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FROM THE PASTOR: "MEASURING WHAT MATTERS"

Gold Canyon United Methodist Church is a pretty amazing place. I marvel at the many ministries that change lives. This is only possible because of the hundreds of people who volunteer in a multitude of ministries.

I am sure you are aware that what you see here extends beyond Sunday morning. Our worship life together, the fellowship we experience, and the ways we are encouraged to grow in our walk with Jesus do not happen by accident. They are planned and prepared by leadership and staff who are deeply committed to our becoming who it is God is calling us to be. The ministry and mission of our church take place because of spiritual and financial gifts our members choose to offer. These are the resources that fuel our mission.

As a congregation, we are entering a time of discerning what we will contribute monetarily in 2016. I want to invite you to consider making a decision to invest financially in your congregation in a regular way during the next calendar year. The practice of stewardship is a spiritual discipline and a way to grow our faith. There is joy to be found in practicing generosity and it begins with simple steps and the commitment to contribute.

The decision to give a gift is a choice. It may mean choosing to not buy a fancy coffee, or deciding to carry a sack lunch into the office once a week instead of buying lunch "out". The amount may seem insignificant, but a gift of just \$5 per week can scholarship a child to church camp at Mt. Mingus. Your gift matters – It matters to you as the giver, and to the church which utilizes it as a resource for mission.

My prayer is that you will be with us during February as we make financial commitments to support God's work. A Building Fund pledge will pay off the loan of \$139,558 that we owe on the north parking lot and the

\$1,882,908 we owe on the Sanctuary Building. A General Fund pledge funds the ministry of the church. It pays for salaries and buys curriculum for classes. It pays the utilities and helps us to pass out Bibles to those who need them.

Thank you for making Gold Canyon United Methodist Church your place for worship. I am glad to share the path of discipleship with you as together we seek to be a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.

Grace and peace,

Fred



We are constantly being invited to see how we "measure up" in the world in which we live. Each time that happens, it is an opportunity to see what really matters to us. What is our yardstick? How do our values come into play in determining what is most important and what doesn't really matter at all? Is what we are investing our time, our energy and our resources worthy of us and what we believe?

During the next few weeks, we are going to consider what ultimately matters to us, and what it is that has the longest lasting impact for "good" in our lives and in the world around us. As you might expect, we will be asking serious questions about our faith and the role of our congregation as a force for transformation and work that God is doing in our midst. The Gospel matters to us, and we matter to God!

✚ **Feb. 7** – Blessed to Give

✚ **Feb. 14** – How Much is Enough

"FOLLOWING JESUS, SERVING OTHERS"



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

by Katharine Keller

"Our mission is to bring the love of Christ and His teachings to learners of all ages on their spiritual journey, that they be transformed and thus positively affect our local and global communities."

SIDEWALK CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sherry Hussein Sidewalk Coordinator



In January the children learned more about Jesus, the beginning of His life, and His ministry teachings. The children are discovering that they are very important to Jesus, and are special in His eyes as they are God's children.

Occasionally you may have seen some children from Sidewalk ministry at our Church. We want them to feel as part of our Church family. Many of the children have attended Vacation Bible School, Spring & Fall Festivals, Sunday school classes, movie nights, and other events.

Please welcome the children again, when some of them will join us to enjoy the Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner on Feb. 9th. There will be 8-10 children attending Church and Sunday School classes on Feb. 28th. It's always a good experience for these children, as many of them do not attend a church.

Thank you, GCUMC congregation, for your continued support and prayers. Please call Sherry Hussein, 480-529-9621, for more information & volunteer opportunities in Sidewalk.

MONTHLY MINION:

ANDREW & ANGEL MIRANDA

- **Favorite Food:**

Andrew—Tacos

Angel—Ice cream sandwiches

- **Favorite Hobby:**

Andrew—Play Splatoon on the Wii

Angel—Playing Mario Kart 7 and Super Smash Brothers on Wii



- **What they like about Sidewalk Ministry:**

Andrew—The crafts and art projects

Angel—Jumping rope



- **What they think God is like:**

Andrew—A power in the sky

Angel – God is like the moon loving

FIELD TRIP FRIDAY



February's Field Trip will be to the Phoenix Zoo on Friday, Feb. 26th. We will leave the church at 9:00am. The church will underwrite some of the ticket cost, but for adults it will be \$15 and for the children

\$7. We will eat lunch there, so plan on bringing a bag lunch and we'll put it in a cooler. You can sign up any time by calling the Church Office (480) 982-3776.



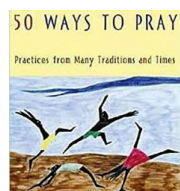
KIDZ KANYON



Who says Sunday School isn't the place to learn about Jesus and still have fun? Be sure to check out our Facebook page that highlights our GCUMC Children's Program and learn about upcoming events! If you're on Facebook, just search for GCUMC "Kidz Canyon" to see what's trending from birth through 6th grade and you can also see pictures from some of our activities!

LENTEN STUDY:

"A DOZEN WAYS TO PRAY"



Does it seem as though everybody talks about praying, assuming that everyone knows how to pray? During Lent we will consider a dozen different ways to talk with God, including meditation, contemplation, lectio divina and intercession for a start. You will be challenged by unfamiliar prayer practices and reminded of more familiar means of developing a lively prayer life. Join us for a journey into a deeper

spiritual life in the weeks between now and Easter. Please sign up in both buildings, or Call the Church Office for this class which will be offered by Rev. Fay Quanstrom on Tuesdays from 3:00pm—4:00pm in the Education Building, beginning February 16th.

ERT TRAINING OPPORTUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM OF DSC



The Desert Southwest Conference is offering ERT Training on 2/13 from **8:00am—4:00pm** (7:30 registration) at **Spirit of Hope UMC** (14403 N. 75th Ave., Peoria, AZ). Registrants must be 18 or older and costs \$30/person (covers badge, manual, background check, lunch & snacks). To register click on this link: <http://www.dscumc.org/ert>. For questions or to request a training session in your area, contact Polly Turner at polly@ix.netcom.com.

FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER!



In celebration of Fat Tuesday, otherwise known as Shrove Tuesday, we will be hosting a **FREE** all-you-can eat pancake dinner on our campus on **Tuesday, February 9th** from **5:00pm—7:00pm**.

Donations will be accepted that will benefit The Genesis Project, an organization that feeds those in need in Apache Junction. Come feast on pancakes before the season of Lent begins and bring a friend!

SPRING EGGSTRAVAGANZA!



Coming on **Sun., March 20th** (Palm Sunday) we will be holding our annual community spring event on the GCUMC campus from **3:00pm—5:00pm**. Additional details will be available in the March newsletter, but here's something you bakers should know already... We are again holding a decorated cupcake contest! So if you are wanting to be creative, begin thinking about decorating a special cupcake for display. This

is open to junior bakers, as well as "seasoned" bakers. Please contact Katharine Keller for more details.

BASKET SILENT AUCTION!



Along with GCUMC's Spring Eggstravaganza, we are again holding a silent auction, which will run from the first Sunday in March until the spring event on March 20th. There will be baskets up for auction filled with an assortment of items. If you would like to donate a basket for the silent auction, here's what you need to do:

- **Find a fun container** – basket, bucket, quilted bag, diaper bag, etc. and fill it with appropriate items. For example, last year we had a golf basket, a coffee connoisseur's basket, a tool bucket, a movie-themed popcorn container, baby-themed, etc., just to name a few. Use your imagination!!!
- **Complete a registration form for the item you are donating with the approximate value attached.** The forms will be available in the Church Office, the Welcome Center or in the Education Building.
- **Have the basket completed and in to Katharine Keller no later than Friday, March 4th.** If there is anything perhaps that might be perishable, please include some "replicas" so people know what is supposed to go in.

