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## **FROM THE PASTOR: "NEVER TOO OLD TO BE BAPTIZED"**

On Sunday, Dec. 28th we baptized Stephen Walter Kalik. Stephen is the son of Adam & Katelin Kalik who are facilitating our Financial Peace University class. Stephen was almost 1 year old at the time. It is also a joy when we baptize adults. There have even been a few times when a parent and child have gotten baptized together. And it is never too late to get baptized.

In November of 2005, Ivy Smith was baptized at an Anglican Cathedral in Portsmouth, England. At 101-years-old, she was believed to be the oldest worshiper in Britain to undergo the sacrament.

Ivy grew up in southern England as the seventh of 14 children in a Methodist family. She attended chapel every day, but it was over a century before some of her fellow worshipers asked her why she didn't take part in Communion. "I said I'd never been confirmed or baptized," said Smith, "and they asked me if I'd like to be. I said, 'At my age!'"

One does wonder why she wasn't invited to be baptized years earlier. So just in case no one has asked you, have you been baptized? If not, would you like to be? Maybe Sunday, January 25th would be a great date.

In January I will be preaching a sermon series entitled, "Baptism Challenge." The title was sparked by the Ice Bucket Challenge of the ALS Association. We saw many videos of people dousing themselves with water, making a donation and then challenging somebody else to take the challenge. I thought that the church does the same when we douse ourselves in water, commit our lives

to follow Jesus and then encourage others to join us. Only we call it baptism.

I hope you will join us in January for this series. It might be a great time to invite a friend to join you in the challenge. I will see you on Sunday.

*Fred*

### **SERMON SERIES: "BAPTISM CHALLENGE"**

- 1/4 Welcome to the Table
- 1/18 Start Again
- 1/25 Why Baptism



**THEN PETER SAID TO THEM,  
"REPENT, AND LET  
EVERY ONE OF YOU  
BE BAPTIZED  
- IN THE NAME OF -  
JESUS CHRIST  
FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS;  
AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE THE  
GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT."  
ACTS 2:38**

**"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 MINISTRY

by Sherry Hussein

Sidewalk Ministry is an outreach ministry for children, held October-April, with GCUMC volunteers acting as "Shepherds," loving and nurturing the children through God's word. You're invited to stop by on a Saturday morning 10:00-11:30 at Avalon School (1045 S. San Marcos Dr., AJ), as this would be a great opportunity to "check out" our ministry.

Although Christmas has come and gone, the joy filled memories will live on. We had many lessons leading up to Jesus' Birthday. The children have been decorating bags that will be taken on the mission trip to Costa Rica. Children also decorated and filled 30 bags with special items, which were given to homeless people in Apache Junction. We will continue our "thirst for the word" ministry at Sidewalk. Every Saturday, children tape Bible scriptures on water bottles that are given out at Desert Chapel, Family Feast, Saturday afternoons, many homeless people gather there for a meal.

The children received for Christmas gift bags from the Desert Southwest Conference. Many thanks to all the people at Gold Canyon UMC who purchased gifts for the Angel Tree. Your generosity of spirit helped brighten the Christmas holiday for the children and their families.

As we look forward to the New Year with Sidewalk, we will continue nurturing and loving the children through God's word. Our ministry has been so blessed with God's favor, with all the generous donations from the Gold Canyon UMC congregation and our community. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteer Shepherds, and for your dedication to the children of Sidewalk. Please call Sherry Hussein at 480-529-9621 if you would like to volunteer.

We are still in need of Drivers/Riders to transport children to and from the ministry site, in Apache Junction.

Blessings for a New Year filled with Hope, Peace, Joy, and LOVE.



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ON GIDEON BEGINS WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21

Ladies, in order to best serve you, we've heard your suggestions to improve our Bible study experience; and we are looking forward to trying a new author and a shorter study in 2015. I do hope you will join us on the journey through the story of **Gideon** by Priscilla Shirer. Gideon has long been both a great hero of the faith and an example of how tragically we can fall short in our faith walk. **Gideon: Your Weakness; God's STRENGTH** is a seven-week women's Bible study. When we hear the name Gideon, most of us think about his 300 soldiers or the fleece he laid out under the evening sky. But Gideon's story is so much bigger than that - bigger than any one man and his mark on Israel's history. This is a story about God and His people and His love for them, as well as His strength at work in them in spite of and even through their weakness. And because God's people include you and me, Gideon's story is also about us...our lives, our doubts, our struggles, and our possibilities as believers. From a state of fear, weakness, and insecurity, Gideon emerged as Israel's hero, filled with God's presence and His passion for deliverance.

This study will encourage you to recognize your weakness as the key that the Lord gives you to unlock the full experience of His strength in your life. It is those places of weakness that create the greatest opportunity to experience the sufficiency of God. Instead of ignoring, neglecting, or trying to escape your weaknesses, see them as the gifts that



they are, given specifically and strategically by God to unlock the door of God's strength.

Sessions begin Wed., Jan. 21, 2015 at 9:00am in the Education Building and will vary each week in length, but will be less than two hours. Study books will be available for \$15, and sign-up sheets are available in both buildings.

Come unlock and unleash His power in your life. Ready? I am. See you there!

Diana Linton

## CRAFTY "ELVES" SHARING THE JOY OF JESUS' BIRTH



## SANTA COMES TO TOWN AFTER POLAR EXPRESS STOPPED HERE



## PIONEER CLUB GIRLS SINGING UP A STORM WITH MR. DOUG & MR. JOHN



A Christmas Thank You to all the children who took part in the Christmas Eve program and their families who support the children's programming of this church. To the parents and grandparents – when you are pulled in so many directions in your children's lives, I need to say that I appreciate your making an effort to find time for the students to participate in the activities we offer.



## TEAM OUTREACH

The Greeter Training Team wish to thank the following new folks who have attended the greeter training course. There will be no trainings in January, but look for future announcements for the months of February and March:

Ada Adams  
 Larry Arehart  
 Ann & Neil Brogren  
 Carolyn Burch & Loren Riley  
 Bob & Karen Carnahan  
 Bill Green  
 Dave & Jan Hahn  
 Charlie and Janine Tirrito  
 Nancy Jappe  
 Les & Marlene Kimball  
 Dee & Larry Kness  
 Lorna & Earl Marifjeren  
 Victoria & Tom Mullins  
 Don & Dianne Parker



### GREETERS NEEDED

An extension of our hospitality is greeting people as they arrive for concerts. You do not have to be part of Team Outreach to be a greeter for these events. Sooo, if you would like to greet (not usher) at any of the following GCUMC concerts, please contact Katharine in the church office: Friday, January 9 – George Dyer at 7:30; Saturday, January 10 – George Dyer at 3:00 pm; Sunday January 25 – Legacy Quartet



### CHURCH LADIES ADVENTURE CLUB SOLVES A "MURDER" AT MINDY MINTJULIUS' BRIDAL SHOWER!

... it was Hannah Homemaker with a revolver in the Living Room!

