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FROM THE PASTOR: "CONFRONTED BY TERRORISM"

Our country has been rocked by terrorism yet again. As of the writing of this article, we have been startled by the attack in San Bernardino, California. We continue to hear more and more information about how the attack had been in the planning for a length of time. It is hard for most of us to understand the level of anger and hatred that would allow someone to attack their fellow workers or kill people who had given the attackers a baby shower.

I know this attack has made some fearful. It has also caused some to want to retaliate. One church member wrote me a note and said he felt angry at Muslims but was also uncomfortable with this anger. He knew he needed to come up with a different response than wanting revenge. He wondered how to do it.

Four days after the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, Max Lucado wrote a prayer in response to the violence:

"Dear Lord, we're still hoping we'll wake up. We're still hoping we'll open a sleepy eye and think, what a horrible dream.

But we won't, will we, Father? What we saw was not a dream. Planes did gouge towers. Flames did consume our fortress. People did perish. It was no dream and, dear Father, we are sad. There is a ballet dancer who will no longer dance and a doctor who will no longer heal. A church has lost her priest, a classroom is minus a teacher. Cora ran a food pantry. Paige was a counselor, and Dana, dearest

Father, Dana was only three years old. (Who held her in those final moments?)

We are sad, Father. For as the innocent are buried, our innocence is buried as well. We thought we were safe. Perhaps we should have known better. But we didn't."

How do we respond to terrorism? What is the Christian response? Is it true all religions are violent? Is there a difference between how religions handle violence?

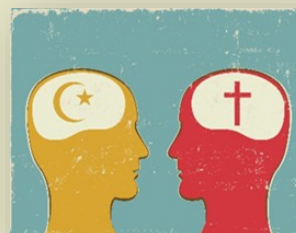
In fairness to the issue of violence, I have chosen to preach a three week sermon series on violence as it is found in Christianity, Islam and other religions. We will finish the series with a message on what our response should be to the growing trend of terrorism from Muslim extremists. I will see you on Sunday. May God's peace be with you.

Grace and peace,

Fred

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES "RELIGIOUS CONFLICT?"

- ✝ Jan. 17 – Violence in the Bible
- ✝ Jan. 24 – Religions & Violence
- ✝ Jan. 31 – Christian Response to Islam



"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

Sidewalk Ministry is an outreach ministry for children, many of whom do not attend a Church. Sidewalk is held Oct. - April, with GCUMC volunteers acting as "Shepherds", loving & 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., A.J. This would be a great opportunity to see our ministry in action.

We had a busy December, with lessons leading up to the birth of Jesus. The children decorated bags for the Beans & Rice Ministry. On Dec. 12th we all walked to Aurora House Assisted Living Home, bringing some joy to the residents there, "sharing life stories", making an ornament, singing a special song, and saying The Lord's Prayer together. On Dec. 19th, we celebrated Jesus' birth and made a craft of a Manger scene. The children received Christmas bags & gift cards from Desert Southwest Conference of UMC.

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 & their families.

As we look forward to the New Year with Sidewalk, we will continue teaching the children about our Amazing God, and our Savior Jesus, through Bible stories. Our ministry has been so blessed with God's favor, with all the generous donations from the GCUMC congregation and our community. We are grateful for your continued support and prayers for our ministry. A BIG THANK YOU to all the wonderful volunteer Shepherds and your dedication to the children of Sidewalk.

We are in need of more volunteers. If you are available on a Saturday morning, we have many

opportunities in our ministry. Please call Sherry Hussein at (480) 529-9621 for more information. Happy New Year & God bless you all!

CONFIRMATION



This month begins the journey of Confirmation for four students: Dalton Adams, Amy Hansgaard, Zack Hartman, and Kateland Williams. Please pray for their 13-week study which will culminate in their membership ceremony in May.

Please also pray for Katharine Keller as she teaches and learns alongside them.

FIELD TRIP FRIDAY



On Friday, January 8th our A.J. children who don't have school and any interested adults will be going to Boyce Thompson Arboretum in Superior. The church van will leave the church at 9:30am; we will walk/

hike around the spacious sections, and then end with a picnic lunch on-site. The cost is \$3 for children and \$8 for adults. In addition each person is to bring their own bag lunch. Beverages will be provided. Please remember to also bring a water bottle and wear sunscreen or a hat.



Reserve your spot now by calling the church office or emailing Katharine at ladiebug1214@gmail.com.

KIDZ KANYON



Who says Sunday School isn't the place to learn about Jesus and still have fun? Check our Facebook page highlighting our GCUMC Children's Program. If you're on Facebook, search for GCUMC "Kidz Canyon" to

see what's trending from birth through 6th grade and view pictures of our activities.

MONTHLY MINION: PARISH VIATOR



- **Favorite Food:**
Any type of cake
- **Favorite Activity:**
Loves to dance with her ballet company; she was just in the Nutcracker as a fight scene doll; also loves to read, play with friends and swim

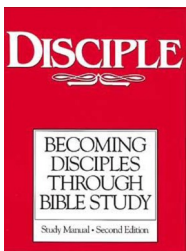
• What she likes about church:

Wednesday nights at Pioneer Club because of her teachers and friends. She also likes to learn Bible verses and read the Bible .

• What she thinks God is like:

He is forgiving and peaceful but mostly loving

DISCIPLE I HALF-YEAR STUDY



Beginning Wednesday, January 6th we are offering another DISCIPLE I class, but participants will only study the first half of the curriculum and the course will end on Wednesday, April 27th. The second half of the study will be offered in the winter of 2017.

Your facilitator will be Mike Paul. You may sign up on Sunday at the Welcome Center or in the Education Building or you may call the office and express your desire to be in this class.

LAVENDER SPRINGS SPA

WOMEN'S WINTER 1-DAY RETREAT SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2016



Lavender Springs Spa is a retreat where women slow down and enjoy time with other women and with God. It's an in-depth Bible study of the book of Psalms, an unforgettable worship experience, and an opportunity to rest in God's faithfulness during the ups and downs of life.

We will be gathering at the Arizona Golf Resort in Mesa in the Garden Pavilion Room. We begin with continental breakfast at 8:30am and will finish by 3:30pm.

Cost is \$75 per person, which covers a continental breakfast and lunch, and all materials. You do not need to bring a Bible, as individual workbooks are provided.

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!

AED/CPR TRAINING



The Apache Junction Fire Department will be coming to Gold Canyon United Methodist Church to do a 1-hour training — mainly on the AED (Automated External Defibrillator), but also on basics of CPR on **Saturday, January 9th from 9:00–10:00am** in the Education Building.

