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FROM THE PASTOR: "AN EASTER STORY"

Pastor John Ortberg of Menlo Park Presbyterian Church describes how a friend of his used to work as a denominational official in Minnesota. One of his jobs was to travel to little rural communities where they didn't have churches to do funerals. He would go out with an undertaker, and they would drive together in the undertaker's hearse. One time, they were on their way back from a funeral, and John Ortberg's friend, also named John, was feeling quite tired. He decided he would take a nap. Since they were in a hearse, he thought, "Well, I'll just lie down in the back of the hearse."

Sounds like kind of a creepy thing to do, but this is a true story. The guy who was driving the hearse pulled into a service station, because he was running low on gas. The service station attendant was filling up the tank and he was kind of freaked out, because there was a body stretched out in the back. While he was filling the tank, John woke up, opened his eyes, knocked on the window and waved at the attendant. John said he never saw anybody run so fast in his whole life.

How would you have reacted? Would you have run away? It would be quite a surprise. I think we forget how surprising Easter was. When the Disciples saw Jesus was crucified they thought it was over. He was dead. Dead is dead right? Nobody comes back from the dead. But Jesus did. And that was extraordinarily surprising. The Disciples even had trouble believing it until Jesus appeared to them. Then they were changed.

I am not surprised when some people don't believe in the resurrection. It is a difficult story to believe. More difficult than seeing somebody in a hearse get up and move but that is what we celebrate this Easter. I look forward to sharing why I believe Jesus really was resurrected. He is risen! He is risen indeed. I will see you on Sunday.

Grace and peace,

Fred

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Thursday, 3/24 at 7:00pm—Sanctuary

Our Maundy Thursday Service will include communion as a reminder of Jesus' actions before he was crucified. Rev. Bob Deits will give the message and the Chancel Choir will sing. Childcare available.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, 3/25 at 7:00pm—Sanctuary

We will celebrate Good Friday with the Chancel Choir performing "The Seven Last Words of Christ" with silence afterwards to allow for reflection on the crucifixion. Childcare available.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunday, 3/27 at 6:00am—North Parking Lot

Greet the dawn with a view of the Superstition Mountains from our north parking lot. Special music will brighten the morning and Rev. Fay Quanstrom will give the message.

EASTER SUNRISE BREAKFAST

Sunday, 3/27 at 7:00am, Education Building

Enjoy a continental breakfast prepared by our church members on the Patio.

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

**Sunday, 3/27 at 8:00am & 9:30am (Traditional)
11:00am (Praise); 5:00pm (Country)**

The rest of the day will be filled with special services which will include anthems, hand bells, praise & country music with messages by Rev. Fred Steinberg and Rev. Bob Deits.



"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 outreach ministry for children, continues to meet on Saturdays, 9:45am—11:45am at Avalon School in Apache Junction.

Our ministry has been so blessed with all the dedicated, compassionate, and caring volunteer Shepherds.

January to February we had several special guests visit Sidewalk. Mr. Blanco from AJ Water Company taught us how to better conserve water. Mr. Howard & Ms. Betty gave a lesson on Salvation with Gospel bead bracelets, Ms. Sandy helped us make heart baskets, gave many out to homeless people filled with special gifts. Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church Clown Ministry entertained us with an uplifting spiritual performance, balloons & face painting too. We always incorporate a Bible lesson into our guest visits.

The children will continue learning more about Jesus, His miracles, His love for all people, and His Love of teaching, guiding and nurturing the children so that they may follow in Jesus' footsteps. We will have a special program on March 26, when children will discover how the Easter season is filled with hope and joy as they celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. We always invite families to attend our Spring Eggstravaganza, and Easter services.

We gave out attendance awards, 8 children & 2 of our teen/adult Shepherds, 12 out of 12 Saturdays, each received \$5 McDonald cards.

The children will be on Spring Break this month, 1—2 weeks, please pray for them, to keep Jesus in their hearts, and for their safety.

We are always looking for more volunteers; please consider joining our ministry team. We meet at Avalon School, 1045 S. San Marcos Dr. in Apache Junction. Stop by and visit one Saturday during the months of October—April.

Many thanks to all the wonderful people at GCUMC, we are grateful for your continued prayers and support of this ministry. If you would like more information on Sidewalk, please call Sherry Hussein at (480)529-9621.

FIELD TRIP FRIDAY



Any children who do not have school and their parents are invited to go on a hike on Silly Mountain, Friday, March 18th. We will meet at the church at 9:00am, and Katharine will drive the van to the mountain. We

will stop along our trek to have a snack, which will be provided for those participating.

Please remember the sunscreen, bottle of water, hat and/or sunglasses. You can sign up any time by calling the Church Office (480) 982-3776.



MONTHLY MINION: AVA GALBRAITH

• Favorite Food:

Ice Cream

• Favorite Activities:

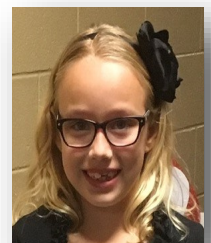
Playing with my little brother and playing with my American Girl doll kit

• Favorite Part of the Church:

Children's Time and seeing Miss Joyce

• What they think God is like:

God is everyone's father who created the world



**Kidz
Kanyon**

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

SPRING EGGSTRAVAGANZA!



Families, make sure you have Sunday, 3/20 (Palm Sunday) from 3:00pm—5:00pm on your calendar for this annual community spring event! This Spring we will have Teton with burro rides, a petting zoo, face painter, balloon lady, inflatables... and for the first time — HAMSTER ROLLS! (Can't wait to see folks rolling down the track) — a DJ (Matthew Figueroa, egg hunts for each age group starting at 3:30pm, cookie decorating, and of course, a free meal! Come and invite your friends, neighbors and relatives for a great, fun-filled afternoon!

... AND IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT SUMMER PLANS!

Vacation Bible School

June 6—10, 2016

Ages 4—5th grade



SUMMER CAMP AT MINGUS MOUNTAIN

(Outside of Prescott, AZ)

✝ **Genesis Camp**, June 2—4
NEW! *Children entering or just completed grades 1—3 plus a parent*

✝ **Senior High Camp**, June 6—11 (Jody Topping, Dean)
Youth entering or completed grades 9 -12

✝ **Elementary 1**, June 20-24 *Children entering or completed grades 3 - 6*

✝ **Junior High Camp 1**, June 20-24 *Youth entering or completed grades 7 - 9*

✝ **Elementary 2**, June 27-July 1

✝ **Jr. High Camp 2**, June 27-July 1

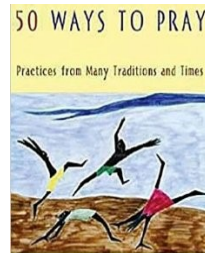
✝ **Backpacking Camp**, July 2-8

✝ **Horse Camp**, July 5-8 NEW!

