

ROADRUNNER



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FROM THE PASTOR: "HOLY LAND TRIP!"

The Holy Land has sometimes been called the fifth gospel because a trip there can help you understand Jesus and His ministry. On October 18^{th,} 60 people from Gold Canyon UMC will travel with me to Israel. Many will also extend their travel to visit the ruins of Petra in Jordan.

We will have the opportunity to boat on the Sea of Galilee, wade in the Jordan River, worship in Bethlehem, walk where Jesus walked, and visit the empty tomb. We will come back enriched and inspired.

I have talked to some travelers, and the excitement is building. Finally, after several delays due to COVID, the time has arrived. If you are not going with us, please pray for a revitalizing spiritual time for those who are going. We will return with stories, pictures, videos, and stronger faith.

I still remember my trip to Holy Land, which I took thirty years ago. It will be interesting to see what has changed. I remember walking into the tomb at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem and being handed a thin candle by a

priest to light. After I lit the candle, I placed it in the sand where Jesus' body had laid. It was a profoundly moving experience.

If you are joining us on this Holy Land experience, please note that there is a meeting on Monday, October 3rd, at 1:00pm in the Missions Center. This meeting will also be available via Zoom. I will send out a link to all participants who have signed up. I will see you on Sunday.

Grace and peace,

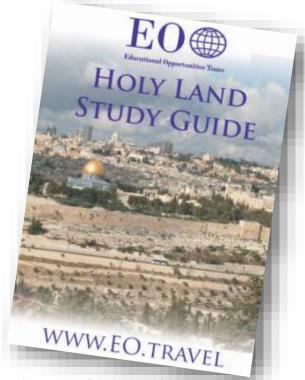
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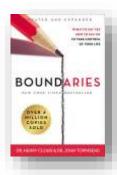


CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & EVANGELISM

Pastor Katharine Keller

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

FALL STUDY



depend on maintaining effective forward, please let Katharine know. personal boundaries, but many people don't know where to start.

John Townsend started on 9/26 and is facilitated by Pastor Katharine. Pastor Katharine. Even if you haven't yet attended, you would still benefit from coming to remaining sessions. A Participant's Guide is available for purchase on Amazon for \$13. Please call Pastor Katharine if you are interested.

GRIEFSHARE



Tuesday afternoons at 1:00pm and the other meets Children & Youth Ministries Director or Pastor Katharine Thursday mornings at 9:00am (in the Educ. Bldg.).

"READ IT & REAP" BOOK CLUB



Our ladies' church book club is starting up again on Thurs., 10/13 at 1:00pm and will continue to meet on the second Thursday of each month. October's

book selection is "Unwillable" by Jackie Stebbins. Please let Pastor Katharine know if you will be joining us, so that she can keep you up-to-date on all the books. Please email her at ladiebug1214@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT



Ladies of all ages - it's time for our annual fall retreat! We are very excited about the theme of our retreat this year—"Drawn In: Living the Creative Life with God." The dates are November 4th-6th at the beautiful and serene

Franciscan Retreat Center in Scottsdale. (Google it to

check it out if you haven't been before!) The cost (includes all 6 meals and 2 night's board) is \$200 (double-Boundaries: When to Say "Yes" How to occupancy); and \$290 for a single room. Scholarship Say "No" to Take Control of Your Life. money is available - as we do not want anyone left out! Healthy relationships and sound living If you are not attending, but would like to pay it

Retreat forms are available on the next page of this newsletter, in the Church Office, or in the lobbies of Drawing on principles from the Bible, both buildings. Please note the deadline to sign up is Boundaries guides one on a journey of Friday, October 21st. No refunds will be given after that discovery and practical application. date since money will be owed the Retreat Center at This 9-week video-led class by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. that time. If you have any questions, please contact

CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR TEENS



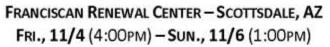
Confirmation is an approximately CONFIRMA TION 13-week class for those youth 7th grade and up who wish to become members of Gold Canyon

Even though our GriefShare United Methodist Church. We cover basic doctrine and groups have already started, you what it means to be Methodist. If we have interested someone you know is young people, Confirmation will begin in January 2023. welcome to come to join even now. One group meets This will be an in-person class only. Contact Linda Clise, Keller if your teen wants to participate. For more info email Pastor Katharine (ladiebug1214@gmail.com) or Linda (LClise@GoldCanyonUMC.org) or call the Church Office (480)982-3776.





Women's Fall Weekend Retreat "Drawn In"





Last Name:	First Name:
Street Address:	
	Other Phone:
Email Address:	
Emergency Contact:	Phone #:
Retreat Fees:	
☐ Single Room - \$290 (includes	room & meals; Limited availability)
☐ Double Room - \$200 (include	es room & meals) Roommate Name:
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ADDITIONAL NOTES:	



CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

Linda Clise, Children & Youth Ministries Director

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



The children are well into their school October 30! year, but are still finding time to enjoy each other and their families. Many of them went to California and played at the beach and had lovely fellowship.

