



FROM THE PASTOR: “PAST GIFT — BIG IMPACT”



In 2017 an arsonist burned down the sanctuary building of Zion United Methodist Church in Las Vegas, Nevada. The fire happened as the church was celebrating 100 years of ministry. You may remember we gave them a gift of about \$30,000 toward rebuilding. The gift had no strings attached, and we trusted they would use it responsibly.

During Annual Conference a couple of weeks ago, I talked to Dan Morley, the District Superintendent in Las Vegas. He told me that Zion U.M.C. had kept that gift for rebuilding all these years. He told me the gift caused them to reprioritize their ministry and make some decisions this past year for a better future. They finally demolished the burned-out building and have prioritized the remodeling of a second building to serve their ministry needs. As you might imagine, their congregation has become smaller with COVID-19 and the destruction of their sanctuary. But our gift kept reminding them of the need to work on the future.

Dan explained that our church's gift was the catalyst that motivated the church to move forward. It's a joy to know that your generosity is helping Zion U.M.C. discover its ministry potential today. So, again, I thank you for encouraging another United Methodist Church to grow and revamp its ministry for the future.

Grace and peace,

Fred



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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & EVANGELISM

Pastor Katharine Keller

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

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERIES



Quest: The Awakened Traveler

- July 17 "Leaving Home"
- July 24 "The Encounter"
- July 31 "Returning Home"

Whether you travel far away or see your local surroundings as if for the first time, pilgrimage has long been a spiritual practice, and "journey" a deeply felt metaphor for our spiritual lives. This three-week worship series will encourage us to open ourselves more fully to the curiosity and wonder, reflection, and transformation that travelers—not merely tourists—experience when they choose to immerse themselves in soul-widening adventures.

In preparation for this series, we will be assembling care packages filled with new travel-sized essentials to distribute to people in our community who may need them, including people with insecure housing. We are inviting you to donate the following items in the month of July; bins will be available in both buildings. AND, if you wish to assist in the assembly of the packets, please contact Pastor Katharine.

- Shampoo/conditioner
- Soap
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush (soft bristle)
- Dental Floss
- Lip Balm
- Deodorant

- 8-oz bottle of water
- Granola bars
- Tissues
- 1-gal Ziplock bags

You are also invited to submit up to five (5) pictures from your travels — whether taken within the United States or out of the country — that are inspirational to you...a picture of what you saw or experienced that made you feel close to God.

Please EMAIL ONLY to churchoffice@goldcanyonumc.org. Please contact Pastor Katharine if you have any questions.



The Academy
for spiritual formation®
THE UPPER ROOM

Pastor Katharine will be attending this spiritual renewal retreat. If any laypersons would like to attend, please contact her in the Church Office.

Spiritual renewal, rest and thoughtful reflection await those who attend the **Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation** this fall. The daily rhythm of solitude and community restores our sense of humanity and our trust in God. Designed for Christian leaders who want to grow in their faith and leadership ability and sponsored by the Desert Southwest Conference, the Academy is a highly regarded program of The Upper Room. The Retreat experience is for lay and clergy persons seeking a deeper journey in Christ. In a divided Church, we seldom bring the prophetic and the contemplative dimensions together. This retreat suggests the path to Christ needs both.

The program follows a daily rhythm of health-giving worship, study, silence and covenant community designed by The Upper Room (see <https://academy.upperroom.org/>). This year's theme for the Arizona Academy is "Journey into the Heart of Christ: Spiritual Healing and Justice" and faculty presenters are Vance Ross and Hwa-Young Chong.

The 5-day retreat will be at the beautiful Redemptorist

Renewal Center near Tucson September 18-23, 2022. For more info or to register, you can also go to <https://dscumc.org/arizona-five-day-academy/> or contact Jerry Haas, retreat leader, at jndhaas@gmail.com or (520-449-0327).

PENTECOST PHOTOS

Happy Birthday, Church! The church is not a cruise ship but a rescue/hospital ship! (Note the change in the towel...)



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Please be sure introduce yourselves!



Byron & Gayle Singer



CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

Linda Clise, Children & Youth Ministries Director

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Vacation Bible School was held June 6th to June 9, 2022, and we had an absolute blast! The wonderful and creative decorations set the scene for a food truck party!