This group is a fellowship for women who are physically active, like to have fun and are adventurous! If you enjoy activities such as hiking, biking, horseback riding, kayaking, etc. please come join us on our adventures!! For more information,



please contact Katharine Keller at the church office at (480) 982-3776 and also to get on our group's email list. This group meets once a month (dates vary

according to the activity planned & not all of our activities are physical ones). A few upcoming events for the next couple of months include:



- ⇒ Sat., 1/24/15: Hike the Butcher Jones Trail near Saguaro Lake (*bring lunch*).
- ⇒ Sat., 2/7/15: One-Day Women's "Garden Getaway" Retreat (*Arizona Golf Resort*)

## WOMEN'S RETREAT

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH



Garden Getaway is a retreat where women slow down and enjoy time with other women and with God. It's an in-depth Bible Study, an unforgettable worship experience and an opportunity to walk with God through the various seasons of life. Women see Jesus as the Master Gardener of our lives, who wants to walk with us every step of our journey.

We'll begin with continental breakfast at 8:30am and will finish by 3:30pm. Our retreat will be held at Arizona Golf Resort, and the cost is \$70 per person, which covers breakfast and lunch, and all materials. You do not need to bring a Bible; we provide individual workbooks.

Call Katharine Keller in the church office for more info, or stop by the Information Desk to learn more and register. We are asking a \$25 non-refundable deposit when you register. If you cannot attend, but would like to send someone who ordinarily cannot afford to go, please talk to Katharine.

Take time to relax, to make new friends, to worship, and to draw closer to God. We hope you'll join us at Garden Getaway!





# Gold Canyon UMC Youth

## Gold Canyon United Methodist Youth Group News

Wendy Moore,  
Youth Director



### We Want YOU!... to share faith and fun!

Last month we told you about the youth and parents serving at “Feed My Starving Children”, an organization dedicated to providing survival meals for children around the world. Each meal is carefully measured and provides a balance of protein, vegetables, vitamins, and rice as the sole source of nutrition for those who would otherwise starve. **The final numbers were amazing!** Our group from Gold Canyon UMC joined with about 70 other volunteers of all ages to pack meals for two hours. **In 2 hours, 91 volunteers packed 23,544 meals, enough to feed 64 children for a year!** The meals were boxed, packed on shipping crates, and wrapped for shipping to the Philippines. **It was a powerful example to our youth to see so many Christian “strangers” come together to prepare and then pray over the crates of food.** Feed My Starving Children has a 99% success rate on food reaching its final destination, which quite often is in very remote areas. For many children this is their only source of food.



### \*\*\* UPCOMING EVENTS \*\*\*

- **Watch for your invitation to the Shareholders Dinner**, which will be held on **Saturday February 21**. More details will be sent with invitations. If you aren't familiar with the term “Shareholders,” they are members of the church who help sponsor youth mission trips. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Wendy Moore (480-459-1809).
- Youth between the ages of 13 and 18 are encouraged to join us for fun, friends, and fellowship. **We meet every Sunday night from 6:30 to 8:30 in the Education Building.** We also have **Youth Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9:30 in the Education Building.** Youth are encouraged to bring a friend! We hope to see you there! Please **contact Wendy Moore (480-459-1809)** for more information.





## MUSIC NOTES

I am writing this before our Christmas Concerts in December. I am filled with tremendous thanksgiving to God who has given us great music to share with our congregation, and thanksgiving to the Choir who is so very dedicated to our church and our Music Ministry, and so willing to share their talents for the benefit of all. We are blessed to have some of the very best accompanists that God has ever created in Linda Jones and Nancy Virden. These two extraordinary persons have really gone the extra mile, not only this year, but every year since they have been here. I cannot imagine our music program without either of these two wonderful, talented and dedicated people! I am truly blessed! Thank you all for all you do!!!

Lots going on in January! All the music groups are in full force again after the Christmas season. The **Chancel Choir** rehearses on Thursday evenings from 6:50–8:30. If you can sing on pitch and read music at least a little, please come and join us. You should get here about 10 minutes early your first time so our outstanding Librarian, Inge Fitzpatrick, can get you a folder with music and a registration form.

**Joyful Noise**, our youth choir, meets right after Pioneer Club on Wednesdays from 6:00 – 6:45 pm in the Music Room. Join Director John Nuss and learn all about music and why it's so much fun!

**Canyon Carillon**, our outstanding handbell group meets on Tuesdays from 6:30–8:00. If you have experience ringing handbells, give Doug a call. We can always use another ringer!

If you are interested in participating in our excellent **Praise Team, Uncommon Grace**, or our **Country/Western Group, One in the Spirit**, call David Ballard, our Associate Director of Music. If you are interested in singing an offertory, call Cindy Hoff, our Assistant Director of Special Music.

Do you play an instrument?... Join our **Orchestra**! We meet on Wednesdays from 7:00–8:00 and have a lot of fun! We have music for strings, winds, brass and percussion, so no matter what you play, we have music for you!

This month, our Performing Arts Series continues with the incomparable George Dyer in two concerts: Fri., 1/9 at 7:30pm and again on Sat., 1/10 at 3:00pm. This outstanding tenor has been referred to as having "one of the finest tenor voices – living or dead!" He

keeps his voice in shape by singing opera once per year! Otherwise, he has won the Outstanding Voice of the Year Award in Branson, MO, where his shows sell out on a regular basis. His programs include all kinds of music: Sacred, Classical, Popular, Broadway, and perhaps even some Opera – indeed, something for everybody! His first year here, we had 800 people in attendance. His second year here, we had 1500+ in attendance! Now we have him for two concerts and both are always near capacity! Get here early!

On Sun, 1/25 at 3:00pm, we will, for the 10th time, present the world renowned Legacy Quartet. This outstanding group maintains their history of music in the Southern Gospel Men's Quartet Style, but are so much more! Their program features Sacred, Popular, Gospel, and Patriotic music, plus possible surprises! Their concerts always fill our 1200-seat Sanctuary, so be sure and come early. Ladies, challenge your men-folk to sing as low as Legacy's bass, Norm Huxman!

Both concerts are open to the public at no charge as free will offerings will be received. Everyone is asked to please bring at least one non-perishable food item per person for the GCUMC Food Bank. This is very important at this time of year, as we have an enormous number of families who desperately need our help! Bring your family, friends and neighbors to these concerts and give them a taste of our hospitality, and incredibly great music by these fine musicians! They will be very glad you brought them!

Our Pipes for the Organ Fund continues to grow. This month, we have a committee who will begin researching possible builders, cost, and renovation to the Choir area. I will keep you informed as we proceed with this very exciting project!

I hope this new year, as we think about ways we can – and should – improve our lives, I hope we remember to do something nice for someone that is unexpected, just for the sake of doing something nice for someone unexpected! Truly, this is a blessing for all!