The baskets will be displayed in the Narthex beginning the first Sunday in March so that people can bid on them all month, with the final bidding on March 20th during the Eggstravaganza.

EASTER SUNRISE BREAKFAST



Our annual tradition has been to have a wonderful continental breakfast for those worshipping after the Easter Sunrise Service. In the past this event has been planned and served by Team Outreach, however, due to the strenuous effort put forth the weekend before with the Eggstravaganza, this group can no

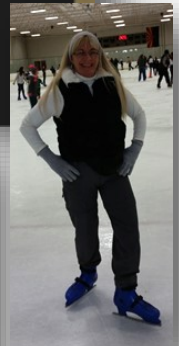
longer host. If there are individuals in the congregation who would like to see this delicious beginning to Easter morning continue, please contact Katharine Keller in the church office. She is willing to assist, if there is a group of gung-ho volunteers.

2015 CHRISTMAS SEASON



CHURCH LADIES ADVENTURE CLUB

In January, some of the ladies hit the ice at *Arizona Ice* in Gilbert!





GCUMC Youth Group News

By Beth Steinberg, Youth Director



YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2016 — WILL YOU BE A SHAREHOLDER?

Our youth group will be heading off to Los Angeles, California this summer July 8th-16th to attend a camp sponsored by Next Step Ministries. This will be an inner city mission trip where we will be working with the homeless on Skid Row. We will be partnering with other organizations such as the Union Rescue Mission which helps thousands of people to get off the streets and build new lives through short and long-term services.

Our youth group volunteered in June and July at the Genesis Project in Apache Junction serving lunch to the needy (*see photos below*). We had such a positive reaction from the youth that we decided to focus our summer trip on helping the homeless in Los Angeles which has one of the worst problems in the country. There are about 20,000 people sleeping on the streets in Skid Row. This is going to be an eye-opening experience for all of us on this trip!

In order for the youth to financially attend this mission trip, would you consider being a shareholder? The cost per share is \$400, half a share is \$200, a quarter share is \$100, but any amount is greatly appreciated. As a shareholder, you will receive a letter from the youth who attend the trip plus you will be invited to attend a "Thank You Dinner" where you will see a video and hear stories from the teens about their experiences in Los Angeles. These ***Our Fearless Leaders!*** trips are life changing for the participants as well as the people they are serving!

Our youth not only help with mission opportunities, but they are now volunteering to be communion servers, liturgists or greeters on the first Sunday of the month at the 9:30 am worship service. It is such a blessing to have the youth so active in our church and in the community! Thank you so much for your financial support and especially for your prayers! If you have any questions, please contact Beth Steinberg at bethstein92@gmail.com or at (480) 510-4950.



YOUTH GROUP PICS: THE GENESIS PROJECT



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY CLASS

(7th—12th Grades)

Sunday at 9:30am in the Education Bldg.

Creative Bible lessons & discussions!

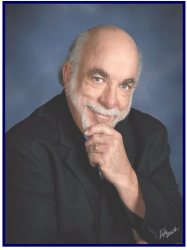
YOUTH GROUP

(7th—12th Grades)

Sunday 6:30pm—8:30pm in the Education Bldg.

Fun, faith-based programs and fellowship!

MUSIC NOTES *by Doug Benton*



February has arrived with the promise of cool weather, the Super Bowl, and thoughts of love. This is one of my favorite months of the year! I hope and pray we can experience all the various forms of love – romantic, brotherly and Agape (Christ-like) love. This month especially be sure to tell your family – your spouse, kids, parents and in-laws! – and your friends how much you love them!

On behalf of my family – Dave (older brother and sings in the Choir at Dayspring UMC), Don (next younger brother and is Pastor at Scottsdale UMC), Dale (youngest brother and member at First Phoenix, UMC) and Regina (my daughter, a neurosurgeon, living in Ft. Collins, CO) - I thank you for your very many cards, prayers and well-wishes after my mother died on January 9. Our entire family is doing well, as our Mom passed very peacefully. Indeed, we know she is in heaven dancing with our Dad (that's how they met)! We all have great faith and we all very much love each other. After dividing Mom's many things, we all went for pizza and told a bunch of stories – like we always do, usually once per month, while celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, or whatever. Again, thanks for thinking of us.

There is a lot going on this month (seems like there is every month)! First, our annual trek to Organ Stop Pizza is on Wed, Feb. 17, with doors opening at 10:45am. Sign-up sheets are in each Narthex and in the Church Office. Just sign your name and how many are coming. I need to call in the number of people on Thurs., Feb. 11, so please register soon. The cost is \$8.00 per person (cash only, ATM on site) which includes salad, all the pizza you can eat, and the entertainment – Lew Williams, the world's finest Theater Organist playing the world's largest Wurlitzer Theater Pipe Organ! If you would like, I will drive the bus – leaving the church at 10:30 – or you can meet us there. Organ Stop Pizza is located on the SW corner of Southern Ave. and Stapley, west of Walgreens. If you haven't been there before, come and bring your family, friends and neighbors, and expect to be blown away!

Our Performing Arts Series is hosting the Northern Arizona University, Shrine of the Ages Chorale again on Tues, Feb. 23 at 7:00 pm. By all accounts, this is truly one of the finest collegiate choral ensembles in the entire country! Under the direction of Dr. Edith Copley, Regents Professor and Director of Choral Studies at NAU, this chorale – the top ensemble of NAU's 7 vocal ensembles, has toured throughout the world and is renowned for their incredible technical virtuosity and sensitive musicianship. They will leave the following day to perform at the Western Division Conference of the American Choral

Directors Association in Pasadena, CA.

I have volunteered to house 20 of their male students (all the rest will stay in homes in Mesa). If you would like to host two or three of these incredible musicians, please call me at the church. They will need to be picked-up after the concert, housed over night, fed breakfast early in the morning and brought back to the church. You will find these students to be very pleasant, outgoing and interesting to talk with as they share their experiences singing with this group.

Looking ahead, we are again presenting the Incredible Rice Brothers on Sunday, March 6th at 2:00pm. Chris and Johnny are true virtuosos on both piano and cello – that is, each of them play both instruments, and play them incredibly well – just ask anyone who has heard them. They have performed throughout Europe and the United States, including Carnegie Hall – I was there! Their program will feature some new and varied works and maybe a surprise or two – with the Rice Brothers, you never know what to expect! If you have heard them before, I know you will be here. If you haven't, you really should come and experience what the word virtuosity means! Don't forget to bring your family, friends and neighbors. This concert is open to the public at no charge – as all of our concerts are. A free will offering will be received to help sustain our Performing Arts Series. We do ask everyone to please bring at least one non-perishable food item per person for the Gold Canyon UMC Food Bank.

There are some other events happening in February that are listed and described elsewhere. I am very pleased to be a part of such a vibrant church that offers so much to so many! This is indeed a great place to worship, to have many different kinds of experiences, and to just be! I thank God every day for allowing me to be here at this place, at this time!