From the music, "Manna in the Morning and Quail at Night," to the delicious and realistic snacks and the fun and interactive curriculum, the children had fun and wanted more days!



Of course, VBS could never have happened without all of our wonderful volunteers! I am so very thankful for each and every one of you, and look forward to having more fun with you next year.



For more info or to volunteer in the Children's Ministry, please contact me at (480)982-3776 or lclise@goldcanyonumc.org.

YOUTH GROUP



Our Youth have been busy finishing up the school year activities, sports... and some even graduating from high school. Most will be continuing on with their education at universities or trade schools, while a few are joining the Armed Forces.



We are all looking forward to the mission trip/service project. At the time of writing this article, we will be leaving the very next day...very early! Be sure to check out the August's RoadRunner to get all the details and photos of the mission trip, along with fun and pictures of our adventures!



MEET OUR COLLEGE GRADUATE!



Taylor Wehle graduated from Arizona State University with honors, summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Kinesiology. Taylor will be taking a gap year while she is applying to physical therapy schools, and plans to pursue a doctorate in Physical Therapy.

Many of you may know Taylor from singing here at Gold Canyon UMC... Congratulations, Taylor!



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



Be sure to check out next month's
Roadrunner with more photos from the
GCUMC Youth's Mission Trip!





PASTORAL & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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.

PRAYERREQUEST

...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...*

Melanie Dixon (Globe)

Ray Dull (CA)

Rochelle Dumlao (CA)

Bill Gregg

Terry Johnston

Lucy Kidwell (NC)

John Polati (CA)

Nancy Russell

Marilyn Sandquist (MN)

Jim Taglianetti

In Remembrance

HOLY LAND TRIP



Pastor Fred has scheduled a Holy Land Trip for

October 18-31, 2022

... and space is still available! 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... just email him at

revstein78@gmail.com

or call and leave a message
with the Church Office.



CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

UNDERSTANDING YOUR COMMUNITY



Who makes up our communities, who are we in relationship with? Maybe family, friends, church, co-workers, volunteer organizations, other peers; but how well do we know them or understand them? No matter our community, we cannot truly be in relationship if we aren't truly present.

I recently had the blessing (yes, blessing) to be off the grid for 10 days, camping and enjoying two different secluded National Rivers. I had incredibly valuable time catching up with old friends and family I had not seen in ages. But initially it was comical watching each of us go through our technology withdrawals to varying degrees, and believe it or not my 15 year old grandson wasn't the worst!

Pastor Rick Warren, in his June 11th devotional, discussed technology and how in many cases it has replaced our personal interactions. In part, he said this – *“We live in a world where our tools and technology have left us perpetually distracted and trained us to no longer pay attention to the people in our lives...It’s all about you instead of the people God has placed right in front of you...If you want to have happier relationships, you need to learn the lost art of paying attention.”*

During some of my recent off the grid conversations, an old friend told me something his mother used to say about conversations - *There are 6 people in any conversation...what you thought you said, what you wanted to say, what you actually said, what you thought you heard, what you wanted to hear, and what you actually heard!* Her point was that our perspectives are skewed, and each of us can take many different thoughts away from the same conversation. This friend is 75, so his mother said that a long time ago, back during the period we were allegedly practicing that *“lost art of paying attention.”* Reality is we humans have never really been that good at listening.

And although his mother's wisdom is still very powerful, today we must compound it by at least 100 x 6! Instead of routinely striking up conversation with those around us, we more often see heads buried in phones. Doing

what? Any number of things other than listening or interacting with someone right in front of us, including posting pictures, scrolling to see what our on-line friends are doing, seeing how many likes we got on a past post, or searching information to refute or help us make our next point in a conversation! We often do anything but listen.

Having spent 2 decades as a Hostage Negotiator, and then becoming a Stephen Minister, I am 100% convinced that listening IS understanding. But just because I've had a little training, and believe in it, doesn't mean I don't fail as often as anyone else. Without first engaging in conversation (that doesn't include flippant remarks on social media, or talking over others to make your point), we cannot begin to understand those around us. Listening (paying attention), opens our eyes to other's feelings, views, emotions, experiences, perspectives, and facts we haven't heard. Listening - just as God listens to us - leads to understanding, which leads to connection with those people God has put in our paths.

