport, Mary Ann 05/19	

Happy Birthday!

Kalik, Adam 05/01
 Kench, Sue 05/01
 Seabright, Mary 05/01
 Cook, Trish 05/02
 Mullins, Victoria 05/02
 Young, Rick 05/02
 Alford, Keith 05/03
 Gunn, Jim 05/03
 Paone, Albert 05/03
 Rhodes, Gary 05/03
 Voorhees, Deb 05/03
 BeBout, Terre 05/05
 Kness, Dee 05/05



CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

MARCH	2019			2020			2021			2022		
	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All
	159123	40676	10632	120680	38817	16042	140827	34159	7404	117276	51913	7205



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.

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!



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

Watch live and archived worship services and events at:



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



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+; \$543,169 raised)
- **Pipe Organ:** (\$141,224 raised)
- **Stain Glass for Upper Sanctuary windows** near the ceiling: (Fully funded; being built)
- **Loop Hearing System:** (completed)
- **Building Fund Debt Payoff** (completed)

ROADRUNNER & BULLETIN DEADLINES

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

NO LATER THAN 8am, Mon., 5/16/2022

Weekly Bulletin & Flower Orders

12:00pm on the Wednesday prior
to the Sunday Service



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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