Both Ava and Micah celebrated their birthdays, as well.









The children here at Gold Canyon are busy and growing up! This month we have some spooky fun planned for October 30!

We continue to enjoy Sunday school with them on Sunday mornings. I am looking for a substitute preschool teacher, as well as a Sunday school sub for 9:30am and 11:00am. The curriculum we use is easy to understand and all of the materials (and snacks) will be ready for you!

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

YOUTH MINISTRY



Our GCUMC Youth are involved in their school sports — volleyball and swim to name just two — and outside activities like barrel racing. Our youth members are definitely unique and special individuals!

Jacob and Rylee serve as the 11:00am Sunday school teachers, and the children adore them, for sure! One Sunday they were out of town and the children asked me why I had to be there without Jacob and Rylee. I'll tell you, Lorelei

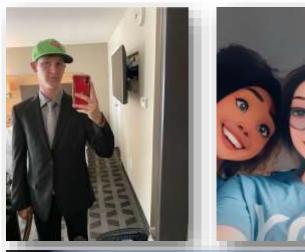


and I were a bit taken aback. That's okay, though. It is nice to have our youth and children together so harmoniously.

Last month we went bowling and all of us, save one, I am not naming names...scored over 100! We were all excited and celebrated with ice cream. Our theme for October is "Which Dog Will You Feed?" Our activity will be going to a haunted house and having a gaming competition.

As I am working with our youth, I am continually stretched beyond my own boundaries and being taught lessons along the way. I am excited to enter this season with the youth and see where it takes our faith!













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 **OCTOBER 2022**

Sun., 10/2	YOUTH PARTICIPATE in WORSHIP	9:30am	Sanctuary
	NO YOUTH GROUP		
Sun., 10/9	YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:30am	Youth Room
	PIZZA & GAMES NIGHT	6:30pm	Education Building
Sun., 10/16	YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:30am	Youth Room
	YOUTH GROUP	6:30pm	Education Building
Sun., 10/23	YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:30am	Youth Room
	YOUTH GROUP	6:30pm	Education Building
Sun., 10/30	YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:30am	Youth Room
	YOUTH OUTING Trip to Haunted House!	5pm	Meet at GCUMC



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.

Rev. Fred Steinberg, Senior Pastor RevStein78@gmail.com / (480) 982-3776

Pastor Katharine Keller, Associate Pastor LadieBug1214@gmail.com/(480)888-5411

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Gary Capen, Associate Pastor

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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 the Church Office.





In Remembrance

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

> Gayle Singer Ted Ofstedohl (7/27) Kathy Weigel





CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

HOPE IS A BALANCING ACT



phrase "hope is not a strategy" used by military, or other leaders, in a variety of contexts. The logic behind this thought process is typically that success does not just happen. To the contrary, to succeed in tactical, business, personal budgeting, or any other goal-based operation in life we must develop a plan or

approach that walks us toward that goal.

What then, is faith in Christ, other than using hope as a they don't come in the form we asked or hoped for. strategy? Is it believing in God's promises to us and relying solely on those promises to take care of everything in our lives, without any input from us?

the middle - curling up in a ball in a corner and hoping giving her gift of love and hope to others, consistently that everything in our lives will work out exactly as we shining her light. This is what we are called to do. But want vs. taking complete and aggressive control of reality is sometimes our low is very low, and we need every moment and orchestrating every step in every help to gain strength for ourselves before we can shine day of our lives.

Mercies, by Paul David Tripp. In one of his daily now, then consider reaching out to one of GCUMC's 5 messages, he asks "Do you want the Prozac Jesus... Pastors, who are adept at listening, and minister to who will make us feel better and make our lives easier, members and friends of Gold Canyon UMC. Please for which we would give Him thanks and name Him as simply call the church office at (480)982-3776 and one faithful?" antidepressant medication, mainly used to treat major may call or email one of the pastors directly. You will depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and panic find their contact information in the bulletin on Sunday disorder. It has its place with proper diagnosis and morning, (or emailed to you prior to Sunday worship), administration by a doctor. But how does that fit in in the church office or the Pastoral and Congregational with faith and hope in our lives? As we mentioned last Care page of this newsletter. month, sometimes we want just enough Jesus to get into heaven, but not enough Jesus to make us uncomfortable!

Tripp defines biblical hope as "a confident expectation of a guaranteed result that changes the way you live." It is confident because it is based on God's awesome power, not our own; our expectation of a guaranteed

result allows us to have hope that does not rest on our own understanding but on God's goodness; and it You may have heard the changes the way we live, giving us confidence and courage to make faith choices that would seem foolish to someone who does not have our hope.