My recent off the grid time reminded me how very important being “present” with those around us is. I realized with all our distractions, my husband and I can spend 3 hours in the same space and barely say a word to one another and that's not okay! I plan to specifically focus on at least 1 time a day starting a conversation when I normally would have picked up my phone to fill a space in time. Will you join me?

That can be easier said than done though. If you are lost in concerns that hamper your listening to others and need a little assistance, consider reaching out to **one of GCUMC's 4 Pastors, who are adept at listening.** 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.

*Fools think their own way is right,
but the wise listen to others. ~ Proverbs 12:15 (NLT)*



ON THE COUNTRY SIDE

Dr. David Worley

Our summer worship has proven a blessing to us. The opportunity to gather to praise, pray and preach has been spiritually refreshing for me and I sense others share my perspective. We will continue to meet each week through this month, but we will take a break during the last three weeks in August.

However, the first Sunday in August (the 7th) we will be hosting a Sing-Along! It has been some time since we were able to come together to sing old Gospel songs and hymns, but many have told me how much this one-hour of praise has meant to them in the past. We invite you to join us for this event at 4pm in the Koinonia Room. I believe you will find that it stirs your memory, lifts your heart and most all glorifies our God!



... AND ON A PASTORAL NOTE



As we celebrate our national Independence Day this month, we do well to think of the freedoms we enjoy. Whatever political position we may take on the questions surrounding immigration, one thing is clear: people from all the world want to be where we are so that they, too, may enjoy freedom. Notwithstanding the value of our political and personal freedoms, the freedom we enjoy in Christ is even more outstanding. To know freedom from our sins through God's merciful forgiveness is an unparalleled blessing.

But just as our political freedoms cost the lives of those who have fought for and continue to defend them, forgiveness from our sins cost the life of Jesus, God's Son. The New Testament is clear that God forgives us for Jesus's sake. Never forget, however, that the Father paid an unspeakable price by sending His Son to this earth to die and Jesus paid an indescribable price by offering Himself up for us on the cross. Our monthly commemoration of the Lord's Supper provides an opportunity to remember and rejoice in the spiritual freedom that is ours through Christ's work for us. Celebrate your freedom!

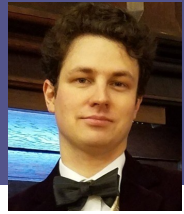


**Sundays at
11:00am
in the
Koinonia Room!**

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...
(DCBallardsAZ@gmail.com)



MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



Summer Happy July, particularly July 1st and July 4th which are Canada Day and US Independence Day respectively. As we celebrate these national holidays, we are thankful to God for our countries and the progress they have made and continue to make. We pray that we continue to serve His will and our neighbors. With these patriotic holidays, there's a lot of music written to celebrate the nations and their peoples but often these pieces are not performed at church because we want the focus to be on God. Still, sometimes you can get some in at the end of the service, so stay tuned! The music ministry has another month of activity to share with you before the choir goes on hiatus during August.



For your musical descriptive word of the month, we have the word 'fugue.' A fugue, in the musical sense is a contrapuntal compositional technique in two or more voices, built on a subject (a musical theme) that is introduced at the beginning in imitation (repetition at different pitches) and which recurs frequently in the course of the composition. Most fugues begin with the subject, which then sounds successively in each voice. When each voice has completed the subject, the exposition (the first part of the fugue) is complete. This is often followed by a connecting passage, or episode, developed from previously heard material; further "entries" of the subject then are heard in related keys. Episodes (if applicable) and entries are usually alternated until the "final entry" of the subject, by which point the music has returned to the opening key, or tonic, which is often followed by closing material, the coda. In this sense, a fugue is a style of composition, rather than a fixed structure. Fugues are often paired with Preludes or Toccatas so as to have two contrasting musical movements. Fugues have been written for hundreds upon hundreds of years by composers from J.S. Bach to Louis Vierne.