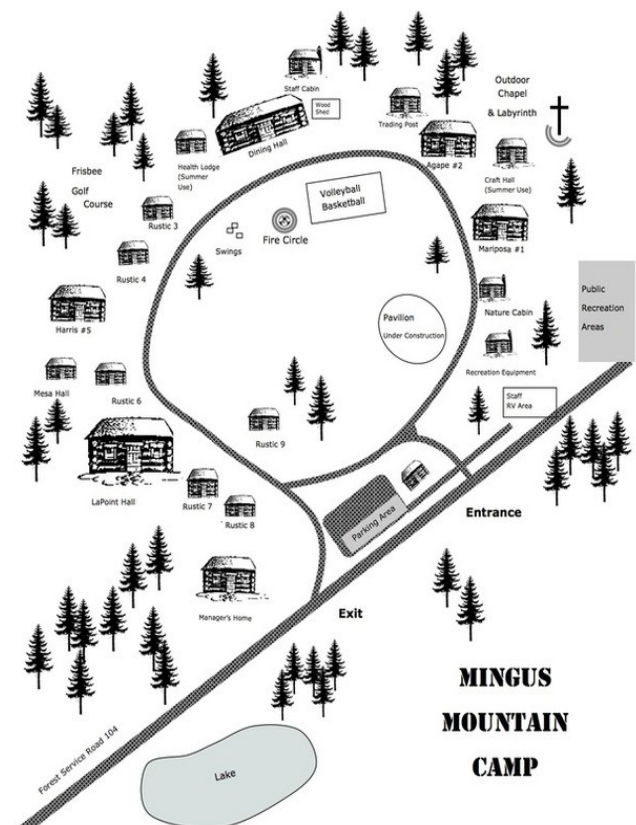


Brochures will be available this month. Please contact Katharine Keller for more information or go online to www.dsccamps.org.

LENTEN STUDY: “A DOZEN WAYS TO PRAY”



Does it seem as though everybody talks about praying, assuming that everyone knows how to pray? During Lent we are considering a dozen different ways to talk with God, including meditation, contemplation, *Lectio Divina* and intercession. You will be challenged by unfamiliar prayer practices and reminded of more familiar means of developing a lively prayer life. You'll discover our new prayer wall. Join us for a journey into a deeper spiritual life in the weeks between now and Easter. Each of the five sessions of this class, which will be offered by Rev. Fay Quanstrom, will meet on Tuesdays from 3-4 pm in the Koinonia Room. Remaining class dates are March 1, 8, and 15. Please bring your Bible, pencil and paper. You are welcome even if you can't come all five sessions.



"Lavender Springs Spa" Women's 1-Day Retreat



"Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner"



"Organ Stop Pizza 2016" - 182 Attendees!





GCUMC Youth Group News

By Beth Steinberg, Youth Director



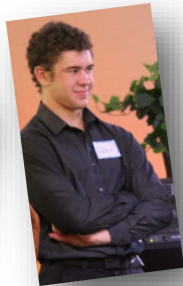
SHAREHOLDERS' THANK YOU DINNER WITH 94 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE!

A video of our mission trip from last summer was presented and the youth shared about their experiences at the work camp. A video was also shown of the upcoming trip to Los Angeles where we will be working on Skid Row helping the homeless.

If you would like to be a shareholder for the mission trip this summer, the cost per share is \$400, half a share is \$200, a quarter share is \$100, but any amount is greatly appreciated. As a shareholder, you will receive a letter from the youth who attend the trip plus you will be invited to attend our "Thank You Dinner" and hear from the teens about what happened during their week of service. Thank you so much for all of your support!

A huge thank you to all of the youth, parents and adults who helped with the Shareholders' Dinner to make it such a success! I couldn't have done it without you!

Blessings, Beth



YOUTH GROUP MARCH CALENDAR

Sat., 3/5	Puppet Rehearsal	10:00am—11:00am (<i>Sanctuary</i>)
Sun., 3/6	NO YOUTH GROUP	
Sun., 3/13	Puppet Rehearsal Youth Group	5:30pm—6:30pm (<i>Sanctuary</i>) 6:30pm—8:00pm (<i>Educ Bldg</i>)
Sun., 3/20	Eggstravaganza Go to Pizza Hut	3:00pm—5:00pm 5:00pm—7:00pm
Sat., 3/26	Puppet Rehearsal	10:00am—Noon (<i>Sanctuary</i>)
Sun., 3/27	Easter Puppet Show (No Sunday AM Class) NO YOUTH GROUP	8:00am & 9:30am (<i>Sanctuary</i>)



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY CLASS

(7th—12th Grades)

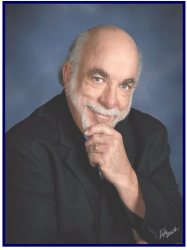
Sundays at 9:30am in the Education Bldg.
Creative Bible lessons & discussions!

YOUTH GROUP

(7th—12th Grades)

Sundays 6:30pm—8:30pm in the Education Bldg.
Fun, faith-based programs and fellowship!

MUSIC NOTES *by Douglas J. Benton*



I hope you all have noticed the new addition to our Choir area in the Sanctuary. For many years, we have tried to figure out a way to increase the Choir's ability to hear themselves, allow the Handbells to be able to hear the Choir, piano, organ and other instruments and allow for space for actual organ pipes and speakers to be placed above and behind the other musicians. Finally we came up with this design that allows for all of the above.

We have a 4-foot high "pony" wall immediately behind the Choir providing a hard, reflective surface, instead of the former sound absorbing handbell pads and skirts, which will help give the Choir a much better sense of cohesion. At the same time, we have brought the Handbells down one full level which allows them to be closer to the Choir, piano and other instruments, and brings them out from directly under the organ speakers, so - for the first time! - they will be able to hear themselves in context with the other musicians! Thanks to Steve Crane and the Trustees for getting this done for us. This is a tremendous help for all of us!

And now, we have space above and behind the Choir and Handbells for 4 ranks (sets) of actual wind-blown pipes for the organ, that we will also allow us to place the current electronic speakers within the pipes. I have included a line drawing of the proposed Organ Case which is very different from our former design, but a whole lot more interesting and functional. I sincerely hope you like this as much as I do - I cannot tell you how excited I am about this! Once we complete the Organ Project, you will notice a tremendous difference in the sound - less volume but much more presence, plus the organ will finally be where it needs to be to support the bells, Choir and other instruments, as well as the congregation.