May we all have a very Happy New Year filled with all good things,

*Doug*



Douglas J. Benton, Director of Music Ministries

\*\*\* SAVE THE DATES \*\*\*

- 2/13, Fri., 7:30pm **Harp Fusion**
- 2/15, Sun., 3:00pm **Svyati Duo**
- 2/20, Fri., 7:30pm **Centennial Singers**
- 2/27, Fri., 7:30pm **Quartetto Gelato**





## ARTISANS AT WORK

When we worship in the sanctuary we are blessed with the creative beauty of stained glass, but were you aware of the recent window treatments in the Education Building? With the vision of project coordinator, Sherry Blankenship, the workmanship of Arizona Joe Johnson, Indiana Joe Johnson, Don Hammond and the support of their spouses, Ginny, Peggy and Betty the arch top windows throughout the Education Building are undergoing an incredible and inspired artistic transformation.

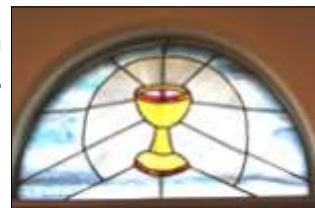
The pictures in this article are the windows completed thus far which have been created in honor or in memory of special family members. In various campus locations, you will find:

- ✚ (Koinonia Room) The Celtic cross in memory of Stuart and Michael Armstrong;
- ✚ (Koinonia Room) The Natal star in memory of Berniece Houser, and;
- ✚ (Koinonia Room) The chalice in honor of Bill and Sharyn Bennett's 50th wedding anniversary;
- ✚ (Noah's Ark Classroom) A lamb in honor of John and Bonnie Lane's grandchildren; and,
- ✚ (Sea of Galilee Room) The first century fishing boat in memory of Jack Virden.



Please take a look and admire the craftsmanship of each piece... and we are not done yet! As the next windows are completed, we will keep you posted. Thanks to all the artists who have spent literally hundreds of hours brainstorming the

pictures, drawing them on paper, painstakingly picking out the glass, creating the windows and installing them. Already the windows have helped to transform each room.



## BEAUTIFYING THE BUILDINGS FOR CHRISTMAS



# SUPPORT GROUPS

## MIND MENDERS

... is a support group for caregivers of Alzheimer's and other dementia disease patients and **meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 GROUP

... provides spiritual support, love, friendship and a helping hand to cancer patients, caregivers and their families, and **meets Wednesdays at 10:30am in Rm 101/102 of the Education Building**. Contact Dee Ashe at 480-924-5483, or 480-685-7175, or [deenashe7580@gmail.com](mailto:deenashe7580@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 addressed them in his book, *Life after Loss*, now in its 5th edition. Please accept his invitation to attend the Grief Support group he leads every **Mon. from 1—2pm in the Education building**. For questions or wish to talk to him privately, you can call him at (602)615-6634.



A Note From Bob...

## COUNTRY WESTERN NEWS



All of us involved in leading the Country Western service at 5:00pm wish you a more than "Happy New Year!..." we wish you a year full of joyful experiences and good health!

We also invite you to come visit us at 5:00pm PM any Sunday. A good old down home country welcome awaits you.

Bob Deits

David Ballard

One in the Spirit musicians and singers

Ron and Chris Houser, Tara Houser-Jones and their "gang."

Our computer operators and sound technicians

**HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR**



## NEW VETERANS MINISTRY

America sent you to war. That may have been a long time ago. We all share a responsibility to you for your service on our behalf. If you wish to tell your story, we will listen and not judge. We will help you come back home. GCUMC is forming a Veterans Ministry where listening and telling can be done in a safe environment. If you'd like to be part of this ministry, watch for upcoming information.





Happy New Year!! It 's time for resolutions to be plotted! Why not start with your knees? A shocking statistic is that by 2020, nearly 6.5 million Americans between the ages of 35—84 are

expected to be diagnosed with knee osteoarthritis. More than half of those new cases will be in the age bracket of 45-64 years, and by 2020 the average age of diagnosis is expected to fall from age 72 to 55. Does this concern you? We are talking about your knees and those of your adult children. Perhaps we should make a concerted effort to encourage our children and grandchildren to become orthopedic surgeons or physical therapists! On the other hand, it's possible to divert this earlier age onset osteoarthritis problem from occurring, but it won't happen while taking it easy, eating the American high-fat, high-carb diet, or ignoring the need for supplementation.

There are several causes of this serious, debilitating health problem, one of which is twice as likely to occur in those who are obese or otherwise known as stout, beefy, brawny, solid in men and plump, heavy or puffy, chubby in women. For every pound of body weight there is a five (5) pound force applied to the knees. If you are 20 pounds overweight an additional 100 pounds of force is being exerted on your knees. Many of the studies say that a 10% weight loss can make a huge difference in relieving the arthritic knee pain, allowing for better knee function and reducing inflammation in the joints. For example, if you weigh 180 pounds, just an 18-pound weight loss can improve your knees. Women are more likely than men to have osteoarthritis of the knees due in part to anatomy because of their wider hips which add stress to their knees. In addition, our love of "High Heeled" shoes is the another gender-specific cause, because the body must shift itself to compensate for the angles high heels create. Prolonged wear of these shoes creates permanent problems. According to the research from the University of Southern California, wearing 3.75" heels may increase stress on your knees by up to 90% compared to half-inch heel. Young women, is it

going to be worth it to be hobbling along down the road in years to come for the sake of vanity? Another study found the altered forces at the knee caused by walking in moderately high heels may predispose degenerative changes in the joint-even those as low as 1.5 inches. Is it worth it? And NO, it did not matter whether the heel was stiletto or wedge. It's much better to opt for comfort over style and reserve those higher heels for only special occasions that do not include extended periods of walking or standing while wearing them.

So what can be a proactive approach to regaining the health of your knees? First consider the Natural Remedies that are very effective and truly backed by science. Below are some suggestions from Dr Mercola, NMD:

- **Vitamin D3/Cartilage loss in your knees**, one of the hallmarks of osteoarthritis, is associated with low levels of Vitamin D3. If you have knee pain, it is highly recommend getting your Vitamin D3 levels tested. If its low you may want to consider supplementation of Vitamin D3 and Vitamin K2.
- **Sulfur/Epsom Salt soaks/MSM** In addition to making sure you are have adequate amounts of sulfur-rich foods in your diet (organic and/or grass-fed beef and poultry, etc.) Dr Stephanice Seneff, a senior scientist at MIT, recommends soaking your body in magnesium sulfate AKA "Epsom Salt" baths to counteract sulfur deficiency. Her recommendation is ¼ cup in a tub of water twice a week. For those who cannot get in and out of a tub, do a foot soak in very warm water in a dishpan of dissolved 1/8 cup of epsom salts for 15-20 minutes at least 2-3 times per week. You can also make a compress and place it on the affected knee while soaking your feet. The third component of this segment is Methylsulfonylmethane also known as MSM, an organic form of sulfur and a potent antioxidant naturally found in many plants. It is available in supplement form.
- **Infrared laser treatment (K-laser)** is a relatively new therapy that speeds healing by increasing tissue oxygenation and allowing injured cells to absorb photons of light. The special type of laser used has positive affects on muscles, ligaments

and even bones so it can be used to speed the healing of traumatic injuries as well as chronic problems like arthritis of the knee.

