



FROM THE PASTOR: “PASTOR’S DISCRETIONARY FUND”



compassion.

The Pastor’s Discretionary Fund gave \$36,477 of assistance in the last twelve months. Colette Bos works closely with me to evaluate if requests for assistance are valid. She then determines the most effective way we can help that will give the most significant impact. Often we can call on individuals or businesses which will discount their costs. Colette has been called to this mission outreach for almost three decades. I give thanks for her capability and

compassion. An example of help is a request we received recently for repairing an air conditioning system. The family couldn’t afford to replace the air conditioner coil. In Arizona, air conditioning is not a luxury item. I am sure you would agree with me if your unit has ever died when it is 110 degrees outside. In that case, air conditioning can be life-saving.

The fund has helped with car repairs, rent/mortgage payments, medical bills, debt repayment, leaky roofs, plumbing issues, electrical problems, moving expenses, food, glasses, car repairs, and many other needs.

We used to leave giving plates out during communion Sundays to support this fund but felt that some might perceive it as requiring people to give before they took communion. So we decided to rely on giving out information about this fund occasionally to remind people that it exists. If you want to help others through this fund, mark any contribution “Pastor’s Discretionary Fund.”

Grace and peace,

Fred



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"READ IT & REAP" BOOK CLUB



Our ladies' church book club will start up again in October. This year it will be held on the second Thursday of the month at 1:00pm. Pastor Katharine is working on the book selection now; however, she would love to know who is interested. Please email her at ladiebug1214@gmail.com.

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF MINISTRY AT GOLD CANYON UMC

On Sunday, July 10th, the church recognized Senior Pastor, Fred Steinberg's 25 years of service with a huge basket of well wishes from the congregation and cake.



ATHLETIC SHOE COLLECTION FOR PROJECT SAFE START



The mission of Project Safe Start is providing support to the incarcerated for a successful community re-entry. They are requesting all size athletic shoes, but specifically : men's size 10-10.5 or women's size 11.5-12. New is preferred, but if you have gently used, that would be acceptable. We will collect these shoes in August and September. If you have any questions, please contact Cherie Creel, cheryljunec@icloud.com.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Although we won't be collecting backpacks this year for local school children, the principal has told us we could collect particular items that are often needed to be replaced during the school year. Collection bins will be located in the lobbies of both



buildings during the month of August. Thank you ahead of time for your donations of:

- Lined Paper (wide-ruled for grades K-3 and college-ruled for grades 4 and 5)
- Copy paper
- Colored Printing Paper
- Composition notebooks
- Pocket folders
- Crayons
- Sanitizing wipes
- Kleenex
- #2 pencils
- Scissors (child-sized; pointed) for grades K-3, adult sized for grades 4 and 5
- Expo (Dry Erase) Markers
- Earbuds, Headphones

Also, if you wish to either serve as a Peralta School volunteer or help support staff (in either school) in a variety of ways, please contact Pastor Katharine.

COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR



If you are interested in becoming a member of Gold Canyon United Methodist Church, please join us at our next Coffee with the Pastor on Monday, August 15th at 1pm in the Choir Room. If you have any questions or require childcare to attend, please contact Pastor Katharine in the Church Office.

GRIEF SHARE



Our two recent GriefShare classes ended in July with the releasing of white doves. A single dove (the spirit dove) was held by one of our participants. The flock is sent out, and a few seconds later the spirit dove is released. The single bird flies to catch the flock, guiding the others to heaven. There was a musical recording to accompany this solemn and beautiful moment. Thanks to Elizabeth's Arizona Doves! Thanks also to our facilitators this time around – Pamela Kopnick and Pastor Katharine.

Our next two 13-week GriefShare sessions begin September 6th (Tuesdays at 1pm) & 8th (Thursdays at 9am). If you or your loved one wishes to join the next 13-week class, please contact Pastor Katharine.

