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FROM THE PASTOR "WHERE DID THE AIR GO?"

Most of you know I ride my bike daily. I ride it for exercise and I ride it to travel the short one mile from my home to the church. Every now and then I notice that my bike tires are low. They need air. Yet there are no thorns or nails in the tires. The truth is that air leaks. It escapes. When this happens my tires aren't totally flat, but low enough to notice that my peddling is not producing the same forward momentum. It takes more work to go the same distance as when they are fully inflated.

It got me thinking. Life is like a bike tire. We don't intentionally let the air out; it just seeps out. We experience this when we are in the conflict with someone. We deflate a lot if we suffer a major loss. We hear a *hissssss* when we are overwhelmed by circumstances. When we hear discouraging news, we hear another *hissssss*. Life can deflate us.

So how do we get re-inflated? Where do we go to pump up our tires? Most of you know that worship is one way to become re-energized. Finding a way to serve others is another way to get re-inflated. It would seem that helping others is draining, but I find it to be one of the best ways to re-inflate our lives. When we spend time in prayer and reading scripture, we ground our soul in the most important things of life. Sharing a moment with a trusted friend or family member can also revive us from the daily *hissssss*.

One specific way that many people have re-inflated their lives is by getting involved in one of our DISCIPLE Bible Study classes. Some will launch

in September, so now is the time to sign-up for an experience with a small group that will revitalize and pump-up your life. Many have told me that the course changed their lives. This is just one of many ways to fill your tires and push you onward. I will see you on Sunday when we re-inflate our tires for another week.

Grace and peace,

Fred





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

by Katharine Keller

"...growing disciples of Jesus Christ by studying and living the Word."

SIDEWALK MINISTRY



Sidewalk will be resuming on Saturdays, starting later in October. Our Arizona summer has been "Hot" this year. Many of the children stay inside, playing

video games, some getting relief from swimming at the public pools. A few children have traveled to Mexico to stay with grandparents.

Seven children attended summer camp at Mingus Mountain, July 9-14, and they all had an amazing time, cooler weather, archery, zip lines, hikes, crafts, fellowship, praise & worship songs, and delicious food! Many of the children wanted to stay longer.

Apache Junction School District started classes on July 24th this year, and returned to having school five days a week. The parents & children are so grateful for the donated school supply items they received. A big thank you to our GCUMC congregation for your generosity of spirit. Several families struggle financially, especially in the summer, with additional costs for electric, A/C, and groceries, with the children out of school.

Please consider serving as a Sidewalk Ministry Shepherd in the fall. We'll need Drivers/Chaperones to transport the children to/from our ministry site in Apache Junction — and you'll have an opportunity to make a difference in a child's life by loving and nurturing them through Christ. You can be a tremendous help—no matter what gifts/talents you may have—even if it's just listening to and talking with the children.

For more information please contact Ken Hopkins at (850)217-0594 or khop149612@yahoo.com. All volunteers must undergo a background check.

KIDZKANYON NEWS



Preschool Teacher Needed: Do you enjoy teaching preschoolers? Have you been told that you are especially gifted with the younger children? We hope you will consider at least serving a year in our preschool classroom at 9:30am on Sundays.

We are looking for more than one person, so that there

are two adults at all times. If there are many applicants, we will be able to share the teaching responsibility. Please contact Katharine in the Church Office if this position interests you.

KidzKanyon & Family Worship Weekend: On Sunday, 9/2, we are encouraging families to worship together in the "big church" to celebrate Family Worship Weekend. Our Kidz Kanyon Sunday morning programming will resume Sunday, 9/9. The nursery is available at all services for children 4 years old and younger.

MINGUS MOUNTAIN CAMP 2018





CHANGES TO OUR MIDWEEK PROGRAM



Beginning September 12th we will resume our midweek program for 1st–6th graders. In the past, we have been using Pioneer Club programming, but have decided to use different curriculum and call ourselves the “Midweek Mountaineers.” The schedule will remain the same — 5:00pm–7:00pm on Wednesdays — and we will still include a Bible lesson, dinner, music and other fun activities.

The program is free, but we would appreciate if you register your student with us. This program is open to anyone, so your student may bring a friend. Registration forms may be picked up in the Church Office or in the Education Building.

**Kidz
Kanyon**

*Be sure to check out the **Kidz Kanyon** Facebook page that highlights our GCUMC Children's Program and learn about upcoming events!*

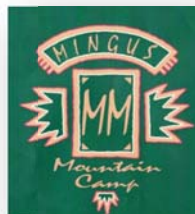
UPCOMING WOMEN'S RETREAT



Gather with us for an inspirational weekend at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Scottsdale. During our time together we will be considering landmark rocks, Scriptural rocks, God as our Rock and stones in Jesus' teachings. We'll paint – not throw – rocks. We'll sing “rock” music! Come and explore this theme with us as we enjoy an overnight get-away with great food and fine fellowship.

Cost is \$130 (double occupancy) which includes room for two nights, six meals, and materials; if you choose a single room the cost is \$180. Please use the registration form on page 4 of this newsletter, or pick one up in the lobbies of either building. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is required to hold your spot. Absolute deadline is Monday, September 3. Please invite a friend!

FALL FAMILY CAMP AT MINGUS!



Katharine will be leading a family camp for the entire Desert Southwest Conference at Mingus Mountain Camp 10/12 – 10/14. Singles, couples and families with children are all invited, and you do not need to be a Methodist or a member of our church to attend! The following registration fees include five meals, room (or rustic cabin if we run out of rooms) and materials: \$90 Adults (18 & up); \$75 Teens (13–17); \$50 Children (12 and under). Depending on weather we will be offering hikes, archery, zipline and hopefully a hay ride. We will also have devotions and Sunday morning worship in addition to a craft for the kids.

Please register through the Camp website, www.dsccamps.org. If you have any problems registering, contact Katharine or Dina Reid, Camp Registrar, at (602)266-6956. **Registration deadline is October 6.**



Women's Fall Weekend "Living Stones" Retreat

FRANCISCAN RENEWAL CENTER – SCOTTSDALE, AZ
FRI., 9/14 (4:00PM) – SUN., 9/16 (1:00PM)



Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____

Street Address: _____

City/ST/Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ **Other Phone:** _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

☐ **Single Room Request** (*Limited number of Single rooms available*)

☐ **Double Room Request** (*Indicate Roommate*) _____

Allergies/Special Needs/

Dietary Restrictions? ☐ Yes ☐ No **Please explain:** _____

Are you able to drive? ☐ Yes ☐ No **How many passengers can you take?** _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

TOTAL RETREAT FEE: \$130.00 (*double-occupancy*) ; includes lodging & meals, facilities & program materials

\$180.00 (*single-occupancy*); includes lodging & meals, facilities & program materials

Non-Refundable \$50 Deposit: **Date Paid:** ____ / ____ / ____ **Check #:** _____ **Balance Due:** \$ _____

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Notes: _____

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



UPCOMING ADULT CLASS OFFERINGS

The purpose of the DISCIPLE courses is to develop strong Christian leaders through regular in-depth study of Scripture. Disciple making and Christian nurturing are its goals.

