



FROM THE PASTOR: "SUCCESSION PLAN"



Our Administrative Council recently voted to start a two-year Succession Plan for me at my request. A Succession Plan is a strategic process that ensures a smooth and seamless transition of leadership within a church. In this specific case, it is for replacing me over a two-year period.

In the first year of our Succession Plan, our primary focus is to find a suitable and capable pastor to take over my position. This new pastor should embody the church's values, possess strong leadership skills, preaching ability, and be able to lead the congregation effectively. Our Bishop has given us permission to start a search for a replacement. Our goal is to accomplish this by January 1, 2024.

During the second year, the newly chosen pastor will work closely with me as we both collaborate to lead the church. This period of mentorship which will begin on July 1, 2024, will provide the new pastor with valuable guidance, insight, and hands-on experience. Essentially, the second year consists of a gradual transition period, allowing adequate time for the congregation and staff to adapt to the change.

Our Succession Plan is a two-year process aimed at ensuring the proper replacement of the Senior Pastor in a smooth, orderly manner. By identifying a potential successor, offering mentorship from the outgoing pastor, and encouraging valuable on-the-job experience, we can ensure that the new leader can maintain the congregation's faith and make a positive impact on the community.

I am planning to retire on July 1, 2025 after 28 years at Gold Canyon UMC. That's a long time for a Methodist Pastor to have served in one church. I desire to leave our church in capable hands when I retire. Don't worry we still have plenty of time to be in ministry together. I will see you on Sunday.

Grace and peace,

Fred

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & EVANGELISM

Pastor Katharine Keller

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

UPCOMING FALL CLASSES



In the fall Pastor Katharine will be facilitating the study, **40 Days in the Word** by Rick Warren. LOVE the Word. LEARN the Word. LIVE the Word. Specific dates and time are TBD, and specific details will appear in our August newsletter, but in the meantime you may email any questions you may have to Pastor Katharine at ladiebug1214@gmail.com or calling the church.



This fall, we will be starting a discussion group based around the series, **"The Chosen,"** facilitated by Deane Elek. Additional details are forthcoming, but participants will need to view the season beforehand.

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.

GRIEF SHARE



Our next GriefShare program starts on Tue., 9/5, at 1pm and will 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.

CONGRATULATIONS DISCIPLE 2 CLASS!

Congratulations to the Disciple 2 class, facilitated by Shirley Feather, who received their certificates on 4/25/23. Class members pictured are Marcia Lundell, Carol Ballard, Shirley Feather (facilitator), Pat Beaver, and Kathy King, Bid Killorn. Not pictured is Carol Fye.



WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT



Ladies of all ages – be sure to mark your calendars to save the dates for this year's Women's Weekend Retreat that is scheduled for November 3—5 at the beautiful and serene Franciscan Retreat Center in Scottsdale. (Google it to check it out if you haven't been before!) The registration will include class materials and all 6 meals and 2 nights' board (cost TBD and will vary depending on double-occupancy or single-occupancy rooms. Scholarship money will be available, as we do not want anyone left out!

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE TEAMS

To encourage growth, transparency, caring and fellowship, which is to say the building up of the church community, the Congregational Life Team hopes to accomplish the following:

- 1) **Dinner Groups** – Invite and organize small groups of 6 or 8 persons (single and couples) to meet monthly and take turns hosting dinner together either in a home or gather in a restaurant.
- 2) **Events** – Plan and implement monthly fun church events, designed to bring together anyone attending Gold Canyon UMC and also inviting their friends.
- 3) **Life Groups** – Small groups which would include Bible study, fellowship, prayer and mission.

SCENES FROM MAY WORSHIP

It is the third entity I wish to address in this newsletter. The main goal of small group ministry is to connect people to Christ and to each other. One connects to God in a deeper way by sharing one's spiritual walk with each other. One also develops deeper friendship, so as not to walk through life alone. When one thinks of the Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) we recognize that from the beginning God existed in a small group.