Thanks to all who have continued to give to our "Pipes for the Organ" fund. This project will cost approximately \$200,000 and we are over 20% there already.

This month we have several exciting programs for you. First, the Incredible Rice Brothers return again on Sunday, March 6th at 2:00pm. Johnny and Chris Rice are both true virtuosi on both piano and cello - they both play both instruments - incredibly well! Both have won the Gold Medal Award at the Corpus Christi International Chopin Competition (in different years), have toured throughout the USA, Poland, Austria, Germany and elsewhere. They will be presenting a lot of new music, as they usually do. If you have seen them before, I know

you will be there. If you haven't, ask someone who has, then you will definitely be there also! No charge as we will receive an offering, but please remember to bring something for the Food Bank. This is an excellent opportunity to bring family, friends and neighbors and introduce them to our church!

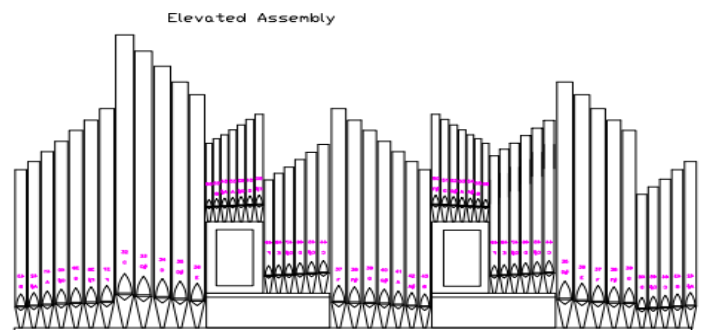
The following week, we present Dr. Rev. Gene Lowry, an outstanding seminary professor of preaching, and an outstanding jazz pianist! You will hear him preach on March 6, and his concert will be on Sunday, March 13 at 2:00pm. He served St. Paul School of Theology for 30 years, and also served at Drew University and Princeton Theological Seminary. Gene's writing includes six books on preaching and over twenty articles and book chapters on preaching, worship, biblical study, educational philosophy and creativity. His keyboard lectures/concerts relating jazz and Christianity have resulted in four recordings in the blues/jazz genre. Again, no charge as an offering will be received, but please remember to bring something for the Food Bank.

The Chancel Choir is still - always! - looking for more singers to join us. You don't have to be a professional, just be able to sing on pitch, read music at least a little, and enjoy sharing your talents with others. Also, we have plenty of room for you in the Orchestra! Sooo, dust off your instrument and come join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm!

Love and blessings to all,

Doug

Director of Music Ministries



2015-2016 PERFORMANCES & EVENTS AT GOLD CANYON UMC

3/04/16	Fri	7:30pm	* Metales M5 Brass <i>unique brass quintet from Mexico</i>
3/06/16	Sun	2:00pm	The Incredible Rice Brothers <i>piano/cello virtuosi return again!</i>
3/13/16	Sun	2:00pm	Gene Lowry <i>outstanding jazz pianist (and preacher) in concert!</i>
3/20/16	Sun	3–5pm	Eggstravaganza <i>for kids, families and the entire community</i>
3/24/16	Thu	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service <i>with the Choir and Communion</i>
3/25/16	Fri	7:00pm	Good Friday Service <i>Choir sings Dubois' 7-Last Words of Christ</i>
3/27/16	Sun	6:00am	Easter Sunrise Service <i>in the north parking lot</i>
3/27/16	Sun	8 & 9:30am	Easter Festival Services <i>with Choir, Handbells and Agape Brass</i>
3/27/16	Sun	10:50am	Easter Praise Service <i>with Uncommon Grace leading worship</i>
3/27/16	Sun	5:00pm	Easter Country/Western Service <i>with the Houser Gang</i>
4/01/16	Fri	7:30pm	* Franc D'Ambrosio <i>outstanding Broadway tenor in concert</i>
4/17/16	Sun	2:00pm	Interfaith Choral Festival <i>at Our Savior Lutheran Church</i>
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 perform series.
 Tickets can be purchased online at www.GCAC1.com or at Canyon Rose Storage
 located at 5405 S. Kings Ranch Rd. in Gold Canyon. (480)983-2171

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



GCAC Concert: Metales M5 Brass Quintet

- Friday, 3/4 in the Sanctuary
- Tickets www.GCAC1.org / (480)983-2171

Plays a spectrum of world music, contemporary pops arrangements and classical!

Rice Brothers in Concert at GCUMC!

Sunday, 3/6
at 2:00pm
in the Sanctuary

Upcoming GCUMC Concert

3/13 at 2:00pm
in the Sanctuary

Rev. Dr. Eugene Lowry





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**
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480.982.3776

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

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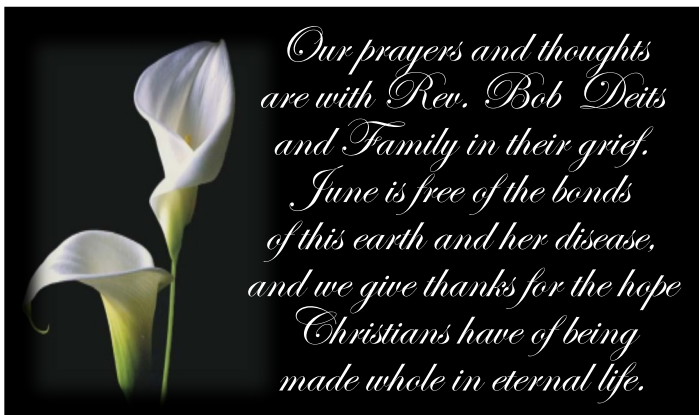
If you know someone in the congregation who is hospitalized, ill at home and/or needs the prayers of the community, please let one of the pastors or the church office know so they can be included on the prayer list.



WELL CHECK MINISTRY



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 .



Love One Another
AS I HAVE LOVED YOU. JOHN 13:34



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

MAY WE HELP YOU?

If you or someone you know within or beyond our parish would like a friendly visit, a listening ear or a home-cooked meal, please let us know. Caring for others in the GCUMC fellowship of believers is shared by clergy & lay caregivers.