First of all, I'm extremely grateful for the outpouring of support for last month's 'Sunday Sounds Series' concert. The attendance and participation exceeded my greatest expectations, so thank you all for your attendance and support. This month we'll be continuing the series, again on the second Sunday of the month. I'll be hosting the mini-concert on Sunday, July 10 between

the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services, starting right after the 9:30 service postlude around 10:30. This should give an opportunity for both 9:30 and 11:00 congregants to attend. Again, it'll be a short time to listen to organ music, ask questions, learn about the organ, our plans for an organ project, and share fellowship. You can sit where you like, walk around to find the best acoustic spot, or even come up to the console to see and hear from the organist's perspective. I hope to see you there once again!

Also this month, I'll be traveling to Seattle for the national convention of the American Guild of Organists. I hope to bring back some new information and perspectives as well as some new music. I'll let you know how it went when I return.

We'll continue to have the Summer Chorale and Choir perform this summer, as well as a number of soloists. If you're interested in participating, please let me know as soon as you're able.

Finally, I'd like to direct you to page 10 of this month's newsletter to read the second article from the Organ Exploratory Committee to the congregation. This month they're discussing the basic types of church organ. We hope this is of interest to you. The committee and I are still conferring with several

Get involved!



For more info contact Ian in the Church Office
or IClasse@GoldCanyonUMC.org

different organ builders to develop proposals and we plan to have at least one builder come to our church for a more thorough analysis of our space including dimensions, acoustics, etc. soon.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or musical interest, please be sure to let me know via phone or email! Have a great month.

Peace and best regards,

Ian



The Organ Project

Stewarding, Honoring, Dreaming

KING OF INSTRUMENTS

Part 2: Refining our Vision for a Pipe Organ

As a quick reminder, in the June 2022 edition of the Roadrunner, we introduced our plan to develop a vision for a pipe organ in our sanctuary.

In that first article, we reflected on the history of our “new” sanctuary, our milestone of making our last mortgage payment, and the reasons why now is the right time for an Organ Project. We also shared news about the formation of the Organ Committee, which is receiving counsel and advice from Rev. Fred Steinberg, as well as technical and musical guidance from Dr. Ian Classe. And we generally discussed the economics of a pipe organ and the need to begin the process of preparing for a replacement instrument before our current digital instrument reaches the end of its useful lifespan.

This month we will dig deeper into the reasons why the Organ Committee recommends a pipe organ; since in the broadest terms, there are three categories of organs to consider: a digital instrument, pipe organ, or hybrid instrument.

Digital Organ



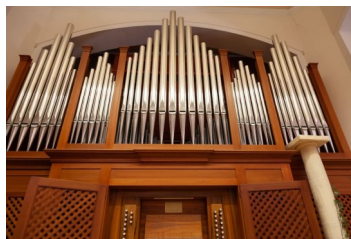
Our current instrument is a digital organ, which simulates a pipe organ by reproducing pipe sounds, like any electronic audio system. And like any electronic device, a digital organ has a practical lifespan, and our best information is that we

should plan on a lifespan of 20 to 25 years for a well-made digital organ, and our current instrument is more than 18 years old.

In terms of benefits, a digital organ is the cheapest organ to acquire, and it doesn’t present many maintenance problems, except as components fail and replacement parts become unavailable — which is becoming a concern with our current instrument. Additionally, a digital organ has a benefit in that it may be acquired with a short lead-time.

In terms of negatives, a digital organ must be replaced time and time again, throughout the lifespan of our sanctuary. And to give context to this replacement cost, our current instrument cost approximately \$150,000 when installed in the sanctuary in 2004, and our current estimate is that a comparable replacement instrument will now cost in the range of \$200,000 to \$250,000. It is for this reason that a digital instrument is economically comparable to a pipe organ since a digital instrument costs less, but must be purchased repeatedly over the life of the sanctuary, whereas a fine pipe organ is more costly to acquire, but is a one-time purchase that matches the expected lifespan of our sanctuary, just as fine pipe organs from earlier centuries are treasures that continue to serve worship to this day.

Pipe Organ



A pipe organ needs no introduction if you have experienced the King of Instruments in skilled hands. It creates a distinctive sensory experience, because each

set of pipes, known as a “rank,” has a distinctive sound, such as the sound of a flute or trumpet, and each pipe in each rank plays a unique note. And in a typical organ, each rank will have 61 pipes, and a pipe organ will usually have 20 to 60 ranks, which are controlled by “stops,”

¹ Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart is credited with naming the pipe organ as the “King of Instruments.”

meaning that a skilled organist commands thousands of pipes that work together to create the unique sound that no other individual instrument can equal. Hence its title as the King of Instruments.