✦ **DISCIPLE 1—*Becoming Disciples*** **DISCIPLE Through Bible Study:** This is the introductory course and a prerequisite to the other DISCIPLE classes. It will meet on Thursdays from 1:00pm–3:00pm in the Emmaus Room starting October 4th. **Facilitator:** Zane Close

✦ **DISCIPLE 2—*Into the Word, Into the World*** **DISCIPLE** INTO THE WORD INTO THE WORLD **(pre-requisite is DISCIPLE 1):** This class meets on Wednesdays from 1:00pm–3:30pm in the Esther Room (Missions Center) starting October 3rd. **Facilitator:** David Worley

✦ **DISCIPLE 5: *Jesus in the Gospels*** **JESUS IN THE GOSPELS** **(pre-requisite is DISCIPLE 1):** This class meets on Mondays from 1:00pm–3:30pm in the Emmaus Room starting September 24th. **Facilitator:** Fay Quanstrom

SING *All Together Now* ALONG

Our final sing-along of the summer is at 5:00pm on **Sunday, August 19th** in the **Koinonia Room**.

Members of our congregation, Don and LeWain Crandall who have led sing-alongs in a variety of locations will lead our time together featuring beloved hymns, Gospel songs and choruses. David Worley will play the piano and assist with leading the singing. Come in and join us for a rousing, worshipful afternoon.



This will be a great opportunity to worship the Lord in song and enjoy joining our voices together for spiritual renewal. The program simply put is... *Minimal talking, maximum singing!*

Plug In and SERVE

To find areas in which your talents and passions lie, complete and submit a Time & Talents Sheet!

Pick-up yours from the Welcome Center, Education Building Lobby or Church Office.

We have many areas from which you can select and connect! It's a great way to make new friends, too!

Not plugged in yet?...

To learn more about areas in which you can serve/get involved, go to:

<https://secure.accessacs.com/access/mydashboard/sqavailablegroups.aspx>

A Note from Bob



Summer is flying by with not too many really hot days (over 109) and enough wind, dust storms and rain to make it interesting. As I write this the humidity is still high from the recent monsoon storm and I can do without that.

My focus is on our weekly Country Western services which begin with the last Sunday of this month (8/26) and don't stop until the end of May 2019. I congratulate David Ballard and the "Wranglers for the Lord" musicians who have performed on the last Sundays of the month during the summer.

I hope you all have had a great summer and look forward to having you back in town for the Fall and Winter months. Remember, you can see the morning services on Livestream every Sunday morning, as well as some of the Country Western services. If you miss them live, they are archived on the web site for viewing at your leisure.

Peace and joy,

Bob Deits





GCUMC Youth Group News

By Beth Steinberg, Youth Director



SUNDAY RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Congratulations
SEN18RS



VBS... A BIG thank you to the Youth & Linda Clise (Youth Group volunteer) for helping with Vacation Bible School. Great job! Thanks for making it such a great week with the children!

Blessings, *Beth*



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY CLASS

(7th—12th Grades)
Sundays at 9:30am
in the **Education Bldg.**
Creative Bible lessons &
discussions!

YOUTH GROUP

(7th—12th Grades)
Sundays 6:30pm—8:30pm
in the **Education Bldg.**
Fun, faith-based programs
and fellowship!

YOUTH CALENDAR — AUGUST 2018

Sun., 8/5	POOL PARTY! <i>Drinks provided; Bring SNACKS to share!</i>	3pm—5pm	Home of Sarah Hawk 51 N. Mountain View Hosted by Angie Hawk (602)421-9477
Sun., 8/12	TOP GOLF / Gilbert <i>BRING membership card or buy one for \$5; Cost \$20</i>	3pm 5:30pm	Meet at church Approximate return
Sun., 8/19	YOUTH GROUP	6:30—8:30pm	Education Building
Sun., 8/26	YOUTH GROUP \$25 SUNSPLASH PAYMENT DUE (Need group of 15 for discounted rate; friends welcome!)	6:30—8:30pm	Education Building
	UPCOMING EVENT...		
Sun., 9/2	SUNSPLASH <i>Cost \$25; Bring \$ for food</i>	12:20pm 7:45pm	Meet at church Approximate return



MUSIC NOTES

Douglas J. Benton
Director of Music Ministries



August – one does whatever one can do to stay out of the heat and humidity, right?!? Well, in my case, I'm going to have my replaced right shoulder, replaced again – in the coolness of a hospital. Then stay at home for a period of time catching up on my soap operas, eating bon-bons, etc. Well, part of this is correct! Stupid me, I tripped over a rock outside of the Music Room and landed on my right shoulder. I'm quite sure I would've cleared the rock by lifting my foot up 1 more inch!

As Pastor Fred mentioned a few weeks ago, I will be retiring from GCUMC sometime between April and July 2019, depending on when my replacement wants to start. That person has not yet been decided but it is important to begin the search fairly early to allow plenty of time to hire someone worthy of our church, and a person(s) who would be a great fit for our Chancel Choir, Canyon Carillon Handbells, Orchestra and Sacred Sounds series. As many of you know, I have suffered with acute arthritis in my hands, shoulders, knees, left ankle—and now my upper and lower back, so my organ-playing days and my conducting days are truly numbered. I am looking forward to writing music after my retirement. I have written music for brass, choir, handbells, orchestra, organ and piano—published by a dozen or so publishers—and am anxious to do more... so that's the plan!

I am very excited about our Sacred Sounds Series this next year! One more contract and we should be able to list the entire season for you in the September Roadrunner. A couple of dates you may want to save:

✚ **Sat. 12/8/18 at 3:00pm & 6:00pm:** Our 17th Annual Christmas Concerts

✚ **Sun 1/27/19 at 3:00pm:** Legacy Quartet

✚ **Sun 2/10/19 at 2:00pm:** The Rice Brothers

✚ **Sat. 3/9/19 at 7:30pm:** The Northern AZ University Shrine of the Ages Chorale (one of the finest collegiate choirs in the world who has performed on six of the world's seven continents!) and the NAU Harter Handbells (a group I started in 1989 that continues to be one of the best handbell programs in the country!)

✚ **Sun 3/24/18** Our Spring Concert featuring Choir, Bells, Brass, organ, piano and perhaps our Orchestra, and will be my final concert.

Our great Chancel Choir is finally getting a rest this month. As you know, they have really worked hard this entire year! Cindy Hoff, who coordinates our Special Music, has worked hard to find some very good vocalists to sing both the Anthem and Offertory during this month. The Choir returns on September 9th, and our first rehearsal will be on Thurs., Aug. 30th at 6:30pm. If you would like to join us, please do... there's no audition! All we ask is that you can sing on pitch and read music at least a little. We have many strong singers whom you can sit next to, who will help you learn your part. If you have any questions, please give me a call at the church. Come and find out what the fun is all about!