> When we combine our hope with the gifts that God gave us (Part 1 of the balancing act), we can do amazing things. We can introduce some of our human effort into daily decisions, steps forward, endeavors, goals, plans, missions. All the while recognizing that we aren't intended to understand everything that is happening, we can't predict what is waiting for us around the corner, or the end result and how it looks. Thus, hope is a balancing act of inserting some of our efforts by way of the gifts God has given us, while fully relying on God for, and accepting, the results of our hope even when

Part 2 of the balancing act is how we use our gifts and God's gift of hope in our lives to instill hope in others. I attended the funeral of an amazing woman this month. I'd propose that the actual approach is somewhere in She had the gift of being high even in her low times and the light for others.

I have come to really enjoy the devotional New Morning If you could use some added strength and hope right If you're not familiar, Prozac is an of them will respond to your request. After hours, you

> 18 I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. 19 I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. ~ Ephesians 1:18-19



ON THE GOSPEL SIDE

Dr. David Worley

As October dawns, some of our winter visitors will be returning soon; we look forward to welcoming you all back to our afternoon worship. I am equally grateful to the many who stay in summer heat and faithfully attend each week. Your prayers and participation mean so very much to Deb and me personally. There are moments as we worship that I just stop and listen as voices ring out some of the blessed, old songs of God's people, which we often sing. Not only does the singing bring back memories of past days that are dear to me, but more importantly they lift the name of Jesus and cheer all of us on in our Christian witness and walk.

In the coming months, we will continue our singing and our studies in the Gospel of Mark; we invite you to join with us to lift your voices to Our Lord and to learn from His words and ways, which Mark records for our illumination and inspiration.

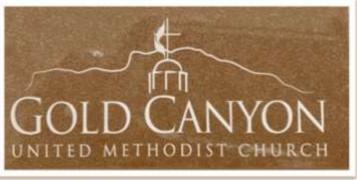
... AND ON A PASTORAL NOTE

As autumn arrives, I think back to the days I lived in the Midwest and the outburst of color that spreads across the fields and forests. The leaves turn wonderful, brilliant hues and the corn becomes golden. The last of sweet summer fades as a new season dawns. How like our lives! Everything changes around us, to us and in us.

I told someone not long ago, one of my favorite Bible quotations is, "though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day" (2 Cor. 4:16, KJV). But the old hymn reminds us that the inevitable alterations that accompany our current journey are linked to a wonderful, bracing word: "Change and decay in all around I see O Thou who changest not, abide with me." Change is inevitable but Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever! Change may, indeed come, but He is ever faithful and so we cling to Him.









MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



month, the Canyon Carillon will resume rehearsals so when the time comes! stay tuned to the announcements to find out when if you're interested in joining!

Also this month, we'll be starting Christmas Choir – the group that will perform our annual Christmas concert on December 10th. If you want to sing, but aren't ready for the commitment of singing with the Chancel Choir, I encourage you to join us for the Christmas concert. A full schedule of our weekly musical activities this fall can be found below:

- Tuesdays: Canyon Carillon rehearsal in the Sanctuary, for experienced handbell ringers, starting date and time TBA. If you're worried you're not 'experienced' enough, talk with me, we're still considering starting a beginner group that will eventually transfer into the bigger one.
- Thursdays 6pm—7:30pm: Chancel Choir rehearsal in the Music Room, everyone is welcome; no auditions. If you can carry a tune and listen well, please join us. Chancel Choir regularly performs Sundays at the 8:00am and 9:30am worship services.
- Thursdays 7:30pm—9pm: October 13th-December 8th, Christmas Choir rehearsal in the Music Room. Everyone is welcome; no auditions. Christmas Concert is Saturday, December 10th at 3:00pm.
- **Instrumentalists:** If you're an instrumentalist and interested in participating in worship music, please reach out to me by email or phone.

If you are interested in participating in music in either the Praise or Country-Gospel ensembles, contact David Ballard, Associate οf our Director Music DCBallardsAZ@gmail.com.

in anything to do with our music ministry, feel free to this church? Were we wrong in believing that a suitable contact me at iclasse@goldcanyonumc.org.

The 'Sunday Sounds Series' will continue on the second

Happy autumn! I'm pleased to see more and more of Sunday of each month. This month's mini-concert at the our winter attendees returning and am always grateful organ will be presented on Sunday, October 9th for the support of our permanent residents. As you between the 9:30am and 11:00am worship services. As have seen and heard, Chancel Choir has returned to the always, feel free to move about, find a seat that works loft to lead music in worship on Sundays and this best for you, and ask any questions you might have

Peace and best regards,



KING OF INSTRUMENTS

Part 5: Church Ministry

We appreciate our congregation's growing interest in the organ project and welcome the questions and comments that people are sharing with the Organ Committee and church staff. Even hard questions and comments are a blessing to receive! Your input strengthens our due diligence and gives us an opportunity to share information in turn. And, to this end, we're taking a pause this month in providing technical information, because we'd like to discuss an important comment that we received a few weeks ago:

COMMENT

I love organ music, and I would be fine if someone specifically donated money to acquire a pipe organ, but I think church funds should instead support outreach ministries.