Blessings to all,

Doug

Douglas J. Benton
Director of Music Ministries



2015-2016 PERFORMANCES AND EVENTS AT GOLD CANYON UMC

2/09/16	Tue	5–7pm		<i>Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner</i> for entire families and community
2/10/16	Wed	7:00pm		<i>Ash Wednesday Service</i> with Choir, communion and ashes
2/12/16	Fri	7:30pm	*	<i>Fandango</i> spicy mix of Latin, Spanish and Classical sounds
2/23/16	Tue	7:30pm		<i>NAU Shrine of the Ages Choral</i> one of the best in the USA!
2/28/16	Sun	2:00pm		<i>Houser Gang in Concert</i> our outstanding Country/Western family
3/04/16	Fri	7:30pm	*	<i>Metales M5 Brass</i> unique brass quintet from Mexico
3/06/16	Sun	2:00pm		<i>The Incredible Rice Brothers</i> piano/cello virtuosi return again!
3/13/16	Sun	2:00pm		<i>Gene Lowry</i> outstanding jazz pianist (and preacher) in concert!
3/20/16	Sun	3–5pm		<i>Eggs-Stravaganza</i> for kids, families and the entire community
3/24/16	Thu	7:00pm		<i>Maundy Thursday Service</i> with the Choir and Communion
3/25/16	Fri	7:00pm		<i>Good Friday Service</i> Choir sings Dubois' <i>7-Last Words of Christ</i>
3/27/16	Sun	6:00am		<i>Easter Sunrise Service</i> in the north parking lot
3/27/16	Sun	8, 9:30am		<i>Easter Festival Services</i> with Choir, Handbells and Agape Brass
3/27/16	Sun	10:50am		<i>Easter Praise Service</i> with <i>Uncommon Grace</i> leading worship
3/27/16	Sun	5:00pm		<i>Easter Country/Western Service</i> with <i>the Houser Gang</i>
4/01/16	Fri	7:30pm	*	<i>Franc D'Ambrosio</i> outstanding Broadway tenor in concert
4/17/16	Sun	2:00pm		<i>Interfaith Choral Festival</i> at Our Savior Lutheran Church
5/24/16	Tue	7:30pm		<i>Westminster Choir College Concert Handbells</i>

* Indicates a ticketed event for a fee, sponsored by the Gold Canyon Arts Council Canyon Soundsperforma series. Tickets can be purchased online at www.GCAC1.com or at Canyon Rose Storage located at 5405 S. Kings Ranch Rd. in Gold Canyon.

All other concerts are sponsored by the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church Performing Arts Series and are open to the public at no charge. A free will offering will be received, and we ask that everyone please bring at least one non-perishable food item for the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church Food Bank.





PASTORAL & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Joel Hurley, Pastoral Team Coordinator

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, Sr. Pastor**
revstein78@gmail.com
480.982.3776

✝ **Rev. Bob Deits, Assoc.**
bobnjune@cox.net
602.615.6634

✝ **Rev. Fay Quanstrom, Assoc.**
fay.quanstrom@gmail.com
480.458.8420

✝ **Rev. Joel Hurley, Assoc.**
joelhccjl@gmail.com
602.291.0464

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



WELL CHECK MINISTRY



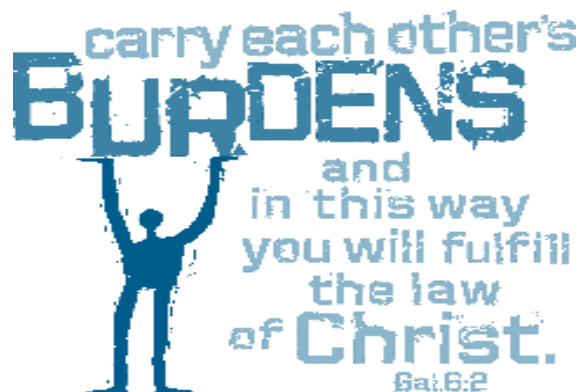
Do you live alone? Over 350 of our congregation live alone. If you live by yourself and would appreciate a "well check" phone call each day, please indicate your interest by stopping at the Welcome Center and signing in.

The Pastoral Care Team is in the process of developing a contact system for those who would like this kind of check-in. Currently the plan is that you would receive a quick "how are you" phone call, including a brief prayer or Scripture verse to warm your heart and speak to your soul. This concept is in the early stages of development at this time. By signing the list at the Welcome Center, you will help the team assess the interest and need for a daily call.

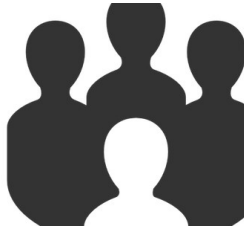
CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

We need to take care of our caregivers! Would you be interested in forming a support group for caregivers?

Several are interested in forming a support group that would meet regularly to encourage those who are caring for another. If you are interested in the formation of such a group or would like to be a part of the planning process, please call Carl Charette at (480)288-4852, Myrna Eshelman at (480)216-3038 or Joel Hurley at (602)291-0464.



HOW CAN WE HELP?



MIND MENDERS



... is a support group for caregivers of Alzheimer's and other dementia disease patients and **meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday each month at 10am in the Education Building.** Join us!

Contact Jeanette Lunstead at 480-671-9888 or the church office for more info.

CANCER SUPPORT



... provides spiritual support, love, friendship and a helping hand to cancer patients, caregivers and their families. The group meets weekly on **Wednesdays at 10:30am** in the **Emmaus Room.** Contact Dee Ashe at (480)924-5483, (480)685-7175, or

send an email to her at deedashe7580@gmail.com.

GRIEF SUPPORT



... 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 addressed them in his book, *Life after Loss*, now in its 5th edition. Please accept Bob's invitation to attend the Grief Support group he leads every **Monday from 1:00pm—2:00pm in the Education Building.** For questions or if you wish to speak with Bob privately, you may call him at (602)615-6634.



"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." ~ Philippians 4:6



May we help you? 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.

- ✝ Rev. Fred Steinberg, Sr. Pastor
- ✝ Rev. Bob Deits, Assoc. Pastor
- ✝ Rev. Fay Quanstrom, Assoc. Pastor
- ✝ Rev. Joel Hurley, Assoc. Pastor

✝ **Stephen Ministers**, highly-trained lay people, provide quality, confidential, Christ-centered support to persons experiencing grief, illness, divorce and other difficulties.

✝ 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 or Stephen Ministries by contacting one of the Pastors.





GLOBAL MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor

*“The New Year lies before us like a field of drifted snow.
Be careful how you tread it, for every step will show.” – Author unknown*



ADELA’S CHRISTMAS WISH

Adela is a widow who lives alone in Alajuela, Costa Rica. The missionary described her house as being held up by the vines that have overgrown the structure! The Gold Canyon Global Missions work team consisting of eight of our members flew to Costa Rica to help with the project of making the home accessible to Adela, who is mobility impaired. When the team arrived at Adela’s home they agreed that the vines must be what held it up. The narrow doorways and giant step to the ground from the “porch” restricted her to her home so severely that she was unable to exit under her own power. Extremely confining!

Each morning the team rolled up its sleeves, donned its work gloves and went to work. It was amazing to see what was accomplished in one week. The next team will continue the project, but even the amount of progress the GCUMC team made left Adela smiling. Her Christmas wish was happening before her eyes.

Each afternoon, following a hearty Costa Rican lunch of rice and beans plus tropical fruit, the team traveled to neighborhoods where we delivered food bags containing enough staples to feed a family of four for a week. The parcel held two kilos each of rice, beans, and masa, and enough powdered milk to make more than a gallon. As we handed them the food bag we stated that with this food we were sharing the love of Jesus, our Savior. Our interpreters then asked the person who answered the door if they had any prayer requests, as we would be pleased to pray with them. The requests ranged from needing employment to world peace. A team member prayed in English while the Costa Rican interpreter prayed in Spanish—a bit of holy chaos. In these precious moments God’s presence was palpable. In many cases we were gifted with tears and hugs of gratitude as we left.