GRIEF

A Poem by Mindy L. Erdmann

I decided to feel my feelings today.
They were big and scary and roiling
around inside me like birds;
a flock of startled crows flapping
against my ribs trying to get out, so I let them.
I could have kept them inside—
held my breath and closed them in
afraid of where they might go,
what they might do, but I didn't.
I opened the doors and windows
and they flew out in tears and cries and groans
and questions and prayers.
They're not gone,
but they're no longer trapped inside my body
where they would have thrashed and flailed.
Eventually falling to the bottom of the cage...
Spent. Exhausted. Not quite dead.
Sooner or later to wake up again,
angrier and more afraid,
scarring my insides with their beaks and claws.
I let them out but they're not gone.
They still flit about me
in and out of the open windows,
but outside the cage they got smaller.
Sparrows now, not crows.
Wrens. Nuthatches. Chickadees.
Some day they will catch me off guard,
and fly through my window
and perch inside me for a moment,
or a day, or a week.
When that happens I won't shut them out.
I'll welcome them like old friends reminding me
that my loss is real.
That I really did allow myself
to want something that was taken away,
that I loved.





CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

Linda Clise, Children & Youth Ministries Director

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



This month the children have been very busy traveling with their families. They were at camping at the lake, botanic gardens, and on the east coast. Micah went to California and had surgery on his face. Reports are that the surgery went well. He is such a brave young man and was able to enjoy some time in California besides having surgery. Our children at Gold Canyon United Methodist sure have had some exciting experiences in their young lives!



I have exciting news to share! There will be two children moving up to a new preschool class! More information will be available later this month and the start date will be in September! For more info or to volunteer in the Children's Ministry, please contact me at (480)982-3776 or lclise@goldcanyonumc.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY



During late June, seven youth and two adults (including myself) went to Colorado Springs, Colorado for our annual mission trip/service project.



We were blessed to be able to work at a women and children's shelter. This shelter hosts women and their children from around the nation that are in need of escaping their dangerous home life. We were very careful when we took some pictures that none of the residents were in them, as well as any sort of identifying features of the two-acre property. Since this was a smaller group than we usually have on these trips and because of the special work we were able to do, I feel that our youth bonded in a unique way and many of them have shared that this was very impactful to them. We did, however, get to have a dinner picnic with the residents and got to visit and play tag, Frisbee and football with some of the children there. Along with learning a lifelong skill of fence building, strengthening friendships, and growing closer to God, we had lots of laughs and meaningful worship on this trip. I am truly blessed to be able to work with each and every youth here at Gold Canyon!





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

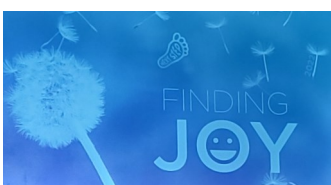
Sundays at 6:30pm (Education Building)

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



YOUTH CALENDAR AUGUST 2022

Sun., 8/7	YOUTH GROUP	6:30pm	Education Building
Sun., 8/14	YOUTH GROUP	6:30pm	Education Building
Sun., 8/21	DINNER & BOWLING (Bring \$ for dinner!)	5pm	Meet @ church
Sun., 8/28	YOUTH GROUP	6:30pm	Education Building







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.

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...*

Ainsley Motzinger (IN)
 Mark Sunderland (IL)

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

STUFF...

I've recently helped my mother downsize for a move into a retirement community. She has a lot of stuff! Many of us do, but only realize just how much when tasked with downsizing in a short period of time. The whole experience prompted me to resurrect the theme of an article I wrote 6 or 7 years ago on this very topic.

Rev. Joel Hurley once interjected some humor into a sermon, sharing that during Pastoral Care visits he often heard something like "It's tough getting old!" He'd answer with a quip along the lines of "Yes, but the good news is...it doesn't last for long..."! He would always get a chuckle, but there's clearly a deeper message. Reality is, we are here on earth for but a moment. We are born, mature, live, work, raise families, play, love, cry, give, grow old, and have eternal life with our Creator to look forward to. Every now and then along our path of life we notice that time is flying; we wonder if we will get to do all that we want, if we will have all the "stuff" that we want, if we will have all the time with our loved ones that we need.

Our earthly presence here is so fleeting, do we make the best of it? When we move on will we be remembered for what we acquired and obtained – homes, cars, flashy clothes, exotic trips? Or will we be remembered for who we truly were (ARE!), what we gave of ourselves, who we made laugh, or how we shared with others?

Those seem like some good questions to ponder periodically, so why not now? During our annual stewardship campaign, we are asked to examine ourselves for what we can give to our church, its ministries, and the community of Christ. This is not only a financial question, but also a critical question about what we can give of ourselves to others. It's about finding the time, wearing a smile, offering a kind word, opening a car door, providing a hug, simply having a conversation, doing what needs doing. If you don't do it now, when will you?