There is an AED device in both of our church buildings; it's helpful if many people in the congregation are comfortable using it in case of a medical emergency. Please sign up either by calling the office or by signing up on Sunday. There is no charge for this training. If you have any questions, please contact Katharine Keller.

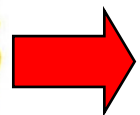


FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

Tuesday, Feb. 9th
5:00pm–7:00pm



But Wait...
THERE'S MORE!



CHURCH LADIES ADVENTURE CLUB

In December, the ladies tapped into their creative side at *Party with Paint* in Mesa!



THE JOY OF A CHRISTMAS JAR



What if a person could capture the joy of Christmas and hold it all year through? Consider starting a Christmas Jar for just such a purpose. Yes, Christmas and Epiphany are past and Lent arrives soon, but it's not too late for this project. Here's how it works.

Dedicate a glass jar or other container of your choice as your Christmas Jar. Label it, decorate it, or leave it plain. Then tuck into it coins and bills throughout the year. Perhaps you'd add your end-of-the-day spare change, or commit to drop a specified amount of money to add each week or month or allocate all your dimes to the jar. You might put into it "laundered money" that comes through the wash, or your grocery store coupon savings or any windfall cash.

All year long as you add to the jar you pray for a person whom you don't even know, but whose life will be brightened by your anonymous gift at the end of the year. By December you would have a special surprise to give to someone in need. By this act of true kindness you would celebrate the joy of generosity in a wonderful way next Christmas, and you've begun a worthwhile annual tradition!





GCUMC Youth Group News

By Beth Steinberg, Youth Director



SHAREHOLDERS' DINNER

Saturday Jan. 30th from 5:00pm—7:00pm
Koinonia Room of the Education Building

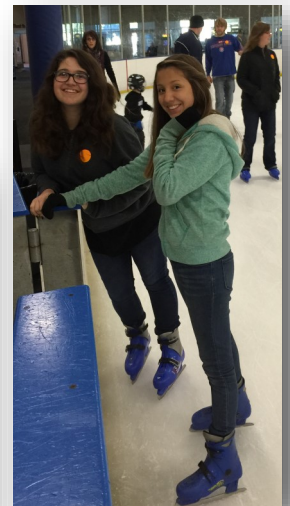


For those of you who have donated to the youth mission trip or youth ministry program, you are invited to our annual Shareholder's Dinner. We will show a video of our trip from last summer's project in San Diego and some of the youth will share about their experiences.

Please RSVP to Beth Steinberg by Jan. 23rd if you plan to attend this dinner. You can call the church office at 982-3776 or send an email to bethstein92@gmail.com to let her know you are coming.



YOUTH GROUP PICS: ICE SKATING AT ARIZONA ICE IN GILBERT



YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY CLASS

(7th—12th Grades)

Sunday mornings at 9:30am

Education Building

Creative Bible lessons & discussions!

YOUTH GROUP

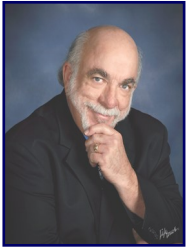
(7th—12th Grades)

Sunday nights 6:30pm—8:30pm

Education Building

Fun, faith-based programs and fellowship!

MUSIC NOTES *by Doug Benton*



January is a time of reflection of the past and anticipation of the future. I find it very refreshing to relive the “good stuff” of the past, evaluate the causes and effects of the “bad stuff” and figure out a way to either keep the bad stuff out of my life or turn the bad stuff somehow into good stuff. Of course, it is always fun to challenge oneself to come up with, uh, “reasonable” New Year’s Resolutions! However, I find this is usually more of an exercise in futility than a positive goal!

Thanks to the many musicians who spent so many extra hours rehearsing for our Christmas Concerts, Christmas Eve Services and other special music for our worship. I really appreciate your extra efforts and your incredible dedication to serving Christ and His people! I pray this new year will continue to be as fulfilling musically and spiritually as last year was.

If you are interested in singing, please come and share your voices with us. There is no audition. All we ask is that you are able to match pitch and read music at least a little. The **Chancel Choir** rehearses on **Thursday evenings** from **6:50pm–8:30pm** in the **Music Room** (entrance is the Northeast double doors of the Sanctuary building). If you have any questions, please give me a call at the church.

If you have played an instrument in the past, or play one currently, you’re invited to join our **Orchestra**. We rehearse on **Wednesday evenings** from **7:00–8:00pm** in the **Music Room**, and need all kinds of instruments, especially strings. Dust off your instrument and join us for some great music making! You’ll be glad you did, and so will we!

We are starting a new Handbell group for beginners, **Intro to Handbells** will be led by one of our more experienced ringers and director, **Julie Burzlaff**. This group will meet in the **Sanctuary on Tuesdays** from **5:15pm–6:15pm**, before the Canyon Carillon rehearsal. If you’ve ever wanted to try handbells, come on down! All you have to know is your right hand from your left, and be able to count to 4! Handbells is an activity that almost anyone can do. Of course being as good as those who ring in the **Canyon Carillon** takes time and

experience, but everyone who rings bells started out as a beginner! Join us and find out why handbells has become so popular with every age group, and even with intergenerational groups! **No experience is necessary...** Just a desire to have fun and learn something new!

Pipes for the Organ: We now have a cost (good for only a couple of months), but at least we know approximately what we need to complete this project. The current cost would be \$200,000 which would include 4 extended ranks of actual wind-blown pipes, the digital interface with our Rodgers organ, the blower and winding systems (regulators, wind chests, etc.). The quote we had before was for \$350,000, so this project has been scaled back, but it will still provide us with real pipes for what pipes can do and the best digital electronics available today. I am hoping to put the case design (much more interesting than the design we had before) in the next newsletter, but I want the Administrative Council to see it first. To date, we have well over \$45,000 (over 20%)! My sincere thanks to all those who have donated gifts, both large and small! We have many who give to the pipes every week. If you would like to donate, just put “Organ Pipes” on the memo of your check. If you would like make a substantial donation, you may talk with either Pastor Fred or myself.