I pray we all stay safe, take time to really appreciate God's natural gifts given to us, and continue to pray for all people everywhere that they will come to know God, His son, Jesus, and experience the Holy Spirit like we have, as the Body of Christ – the Church!

Love and blessings to all,

Doug



More VBS
fun
with our
Youth!



...Sunday mornings at the 10:50am Praise & Worship Service!

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

It's a great way to start off the week!



PASTORAL & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Four pastors are on-call to make visits to members and friends of Gold Canyon UMC. Please feel free to call the church office at (480)982-3776 and one of the pastors will respond to your request. After hours, you may call or email one of the pastors directly:

✝ **Rev. Fred Steinberg**
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480.982.3776

✝ **Rev. Bob Deits**
Associate Pastor
rdeits@cox.net
602.615.6634

✝ **Rev. Fay Quanstrom**
Associate Pastor
fay.quanstrom@gmail.com
480.458.8420

✝ **Dr. David Worley**
Director, Congregational Care
dWorley3@gmail.com
970.821.5404



If you know someone in the congregation who is hospitalized, ill at home and/or needs prayers of the community, please let one of the pastors or the church office know so they can be included on the prayer list.

Also, if you or someone you know within or beyond our parish would like a friendly visit, a listening ear, or a home-cooked meal, please let us know. Caring for others in the GCUMC fellowship of believers is shared by clergy & lay caregivers. In addition to the pastoral staff, trained Lay **Congregational Care Ministers (CCMs)** share a ministry of loving spiritual care: visits, prayer, Holy Communion, music, meals, errands and more.

You are invited to join the **Congregational Care Ministry** by contacting Rev. Fay Quanstrom.



PRAY!... WHEN? WHERE? HOW?

GCUMC offers numerous prayer helps that are available to everyone:

- ✝ The **WEEKLY PRAYER LIST** is finalized Thursday mornings and consists of prayer requests that have come to us on Sunday and during the week. It's inserted in the Sunday bulletin for your use at home... post it and use it! Pray for one category of needs each day. Prayer request cards are on the lecterns near each door. When you write a request, please complete all the information so our pastoral care team is able to pray and follow up more effectively.
- ✝ You can become a **PRAYER PARTNER**, who receives the prayer list electronically each Tuesday, by completing the form on the reverse side of the Sunday prayer list and placing it in the offering plate. You may also call the Church Office during the week to become a prayer partner.
- ✝ Caring intercessors meet for **PRAYER AND HEALING** on Wednesdays from 11:45-12:45 in the Koinonia Room. Anyone is welcome to come with a need or a desire to share in this special time.
- ✝ The campus **PRAYER WALK** begins at the office door, where on the wall to the right you may pick up a "map" that describes a walking route around our buildings and prayer suggestions as you make your way from place to place. The prayer walk can also be used at home to structure your prayer. Physically walking the premises is helpful but not required for the prayer walk guide.
- ✝ Our **PRAYER WALL** is located just behind the Jesus sculpture. You are welcome to use the paper and pencil provided for writing your request. Spend some time pondering the shepherd qualities of Christ, His proximity to His lamb, and His sheltering arms, as you pray. Then fold your written request and tuck it into a crevice in the wall, just as people have done for centuries at Jerusalem's Wailing Wall.



Prayer Chain Ministry

Please email prayer requests to gcumcprayers@gmail.com.

VALUES AND VISION - Dr. David Worley



While riding my bike on the Poudre Trail, which winds along the banks of the Poudre River in Fort Collins, CO where we lived before moving to Arizona, I stopped at one of my favorite spots for a moment's rest and a sip of water because this spot provides an old-fashioned swing to sit and drink in the glorious view of the Rockies; it is also near a small pond where fish jump, birds roost and hunt, and the breeze is sweet and cool. This day there was another interesting sight: a young man was paddle boarding headed toward the northern shore of the pond. Suddenly, a black lab shot from pond's rushes as the young man moved toward his destination. As the man moved, the lab moved – eyes ever watchful on his master. He ignored me, the sweeping birds overhead, and the joggers who passed by, focused as he was on the only thing that mattered to him – his master.

As I watched the dog, I thought of the loyalty of canines and then began to reflect on our loyalties. I suppose in an age where relationships have a short shelf life, allegiances are easily forgotten, and promises are cavalierly broken, loyalty may seem an outdated notion. However, antiquated the notion may seem, from where I sit loyalty remains vital in a world filled with change and uncertainty. To stay true, to remain faithful, and to keep our eyes fixed on what truly matters is, I am persuaded, an issue of character.

While loyalty in the abstract may sound noble, this character trait is well fit for the rough and tumble of everyday life; that's where the real tests of faithfulness occur. For example, consider our values. At the risk of shameless self-promotion, allow me to quote from a textbook my wife and I authored, *Communication Counts*, "Values are deeply held convictions about the undeniable worthiness of a certain ideal." In other words, our values lay at the very core of our lives; they are what we hold to most dearly and unwaveringly. What are your values? Do you have a clear grasp of what matters most to you? If not, just use the search terms "values inventory" in any search engine and complete a survey that helps clarify your values. This will help you refine your reflection and clearly identify what matters most to you. While others may tell you what your values should be, in the end, you alone decide what truly and lastingly matters.

A story my friend sent me via email may help here:

"Come with me to a third grade classroom..... There is a nine-year-old kid sitting at his desk and all of a sudden, there is a puddle between his feet and the front of his pants are wet. He thinks his heart is going to stop because he cannot possibly imagine how this has happened. It's never happened before, and he knows that when the boys find out he will never hear the end of it. When the girls find out, they'll never speak to him again as long as he lives.

The boy believes his heart is going to stop; he puts his head down and prays this prayer, 'Dear God, this is an emergency! I need help now! Five minutes from now I'm dead meat.'

He looks up from his prayer and here comes the teacher with a look in her eyes that says he has been discovered.

As the teacher is walking toward him, a class mate named Susie is carrying a goldfish bowl that is filled with water. Susie trips in front of the teacher and inexplicably dumps the bowl of water in the boy's lap. The boy pretends to be angry, but all the while is saying to himself, 'Thank you, Lord! Thank you, Lord!'

Now all of a sudden, instead of being the object of ridicule, the boy is the object of sympathy. The teacher rushes him downstairs and gives him gym shorts to put on while his pants dry out. All the other children are on their hands and knees cleaning up around his desk. The sympathy is wonderful. But as life would have it, the ridicule that should have been his has been transferred to someone else - Susie.

She tries to help, but they tell her to get out. You've done enough, you klutz!'