Below are some practical reasons why our church needs groups no matter what the size:

- 1) **People do not mature by listening to sermons.**
Small groups provide the space for discussion, questions, learning to pray, serving.
- 2) **A small group is the best way to care for people.**
Pastors cannot give total care to the whole church. Groups provide the space to give and receive love. They are our "front line" of care.
- 3) **Groups effectively assimilate people into the vision, ownership, and ministry of our church...**
and then are actively engaged in reaching new people for Christ.

I have been involved in small groups (or Life Groups) since my 20s when I had small children. We adults have had great discussions as we grappled with life issues and questions of faith; we bonded as a unit and shared food, prayer, and assistance when any one of us needed it. I was introduced to people towards whom I would not have normally gravitated. It's enriching, challenging, inspirational and helpful. How are you growing as a disciple of Christ and could you, in fact, grow deeper in love with Him by being a part of a group?

Please consider joining the Congregational Team and/or participating in a small group. We hope to have sign ups soon. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Katharine.



STAY IN THE KNOW!

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for Gold Canyon UMC
communications
via email!



Get involved!



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



CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

Linda Clise, Children & Youth Ministries Director

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



The bubble party was a success! There were close to 30 children enjoying the sudsy, fun and whimsical time with both the foam cannon and the billions of bubbles! We even caught a few adults playing, er I mean showing the children how to make bubbles with the bubble ropes! We had a raffle and Luke (he attends 9:30) won a set of bubble soccer balls! Lots of snacks and juice were consumed and literally people stayed until the machines were shut down.



YOUTH MINISTRY



Would you like to donate 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 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!





YOUTH CALENDAR—JUNE 2022

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| Sun., 6/47 | Youth participate in Worship | 9:30am | Sanctuary |
| | Youth Group | 6:30pm | Education Bldg. |
| Sun., 6/11 | Sunday School | 9:30am | Sanctuary |
| | Youth Group | 6:30pm | Education Bldg. |
| Sun., 6/18 | Sunday School | 9:30am | Youth Room |
| | Youth Group | 6:30pm | Education Bldg. |
| Sun., 6/25 | Sunday School | 9:30am | Sanctuary |
| | Youth Group | 6:30pm | Education Bldg. |

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



ON THE GOSPEL SIDE

Dr. David Worley, Preaching Associate

Summer is here as you have no doubt noticed the evidence of the season is all around us, including the soaring temperatures here in Arizona, as well as the bounty and beauty seemingly everywhere. Each season in many ways parallels life, but summer I think speaks of fruitfulness and enjoyment in serving our Lord here and now. I also see this season as a lovely reminder of the cloudless day when all of God's people who are in Christ are gathered to an eternity of joy and bounty. What a lovely thought – an eternal summer with the Sun of Righteousness lighting every day! Often summer is an appropriate time for taking a break. Many schedule vacations, which are good for body and soul. Jesus said to His disciples, "Come apart and rest awhile" (Mark 6:31); my Dad used to add "or you will simply come apart." We all need a break. However, after consideration and prayer, we have decided to continue to meet for our Country Gospel Worship services throughout the summer. Although we know some people will be away, I believe it is appropriate for us to obey both the instructions and example of the Scriptures in this regard. The Early Church gathered regularly on the Lord's Day and Hebrews 10:25 urges us to continue to gather together for mutual benefit. So, each Sunday at 4 pm we will gather to worship and study the Bible together.

Let me add just one more piece of information. We will host another sing-along on the last Sunday in June (the 25th). Many enjoy these events and so we hope you will mark your calendars and join us!



ON A PASTORAL NOTE

Rev. Gary Capen, Associate Pastor

As I write this article for the RoadRunner we are also preparing to leave for Maine on May 16th. It's a busy time not only in getting ready to fly to Maine but also for the many concerns within our congregation and our world. It's very easy to become overwhelmed by life's situations, whether it's due to sickness, death, financial difficulties, or whatever might be on our hearts and minds. But as we are reminded in Scripture, Christ is with us always. Our Creator and Redeemer doesn't wish or impose on us the suffering we encounter. Rather He embraces us, comforts us, and helps us in these moments.