- ⇒ **Astaxanthin** is an antioxidant that affects a wide range of inflammation mediators, in a gentler, less dense way and without the negative side effects of steroidal and NSAID drugs. It may significantly reduce inflammation as was found in a study where more than 80% of the arthritis sufferers improved. It is a supplement that can be found in gel cap form and requires a 4 mg dose to be most effective. It has many other wonderful benefits and worth adding to your arsenal for good health.
- ⇒ **Boswellia** (Indian frankincense) is very good at pain and inflammation relief, and with continued use, it may improve blood flow to your joints boosting their strength and flexibility. It can be taken orally and is available as an Essential oil that can be applied topically to the affected area.
- ⇒ **Tumeric/Curcumin** anti-inflammatory benefits of curcumin were found in a study in the Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine to be as effective as Ibuprofen (Motrin) to relieve osteoarthritis knee pain without the negative side effects of NSADS that can do serious harm with prolonged use.
- ⇒ **Omega 3 fats** are excellent for arthritis because they reduce inflammation. Taking 2000mg daily in divided doses can help. Look for Omega 3s that have high DHA and EPA which provide a boost to the brain and heart, as well.

If you have any questions feel free to call me at 480-390-1496. Here's a toast to your health in 2015!

Susan Malloy, RN, BSN, GCUMC Parish Nurse

**PS:** Watch for the announcement/flyers for the RIGHTPATHS Health Screenings set for February 26 & 27, 2015!

## PASTORAL & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

*Joel Hurley, Coordinator of Pastoral 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. Or, after hours, you may call or email one of the pastors directly:

**Rev. Fred Steinberg, Senior Pastor**

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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.**

ioelhccjl@gmail.com

602.291.0464



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

## BECOME A PRAYER PARTNER!

The printed prayer list included in the Sunday worship folder appears on just one side of the sheet. This means that when it's posted on your bulletin board or refrigerator the whole list will be visible and easily used. The entire prayer list, including on-going needs, is available to all Prayer Partners. **You can become a Prayer Partner by calling the church office with your e-mail address.** Each Monday or Tuesday you will receive an up-to-the-minute message from "gcumcprayers" that includes the requests spoken on Sunday. Prayer Partners also receive additional urgent requests that come in during the week. You are invited to share in this quiet but powerful ministry.





## “STICHES UNLIMITED” OR “QUILTS FOR ST. ANDREWS”

As this is an ongoing mission, please continue to collect toiletries, stuffed animals and wish list items, and if you'd like to participate in the March 2015 trip, please watch for sign-up information closer to the date. If you are out at garage sales and see umbrella strollers or blenders, they are greatly needed and appreciated for the children. Please collect and hold them until February 2015, and we will collect them from you at that time.

We are already working on projects for the next trip in March, and have quilts ready to be basted together, fabric to cut into squares, toiletry bags to be sewn, and many other tasks. We'd love for you to join us the last Tuesday of the month! We meet from 9:00am - 2:00pm with time-out for lunch (*bring your own*). Even if you don't quilt, you can use a sewing machine, iron, a rotary cutter, or play with fabric scraps and colors. We can find a job for you! For questions, or more info, call Bonnie Becker (480)250-9652.



## PLASTIC MATS FOR THE NEEDY

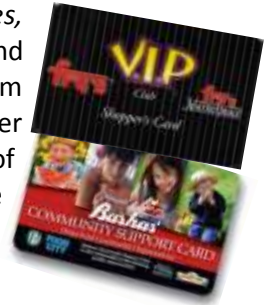
Want to help the environment and the needy at the same time? The first meeting for the project of making sleeping mats for our people in need, will be held at the church on Jan 14th at 1:00 PM in Room 101/102.

Please bring: plastic grocery bags, large crochet hook (L—P) old scissors or cutting mat and wheel.

If you cannot crochet and would like to learn, this would be a good project since there is no fit required. If you would like to help and don't want to crochet, we do need help in the cutting and rolling into balls. Just want to stop by and see what we are doing, please feel free to do so. Questions? Call Reta 480.288.0468.



Did you know Bashas', Albertson's and Fry's help non-profit organizations — like GCUMC — by giving us a rebate on all purchases made when you use their cards **that are obtained from and/or connected to GCUMC?** The money earned helps pay for the church bus and van (*gas, licenses, maintenance, insurance, etc.*), and we've already raised \$144,000 from these grocery store programs! After expenses are covered, the balance of the funds goes toward the purchase of a covered structure to protect these vehicles.



### ⇒ **Bashas' (6% rebate) Community Support**

**Cards** can be purchased (cash or check) from the church in denominations of \$20, \$50 or \$100, and be 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.

### ⇒ **Albertson's (1% rebate)** offers a key tag you swipe each time at checkout.

### ⇒ **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!

Additional Info is available at the Sunday Information Desk or in the Church Office, or from Betty at (480)380-0147. Thank you for your continued participation!





## GLOBAL MISSIONS

*"...We will strive to be a church that serves our community and the world, realizing and sharing the satisfying and abundant life Christ brings to all people."*

**"The world is my parish." – John Wesley**

We ask your prayers! Ruth and Don DeWinter, Nancy and Peter Denman, Charlie and Caryl Lang, Randi Olson and Fay Quanstrom, the eight volunteers from GCUMC who compose the 2015 Global Missions Work Team will be flying to San Jose, Costa Rica on January 10. They will be supporting the Rice and Beans Ministry (Advance #3021052) there. In addition to food distribution the team will be interacting with children in structured settings and working on building construction for Evangelica Iglesia Metodista. This experience will be "on the ground," in the neighborhoods, and directly with local people, coming to understand their everyday lives and struggles and their joy in Jesus Christ.



Please pray for travel and worksite safety, good health, spiritual growth, and positive interactions with local leaders and community members.

The team goes with the prayer of Psalm 67: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations (v.1).

The challenge to team members comes from Philippians 4:7-9: And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

The team will be eager to share its experiences with you on their return!



### THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL NEEDS

To donate to UMCOR on behalf of the following emergency, please write your check to GCUMC and write "UMCOR Advance ##### (fill in appropriate number)" on memo line. 100% of donation goes to those affected.

