



FROM THE PASTOR: "4 TEAMS"



Gold Canyon United Methodist Church is excited to announce the start of four new teams to enhance our church community and outreach efforts. These four teams include the Congregational Life team, Evangelism team, Children's Ministry team, and Youth Council.

The Congregational Life team will create community-building activities that foster a sense of belonging and togetherness amongst our church members. In addition, this team will work towards planning events that bring people together, such as potlucks, fun activities, and small group opportunities.



The Evangelism team will focus on finding innovative ways to connect with new people and encourage them to visit our church. They will work to create meaningful engagement opportunities for new visitors and help them feel welcome in our church community.

The Children's Ministry team will be responsible for providing opportunities for children to grow in their faith. They will work to create engaging and age-appropriate activities for children of all ages that teach them about the love of God and the importance of service in the community.



The Youth Council will work towards revitalizing our ministry to teens. They will focus on creating a fun and engaging environment where teens can come together and grow in their faith. In addition, they will work towards creating events that appeal to teens and help them to feel connected to the church.

We invite you to consider signing up to participate in one of these new teams. If you have a passion for community building, outreach, children's ministry, or youth ministry, we encourage you to contact our office and let us know of your interest. Together, we can work towards strengthening our church community and reaching out to those in our community who may be seeking a place to belong. I will see you on Sunday.

Grace and peace,

Fred

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"...FOLLOWING JESUS... SERVING OTHERS"



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & EVANGELISM

Pastor Katharine Keller

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

SPRING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



We are offering a new 8-week video-based Bible study by Kelly Minter over the summer on Wednesdays from May 31-July 19. It is "All Things New", a study of the letter of 2 Corinthians. In the class, you will:

- Discover how God can use you no matter your cultural setting
- Learn how your suffering can help you comfort others
- Gain wisdom for relationships, and strengthen your church and community
- Leave your old self behind as you celebrate the new life of a believer
- Understanding God's ways will set you free

The class will be offered at 10am and 6pm. Although sign-up is preferred, it is not mandatory. Pastor Katharine will be facilitating this study, and has some workbooks you may purchase from her for \$15. Please indicate your interest by emailing her at ladiebug1214@gmail.com (and indicate day or evening) or calling the church.

GRIEF SHARE



Our next GriefShare program will start on Tue., 9/5, at 1pm and run for 13 weeks. The cost of the workbook is \$25. *(If you are repeating this program you may use your previous workbook.)*

Shirley Feather will be the facilitator. One does not need to sign up ahead of time, but if you have questions, you may contact Shirley at (602)214-3964.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY



Join the millions who never have to worry about money again. With Financial Peace University, you'll learn the proven plan to pay off debt fast and save more money for your future. The 9-session program will be facilitated by Darlene Zabel on Tuesdays, beginning on October 3 at 6:30pm in the Education Building.

SCENES FROM EASTER SUNDAY



(Calendar continued from page 13)

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!



Ashley Singer



Sun May 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)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	11am	Praise Worship (KR)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (Ed Bldg)
Mon May 22	-	-
	Peg & Rick Larson	Tue May 23 9am
		Stitches Unlimited (MC-B)
	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	5:30pm	MTG: Superstition Foothills HOA (MC-E)
Wed May 24	7:45am	MTG: Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)
	10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/K)
	Sharon Daigle	11am Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	5:30pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu May 25	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-B)
Fri May 26	10am	UWF Esther Bible Study (Offsite)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	6:45pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)
Sun May 28	All day	Pentecost
	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	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (Ed Bldg)
Mon May 29	All day	Whit Monday
	-	-
Tue May 30	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Wed May 31	7:45am	MTG: Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)
	10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M)
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CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

Linda Clise, Children & Youth Ministries Director

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



What an exciting month the children have had!



We had the Palm Sunday Procession, and the Easter Procession...



In the picture below, Abby was the student of the month...



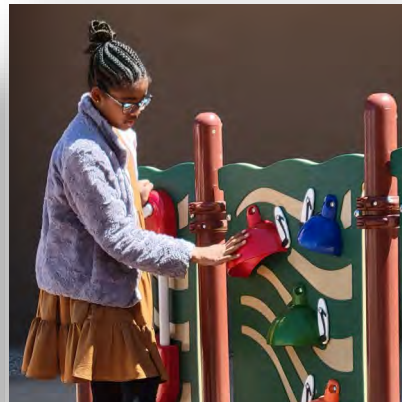
... and Carter and Avery were baptized on Easter Sunday at the 9:30am worship service!