We have three outstanding events coming up in January:

- The first is the incomparable, incredible tenor, **George Dyer** on **Friday, January 8th** at **7:30pm**. This is his only concert in Gold Canyon, so come early, as we expect him to fill the Sanctuary. The last time George performed only one concert here, we had an audience of over 1,500 people in our 1,200-seat Sanctuary! I’m sure many of you remember that! George has starred in movies, and performed in operas and oratorios throughout North America and in many countries throughout the world. In addition to opera, George is a very gifted performer of musical theater and a regular performer in Branson, Missouri, where he has been voted “Male Vocalist of the Year” and “Best Male Vocalist.” This man is the real thing! If you like Josh Groban, Michael Bublé or Mario Lanza, you will love George Dyer!
- The second event is the fabulous **Legacy Quartet**

Concert on Sunday, January 31st at 2:00pm. They always attract an audience of 1,000 people, so come early! Their music is rooted in the style of the Southern Gospel Men's Quartet, although they offer so much more! They have just returned from their 7th Tour of South Korea. They have also toured throughout North America, including Cuba, spreading the Gospel through their great music. They will also be performing that Sunday morning in church, singing with the Choir, Canyon Carillon and Agape Brass, **"How Great Thou Art"** that we commissioned from **Joel Raney** for the 25th Anniversary of our church.

- **Theater for the Thirsty** will be performing at GCUMC on **Sunday, January 10th** at all three morning services (8:00am & 9:30am Traditional, 10:50am Praise) and again at 2:00pm. Who are they? They are an entertainingly, musically-infused, funny, thought-provoking, redemptive, soul-stirring and imaginative theater that has been performing for over fifteen years. Jeremiah and Vanessa Gamble (*husband and wife*) have been involved in professional theater in the Twin Cities both on camera and on stage. Their passion is creating and performing original works portraying over 100 different characters in their ten original shows ranging from tone-deaf angels to cud-chewing cows! Bring your family, friends and neighbors to see this great, creative, funny, Christian theater duet.



"Jeremiah and Vanessa Gamble portray a stable of funny, sweet characters with spot-on detail."
GRAYDON ROYCE
MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE

"The Psalm King"

Sun., 1/10/16 at 8am, 9:30am & 10:50am & 2:00pm
No admission; Public invited; Bring Food Bank Donation

Both events 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. Best wishes to all for, uh, successful New Year's Resolutions!

Love and blessings to all of our family in Christ,

Doug

Douglas J. Benton
Director of Music Ministries



A NOTE FROM BOB



Happy New Year from One in the Spirit, the Housers, David Ballard and me! We pray you will have a joy-filled year with dreams fulfilled and abundant loving relationships.

We also invite you to add to your experiences of joyful, handclapping worship by accepting our invitation to join us any Sunday at 5 PM in the Koinonia Room of the Education building. The Houser's provide the music on the last Sunday of each month, while One In the Spirit does it for all other Sundays.

You will find a sign made of horseshoes waiting for you. It says simply, "Howdy!" That expresses the warm country welcome you will always find. I will be watching for you so I can offer my own personal greeting and welcome.

Bob Deits





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.



DO YOU LIVE ALONE?



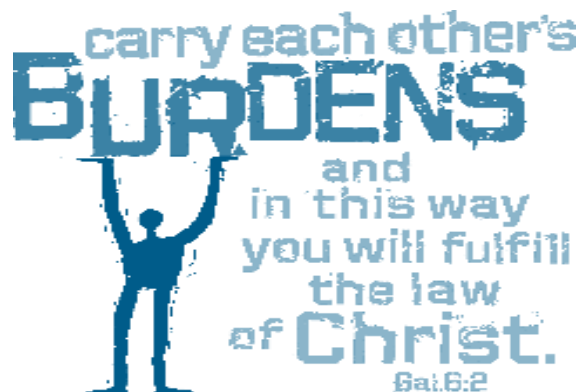
Over 350 of our congregation live alone. If you live by yourself and would appreciate a "well check" phone call each day, please indicate your interest by stopping at the Welcome Center and signing in.

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.

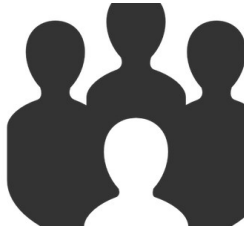
CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

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.

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✝ 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



You are invited to participate in a weekend (3-day) home build in Puerto Penasco (Rocky Point), Mexico, facilitated by Phoenix-based 1Mission, which has been building homes in Puerto Penasco since 2008. The build will be Friday—Sunday, February 26—28, 2016, with travel to Puerto Penasco on Thursday, February 25th.

✝ Reasons to consider this Mission Trip:

1. **It's close:** It's a 4-hour drive from Phoenix into Mexico.
2. **It's brief:** Drive to 1Mission's complex on Thursday in late afternoon and return home on Sunday afternoon (work ends about 2:00pm).
3. **It's inexpensive:** The cost for this build is only \$250 per participant (includes the building materials, housing, and meals). You also pay for travel to Puerto Penasco.
4. **It's comfortable and familiar:** 1Mission's walled complex is a former RV park, with hookups, dormitories for men and women, showers, dining hall, campground, and even a pool.
5. **It's well-run:** The builds are quick, safe and efficient.
6. 1Mission has been conducting builds in Puerto Penasco since 2008 and has a staff.
7. **The basic home is COMPLETED in 3 days**, with all of the celebration and excitement, sense of accomplishment, and enjoyment in seeing a family for the first time have a secure, warm, dry home.



A current passport and Mexican insurance are required. Insurance can be pre-purchased or bought in Ajo at the border. Contact Mike Eyer (Spirit of Hope UMC in Peoria, AZ) at clnmwe@gmail.com or (623)810-5600, or visit www.1mission.org for more information.

✝ January Prayer Request

The Global Missions Work Team leaves on January 16th for a week of construction and food ministry in Alejuela, Costa Rica. Team members John Baker, Caryl and Carl Lang, Peter and Nancy Denman, Katharine Keller, Randi Olson, Fay Quanstrom (trip coordinator) ask your prayers for safe work during construction, effective contacts for the food deliveries, and spiritual growth for each participant. They are counting on your prayer support! To learn a bit more about the work the team will be doing, you can search <vimeo.com/149052114>, Adela's Christmas Wish, for a glimpse of the specific construction project and <riceandbeansministries.com> to learn more about the ministry's food delivery.





W.I.N.

What would a new year be, without thoughts of making changes, forming new habits, succeeding more, and in general just “doing better”? It’s a time when we hear all around us the advertisement of New Year’s resolutions.

Many of us are going into January with fresh thoughts of the Christmas season on our minds. And although we may have great memories, we may also be thinking of things we didn’t get around to...all the things we didn’t have time for...the friends we didn’t get to visit with...the time we didn’t spend in front of the fireplace with family...the joy we didn’t have! Getting caught up in the rush of the season can happen to us even with our best intentions. This makes us all the more ready to re-focus ourselves on what we want to accomplish in the coming year, and resolve to make changes.