In terms of benefits, a pipe organ provides obvious musical qualities that will be the subject of a future article. And as mentioned above, a quality instrument will easily last for a century (and likely much longer), such that a pipe organ does not need to be replaced, and the earlier it is acquired, the longer it will enrich our worship.

In terms of negatives, the principal cost of a pipe organ is the cost of acquisition; so the cost is almost entirely upfront. Additionally, such an instrument requires a substantial lead-time, probably between two and five years to commission, build, and install – which is the reason why a pipe organ project must start long before our current instrument must be replaced.

A pipe organ will indeed require annual tuning, while a digital organ does not, but this is not a significant expense, and a fine pipe organ will need restoration services about once or twice each century, but this periodic expense can be scheduled long in advance and restoration will probably cost less than half of the cost of just one replacement digital instrument. In sum, a pipe organ is competitive in cost over the long-term, as compared to its lesser digital alternative, and the periodic costs are substantially less burdensome for future generations than the recurring replacement of digital instruments, but the costs of a pipe organ are admittedly up-front, just like the earlier cost to build the sanctuary.

Hybrid Instrument



A hybrid instrument is a digital organ that is augmented by a few ranks of pneumatic pipes. The idea is to help a digital organ take a step nearer to the experience of a true pipe organ, but the result is a compromise instrument, in the judgment of the Organ Committee, since it still has the recurring expense

of replacing a digital organ every 20 to 25 years, plus it has the significant upfront acquisition cost for pipes, and a hybrid instrument has tuning challenges, due to disparate effects of time and climate on these

components. And as a practical matter, we believe that a hybrid instrument has too few ranks of pipes to deliver a sufficient musical benefit to justify its substantial costs; and the more ranks of pipes that are added, the harder it becomes to justify when compared to a true pipe organ.

For all of these reasons, the Organ Committee respectfully recommends that our congregation select a pipe organ as our next instrument, rather than a hybrid instrument or a replacement digital organ, since only a pipe organ will last throughout the lifespan of our sanctuary, provide superior musical qualities throughout its years of service, and deliver a competitive cost when viewed from the perspective of the generations who will benefit from this decision.

The Organ Committee is continuing its work, including seeking proposals from artisans who build instruments of this caliber, for which we will later provide more specific information and, hopefully, illustrations for the congregation. In the meantime, we continue to make the following requests to each of you:

Please discuss this vision among yourselves, as well as with the members of the Organ Committee and church staff, to help us to further develop this project that can be set in motion by our Trustees and the Administrative Council; and,

If you can do so, please seriously consider becoming a major donor for this project, perhaps adopting all or part of this instrument as a legacy for a family or a person.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this project (or participation in funding the project), please contact any member of the Organ Committee (GCUMCOrganComm@gmail.com), Dr. Classe, or Rev. Steinberg.

The Organ Committee:
Carter Olson, Peter Johnson,
Tim Hammers, and Dawn Carroll





GLOBAL MISSIONS

Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor



LET'S CONTINUE TO PRAY...

...for our missionaries! Below please find some specific needs:

- **Fred Curry** — blessing on families to whom work teams deliver garden produce and food bags with the Rice & Beans Mission in Costa Rica.
- **Lisa Armstrong** — wisdom for administering Fellowman International (Honduras) from her homebase in Kansas.
- **Undercover Medical Team** — physical safety and opportunities to share the Gospel with patients.
- **Mobility Worldwide** — safety for the cart building volunteers working at the MW workshops.

HAPPY RETIREMENT, REV. FAY!

Over 100 attendees were present at Rev. Dr. Fay Quanstrom's Retirement Celebration in the Koinonia Room where lots of heartfelt sentiments and laughter was shared — along with great fellowship.



thank you

...dear friends, for all the good wishes and kindnesses you have given me as I retired and through the years. I so appreciated each note and card.

Sincerely, Rev. Dr. Fay Quanstrom

I will hold you in my heart and continue to pray God's rich blessing upon you. "Far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you."