This thought-provoking comment gave the Organ If you have questions, concerns, comments, or interest Committee pause. Had we lost sight of the mission of organ was an essential piece of equipment for our church?

Let us begin by defining some terms, including adequately funded and prioritized. "outreach ministries," which some describe "ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy," and others speak of "the practice of looking beyond yourself to the people around you and sharing the love of Christ We believe that the organ project is a nurture ministry, as you serve and connect with your community." And but we also believe it is an outreach ministry, since it will we might borrow the term "nurture ministry" to reach into our community and draw people toward the describe our other internal activities, which are "focused church. on education, worship, Christian formation, membership care, small groups, stewardship, and fellowship."

After careful thought and discussion, the Organ our church, just as we believe it will draw people to Committee continues to believe that an organ project is worship, creating a new reason for existing members to in harmony with the goals of our ministries, and we attend in-person worship, while enticing and welcoming believe that this project enriches the ability of our people who seek a new church home. Admittedly, we church to realize its mission. To be clear, we also share can't quantify the outreach effect, just as it's difficult to the value that outreach ministries are very important. predict the impact of most outreach ministries, but it is We also perceive a significant outreach component in grounded in the experience of other churches who have the organ project, and we strongly believe that a proper taken this step. balance must be achieved when allocating resources between nurture and outreach ministries. These issues necessarily involve personal value judgments, and each congregant will need to evaluate their own priorities, but here are our thoughts:

Balance between Nurture & Outreach Ministries:

We believe that our outreach ministries are dependent on the blessing of healthy and vibrant nurture ministries within our church community, since nurture ministries mobilize the resources for all of our ministries and are, therefore, no less worthy to receive adequate funding Pipe Organ is Economically Sound, but Acquisition for church staff, facilities, and equipment.

As we know, Jesus sometimes used hyperbole We remind the reader of our earlier articles in this series, its resources in that manner, would it still retain the and the selection will impact cost; but when one membership and resources to support its outreach ministries, or would the church and its ministries be diminished?

Obviously, no person has suggested draconian cuts like those described above, but we seek to illustrate our simple belief that healthy and effective ministries require a balance in the allocation of resources to nurture ministries and outreach, much like an ecosystem where both ministries are likely strongest, when both are

Organ Project is both a Nurture & Outreach Ministry:

The Organ Committee expects a magnificent instrument to draw events to our sanctuary and welcome people to

As you consider whether the organ project is an outreach ministry, we invite you to look inward and ask yourself a simple question: do you want a pipe organ for your own love or appreciation of such music, or do you believe it will be a useful resource to serve our community and draw people to Christian faith and worship? When the Organ Committee examined this question, we affirmed our belief that music ministry plays a significant role in worship and grace, and we believe a quality music program draws people to church.

Cost is Upfront:

(exaggerated claims or statements not meant to be taken where the Organ Committee explored the initial cost of literally) to teach his messages. In the same vein on the a pipe organ versus a replacement digital instrument, question of balancing nurture and outreach ministries, and we analyzed the economics of acquiring a pipe we might speculate about the health of a well-meaning organ that will last and enrich many generations, as church that disproportionately prioritized outreach compared to a digital instrument that places a burden ministries by eliminating arguable luxuries like air on every generation, when a replacement is required conditioning, its music program, current staffing levels, again and again in the decades to come. Admittedly, or even in-person worship. And if that church redirected there are various acquisition options with a pipe organ,



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

replacement digital instrument, since the financial sanctuary. impact of a pipe organ is mostly incurred at the time of installation, while replacing a digital organ every eighteen to twenty-five years will perpetually burden church finances in the future.

Pipe Organ Endows Future Generations in **Challenging Times:**

blessed with strong online participation. How this phenomenon plays out is unknown: will this be temporary or does a longer road lay before us,



rebuilding in-person attendance through new membership? As a further challenge, we know there is a cyclical decline of attendance at mainstream churches, which our church has largely demographic impact on our church during the remainder of the 21st century

project.

To be clear, the Organ Committee supports prudent stewardship, but we also remember that GCUMC has a history of acting boldly. Let us not forget that we built our first building (which now serves as our Education Building) when the experts opined that our congregation and community could not support a church. Our first building was dedicated in 1997, which we quickly outgrew, and our current sanctuary was placed in service on Christmas Eve 2004. The work and contributions of members over the past twenty-five years was a gift to us and future generations, just as their work and contributions are a continuing outreach ministry to new generations. We respectfully believe that it's our turn to strengthen our inheritance and build on their work by commissioning a suitable pipe organ that was out-of-reach when the current sanctuary was constructed.