The funny thing is, if we’re not careful, the entire year can sometimes slip by without us realizing a sense of accomplishment, happiness or joy. We go so fast that we don’t actually live in the moments in which we find ourselves. We are thinking a step, or three, ahead and missing out on much along the way.

In the late 70’s, while he was the coach of the Arkansas Razorbacks, I got to hear Lou Holtz speak at a Chamber of Commerce banquet. I was very young and frankly knew nothing about the world yet. But I was enamored with his motivational ability, uplifting attitude, and positive outlook.

In later years I read his autobiography *Wins, Losses and Lessons*. It was refreshing to see that he clearly advocates putting God first. And one of his other philosophies always stuck with me. Using the acronym W.I.N – *What’s Important Now* — he stressed that the ability to discern what is important now, versus what can wait, is a key to success in life. As a Christian, award winning coach, and motivational speaker, he seems to have made at least some of that work for him.

When you look at the W.I.N. concept, it is very simple to remember, and actually pretty simple to apply. Well, okay, I know the word “simple” is relative. But if we can even think about it once a day, we have that much better chance of applying it.

And how do we decide what is important now? The world is full of so many “have to do’s”, it can often make it hard to make that decision. I once heard how to make a similar decision that was well explained. It was in regard to the task of simply cleaning out a garage, attic or room in the house, and how hard it is to decide what to keep or let go. It was boiled down to a simple question – Does the item bring you joy? If the answer is no, then let it go. That makes a lot of sense.

This year, make the attempt to apply the W.I.N. philosophy. Review the moments that present themselves and choose those that give you joy. A few examples might be:

- ✚ Clean the house as planned, or go to the movie with your grandchild?
- ✚ Get to that lunch date with friends on time, or stop to help the family whose car is broken down on the side of the road?
- ✚ Accept every overtime shift because the extra money is nice, or spend more time with your loved ones?
- ✚ Follow the same TV viewing schedule each night, or take an impromptu sunset walk?
- ✚ Read for an uninterrupted hour, or pop up to do chores every 5 minutes?
- ✚ Spend 5 minutes on the internet, or in prayer?

Everyone must decide what brings them joy. And although we can’t avoid sitting at the desk and paying the bills, and many other necessities, we can decide **What Is Important Now** on a daily basis and re-discover joy in our lives.

If you could use some Christian companionship to walk with you and help you to better identify the joy in your life, consider a Stephen Minister. Email your confidential request to a Stephen Leader at: stephen.ministry.gcumc@gmail.com, or 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

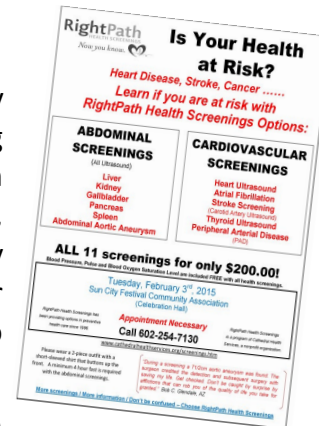


To live a day as if it doesn’t matter, is one of the great tragedies in the world. – Pastor John Ortberg



HEALTHY LIVING 2016

Happy New Year to you all! It's time to set-up some healthy living goals for the New Year, and I hope you will consider taking advantage of the Right Paths Health Screenings coming up in February. Dates are set for Thursday, February 18th and Friday, February 19th (*overflow day*). Flyers will be available in late January or early February with additional information. This past year was an especially great year and I know of at least one couple who is extremely happy, as they were able to basically "saved a life" by doing the screenings.



Other news of interest is that I am officially retiring as of January 1, 2016 as Parish Nurse. I cannot begin to tell you what these past 15 years have meant to me and how much I have enjoyed guiding all of you to be your "healthy best." It is time for me to step-down and hopefully a retired RN will step-up to this volunteer ministry. It has been a blessing beyond measure, and I thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving you and Christ in this way.

Blessings of Health & Wellness,

Susan Malloy RNBSN GCUMC Parish Nurse

2015-2016 PERFORMANCES AND EVENTS AT GOLD CANYON UMC

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| 1/08/16 | Fri | 7:30pm | George Dyer outstanding tenor from Branson, MO |
| 1/10/16 | Sun | 2:00pm | Theater for the Thirsty Christian drama troupe |
| 1/15/16 | Fri | 7:30pm | * Four Freshmen Yes – <i>THE</i> Four Freshmen!!! |
| 1/23/16 | Sat | 9:00-4:00 | Gold Canyon Arts Festival Free by Gold Canyon Arts Council |
| 1/31/16 | Sun | 2:00pm | The Legacy Quartet Southern Gospel and so much more |
| 2/09/16 | Tue | 5-7pm | Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner for entire families and community |
| 2/10/16 | Wed | 7:00pm | Ash Wednesday Service with Choir, communion and ashes |
| 2/12/16 | Fri | 7:30pm | * Fandango spicy mix of Latin, Spanish and Classical sounds |
| 2/23/16 | Tue | 7:30pm | NAU Shrine of the Ages Choral one of the best in the USA! |
| 2/28/16 | Sun | 5:00pm | Houser Gang in Concert our outstanding Country/Western family |
| 3/04/16 | Fri | 7:30pm | * Metales M5 Brass unique brass quintet from Mexico |
| 3/06/16 | Sun | 2:00pm | The Incredible Rice Brothers piano/cello virtuosi return again! |
| 3/13/16 | Sun | 2:00pm | Gene Lowry outstanding jazz pianist (and preacher) in concert! |
| 3/20/16 | Sun | 3-5pm | Eggs-Stravaganza for kids, families and the entire community |
| 3/24/16 | Thu | 7:00pm | Maundy Thursday Service with the Choir and Communion |
| 3/25/16 | Fri | 7:00pm | Good Friday Service Choir sings Dubois' <i>7-Last Words of Christ</i> |
| 3/27/16 | Sun | 6:00am | Easter Sunrise Service in the north parking lot |
| 3/27/16 | Sun | 8, 9:30am | Easter Festival Services with Choir, Handbells and Agape Brass |
| 3/27/16 | Sun | 10:50am | Easter Praise Service with <i>Uncommon Grace</i> leading worship |
| 3/27/16 | Sun | 5:00pm | Easter Country/Western Service with <i>the Houser Gang</i> |
| 4/01/16 | Fri | 7:30pm | * Franc D'Ambrosio outstanding Broadway tenor in concert |
| 4/17/16 | Sun | 2:00pm | Interfaith Choral Festival at Our Savior Lutheran Church |
| 5/24/16 | Tue | 7:30pm | Westminster Choir College Concert Handbells |

* Indicates a ticketed event for a fee, sponsored by the Gold Canyon Arts Council Canyon Sounds series. All other concerts are sponsored by the 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 for the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church Food Bank.