- ✝ Rev. Fred Steinberg, Sr. Pastor
- ✝ Rev. Bob Deits, Assoc. Pastor
- ✝ Rev. Fay Quanstrom, Assoc. Pastor
- ✝ Rev. Joel Hurley, Assoc. Pastor
- ✝ **Stephen Ministers**, highly-trained lay people, provide quality, confidential, Christ-centered support to persons experiencing grief, illness, divorce and other difficulties.
- ✝ Trained Lay **Congregational Care Ministers** (CCMs) share a ministry of loving spiritual care: visits, prayer, Holy Communion, music, meals, errands and more.

You are invited to join the Congregational Care or Stephen Ministries by contacting one of the Pastors.

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

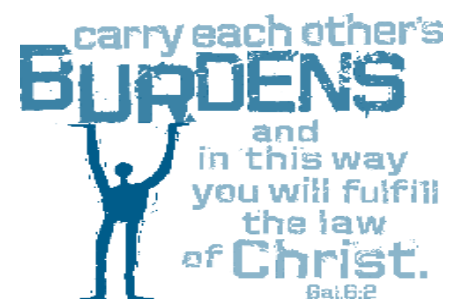


... provides spiritual support, love, friendship and a helping hand to cancer patients, caregivers and their families. The group meets weekly on **Wednesdays at 10:30am** in the **Emmaus Room**. Contact Dee Ashe at (480)924-5483, (480)685-7175, or send an email to her at deenashe7580@gmail.com.

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.





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



SPECIAL EASTER OFFERING—MARCH 27TH



This Easter our special offering is designated for school shoes for Costa Rican children. Without the proper black shoes to go with their uniforms, children are not allowed to attend. The cost averages \$20 per pair. Our goal is to provide 1000 pairs of school shoes this spring.



Hmmm... how many pairs of shoes are in your closet? Count them! Think about it! How many grandchildren do you have? Then think about their being unable to attend school because their shoes are too small or completely worn out. Could you provide one (*or more!*) pair of shoes for Costa Rica kids in honor of each of your grandchildren?



Let's step up to this challenge! Fill the shoe boxes! (***** Please note, we are NOT collecting shoes!*****)

REFLECTIONS ON THE COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP

Nancy Denman: This year, going back to Costa Rica with many profound changes still alive in my heart, I had a different experience. I truly understood our mission to be showing God's love through me to each person we met. I smiled bigger with them not at them. I hugged them, not just with arms, but with the love of God coming through my embrace. I gave them rice and beans as a token of God's love and mine, not just food for a week like last year. I was graced with a deeper connection to those I met. I saw that their happiness abounds, regardless of the size of the house or the number who live there. I was ok doing the best I could with the limitations that I have. I'm looking forward to carrying with me how it touched my heart. Accepting others without expectations and showing God's love in even the simplest way can change the next person's heart. Amen!



Charlie Lang: This trip was a wonderful experience, seeing God's love given and received. The deep dedication and hard work that the young people of the staff exhibited daily demonstrated God's love to us and all whom we met along the way.

Caryl Lang: When we took rice and beans to families in Costa Rica we also asked what they would like us to pray about. One mother asked that she be able to get supplies so her children would be able to attend school. Little Luis who lives in the house our group was repairing gave big hugs to all of us each day even though many of us could not speak his language. His friends hugged us, too!

Randi Olson: Blessings received: fun, friendships, fellowship, new experiences, hard work, challenges and rewarding emotional and spiritual growth!

Katharine Keller: it was very satisfying to see the great headway our team made on the building project for the sweet woman, Adela; however it was the interaction with the local people—both in the immediate neighborhood and other communities around Alajuela—that made the week especially inspirational for me. As we shared food with the residents, they shared some of their life stories with us, total strangers. I

experienced a reciprocal blessing and was humbled at each household and was reminded that we are all children of the Living God.

John Baker: I was humbled by how appreciative recipients of the food were and also how they responded to our praying with them. I enjoyed working on a project that had a direct impact on the life of a person who would've never expected such a gift. The view of Adela, her daughter and son-in-law on "our" cement foundation was especially touching. It was an eye and heart opening experience.

Photos by Pete Denman



GCUMC GLOBAL MISSIONS PROJECTS

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

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





The early injection of 80 degree days into our February this year was a rapid wake up call to us that Spring is indeed on its way. Poppies are already bursting through the soil in golden- orange splendor, hiking trails are packed with people, and even the cold-blooded reptiles are starting to move less sluggishly.

Spring is a time when the landscape transforms around us almost daily. One dictionary definition of the word Transformation is “a change into someone or something completely different, or the process by which this happens.”



Pastor John Ortberg writes a regular article published by Bible Gateway entitled Care Instructions for a Life Worth Living. In a recent one titled The Hope of Transformation, he discusses how easy it is for he (and all of us) to become disappointed in ourselves. We so easily see our shortfalls, and fail to recognize that although our lives can be filled with great disappointment, they are also filled with inextinguishable hope.

Pastor Ortberg says “The desire for transformation lies deep in every human heart. This is why people enter therapy, join health clubs, get into recovery groups, read self- help books, attend motivational seminars, and make New Year’s resolutions. The possibility of transformation is the essence of hope.”

I’ve personally had my own lifetime’s worth of desiring to do something, but telling myself “I can’t”; either because I was too intimidated at the thought, because it seemed so hard it was insurmountable, or I just downright did not have enough faith to move forward. When I look back on it, this last one usually amounts to my failing to be the person God created me to be. Pastor Ortberg

refers to this as refusing to “let God be God” and appointing myself in His place.

I recently read a book in which the author quoted her father as always saying “Can’t Lives on Won’t Street”. He said this to motivate her, to instill in her the mindset that she could do what she set her mind to. I almost laughed out loud when I read this, as it took me back to my childhood, and my father’s persistent use of the phrase “Mr. Can’t Never Could”. I hadn’t thought about my father’s message in awhile, but those short statements are so simple and filled with wisdom.

Have you found yourself in the land of disappointment - about yourself, a loved one, or another? Have you recognized that you would like to, maybe need to, move from the realm of disappointment into the realm of hope? Or, have you succeeded in doing this in your own life, and yearn to share some of what you’ve discovered along the way with someone else?

If you’ve thought about asking for some companionship or assistance, but maybe an “I can’t” thought stopped you, consider requesting a Stephen Minister now. He/She can walk with you as you navigate through a transformation of your own.

Or if you’ve ever thought you might be good at being a Stephen Minister, and you would like to be there for others during a challenging time, remember that “Mr. Can’t Never Could!” Dare to transform yourself a little further, and reach out to a Stephen Leader to discuss becoming a Stephen Minister.