It’s often said that those who go on mission trips expect to give and serve. Somehow, in the end, the participants find that they are the ones who have received abundantly from the people they thought they were helping. Everyone benefits! Isn’t that the way God works?—surprising those who serve with blessings.

“Give, and it will be given to you.

*A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap;
for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”*

~ Luke 6:38 ~

GCUMC GLOBAL MISSIONS PROJECTS

We have concentrated our giving and involvement in these world areas:

- ✝ Rice and Beans Ministry, Costa Rica
- ✝ Fellowman International, Honduras
- ✝ PET (Personal Energy Transportation), over 100 countries
- ✝ Global Missions Advance needs





What exactly is Valentine's Day all about? The history of Valentine's Day—and the story of its patron saint—is shrouded in mystery. One of the things we do know is that February has long been celebrated as a month of romance, and that St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. There are also claims that the holiday has some pagan roots.

All of that said, I won't begin to tackle the debate on the origin of this holiday. But I believe we can all agree that in today's world, we see February as a month full of "love" all around us. Love, in the form of hearts, romance, new relationships, fostering old relationships, happiness, giddiness everywhere. Stores are filled with items to express your love to others.

Let's be real for a minute though! If you are not currently in a great romantic relationship, if you're disappointed in your relationship, if yours has just gone sour, if there's not even one on the horizon, if your expectations haven't been met, February can be kind of annoying – right?!

The truth is, love is work. Once the initial romantic love subsides, life settles in. We can find ourselves a bit disillusioned and not know where to go next to make it better. Many of us find that we've had past relationship failures and have moved on to new relationships with stars in our eyes, only to ultimately find the same failures in that one.

Author Richard Paul Evans makes some very astute observations about love and relationships. He says:

"The thing is, we use past relationships like maps to navigate new ones. But it doesn't work that way, because every human, every relationship is different. It's like trying to use a map of Las Vegas to get around Vermont. It won't work. That's why so many people get lost..."

...That whole 'love is never having to say you're sorry' crap is just that, crap. Love is learning how to say you're sorry. It's the trial and error and correction that makes it worthwhile."

If you are in a quandary as to where to go next in your relationship, rest assured you are not alone. It is an age old question.

The first solid step is remaining Christ-centered, and using the Bible and Christianity as your "map." That, however, is not as simple as it sounds... especially if you sit around and let the thoughts rattle around in your own head, but haven't felt you could voice them to anyone else.

Maybe you could use some Christian companionship to walk with you and listen as you examine the love and relationships in your life? If so, consider a Stephen Minister. Email your confidential request to a Stephen Leader at: stephen.ministry.gcumc@gmail.com, call 480-283-4861, or check the box beside "Desire a Stephen Minister" on the Sunday morning attendance pad.

by Kim Shroyer,
on behalf of the Stephen Ministry Team



4 Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. 7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things ... 13 And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

~ 1st Corinthians 13:4-7,13 (NRSV)

A NOTE FROM BOB

Wow, the first month of the year is almost gone! Where did it go? Seems like yesterday we were getting ready for New Year's Eve events. Time goes by fast.

Have you been to a Country Western service yet this year? You should! The music is better than ever, the relaxed "country atmosphere" is warm and inviting, even when the nights have been chilly. Yes, the preacher is getting older, but at least he hasn't started wheezing—yet!

On January 31st we will have the privilege of having Rev. Fred Steinberg as our "guest" preacher. He graciously agreed to preach his sermon on a Christian response to Islam at our 5:00pm service, too. With all the misinformation we are hearing, whether intentionally or misguided, it is a subject we very much need to consider. Even if you attend a morning service, come again at 5! The music will be brought by the Houser's and the message will have more meaning the second time.

As we head into February, we will have a special Valentine's theme on Sunday, the 14th. If you have a red western shirt or blouse, wear it that evening. If not, that's okay, come anyway.

David Ballard, Ron and Chris Houser, Tara Houser Jones and all their "gang" will join me in giving you a big, "Howdy" and welcome!

Bob Deits



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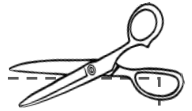
⇒ **Fry's VIP Card (up to 3% rebate)** Register your VIP card online with GCUMC's affiliation #80092, or you can come to the Church Office and we'll be glad to help. It all adds up! **(Please remember to renew your Fry's VIP card online if you haven't already!)**



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that shares struggles and joys of the Christian
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WATCH GCUMC SERVICES

LIVE!



For livestreaming of the
8:00am & 9:30am services,
go to www.livestream.com

(a few minutes before service)

- ⇒ Click on "Watch" and "Search Events & Accounts..." and type in "Gold Canyon United Methodist Church"
- ⇒ Select GCUMC under "Accounts"
- ⇒ You can also view past services on the

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

March Roadrunner — 8am, Monday, 2/8/15
Weekly Bulletin — 12pm Wednesdays

Your GCUMC Publications are brought to you by Riechia Ralston and Dee Ashe with help from the Friday Bulletin Team, the Roadrunner Assembly Team, and many other treasured volunteers.





SMILE!

1. **Smiles are irresistible**—Don't hesitate to smile warmly at friends, family, colleagues and even...strangers.
2. **Write handwritten thank-you notes**—The notes don't need to be an essay and people love to receive them. It's the personal touch.
3. **Offer your seat**—If you use public transport, it's busy and there are no free seats, be the first to stand-up and let a weary traveler, pregnant woman or elderly person take rest.
4. **Pay it forward**—When you are in a coffee shop or café, maybe you could buy a coffee or cake in advance for the next customer that comes in. How tasty! Imagine what a sweet surprise that person will get when they discover that a kind stranger has paid it forward for them.
5. **Help the Homeless**—When you see a homeless person, think about how you might be able to help them in some way. Buy a nutritious lunch. Ask them if there is anything that they need. Give them a warm coat. Share a conversation. Spend some time. Listen. Engage.
6. **Give**—That thing you're going to sell... why not give it away for free?
7. **Send flowers unexpectedly**—No reason needed. Just because.
8. **Hold doors open**—Even for people who are a little further away from the door than usual.
9. **Make your colleagues/classmates a hot-drink**—Expect nothing in return. Well...maybe some doughnuts.
10. **Share**—Speaking of doughnuts... why not buy a bag full and share them out in all directions?



✝ Do you sing and/or play an instrument? Do you have a passion for worship music? If so, the **Uncommon Grace Praise Team** needs YOU! If interested, just send an email to: ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org!



✝ Can you offer your time and efforts for one Sunday service each month? Volunteers are needed for the 8:00, 9:30 and 10:50 services. Please call the Church Office for training in our kitchen.



✝ **Welcome Center:** We are always looking for smiling faces, a warm personality and a helping heart to staff our Welcome Center at the 8:00am and 9:30am services. Especially with our winter residents having returned, the Welcome Center gets delightfully busy! Training is provided, and it's helpful if you can do once a month... but your service will be welcomed whenever you can assist! Please contact Katharine in the Church Office.



✝ **Sunday Coffee Fellowship Goodies:** Ever notice the yummy platters of fresh fruit & cheese, and sweets to accompany our coffee during Sunday Coffee Fellowship? **Everyone is always welcome to enjoy this plethora of goodies;** although there is no charge, your contributions are important to the continuance of this hospitality. Please help keep this aspect of our Team Outreach welcome alive with your contribution.