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Did you know vendors like Smile.Amazon.com, Bashas' and Fry's help non-profit organizations — like GCUMC — by giving us a rebate on purchases? Bashas & Fry's Shoppers cards must be **obtained from and/or connected to GCUMC**, and the money earned helps pay for our church bus and van (*gas, licenses, maintenance, insurance*). After expenses are covered, the balance of the funds goes toward **the purchase of a covered structure to protect these vehicles**. We've already raised over \$144,000 from the grocery store programs — *and who doesn't shop on Amazon!* What an **EASY** way to support GCUMC!

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

⇒ **Bashas' (6% rebate) Community Support Cards** can be purchased (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.



⇒ **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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PLEASE WELCOME
OUR
NEW MEMBERS



Cherie Creel

Lester & Greer Lambert
and Suzanne Lambert Christ

Lana & Bill Brinkman



Gary & Geneva Moulzen

WELCOME
TO THE
FAMILY

LOST & FOUND

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



ANGEL TEAM SUCCESS!

What better group could I recognize than the Angel Team! Through the tireless efforts of communication led by Carolyn Bates, Lauren Collins Mitchell, June Welker, Lucy Kidwell and Peggy Wilson, all of our 42 families received applications, were called and confirmed. Then, the Trees group led by Jeff Hayes starts the show with our Angel Trees and 800 tags. Of course, keeping us all on track was Karen and Frank Annin 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 SCRIP and gift cards. Now, let's consider the huge job of our Shoe Shoppers, Calder and LaVoyce Nolan. 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.

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 147 children this year. God bless you all for your work. Prayer is an essential key to this group... and we invite you to participate with us next year!



✝ 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 you are interested, please send an email to: ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org

✝ Can you offer your time and efforts for one Sunday service each month? **HOSPITALITY TEAM** 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.



OUR HISTORY

by Velma Carlson

UNITED METHODIST HERITAGE LANDMARKS

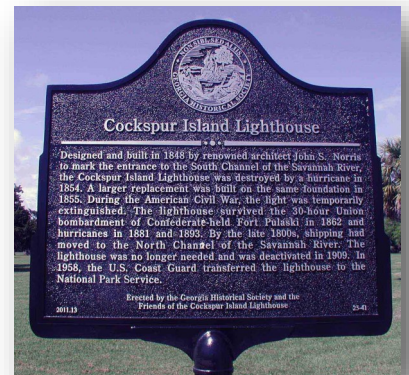
The 2012 General Conference of the United Methodist Church took action and established five new Heritage Landmarks. Three are outside of the United States in the Philippines, Zimbabwe and Liberia. The Heritage Landmarks remind us of the people and events that have shaped our history, and their preservation keeps our denominational legacy alive.

This is just a sample from the publication by the General Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church titled *"A Traveler's Guide to Heritage Landmarks of the United Methodist Church."* The entire publication may be accessed on the website, www.gcah.org. This is a brief sample from the publication:

"Friday, February 6, 1736. About eight in the morning we first set foot on American ground. It was a small, uninhabited island, over against Tybee. Mr. Oglethorpe led us to a rising round, where we all kneeled down to give thanks."

So John Wesley records his arrival on American soil. Today a marker on Cockspar Island commemorates that event. The marker is part of John Wesley's American Parish in Savannah, GA, which also includes the site of Wesley's first service on March 7, 1736, his parsonage and gardens and the Town Hall where he held regular services. Another point of interest is Christ Church, where Wesley served as rector and established the first Sunday School in America.

John Wesley returned to England after only 21 months in America. Methodism returned to America some twenty-five years after he departed. By the 1760's, immigrants began bringing their Methodist beliefs and practices to the American colonies.



For those of you who like to travel, you may want to plan a visit these Landmarks.

EARLY RESPONSE TEAM



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EARLY RESPONSE TRAINING

Early Response Training (ERT) is our conference disaster preparedness. Two training opportunities are scheduled for early in 2016. [Click Here for more information or to register](#), or call the Desert Southwest Conference Office at (602)

- ⇒ **January 23, 2016**, 7:30am registration; 8:00am—4:00pm class time at Dayspring UMC, 1365 East Elliot Road, Tempe, AZ
- ⇒ **February 13, 2016**, 7:30am registration; 8:00am—4:00pm class time at 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

STITCHES UNLIMITED OR QUILTS FOR ST. ANDREWS CLINIC



Many thanks to everyone who contributed quilts and worked at cutting squares, putting kits together, ironing, and sewing bindings. We are working to extend our outreach to local missions, kids and families in our local area as well as the St. Andrews Clinic. We worked with the Angel Tree and Sidewalk Sunday School kids at Christmas. We are already at work on projects for the next trip to St. Andrews in March. We have many quilts basted and ready for quilting, and our quilt kit box is overflowing. Stop in and get a kit or two to work on at home if you cannot stay. Our kits are simple ABC style no bigger than 40" x 60". They include fabric already cut and the directions. You can return the finished top and we will add the batting and backing.

Come join us on the last Tuesday of the month. We begin at about 9:00am and work until about 2:00pm with time out for lunch (bring your own). We usually use our domestic sewing machines to quilt by stitching in the ditch, meandering, or "x-ing" across the squares. If you don't "quilt", but can use a sewing machine, iron, or use a rotary cutter or like to play with fabric scraps and colors, we can find a job for you!

Remember Matthew 25:40 "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'"

For questions or more info call Bonnie Becker at (480)250 9652.

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.

Mrs. Gonzales has lived in this home for 40 years. The homes in this neighborhood were built with no foundation, and she has no heat or A/C. She is a widow who has raised her family here and wants to stay in the home. 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 March 26, 2016.

Please pray for this ministry and consider donating money or time to this effort. Please indicate in your check memo "*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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Several of you have asked about yarn and sizes of prayer shawls. If you knit or crochet a triangle, measure from the bottom point straight up, and when that is at least 36", it should be long enough. If you are making a rectangle, the minimum size would be 20" wide by 60" long. Those are minimum sizes. Many of our recipients are large people, and we want to have our shawls large enough for them to wrap themselves up. A good size might be 25" wide by 72" long.