...and Ava and Mica went on fun trips with their folks!



And of course, the children also had lots of fun just doing normal kid stuff, too!



YOUTH MINISTRY



Would you like to doonate to our Summer Youth Trip? Our youth group has been doing summer service project trips for many years, but I realized that some of our youth have never been to summer camp! So this year, I wanted to try something different.

There is an amazing Christian Camp called Hume Lake in California. We have been trying to get in for 4 or 5 years and we were finally able to reserve a week! Of course there is fun and fellowship, but there are also daily Bible studies and worship



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

WE DESIRE
THAT EACH PERSON
COMING INTO CONTACT
WITH THIS GLOBAL
MINISTRY WILL:

GROW
In their faith and
Christian character
development

ACCEPT
Jesus Christ as
their personal
Lord and Savior

DEVOTE
their lives in service
to our Lord Jesus at
home and abroad

ESTABLISH
the priorities of prayer, Bible
study, and Christian fellowship
while associating with a local church

**WE WILL
CONTINUE TO
EMPHASIZE
MINISTRIES
TO YOUTH.**

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HUME SOCAL, CA
34.2351° N, 117.094° W
HUME NEW ENGLAND, MA
42.18477° N, 73.278° W

HUME



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—MAY 2022

Sun., 5/7	Youth participate in Worship	9:30am	Sanctuary
	Youth Group	6:30pm	Education Bldg.
Sun., 5/14	Sunday School	9:30am	Sanctuary
	Youth Group	6:30pm	Education Bldg.
Sun., 5/21	Sunday School	9:30am	Youth Room
	Youth Group	6:30pm	Education Bldg.
Sun., 5/28	Sunday School	9:30am	Sanctuary
	Youth Group	6:30pm	Education Bldg.

sessions. Every morning begins with a devotion, as well as when the day closes, there are campfire devotions before cabin time for more in depth discussions.

In order for our teens to financially attend summer camp, would you consider donating to the youth group?

Whether it is summer camp or a service project, these trips are life changing for our youth! If you wish to donate, please mark your checks or giving envelopes to "Youth Group Summer Trip."

Thank you so much for making these trips possible each year!

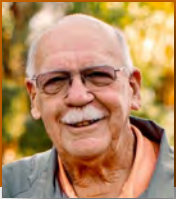




ON THE GOSPEL SIDE

Dr. David Worley

The abundance of rain this winter has created a carpet of color in fields and even along the roadways in Arizona. A variety of plentiful, lovely wildflowers are the unusual norm this year. These visual reminders of spring reveal the principle of renewal. Dormant seeds live anew. The Scriptures promise us new life as well in Jesus Christ; this is a life that blooms here and now but even more beautifully and eternally in the era that is yet to dawn. John puts it this “God has given us eternal life and this life is in His Son.” (1 John 5: 11). John also quotes Jesus with these words, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.” (John 11: 24-25). Each Sunday as we gather at 4pm in the Country Gospel Service, we celebrate this life in Jesus in song and sermon. Our ongoing focus on the Gospel of Mark continues to yield insight and inspiration. We hope you will join us to worship, to witness your faith publicly, and listen to the Word. With the onset of the departure of our winter visitors, whom we miss, there are plenty of seats and one just for you!



ON A PASTORAL NOTE

Rev. Gary Capen

As I visit folks, in the hospital, nursing homes, assisted living, and in your own homes it's been such a joy to get to know you and learn about your lives, your concerns and your love for GCUMC. This a part of ministry which, with your openness, brings us together as a community of faith. I often hear people say, “I don't know what I would do if it weren't for my faith in God.”

That's the beauty of a life lived in the belief and commitment we have to Jesus Christ who calls us to follow him. In the ministry of our church, we see Christ at work, through the various ministries in which we serve the community and world. Whether it's helping through Genesis Project, the Food Bank, Peralta School, Rice and Beans Ministry, most recently the Easter offering for World Mobility, or UMCOR's ministry in Ukraine. There is so much more that we do as a church which isn't always seen. It might be people bringing soup to someone who just came home from the hospital, or the meal train helping those who are recovering from illness or helping those in need of financial help. Yes, in all we do we are doing it in the name of Jesus Christ.