I'm reminded of a Rabbi I knew when I was growing up in Natick, Mass. He was serving Temple Israel in Natick and he and his wife had a son, Aaron, who was diagnosed with Progeria at age 3 and he died at age 14. Progeria is a disease that causes abnormally rapid aging. Rabbi Harold Kushner was an amazing man who was a deeply devout Jew. Following his son's death, he wrote a book, a sort of memoir, titled "When Bad Things Happen to Good People." It was not only a book which reflected on his journey, but the central theme is that our God is not an omnipotent interventionist, rather he focused on a God who offers comfort and solace to those who suffer.

His story brings comfort to those who are suffering, those who are hurting, those who are facing some of the most difficult times of their lives. We are truly blessed by the fact that our God is one who surrounds us with His Grace, Love, Comfort, and Peace every day of our lives and most especially in life's most difficult times. I would encourage you to, if you haven't read, to read his book not only to find a sense of peace but also to extend that peace, comfort, and love to those around you who are hurting. This is after all what ministry is – being what Christ calls us to be:

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" - Matthew 25:35-40

During our time in Maine, we will be volunteering our time at First UMC in Boothbay Harbor. We will also continue to hold each of you in our prayers as we look forward to seeing you 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
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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...

Brad Bryant

Ken January

Ken Carey (OR)

Frank Middaugh (OH)

Taylor Cunningham

Stan Whitmore

Denise Gabrielson

Joe Holmwood





CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

DIRTY WINDOWS



"Imagine gazing through a dirty window into a gorgeous, sun-drenched garden. If you focus on the dirt that's on the glass, you'll miss the exquisite beauty of the garden. Just as you can train your eyes to see the splendor beyond the window, you can learn to

look through your circumstances and "see" My Face shining upon you. Seek to find Me everywhere." Sarah Young described the above in her daily devotional book *Jesus Always*, written from the perspective of God speaking to the reader.

In May we talked about finding peace in nature, and many places elsewhere in our lives. However, there's often a "dirty window" between ourselves and peace and understanding, or actually seeing the beauty in life around us. Depending upon our mood, mindset, energy levels, life circumstances and coping skills, we sometimes can't see beyond the cloudy film on the dirty window.

That dirty window is of course a metaphor for all the obstacles in our lives which we let cloud our vision; our vision of the physical beauty here on this earth, as well as God's radiant presence in our lives. Devotional Author Sarah Young's point was that we must look for God wherever we are, and in whatever situation in which we find ourselves. In order to recognize the Lord in our lives, we often have to look through our circumstances.

The kitchen window above my sink looks out toward the Superstition Mountain range. Wow... I love looking at those mountains! But the only way I can see that view is by making sure my kitchen window stays clean. If I get lazy, the dirty film on the window gets cloudier and cloudier. With each passing day my view is diminished, and I start to squint, working harder and harder to see the view outside. Have you ever tried to clean really dirty windows? No fun! Over time I have learned the obvious, it's much easier to keep up with the cleaning rather than let the film build up. Not only

are they easier to clean, but my daily view is clear and unobstructed.

Just as our physical view becomes obstructed, when we get lazy in our prayer life, we cloud our relationship with God. We go through hard times and rather than feel His presence as we move through them, we end up doing the spiritual equivalent of squinting to look through dirty windows. As each day passes, we feel further and further away from Him. We've let our circumstances cloud our faith, hope and trust in Him, and we feel the loss of assurance, contentment, and sense of peace.

In a sermon in April, Pastor Fred reminded us that we can't often see the big picture regarding difficult times in our lives, and we become frustrated and cry out to God, "Why?!" There are often reasons God is willing to let us go through a period of frustration, a period where we don't understand why certain things are happening. He reminded us that when we pursue our prayer lives by asking God to change our hearts rather than our circumstances, that is when God can change us. That then, in turn, can change our circumstances. This has all reminded me not to let my focus on God get clouded with stuff - that even when it appears God may not be listening as I'd like, not to let my vision cloud.

If you are having some difficulty with your circumstances, or feel your vision is clouded a bit, **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.

⁷ "Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened."