✝ **Funeral/Memorial Reception Servers:** Needed to set-up/serve at Memorial Receptions (we already have an active list of food donation volunteers).

Please contact Marilyn at 480-288-1963 if you can assist this invaluable ministry that helps families in their time of need.

✚ **Donations Needed for College Scholarship Ministry:** For the past several years GCUMC has been able to provide \$13,000 worth of scholarships annually to college students who are members of our church. This was made possible from the income generated from the Permanent Endowment Fund. However, the market has not been kind this past year, and the invested funds have not produced money to fund those College Scholarships for the coming year. We know the expense of college continues to grow. Because this is an important ministry of GCUMC, we are encouraging contributions that can be used immediately for this purpose. A College Scholarship Fund has been set-up for those donations that would be available for immediate use. We expect the Permanent Endowment Fund to again finance this important ministry as the market conditions improve. You can direct any contribution to College Scholarship Fund and it will be used accordingly.



✚ **Citrus Gleaning Ministry:** St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance is sending a 29-passenger bus to transport our volunteers to weekly sites, and this is a **BIG** change from the past! We meet the bus at Home Depot at 8:30am each Friday morning, or we'll car pool from GCUMC at 8:00am so as to reach Home Depot by 8:30am. Please call Church Office (480-982-3776) for details.



✚ **Newsletter Mailing Coordinator Needed:** Although the number of mailed RoadRunners continues to decrease, those that are mailed remain to be an important ministry. We are in need of a Mailing Coordinator (training available), and if you can help in this important ministry, the Team would love to hear from you!



...is hosting a FREE all-you-can eat Pancake Dinner!



WHEN: Tue., 2/9 from 5:00pm—7:00pm

WHERE: GCUMC Campus
6640 S. Kings Ranch Rd., Gold Canyon

Meal donations will be accepted, to benefit The Genesis Project, an organization that feeds those in need in Apache Junction. Come feast on pancakes before the Lent season begins and bring a friend!

EARLY RESPONSE TRAINING

EARLY RESPONSE TEAM



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Early Response Training (ERT) is our conference disaster preparedness. A training opportunity is scheduled for early 2016. [Click Here for more information or to register.](#)

⇒ **February 13, 2016**, 7:30am registration;
8:00am—4:00pm class time
Spirit of Hope UMC, 14403 N. 75th Ave, Peoria, AZ

The ERT program is a vital part of the local church's work toward connecting in meaningful ways and in preparing for disaster in our own midst. In the 2014 flooding in Mesa/Chandler teams responded and made a difference. Chainsaw teams are preparing to travel to Washington this spring, Colorado and potentially other sites where fires have left dangerous standing timber. This winter, we may see excessive snow fall in mountainous regions of the conference endangering the poor in remote and reservation areas. But despite disaster, the work we can do within the church neighborhood provides the greatest opportunity to impact people.

MINISTRY & MISSION

Updates

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Help!! If you like to knit or crochet, we need you!

At this time, we have 12 members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry. We are down from over 20 just two years ago. Several of our members have moved or stopped coming to Arizona. Now, our group has more trouble. One of our 12 broke a hip the same week another broke a leg. One is caring for a family member while another is building a house and selling one. Time for those to knit is limited.

We would love to involve you in this important and appreciated ministry. How else can you do something for your church, in your living room, while you watch TV?

We have size and yarn requirements. For more information please call Nancy Miller at 563-927-3732 or email her at fnmiller61@msn.com.

TAX PREPARATION MINISTRY



One of our church members has volunteered to assist GCUMC attendees who struggle to prepare and cannot afford to pay a Tax Preparation professional to file

their 2015 federal and state tax returns. Available appointment times and a list of tax documents to bring to the appointment are available in the Office (480-982-3776). To make an appointment, please contact the Church Office.

HONEY-DO HOME REPAIR



Call us to see what we can help with... you might be surprised! We can assist anyone needing repairs around their home. Who might that include?

1) A person who needs minor repairs around the home but has little or no

resources.

- 2) Those needing repairs, but not having the tools or expertise to complete them alone.” 3) Those who don’t have the skill or the time to complete repairs themselves, yet need them done quickly and professionally.

We can do jobs like changing smoke detector batteries, leaky faucet repair, replacing a faulty outlet, replacing a door lock or other small projects. Referrals or requests can be made by contacting: goldcanyonhoneydo@att.net or calling John or Nancy at (907) 232-8203.

FOOD BANK

Janice Workman, Food Bank Volunteer



In the January newsletter we promised to provide some statistics about the number of people served by the food bank in the year 2015.

- The # of individuals served: 9,797
- The # of families served: 3,084
- The # of food bags distributed: 7,283

We thank all of you who donated food and monetary gifts to the food bank and those who brought ‘a can to the concert’. Those cans, bottles, boxes and jars really add to the success of our mission!

On January 7th a training session was held to instruct volunteers new to the mission. They learned about the number of those served, food inventory and storage, instructions about packing food bags and many other details. Jeff Downing, Dan Gray and Rush Tucker are the managers of this mission and do a significant amount of work to keep this food bank functioning at this extremely high level of success.

According to records from 2015 there are at least 55 volunteers who are regular volunteers with many others helping on an ‘as-needed’ basis.

Your monetary gifts, food donations and volunteer hours are always appreciated!

GENESIS PROJECT



In 2015 The Genesis Project prepared and served 48,000 meals. December was the busiest month with 5,200 meals and a daily average over 100 clients. Your continued support has made a significant difference for those in need.

STITCHES UNLIMITED OR QUILTS FOR ST. ANDREWS CLINIC



The time is quickly approaching for our trip to St. Andrew's Children Clinic in Nogales, Arizona. The date is Thursday, March 3. If you would like to experience this rewarding trip a sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Center bulletin board. Space is limited so don't wait to sign up! In addition to the volunteers that participate, GCUMC provides much needed items from the wish list on the board in the Narthex. If you have collected toiletries and small stuffed animals thru the summer, please bring to Narthex and put in St. Andrews collection box.

So our challenge to you is threefold: We would like to concentrate on a couple items if possible: Single Serving Prune Juice and Dry Milk. These are items badly needed for the children. Other Wish list items needed are: AA batteries for speech, hearing devices, BeneFiber, blenders, Clorox wipes, disposable diapers (small) disposable bibs, eyeglass frames (children sizes), hearing aids (used), milk of magnesia, PediaSure (generic ok), exercise balls for physical therapy, receiving blankets, umbrella strollers (new or used), vitamins (children's with iron), hand sanitizer and wipes and toiletry items (travel-size toothbrush, toothpaste, combs, soaps).

We would also request that you collect small stuffed animals (new or used) to be given to the children while waiting for their appointments. Please deliver any items to the church office by February 27. In addition we are able to supply quilts made by our quilting club to the families. Any questions please contact :

- Alyce Ancell (480) 983-2510
- Gail Crawford (480) 268-0918
- Teri Lukas (480) 274-3982

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WINTER 2016 PROJECT



We are looking forward to participating in building a home with the Gonzales family in Chandler this winter as part of our membership in the Superstition Coalition of churches in the East Valley. The location is 235 E. Kesler Ln., Chandler, AZ 85225, near Arizona Avenue and the San Tan 202 Freeway.

The build start has been delayed from early January to early February because of unforeseen issues with the demolition of the existing home on the site. Mrs. Gonzales is a widow who has raised her family here and wants to stay here. The City of Chandler is paying for her to be moved into temporary housing while her home is demolished and completely rebuilt by Habitat. This will be a normal 16-week build for our coalition of churches. Gold Canyon UMC will have an opportunity to build on February 13, March 12, and April 2, 2016.