Moving forward, I am in hopes of bringing back the CCM (Congregational Care Ministry) which involves members of the church going and visiting on a regular basis those who are ill, shut ins, nursing homes, assisted living residents, etc. With this we will be able to reach more members of the faith community, filling a need that is so important, especially for those who are not able to get out and attend the various worship services, concerts, and various programs of the church.

I will be reaching out to those who have expressed an interest in this area of ministry in the next few weeks with the hope of filling the need for consistent visitation during my absence this summer. It has been such a joy to me to be a part of this ministry of the church and as we move forward, I pray that this will grow and become, once again, a vital part of Gold Canyon United Methodist Church's ministry and outreach.

Dian and I will be leaving for Maine on May 16th and will return approximately September 12th. During this time I will be helping the Boothbay Harbor UMC, a church which I served in the past and which now is being served by a lay minister. This allows her to take time away to refresh and renew for her continued ministry to this small church on the coast of Maine. I will still be available for calls and I will be calling to check on several members of GCUMC who continue to be dealing with serious health issues. As always we hold you all in our prayers and we look forward to returning in September. - God bless you all, Gary



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 the Church Office.

PRAYER REQUEST

...please send prayer requests to
GCUMCPrayers@gmail.com
or call 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...

Belinda Buhrig
Jim Entenman
Mike Gaines (GA)
Mare Lemmo (OH)
Jake Tilley
Vivian (2 yrs old.)





CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

BELONGING



"Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and

the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves." (John Muir, from *Our National Parks*, 1901)

Who was John Muir? One of the country's most famous naturalists and conservationists, Muir is credited with (among many other things!) the creation of the National Park System. All I have ever read about Muir tells me that he was a Christian who loved Jesus, and found the meaning of God's glory in creation.

Last month was Easter, and you may still be riding on a high from that celebration. Maybe you regularly attend church, maybe you are a Christian but only go to church services around Christmas and Easter, or maybe you're not sure what you believe. But you probably know that Christians believe Easter is the day Jesus arose from the dead after being crucified for ALL our sins. The promise and joy emanating from that fact is hard to deny!

But here on earth we still live with the day-to-day challenges of life as a human. The further away we get from the glorious celebration of Easter, for example, we can lose that "high" we had from the hope and joy re-instilled within us that day.

Last month we talked some about finding rest and peace in the Lord Jesus Christ. Scripture told us to find a quiet and secluded place to seek out God in prayer. The gist of Matthew 6:6 told us to be ourselves, be honest with God, shifting focus from ourselves to God, allowing us to better sense His grace.

The roadmap to finding the place for prayer, the ability to sense God's grace, the ability to be honest, to be ourselves, and to focus more on God than our own travails, looks very different for each of us. We are all built and designed differently, but make no mistake about it, God built and designed us all. And the promise

of forgiveness extended to us on the cross, is extended to all of us who believe.

My roadmap to getting closer to God probably looks similar to John Muir's. More of an introvert, I am rejuvenated and find peace by reveling in God's creations. But you don't have to hike a mountain to be close to God. For some, being amidst large crowds of family and friends, with laughter and chaos fits the bill. For others, it's a Bible study. For another, it's one-on-one time with a friend. For yet another, it's volunteering and immersing oneself in the understanding that no matter where we find ourselves, we can always find someone who's challenges exceed ours.

Remember that the natural world and mankind are all God's creations. As such, He has given us countless ways to draw closer to Him. But sometimes we aren't very honest with ourselves, or Him. Author Brene' Brown, in *The Gifts of Imperfection*, wrote about the human self-protection tactic of trying to fit in. She discerned between fitting in and belonging - *"Fitting in is about assessing a situation and becoming who you need to be to be accepted. Belonging, on the other hand, doesn't require us to change who we are; it requires us to be who we are."*

The beauty of Jesus Christ is that we already belong! But if we're not careful we can work so hard to fit in that we actually lose ourselves. This can be a huge source of discontentment and lack of peace.

If you haven't been able to find peace or rest on your own, wish your cares would drop off like autumn leaves, or don't even believe that you "belong," please reach out to one of GCUMC's 5 Pastors, who are adept at listening. They minister to members and friends of Gold Canyon UMC. Please simply call the church office at 480-982-3776 and one of them will respond to your request. After hours, you may call or email one of the pastors directly. You will find their contact information in the bulletin on Sunday morning, (or emailed to you prior to Sunday worship), in the church office or the Pastoral and Congregational Care page of this newsletter.