As to yarn, please do not use Red Heart, as it is coarse and not soft and comforting. We suggest Hobby Lobby's own brand of acrylic called *I Love This Yarn*. Usually you can make a shawl using less than three skeins. It comes in many beautiful colors

and is inexpensive. We appreciate the many hours it takes to make a shawl.

If you wish to join us, we meet the first and third Thursdays from 9-11 in the Sea of Galilee room. If you need more information, please contact Nancy Miller at fnmiller61@msn.com.

FOOD BANK

Janice Workman, Food Bank Volunteer



Statistics of our Food Bank are kept by our very able Food Bank managers, Jeff Downing, Dan Gray and Rush Tucker. These statistics are representative of the needy in our community and the people we aim to serve in their time of need.

During the month of November we served 945 individuals, 285 families and distributed 791 food bags. Year end statistics will be available for publication in the February newsletter.

*"For I was hungry, and you fed me.
I was thirsty and you gave me a drink.
I was a stranger and you invited me
into your home." ~ Matthew 25:34*

So please continue to bring a can (*jar, bottle or box*) to a concert and consider the Food Bank as one of your designated donations for the new year!

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!

GENESIS PROJECT



Your \$200 donation (\$400 if filing jointly) to Genesis Project gets you a dollar-for-dollar tax credit on your Arizona Tax Return. If you already have an AZ Tax Liability, at least equal to the credit amount, then giving is at no cost to you! Arizona's Helping the Working Poor Tax Credit is in addition to any credit you may already receive from donations to a public or private school.

How do I file for the credit? You or your accountant complete a simple form, which is included with materials provided by the State of Arizona to all state tax filers, and send it along with your state tax return. For your convenience, 1) tax

credit forms are available at the Welcome Center and Church Office, or 2) contributions can be made through the Genesis Project website: www.GenesisProjectAZ.com.

At the moment, Genesis needs sleeping bags, jackets, gloves and hats, as the weather is turning colder... Thanks so much for your help!

HONEY-DO HOME REPAIR



Our volunteers are experienced in a wide range of areas and are giving of their talents to make homes comfortable and safe. Some of our volunteers are winter residents from other parts of the country, while others are full-time area residents. Many are retired and some are still working. If you or someone you know is in need of our services, contact John and Nancy Hill (907) 232-8203 or goldcanyonhoneydo@att.com. If you want to join our group of Honey Doers, let us know and we will put your name on the list!

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!

SMALL
groups



AN INVITATION

If you would like to be a part of a small group that shares struggles and joys of the Christian journey, please complete this form and place in the Offering Plate.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____



ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Adult Fellowship Class: Meets Sundays at 8:00am in the Education Building.

Bible Banter: 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.

CARING FOR OUR CONGREGATION

Church Ladies Adventure Club: A variety of monthly events are planned for "adventuresome" ladies from September through May.

Desert Diners: Groups of 8 people (couples and/or singles) that take turns hosting a meal once a month.

Men's Group: Fun, food and fellowship while enjoying a variety of activities and venues.

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Children's Books: A mission that provides reading material to Food Bank clients using donated books as gifts to encourage children to read.

Citrus Gleaning Team: In January volunteers glean citrus unwanted by homeowners for donation to the United Food Bank.

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

One in the Spirit: This group leads music at the Country Service on Sundays at 5:00pm.

Uncommon Grace: A contemporary Christian Praise Team leads worship at the 10:50am service, singing songs you hear on the radio!

... AND MORE!

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!

KIDZ KORNER

HAPPY NEW YEAR

WORD SEARCH

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Celebration

Fireworks

January

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Calendar





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
 SoG = Sea of Galilee YR = Youth Rm

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

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| Fri Jan 1 | All day New Year's Day (OFFICE CLOSED) |
| | 5:30pm AA (ER) |
| Sun Jan 3 | 8am Sunday Morning Bible Study (ER) |
| | 8am Traditional Worship (S) |
| | 8:30am Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR) |
| | 9:30am Children Sunday School (Educ Bldg) |
| | 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) |
| | 5pm Country Worship (KR) |
| | 6:30pm Youth Group (7th-12th) (YR/ER/K) |
| Mon Jan 4 | 9:30am Bible Banter (Offsite) |
| | 12:30pm DISCIPLE 2 (ER) |
| | 1pm Grief Support Mtg (SoG Rm) |
| | 3pm Stephen Ministry (ER) |
| | 7pm AI-Anon (SoG Rm) |
| | 7pm CoDA Mtg (ER) |
| Tue Jan 5 | 9am Yoga-Regular (KR) |
| | 10:15am Yoga-Gentle (KR) |
| | 11:15am Yoga-Chair (KR) |
| | 5:30pm One in the Spirit/Houser Gang Rehearsal (KR) |
| | 5:30pm Team Outreach (ER) |
| | 6:30pm Canyon Carillon Bells Rehearsal (S) |
| Wed Jan 6 | 9:30am Music Library Activities (MR) |
| | 10:30am Cancer Support Group (ER) |
| | 1pm DISCIPLE 1 (ER) |
| | 5pm Pioneer Club (ER) |
| | 6pm Food Bank Evening Hrs |
| | 7pm GCUMC Orchestra Rehearsal (MR) |
| Thu Jan 7 | 9am DISCIPLE 1 (ER) |
| | 9am Yoga-Regular (KR) |
| | 9:30am Prayer Shawl (SoG) |
| | 10:15am Yoga-Gentle (KR) |
| | 11:15am Yoga-Chair (KR) |
| | 2pm Food Bank Training & Dinner (KR/K) |
| | 5:30pm Chanters Men's Chorus (MR) |
| | 6:50pm Choir Rehearsal (MR) |
| | 7pm DISCIPLE 1 (ER) |