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Matthew 7:7-8 [NLT]



MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



Summer is here in Arizona and the heat is here to stay for a while. Often a slower time at the church, (presumably because everyone wants to stay in the AC!) the staff often uses summer to plan and prepare for the remainder of the year and the beginning of the next. In the music ministry, that means organizing and planning for the 2023-2024 season of our concert series, planning upcoming music, working with organ builders, and setting new goals for our ministry moving forward. As I said in last month's letter, we're looking to be presenting a variety of groups during worship over the next few months including our Summer Choir as well as other small ensembles and soloists, so if you don't have the time during the fall and winter, now is the perfect time to participate.

The 'Sunday Sounds Series' will also continue this month, on the second Sunday of the month, June 11th. If you're interested in hearing and discussing organ, the organ project, or music in general, 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.

If you read last month's music notes and the letter from the organ committee, you know we're on the march with the project. We're aiming to raise an initial \$500,000 (we're already 1/3rd there with roughly \$165,000 already raised, so special thanks to all our donors!) to begin our fundraising campaign and to secure a commission with a builder. The church's Administrative Council has also instructed the organ committee to engage with several organ builders so we can review proposals and start making some decisions for our future organ including possible size, design, and specifications. The organ committee will be working hard over the next number of months on this and will make an initial report of our progress in next month's newsletter, so stay tuned! Also, if you're interesting in joining our organ ambassador program, reach out to me or the Organ Committee at iclasse@goldcanyonumc.org or GCUMCOrganComm@gmail.com.

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

JOB POSTING: YOUTH DIRECTOR

Gold Canyon United Methodist Church is seeking to hire a part-time Youth Director. The position pays \$36,000 per year for 20 hours per week. Responsibilities for the Youth Director in our church include:

- leading the youth evening fellowship meetings and youth Sunday School classes,
- planning and leading retreats, service projects and other special youth events.

Applications are available from the Church Administrator by sending an email to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org. Interested parties should submit their completed application along with their cover letter and resume to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org for review. The position will remain open until filled. Employment to this position is contingent upon obtaining satisfactory results from a criminal background check. Questions may be directed to Rev. Fred Steinberg (480)982-3776.





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'.



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.

FOOD BANK



In the first three months of 2022 we served 1536 individuals. In the first three months of 2023, we've served 2514 individuals. Our church and community support are the only reason we have been able to provide healthy foods to those experiencing food insecurity.

We have not experienced any increase in the number of homeless needing food but have seen a significant increase in the number of the elderly needing help. Truly sad!

Several winter resident food bank volunteers have left for the season and will be missed. Thank you for your dedication and hard work as we look forward to your return.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

GENESIS PROJECT



Genesis Project would like to again say **thank you** to the GCUMC congregation! With your support we continue to meet the needs of the neediest among us with a hot meal, hydration and clothing. With the rising cost of food and rent we continue to see new people every day seeking a hot meal to provide them the nourishment they desperately need. The sacrificial giving of your finances allows us to continue feeding anyone who comes without concern of having enough food and that is a tremendous blessing!

In April, Genesis Project served 10,043 meals and April was very special here at the Soup Kitchen as we celebrated Easter with our guests! We were able to share the love and joy of Jesus through actions... a traditional ham feast, Easter baskets for our guests and Bibles. Over 200 people came to celebrate!

Thank you again for your continued support that allows Genesis Project to provide much needed services to our neighbors.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



As of May 10th, we've made great progress!

Only a couple more Saturdays remain on the project, and when the build is complete and the homeowner has done all of her required "sweat equity" the house will be dedicated and turned over to her!

The photos on the next page are from the Habitat for Humanity build for 2023, where the Maureen & Joe Morton, Pam Pitman and Shar Gregg helped out.



- The Dream Center Hunger Relief program serves over 9,000 meals weekly by operating onsite cafeterias and delivering groceries to homeless, low income and food insecure families at 20 sites throughout Phoenix.
- The Dream Center Adopt a Block Neighborhood Revitalization program volunteers go into neighborhoods to assist high risk and underprivileged youth and their families. The goal is to educate at-risk youth to become tomorrow's leaders.