And you are included among those Gentiles who have been called to belong to Jesus Christ.

~ Romans 1:6



MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



Happy Eastertide! I hope you were all uplifted and truly felt the joy of the resurrection on Easter Sunday this year. The music department worked hard as always to bring our best to the Lord on such a special day. As we continue into this Easter season, a season of joyful celebration, I hope that you are all preparing for the upcoming summer and for those of you traveling back to your summer residences, that you have safe travels. While things here in Gold Canyon seem to wind down a little in the summer months, the music department will continue throughout to support our worship. This summer, like last, we'll be presenting a variety of groups including our Summer Choir as well as other small ensembles and soloists. It's a smaller commitment to participate during the summer months, so if you didn't have the time during the fall and winter, it's the perfect time to join up! Feel free to contact me if you're interested!

The 'Sunday Sounds Series' will also continue this month, returning to its normal time slot on the second Sunday of the month, May 14th. If you're interested in hearing and discussing organ, be sure to attend. The short recital will be presented between the 9:30 and 11:00am services. As always, feel free to move about, find a seat that works best for you, and ask any questions you might have when the time comes.

Finally, I apologize for last month's newsletter getting some of you excited. I mentioned that the organ committee would have some exciting news and in most editions of the Roadrunner there was no news! Now with the proper approval from the church's governing body, you can read about the news in the following letter from the committee. We're on the move so I encourage you to read all about it.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, comments, or just want to talk music, feel free to reach out to me by email or phone.

Best regards,

Ian



The Organ Project

Stewarding, Honoring, Dreaming

King of Instruments

Part 9: A Call to Action

The Organ Committee took a short hiatus from publishing articles in the Roadrunner and focused on seeking counsel from Rev. Steinberg and engaging in an in-depth study session with the Administrative Council, the governing body of the church that will ultimately make the decision when to commission a pipe organ.

Rev. Steinberg provided the Council suggestions and a historical perspective on the Organ Project, and the members of the Administrative Council asked great questions about the project, gave guidance to the Organ Committee, and reviewed our research, conclusions, and recommendations.

We have exciting news to report that the Administrative Council unanimously adopted a resolution to authorize and direct the Organ Committee to seek proposals from organ builders, which is the critical first step in moving this project forward, **and the Organ Committee also received permission to commence an initial capital campaign for a pipe organ.**

If you have been following these articles in the Roadrunner, you already know that we must soon commission the construction of a pipe organ, if we are to have a new instrument before our 19-year-old digital organ reaches the predicted end of its useful lifespan, particularly since it may take five to seven years before a new pipe organ is designed, built, and installed. Said another way, there is a waiting list for fine organ builders, and we need to secure a place in line, which is the reason why this first step by the Administrative Council is so important and exciting.

Before the Administrative Council can commission an instrument, being mindful that building a fellowship hall is farther along and an established priority for our



church, we will need a baseline of funding for this project. To this end, the Council has counseled that the Organ Fund, which has a current balance of approximately \$160,000, will need to grow to \$500,000 before the Council can reasonably commission an instrument, which the Organ Committee agrees is fair and prudent. Again, we don't need funding for the entire project at the start, since we will have time to raise the remaining funds after commissioning the instrument and before it is installed, but we need to reach this significant milestone in order to set this project in motion.

How will we raise these funds? We hope for donations from all, large or small; but we are admittedly hoping for Angel donors who can contribute \$5,000, since a small number of Angels will accelerate this project and quicken the date when we can commission an instrument and get our place in line, but we will need the help of everyone. And all contributions, regardless of amount, are precious and deeply appreciated.

How to Give to the Organ Project

This is simple. You may give by any existing method for contributing to the church, just please make certain that you specify the Organ Fund. You may give at the offering plate, for example, just write "Organ Fund" somewhere on the contribution envelope or on the memo line of a check. The online donation systems also

work, just specify the Organ Fund, just as an estate gift may specify the Organ Fund.

Additionally, there's a great (but perhaps underused) option of directing the trustee or administrator of your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to make a direct transfer to the church for the Organ Fund. The IRS allows a tax-free distribution – without needing to itemize deductions – as a Qualified Charitable Distribution of up to \$100,000 per year for donors who are at least age 70 ½, and these distributions also count toward any Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). Please check with your tax adviser, and please remember that such donations must come directly from the trustee, not through you to the Organ Fund.