Finally, at the end of the day, as they are waiting for the bus, the boy walks over to Susie and whispers, "You did that on purpose, didn't you?" Susie whispers back, "I wet my pants once, too."

As you read this story, what values strike you? There are many possible answers, but the one that emerges most clearly for me is the value of empathy: Susie entered in her classmates' pain; she empathized because she had literally sat where he sat, unlike the rest of his classmates who simply sympathized or felt sorry for the boy. When we empathize we forgo judgments, lay aside quick criticisms, and deeply share in the experiences of someone else because we deeply understand another's circumstance. This exemplifies an enduring, worthwhile life value.

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GLOBAL MISSIONS
Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor



GOOD NEWS FROM HONDURAS... AND THE MISSION GCUMC SUPPORTS THERE!

Fellowman International (FMI), whose work focuses in the northern mountain area around the village of Buenos Aires, Honduras, reports that all three dimensions of the Mission — medical, educational, and nutritional — are succeeding. Each of these shows forth the light and love of Christ.

Nutritional Projects: Volunteers have developed community gardens in remote villages. These foster community spirit and the successful production of vegetables improves the diets and health of the community, as well as furnishes produce for school lunches. By supplying both vegetables and meat for school hot lunches, FMI enhances the education of village children.

Educational Support: The Grades 1-6 Program has grown enough that the Federal Government has decided to start a middle school in Buenos Aires. The school hot lunches make attendance very attractive for both parents and children.

Medical Ministry is accomplished by Dr. Samira, who was educated with FMI funds and now provides care at the Buenos Aires clinic, as well as in remote mountain villages.

Enclosure is build for the chickens



Chicks arrive



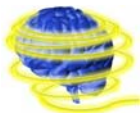
Chicken is prepared



Lunch is served!



HOW CAN WE HELP?



MindMenders provides support for caregivers of Alzheimer's and other dementia-disease patients and meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday of each month at 10:00am in the **Education Building**. Contact Nancy (480)982-3686.



Cancer Support Group provides spiritual support, love, friendship and a helping hand to cancer patients, caregivers and their families. During the summer, CSG will meet the last **Wednesday** of the month at 11:00am in the **Emmaus Room** (7/25, 8/29, 9/26) resuming their regular weekly schedule on 10/10. Contact Dee Ashe at (480)685-7175 or deenashe7580@gmail.com.



Emotional Wellness Support Group is intended for those who have completed the "Emotional Wellness" class, and provides tools for self-understanding and helping others, as well as those who are suffering from depression. If you wish to attend, but have not yet taken the class, please contact Fay Quanstrom fay.quanstrom@gmail.com.



Grief Support Group is for those who have experienced a major loss such as the death of a loved one or divorce. The leader of the group, Rev. Bob Deits, has been working extensively with these issues for 36 years and addresses them in his book, *Life After Loss*, now in its 6th edition. The book chronicles the loss of his wife, June, and is now available in the office for \$14.00. Please accept Bob's invitation to attend the Grief Support group he leads every **Monday** from 1:00pm—2:00pm in the **Martha Room (Missions Center)**. For questions or to speak with Bob privately, you may call him at (602)615-6634.



by Kim Shroyer

VITAMIN D “THERAPY”



Anyone who has been around me much has probably heard me say something like, “I’ll meet you there, but give me about a half hour for some Vitamin D Therapy”, or, “I have got to get outside for a little Vitamin D time before this day is over or I don’t know what I’ll do!”

Most of you reading this of course have strong ties to Arizona, so you know that Vitamin D has also been called “The Sunshine Vitamin”. Interestingly enough, I’ve been told by a doctor that Vitamin D is really a hormone. It’s actually a crucial ingredient to overall health. Among the many claims, Vitamin D is said to protect against inflammation, to lower high blood pressure, help muscles, improve brain function, protect against some cancers, make a positive impact on depression, boost immunity, improve sleep quality, and reduce heart disease and the possibility of dementia.

I had the same medical professional tell me that a Vitamin D supplement could be a good idea, because *“Though we live in the Southwest, even if we lived in a nudist colony, it would likely be difficult to get all the Vitamin D that our less-clothed hunter gatherer ancestors once did, and that our bodies crave.”* But, that’s as close to a medical lesson as you’ll get from me; I am certainly not qualified.

What I really know for sure is that sunshine, the light, makes me feel good. I have become increasingly convinced over the years that I might not have the best mental mindset if I lived in a part of the country with a lot less days of sunshine than we have here (close to 300 days per year, in case you were wondering). Or I would certainly need to look at other resources to fill the void sunshine might leave in my life. Simply opening the blinds in the morning to allow in the sunshine boosts my mood. Not to mention sitting outside for 15 minutes, feeling the warmth of the sun on my skin.

Now, I am not suggesting sun worship. The Bible clearly warns against that — but most of us get immediate energizing and mood-elevating effects from the warmth and radiance of sunlight. On top of that, think of how light in general affects our lives — sayings such as, *“Things will look better in the light of day,”* or he

“Saw the light,” etc., all evoke the thought that things are better in the light than the dark. If we are inclined to have bad dreams or nightmares, they are typically at night. Even certain types of crime increase under the cover of darkness.

One of my favorite songs in the whole world has always been *You Are My Sunshine*, first recorded in about 1940 by Jimmie Davis. The song has been covered numerous times — so often, in fact, that it is one of the most commercially programmed numbers in American popular music. It has always lifted me up to hear, so much so that I sang it to my youngest son every night before bed for years.

As a matter of fact, one of the definitions listed for the word sunshine is *cheerfulness or happiness*. I recently read a quote in a book (*Us Against You*, by Fredrik Backman) that sort of summarized how I generally think and feel about sunshine. It described the appearance of the sun over the top of the trees *“as if the Lord God Himself were pouring orange juice over the treetops.”* Wow, now that’s descriptive! It really made me smile.

Sunshine, however, certainly can’t solve all our problems all the time. Every now and then opening the blinds or feeling the sun on our face just doesn’t give us the boost we need. Although we know it’s supposed to look like God pouring orange juice over the treetops, it may just look like another day with the need to tackle challenges that have weighed us down.

If Vitamin D Therapy, or whatever other tools you typically use aren’t quite getting you to the point of seeing the full joy of the light of day, please remember your GCUMC Pastoral Team is always here for you. **Four pastors are on-call to make visits to members and friends of Gold Canyon UMC. Please feel free to call the church office at (480)982-3776 and one of the pastors 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, Church Office or the Pastoral and Congregational Care page of this newsletter.

*³⁴ So do not worry about tomorrow,
for tomorrow will bring worries of its own.
Today’s trouble is enough for today.*

~ Matthew 6:34 (NRSV)

MINISTRY & MISSION

Updates

FOOD BANK: PAPER PLATE SURVEY



Many comments were received from our church members and others after reading the July edition of the RoadRunner, Food Bank Paper Plate edition! Soooooooo... Here is our second edition!