Have you heard the song titled *Trailer Hitch*, by artist Kristian Bush? I encourage you to search for and listen to it. Eight years ago on the streets of Chicago, instead of asking for money, he placed stacks of dollar bills in

his guitar case and chalked "Please take one" on the pavement as he sang. Some key lyrics go like this:

*You can't take it with you when you go
Never seen a hearse with a trailer hitch...
It ain't about what you're driving
Or about the dough you're piling
The less I have to worry about
The more time I have for smiling*



Aren't those last two lines a poignant reminder? The song is in the country genre, has an extra jazzy, acoustic

sound, and although the words may sound a little silly, the point he makes is intensely thought provoking.

Put a little thought into how you can give - of yourself, of your "stuff", and of your soul. What will leave you with less worry and time for smiling? If you have always wanted to volunteer for a ministry or charity, do it! If you have always thought about visiting that ill neighbor, do it! If you have always thought about gifting to a perfect stranger, do it! The "ifs" are infinite so get started - after all, we're not here that long.

If giving of yourself, physically or emotionally, is hard right now then 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 on page 7 of this newsletter.

*"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth,
where moth and rust consume
and where thieves break in and steal;
but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven,
where neither moth nor rust consumes
and where thieves do not break in and steal.*

~ Matthew 6:19-20



ON THE COUNTRY SIDE

Dr. David Worley

What a great summer of worship we have enjoyed, which will be capped off by our Summer Sing-Along on the first Sunday of August (the 7th). For one hour or so we will sing together, including favorite hymns and some toe-tapping Gospel songs. Tressa Erickson will join us to help lead the singing and playing and I will help out on the piano too. If you have attended one of our sing-alongs in the past you know how uplifting it is to sing to the Lord with a minimum of talking. The rest of the month we will take a vacation to recuperate and be ready for the fall. Deb and I look forward to some time away during the month. We are so grateful for your faithful attendance and prayerful support this year. The first Sunday in September we will rejoin together for worship.



... AND ON A PASTORAL NOTE

As many of you know, most of the months of our calendar were originally named by the Romans. August was named after the first emperor of Rome, Augustus Caesar. The name Augusta is reflected in our word "august" which means venerable, honorable or majestic. Because Roman Emperors considered themselves gods, they assume such names as Augustus to reflect their deity.

Early Christians were threatened with death if they refused to burn just a pinch of incense and simply say, "Caesar is Lord." But many chose to face the lions in the Coliseum rather than bow the knee to Caesar because they affirmed to their death "Jesus is Lord."

Only one is august – hallowed, holy and honored – the Lord Jesus Christ. He alone deserves our allegiance. As you live out this month and reflect upon its name I hope you will remember that this month points to the only One who is to be forever praised above all idols of every kind. I encourage you to read again passages such as Isaiah 6 and 40, Daniel 7, Philippians 2:1-11 and Revelation 4 and 5 where you will read descriptions and depiction of our August God, which will bring you to worship and surrender to live for the Lord.

Get involved!

Music Ministry

For more info contact Ian in the Church Office
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GOLD CANYON UMC

Uncommon Grace

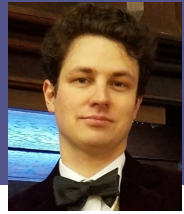
"I will be glad and rejoice in You;
I will sing praise to Your name,
O Most High!"
~ Psalm 9:2

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!

Contact David at...
(DCBallardsAZ@gmail.com)
...if you would be interested
in getting involved
with the Praise or Country
music teams



MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



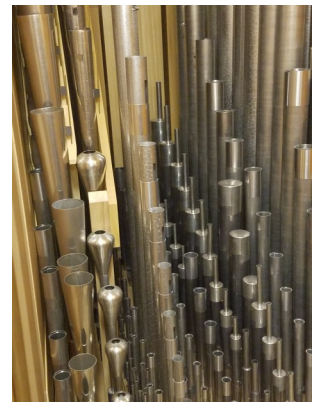
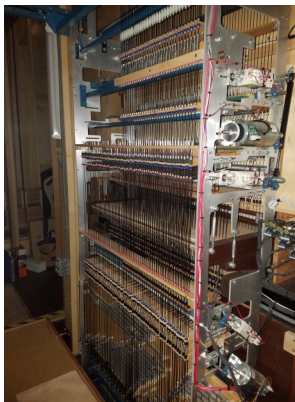
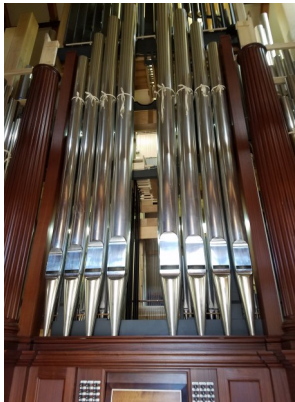
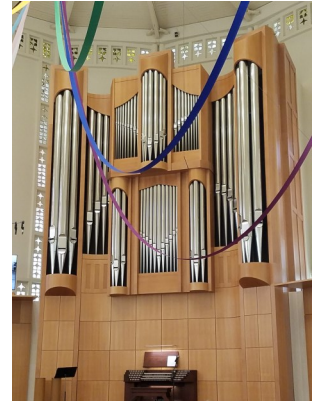
As August arrives, the music ministry will be getting some much needed rest and refreshment as we approach the beginning of 'the season' later on in the fall. Chancel Choir will resume as normal come September and we're looking forward to another great year. Canyon Carillon will resume in October. Stay tuned for more exact dates/times. If you've been interested in participating in the music ministry but just haven't taken the leap, September is as good of time as any! Feel free to contact me by phone or email with questions. I want to personally thank all of you who attended the Sunday Sounds Series concert on July 10th, your continued support means so much to me and the music ministry. You had excellent questions about the organ project and organ in general, and I hope that we'll continue to answer your questions in the upcoming months to your satisfaction.



In August, the 'Sunday Sounds Series' will be delayed by a week since I will be on vacation, so this month's mini-concert will be on Sunday, August 21 between the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Some of you expressed difficulty in seeing at the last concert, so I encourage you to move to a spot that works best for you. I will try and set up some chairs up on the chancel so if you'd like to be up close, you may

be! I hope to see you again this month.

As I mentioned last month, I went to Seattle for the national convention of the American Guild of Organists the first week of July. I brought home some interesting ideas as well as some new music which I will try to feature over the upcoming months. I've also included some photos from the convention that might be of interest to you.



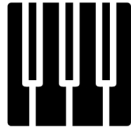
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always, if you have any questions, concerns, musical interest, please be sure to let me know via phone or email.

Peace and best regards,

Ian





The Organ Project

Stewarding, Honoring, Dreaming

KING OF INSTRUMENTS

Part 3: Types of Organs

As a quick reminder, during past articles in this series, we introduced the vision for a pipe organ in our sanctuary, 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. Last month, we recommended the selection of 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.

This month let’s dig deeper into the two major types of pipe organs, and we’ll discuss the options of restoring an existing organ or commissioning a new instrument.

But first, let’s clarify a few terms. When we speak of an “organ,” this describes the entire instrument, although an organist commands an organ by sitting at the “console,” sometimes called the “keydesk.” The console typically sits near the rest of the organ, but sometimes there is a distance between the console and other components of the organ, which requires different types of organs that use different technologies to bring pipes to life when an organist depresses keys on a console.

Electro-Pneumatic Organ (as found at Organ Stop Pizza)



An electro-pneumatic organ uses wire between the console and pipes, much like between a light switch and a light fixture. And when an organ key is depressed, an electrical valve opens, typically beneath the pipe, that allows air to blow from the “wind chest” and makes the pipe speak.

Just like a light switch, the console can command the pipes from a distance, and the pipes can be spread apart, which is a principal benefit of this type of organ: components can be placed wherever space is found; the console can be located and sometimes relocated wherever convenient for the occasion; and additional components can be easily added over time. This benefit is tempered by the practical problem of separating the components, where the speed of sound may create musical challenges for the performing musicians.

An electro-pneumatic organ can be a fine instrument of the first order, and this technology is on display with the magnificent Wurlitzer organ in use daily at Organ Stop Pizza (please be mindful that a theater organ, like this example, is voiced to accompany silent films, as opposed to a church organ that is voiced to support worship, but it is an excellent example of the electro-pneumatic approach to building an organ).

Mechanical Action Organ (as found at Pinnacle Presbyterian)



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

A mechanical action organ, commonly known as a “tracker,” dates back centuries, long before electricity joined the art of building pipe organs, but it remains a modern, state-of-the-art, and vibrant alternative to electro-pneumatic technology. The difference is that a tracker uses mechanical devices, such as levers and wooden rods (from which the name “tracker” originates), to directly connect the console to the pipes, which likewise requires the console to remain in a fixed location in close proximity to the entire organ.