~ 1 Samuel 12:23



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.



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

*My brothers and sisters,
what good is it if people
say they have faith
but do nothing to show it? Claiming to have faith can't
save anyone, can it?
Imagine a brother or sister who is naked
and never has enough food to eat.
What if one of you said, "Go in peace! Stay warm!
Have a nice meal!"?
What good is it if you don't actually give them
what their body needs?
In the same way, faith is dead
when it doesn't result in faithful activity.
Someone might claim, "You have faith and I have action."
But how can I see your faith apart from your actions?
Instead, I'll show you my faith
by putting it into practice in faithful action.
- James 2:14-18 (CEB)*



The United Women in Faith Assembly 2022 in Orlando, Florida, began each day with uplifting music; we sang, we prayed, and some of us danced! We were a mixture of women from around the world and of all ages. But we were women with one purpose: to boldly live out our Christian faith through acts of love,

acts of faith, and acts of change. Carol Johnson and Dian Capen were excited to represent the Gold Canyon UWF at the event. We heard inspiring speakers, including Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland, Heather McTeer Toney, climate justice liaison for the Environmental Defense Fund, and Rev. Janet Wolf, Theologian-in-Residence. There are so many issues in our world today: racial injustice, climate change, the

war in Ukraine, poverty issues, political divides, gun control and mass shootings, and the list goes on and on. But our God calls us to action. And as Heather McTeer Toney said at Assembly, when any challenge seems too big, “our response should be: ‘But you don’t know my faith because nothing is too hard for God!’”

Our new Board President, Ainise ‘Isama’u and UWF CEO Harriet Jane Olson spoke on our new name and new opportunities. We each also attended workshops on The Lord’s Prayer, Living with Integrity, Social Action and others (which we hope to share with our Gold Canyon UWF group). It is an exciting time to be a member of United Women in Faith!

Creation Care Corner:

United Women in Faith calls for sound stewardship of the earth, and environmentally friendly lifestyles that preserve creation for the benefit of present and future generations.

Recycle, Reuse, Refresh, Reclaim, Rejoice

Gas prices are at an all-time high, so why not save money while saving the planet? Some ideas:

- Plan your trips to consolidate: make a number of stops while you’re out rather than making many trips. Better yet, take a friend, shop together and share the cost!
- Reduce your idle time; know where you’re going before you leave, so you don’t have to stop often.
- Check your tire pressure – proper tire pressure can optimize your gas mileage.
- Remove racks from your car (or anything that causes wind resistance), and anything in your trunk that’s weighing your car down.
- Consider buying a more gas efficient car (or a hybrid/ electric car).

Gold Canyon UWF Activities:

- **Reading Program: Wed., 7/6, at 10:00am** in the Barnabas Room, Missions Center. Join us as we discuss the books we have read from the Reading Program and check out books you may want to read! For more info, contact Peggy Kinder at 480-302-0464 or p.kinder@mchsi.com.
- **Leaders Meeting: Mon., 7/11 at 10:00am** in the Barnabas Room, Missions Center. Officers meet to plan meetings and other activities, but all members are welcome. Come and bring your ideas!
- **Monthly Meeting “Shell Art:” Sat., 7/16** with Cheri Creel leading this meeting where we will learn to make beautiful artistic shell dishes. Barnabas Room, Missions Center. Fellowship 10am, Meeting 10:30am.

UWF Circles:

- **Culinary Circle: Thur., 7/21, 12:00 noon.** Clara Knight will host. We will be discussing Chapter 5 in our study book, *Eat with Joy* by Rachel Marie Stone. RSVP required to caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com.
- **Creation Care Circle:** Will resume meetings in the Fall. For more information, contact Rita Vadasz-Miller at 810-629-1240 or ritarkv2@aol.com.
- **Matthew 25 Prison Ministry Circle:** Meeting on Zoom **Thur., 7/21, 9:00am.** For more info, contact Cherie Creel at 480-232-1584 or cheryljunec@icloud.com.
- **Esther Bible Study Circle:** We hope to start in the Fall. For info, contact Carol Johnson at 602-750-2008 or caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com.