**UMF invites you to our June Program
Sat., 6/24 at 10am in the Missions Center**

*Stephanie Lang (right) will be speaking
about the Phoenix Dream Center*

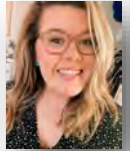


PHOTO: Dream Big with the Phoenix Dream Center whose mission is to stop human trafficking, end childhood hunger, and educate at-risk youth to be tomorrow's leaders.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH(UWF)



**United
Women
in Faith**

I learned in Sunday School about the "miracle of the five loaves and two fish". Along with Jesus' healing miracles,

his feeding of 5,000 shows his compassion for people who are hungry and demonstrates his loving hospitality. (Luke 9:12-17). The Bible is clear about our duty as Christians to feed the hungry and from abundance comes responsibility to share what we have. As followers of Jesus, we have a biblical mandate to care for the poor, the oppressed and those who are vulnerable and exploited.

With this in mind, allow me to introduce the Phoenix Dream Center. The Phoenix Dream Center was founded in 2002 as a Christ Centered Outreach Ministry. Their mission is to stop human trafficking, end childhood hunger, educate tomorrow's leaders by restoring hope and allowing the vulnerable and exploited to dream again through the following programs:

- The Dream Center Rescue project operates two separate homes for underage girls and adult women who have been rescued from human trafficking and sex slavery.
- The Dream Center Life Recovery program is a faith based residential recovery program that helps men and women overcome substance abuse, anger and emotional struggles.

Important June Dates to Remember

Reading Program — Wed., 6/7, 10am, Mission Center
Contact Peggy Kinder, 480 302 0464,
p.kinder@mchsi.com

Matthew 25 Prison Ministry — Thur., 6/8, 9am, Zoom
A pen pal program for female inmates
Contact Cheri Creel, 480 232 1584,
cheryljunc@icloud.com

Summer Culinary Circle — Wed., 6/14, noon
Bella's Marketplace and Cafe, 203 W. Main St, Superior
RSVP to Jean, jmraz@aol.com, 480 363 7655

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JUNE CHURCH CALENDAR

(Calendar is subject to change;

For more info, please visit www.GoldCanyonUMC.org or call the Church Office)

MAIN CAMPUS

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

MISSIONS CENTER

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

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| Thu Jun 1 | 6pm | Choir Rehearsal (MR/S) |
| | 7pm | AA (MC-B) |
| Fri Jun 2 | 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 Jun 4 | All day | Trinity Sunday |
| | 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 Jun 5 | — | — |
| Tue Jun 6 | 5pm | Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR) |
| | 6pm | MTG: Gold Canyon Community, Inc (MC-E) |
| | 6:30pm | Permanent Endowment Mtg (MC-S) |
| Wed Jun 7 | 7:45am | MTG: Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E) |
| | 9am | CLASS: All Things New (MC-B) |
| | 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 Jun 8 | All day | Corpus Christi |
| | 6pm | Choir Rehearsal (MR/S) |
| | 7pm | AA (MC-B) |
| Fri Jun 9 | All day | UMC Annual Conference (Offsite) |
| | 10am | UWF Esther Bible Study (Offsite) |
| | 11am | CareGivers Support Group (ER) |

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| | 5:30pm | AA (MC-E) |
| | 6:45pm | Youth Games (ONLINE) |
| Sat Jun 10 | All day | UMC Annual Conference (Offsite) |
| Sun Jun 11 | All day | UMC Annual Conference (Offsite) |
| | 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 Jun 12 | — | — |
| | 8am | Reserved (MR) |
| Tue Jun 13 | 9am | Stitches Unlimited (MC-B&Patio) |
| | 1pm | GriefGroup Re-Connect (ER) |
| | 5pm | Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR) |
| | 6pm | MTG: Trustees (MC-B) |
| Wed Jun 14 | All day | Flag Day |
| | 7:45am | MTG: Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E) |
| | 9am | CLASS: All Things New (MC-B) |
| | 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 Jun 15 | 6pm | Choir Rehearsal (MR/S) |
| | 7pm | AA (MC-B) |
| Fri Jun 16 | 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 Jun 17 | 10am | MTG: UWF (MC-B/Zoom) |
| Sun Jun 18 | All day | Father's Day |
| | 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) |