You may email confidential requests to a Stephen Leader at: stephen.ministry.gcumc@gmail.com, call (480)283-4861, or check the box beside “Desire a Stephen Minister” on the Sunday morning registration pad .

by Kim Shroyer,
on behalf of the Stephen Ministry Team



“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God— what is good and acceptable and perfect .”

~ Romans 12:2 (NRSV)

YOUR GCUMC ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY IS NOW AVAILABLE!



We are on the precipice of rolling out the online GCUMC Church Directory—**myChurchLife**! myChurchLife via **AccessACS** (*Automated Church Systems*) is a new and exciting online way to communicate with our church family, and is the online database maintained at Gold Canyon United Methodist Church. It is accessible from home computers and from Smart Phones (*the “ChurchLife” App is free*), and with it you can use the Directories menu to find contact info for other GCUMC members. Even better, the online directory will be **much** more up-to-date than our former paper directory, and will be accessible from anywhere via the Internet.

In order for you to log-in to AccessACS, you must have an email address on file in the Church Office. To confirm you have an email address on file with us, please send an email to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org. We will then set-up your AccessACS login information and a confirmation email will be sent to you. Once you’ve received your confirmation email, to access ACS from your home, simply copy and paste the below link into your Internet browser:

- <https://secure.accessacs.com> (*be sure to save this website as a Favorite in your Internet Browser!*)

To log into AccessACS for the first time, use the below info:

- **USERNAME:** [your email address on record w/ GCUMC]
- **PASSWORD:** [Initial password will be “Password1!”; you will be requested to change it using: *at least one (1) capital letter, one (1) numerical character, and one (1) special character*. Please note that if you should ever forget your password, you can simply click “Forgot Password” on your login screen to begin the reset process.]

Once you’ve logged-in, you’ll be able to view the GCUMC Member Directory, which is defaulted to include the same information that has historically appeared in the printed Directory (*i.e., name, address, phone number and email address*). However, once you have registered, you will be able to change what information of yours is displayed using the *Home/My Account/ Personal Preferences* tabs. You will also be able to update your contact info and photograph in the database. **Please remember that:**

- **NO financial information is available or displayed on AccessACS,**
- **ONLY GCUMC members have access to this directory, and**
- **All members will have control over what contact information of theirs is included in the Directory**

To view/print a current Church Directory,:

- Click on DIRECTORIES in the top, blue banner
- Select the Directory format you wish to view
- Even though you will see “Print an Individual Directory with photos”, you will actually see your directory appear on your computer screen (and you do not actually have to print it)

Would you like to have the Church Directory available on your phone? If so:

- **IPHONE:**
 - ⇒ Go to App Store and download the ACS ChurchLife App
 - ⇒ Use the same login info as you did on your computer
- **DROID:**
 - ⇒ Go to the [Play.Google.com/store](https://play.google.com/store) and download the ACS ChurchLife App, and login

If you would like to take the first step to use the GCUMC Online Directory, just send an email to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org with AccessACS in the subject line. Stay tuned!... More information will come in the coming months! Questions?... Just call the Church Office... we’re here to help!

In His Service,

Riechia

Riechia Ralston—GCUMC Office Manager

**FREE
EVENT!**

SPRING

EGG-Stravaganza

**FREE
FOOD!**

**Sunday, March 20th
3:00pm—5:00pm**

Petting Zoo

Inflatable Hamster Roll

DJ—Matthew Figueroa

Cookie Decorating

Egg Hunts at 3:30pm

Face Painter

Burro Rides

Balloon Artist

Bounce Houses

Basket Silent Auction



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**Donations of boxes of Chicken, Tuna or Hamburger Helper
appreciated for our Food Bank**



Volunteer to make a difference

by Jane Hayes
Volunteer Coordinator



HANG IN THERE!

Sometimes, God allows tough times in order to shape our personal lives or the ministry as a whole. He is in control as He is the head of the church. He may have some great lessons for you or our community of Christ followers.

If you are feeling as though you may want to give up on difficult days, consider asking God what is it You want me to learn? And furthermore, is there something I need to change? Maybe even, do I need to confront someone or their laziness?

Listening to God is very important during our crisis. Once God speaks, we may receive exciting rewards and "God moments." Here are a few ideas for you to keep your dedication going: Put the needs of other people first. Know and love the ministry in which you serve. Embrace being a part of the solution and avoid being a reason for the problem. Always give thanks and recognition to others.

Excerpts from The Volunteer by Doug Fagerstrom

VOLUNTEER & GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

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



✝ **WELCOME CENTER:** We're 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! Training is provided, and 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:**

Contributions of yummy platters are important to the continuance of this hospitality. Please help keep this aspect of our Team Outreach welcome alive with your donations.



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

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

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

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

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!

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

April Roadrunner — 8am, Monday, 3/7/16
Weekly Bulletin — 12pm Wednesdays

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



EASTER LILIES

*Easter is just around the corner
and now is the time to order lilies
for this year.*



Easter lilies **may be purchased for \$11.00** in "Honor Of" or in "Memory Of" of someone you love.

To order an Easter lily(s), please fill out the attached order blank including payment for each flower ordered. The form, and payment, may be:

- Mailed to Gary Stemple, 8295 E Sweet Acacia Dr, Gold Canyon, AZ 85218-6998;
- Placed in the offering plate; or
- Left in the church office for Gary

Please make **all checks payable to "GCUMC"** and mark it "Easter lily" in the memo section. The Easter lilies will be placed in the Sanctuary and the Koinonia Room for your enjoyment on Easter Sunday. You may take your lilies home **after** the Sunday services.

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

Please order an Easter lily in Memory of:

Please order an Easter lily in Honor of:

Total amount attached (\$11 x ____): \$ _____

Your Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please call Gary or Sharon Stemple, 480-671-4307,
if you have questions.

Order Deadline is Sunday, March 20th!

SCRIP BUS & VAN FUND

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You shop. Amazon gives.

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FOOD STORES

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 \$154,000** 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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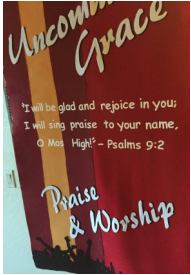
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MINISTRY & MISSION

Updates

MUSIC MINISTRY by David Ballard



Sing praises to the Lord! Sing praises to the Lord! Come, lift your heart, soul and spirit as **Uncommon Grace** leads the music at the Sunday Praise & Worship Service at 10:50am. Some of our newer songs include "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" by The Akins and "Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" by David Crowder Band. You will leave the service feeling uplifted and energized!

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! Interested persons, just send an email to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org!