Your Organ Committee members, who are not organists, might conceptually liken this mechanism to that of a piano: each piano key is mechanically connected through one or more levers to a hammer that strikes a given string on the piano, just as the tracker mechanically connects each organ key to the selected pipes. And, like the mechanical connection of a piano, which allows a pianist to shape the sound by their action on a piano key, a tracker organ provides direct control over the valves which likewise allows a master organist to control and shape the sound of any given note. Or, to return to the analogy of a light switch, an electro-pneumatic valve is either open or closed, on or off, but a tracker is like a dimmer switch where the valve can be open, closed, or somewhere in-between.

A tracker organ typically appears like a very large piece of furniture, essentially a large chest filled with pipes, often made from wood, with the console integrated into the chest. In terms of dimensions and placement in our sanctuary, such an instrument will be located behind our choir in the area where our handbell choir previously performed.

Since a tracker is made as an integrated unit where all of the components are made to work together, the voice of the instrument, and the quality of the experience will typically surpass the musical qualities of an electro-pneumatic pipe organ in our space. This is not to say that an electro-pneumatic instrument would not work in our space, but we believe that a tracker is the superior choice. To underscore this point, Pinnacle Presbyterian in North Scottsdale has a sanctuary that was designed by our same architect and the layout is not quite a twin to our sanctuary, but it is a very near cousin, and that congregation commissioned a magnificent tracker organ, which inspired our Organ Committee to recommend the same class of instrument.

NEW VS. USED

At the risk of stating the obvious, a new instrument is typically more expensive than reconditioning an existing instrument.

What’s better? As long as an existing instrument is of high-quality manufacture and provided that any subsequent reconditioning is completed by an equally skilled artisan, an existing instrument is a perfectly acceptable and desirable alternative. There are three challenges associated with an existing instrument: first, while mediocre instruments are in relative abundance, desirable instruments are scarce and in high demand; second, if such an instrument can be found, the congregation will need to make a rapid decision, which is often difficult to accomplish within the time that action is required; and third, our space for a pipe organ (behind the choir) has an unusual, dual-concave shape, which may be difficult to serve an existing instrument, as compared to an instrument that is designed and built for our specific sanctuary.

As for the cost, our numbers are still based on early discussions, but we have been asked by members to provide the congregation with our admittedly rough projections:

DIGITAL ORGAN: A replacement digital organ (for comparison purposes only) is estimated to cost \$200,000 to \$250,000 to replace, with a lifespan of between 20 and 25 years. Using the midpoints for these numbers, a digital organ will cost \$225,000 every 22.5 years, and total maintenance costs are projected at \$61,200 during that lifespan.

NEWLY COMMISSIONED PIPE ORGAN: A fine tracker pipe organ is estimated to cost between \$2 and \$2.5 million, but it would be expected to last the lifespan of the sanctuary (and likely longer). Its total maintenance and tuning costs would be approximately \$44,000 every 22 years (in comparison to the lifespan of a digital organ), and once or twice a century would require restoration in the amount of approximately \$110,000, which is less than half of the cost of one replacement digital organ. A new electro-pneumatic instrument will be approximately 10 to 15% less expensive to commission than a tracker, but the annual maintenance costs are projected to be somewhat higher than a tracker.

USED INSTRUMENT: This cost is highly dependent on the instrument that is found, the cost of the instrument, and the scope of the restoration that will be required to adapt the instrument to our sanctuary. Our rough estimate is that such an instrument will cost between \$600,000 and \$1.8 million, approximately 25% to 75% of the cost of commissioning a new instrument. The maintenance costs and future restoration costs will be similar to the new instrument, since the restored instrument will have an initial lifespan of approximately a new instrument.



GLOBAL MISSIONS

Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor



AS ALWAYS, LET US 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.



ANCILLARY COSTS: Installation of an organ, whether new or an existing pipe organ, or even a new digital instrument, will include some facility costs, such as creating or modifying space for necessary organ components, reclaiming space in front of the choir, and perhaps establishing storage space elsewhere on the church campus. These costs will certainly be higher with a pipe organ than a digital instrument, but there will be some ancillary costs with any new instrument, and the above projections include our best estimates of these ancillary costs, but our estimates will be refined as this project moves forward.