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| | 6:30pm | Youth Group (Ed Bldg) |
| Mon Jun 19 | All day | Juneteenth |
| Tue Jun 20 | 5pm | Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR) |
| Wed Jun 21 | 7:45am | MTG: Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E) |
| | 9am | CLASS: All Things New (MC-B) |
| 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 Jun 22 | 9am | Girls Matter. (B-MC) |
| | 6pm | Choir Rehearsal (MR/S) |
| | 7pm | AA (MC-B) |
| Fri Jun 23 | 10am | UWF Esther Bible Study (Offsite) |
| | 11am | CareGivers Support Group (ER) |
| | 5:30pm | AA (MC-E) |
| | 6:45pm | Youth Games (ONLINE) |
| Sun Jun 25 | 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 Sing-Along (KR) |
| | 6:30pm | Youth Group (Ed Bldg) |
| Mon Jun 26 | — | — |
| Tue Jun 27 | 9am | Stitches Unlimited (MC-B) |
| | 5pm | Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR) |
| | 5:30pm | MTG: Superstition Foothills HOA (MC-E) |
| Wed Jun 28 | 7:45am | MTG: Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E) |
| | 9am | CLASS: All Things New (MC-B) |
| | 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 Jun 29 | 6pm | Choir Rehearsal (MR/S) |
| | 7pm | AA (MC-B) |
| Fri Jun 30 | 8am | GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot) |
| | 10am | UWF Esther Bible Study (Offsite) |
| | 11am | CareGivers Support Group (ER) |
| | 5:30pm | AA (MC-E) |

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Leadership Meeting — Tue., 6/21, 10am, Mission Center
Contact Susan Lyons, 812 327 1403,
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General Meeting — Sat., 6/24, 10am, Mission Center
Program: “Dream Big w/ the Phoenix Dream Center”
Speaker: Stephanie Lang, Development Leadership Team
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ABOVE PHOTO: The Culinary Circle's “Christening”
of Carol Johnson's new home

BELOW PHOTO: Culinary Circle at Romeo's Euro Café
in Gilbert



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ROADRUNNER & BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please send content for the
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NO LATER THAN 8am on Mon., 5/15/2023

Weekly Bulletin & Flower Orders

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



JUNE 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!

Hughes, Doug & Lee 06/01
Tucker, Paula & Rush 06/01
Kinder, Elizabeth & Dick 06/03
Breuklander, Paul & Bobbie 06/05
Carnahan, Karen & Bob 06/05
Oxley, Gene & Vicki 06/05
Parson, Barb & Ron 06/05
Rolley, Betty & Bud 06/05
Arquisch, Duri & Rosemary 06/06
Barraza, Angela & Gabriel 06/06
Brown, Jeff & Karen 06/06
Falk, Ellis & Marilyn 06/06
Mueller, Gary & Sandy 06/06
Graves, Donna & Bob 06/07
Sisson, Tony & Pam 06/08
Scott, Jay & Peggy 06/09
Creel, Cherie & William 06/10
Miller, Janeane & Roger 06/10
Tianen, Don & Rae 06/10
Alford, Jo & Keith 06/11
Atkinson, Judy & Bill 06/11
Burris, Ruth & Terry 06/11
Fye, Ben & Carol 06/11
Hahn, Dave & Jan 06/11
Lang, Caryl & Charlie 06/12
McDaniel, Marilyn & Steve 06/12
Parsons, Laura & Terry 06/12
Ewing, John & Ruth 06/13
Waechter, Nancy & Bill 06/13
Becker, Bonnie & Jack 06/14
Berry, John & Myra 06/14
Martini, Cindy & Wayne 06/14
Richter, Jack & Val 06/14
Boldt, Gary & Kathy 06/15
Wion, Carol & Sheldon 06/15
Webster, Don & Sharon 06/16
Moore, Nellie & Dick 06/17
Newton, Doris & Randy 06/17
Rasmussen, Ann & Gordie 06/17
Tyler, Larry & Sandy 06/17
Messmer, Patti & Dick 06/18
Krull, Julie & Rich 06/19
Fransen, Jim & Yolanda 06/22
Jacobsen, Elaine & Ken 06/22
Lester, Jim & Yvonne 06/22
Schneider, Phyllis & Bob 06/22