"Great Work! No junk food!"

"I enjoy and appreciate your service."

"This helps us! Great!"

"The people are very nice and respectful! Thank you!"

"Thank you very much! God Bless All!"

"I love the Food Bank. Thank you!"

"I love the Food Bank. When I need dog and cat food, I'm very pleased that you are there. I have been coming here for a while. Thank you! God bless!"

"Absolute blessing! Friendly and joyful! Very helpful and friendly!"

"We love GCUMC!"

"Everything is very much appreciated! Thank you for all the help! God Bless Us!"

"Beyond Awesome! Kind, compassionate on the Lord's errand!"

"I like it. It helps us when we don't have money for food."

"What a blessing the Food Bank has been to us! Thank you!"

"Very nice people!"

"Wonderful facility with the kindest people! God bless you all for helping so many of us in need! Thank you all so much for everything!"

"This place is a lifesaver! Great people! Love you!"

"Very good. Thank you for all U do in Jesus name!"

"Thank you for serving our loving Lord by showing us respect while providing us services. Your kindness goes a long way! XXOOX"

"Wonderful! Thank you for its awesome good people!"

"Love it! Thank you!"

"This place is awesome. Wonderful and helpful people!"

God bless all of the people that donate and help distribute these goods. You've been a blessing to our family in a time of need... Thank you!

In keeping with providing food for our food bank clients, we are now facing low inventory during these summer months with above average client need, distributing almost 2,500 more bags this season than at this time last year. Please consider food and/or monetary donations to keep our supplies at a reasonable level. Thank you!



WHY?



Response, our United Methodist Women magazine's July/August issue has an article entitled "What is your Why?" Why do we do what we do? What motivates us? It prompted me to try to identify the primary whys in my life:

1. I am called on to grow spiritually into the person God intends me to be, and to help others to do the same.
2. I am called on to serve others through missions, education, leadership, and justice.
3. I am called on to continue to learn and grow: trying new things, having new experiences and doing it with courage that can only come from God.

This is why I love United Methodist Women. It encompasses all my whys into one organization! Our Gold Canyon UMW has now been active for over a year, and I hope more and more of the women of our church can find their place, and their whys here.

We will soon be planning our programs for the next year, and are asking for input and ideas about subjects you would like to see featured in our meetings, places you would like to visit on field trips, and possible service opportunities. Looking toward the Fall, our meetings will be fun and educational:

✠ **August:** "Upside Down Meeting" where we'll have a fun, silly chance to get to know each other better.

✠ **September:** Tour of GCUMC led by Rev. Fred Steinberg.

✠ **October:** Tour of St. Anthony's Greek Monastery, near Florence, AZ, followed by lunch in the area.

- ✚ **November:** World Thank Offering Meeting with Betty Mathis speaking on the Wesley Community Center.
- ✚ **December:** Tour of Platt Family Creche Collection
- ✚ **January 2019:** Prepare lunch for the homeless at Genesis.

Our July meeting celebrated Independence Day with special speaker Suzy Cherry, M.Div., who spoke on Patriotism, the American Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance. We also baked and delivered plates of cookies to our local Fire Station in appreciation for all they do.

On **August 3rd—4th**, at least five members will attend Mission U at Velda Rose UMC, and covering all three classes: *Spiritual Growth (Embracing Wholeness)*, *Geographic Study on the Missionary Conferences of the UMC* and the *Issue Study: What about our Money?*

September 22, 2018: Join our Gold Canyon UMW Team at the Phoenix Zoo for a UMOM fundraiser as we Walk the Walk to End Homelessness.

November 4, 2018, will be our Gold Canyon UMC "Sunday Market" fundraiser, where we'll have a bake sale and a craft sale! This will be a fun opportunity for all us bakers and crafters to contribute toward our UMW Missions... and a good opportunity for our congregation to buy yummy treats or maybe some Christmas gifts!

Next UMW Meeting: August 18th
Fellowship: 10:00am– 10:30am
Place: Barnabas Room, Missions Center

Wear an "unmatched" outfit or a silly hat and be ready for fun!

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Johnson caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com or (602)750-2008.

GENESIS PROJECT



Just a reminder that the Resource Center is open to everyone! The Genesis Project is proud of its partnership with the City of Apache Junction and United Way. For the latest partnering schedule, be sure to check out the Genesis Project web page (www.GenesisProjectAZ.com). —Mid Carlozzi, President

**YOUR MINISTRY & MISSIONS
STORIES MATTER...
...SO PLEASE TELL THEM!**

Email your story to... ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org

AUGUST VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: SERVICE

"Do not shut yourselves in your small world, but be open to others, especially to the poorest & neediest, to work to improve the world in which we live. Be men and women for others, real champions in the service of others."

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Here's the bottom line: Stay true to your values. Even when others scoff or scorn, hold tenaciously to that to which your heart holds fast. For in the end, what you hold dear is the fire that warms your soul even in the coldest night of trouble.

And one more thought – stay loyal to your vision. What is your life's purpose? What is your personal mission? Have you thought deeply enough about this question to write down your thoughts and revisit them periodically? If not, again, using a search engine look for help with a "personal mission statement." You'll find instructions, examples, and exercises to help think through your personal vision and mission, which will serve as an anchor when life feels like you're in a canoe about to be swamped by tumultuous waves.

As I visit with people, I often find that many have at one time held a dream dear to their hearts; they had a vision of where they wanted to go and what they wanted to accomplish. Over time, this vision has been delayed, denied and even decried. A host of excuses are offered as to why what was once a dream is now dead. With the poignant song from Les Miserable many sadly declare, "Life has killed the dream in me." However, dreams can be resurrected or reframed; even a new vision can emerge as we think about one simple but powerful question: "Why am I here?" While this may sound too philosophical or impractical, to know your purpose is to live your life on purpose.

Like the lab running along the shore keenly attuned to his master's every move, may we all focus afresh on our values and visions and live a life of loyalty, even when faced with the temptations to turn aside and follow another path. After all, our Master calls us to nothing less.

Is God calling you to step forward and get more involved in outreach to our local community?

Local Missions

*To contact individual Coordinators directly,
visit <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/mydashboard/sqavailablegroups.aspx>*

LOCAL MISSIONS (Umbrella team supporting all Local Missions Ministries) — Provides supplemental funding for all Local Missions Ministries as needed. Supports special requests from the pastor and church staff for youth, education and outreach programs and projects. Financial support is appreciated and can be made through the church office or designated in church service donation envelopes. Contact Colette Bos (480)983-2517.