In a future article, we'll update you on our Organ Ambassador program, since we have welcomed our first group of people to a meeting with the Organ Committee; and in the meantime, thank you for your continuing interest in the Organ Project.

Please remember that you can reach the Organ Committee and share questions and comments at GCUMCorgancomm@gmail.com, or speak with any member of the Organ Committee, Dr. Classe, or Rev. Steinberg.

The Organ Committee:

Dawn Carroll, Peter Johnson, Carter Olson



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

Join us as we lift our
hearts, souls and
spirits... and you'll
be sure to feel
uplifted and
energized when you
leave!

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



LOCAL MISSIONS & MINISTRIES

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! In 2023 SCRIP raised **\$5,437.61!** It's so easy to do... just call the Church Office if you need help!

Bashas' When you shop at any Bashas' store for food or prescriptions and use their rechargeable card that was obtained here at the Welcome Center or the Church Office, GCUMC receives a 6% charity gift from Bashas'.

fry's Go online to link your Fry's VIP Card to their Community Rewards program and choose GCUMC (A#TS438), and they will contribute 3% of your purchases to GCUMC!

SCHOLARSHIP MINISTRY



Each year GCUMC offers a Scholarship Program to our members who qualify for financial assistance. If you would like to speak to a member of our Endowment Ministry about making a contribution to the Program, or would like additional info, please contact the Church Office.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



The build is progressing very well — ahead of schedule in fact! We are paired with a Lutheran Coalition and they have lots of volunteers. The family is a single mother, Angela Pelosi, with two children. She is very excited to be able to buy a Habitat home so they can have a stable home in a safe area.

We have raised \$8000 toward our goal of \$10,000 toward the building of this home in partnership with this qualified, needy family. We hope you can help us complete our pledge.

Please make your check to GCUMC and indicate "Habitat for Humanity" in the memo, or make your contribution online at www.GoldCanyonUMC.org.

Thanks so much for your ongoing support of this ministry!

Please direct any questions to Joe and Maureen Morton at (602)284-2826 / MoandJoeM@aol.com.

FOOD BANK



Our Food Bank volunteers continue serving increasingly larger numbers of individuals. Sadly, we also see an increase in the elderly requiring assistance.

In the first two months of 2022 we served 999 individuals. The first two months of 2023 need has grown to 1732 individuals. GCUMC Food Bank supplier, United Food Bank, is also experiencing similar challenges.

Our church and the community's support has been and will continue to be critical to our ability to meet this increasing need. Thank you for your support and prayers.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



United
Women
in Faith

Every year United Women in Faith participate in "A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial," a program that encourages

women to step out in faith and bring the love of Christ into a hurting world through prayers and selfless giving. We do this on May 20.

Our offering will support the ongoing racial justice efforts of United Women in Faith's national office. The gifts support the following:

- Campaign to interrupt the school-to-prison pipeline
- To advance racial justice in the church and the world
- To spread the word of the Charter for Racial Justice

The school-to-prison pipeline: This is a term used to describe the policies, practices and actions that reroute children and youth, especially children and youth of color, away from education success and towards the criminal justice system. Schools, police departments, court systems, jails and prisons contribute to this pattern. Our offering will help support the campaign to

interrupt these practices.

About the Charter for Racial Justice: Our foremothers authored the Charter for Racial Justice because they believed that racism is a rejection of Jesus Christ. In 2023 we continue to believe. First adopted in 1952 the Charter for Racial Policies was updated and adopted in 1962. The United Methodist Church General Conference received it in 1964 and first included it in the Book of Resolutions in 1980. It is updated and readopted regularly by delegates to the General Conference. This Charter is a core part of our identity. You can read the Charter for Racial Justice on the United Women in Faith website and on the United Methodist Church website. Social Principles/ Resolutions #3371, A Charter for Racial Justice in an Interdependent Global Community.

This year Women in Faith and all women of faith are called to action to change the trajectory of the school-to-prison pipeline, mass incarceration and work for racial justice. James reminds us that faith and action are inextricably linked: *“Someone will say, ‘You have faith and I have works.’ Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.”* (James 2:18) Amen.