The Organ Committee is continuing its work. In the meantime, please continue to discuss this vision among yourselves, and please think about becoming a donor for this project. The Organ Committee is beginning to receive helpful questions to answer in future articles, and please continue sending them to GCUMCorgancomm@gmail.com, or speak with any member of the Organ Committee, Dr. Classe, or Rev. Steinberg.

The Organ Committee:

Carter Olson, Peter Johnson,
Tim Hammers, and Dawn Carroll





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 **\$1512.08** 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

"... you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

~ Acts 1:8

"I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

~ Philippians 4:13

During these past two years I have learned to limit my exposure to the news. I no longer watch the news in the late evening, and we have a family rule that we do not discuss politics after 6:00pm.

It's so easy to become dismayed and hopeless, isn't it? It seems at times like there are insurmountable wrongs occurring in the world and so many people suffering. This is not a time to give up, though. God calls us at to be strong, to be faithful, and to do his work here on Earth. Fortunately, we have help!

As a Christian, I have prayer and I have my church; my pastors and my congregation, which is full of people who are helping locally and out in our community.

And I also have the United Women in Faith! This organization has exhibited to me what it means to be Jesus's hands and feet in our world. Our Gold Canyon UWF is active in fulfilling many needs; supporting refugees in Arizona, supporting local women in abusive relationships, supporting the national ministries of UWF, and, of course, supporting each other and learning more about our faith. Later this year we will learn about The Justa Center, which provides a sanctuary and services for older homeless adults.

United Women in Faith, nationally, fulfills its purpose of supporting justice and equality for women, youth, and children, as well as fighting racism and climate injustice. They educate through Mission U classes, Faith Talks, response magazine and the Reading Program. And they now have Soul Care Retreats, which are focused on nurturing your mind, body and spirit while deepening your faith through spiritual practice and creating bonds of sisterhood.

When I am feeling down and hopeless, the best remedy

is to look around, feel grateful for all I have, say a prayer, and then take action. If you haven't been to a UWF meeting yet, I hope your next step will be to one of our meetings! With God on our side and the ever-present Holy Spirit, we have the power to reach out in love and heal our World!

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

Did you know that only 6-9% of our plastics are actually recycled? That means a lot of plastic waste that is ending up in landfills, oceans, and in animals, fish, and even our bodies! Some easy ways to cut down on plastic usage:

- Remember to bring reusable bags to the grocery. Hang a note somewhere in your car to remind yourself to bring them in when you arrive at the store!
- Use reusable bottles for your water and even for your coffee when you go to Starbucks or your favorite coffee shop! You may not know this, but there's plastic in some of those insulated coffee cups.
- When you pick up a take out meal to have at home, let the restaurant know you don't need cutlery. Many plastic forks and knives end up in the trash.

Gold Canyon UWF Activities:

- **Wednesday, August 3:** The **UWF Reading Program** will take a hiatus for this month and meet again on September 7. If you would like to take this time to read one of the books in the Reading Program, please contact Peggy Kinder at 480-302-0464 or p.kinder@mchsi.com.
- **Monday, August 15: Leaders Meeting** is at 10:00 am in the Barnabas Room, Missions Center. Officers meet to plan meetings and other activities, but all members are welcome. Come and bring your ideas!
- **Saturday, August 20: Monthly Meeting: "Stay Flexible and Fit"** Debra Worley will speak on how we can remain strong, healthy, and active as we age. Barnabas Room, Missions Center. Fellowship 10-10:30am, Meeting 10:30am.

UWF Circles:

- **Culinary Circle:** Contact Carol Johnson for information on time and place. We will be discussing

Chapter 7 in our study book, *Eat with Joy* by Rachel Marie Stone. RSVP required to caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com.

- **Matthew 25 Prison Ministry Circle:** Meeting on Zoom Thursday, August 18, 9:00 am. For more information, contact Cherie Creel at 480-232-1584 or cheryljunec@icloud.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.
- **Esther Bible Study Circle:** We will start in the Fall. For information, contact Carol Johnson at 602-750-2008 or caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com.