- ✝ **ANGEL TREE** — In October our Angel Team begins a two-month Christmas Mission. Our clients and partners who are referred to us are from: Project Help, Hope Women's Center, GCUMC Foodbank, and Sidewalk Sunday School families. The program provides each child with 5 wrapped items that include clothing, shoes, socks and a toy, and adults with a gift card, as well as a family food box and Basha's gift card.
- ✝ **FOOD BANK** — Provides non-perishable foods, frozen meat, bread, pastries, fresh fruit, vegetables, hygiene items and pet food to those in need. Open Monday—Friday from 8:30am—12:00pm in the Missions Center Building, with each family receiving emergency bags of groceries, depending on the size of their family.
- ✝ **GENESIS PROJECT** — Offers clothing, shower vouchers, a hot meal and a to-go meal to the hungry and homeless in the Apache Junction and Gold Canyon area. The Genesis Project is located at 564 N. Idaho Rd. in Apache Junction and is open Monday through Friday, noon to 2:00pm. Those interested in volunteering, donating or providing financial support for this extremely important local mission are encouraged to contact the Church Office.
- ✝ **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** — Everyone, everywhere, should have a healthy, affordable place to call home. Purchasing a Habitat house helps families break the cycle of poverty and build long-term financial security. With an affordable, stable home, families have more to spend on food, medicine, child care, education and other essentials. We are always looking for volunteers to assist in the renovation, and to provide lunches and cash gifts in any amount to support this special ministry. For more details and information, please contact Joe and Maureen Morton at (602) 284-2826.
- ✝ **HONEY DO MINISTRY** — Provides skilled dedicated volunteer handyman services at no cost! Contact John and Nancy Hill at lynnelake@att.net or 907-232-8203
- ✝ **OPEN BOOKS / OPEN HEARTS** — Enriches children's lives from toddler to teen by giving them books of their own. In conjunction with the GCUMC Food Bank, children of foodbank clients are invited to take a new children's book home with them at no charge. This ministry also provides a book for each child referred to us through the Christmas Angel Tree ministry. Financial donations to this ministry can be made at the Church Office.
- ✝ **ST. ANDREW'S CLINIC** — Helps families in Sonora, Mexico seeking medical care in Nogales, AZ. Call Gail Crawford (480)268-0918.
- ✝ **SIDEWALK CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES** — Brings active, engaging lessons about Christ's love to children in Apache Junction neighborhoods. To volunteer contact the Church Office.
- ✝ **SOFIE'S START** — Provides emergency household needs (some furniture and home interior items) and long term mentoring to help families get back on their feet. Contact Diana Linton (480)229-0706 or Earl Beasley (602)384-3074.
- ✝ **STITCHES UNLIMITED** — Makes quilts and afghans for adults in skilled nursing facilities, Angel Tree families, children at St. Andrew's Clinic in Nogales, Apache Junction Child Crisis Care Center, and lap robes for residents of local nursing homes. Anyone interested in joining others in this ministry are invited to come. Contact the Church Office.

Access ACS

ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY

Is **YOUR** information correct in the Church Directory?
Would you like to update your photo?
Would you like to set-up/modify online giving?

You can do that and much more using GCUMC's online directory, AccessACS! If you aren't already using it, but would like to, just send an email to "ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org" with "AccessACS" in the subject line and we'll send you an email with login instructions.

You can also view the Church Directory on your phone using the Church Life app!

... *Get connected!*



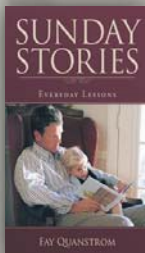
ROADRUNNER & BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please send content for
September Roadrunner
via email to
ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org
no later than **8:00am, Monday, 8/6/2018**

Weekly Bulletin & Flower Orders
12:00pm on the Wednesday of week to be listed

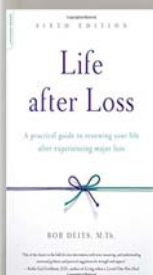
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THE BOOK SHELF



"*Sunday Stories: Everyday Lessons*"... by Rev. Fay Quanstrom is a collection of children's stories illustrating how Scripture truths "live" in the life of a child. Available on Amazon, Kindle, Nook, and in the Church Office & Welcome Center. For more info, go to www.FayQuanstrom.com.

"*Life Is Good—Once You Know How*" by Terry Parsons & Jennifer Parsons is an uplifting gift for young adults, or grandchildren in your family who might be struggling to find their "niche". Available on Amazon, Kindle, and Nook. Check it out!



"*Life After Loss: A Practical Guide to Renewing Your Life After Experiencing Major Loss*" by Rev. Bob Deits is the go-to resource for anyone suffering a major loss, by helping to find positive ways to put together a life that is necessarily different—but equally meaningful. Available on Amazon and in the Church Office.

LOST & FOUND

If you think we may have your missing item(s), stop by the Church Office!



You can watch our 8:00am, 9:30am and 10:50am worship services LIVE by going to www.Livestream.com/accounts/11627355. Be sure to click on "FOLLOW" so you'll be notified any time GCUMC is streaming live — which makes it even easier! Weekly sermons can also be viewed on our website, our Facebook page, or at www.vimeo.com/goldcanyon.

*We honor the lives and memories
of these members and friends
who have recently passed away...*

Ruth Bennett
Lillian Callahan
Janice Guerrero
Janet Hamilton
Joe Johnson

Arnold Sartori
Margo Scott
Jill Stoenen-Fisher
Grover Wallace

In Remembrance



GOLD CANYON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CALENDAR

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-Missions Ctr
MC-E = Esther-Missions Ctr
MC-M = Martha-Missions Ctr
MC-S = Stephen-Missions Ctr

*(Calendar is subject to change;
For more info, please visit
www.goldcanyonumc.org
or call the Church Office)*

Wed Aug 1 9:30am Music Library Activities (MR)
11:45am Healing & Prayer Time (KR)
1pm Yoga (MC-B)
2pm El Mirador Community BoD Mtg (MC-E)

Thu Aug 2 9am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC-S)
6pm Choir Rehearsal (MR)

Fri Aug 3 5:30pm AA (ER)

Sun Aug 5 8am Traditional Worship (S)
9am UG Rehearsal (KR)
9:30am "The Table" Adult Sunday School (MC-S)
9:30am Children Sunday School (EB)
9:30am Traditional Worship (S)
9:30am Youth Participate in Worship (S)
10:50am Children's Sunday School (NAR)

Wed Aug 8 9:30am Music Library Activities (MR)
11:45am Healing & Prayer Time (KR)
1pm Yoga (MC-B)

Thu Aug 9 6pm Choir Rehearsal (MR)

Fri Aug 10 10am Mind Menders (ER)
5:30pm AA (ER)

Sun Aug 12 8am Traditional Worship (S)
9am UG Rehearsal (KR)
9:30am "The Table" Adult Sunday School (MC-S)
9:30am Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
9:30am Traditional Worship (S)
10:50am Children's Sunday School (NAR)
10:50am Praise Worship (KR)
3pm Youth Group (Offsite; Topgolf,-Gilbert)
5pm Gospel/Hymn Sing-Along (KR)