- Submitted by Carol Johnson, UWF President

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



The build is nearly complete! We sent workers on April 30th and May 7th to begin renovation of the house at 453 W 1st Ave in Mesa, next door to the house we worked on last year. On the 7th we had a “wall signing” (actually a floor signing) with a blessing by Pastor Katharine. The family is a charming young woman and her 15 year old daughter and 12 year old twin girls. The dedication is expected to occur in July. We have now reached our goal of \$10,000 toward the building of this home in partnership with this family. Amounts over this goal will go toward next year’s project. Please checks payable to “GCUMC” indicating “Habitat for Humanity” in the memo, or contribute online at www.GoldCanyonUMC.org. Thanks so much for your ongoing support of this ministry! Please direct any questions to Joe and Maureen Morton at (602)284-2826 or MoandJoeM@aol.com.

FOOD BANK



The Food Bank served 600 individuals last month — an increased number of people in need. This was no surprise, since we’re all experiencing item shortages in stores as well as 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 are again be a hydration location for those in need of water. Please drop all donations at the back door of the Mission Center, on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9:00am until noon.



JULY 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!

Roller, Don & Jan 07/01
 Sanders, George & Kalleen 07/01
 McClure, Bob & Joyce 07/02
 Collins-Mitchell, Lauren & Mitchell, Charlie 07/04
 Weidner, Gloria & Harold 07/05
 Capen, Dian & Gary 07/06
 King, Kathy & Bill 07/06
 Pepin, Jeff & Sally 07/06
 Jorgenson, Muriel & Orville 07/08
 Jurgens, Donna & Ronald 07/08
 Merrick, Jim & LaVia 07/08
 Manbeck, Jerri & Rich 07/10
 Karr, Janet & Mike 07/11
 Igo, Betty & Bill 07/13
 Abbott, Dave & Jan 07/14
 Evans, Dennis & Kristina 07/15
 Young, Jane & Rick 07/17
 Toole, Donna & John 07/19
 LeRoy, Debbie & Randy 07/21
 Dulaney, Janet & Steve 07/22
 LeQuire, Steve & Karen Kosanke 07/22
 Talley, Donna & John 07/22
 Broz, Linda & Dean Neil 07/23
 Crandall, Don & LeWain 07/29
 Crawford, Gail & Gene 07/30
 Collins, Jim & Shirley Glasgow 07/30
 Morton, Joe & Maureen 07/30
 Raffurty, Anita & Larry 07/30
 Olson, Renee & Carter 07/31

Happy Birthday!

Clise, Ben 07/01
 Fassbender, Nancy 07/01
 Nichols, Rex 07/01
 Coules, Dixie 07/02
 Gladson, Chong 07/02
 Williams, Helen 07/02
 Worley, David 07/03
 Brown, Albert 07/04
 Campbell, Donna 07/04
 Roe, Jeanine 07/05
 Anderson, Cooki 07/06
 Falk, Marilyn 07/06
 Johnson, Kathy 07/06
 Teller, Ronald 07/06
 Bliss, Joy 07/07
 Viseth, Wayne 07/07
 Brewer, Lyle 07/08
 Adams, Herbert 07/09
 Lang, Caryl 07/09
 Magnus, Clark 07/09
 Shaffer, Russell 07/09
 Carpenter, Steffany 07/10
 Lunstead, Jeanette 07/10
 Petticrew, Keith 07/10
 Welker, Larry 07/10
 Cook, Lynn 07/11
 Crowther, Dalton 07/11
 Jelf, Bill 07/11
 Daniels, Ray 07/12
 Gust, Dan 07/12
 Johnson, Richard 07/12
 Williams, Jay 07/12
 Crane, Steven 07/13
 Petticrew, Nancy 07/13