Please pray for this ministry and consider donating money or time to this effort. Please mark your check memo for Habitat for Humanity, or make your contribution online at www.GoldCanyonUMC.org. Thanks so much for your ongoing support of this ministry !

Joe and Maureen Morton
(602) 284-2826; MoandJoeM@aol.com

HIKING MINISTRY

Jim Riedel, Hiking Ministry Leader



This ministry not only lifts you physically, but lifts you spiritually, as well. Being out in God's world of nature can be very uplifting, and we can also help you talk through things in your life if you feel like sharing. We have had people who participate in our group, who are not members of our church, declare how friendly and wonderful our group really is. So, come on, anyone can join in!

In the beginning of the hiking season, I like to

acclimate us by choosing light and easy trails. Although schedules are available, unless you have been on these trails, you won't know how difficult they are. We also advise everyone via the weekly church bulletin the difficulty level of each hike. We hike at various locations on the east side of the valley (like the Superstitions) and sometimes north and southeast of Gold Canyon (north along Hwy 87 & the Superior area). Some of us occasionally like taking on more special and endurance hikes together such as hiking to Canyon Lake from east of the Lost Dutchmen State Park area.

The hikes can be interpretative, teaching one about the desert plants and animals that live there. Generally the hikes are of 3—5 mile ventures, sometimes more and are as short as 3 hours, and as long as 5+ hours due to travel time, which is why we ask everyone not to plan appointments or other gatherings for the day. We hike at the rate of the slowest hiker to keep together while doing established trails some flat (easy) and some of medium hiking ability. We generally meet at the Gold Canyon Methodist Church south parking lot at 8:00am and commute to the trailhead. Depending where you live, you can meet at the trailhead.

Equipment to bring: 2-3 liters of water, a snack/lunch, good hiking shoes (boots), layers of clothing, a jacket & gloves (depending on the weather), wide hat, sun screen, any other items you may need such as any medications or walking sticks, sunglasses, and a light knapsack to put it all in. We look forward to seeing you at future hikes!

If you would like to have information about your Mission and/or Ministry in the Roadrunner, be sure to submit your content to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org by the submittal deadline!



AA / AL-ANON: Mondays at 7:00pm in the Sea of Galilee Room

ADULT FELLOWSHIP CLASS: Meets Sundays at 8:00am in the Education Building.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Fridays at 5:30pm in Room Emmaus Room

BIBLE BANTER COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Meets Mondays at 9:00am for coffee and stimulating conversation at Common Grounds Café to discuss ways in which we can live as faithful Christians in today's world

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP: Provides spiritual support, love, friendship and a helping hand to cancer patients, caregivers and their families.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS MISSION: Provides reading material to Food Bank clients using donated books as gifts to encourage children to read.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: A variety of opportunities for the children includes Confirmation, Kids' Kapers, Pioneer Club, Sidewalk Ministry, Vacation Bible School, Pioneer Club... *and more!*

CHURCH LADIES ADVENTURE CLUB: A variety of monthly events are planned for "adventuresome" ladies from September through May.

CITRUS GLEANING TEAM: In January volunteers glean citrus unwanted by homeowners for donation to the United Food Bank.

CODA: 12-step fellowship of men & women whose common purpose is to develop healthy relationships. All are welcome.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY: Trained Congregational Care Ministers (CCMs) are available to visit and offer prayer support for you and your loved ones before surgeries, during hospitalizations, in your homes or at the church. Training sessions are offered several times per year.

DESERT DINERS: Groups of 8 people (couples and/or singles) that take turns hosting a meal once a month. Come join in the Christian fellowship!

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY: In-depth studies that aim to transform lives and develop strong Christian leaders include:

- **DISCIPLE I:** Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study
- **DISCIPLE II:** Into the Word Into the World
- **DISCIPLE III:** Remember Who You Are
- **DISCIPLE IV:** Under the Tree of Life
- **DISCIPLE V:** Jesus in the Gospels

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY: What would your life look like if you had no debt and were in control of your money? This 13-week class that is offered annually will change your life!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Major losses are an inevitable part of life. Death, divorce, relocation, job loss and other traumatic experiences bring grief and pain. This group is ready to help.

HIKING MINISTRY: Men and women who trek together in God's beauty.

HONEY DO HOME REPAIR MINISTRY: This team assists anyone needing minor repairs who may have little resources, tools, expertise, or time.

MEN'S GROUP: Fun, food and fellowship while doing a variety of activities and venues.

MIND MENDERS SUPPORT GROUP: For family members and caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's and other dementia diseases. Provides a place to share information and ideas, and find the peace that comes with knowing that one is not alone in one's struggle.

MUSIC MINISTRIES: Musical opportunities include Canyon Carillon Handbell Choir, Chancel Choir, Joyful Noise Children's Choir, Orchestra, One in the Spirit C&W Band, Youth Bell Choir, Uncommon Grace Contemporary Praise Band... and more!

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY: Prayer requests may be emailed to gcumcprayers@gmail.com.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Prayer Shawls are made with prayers and love to be shared with those who are ill, hospitalized or homebound as a physical reminder that God's people are praying for the recipient.

STEPHEN MINISTRY: A caring lay ministry through which highly-trained lay caregivers provide one-to-one Christian care to the bereaved, hospitalized, terminally ill, separated, divorced, unemployed, relocated, and others facing a crisis or life challenge.

STITCHES UNLIMITED MINISTRY: This group creates quilts for distribution through St Andrew's Clinic. All who enjoy fellowship and fabric are welcome as we cut, sort, create kits, sew tops and quilt them, either at home or during monthly meetings.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES: Studies by Priscilla Shirer, Beth Moore, and others, combined with rich fellowship provide solid Bible learning along with spiritual growth.

WOMEN'S RETREATS: Two retreats are planned annually:

- Overnight weekend retreat at a Christian camp in the fall.
- One-day retreat at a resort near the church in the spring.

YOUTH MINISTRY:

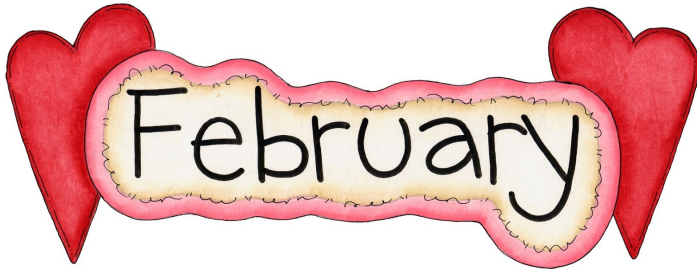
- **Sunday School (7th—12th Grade):** Meets Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the Youth Room for creative Bible lessons and discussions!
- **Youth Fellowship (7th—12th Grade):** Meets Sunday evenings at 6:30pm—8:30pm in the Education Building for fun, faith-based programs, food and fellowship!
- **Youth Mission Trip:** GCUMC Junior High and High School age Youth travel to economically-deprived areas of the US to help with large projects, such as disaster cleanup. The whole congregation is involved by helping to fund the trips through the Youth Shareholder's program.
- **Youth Sunday:** GCUMC Junior High and High School aged youth plan and conduct the morning worship services once a year. Several youth preach five-minute sermons, while others present the Children's Moment, music, Call to Worship and Offering.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Advent and Lenten topical studies
- Bible-based 8-week electives
- Small neighborhood groups



To get involved with these or any other groups listed in this Newsletter, contact the Church Office, and we'll connect you with the appropriate individual!