Mon Aug 13 9:30am Bible Banter (ER)
10am UMW Leadership Committee (SoGR)
1pm Grief Support Mtg (MC-E)
1pm Yoga (MC-B)
7pm AI-Anon (SoGR)
7pm CoDA Mtg (Youth)

Tue Aug 14 9am Stitches Unlimited (MC-B)
9am UMW Craft Circle (SoGR)
6pm Country Worship Music Rehearsal (KR)
7pm UG Rehearsal (KR)

Wed Aug 15 8am Newsletter Team (MR)
9:30am Music Library Activities (MR)
11:45am Healing & Prayer Time (KR)
1pm Yoga (MC-B)

Thu Aug 16 9am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC-S)
6pm Choir Rehearsal (MR)

Fri Aug 17 5:30pm AA (ER)

Sat Aug 18 10am UMW Mtg (MC-B)

Sun Aug 19 8am Traditional Worship (S)
9am UG Rehearsal (KR)
9:30am "The Table" Adult Sunday School (MC-S)
9:30am Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
9:30am Traditional Worship (S)
10:50am Children's Sunday School (NAR)
10:50am Praise Worship (KR)
6:30pm Youth Group (Educ Bldg)

Mon Aug 20 9:30am Bible Banter (ER)
1pm Coffee with the Pastor (MR)
1pm Grief Support Mtg (MC-E)
1pm Yoga (MC-B)
7pm AI-Anon (SoGR)
7pm CoDA Mtg (Youth)

Tue Aug 21 6pm Country Worship Music Rehearsal (KR)
7pm UG Rehearsal (KR)

Wed Aug 22 9:30am Music Library Activities (MR)
11:45am Healing & Prayer Time (KR)
1pm Yoga (MC-B)

Thu Aug 23 1pm Days for Girls Workshop (MC-B)
6pm Choir Rehearsal (MR)

Fri Aug 24 10am Mind Menders (ER)
5:30pm AA (ER)

Sun Aug 26 8am Traditional Worship (S)

	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	"The Table" Adult Sunday School (MC-S)
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	10:50am	Children's Sunday School (NAR)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (KR)
	5pm	Country Western Worship (KR)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (Educ Bldg)
Mon Aug 27	9:30am	Bible Banter (ER)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (MC-E)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)
	6:30pm	Ad Council Mtg (MC-B)
	7pm	AI-Anon (SoGR)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (Youth)
Tue Aug 28	All day	POLLING PLACE (Koinonia Rm)
	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-B)
	6pm	Country Worship Music Rehearsal (KR)
	6pm	Trustees Mtg (MC-S)
	7pm	UG Rehearsal (KR)
Wed Aug 29	9:30am	Music Library Activities (MR)
	11am	Cancer Support Group (ER)
	11:45am	Healing & Prayer Time (KR)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)
Thu Aug 30	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR)
Fri Aug 31	5:30pm	AA (ER)

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1. Name _____ and _____

E-Mail _____

2. Name _____ and _____

E-Mail _____

SCRIP BUS/VAN PROGRAM



Remember... the funds earned from the SCRIP Program purchase gas, licenses, insurance and maintenance on our two vehicles used to bring people to our church and take our Youth to events like the annual Mission trip. Have you seen our new covered structure that helps to protect our vehicles from the Arizona sun and heat?

Also, remember... the SCRIP Program costs those using it absolutely nothing! All you have to do is use any —or all—of the below methods to do your shopping! Bashas', Fry's and www.Smile.Amazon.com help non-profit organizations—like GCUMC—by giving a rebate on purchases. The Bashas & Fry's Shoppers cards must be **obtained from and/or be connected to GCUMC**.

⇒ **Smile.Amazon.com** donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to the GCUMC SCRIP Bus & Van Fund whenever you shop on AmazonSmile—same selection—same prices! Just go to: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/86-0621002>



⇒ **Bashas' (6% rebate) Community Support Cards** can be purchased at the Welcome Center or Church Office in denominations of \$20, \$50 or \$100, and used at all AZ store locations, including AJ's Fine Foods and Food City. When the card balance gets low (*shown on store receipt*), you can reload it at the Customer Service Desk or at the register **before** your order is rung up (up to \$500) using cash, credit/debit card.



⇒ **Fry's VIP Card (up to 3% rebate)** Register your VIP card online with GCUMC's affiliation #80092, or you can come to the Church Office and we'll be glad to help.



For more information, visit the Welcome Center between worship services on Sunday morning, the church office during the week, or call Jan Daniels (480)540-7454 to learn how YOU can participate!

It all adds up... and the best thing is that it doesn't cost you a penny to participate... It's a WIN-WIN!

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS



Arquisch, Rosemary 08/01
 Ballard, David 08/01
 Crosswhite, Carol 08/01
 Larrew, Duane 08/01
 Nuss, Kathy 08/01
 Tufte, Wanda 08/01
 Klaers, Mary 08/02
 Morris, Claudia 08/02
 Snyder, Toby 08/03
 Adkins, George 08/04
 Fast, Jim 08/04
 Gloss, Marlene 08/04
 Hodges, Shirley 08/04
 Ofstedahl, Sherrill (Sherrie) 08/04
 Walker, Linda 08/04
 Fuerherm, Roy 08/05
 Little, Margaret (Margie) 08/05
 Nelimark, Susan (Sue) 08/05
 Nelimark, MD, Robert (Bob) 08/05
 Barnes, Dick 08/06
 Nelson, Jack 08/06
 Storley, LeRoy 08/06
 Fitzgerald, Ashton 08/07
 Klaers, Nicholas (Nick) 08/07
 Hall, Lindsey 08/08
 Johnson, Pete 08/09
 Laich, Evelyn (Flossie) 08/09
 Moore, Wendy 08/09
 Ramsey, Bill 08/09
 Browne, Kimberly (Kim) 08/10
 Renfer, Paul 08/10
 Kellough, Marilyn 08/11
 Burzlaff, David 08/12
 Ervin, Jo Ann 08/12
 Hayes, Jane 08/12

Kies, David (Dave) 08/12
 Mintert, Zenith 08/12
 O'Donnell, Cheryl (Cherry) 08/12
 Rewerts, Jerry 08/12
 Sandness, Patty 08/13
 Wiff, Tom 08/13
 Adams, Markee 08/14
 Andreyka, Joe 08/14
 Bennett, Ruth 08/14
 French, Jerri 08/14
 Galbraith, Toni 08/14
 Wilson, Denise 08/14
 Gregg, Bill 08/15
 Halverson, Judy 08/15
 Miller, Roger 08/15
 Cline, Donald 08/16
 Hurley, Donna 08/16
 Lilly, Sue 08/16
 Lindaman, Don 08/16
 Wever, Shar 08/16
 Atkinson, Judy 08/17
 Bentley, Martha 08/17
 Butler, Joan 08/17
 Butterbrodt, Sandra (Sandy) 08/17
 Vander Stoep, Karen 08/17
 Edwards, William (Bill) 08/18
 Hick, Adrian 08/18
 Aspenon, Rosemary 08/19
 Hall, Richard (Rick) 08/19
 McClure, Bob 08/19
 Nuss, John 08/19
 Bogle, Evelyn (Evie) 08/20
 Bos, Sara 08/20
 Fitzgerald, Chris 08/20
 Jones, Tara 08/20
 Woode, John 08/21
 Deits, Bob 08/22
 DeVries, Deanna 08/22
 Gingrich, Sharron 08/22
 Linton, John 08/22
 Vagnier, Mike 08/22