And to return to the challenges facing our church and community, if the future is more challenging for our church, this becomes a forceful argument to commission a pipe organ, not retreat from the goal, since a pipe organ is an endowment for future generations, relieving future congregations from the financial burden of

considers any impact of organ selection on funding for replacing a digital instrument every eighteen to twentyoutreach ministries, it distorts the analysis to compare five years, while providing it a marvelous legacy to draw just the initial cost of a pipe organ to the cost of one new members and enhance in-person worship in our

Gift-Giving to one Ministry does not necessarily **Compete with other Ministries:**

Finally, we are reminded that gift-giving is not a zerosum proposition, a dollar dedicated to the organ project or fellowship hall, for example, does not necessarily compete with other ministries. Our members think The Organ Committee recognizes that these are deeply and often pray about gift-giving, and the challenging times for our church and our community. inspiration to support one ministry does not imply that it The Pandemic continues to impact in-person worship came at the expense of another ministry, including any throughout the nation, including for us, although we are outreach ministry, since not all givers share the same priorities with their generous gifts.

> Let us remember that we glorify God in many ways, such as through worship, spreading the story of Jesus, and helping our fellow man, but also by walking in a peaceful forest to marvel at His creation, viewing a masterpiece of art that was inspired to praise God, and yes, to hear a magnificent pipe organ in service of the Lord.

avoided, but it's difficult to predict this Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of these issues. The Organ Committee is continuing its work, and please continue to discuss this vision among yourselves, and beyond. And for these reasons, it is think about becoming a donor for this project, and a fair question whether this is the time for an organ continue to share questions and comments 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





LOCAL MISSIONS & MINISTRIES

SCRIP Bus & Van Fund



Your continued participation in the SCRIP programs at Bashas, Amazon 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 prices

and merchandise) 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'.

Community Rewards program and choose GCUMC (Account #TS438), and Fry's will contribute 3% of your purchases to our church!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



We did it! Thanks to all of you who donated money and helped with the Habitat Build this year. Our church contributed \$10,795, and the combined coalition of churches contributed over

\$11,000, exceeding our goal once again in a very challenging year. Any overage will be carried forward for next year's build. We had several loyal volunteers help with building, as well as bringing breakfast and lunch goodies for the workers.

Construction is now complete, and on Saturday August 27th the house was dedicated, including a blessing from Pastor Katharine. The Griseiria family is excited to move into their new home!

We will soon begin planning for next year's build, and will keep you informed about when and where it will be. It is not too early to start contributing funds for next year. We look forward to seeing our experienced volunteers and some new ones, too!

For more information, call Joe and Maureen Morton at (602) 284-2826, or email us at moandjoem@aol.com.

United Women in Faith



At the United Women in Faith Assembly 2022 in Orlando, Florida, our National President 'Ainise 'Isama'u

called these the foundations of our journey as members of UWF. Our faith is at the center of everything we do; our sisterhood provides us with the support we need; and these together provide us with the strength and energy to show God's love in action. Our September/ October 2022 response magazine (the official magazine Link your Fry's VIP Card online to Fry's of UWF) is devoted to Assembly 2022 – it covers in depth all the amazing speakers, events, and services that took place. I hope you take the time to read it! To learn more about the response magazine or to subscribe, go to uwfaith.org/resources/resourcesmagazine.

> October is an exciting time of year when we welcome back many of our winter visitors! If you have never attended a UWF meeting, we hope you will join us for

our meeting on Saturday, October 15, when we will have Gold Canyon UWF Activities: a guest speaker from the Justa Center. The Justa Center provides resources, services and support to assist homeless seniors on their path back to housing, and supportive services to help prevent seniors from becoming homeless. We have a fellowship time from 10 to 10:30 am (with refreshments) followed by our meeting at 10:30am.

We are excited to have our Annual East District Celebration in person this year on Saturday, October 8, 2022! It will begin at 9:00 am, at Grace United Methodist Church in Mesa. Cost is \$15.00 and covers breakfast and lunch. Dian Capen and Carol Johnson will be members of a panel presenting on the Assembly. We hope to carpool • to the event. For more information or to register, contact Carol Johnson at caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com or (602)750-2008. This is a fun and informative gettogether and an opportunity to meet other UWF's from other churches in the East Valley.

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

Many of us recycle on a regular basis, but we may do it incorrectly. According to Republic Services latest guidelines, we may recycle four types of items:

- Plastics: Must have a number 1 or 2 in the triangle on the bottom of the bottle or container. Rinse all bottles and get as much water out as possible. You may leave the lid on, but don't recycle a lid by itself.
- Paper: newspaper, envelopes, magazines, brochures, phone books. Do not recycle shredded paper, paper towels, napkins, or tissues!
- Cardboard: file folders, poster board, cardboard boxes, frozen food boxes. Do not recycle any cardboard which has food on it or which is wet!
- Metal: aluminum beverage cans, food cans, scrap metal. Do not recycle aluminum foil or aerosol cans!
- Items such as light bulbs, paint, electronics, hazardous materials, needles/syringes are all considered hazardous waste and must be disposed of with special handling. The City of Apache Junction will have its next Free Hazardous Waste Disposal on Saturday, November 5, 2022, from 8 am to noon at the Apache Junction Public Works Facility at 575 E. Baseline Ave., Apache Junction.