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| Fri Jan 8 | 10am Field Trip Friday (Boyce Thompson Arboretum) |
| | 10am Mind Menders (ER) |
| | 1:30pm DISCIPLE 1 (ER) |
| | 5:30pm AA (ER) |
| | 7:30pm Concert: George Dyer (S) |
| Sat Jan 9 | 9am AED/CPR Training (KR) |
| | 1pm Church Ladies Adventure Club (AZ Ice Gilbert) |
| Sun Jan 10 | 8am Sunday Morning Bible Study (ER) |
| | 8am Traditional Worship (S) |
| | 8:30am Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR) |
| | 9:30am Children & Youth Sunday School (Educ Bldg) |
| | 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) |
| | 2pm "Theater for the Thirsty" (S) |
| | 5pm Country Worship (KR) |
| | 6:30pm Youth Group (7th-12th) (YR/ER/K) |
| Mon Jan 11 | 9:30am Bible Banter (Offsite) |
| | 12:30pm DISCIPLE 2 (ER) |
| | 1pm Grief Support Mtg (SoG Rm) |
| | 7pm AI-Anon (SoG Rm) |
| | 7pm CoDA Mtg (ER) |
| Tue Jan 12 | 9am Stitches Unlimited (ER & SoG) |
| | 9am Yoga-Regular (KR) |
| | 10:15am Yoga-Gentle (KR) |
| | 11:15am Yoga-Chair (KR) |
| | 5:30pm One in the Spirit/Houser Gang Rehearsal (KR) |
| | 6:30pm Canyon Carillon Bells Rehearsal (S) |
| Jan 13 | 9:30am Music Library Activities (MR) |
| | 10:30am Cancer Support Group (ER) |
| | 1pm DISCIPLE 1 (ER) |
| | 5pm Pioneer Club (ER) |
| | 7pm GCUMC Orchestra Rehearsal (MR) |
| Thu Jan 14 | 9am DISCIPLE 1 (ER) |
| | 9am Yoga-Regular (KR) |
| | 10:15am Yoga-Gentle (KR) |
| | 11:15am Yoga-Chair (KR) |
| | 5:30pm Chanters Men's Chorus (MR) |
| | 6:50pm Choir Rehearsal (MR) |
| | 7pm DISCIPLE 1 (ER) |
| Fri Jan 15 | 9:30am GCAC School Residency (S) |
| | 1:30pm DISCIPLE 1 (ER) |
| | 5pm S Reserved |
| | 5:30pm AA (ER) |
| | 7:30pm GCAC Concert: The Four Freshmen (S) |
| Sat Jan 16 | Missions Trip |
| | 8am Caregiver's Seminar (KR & K) ****TENTATIVE**** |
| Sun Jan 17 | Missions Trip |
| | 8am Sunday Morning Bible Study (ER) |
| | 8am Traditional Worship (S) |
| | 8:30am Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR) |
| | 9:30am Children & Youth Sunday School (Educ Bldg) |
| | 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) |

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| Mon Jan 18 | 5pm | Country Worship (KR) |
| | 6:30pm | Youth Group (7th-12th) (YR/ER /K) |
| | | Missions Trip / MLK Day (OFFICE CLOSED) |
| | 9:30am | Bible Banter (Offsite) |
| | 12:30pm | DISCIPLE 2 (ER) |
| | 1pm | Grief Support Mtg (SoG Rm) |
| | 3pm | Stephen Ministry (ER) |
| | 7pm | Al-Anon (SoG Rm) |
| Tue Jan 19 | 7pm | CoDA Mtg (ER) |
| | | Missions Trip |
| | 9am | Yoga-Regular (KR) |
| | 10:15am | Yoga-Gentle (KR) |
| | 11:15am | Yoga-Chair (KR) |
| | 5:30pm | One in the Spirit/Houser Gang Rehearsal (KR) |
| | 6:30pm | Canyon Carillon Bells Rehearsal (S) |
| Wed Jan 20 | | Missions Trip |
| | 9:30am | Music Library Activities (MR) |
| | 10:30am | Cancer Support Group (ER) |
| | 1pm | DISCIPLE 1 (ER) |
| | 5pm | Pioneer Club (ER) |
| | 7pm | GCUMC Orchestra Rehearsal (MR) |
| Thu Jan 21 | | Missions Trip |
| | 9am | DISCIPLE 1 (ER) |
| | 9am | Yoga-Regular (KR) |
| | 9:30am | Prayer Shawl (SoG) |
| | 10:15am | Yoga-Gentle (KR) |
| | 11:15am | Yoga-Chair (KR) |
| | 5:30pm | Chanters Men's Chorus (MR) |
| | 6:50pm | Choir Rehearsal (MR) |
| Fri Jan 22 | 7pm | DISCIPLE 1 (ER) |
| | | Missions Trip |
| | 10am | Mind Menders (ER) |
| | 1:30pm | DISCIPLE 1 (ER) |
| | 5:30pm | AA (ER) |
| Sat Jan 23 | | Missions Trip |
| | 9am | GC Arts Festival (Parking Lot) |
| Sun Jan 24 | 8am | Sunday Morning Bible Study (ER) |
| | 8am | Traditional Worship (S) |
| | 8:30am | Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR) |
| | 9:30am | Children & Youth Sunday School (Educ Bldg) |
| | 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) |
| Mon Jan 25 | 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 (SoG Rm) |
| | 6:30pm | Ad Council / Budget Mtg (KR) |
| | 7pm | Al-Anon (SoG Rm) |
| | 7pm | CoDA Mtg (ER) |
| Tue Jan 26 | 9am | Stitches Unlimited (ER & SoG) |
| | 9am | Yoga-Regular (KR) |
| | 10:15am | Yoga-Gentle (KR) |
| | 11:15am | Yoga-Chair (KR) |
| | 5:30pm | One in the Spirit/Houser Gang Rehearsal (KR) |

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| Wed Jan 27 | 6:30pm | Canyon Carillon Bells Rehearsal (S) |
| | 8:30am | Newsletter Team (MR) |
| | 9:30am | Music Library Activities (MR) |
| | 10:30am | Cancer Support Group (ER) |
| | 1pm | DISCIPLE 1 (ER) |
| | 5pm | Pioneer Club (ER) |
| | 7pm | GCUMC Orchestra Rehearsal (MR) |
| Thu Jan 28 | 9am | DISCIPLE 1 (ER) |
| | 9am | Yoga-Regular (KR) |
| | 10:15am | Yoga-Gentle (KR) |
| | 11:15am | Yoga-Chair (KR) |
| | 5:30pm | Chanters Men's Chorus (MR) |
| | 6:50pm | Choir Rehearsal (MR) |
| | 7pm | DISCIPLE 1 (ER) |
| Fri Jan 29 | 1:30pm | DISCIPLE 1 (ER) |
| | 5:30pm | AA (ER) Sat |
| Jan 30 | 3:30pm | Shareholder's Dinner Set-Up (KR / ER / K) |
| | 5pm | S Reserved |
| Sun Jan 31 | 5pm | Shareholder's Dinner (KR / ER / K) |
| | 8am | Sunday Morning Bible Study (ER) |
| | 8am | Traditional Worship (S) |
| | 8:30am | Uncommon Grace Rehearsal (KR) |
| | 9:30am | Children & Youth Sunday School (Educ Bldg) |
| | 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) |
| | 2pm | Concert: Legacy Quartet (S) |
| | 5pm | Country Worship (KR) |
| | 6:30pm | Youth Group (7th-12th grade) (YR/ER /K) |

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 webpage.