Welker, June 08/22
 Braathen, Florence (Flo) 08/23
 Hahn, Jan 08/23
 Jones, Linda 08/23
 Osborn, Barbara 08/23
 Steinkruger, Terry 08/23
 Taylor, C James (Jim) 08/23
 Adamski, Carol 08/24
 Brogren, Ann 08/24
 Rasmussen, Diane 08/24
 Sunderland, Lois 08/24
 Toole, Donna 08/24
 Ficarra, Willa 08/25
 Fuerherm, Donna 08/25
 Johnson, Mark 08/25
 Sheridan, Robert (Bob) 08/25
 Winter, Karen 08/25
 DuPont, Gene 08/26
 Kingsley, Dick (James) 08/26
 Blank, Julie 08/27
 Svoboda, Ronald (Ron) 08/27
 Wiff, Bette 08/27
 Huffman, Eugene (Gene) 08/28
 Rodgers, Barb 08/28
 Zieglofsky, James 08/28
 Burt, Carolyn 08/29
 Cascaden, Brian 08/29
 Creel, Cherie 08/29
 Sauerbrunn, Gary 08/29
 Sweeney, Kenneth (Ken) 08/29
 Bentley, Ann-Marie 08/30
 Fast, Shirley 08/30
 Fendley, Penny 08/30
 Hare, Robert (Bob) 08/30
 Rowley, Roger 08/30
 Capozzi, Carol 08/31
 Jacobsen, Robert (Bob) 08/31
 Johnson, Glenn 08/31
 Tambke, Norma 08/31
 Toppin, James 08/31

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

CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

JUNE	2015			2016			2017			2018		
	General	Building	Worship	General	Building	Worship	General	Building	Worship	General	Building	Worship
MONTH	57855	31476	2377	55995	31058	2878	52958	23921	3052	68121	22659	3744

Please note that moving forward, we will be report statistics using a monthly summary rather than by week-by-week.



Electronic giving is a great option to use in making contributions, including recurring contributions 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 the word "goldcanyonymc" to 73256 and follow screen instructions.

Want to give back to GGUMC beyond your pledge to the General Budget or Building Fund? Below are Wish List items that will better enable us to fulfill our mission as a church:



- Building Fund Loan Payoff
- Missions Center Loan Payoff
- Missions Center Remodel: \$380,000 (\$300,687 given so far)
- New Church Multi-Site Start-Up (\$3,236 given so far)
- Organ Pipes: (\$77,383 given so far)
- Playground: \$20,000-40,000 (\$11,673 given so far)
- Stained Glass for upper Sanctuary windows near ceiling: (\$139,834 given so far; \$6,176 per 2'5"x 2'8.5" remaining panel)
- ✓ Bus/Van Shelter (Completed in March 2017)
- ✓ Parking Lot Loan Payoff (Completed October 2017)



Luse, Carol & Robert (Bob) 08/01
 Myers, Mary Catherine & Bob 08/01
 Rosenberg, Joe & Rose 08/01
 Wittstock, Claudia & Ron 08/01
 Larson, Craig & Sharon 08/03
 Cascaden, Brian & Lisa 08/04
 Petticrew, Keith & Nancy 08/04
 Tabor, Lynn & Ilene 08/05
 Gray, Daniel (Dan) & Phyllis 08/08
 Graham, Claudia & Richard (Rich) 08/09
 Goodrich, Bud & Wozniak, Carolyn 08/10
 Kies, David (Dave) & Sherry 08/10
 Nelimark, Sue & Bob 08/10

Fabish, Kathleen (Kathy) & Paul 08/11
 Ralston, Riechia & Tim 08/11
 Sandness, Patty & Paul 08/12
 Quanstrom, Fay & Walter (Wally) 08/14
 Togstad, Keith & Pamela 08/14
 Barnett, Duane & Karen 08/16
 Hughes, Kathryn & William 08/16
 Mulhair, Bob & Delna 08/17
 Jones, Linda & Morgan 08/18
 Anderson, Don & Elizabeth (Beth) 08/19
 Graba, Joseph (Joe) & 08/19
 Renfer, Patricia & Paul 08/19
 Wilson, Peg & Don 08/21
 Burzlaff, David & Julie 08/22
 Heyse, Janice (Jan) & Ray 08/22
 Hulett, Audrey & Gordon 08/22
 Annin, Frank & Karen 08/23
 Cowles, Elizabeth & James 08/23
 Hall, Cheryl & Richard (Rick) 08/23
 Svoboda, Beverly & Richard 08/23
 Rickey, Craig & Patricia 08/24

Sheridan, Michael & Valerie 08/24
 Robison, Marty & Tom 08/25
 Russell, Nancy & Bob 08/25
 Confer, Karole (Lynne) & Terry 08/26
 Johnson, Kathleen (Kay) & Pete 08/26
 Ancell, Alyce & Bob 08/27
 Hick, Adrian & Ryan-Hick, Pam 08/27
 Behan, Constance (Connie) & Jack 08/28
 Cook, Lynn & Kay 08/28
 Fyfe, Angie & Bill 08/28
 Kresge, Betty & Willard 08/28
 Aspenson, Orland & Rosemary 08/29
 Eby, Erwin & Shirley 08/29
 McGinness, Anne & Patrick 08/29
 Storbakken, Linda & Terry 08/29
 Eshelman, Myrna & Trathferd (Skip) 08/30
 McMahon, Michael (Mike) & Shirley 08/30
 Beebe, Kathy & Bill 08/31
 Jameson, James (Jim) & Suzanne 08/31
 McBride, Paula & Woodrow (Gene) 08/31



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WORSHIP SERVICES

- ✝ **8:00am & 9:30am** **TRADITIONAL** (*Sanctuary*)
✝ **10:50am** **PRAISE** (*Koinonia Room*)
✝ **5:00pm** **COUNTRY** (*Koinonia Room*)
*(Last Sunday of the month only
in June, July & August)*

(Childcare available at all Services)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School classes begin in the Worship Service with their families. Children are led to their classes after the Children's Message.

- ✝ **9:30am** **Children / Youth / Adults**
✝ **10:50am** **Children**

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