Shaughnessy, Julie & Mike 06/22
Schulz, Marilyn & Merle 06/23
Waytenick, Dave & Karen 06/23
Engbrecht, Don & Jackie 06/24
Scharringhausen, Fred & Joyce 06/24
Tonole, Don & Marjorie 06/24
Bos, Colette & David 06/25
Hill, John & Nancy 06/25
Nichols, Sam & Rex 06/25
Gust, Dan & Lois 06/27
Rowley, Cheryl & Roger 06/30



Happy Birthday!

Larson, Marilyn 06/01
Lemmon, Harley 06/01
Schlee, Barb 06/01
Blohm Bendix, Linda 06/02
Crites, Kenneth 06/02
Fenske, Howard 06/02
Martin, Charlotte 06/02
Thacker, Ruth Ann 06/03
Colehour, Sharon 06/04
Greenlee, Kay 06/04
Hill, John 06/04
Tianen, Don 06/04
Lindemann, Carole 06/05
Brigham, Jeremy 06/06
Burris, Ruth 06/06
Ramacher, Don 06/06
Formento, Kathy 06/07
Gilbreath, Shirley 06/07
Kice, Art 06/07
Williams, Karen 06/07
Butterfield, Mary 06/08
Moorberg, Mike 06/08
Webster, Don 06/08
Williams, Todd 06/08
Abbott, Dave 06/09
Karr, Michael (Mike) 06/09
Hughes, Lee 06/10
Wever, Mike 06/10
Kachelmeyer, Carol 06/11
Noe, Mary Beth 06/11

Olson, Renee 06/11
Parsons, Jean 06/12
Sweeney, Dan 06/12
Brigham, Amia 06/13
Phillips, Lorraine 06/13
Schneider, Phyllis 06/13
Van Dusseldorp, Marge 06/13
Johnson, Shirley 06/14
Streit, Robert 06/14
Carlozzi, Mid 06/15
Erickson, Tressa 06/16
Leiman, Lori 06/16
Pitman, Pam 06/16
Anderson, D.J. 06/17
Elieff, Helen 06/17
Jones, Reagan 06/17
Urbach, Art 06/18
Abbott, Jan 06/19
Larson, George 06/19
Rickey, Patricia 06/19
Schlemper, Eli 06/19
Snyder, Lorrie 06/19
Adams, Hunter Marion 06/20
Caughey, Joy 06/20
Curtis, Lisa 06/20
Gust, Lois 06/20
Barnett, Karen 06/21
Ceynar, Rick 06/21
Blankenship, Roger 06/22
Dunn, Carol 06/22
Jurgens, Donna 06/22
Paone, Ellen 06/22
Collins, Jim 06/23
Ewing, Ruth 06/23
Ryan-Hick, Pam 06/23
Denton, Chris 06/24
Tyler, Larry 06/24
Fonger, Curt 06/25
Moyer, Bob 06/26
Quanstrom, Fay 06/26
Igo, Bill 06/27
Keller, Julius 06/27
Sandness, Paul 06/27
Brigham, Danielle 06/28
Hansen, Kathy 06/28
Hayes, Jeff 06/28
Scott, Ardie 06/28
Larson, Nona 06/30



CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

| April | 2020 | | | 2021 | | | 2022 | | | 2023 | | |
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| | General Fund | Building | Worship All | General Fund | Building | Worship All | General Fund | Building | Worship All | General Fund | Fellowship Hall | Worship All |
| | 114,004 | 32,380 | 18,312 | 81,530 | 19,332 | 8,604 | 130,070 | 22,473 | 8,962 | 139,538 | 42,237 | 9,145 |

"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; \$808,448 raised)
- Pipe Organ (\$169,221 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.



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- ... eliminates the hassle of having home on the market
- ... helps reduce the church's debt
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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