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JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday!

Bennett, Kay 01/01
 Kingery, Doris 01/01
 Sohocki, Dena 01/01
 Zieglowsky, Sheila 01/01
 Holbrook, Sonia 01/04
 Short, Rhonda 01/04
 Wilson, Don 01/04
 Clymer, Ruth 01/05
 Logan, Ron 01/05
 Virden, Nancy 01/05
 Barraza, Angela 01/08
 Calihan, Ray (Pat) 01/08
 Cassella, Channan 01/08
 Mulry, Kathleen (Katie) 01/09
 Matthews, Troy 01/11
 Bowman, Judith 01/12
 Charette, Gloria 01/12
 Eilers, Mark 01/12
 Osborn, David 01/12
 Palmer, Charles (Charlie) 01/12
 Beebe, William (Bill) 01/13
 Allen, Florence 01/14
 Berry, Myra 01/14
 Mogharbel, Dr. Karen 01/15
 Tirrito, Janine 01/15
 Burhans, Lyle 01/16
 Hughes, Kathryn 01/16
 Johnson, Kathleen (Kay) 01/16
 Williamson, Peggy 01/16
 Cady, Richard (Rich) 01/17
 Jacobson, Ian 01/17
 Nelson, Stephanie 01/17
 Nefzer, Rick 01/18
 Schwartz, Myrtice (Ann) 01/18
 Barraza, Gabriel 01/19
 Collins-Mitchell, Lauren 01/19
 Larson, Sharon 01/19
 Trout, Nancy 01/19
 Wion, Carol 01/19

Bonestell, Robert (Bob) 01/20
 Broadley, Louise 01/20
 Hammond, Lynda 01/21
 Norin, Sharan 01/21
 Valentine, Kellie 01/21
 Armitage, James (Jim) 01/22
 Keyser, Gerald (Jerry) 01/22
 Krull, Richard (Rich) 01/22
 McMahon, Shirley 01/22
 Barnes, Rachel 01/23
 Kalik, Stephen 01/23
 Klassen, Bonnie 01/23
 Hergatt, Arthur (Art) 01/24
 Hergatt, Janet 01/24
 Anderson, Matthew 01/24
 Mogharbel, Abed 01/24
 Carpenter, Tim 01/25
 Ritenour, Jim 01/25
 Allensworth, Jacquelyn (Jaci) 01/26
 Gray, Phyllis 01/26
 Nelson, Bill 01/26
 Yoder, Gail 01/26
 Head, Reg 01/27
 Kellough, D Eugene (Gene) 01/27
 Niemann, Marlene 01/27
 Gavin, Donna 01/28
 Scharringhausen, Fred 01/28
 Baker, Patricia (Patti) 01/29
 Feather, Shirley 01/30
 Carpenter, Cheryl 01/31
 Russell, Nancy 01/31

Happy Anniversary!

Campbell, Frank & Sandy 01/01
 West, Bay & Janet 01/01
 Flowers, Howard & Helen 01/06
 Hochhalter, Wayne & DeMaris 01/05
 Dauenhauer, Richard & Connie 01/08
 Miller, Michael & Christine 01/09
 Pappalardo, Robert & Michelle 01/09
 Steinberg, Rev. Fred & Beth 01/09

Gaulke, Donald & Norma 01/10
 Huffman, Eugene (Gene) & Darlene 01/15
 Keller, Julius & Katharine 01/15
 Rodgers, Will & Barb 01/17
 Serrine, James & Kathy 01/17
 Ballard, David & Carol 01/18
 Johnson, Joe & Ginny 01/19
 Weaver, Michael (Mike) & Bonnie 01/19
 Fratt, Robert & Imogene 01/21
 Burhans, Lyle & Judith 01/22
 Ramacher, Don & Marcielle 01/23
 Rolf, Vernon (Vern) & Jayne 01/25
 Coad, Roger & Shirley 01/29
 Paone, Albert & Ellen 01/29

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REMINDER: 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!

ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS



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.

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)

| NOV | 2012 | 2012 | 2012 | 2013 | 2013 | 2013 | 2014 | 2014 | 2014 | 2015 | 2015 | 2015 |
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| | General | Building | Worship All | General | Building | Worship All | General | Building | Worship All | General | Building | Worship All |
| 1st | 19445 | 6016 | 1125 | 19033 | 8009 | 646 | 21345 | 10805 | 1203 | 31210 | 15081 | 1228 |
| 2nd | 20314 | 18631 | 1123 | 12663 | 3571 | 730 | 17364 | 4561 | 1225 | 22107 | 4566 | 1371 |
| 3rd | 12454 | 11732 | 1266 | 12930 | 5363 | 868 | 16035 | 3574 | 1449 | 24196 | 9482 | 1409 |
| 4th | 17194 | 4613 | 1359 | 13334 | 6274 | 1023 | 18250 | 3050 | 1371 | 16329 | 3635 | 1567 |
| 5th | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22919 | 7356 | 1391 | 14968 | 4435 | 1545 |
| TOTAL | 66407 | 40992 | 4873 | 57960 | 23217 | 3267 | 103538 | 34215 | 6639 | 108809 | 37199 | 7120 |

CHARITABLE IRA ROLLOVER PROVISIONS — NOW PERMANENT

The enactment of HR Bill 637 December 19, 2015 made permanent the provision within the IRS Tax Code enabling donors age 70.5 and over to make direct gifts to qualified charities via their IRA's WITHOUT owing income tax on those withdrawals. Key details include:

1. All such IRA transfers must be made directly from the IRA Custodian to the qualified charity.
2. Donors must be 70.5 years and over and own a traditional IRA. Other retirement plans such as pensions, 401(k), 403(b), or charitable trusts, donor advised funds, etc. are not eligible.
3. The transfer generates neither taxable income, NOR a deduction for those who itemize.
4. The transfer may be used to meet annual IRA required minimum distributions (RMD).
5. You may transfer from your IRA maximum gifts of \$100,000 per calendar year.
6. Should your IRA Custodian require the GCUMC Tax ID: 86-0621002. If wishing to make a bank wire transfer from your IRA directly to our Wells Fargo GCUMC Account please speak with the Office manager (480-982-3776).

For further details please consult your financial advisor, or IRA Custodian or contact Terry Parsons (480-982-6578).



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



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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 (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



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