- **Liberia Emergency** ~ Advance #150300
- **Cote D'Ivoire Crisis** ~ Advance #982450
- **Imagine No Malaria** ~ Advance #3021190
- **Wings of Caring Projects** ~ Advance #08595A (*Supports evangelism, education, transportation & medical emergencies in rural areas*)
- **Philippines, Typhoon Disaster Relief** ~ Advance #240235
- **Disaster Response, International - Projects** ~ Advance #982450 (*Quick response to meet emergency needs around the world*)

For more ways to help, or to donate online, go to:  
<http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/>  
 or follow UMCOR on Twitter at @UMC\_UMCOR





## DOUBT OR FAITH?

It's that time of year again. The New Year, that time when many or most of us reflect upon our lives and think about the coming year and what may be different. We may think about past difficulties, hopes, failures, dreams, or successes, and wonder how the coming year will play out in the story of our lives. We may even commit to a promise to ourselves to change something about our lives this year, make a hard decision, or tackle a particularly difficult habit to break. Sometimes though, those dreams, promises or "resolutions" can set us up for disappointment. While I believe we have to "set the bar" high in all that we do, in order to reach the potential God has given each and every one of us through the gifts he's instilled within us; I also know that we have to be realistic.

We have to remember our humanness, and set goals that are attainable for us. And in order to do that, we have to remember God's love for us and His ability to forgive us in ALL of our missteps. And, His ability to be proud of us in our smallest steps and achievements. I recently read the below:

*"...the secret about raising kids is...that as soon as you learn how to handle one situation – diaper rash, teething, whatever – they've grown out of that problem and are on to something else altogether."*

Isn't that the truth?! Do you see the comparison to life that I saw? Just when we've figured 'it' out, the landscape changes!! You'd think we'd learn that although there is some truth to "older and wiser", we still can't manage alone. Unfortunately, I have had to realize at times that I'm a slow learner. I hate to admit it, but yes, it takes daily reminders (prayer, study, scripture, conversations with trusted Christian friends or family, etc.) for me to remain focused on the fact that I don't have to do it all alone. Not only that I don't have to, but that I am incapable of it. God has equipped me with many things, but not the ability to go it alone.

During one of my favorite holiday movies this year I heard this quote again - "If you can't accept anything on faith, you are doomed to a life

consumed by doubt." Any idea where that came from? Forgive me when I admit to putting it in my article when it has no biblical source...or does it? This quote is from Santa Claus, in the new version of Miracle on 34th Street. Although he was directly talking about belief in Santa Claus, my, how well I think that applies to leading the Christian life. The biblical reference below from Matthew speaks most directly to that. And, Pastor John Ortberg says it best in the title of one of my favorite books, "If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat."

God knows we will face extreme challenges in our lives, He expects us to accept them, but He doesn't intend us to do it alone. Just as Jesus didn't expect Peter to walk on water alone. First, we have to let ourselves off the hook for any past regret we may have, just as God has done. Then we need to face the new challenges head on, BUT, with God in our court. Sometimes God works through other humans as we move through life's challenges. If you think you could use a Christian companion to help you walk into the New Year, consider requesting a Stephen Minister. Even if you don't know for sure, just check the box beside "desire a Stephen Minister" on the Sunday morning attendance pad, or contact Stephen Leaders through the church office by calling 480-982-3776 or emailing [churchoffice@goldcanyonumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@goldcanyonumc.org).

by Kim Shroyer on behalf of the Stephen Ministry



## STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINING JANUARY 2015

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a Stephen Minister, or thought about volunteering to become a part of this Ministry? Whether your answer is "Yes" or "No" watch for updated information in upcoming newsletters to learn more about what Stephen Ministers do.

If you're interested in attending an informational session about becoming a Stephen Minister, or already know you desire to join this team, contact the church office and ask them to forward your info to our Stephen Leaders, call 480-982-3776, or send an email to [office@goldcanyonumc.org](mailto:office@goldcanyonumc.org).



## GCUMC HISTORY

*by Barbara Hardesty*

Our first encounter with GCUMC was in January of 1995. This followed a brief visit to Gold Canyon RV Park in 1994, during which we attended an in-park Baptist service for several weeks before beginning our big “drive-around” of the California and Oregon coasts, plus parts of Washington, Idaho and Montana. One of the decisions we made while in the Gold Canyon area was that we would find a Methodist church home the following year when we returned.

Because our weather in North Carolina is not usually very cold until January, February and March, we decided to come for only three months each winter, beginning in January of 1995. One of the first things we did was to inquire about a Methodist church as soon as we returned. We were told that a fairly new congregation was meeting in the cafeteria of Kings Ranch Elementary School, and that all were welcome.

The first Sunday we attended the new church was a joyful experience! There were possible 30–35 people in the congregation, with seven (the Choir) sitting on straight chairs in one corner. Beth O’Hara was the Choir Director. As usual, I had sung all the hymns with great exuberance and mostly from memory. When the service ended, one watchful Choir member immediately found me and said, “You love to sing, don’t you?” to which I replied in the affirmative. Thereafter I had my own straight chair in the corner!

Beth was plagued with severe asthma and found it necessary to give up Choir. About that time, God sent us Nancy Virden and then Mary Ann Warren. Those two worked beautifully together, and Mary Ann soon launched into her usual Sunday morning recruiting of new members. We grew to ten... to fifteen... and to twenty! And Mary Ann, the perfectionist, worked us hard to get everything we could give. It became more than an “experience” to make a “Joyful Noise” under her tutelage... and the Choir grew to 25 or more!

## GCUMC DIRECTORIES

Directories are still available in the Church office or at the Information Table on Sundays. The Directory is a great resource to identify our new friends and fellow worshippers, in addition to having their contact information! If any of your info is incorrect or has recently changed, please contact the Church Office so we can update our database. If you weren’t able to participate in the photo sessions, you can purchase a Directory for \$10.00.



We have a Lost and Found box in the Church office that contains things like jewelry, sunglasses, keys, etc. If you think your item may be with us, stop by!

## PUBLICATION DEADLINES

- **February Roadrunner** — Mon., 1/12/15
- **Weekly Bulletin** — Noon Wednesday

Your GCUMC Publications are brought to you by: Riechia Ralston, Dee Ashe and Georgia Kirkpatrick with help from the Friday Bulletin Team, the Roadrunner Assembly Team, and many other volunteers along the way!



Want to give back to Gold Canyon United Methodist Church beyond your pledge to the General

Budget or the Building Fund? Below are some items that will better enable us to fulfill our mission as a church:

- ✚ Streaming Worship Equipment - \$25,000
- ✚ Playground - \$20,000—\$40,000
- ✚ Stained Glass for upper Sanctuary windows \$105,000 (\$3,000 per panel)
- ✚ Building Fund Loan Payoff (2014: prepaid \$80,000)
- ✚ Organ Pipes
- ✚ Food Bank Building - \$200,000





Jane Hayes, Volunteer Coordinator

## VOLUNTEERS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

### Volunteers are Gifts from God

What better group could I recognize than the Angel Team! Through the tireless efforts of communication led by Carolyn Bates, and Lauren Collins Mitchell, all of our 36 families received applications, were called and confirmed by mail. Then, the Trees group led by Jeff Hayes starts the show with our Angel Trees and 700 tags.