A new electronic drum set is needed in the Koinonia Room. This drum set will be used primarily with Uncommon Grace, One in the Spirit and the Houser Gang bands. The old drum set has been used since the inception of the Praise and the Country Western services and is ready to retire. The cost of the new drum set is roughly \$8,000.00, however we are keeping our eyes open for a used set, as well. If you can help in this area, please make your check payable to "GCUMC" with "Drum Set" on the memo line. Thank you!



A concert by **One in the Spirit** Concert is scheduled for Sun., 3/20 at 5:00pm in the Koinonia Room. Join us for a fun-filled hour of music, and clap your hands, tap your toes and sing along!

HONEY-DO HOME REPAIR



The Honey Do Home Repair Ministry held a meeting on Jan., 1/26/16 at the home of John and Nancy Hill. Twenty-two members were present. Colette Bos, Director of Local Missions for the

Gold Canyon United Methodist Church was our guest speaker.

Once the Honey Do business was taken care of, Colette presented an opportunity for the Repair Ministry to build the new Playground Equipment for the Early Learning Center–Apache Junction schools. The playground is designed for the developmentally delayed preschool children—ages 2–5. After some discussion, the membership approved the proposal. The Honey Do Ministry will build the new Playground.

Remember, if you need help with minor home repairs – changing smoke alarm batteries, mounting TVs, installing screen doors, replacing GFIs, etc., call John and Nancy Hill at (907) 232-8203.

Dear Honey Do Team,

Not sure how to verbally express how grateful we are for all your help and advice. You are awesome and we give God thanks and praise for all you did for us and for all of our congregation. Thank you, thank you, thank you. My stress level has dropped tremendously!

Blessings, Sue and Michael

Greetings –

Many thanks for the "Honey Do" ministry and all your help. I was able to get my roof repaired so I don't have shingles in a wad and blowing up. This wonderful man sealed things up and locked them down so now it won't leak.

With grateful appreciation, Richard & Marilyn

LOCAL MISSIONS by Colette Bos

SOFIE'S START: New Ministry Supports A New Start for Families



For years, several individuals have been working separately in support of struggling families that are referred to the church. They come from the Sidewalk Sunday School program, Christmas Angel Tree, the GCUMC foodbank, referrals from the Pastoral team or from the one of the other 12 ministries under the Local Missions umbrella (see list below).

Sofie's Start Ministry will now consolidate the efforts and energies of all these individuals to provide support for struggling families. Families may need emergency financial help, furniture and household items. They are also provided guidance in budgeting, goal setting, situational brain-storming and parenting as needed.

Would you like to help? Used household items in good condition, including lamps, pots and pans, dishes, flatware, towels and bedding are always needed for these families. If you have donations of these items, please contact Diana Linton at (480)229-0706.

We also really need volunteers to help move furniture donations in and out of our storage unit and to deliver to families. If you can help, please contact Earl Beasley at (602)384-3074. A truck is not necessary, but the ability to load and unload furniture is a must!

Financial support is always welcomed. Be sure to designate it to "Sofie's Start." Thank you for all you do to be a part of joyful service to all of God's people! Other GCUMC Local Missions include:

- ✝ Christmas Angel Tree
- ✝ Citrus Gleaning
- ✝ Food Bank
- ✝ Genesis Project
- ✝ Habitat for Humanity
- ✝ Open Books – Open Hearts
- ✝ St. Andrew's Clinic
- ✝ Sidewalk Children's Ministries
- ✝ Stitches Unlimited

Questions? Call or text Colette Bos, Director of Local Missions at (480)695-2109.

CITRUS GLEANING MINISTRY



St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance sends a 29-passenger bus to transport our volunteers to weekly sites. This is a **BIG** change from the past! We meet the bus at Home Depot at 8:00am each Friday morning, or we'll car pool from GCUMC at 7:30am so as to reach Home Depot by 8:00am. Please call Church Office (480)982-3776 for details.

TAX PREPARATION MINISTRY



A church member has graciously volunteered to assist GCUMC attendees who struggle to prepare and cannot afford to pay a Tax Preparation professional to file their 2015 federal and state tax returns. Available appointment times and a list of tax documents to bring to the appointment are available in the Office (480-982-3776). To make an appointment, please contact the Church Office.

FOOD BANK: A YEAR-ROUND MISSION



At this time of year the food bank is front and center in the minds of our full time residents and also our winter visitors. We are thankful to all who 'bring a can to the concert', make monetary donations and also make donations of food, toiletries and all other requested items.

However, the need for donations continues throughout the year, especially during the summer. Our statistics show that in 2015 July and August were the greatest demand months of the year. So while you may be sweltering in Gold Canyon or enjoying the cool temperatures "up North" in the summer months, remember the needy with your donations to our Gold Canyon United Methodist Church Food Bank, especially in July and August!

Be sure to keep our readers current on your Ministry/Mission area and submit your RoadRunner article by the monthly deadline!

KIDZ KORNER

People from the New Testament

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 Mark
 Martha

Mary
 Matthew
 Matthias
 Paul
 Peter
 Philip
 Priscilla
 Silas

Simon
 Stephen
 Tabitha
 Thaddaeus
 Thomas
 Timothy
 Zacchaeus
 Zebedee





CHURCH CALENDAR & KEY

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

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

Tue Mar 1	3pm	Lenten Study "A Dozen Ways to Pray" (ER)
	5:15pm	Intro to Handbells Reh (S)
	5:30pm	One in the Spirit/Houser Gang Reh (KR)
	5:30pm	Team Outreach (ER)
	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Bells Reh (S)
Wed Mar 2	9:30am	Music Library Activities (MR)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (Sea of Galilee)
	1pm	Village Voices Reh (MR)
	5pm	Pioneer Club (ER)
	6pm	Food Bank Evening Hrs
Thu Mar 3	7pm	GCUMC Orchestra Reh (MR)
	5:30pm	Chanters Men's Chorus (MR)
	6:50pm	Choir Reh (MR)
Fri Mar 4	7pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	2pm	Funeral Svc: Mabel Johnson (S)
	3pm	Funeral Reception: Mabel Johnson (KR)
	5pm	S Reserved
	5:30pm	AA (ER)
Sat Mar 5	7:30pm	GCAC Concert: Metales M5 Brass Quintet (S)
	7am	Community Garage Sale (South Parking Lot)
Sun Mar 6	10am	Puppet Show Reh (S)
	8am	Sunday Morning Bible Study (ER)
	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	8:30am	Uncommon Grace Reh (KR)
	9:30am	Children Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Confirmation Class (Ofc Workrm)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	9:30am	Youth Participation in Worship (S)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (KR)
	10:50am	Pre-K Children's Sunday School (NAR)
	10:50am	Youth Participate in Worship (S)
	11am	"Being Methodist" Class (ER)