Russell-Smeaton, Betty 07/13
 Formento, Russ 07/14
 Plaski, Tammy 07/14
 Barnes, Doris 07/15
 Crawford, Gail 07/15
 McClure, Joyce 07/15
 Sander, Ellamae 07/15
 Gale, Dick 07/16
 Jungman, Chuck 07/16
 Keeler, Ron 07/16
 Kurtenbach, Roger 07/16
 Brace, Melodie 07/17
 Gloss, Jim 07/17
 Kresge, Willard 07/17
 Parsons, Terry 07/17
 Berry, John 07/18
 Martindale, Ginger 07/18
 Thacker, Jerry 07/18
 Colehour, Ted 07/19
 Lamps, Tamara 07/19
 Martini, Wayne 07/19
 Thomas, Mary 07/19
 MacCallum, Cindy 07/20
 Schlemper, Jane 07/20
 Gaulke, Donald 07/21
 Ortega-Watters, Monica 07/21
 Burgi, Bob 07/22
 McLeod, Dennis 07/22
 Cajowski, Barbara 07/23
 Daniels, Matt 07/23
 Stofferan, Marge 07/23
 Tonole, Marjorie 07/23
 Ballard, Carol 07/24
 Braghetta, Karen 07/24
 Burford, Michael 07/24
 Butterbrodt, William (Bill) 07/25





CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

MAY	2019			2020			2021			2022		
	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All
	65681	26166	4319	157360	25706	13578	10940	26304	10044	88714	18524	10127



Roe, Earl 07/25
 Toppin, Beverly 07/25
 Cleary, Jack 07/26
 Hulett, Audrey 07/26
 Crowther, Daiman 07/27
 Lampsas, Roy 07/27
 Peterson, Rick 07/27
 Ramer, Trudy 07/27
 Sifferath, Sharee 07/28
 Skillman, Lolly 07/28
 Tianen, Rachel (Rae) 07/28
 Cleary, Morgan 07/29
 Fisher, Judy 07/29
 Clise, Lorelei 07/30
 Fabish, Kathy 07/30
 Johnson, Marlene 07/31
 Mitchell, Charlie 07/31
 Winkler, Sarah 07/31



Electronic giving is a great way to make contributions, including recurring and additional/special gifts.

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



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+; \$464,741 raised)
- **Pipe Organ:** (\$142,399 raised)
- **Stain Glass for Upper Sanctuary windows** near the ceiling: (Fully funded; being built)
- **Building Fund Debt Payoff** (completed)



GIFTING YOUR HOME

... is a practical way to reduce the size of one's estate

- ... simplifies life for heirs and executor (personal rep)
- ... eliminates the hassle of having home on the market
- ... reduces taxes
- ... helps reduce the church's debt
- ... can be done through a lifetime estate, allowing a person to continue living in the home.



JULY 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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Fri Jul 1	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	6:45pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)
Sun Jul 3	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 Jul 4	All day	Independence Day (OFFICE CLOSED)
	6pm	GriefShare (ER)
Tue Jul 5	5pm	Country Band Rehearsal (KR)
	6pm	Chorale Rehearsal (MR)
Wed Jul 6	10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)
	10am	UMW Book Club (BC-Patio)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/K)
	11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	6pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Jul 7	1pm	GriefShare (ER)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)
Fri Jul 8	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	6:45pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)
Sun Jul 10	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 Jul 11	10am	Mtg: UMW Leadership (MC-B)
Tue Jul 12	9am	Stitches Unlimited (B&Patio-MC)
	10am	GC Garden Club Mtg (MC-E)
	5pm	Country Band Rehearsal (KR)
	6pm	Chorale Rehearsal (MR)
Wed Jul 13	10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/K)
	11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	6pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Jul 14	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)
Fri Jul 15	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	6:45pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)
Sat Jul 16	10am	MTG: UMW (MC-B/Zoom)
Sun Jul 17	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 Jul 18	-	-
Tue Jul 19	5pm	Country Band Rehearsal (KR)
	6pm	Chorale Rehearsal (MR)
Wed Jul 20	10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/K)
	11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	6pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Jul 21	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)
Fri Jul 22	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	6:45pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)
Sun Jul 24	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)

Access ACS



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

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Please send content for the

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via email to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org

NO LATER THAN 8am, Mon., 6/16/2022

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

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services and events at:**



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

	3pm	Country Music Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Country Worship (KR)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (YR)
Mon Jul 25	-	-
Tue Jul 26	9am	Stitches Unlimited (B-MC)
	5pm	Country Band Rehearsal (KR)
	6pm	Chorale Rehearsal (MR)
Wed Jul 27	10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/K)
	11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	6pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Jul 28	9am	Days for Girls (B-MC)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)
Fri Jul 29	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	6:45pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)
Sun Jul 31	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)



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- ✝ 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