Of course, keeping us all on track was Donna Johnsen and Alyce Ancell with the Inventory and constant work checking it twice... or twelve times. Can you imagine the nightmare of 130 pairs of shoes, pants and shirts when tags are lost?

Along comes the preparation, collection, and storage of hundreds of cookies by Pat Beaver to top off the festive Food Boxes led by Rush and Paula Tucker with Betty Rolley supervising script and gift cards.

Now, let's consider the huge job of our Shoe Shoppers Calder and LaVoyce Nolan. I am so glad he recovered from pneumonia during such a critical time, and LaVoyce had numerous friends to rely on for help. But, what would be ready if it were not for the Wrapping organization of Carole Lindemann? Last, but very importantly, Colette Bos led the teams for Delivery/Pick-up.

When my mother suffered from pancreatitis, so many of you stepped it up to cover areas I usually did. I am most proud of all of my Angel Team leaders. You can imagine a whole page of Angels under each group that make our Angel Tree Ministry successful for 130 children this year. God bless you all for your work. Prayer is an essential key to this group.

We invite you to participate with us next year. If you are willing to offer some of your Spiritual gifts as a GCUMC volunteer,

**PLEASE CALL me!**

### SUNDAY SNACKS



The Coffee Hour Ministry needs volunteers... once a month and even alternate! Please contact Jane Hayes through the church office for more info on how you can help!

You've undoubtedly noticed the appealing platters of fresh fruit and cheese and a variety of sweets that are available to accompany your coffee. **Everyone is welcome to enjoy the coffee hour tables.** There is no charge, however, your contributions are important to the continuance of this hospitality. Please help keep this aspect of our Team Outreach welcome alive with your contribution!

### DEDICATED HEARTS

Dedicated hearts like yours  
are not so easy to find.  
It takes a special person to be  
so generous and kind.

To care so much for your fellow man  
is a quality all too rare.  
Yet you give of your time and talents,  
for all in need to share.

So thank you for being a volunteer,  
we're privileged to work with you.  
We want you to know  
how appreciated you are,  
Not just today...  
but the whole year through.

## DONATIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

NOVEMBER	2012		2013		2014		2013	2014
	General	Building	General	Building	General	Building	Worship All	Worship All
1st	19445	6016	19033	8009	24747	13058	646	1203
2nd	20314	18631	12663	3571	21587	7177	730	1225
3rd	12454	11732	12930	5363	16035	3574	868	1449
4th	17194	4613	13334	6274	18250	3050	1023	1371
5th	0	0	0	0	22919	7356	-	1391
TOTAL	66407	40992	57960	23217	103538	34215	3267	6639



### HIT THE "EASY" BUTTON!

If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions, you are encouraged to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions.

✦ **eGiving:** [www.GoldCanyonUMC.org](http://www.GoldCanyonUMC.org)

Make Donation

✦ **VANCO Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):**

If it's easier, you can complete a VANCO EFT Form (available from the Church Office, and it can be emailed to you!).

***Thank you for your generosity and support!***



### BIBLE BANTER

Mondays, 9:30-10:30am  
Mtn. Brew Coffee House  
6832 S. Kings Ranch Rd., #5  
(NW corner of US 60 & Kings Ranch Rd)

All are welcome to join us for coffee and stimulating conversation as we discuss ways in which we can live as faithful Christians in today's world. Don't forget to bring your Bible and any theological topics of conversation you would like us to explore!



### WINTER 2015 PROJECT UPDATE

We are looking forward to participating in renovating a home with a family in Apache Junction this winter as part of our membership in the Superstition Coalition of churches in the East Valley. The home was originally built by Habitat, but has been foreclosed and needs work before it can be occupied by a new Habitat homeowner family.

Habitat homes give families the opportunity to have a stable, safe place they can live for the long-term. These families have often been moving from place to place, from one tiny, cramped apartment or trailer in a bad neighborhood to another, which is especially difficult on the children.



### HONEY-DO HOME REPAIR MINISTRY

Do you know someone who needs minor repairs around the home, but has little or no resources or can no longer do it? We do jobs like changing smoke detector batteries, leaky faucet repair, replacing a faulty outlet, moving some furniture, replacing a door lock or other small projects. Referrals and/or requests can be made by calling John or Nancy at 907-232-8203 or at [goldcanyonhoneydo@att.net](mailto:goldcanyonhoneydo@att.net).





# JANUARY



Kay Bennett	1/1
Doris Kingery	1/1
Dena Sohocki	1/1
Sheila Ziegrowsky	1/1
Sonia Holbrook	1/4
Rhonda Short	1/4
Don Wilson	1/4
Ruth Clymer	1/5
Ron Logan	1/5
Nancy Virden	1/5
Angela Barraza	1/8
Ray (Pat) Calihan	1/8
Channan Cassella	1/8
Troy Matthews	1/11
Nicholas Saathoff	1/11
Judith Bowman	1/12
Gloria Charette	1/12
Mark Eilers	1/12
David Osborn	1/12
Charles (Charlie) Palmer	1/12
William (Bill) Beebe	1/13
Florence Allen	1/14
Myra Berry	1/14
Larry Geske	1/14
Karen Mogharbel	1/15
Janine Tirrito	1/15
Lyle Burhans	1/16
Kathryn Hughes	1/16
Kay Johnson	1/16
Peggy Williamson	1/16
Richard (Rich) Cady	1/17
Rick Nefzer	1/18
Myrtice (Ann) Schwartz	1/18
Gabriel Barraza	1/19
Lauren Collins-Mitchell	1/19
Julie Johnson	1/19
Sharon Larson	1/19
Nancy Trout	1/19
Mildred (Mickey) Wenzel	1/19
Carol Wion	1/19
Robert (Bob) Bonestell	1/20
Louise Broadley	1/20
Shelby Olson	1/20
Lynda Hammond	1/21
Sharan Norin	1/21
Kellie Valentine	1/21
Gerald (Jerry) Keyser	1/22