CHURCH CALENDAR & KEY

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

This calendar is subject to change; For more info, visit www.goldcanyonumc.org or call the Church Office

Mon Feb 1	9:30am	Bible Banter (Offsite)
	12:30pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ER)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (SoGR)
	3pm	Stephen Ministry (ER)
	7pm	Al-Anon (SoGR)
Tue Feb 2	7pm	CoDA Mtg (ER)
	9am	Yoga-Regular (KR)
	10:15am	Yoga-Gentle (KR)
	5:15pm	Intro to Handbells Rehearsal (S)
	5:30pm	One in the Spirit/Houser Gang Rehearsal (KR)
Wed Feb 3	5:30pm	Team Outreach (ER)
	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Bells Rehearsal (S)
	9:30am	Music Library Activities (MR)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
Thu Feb 4	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (SoGR)
	5pm	Pioneer Club (ER)
	6pm	Food Bank Evening Hrs
	7pm	GCUMC Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)
	9am	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
Fri Feb 5	9am	Yoga-Regular (KR)
	10:15am	Yoga-Gentle (KR)
	5:30pm	Chanters Men's Chorus (MR)
	6:50pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR)
	7pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
Sun Feb 7	1:30pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (ER)
Feb 6	8am	Women's 1-Day Retreat (Arizona Golf Resort)
Sun Feb 7	8am	Sunday Morning Bible Study (ER)
	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	8:30am	Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Confirmation Class (Ofc Workrm)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	9:30am	Youth Participation in Worship (S)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (KR)
	10:50am	Pre-K Children's Sunday School (NAR)
	11am	"Being Methodist" Class (ER)
	5pm	Country Worship (KR)

Mon Feb 8	6:30pm	Youth Group (7th-12th; YR/ER/K)
	9:30am	Bible Banter (Offsite)
	12:30pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ER)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (SoGR)
	7pm	Al-Anon (SoGR)
Tue Feb 9	7pm	CoDA Mtg (ER)
	9am	Stitches Unlimited (ER & SoGR)
	9am	Yoga-Regular (KR)
	10:15am	Yoga-Gentle (KR)
	4:30pm	Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner (KR/K)
Wed Feb 10	5:15pm	Intro to Handbells Rehearsal (S)
	5:30pm	One in the Spirit/Houser Gang Rehearsal (KR)
	6pm	Trustee Mtg (Pastor Fred's Ofc)
	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Bells Rehearsal (S)
	9:30am	Music Library Activities (MR)
Thu Feb 11	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (SoGR)
	5pm	Pioneer Club (ER)
	7pm	GCUMC Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)
Fri Feb 12	9am	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	9am	Prayer Shawl Ministry (SoGR)
	9am	Yoga-Regular (KR)
	10:15am	Yoga-Gentle (KR)
	5:30pm	Chanters Men's Chorus (MR)
Sun Feb 14	6:50pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR)
	7pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	9:30am	GCAC School Residency (S)
	10am	Mind Menders (ER)
	5pm	S Reserved
Mon Feb 15	5:30pm	AA (ER)
	7:30pm	GCAC Concert: Fandango (S)
	9pm	Fandango Reception (KR)
		<i>Valentine's Day</i>
	8am	Sunday Morning Bible Study (ER)
Tue Feb 16	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	8:30am	Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Confirmation Class (Ofc Workrm)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
Mon Feb 15	10:50am	Praise Worship (KR)
	10:50am	Pre-K Children's Sunday School (NAR)
	5pm	Country Worship (KR)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (7th-12th; YR/ER/K)
		President's Day / OFFICE CLOSED
Tue Feb 16	9:30am	Bible Banter (Offsite)
	12:30pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ER)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (SoGR)
	3pm	Stephen Ministry (ER)
	7pm	Al-Anon (SoGR)
Mon Feb 15	7pm	CoDA Mtg (ER)
	9am	Yoga-Regular (KR)
	10:15am	Yoga-Gentle (KR)
	3pm	Lenten Study "A Dozen Ways to Pray" (ER)
	5:15pm	Intro to Handbells Rehearsal (S)
Tue Feb 16	5:30pm	One in the Spirit/Houser Gang Rehearsal (KR)

Wed Feb 17	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Bells Rehearsal (S)
	9:30am	Music Library Activities (MR)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER)
	11am	Organ Stop Pizza Trek
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (SoGR)
	5pm	Pioneer Club (ER)
Thu Feb 18	7pm	GCUMC Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)
	8:30am	Right Path Health Screenings (ER & NAR)
	9am	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	9am	Yoga-Regular (KR)
	10:15am	Yoga-Gentle (KR)
	5:30pm	Chanters Men's Chorus (MR)
	6:50pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR)
Fri Feb 19	7pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	8:30am	Right Path Health Screenings (ER & NAR)
	5:30pm	AA (ER)
Feb 21	9am	Church Ladies Adventure Club (Topgolf Gilbert)
	8am	Sunday Morning Bible Study (ER)
	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	8:30am	Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
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	12:30pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ER)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (SoGR)
Mon Feb 22	6:30pm	Coffee with the Pastor (MR)
	7pm	AI-Anon (SoGR)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (ER)
	9am	Stitches Unlimited (ER & SoGR)
	9am	Yoga-Regular (KR)
	10:15am	Yoga-Gentle (KR)
	3pm	Lenten Study "A Dozen Ways to Pray" (ER)
Tue Feb 23	4pm	NAU Shrine Choral Dinner
	5:15pm	Intro to Handbells Rehearsal (S)
	5:30pm	One in the Spirit/Houser Gang Rehearsal (KR)
	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Bells Rehearsal (S)
	7:30pm	NAU Shrine of the Ages (S)
	8:30am	Newsletter Team (MR)
	9:30am	Music Library Activities (MR)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (SoGR)
Wed Feb 24	5pm	Pioneer Club (ER)
	7pm	GCUMC Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)
	9am	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	9am	Prayer Shawl Ministry (SoGR)
	9am	Yoga-Regular (KR)
	10:15am	Yoga-Gentle (KR)
	3pm	Endowment Seminar (KR)
Thu Feb 25	5:30pm	Chanters Men's Chorus (MR)

Fri Feb 26	6:50pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR)
	7pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	10am	Mind Menders (ER)
Sun Feb 28	5:30pm	AA (ER)
	8am	Sunday Morning Bible Study (ER)
	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	8:30am	Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Confirmation Class (Ofc Workrm)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (KR)
	10:50am	Pre-K Children's Sunday School (NAR)
	2pm	Concert: Housers & Friends (S)
Mon Feb 29	5pm	Country Worship (KR)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (7th-12th; YR/ER/K)
	9:30am	Bible Banter (Offsite)
	12:30pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ER)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (SoGR)
	7pm	AI-Anon (SoGR)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (ER)

VALENTINE'S DAY IS FOR CHRISTIAN LOVE

Valentine's Day is for honoring love;
To show those we love we care.
Red hearts with tender sentiments
We send, our love to share.

So on Valentine's Day we're reminded
of our very first Christian goal:
To love the Lord with all our heart
and all our mind and soul.

To love our neighbor as ourselves
we are also told to do,
So let's live our love by the Bible;
It's God's word, flawless and true.

If we give this Christian Valentine first,
We'll never run out of love,
for infinite love will come to us
from God in heaven above.

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday!