A program “Call to Prayer and Self Denial”
because we believe that racism is a rejection
of the teachings of Jesus Christ
Saturday, May 20, 10am in the Missions Center

For more info on this event, contact Susan Lyons, (812) 327-1403 / susanblyons@gmail.com.



ABOVE: This year's bake sale raised \$1,644.00. \$657.60 was given to the House of Refuge and \$986.40 was directed to Worldwide Missions through United Women in Faith. Pictured are United Women in Faith's Treasurer Susan Teller and President Susan Lyons and House of Refuge Volunteer Coordinator, Corrine Parsons. Thank you for participating in this year's spring bake sale!



ABOVE: On March 24, Community Outreach Coordinator Stephanie Madden led members of Gold Canyon United Women in Faith on a tour of the House of Refuge but before the tour, had lunch at Applebee's Grill.

The next meeting of the Reading Program will be May 3rd at 10am in the Missions Center. If you are not able to participate in the meeting, you can still participate in the program. There are many titles included in the Reading Catalog, and copies of this are on the United Women of Faith website.

One book included is *“The Boy Who Delivered Joy”* by Marvin Bartlett. A rare bone cancer robbed Jarrett Myneer of a normal childhood but did not steal his spirit. He set up a program that delivered thousands of toys to other sick children. His path led him to many awards and even a meeting with the President. This true story of a little boy's legacy two decades after his death. He continues to inspire small acts of kindness and big acts of philanthropy.

This is one of many books in the catalog that inspire, educate and uplift us. Please contact Peggy Kinder (480) 302-0464 / p.kinder@mchsi.com with questions about the Reading Program.



CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

March	2020			2021			2022			2023		
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"Please note when requesting IRA donations be sent directly to the church from your financial institution, please be sure to request they include your name either on the check or on the stub. We often receive checks with no identification and due to privacy laws, we are unable to ascertain who should be provided an acknowledgement."



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 (\$3 Million needed; \$801,627 raised)
- Pipe Organ (\$167,191 raised)
- Artificial Grass Play Area (\$35,000; completed)
- Building Fund Loan (Paid off 2022)
- Stain Glass for upper Sanctuary windows (Completed 2022)
- Loop Hearing Assist System \$48,000 (Completed 2022)



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, a secure site.
- ✚ **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

- ... 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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MAY CELEBRATIONS

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

Happy Anniversary!

Brogren, Ann & Neil 05/01
 Butterbrodt, Sandy & Bill 05/21
 Chase, Bob & Donna 05/29
 Cloud, Jeanne & Pautzke, Donavon 05/17
 Fendley, Cecil & Penny 05/18
 Formento, Kathy & Russ 05/04
 Hoefs, Ed & Wendy 05/01
 Lindholm, Lynn & Paul 05/05
 Luther, Jeff & Mavis 05/17
 Noe, Jim & Mary Beth 05/05
 Paul, Mike & Phyl 05/29
 Rasmussen, Al & Diane 05/22
 Robertson, Dave & Judy 05/04
 Snyder, Lorrie & Toby 05/20
 Teller, Ronald & Susan 05/29
 Turner, George & Lisa 05/08
 Wehle, Carol & Peter 05/27
 Welker, June & Larry 05/28
 Williams, Karen & Todd 05/31
 Witucky, Michelle & TJ 05/29

Happy Birthday!

Kench, Suzanne (Sue) 05/01
 Seabright, Mary 05/01
 Mullins, Victoria 05/02
 Young, Richard (Rick) 05/02
 Alford, Keith 05/03
 Gunn, James (Jim) 05/03
 Paone, Albert 05/03
 Voorhees, Deborah (Deb) 05/03
 BeBout, Terre 05/05
 Kness, Deanna (Dee) 05/05
 Campbell, Sandra (Sandy) 05/06
 Forest, Betty 05/06
 Steckley, Leonard 05/06
 Rowley, Cheryl 05/07
 Worley, Debra 05/07
 Speidel, Mark 05/08
 Weidner, Harold 05/08
 Fitzgerald, Susan 05/09
 Flowers (Brown), Mary 05/09
 Rowe, Ella Mae 05/09
 Luse, Carol 05/10
 Rohrbach, Linda 05/10
 Schuler, George (Phalen) 05/10
 Alford, Joletha (Jo) 05/11
 Hughes, Doug 05/11
 Shaughnessy, Mike 05/11
 Barber, Ann 05/12
 Matthews, Shirley 05/12
 Gregg, Sharla (Shar) 05/13
 Braatz, Patrick 05/14
 Carpenter, Wesley (Wes) 05/14
 Svoboda, Richard (Dick) 05/14
 Hanson, Shawn 05/15
 Hartman, Zackary 05/15
 Miller, Geraldine (Geri) 05/15
 Morton, Maureen 05/15
 Tyler, Sandra (Sandy) 05/15
 Gerst, Lois 05/16
 Hartman, Lorna 05/16
 Horkey, Marilyn 05/16
 Wirtz, Catherine 05/16
 Engbrecht, Donald (Don) 05/17
 Hunter, Gary 05/17
 Sanders, Kalleen 05/17