Mon Mar 7	2pm	Concert: Rice Brothers (S)
	5pm	Country Worship (KR)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (7th-12th); (Youth Rm/ER/K)
	9:30am	Bible Banter (Offsite) Where
	12:30pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ER)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (Sea of Galilee Rm)
	3pm	Stephen Ministry (ER)
Tue Mar 8	7pm	AI-Anon (Sea of Galilee Rm)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (ER)
	3pm	Lenten Study "A Dozen Ways to Pray" (ER)
	5:15pm	Intro to Handbells Reh (S)
	5:30pm	One in the Spirit/Houser Gang Reh (KR)
Wed Mar 9	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Bells Reh (S)
	9:30am	Music Library Activities (MR)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (Sea of Galilee)
	5pm	Pioneer Club (ER)
	7pm	GCUMC Orchestra Reh (MR)
Thu Mar 10	5:30pm	Chanters Men's Chorus (MR)
	6:50pm	Choir Reh (MR)
	7pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
Fri Mar 11	10am	Mind Menders (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (ER)
Sat Mar 12	8am	Church Ladies Adventure Club Outing (Offsite)
		Hieroglyphic Trail, Gold Canyon, AZ 85118
Sun Mar 13	8am	Sunday Morning Bible Study (ER)
	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	8:30am	Uncommon Grace Reh (KR)
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Confirmation Class (Ofc Workrm)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	9:30am	Youth Participate in Worship (S)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (KR)
	10:50am	Pre-K Children's Sunday School (NAR)
	10:50am	Youth Participate in Worship (S)
	2pm	Concert: Dr. Gene Lowry (S)
	5pm	Country Worship (KR)
	5:30pm	Puppet Show Reh (S)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (7th-12th); (Youth Rm/ER/K)
Mon Mar 14	9:30am	Bible Banter (Offsite)
	12:30pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ER)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (Sea of Galilee Rm)
	7pm	AI-Anon (Sea of Galilee Rm)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (ER)
Tue Mar 15	3pm	Lenten Study "A Dozen Ways to Pray" (ER)
	5:15pm	Intro to Handbells Reh (S)
	5:30pm	One in the Spirit/Houser Gang Reh (KR)
	6pm	Trustee Mtg (Pastor Fred's Ofc)

Wed Mar 16	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Bells Reh (S)
	9:30am	Music Library Activities (MR)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (Sea of Galilee)
	5pm	Pioneer Club (ER)
Thu Mar 17	7pm	GCUMC Orchestra Reh (MR)
	5:30pm	Chanters Men's Chorus (MR)
	6:50pm	Choir Reh (MR)
	7pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
Fri Mar 18	5:30pm	AA (ER)
Sat Mar 19	9:30am	Choir Reh (S/MR)
Sun Mar 20	8am	Sunday Morning Bible Study (ER)
	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	8:30am	Uncommon Grace Reh (KR)
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	9:30am	Youth Participate in Worship (S)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (KR)
	10:50am	Pre-K Children's Sunday School (NAR)
	10:50am	Youth Participate in Worship (S)
	11am	"Being Methodist" Class (ER)
	3pm	Eggstravaganza (Campus)
	5pm	Country Worship (KR)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (7th-12th); (Youth Rm/ER/K)
Mon Mar 21	9:30am	Bible Banter (Offsite)
	12:30pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ER)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (Sea of Galilee Rm)
	3pm	Stephen Ministry (ER)
	7pm	Al-Anon (Sea of Galilee Rm)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (ER)
Tue Mar 22	All day	Polling Place Precinct #48 (KR)
	5:15pm	Intro to Handbells Reh (S)
	5:30pm	One in the Spirit/Houser Gang Reh (TBD)
	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Bells Reh (S)
Wed Mar 23	9:30am	Music Library Activities (MR)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (Sea of Galilee)
	5pm	Pioneer Club (ER)
	6:30pm	Choir Reh (S/MR)
Thu Mar 24	5:30pm	Chanters Men's Chorus (MR)
	7pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	7pm	Maundy Thursday Svc (S)
	10am	Mind Menders (ER)
Fri Mar 25	5:30pm	AA (ER)
	7pm	Good Friday Svc (S)
Sat Mar 26	10am	Puppet Show Reh (S)
Sun Mar 27	6am	Easter Sunrise Svc ~ North Parking Lot

	7am	Sunrise Easter Svc Breakfast (Patio)
	8am	Easter Traditional Worship (S)
	8am	Sunday Morning Bible Study (ER)
	8:30am	Uncommon Grace Reh (KR)
	9:30am	Children & Youth Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Easter Traditional Worship (S)
	9:30am	Youth Participate in Worship (S)
	10:50am	Easter Praise Worship (KR)
	10:50am	Praise Worship (KR)
	10:50am	Pre-K Children's Sunday School (NAR)
	10:50am	Youth Participate in Worship (S)
	5pm	Country Worship (KR)
	5pm	Easter Country Worship (KR)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (7th-12th); (Youth Rm/ER/K)
Mon Mar 28	9:30am	Bible Banter (Offsite)
	12:30pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ER)
	1pm	Grief Support Mtg (Sea of Galilee Rm)
	6:30pm	Ad Council Mtg (KR)
Tue Mar 29	7pm	Al-Anon (Sea of Galilee Rm)
	7pm	CoDA Mtg (ER)
	9am	Stitches Unlimited (Emmaus & Sea of Galilee)
	5:15pm	Intro to Handbells Reh (S)
Wed Mar 30	5:30pm	One in the Spirit/Houser Gang Reh (KR)
	6:30pm	Canyon Carillon Bells Reh (S)
	8:30am	Newsletter Team (MR)
	9:30am	Music Library Activities (MR)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (Sea of Galilee)
	5pm	Pioneer Club (ER)
Thu Mar 31	7pm	GCUMC Orchestra Reh (MR)
	6:50pm	Choir Reh (MR)
	7pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)

WATCH GCUMC SERVICES LIVE!



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MARCH CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday!