- Wednesday, October 5: Reading Program meets at 10:00 am 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.
- Monday, October 10: Leaders Meeting meets 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, October 15: Monthly Meeting: "Justa Center" Barnabas Room, Missions Center. Fellowship 10am, Meeting 10:30am.

UWF Circles:

- Culinary Circle: Meets monthly. For more info contact Carol Johnson at caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com or (602)750-2008.
- Creation Care Circle: Will resume meetings in November. For more info contact Rita Vadasz-Miller at (810)629-1240 or ritarkv2@aol.com.
- Matthew 25 Prison Ministry Circle: Meeting on Zoom Thursday, October 13, 9:00am. For more info contact Cherie Creel at (480)232-1584 or cheryljunec@icloud.com.
- Esther Bible Study Circle: Meetings to begin this month! For more info contact Dian Capen at (919)357 -6933 or dkcapen@gmail.com.
 - Submitted by Carol Johnson, UWF President

ST. ANDREWS CHILDREN'S CLINIC



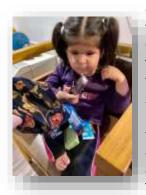
For many years a group of GCUMC volunteers traveled to Nogales, AZ., twice a year, for a one-day mission trip, as the volunteers brought carloads filled with donated supplies and handmade quilts for

the St. Andrew's Children's Clinic. Volunteer medical specialists have been serving Mexico's poorest families since 1973.

The clinic has moved from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church to a smaller temporary facility near the U.S. & Mexico border. The clinic currently serves about 40 families, administering medical treatments to children including Audiology, Nutrition, Orthopedics, Orthotics Prosthetics, and Vision. The clinic continues to help with supplies & support for families during the cleft palate

surgeries.

Due to new guidelines and restrictions since Covid, St. Andrew's office staff has requested that outside If you'd like to volunteer in any other way such as



serve the children. Laura Romero, Executive Director said in a thank you letter to GCUMC; "All of this care is possible through generous donations from people like you. Thank you for being a part of our

team who makes miracles happen at our clinic." We would like to continue our support for this children's clinic by sending a monetary donation. We hope to resume our mission trips in the future.

Please keep St. Andrew's Children's Clinic in your prayers, for the children to continue receiving the medical care they need. For more info please contact Sherry Hussein at (480) 529-9621. To learn more about the clinic, patients, and healthcare professionals, visit www.standrewsclinic.org.

ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS MISSION



The Angel Tree Mission team is getting ready for another exciting Christmas season with plans to bring joy and support to area families in need. Last year we helped make Christmas a bit brighter for thirty-six families. We did it with a lot of help from all of you and we will need that help again this year.

In particular, we hope you will consider being a Team Captain. Team Captains lead/coordinate small groups that comprised of friends, neighbors, family members, hiking clubs, golf teams, Bible study groups, office mates, book clubs, RV Park Communities, etc. Each small group adopts a family from one of our three partners.

The Team Captain is provided with the names of the individuals in a family and distributes the gift tags to their respective team members for purchasing. Afterwards, they collect the gifts, and return them to the Church for pick-up by the families in early December.

We also need Team Captains to host some of the stations we'll have set-up on Sundays for individuals who may not be in a group with a Team Captain. We know we have a generous congregation who is ready to make a difference in our community by providing clothes, gift

cards, shoes, toys, books, quilts, and a holiday dinner to each family with whom we work.

organizations not visit clinic sites at shopping or gathering and sorting the gifts, we would this time. St. Andrew's Children's like to hear from you. Of course, cash donations are Clinic staff members are looking always welcome to help cover the expenses for food forward to the future, with hopes boxes, gift cards, wrapping paper, clothing and toys. they will have a permanent clinic to Cash donations for this mission should be marked "Angel Tree."

> We did things a little differently last year due to COVID protocol. In the past gift tags were placed on a tree for you to select, shop, wrap, and return to the Church. Many of you missed that opportunity and looked for those gift tags last year. However the new guidelines provided more safety for our volunteers and families, and made us more efficient.

> If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Jane Hayes (602)320-5952 or Mavis Luther (414)704-9055 or angeltree.gcumc@gmail.com.

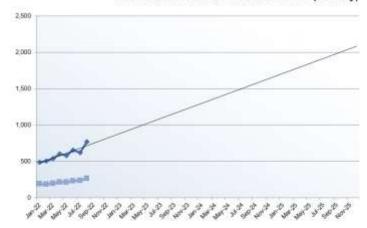
FOOD BANK



appreciated.

Inflation and supply shortages continue and, as a result, the below chart illustrates how we are continuing to see an upward trend in the number of people in need. Your continued support is still greatly needed and always

Food Bank Individuals & Families Served (monthly)



In preparation for November, we can use donations of canned mushroom soup, cranberries, canned pumpkin, gravy mix packets and Jello. Please drop off donations at the back door of the Missions Center, on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9am—noon.