Richard (Rich) Krull	1/22	Frank & Sandy Campbell	1/1
Shirley McMahon	1/22	Bay & Janet West	1/1
Rachel Barnes	1/23	DeMaris & Wayne Hochhalter	1/5
Bonnie Klassen	1/23	Helen & Howard Flowers	1/6
Matthew Anderson	1/24	Connie & Richard Dauenhauer	1/8
Arthur (Art) Hergatt	1/24	Michelle & Robert Pappalardo	1/9
Janet Hergatt	1/24	Beth & Fred Steinberg	1/9
Abed Mogharbel	1/24	Donald & Norma Gaulke	1/10
Tim Carpenter	1/25	Darlene & Gene Huffman	1/15
Jim Ritenour	1/25	Julius & Katharine Keller	1/15
Jaci Allensworth	1/26	Barb & Will Rodgers	1/17
Phyllis Gray	1/26	James & Kathy Serrine	1/17
Bill Nelson	1/26	Carol & David Ballard	1/18
Gail Yoder	1/26	Ginny & Joe Johnson	1/19
Reg Head	1/27	Bonnie & Mike Weaver	1/19
D Eugene (Gene) Kellough	1/27	Judith & Lyle Burhans	1/22
Donna Gavin	1/28	Don & Marcielle Ramacher	1/23
Fred Scharringhausen	1/28	Joe & Rosalie Eubanks	1/24
Patricia (Patti) Baker	1/29	Jayne & Vernon Rolf	1/25
Shirley Feather	1/30	Roger & Shirley Coad	1/29
Cheryl Carpenter	1/31	Albert & Ellen Paone	1/29
Nancy Russell	1/31		



## A NEW YEAR WITH THE LORD

*A new year is about to unfold with new opportunities to explore.  
Doors will open for new experiences; New adventures with the Lord*

*Remember not the former things, the things of this past year;  
The Lord will do new things in us, much more than we are aware.*

*For He will make a way for us, as we put our trust in Him  
and He will guide our every step by His presence we have within.*

*What God has placed within our hearts, we find we'll be able to do  
if we look for the opportunities, we'll see the door to go through.*

*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!*

# KEY

AA = Alcoholics Anonymous NAR = **Noah's Ark Rm**  
 Kit = Kitchen S = Sanctuary  
 MR = Music Rm EB = Education Bldg  
 KR = KR SOG = Sea of Galilee Rm

*This calendar is subject to change:  
 For more info, visit [www.goldcanyonumc.org](http://www.goldcanyonumc.org)  
 or call the Church Office*

Thu Jan 1, 2015—All day New Year's Day

All day OFFICE CLOSED

9am Yoga (KR)

10am Where Moms' Connect (YR)

11:30am Chair Yoga (KR)

6:30pm Where Moms Connect (YR)

Fri Jan 2, 2015—All day OFFICE CLOSED

1:30pm Disciple I Class (101/102)

5:30pm AA (Rm 101/102)

Sat Jan 3, 2015

9:30am Peter Jay Dress Rehearsal (S)

10am Sidewalk Ministries (Offsite)

Sun Jan 4, 2015

8am Adult Fellowship Class (EB)

8am Traditional Worship (S)

8:30am Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR)

9:30am Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)

9:30am Traditional Worship (S)

10:50am Praise Worship (KR)

10:50am Pre-K Children's Sunday School (NAR)

1pm Peter Jay Pre-Concert Rehearsal (S)

3pm Concert: Peter Jay, Violinist (S)

5pm Country Western Worship (KR)

6:30pm Youth Fellowship (YR)

Mon Jan 5, 2015

9:30am Bible Banter (Mtn Brew Coffee House)

1pm Disciple 4 (Rm 101/102)

1pm Grief Support Mtg (SoGR)

3pm Stephen Ministry (Rm 101/102)

7pm AI-Anon (SoGR)

7pm CoDA Mtg (101/102)

Tue Jan 6, 2015

9am Yoga (KR)

11:30am Chair Yoga (KR)

1:30pm Jesus in the Gospels (101/102) TENTATIVE

5:30pm Team Outreach Mtg & Potluck (101/102)

6pm One in the Spirit Rehearsal (KR)

6:30pm Bells Rehearsal (S)

Wed Jan 7, 2015

10am Music Library Activities (MR)

10:30am Cancer Support Group (Rm 101/102)

4:30pm Pioneer Club (SoGR & KR)

5pm Jesus in the Gospels (Rm 101/102)

6pm 'Joyful Noise' Children's Choir (MR)

7pm Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)

Thu Jan 8, 2015

9am Yoga (KR)

10am Where Moms' Connect (YR)

11:30am Chair Yoga (KR)

6pm Financial Peace University (KR)

6:30pm Where Moms Connect (YR)

6:50pm Choir Rehearsal (MR)

Fri Jan 9, 2015

10am Mind Menders (Rm 101/102)

1:30pm Disciple I Class (101/102)

5:30pm AA (Rm 101/102)

7:30pm Concert: George Dyer (S)

Sat Jan 10, 2015

10am Sidewalk Ministries (Offsite)

3pm Concert: George Dyer (S)

5pm S Reserved

Sun Jan 11, 2015

8am Adult Fellowship Class (EB)

8am Traditional Worship (S)

8:30am Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR)

9:30am Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)

9:30am Traditional Worship (S)

10:50am Praise Worship (KR)

10:50am Pre-K Children's Sunday School (NAR)

5pm Country Western Worship (KR)

6:30pm Youth Fellowship (YR)

Mon Jan 12, 2015

9:30am Bible Banter (Mtn Brew Coffee House)

1pm Disciple 4 (Rm 101/102)

1pm Grief Support Mtg (SoGR)

6:30pm Ad Council Mtg (MR)

7pm AI-Anon (SoGR)

7pm CoDA Mtg (101/102)

Tue Jan 13, 2015

9am Yoga (KR)

11:30am Chair Yoga (KR)

1:30pm Jesus in the Gospels (101/102) TENTATIVE

6pm One in the Spirit Rehearsal (KR)

6:30pm Bells Rehearsal (S)

6:30pm Coffee with the Pastor (MR)

Wed Jan 14, 2015

10am Music Library Activities (MR)

10:30am Cancer Support Group (Rm 101/102)

1pm Sleeping Mat Project Team (101/102)

4:30pm Pioneer Club (SoGR & KR)

5pm Jesus in the Gospels (Rm 101/102)

6pm 'Joyful Noise' Children's Choir (MR)

7pm Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)

Thu Jan 15, 2015

9am Yoga (KR)

10am Where Moms' Connect (YR)

11:30am Chair Yoga (KR)

6pm Financial Peace University (KR)

6:30pm Where Moms Connect (YR)

6:50pm Choir Rehearsal (MR)

Fri Jan 16, 2015

9am S Reserved

1:30pm Disciple I Class (101/102)

5:30pm AA (Rm 101/102)

7:30pm Carpe Diem String Quartet (S)

Sat Jan 17, 2015

10am Sidewalk Ministries (Offsite)

2pm Wedding: Houtcooper/Beckett (S)

Sun Jan 18, 2015

8am Adult Fellowship Class (EB)

8am Traditional Worship (S)

8:30am Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR)

9:30am Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)

9:30am Traditional Worship (S)

10:50am Praise Worship (KR)

10:50am Pre-K Children's Sunday School (NAR)

5pm Country Western Worship (KR)

6:30pm Youth Fellowship (YR)