Armstrong, Bettie P. 03/01
 Bright, Teresa 03/01
 Schlee, Arthur (Art) 03/01
 Martindale, Warren 03/02
 Messmer, Richard (Dick) 03/02
 Bobier, Shirley 03/03
 Broderson, Gerald (Brodie) 03/03
 Denman, Nancy 03/03
 Graba, Joseph (Joe) 03/03
 Enerson, David 03/04
 Minatree, Johnny 03/04
 Moore, Kathryn 03/04
 Muir, Vyrn 03/04
 Nielsen, Claudine 03/04
 Peterson, Sherrill (Pete) 03/04
 Tippie, Peggy 03/04
 Bilensky, Nancy 03/05
 Nolan, Lavoyce 03/05
 Aldridge, Rebekah (Becky) 03/06
 Eisentraut, Arne 03/06
 Falk, Ellis 03/06
 Pino-Franks, Sandy 03/06
 Beam, Jacalyn (Jackie) 03/07
 Sheridan, Jonathon 03/07
 VanderRoest, Roberta (Bobbie) 03/07
 Weaver, Michael (Mike) 03/07
 Finley, Marjorie 03/08
 Fitzpatrick, Inge 03/08
 Junkermeier, Flo 03/08
 Norin, Bob 03/08
 Walker, Ron 03/08
 Annin, Frank 03/09
 Smith, William (Rex) 03/09
 Engbrecht, Jackie 03/09
 Kinder, Richard 03/09
 Bird, James (Mark) 03/10
 Bose, Dorothy 03/10
 Ervin, Richard 03/10
 Lane, John 03/10
 Myers, Mary Catherine 03/10
 Neil, Dean 03/10
 Rush, Mylet 03/10
 Van Slooten, Charlene 03/10

Keenan, Erin 03/11
 Leach, Don 03/11
 Warren, Dorothy 03/11
 Allensworth, John 03/12
 Bradshaw, Nancy 03/12
 Gordon, Elizabeth (Beth) 03/12
 O'Gary, Richard 03/12
 Lang, Charles (Charlie) 03/13
 Merrick, LaVia 03/13
 Potter, James (Jim) 03/13
 Wilson, Peg 03/13
 Clark, JoAnn 03/14
 Donovan, Patrick 03/14
 Larsen, David 03/14
 Nelson, F Lee 03/14
 Riley, Loren 03/15
 Burhans, Judith 03/16
 Hare, Wilma 03/16
 Hughes, Patrick 03/16
 Shroyer, Donald (Pat) 03/16
 Hacker, Arline 03/17
 Boldt, Gary 03/18
 Cherry, Suzanne 03/18
 Krull, Julie 03/18
 Poppe, Karen 03/18
 Richter, John (Jack) 03/18
 Steinberg, Beth 03/18
 Sheridan, Gloria 03/19
 Wilson, Betty 03/19
 O'Brien, Cecilia 03/20
 Steinberg, Timothy 03/20
 Bennett, William (Bill) 03/21
 Brown-Thomas, Esther Ann 03/21
 Eilers, Winona 03/21
 Rasmussen, Ann 03/21
 Fillion, Paul 03/22
 Bachler-Palmer, Lori 03/23
 Gingrich, Monty 03/23
 Hartman, Brooke 03/23
 Minatree, Hope 03/23
 Morganegg, James 03/23
 Callantine, Ronald (Ron) 03/24
 Gavin, Gordon 03/24
 Meskimen, Jim 03/25
 Primeau, James 03/25

Scharringhausen, Joyce 03/25
 Kennedy, Barbara 03/26
 Koepp, Carolyn 03/26
 Mueller, Gary 03/26
 Carlson, Velma 03/27
 Sebring, Barbara 03/27
 Johnson, Neil 03/28
 Fite, Edward (Ted) 03/30
 Riedel, James 03/30
 Adams, Jennifer 03/31
 Fite, Joy 03/31
 Moore, Nellie 03/31

Happy Anniversary!

Crane, Steven & Linda 03/05/2000
 Bentley, Allen & Martha 03/08/1958
 Adamski, Edward & Carol 03/10/2012
 Haraldson, Richard &
 Sebring, Barbara 03/10/2012
 Hunter, Gary & Betty Lou 03/11/1960
 Sawyer, Tom & Barbara 03/11/1966
 Graham, Larry & Jean 03/13/1964
 Van Slooten, James & Charlene 03/14/1953
 Kappler, Wesley & Marjorie 03/18/1951
 Kohan, Theodore & Joyce 03/20/1971
 Martin, John & Darla 03/20/1965
 Sauerbrunn, Gary & Diane 03/21/1986
 Schaefer, Jeffrey (Jeff) & Christa 03/21/1993
 Workman, Paul & Janice 03/23/1963
 McAuliffe, William & Claudia 03/24/1993
 Smith, William & Alice 03/24/1956
 O'Donnell, Michael (Mike) & Cheryl 03/27/1971
 Tabor, Robert & Leslie 03/29/2012
 Johnson, Mark & Shirley 03/30/1953
 Warren, Harry & Lovena 03/30/1956
 Warren, Ranford & Dorothy 03/30/1968
 Hare, Robert (Bob) & Wilma 03/31/1956



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)

JAN	2013	2013	2013	2014	2014	2014	2015	2015	2015	2016	2016	2016
	General	Building	Worship	General	Building	Worship	General	Building	Worship	General	Building	Worship
1st	19033	80009	1774	26923	9083	1698	43512	14063	1715	25445	8366	1792
2nd	10663	3571	1589	21969	4126	1670	40557	2562	1930	21145	4089	2109
3rd	12930	5363	1802	25151	5695	1780	22175	4739	1970	26212	1916	2234
4th	13334	6274	1956	20298	5589	2219	22366	5593	2169	26206	3773	2266
5th	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26969	2155	2328
TOTAL	57960	23217	7121	94341	26693	7457	128609	26957	7784	125875	20297	10729



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.



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

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP MINISTRY



For the past several years GCUMC has provided \$13,000 in annual scholarships to college students who are members of our church that was made possible from income generated from the Permanent Endowment Fund. However, because the market has not been kind this past year, the invested funds have not produced money to fund those College Scholarships for the coming year. We know the expense of college continues to grow.

Because this is an important ministry of GCUMC, we are encouraging contributions that can be used immediately for this purpose. A College Scholarship Fund has been set-up for those donations that would be available for immediate use. We expect the Permanent Endowment Fund to again finance this important ministry as the market conditions improve. You can direct any contribution to College Scholarship Fund and it will be used accordingly.

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:



- ✚ 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 \$100,000)
- ✚ Organ Pipes
- ✚ Food Bank Building — \$200,000

Help support **Team Outreach...**

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COFFEE MUGS!**



2 FOR \$10

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Thanks

... to all the members and friends of Gold Canyon Church for all your prayers, cards, calls and continued support through this rough patch of health problems. Every prayer has been a blessing and have given me strength. God bless you. ~ Velma Carlson



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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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