Heppner, Ronald 05/18
 Davenport, Mary Ann 05/19
 Togstad, Pamela 05/19
 Graham, Claudia 05/20
 Heft, Louis R (Bob) 05/20
 Little, Don 05/21
 Woode, John 05/21
 Mulhair, Delna 05/22
 Nord, Faye 05/22
 Weidner, Gloria 05/22
 Twa, Preston (Jack) 05/23
 Arehart, Larry 05/24
 Burris, Joanne 05/24
 Kennedy, Thomas (Tom) 05/24
 Kosanke, Karen 05/24
 Nefzer, Kathy 05/24
 Voorhees, Steve 05/25
 Greenlee, William (Bill) 05/26
 Houser, Chris 05/26
 Lackey, Steve 05/26
 Nichols, Nancy (Sam) 05/26
 Otterstein, Karen 05/27
 Talley, Donna 05/27
 Storbakken, Linda 05/28
 Eddy, Janice 05/29
 Fuher, Mavis 05/29
 Ancell, Bob 05/30
 Elco, James (Jim) 05/30
 Rhodes, Grace 05/30
 Workman, Janice 05/30
 Harpel, Dorothy 05/31
 Vorseth, Duane 05/31





MAY CHURCH 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 May 1 - -
Tue May 2 1pm DISCIPLE 4 (MC-E)
3pm Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
5pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
6pm MTG: Gold Canyon Community, Inc (MC-E)
Wed May 3
7:45am MTG: Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)
10am MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M)
10am UWF Book Club (MC-B/Patio)
10:30am Cancer Support Group (ER/K)
11am Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
5:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu May 4 6pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
7pm AA (MC-B)
Fri May 5 8am GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)
10am UWF Esther Bible Study (Offsite)
11am CareGivers Support Group (ER)
5:30pm AA (MC-E)
6:45pm Youth Games (ONLINE)
Sun May 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)
9:30am Youth Sunday School (YR)
11am Children's Sunday School (EB)
11am Praise Worship (KR)
3pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
4pm Gospel Worship (KR)
6:30pm Youth Group (Ed Bldg)
Mon May 8 - -
Tue May 9 9am Stitches Unlimited (MC-B&Patio)
1pm GriefGroup Re-Connect (ER)
3pm Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
5pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Wed May 10 7:45am MTG: Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)

10am MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M)
10:30am Cancer Support Group (ER/K)
11am Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
3pm MTG: GC Arts Council (MC-S)
5:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu May 11 6pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
7pm AA (MC-B)
Fri May 12 10am UWF Esther Bible Study (Offsite)
11am CareGivers Support Group (ER)
5:30pm AA (MC-E)
6:45pm Youth Games (ONLINE)
Sun May 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)
10:30am Organ Mini-Concert Series (S)
11am Children's Sunday School (EB)
11am Praise Worship (KR)
3pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
4pm Gospel Worship (KR)
6:30pm Youth Group (Ed Bldg)
Mon May 15 9am Girls Matter. (B-MC)
6:30pm Ad Council (MC-B)
Tue May 16 10am Mtg: UWF Leadership (MC-S)
3pm Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
5pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Wed May 17 7:45am MTG: Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)
10am MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M)
10:30am Cancer Support Group (ER/K)
11am Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
5:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu May 18 All day Ascension Day
6pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
7pm AA (MC-B)
Fri May 19 8am GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)
10am UWF Esther Bible Study (Offsite)
11am CareGivers Support Group (ER)
5:30pm AA (MC-E)
6:45pm Youth Games (ONLINE)
Sat May 20 8am PEO Mtg (MC-B)
10am MTG: UWF (MC-B/Zoom)

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WORSHIP SERVICES

- ✝ 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