Behan, Jack 02/01
 Burzlaff, Julie 02/01
 McNamee, Collette 02/01
 Anzelmo, Leslie 02/03
 Hoerter, Coleen 02/03
 Hoffman, Richard 02/03
 Pittman, Sharon 02/03
 Barton, Marlene 02/04
 D'Angelo, Clara 02/04
 Geske, Rosa 02/04
 Griffin-Jonovich, Nancy 02/04
 Jungman, Marilyn 02/04
 Hoff, Cynthia 02/05
 Lindaman, Carol 02/05
 Merrick, James 02/05
 Barraza, Roman 02/06
 Osgood, Gladys 02/05
 Barraza, Vivienne 02/06
 Bos, Daniel 02/06
 Breuklander, Roberta (Bobbie) 02/06
 Couturier, Brianna 02/06
 Nord, Gary 02/06
 Brown, Devona 02/07
 Chase, Donna 02/07
 Feather, Thomas 02/07
 Lindsay, Larry 02/07
 Coad, Roger 02/08
 Huffman, Darlene 02/08
 Mogharbel, Amira 02/08
 Nelson, Joni 02/08
 Novak, Sandra 02/08
 Pappalardo, Megan 02/08
 Peterson, Marilyn 02/09
 Callantine, Peggy 02/10
 Hays, Louise 02/10
 Howard, Cindy 02/10
 Richardson, Georgia 02/10
 Wolfskill, Amanda 02/10
 Crane, Katelyn 02/11

McBride, Paula 02/12
 Phillips, Victor 02/12
 Jacobsen, Elaine 02/13
 Lane, Bonnie 02/13
 Willis, Gloria 02/13
 Gasser, Gordon 02/14
 Kappler, Marjorie (Margie) 02/14
 Richter, Valerie (Val) 02/14
 Schmidt, Judy 02/14
 Christ, SuzAnne 02/15
 McGinness, Anne 02/15
 Brannan, Thomas 02/16
 Carpenter, Trudy 02/16
 Hughes, Harrison 02/16
 Russell, Robert (Bob) 02/16
 Adams, Ada 02/17
 Buhle, Chlois 02/17
 Burris, Terry 02/17
 Malloy, Susan 02/17
 Schaefer, Natalie 02/17
 Hall, Gillian 02/18
 Newkirk, Edgar 02/18
 Paddison, John 02/18
 Reif, Muriel 02/18
 Hammond, Donald (Don) 02/19
 Broderon, Darlene 02/20
 Hulett, Gordon 02/20
 Christy, Laurie 02/21
 Heyse, Raymond (Ray) 02/21
 Yoder, Bill 02/21
 Atkinson, William 02/22
 Burkinshaw, Martha 02/22
 Chase, Charles R (Bob) 02/22
 Fratt, Imogene (Genie) 02/22
 Ball, Margaret 02/23
 Fye, Ben 02/23
 Nelson, Wylladene 02/24
 Richter, Marvin 02/24
 Beasley, Earl 02/25
 McConnell, Alice 02/25
 Rasmussen, Gordon (Gordie) 02/25

Whalen, Wendy 02/25
 Daniels, Jacob 02/26
 Kness, Larry 02/26
 Sutter, Frederick (Rick) 02/26
 Giroux, Shane 02/27
 Halbig, Michelle (Shelley) 02/27
 Kurth, Nancy 02/27
 Mulhair, Bob 02/28
 Oswald, Anne 02/28
 Waechter, Nancy 02/28
 Schwartz, Richard (Dick) 02/29

Happy Anniversary!

Whittier, Audrey & Charles 02/03/1952
 Vorseth, Duane & Sue 02/04/1967
 Adams, Ada & Michael 02/05/1984
 Toppin, Beverly & James 02/05/1983
 Colmer, Gerald & Margaret 02/06/1966
 Nelson, Bill & Patty 02/06/1961
 Crites, Kenneth & Margaret 02/09/1962
 Magnus, Clark & Kathi 02/10/1968
 Bogle, Evelyn & Richard 02/11/1961
 Jacobsen, Betty & Bob 02/12/2015
 Kness, Deanna & Larry 02/12/1981
 Laich, Flossie & Nick 02/14/1953
 Minatree, & Melissa 02/14/1998
 Oswald, Anne & Robert (Bob) 02/14/1959
 Vander Stoep, Karen & Paul 02/14/1970
 Logan, Laurie & Ron 02/16/1986
 Lundberg, Betty & Joseph 02/19/1966
 Cooke, Teresa 02/21/1994
 Fillion, Joyce & Paul 02/24/1962
 Larsen, David & Jan 02/24/1990
 Clayburg, Jody & Bill 02/25/2006
 Johnson, Forrest & Luella (Lu) 02/25/1967
 Burgi, Jenelu & Bob 02/28/1969
 Bright, Teresa 02/29/1992
 O'Gary, Richard 02/29/1992

If your name isn't on this list (or you know of someone who should be), or if you find an error, please call the office with the information. We truly don't mean to make mistakes or to leave anyone out!

DONATIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

DEC	2012	2012	2012	2013	2013	2013	2014	2014	2014	2015	2015	2015
	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All
1st	30444	14544	1343	30044	17253	1322	31459	10493	1455	31094	12332	1561
2nd	22901	9260	1530	21155	5581	1373	20426	4785	1367	22636	5291	1673
3rd	22884	4650	1462	18283	7048	1386	21126	11497	1345	30365	10188	1594
4th	17194	4810	1331	20027	13922	1329	16705	3491	1280	9879	2585	1232
5th	20170	5529	1265	22213	3501	1359	17447	3160	1391	-	-	-
TOTAL	66407	38793	6931	111722	47305	6769	118004	35661	9311	93973	30396	6060

ONLINE GIVING



Electronic giving is a great way to make contributions! Remember if you use any type of electronic payment system to satisfy your pledge and you change your pledge, you must also make the change to your electronic payment provider.

Help support **Team Outreach...**

**GCUMC
COFFEE MUGS!**

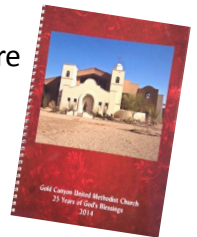


2 FOR \$10

Available at the Info Desk or Church Office!

GCUMC

Directories are available for \$10 in the Church Office or at the Welcome Center on Sundays. Please let the Office know if any of your info needs to be updated!



LOST & FOUND

We have a "Lost & Found" box in the Church Office... If you think we may have your missing item, stop by!



YOU Make
a Difference

Want to give back to Gold Canyon United Methodist Church beyond your pledge to the General Budget or the Building Fund? Listed below are some items that will better enable us to fulfill our mission as a church:

- ✚ Koinonia Room Stage Lighting — \$22,000
- ✚ Bus/Van Garage
- ✚ Playground — \$20,000-40,000
- ✚ Stained Glass for upper Sanctuary windows — \$105,000 (\$3,000 per panel)
- ✚ Building Fund Loan Payoff (2015: Prepaid \$65,000)
- ✚ Organ Pipes
- ✚ Food Bank Building — \$200,000

**Wish
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Addressee or Current Resident

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

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

- ✝ 8:00am Adult Fellowship Class
- ✝ 9:30am Children
- ✝ 9:30am Youth (7th—12th grade)
- ✝ 10:50am Children

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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 Provided at ALL Services



Please help GCUMC Save Postage!

Make the switch and receive your Roadrunner Newsletter by email! You can even have it sent to multiple emails in the same household! Just fill out the below and place your completed form in the offering plate, mail it to us, or turn it into the church office. You can also email your request to churchoffice@goldcanyonumc.org.

1. Name _____ and _____

E-Mail _____

2. Name _____ and _____

E-Mail _____