Praise God from whom ALL blessings flow!

CANCELLED!!! GENESIS PROJECT UPCOMING EVENT! **CANCELLED!!!**



Saturday November 5th - 11a

What better way to spend a Saturday afternoon than at a tea party with 5 of your friends? All while raising money to feed, clothe and hydrate the hungry and homeless?!

As a table sponsor, you will decorate your table in any color scheme or theme you choose, provide tea cups for each of your guests and create a lovely centerpiece that will be raffled off as part of our fundraising efforts!

Table Sponsors will be recognized in print materials, online and live at the event!

Sponsor your table for only \$240!



Payments can be made
online at
genesisprojectaz.com/donate
or by mail to
PO Box 5156
Apache Junction AZ 85178

Contact Trinity Cole at trinity_cole@live.com



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"Let no debt remain outstanding except the continuing debt to love one another." - Romans 13:8 (NIV)

T	2019			2020		2021			2022			
GUS	General	Building	Worship All									
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To give to Gold Canyon UMC 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+; \$456189 raised)
- **Pipe Organ**: (\$144079 raised)
- Stain Glass for Upper Sanctuary windows near the ceiling: (Fully funded; being built)
- Building Fund Debt Payoff (completed)



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.



GIFTING YOUR HOME...

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

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... reduces taxes ... simplifies life for heirs and executor (personal rep)

... eliminates the hassle of having home on the market ... helps reduce the church's debt ... can be done through a lifetime estate, allowing a person to continue living in the home.

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OCTOBER 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!

Enevold, Connie & Jeff 10/01 Peterson, June & Rick 10/01 Thomas, Mary & Dick 10/01 Hoerter, Coleen & Daniel 10/02 Winkler, Don & Sarah 10/02 Seabright, Mary & Randy 10/06 Cajowski, Barbara & John 10/08 Matthews, Lowell & Shirley 10/08 Rowland, Debbie & Phil 10/11 Sifferath, Sharee & Warren 10/13 Fuerherm, Donna & Roy 10/15 Klaers, Mary & Nick 10/15 Wever, Mike & Shar 10/15 Ofstedahl, Sherrie & Ted 10/18 Hopkins, Barbara & Ken 10/20 Lunder, Nancy & Wayne 10/21 Rowane, Margaret & Tom 10/24 Edwards, Marlene & Bil) 10/25 Heft, Bob & Lenz, Kathy 10/30 Tabor, Charles & Jill 10/30

Happy Birthday!

Larsen, Jan 10/01 Fish, Herb 10/02 Ramacher, Marcielle 10/02 Cajowski, Kyle 10/03 Potter, Penny 10/03 Shank, Linda 10/03 Tabor, Jill 10/04 Becker, Jack 10/05 Cajowski, John 10/05 Capen, Dian 10/05 Crosswhite, Jason 10/05 Douglas, Marilyn 10/05 Douglass, Jaclyn 10/05 Rodgers, Will 10/05 Rasmussen, Al 10/06 Hosler, Mary Lou 10/07

Wion, Sheldon 10/07 Zander, Helen 10/07 Hunter, Betty Lou 10/08 Lunder, Nancy 10/08 Muir, Barbara 10/08 Becker, Bonnie 10/09 Behan, Connie 10/09 Merrel, Kay 10/09 Scott, Jay 10/09 Burgi, Jenelu 10/10 Ewing, John 10/10 Johnson, Pete 10/10 Poppe-Smart, Kimberli 10/10 Vander Stoep, Paul 10/10 Roberson, Rinda 10/11 Larson, Craig 10/12 Graves, Donna 10/13 Keenan, Timmy 10/13 Miller, Fred 10/13 Sifferath, Warren 10/13 Bradshaw, Jack 10/14 Breuklander, Paul 10/14 Eubanks, Rosalie 10/14 Lindholm, Lynn 10/14 Pautvein, Joan 10/15 Reynolds, Kally 10/15 Carnahan, Karen 10/16 Kirby, Cindy 10/16 Tollefson, Kathy 10/17 Carnahan, Bob 10/18 Norton, Lester 10/18 Rogers, Shirley 10/18 Workman, Paul 10/18 Adams, Robbie 10/19 Liles, Cheryl 10/20 Ofstedahl, Ted 10/20 Rowland, Debbie 10/20 Schulz, Merle 10/20 Thomas, Bill 10/20 Adams, Michael 10/21