Mon Jan 19, 2015—All day Martin Luther King Day

9:30am Bible Banter (Mtn Brew Coffee House)

1pm Disciple 4 (Rm 101/102)

1pm Grief Support Mtg (SoGR)

3pm Stephen Ministry (Rm 101/102)

7pm AI-Anon (SoGR)

7pm CoDA Mtg (101/102)

Tue Jan 20, 2015

9am Yoga (KR)

11:30am Chair Yoga (KR)

1:30pm Jesus in the Gospels (101/102) TENTATIVE

5:30pm Houser Gang (KR)

6pm One in the Spirit Rehearsal (KR)

6:30pm Bells Rehearsal (S)

Wed Jan 21, 2015

10am Music Library Activities (MR)

10:30am Cancer Support Group (101/102)

1pm Sleeping Mat Project Team (101/102)

4:30pm Pioneer Club (SoGR & KR)

5pm Jesus in the Gospels (Rm 101/102)

6pm 'Joyful Noise' Children's Choir (MR)

7pm Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)

Thu Jan 22, 2015

9am Yoga (KR)

10am Where Moms' Connect (YR)

11:30am Chair Yoga (KR)

6pm Financial Peace University (KR)

6:30pm Where Moms Connect (YR)

6:50pm Choir Rehearsal (MR)

Fri Jan 23, 2015

10am Mind Menders (Rm 101/102)

1:30pm Disciple I Class (101/102)

5:30pm AA (Rm 101/102)

Sat Jan 24, 2015

9am Gold Canyon Arts Council, Annual Arts Festival

(S, Grounds, Kitchen)

10am Sidewalk Ministries (Offsite)

Sun Jan 25, 2015

8am Adult Fellowship Class (EB)

8am Traditional Worship (S)

8:30am Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR)

9:30am Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)

9:30am Traditional Worship (S)

10:50am Praise Worship (KR)

10:50am Pre-K Children's Sunday School (NAR)

3pm Concert: Legacy Quartet (S)

5pm Country Western Worship (KR)

6:30pm Youth Fellowship (YR)

Mon Jan 26, 2015

9:30am Bible Banter (Mtn Brew Coffee House)

1pm Disciple 4 (Rm 101/102)

1pm Grief Support Mtg (SoGR)

7pm AI-Anon (SoGR)

7pm CoDA Mtg (101/102)

Tue Jan 27, 2015

9am Stitches Unlimited (Rm 101/102)

9am Yoga (KR)

11:30am Chair Yoga (KR)

1:30pm Jesus in the Gospels (101/102) TENTATIVE

6pm One in the Spirit Rehearsal (KR)

6pm Trustee Mtg (Pastor Fred's Ofc)

6:30pm Bells Rehearsal (S)

Wed Jan 28, 2015

8am Newsletter Team (MR)

10am Music Library Activities (MR)

10:30am Cancer Support Group (Rm 101/102)

1pm Sleeping Mat Project Team (101/102)

4:30pm Pioneer Club (SoGR & KR)

5pm Jesus in the Gospels (Rm 101/102)

6pm 'Joyful Noise' Children's Choir (MR)

7pm Orchestra Rehearsal (MR)

Thu Jan 29, 2015

9am Yoga (KR)

10am Where Moms' Connect (YR)

11:30am Chair Yoga (KR)

6pm Financial Peace University (KR)

6:30pm Where Moms Connect (YR)

6:50pm Choir Rehearsal (MR)

Fri Jan 30, 2015

1:30pm Disciple I Class (101/102)

5:30pm AA (Rm 101/102)

Sat Jan 31, 2015

10am Sidewalk Ministries (Offsite)



## 2015 PERFORMANCES & EVENTS AT GOLD CANYON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1/4/15	Sun	3:00pm	<b>Peter Jay &amp; the Ceili Band Concert...</b> one of GCUMC's own!
1/9/15	Fri	7:30pm	<b>George Dyer</b> World famous Christian Tenor from Branson, MO
1/10/15	Sat	3:00pm	<b>George Dyer</b> World famous Christian Tenor from Branson, MO
1/18/15	Fri	7:30pm	<b>* Carpe Diem String Quartet</b>
1/25/14	Sun	3:00pm	<b>Legacy Quartet</b> Southern Gospel Tradition and sooo much more!
2/8/15	Sun	3:00pm	<b>Kiriku Handbell Ensemble</b> from Japan – one of the world's finest!
2/13/15	Fri	7:30pm	<b>* Harp Fusion</b> Harp ensemble from Tucson returns again!
2/15/15	Sun	3:00pm	<b>Svyati Duo</b> Renowned Organ and Cello duet from Great Britain
2/20/15	Fri	7:30pm	<b>Centennial Singers</b> Large Men's Chorus from Michigan
2/22/15	Sun	5:00pm	<b>Houser Gang in Concert</b> One of Gold Canyon's favorites
2/27/15	Fri	7:30pm	<b>* Quartetto Gelato</b> very unusual quartet in a return engagement!
3/1/15	Sun	3:00pm	<b>Spring Concert</b> featuring brass, bells, orchestra, just about everyone!
3/22/15	Sun	3:00pm	<b>Rice Brothers in Concert</b> fresh from their performance in Carnegie Hall!
3/27/15	Fri	7:30pm	<b>* Ballet FolkLorico</b> Latin music and dance
3/29/15	Sun	2:00-5:00pm	<b>Eggstravaganza</b> Spring community event for the entire family
4/2/15	Thu	7:00pm	<b>Maundy Thursday Service</b> with Choir and Communion
4/3/15	Fri	7:00pm	<b>Good Friday: Dubois' "Seven Last Words of Christ"</b> by the Choir
4/5/15	Sun	6:00am	<b>Easter Sunrise Service</b> with communion
4/5/15	Sun	8:00&9:30am	<b>Easter Festival Services</b> with Choir, Brass and Bells
4/5/15	Sun	10:50am	<b>Easter Praise Service</b> with Uncommon Grace
4/5/15	Sun	5:00pm	<b>Easter Country/Western Service</b> with One in the Spirit
4/19/15	Sun	3:00pm	<b>Interfaith Choral Festival at Superstition Foothills Baptist Church</b>

\* Indicates a ticketed event for a fee, sponsored by the Gold Canyon Arts Council, Canyon Sounds or the Gold Canyon Soroptimists. All other concerts are sponsored by Gold Canyon United Methodist Church Performing Arts Series and are open to the public at no charge though a free will offering will be received. We ask that everyone please bring at least one non-perishable food item per person for the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church Food Bank.



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## 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
- ✝ 10:50am Children

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**8:00 & 9:30 AM**

**Traditional ~ Sanctuary**

**10:50 AM**

**Praise ~ Koinonia Room**

**5:00 PM**

**Country Western ~ Koinonia Room**

*(Last Sunday of the Month Only in June, July & August)*

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