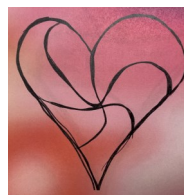
- Submitted by Carol Johnson, UWF President

FOOD BANK



Gold Canyon Food Bank continues to see an increase in the number of people suffering from food insecurity. June distribution increased 12% over May with 650 individuals being served. Increase cost-of-living continues to impact many of our fixed income neighbors. The Food Bank continues to be blessed with support from the local stores agencies and the church community. We ask for your prayers and support as we face increases in need. Donations of pasta noodles and sauce (can), vegetables, fruit and canned meat would be appreciate Blessings!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Ladies, the theme for this year's Women's Retreat will be "Drawn In" and be held at the Franciscan Renewal Center on Nov. 4—6, 2022. Be sure to the save the date in your calendar for this very special weekend... and watch for more details in next month's newsletter!





AUGUST 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!

Luse, Carol & Bob 08/01
Larson, Craig & Sharon 08/03
Petticrew, Keith & Nancy 08/04
Tabor, Lynn & Ilene 08/05
Rhine-Walker, Jen & Rob Walker 08/06
Gray, Dan & Phyllis 08/08
Shank, Linda & Stuart Thanig 08/08
Graham, Claudia & Rich 08/09
Kies, Dave & Sherry 08/10
Nelimark, Sue & Bob 08/10
Ralston, Riechia & Tim 08/11
Digerness, Bruce & Nancy 08/12
Sandness, Patty & Paul 08/12
Quanstrom, Fay & Wally 08/14
Togstad, Keith & Pamela 08/14
Johnson, Jerry & Kathy 08/16
Picek, Char & Tom 08/16
Mulhair, Bob & Delna 08/17
Hollingsworth, Carol & Glen 08/18
Tollefson, Dan & Kathy 08/18
Anderson, Don & Beth 08/19
Graba, Joe & Sylvia 08/19
Miller, David & Nancy 08/21
Wilson, Don & Peg 08/21
Burzlaff, David & Julie 08/22
Annin, Frank & Karen 08/23
Hall, Cheryl & Rick 08/23
Svoboda, Bev & Dick 08/23
Parsons, Phil & Jean 08/25
Robison, Marty & Tom 08/25
Confer, Lynne & Terry 08/26
Ancell, Alyce & Bob 08/27
Hick, Adrian & Pam Ryan-Hick 08/27
Behan, Connie & Jack 08/28
Kresge, Betty & Willard 08/28
McGinness, Anne & Pat 08/29

Moorberg, Deb & Mike 08/29
Storbakken, Linda & Terry 08/29
Beebe, Kathy & Bill 08/31
Fisher, Judy & Steve 08/31
Jameson, Jim & Suzanne 08/31

Happy Birthday!

Ballard, David 08/01
Barber, Larry 08/01
Crosswhite, Carol 08/01
Arquisch, Rosemary 08/01
Nuss, Kathy 08/01
Tuft, Wanda 08/01
Klaers, Mary 08/02
Luhrs, Otto 08/03
Robertson, Delores 08/03
Snyder, Toby 08/03
Tollefson, Dan 08/03
Fast, Jim 08/04
Ofstedahl, Sherrie 08/04
Walker, Linda 08/04
Fuerherm, Roy 08/05
Little, Margie 08/05
Nelimark, Sue 08/05
Nelimark, MD, Bob 08/05
Pullen, Ed 08/05
Meise-Deits, Nancy 08/06
Nelson, Jack 08/06
Storley, LeRoy 08/06
Fitzgerald, Ashton 08/07
Klaers, Nick 08/07
Mintert, Frank 08/07
Fordyce, Barb 08/09
Laich, Flossie 08/09
Kellough, Marilyn 08/11
Burzlaff, David 08/12
Hayes, Jane 08/12
Kies, Dave 08/12

Mintert, Zenith 08/12
O'Donnell, Cherry 08/12
Rewerts, Jerry 08/12
Wasserfort, Joan 08/12
Sandness, Patty 08/13
Wiff, Tom 08/13
Adams, Markee 08/14
Andreyka, Joe 08/14
French, Jerri 08/14
Wilson, Denise 08/14
Miller, Roger 08/15
Lindaman, Don 08/16
Turner, Joyce 08/16
Wever, Shar 08/16
Atkinson, Judy 08/17
Butterbrodt, Sandy 08/17
Luther, Jeff 08/17
Vander Stoep, Karen 08/17
Edwards, Bill 08/18
Hick, Adrian 08/18
Johnson, Jerry 08/18
Hall, Rick 08/19
McClure, Bob 08/19
Nuss, John 08/19
Fitzgerald, Chris 08/20
Jones, Tara 08/20
Lunder, Wayne 08/21
Deits, Bob 08/22
DeVries, Deanna 08/22
Linton, John 08/22
Welker, June 08/22
Witucky, Micah 08/22
Braathen, Flo 08/23
Hahn, Jan 08/23
Osborn, Barbara 08/23
Taylor, Jim 08/23
Adamski, Carol 08/24
Brogren, Ann 08/24



CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

JUNE	2019			2020			2021			2022		
	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All
	72391	26615	4277	85903	26660	8859	85765	15691	6966	91692	28004	5045

Rasmussen, Diane 08/24
 Sunderland, Lois 08/24
 Toole, Donna 08/24
 Fuerherm, Donna 08/25
 Johnson, Mark 08/25
 LeRoy, Debbie 08/25
 Sheridan, Bob 08/25
 Kingsley, James 08/26
 Wiff, Bette 08/26
 Blank, Julie 08/27
 Svoboda, Ron 08/27
 Winkler, Donald (Don) 08/27
 Huffman, Gene 08/28
 Rodgers, Barb 08/28
 Burt, Carolyn 08/29
 Creel, Cherie 08/29
 Sauerbrunn, Gary 08/29
 Bentley, Ann-Marie 08/30
 Fast, Shirley 08/30
 Fendley, Penny 08/30
 Rowley, Roger 08/30
 Capozzi, Carol 08/31
 Jacobsen, Bob 08/31
 Tambke, Norma 08/31



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- ✚ **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+; \$427204 raised)
- **Pipe Organ:** (\$142,704 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.





AUGUST 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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Mon Aug 1 - -
Tue Aug 2 5pm Country Band Rehearsal (KR)
6pm Chorale Rehearsal (MR)
Wed Aug 3 10am MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)
10am UWF Book Club (BC-Patio)
10:30am Cancer Support Group (ER/K)
11am Healing & Prayer Time (ZOOM)
6pm Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Aug 4 6pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
7pm AA (MC-E)
Fri Aug 5 11am CareGivers Support Group (ER)
5:30pm AA (MC-E)
6:45pm Youth Games (ONLINE)
Sun Aug 7 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 SingAlong (KR)
6:30pm Youth Group (YR)
Mon Aug 8 - -
Tue Aug 9 9am Stitches Unlimited (B&Patio-MC)
10am GC Garden Club Mtg (MC-E)
5pm Country Band Rehearsal (KR)
6pm Chorale Rehearsal (MR)
6pm MTG: Trustees (Zoom)
Wed Aug 10 10am MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)
10:30am Cancer Support Group (ER/K)
11am Healing & Prayer Time (ZOOM)
6pm Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Aug 11 6pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
7pm AA (MC-E)
Fri Aug 12 11am CareGivers Support Group (ER)

5:30pm AA (MC-E)
6:45pm Youth Games (ZOOM)
Sun Aug 14 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 Aug 15 10am Mtg: UMW Leadership (ZOOM)
1pm Coffee with the Pastor (MR)
6:30pm MTG: Admin Council (MC-B)
Tue Aug 16 5pm Country Band Rehearsal (KR)
6pm Chorale Rehearsal (MR)
Wed Aug 17 10am MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)
10:30am Cancer Support Group (ER/K)
11am Healing & Prayer Time (ZOOM)
6pm Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Aug 18 6pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
7pm AA (MC-E)
Fri Aug 19 11am CareGivers Support Group (ER)
5:30pm AA (MC-E)
6:45pm Youth Games (ZOOM)
Sat Aug 20 10am MTG: UWF (MC-B/Zoom)
Sun Aug 21 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)
10:30am Sunday Sounds Organ Mini-Concert (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 Aug 22 - -
Tue Aug 23 9am Stitches Unlimited (B-MC)
5pm Country Band Rehearsal (KR)
6pm Chorale Rehearsal (MR)
Wed Aug 24 10am MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)
10:30am Cancer Support Group (ER/K)
11am Healing & Prayer Time (ZOOM)
6pm Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)

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



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NO LATER THAN 8am, Mon., 8/15/2022

Weekly Bulletin & Flower Orders

12:00pm on the Wednesday prior
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- ✝ 8am & 9:30am TRADITIONAL (Sanctuary)
- ✝ 11am PRAISE (Koinonia Room)
- ✝ 4pm COUNTRY (Koinonia Room)

(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