Dauenhauer, Dick 10/21 Elms, Juanita 10/21 Brown, Ariella 10/22 Charette, Carl 10/22 Elek, Tim 10/22 Elieff, Jim 10/22 Fendley, Alexis 10/23 Fendley, Cecil 10/23 Neumann, Eleanor 10/23 Tabor, Charles 10/23 Kopnick, Pamela 10/24 Tucker, Rush 10/24 Hager, James 10/25 Johnson (Korver), Carol 10/25 Lunn, Ed 10/25 Myers, Bill 10/25 Williams, Kateland 10/25 Miller, Mike 10/26 Schorer, Manny 10/26 Daniels, Jan 10/27 Lindholm, Paul 10/27 Crandall, LeWain 10/28 Slegl, Ann 10/28 Holmes, Rose 10/29 Pautzke, Donavon 10/29 Elieff, Sue 10/30 Hassoun, Cindy 10/30 Martin, Darla 10/30 Weinhold, Eldon 10/30 Gibson, James 10/31 Graba, Sylvia 10/31 Newkirk, Linda 10/31 Sauerbrunn, Diane 10/31



Praise Worship (KR)

Gospel Worship (KR)

1pm Class: Boundaries (ER) 6:30pm MTG: Admin Council (MC-B)

GriefShare (ER)

6:30pm Youth Group (YR)

Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)

Mtg: UMW Leadership (MC-B)

Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples' Day



OCTOBER CALENDAR

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

11am

3pm 4pm

All day

10am 1pm

Mon Oct 10

MAIN	CA	MPUS	MISSIONS	CENTER
EB	=	Education Bldg	MC-B = B	Barnabas
ER	=	Emmaus Rm	MC-E = E	Esther
K	=	Kitchen	MC-M = N	Martha
KR	=	Koinonia Rm	MC-S = S	Stephen
MR	=	Music Rm		
NAR	=	Noah's Ark Rm	(Calenda	ır is subject to change;
Р	=	Patio	Fo	r more info, visit
S	=	Sanctuary	www.	GoldCanyonUMC.org
SoGR	=	Sea of Galilee Rm	or cal	I the Church Office)
WR	=	Wesley Rm		
YR	=	Youth Rm		

WR = Wes	ley Rm					MTG. Admin Council (MC-D)
YR = You	YR = Youth Rm			Tue Oct 11	9am	Stitches Unlimited (B&Patio-MC)
		()			10am	GC Garden Club Mtg (MC-E)
Sat Oct 1	9am	MTG: GC Strong (E-MC)			1pm	GriefShare (ER)
	11am	MEMORIAL: Gayle Singer (S)			5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	12pm	MEMORIAL RECEPTION: Gayle Singer (I	KR)	Wed Oct 12	10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)
Sun Oct 2	8am	Traditional Worship (S)			10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/K)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)			11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)			1pm	MTG: GC Arts Council (S-MC)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)			1:30pm	"Read It & Reap: Book Club (ER)
	9:30am	Youth Participate in Worship (S)			6pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)		Thu Oct 13	9am	GriefShare (ER)
	11am	Praise Worship (KR)			9am	Lions Club Mtg (MC-M)
	3pm	Country Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)			1pm	Book Club (ER)
	4pm	Country Gospel Worship (KR)			6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (YR)			7pm	AA (MC-E)
Mon Oct 3	1pm	Class: Boundaries (ER)		Fri Oct 14	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
Tue Oct 4	1pm	GriefShare (ER)			5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)			6:45pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)
	6pm	MTG: Trustees (B-MC)		Sat Oct 15	10am	MTG: UWF (MC-B/Zoom)
Wed Oct 5	10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E	:-MC)	Sun Oct 16	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	10am	UWF Book Club (BC-Patio)			9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/K)			9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)			9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	6pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)			9:30am	Youth Sunday School (YR)
Thu Oct 6	9am	GriefShare (ER)			11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)			11am	Praise Worship (KR)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)			1pm	Outdoor Grill & Games! (Patio/Grounds)
Fri Oct 7	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)			3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)			4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
	6:45pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)			6:30pm	Youth Group (YR)
Sat Oct 8	8am	PEO Mtg (MC-B)		Mon Oct 17	1pm	Class: Boundaries (ER)
Sun Oct 9	8am	Traditional Worship (S)		Tue Oct 18	1pm	GriefShare (ER)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)			5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)		Wed Oct 19	10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)			10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/K)
	9:30am	Youth Sunday School (YR)			11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	10:30am	Organ Mini-Concert Series (S)			6pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
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Thu Oct 20

9am

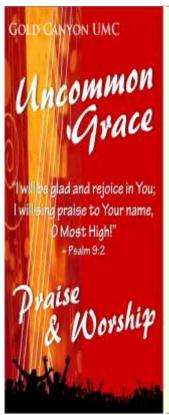
Children's Sunday School (EB)

11am

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Class: Boundaries (ER)

1pm



Sundays at 11:00am in the Koinonia Room!

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

Contact David at...
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...if you would be interested
in getting involved
with the Praise or Country
music teams





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"

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

ROADRUNNER & BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please send content for the **NOVEMBER Roadrunner**

via email to

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NO LATER THAN 8am, Mon., 10/10/2022

Weekly Bulletin & Flower Orders

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



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(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)