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**From The Pastor:
“Why?”**

Sometimes the tragedies of life overwhelm us. We see injury, abuse, hunger, disease and violence, and find ourselves asking, where is God? Why would God let this happen? Why do the innocent suffer? Doesn't God care? We pray for God to pay attention to a crisis in the world and at times feel as if there is no answer. So we wonder, God, why don't you answer my prayers?

The great thing about the Christian faith is that we are free to ask these questions. The Bible is full of people who went through tremendous tragedy and then complained to God and asked “why”. Many of the Psalms are filled with the cries of anguished people trying to make sense of their suffering and understand God's role in light of their pain.

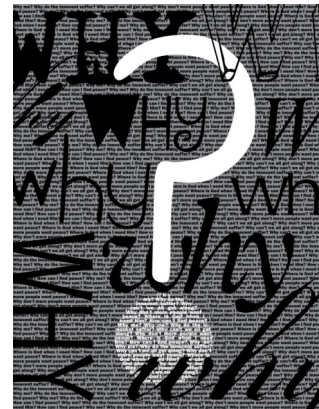
Of course these questions accompany other questions we have about our faith. Why should I even worry about people in Africa or South America? Isn't there enough to worry about right here at home? Even the big question of how can I be sure that God even exists?

In January we will focus on four “Why” questions you probably have wrestled with. But rather than just ask the questions silently to ourselves we will ask them out loud. I know that in just a few short sermons

I won't completely resolve the issues, but my hope is to give you some help as you wrestle with these questions yourself.

Grace and peace,

Fred



Why? Sermon Series

- Jan. 1 ~ Why? – Why Do The Innocent Suffer?
- Jan. 8 ~ Why? – Why Do Prayers Go Unanswered?
- Jan. 15 ~ Why? – Why Help People in Other Countries?
- Jan 22 ~ Why? – Why Believe in God?

“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."



Confirmation Classes for those in grade 6 and above will begin Monday, January 23rd, meeting from 4:30 - 5:30 pm.

This will be a 13 week journey ending on Confirmation Sunday, April 29th. The candidates as of this writing are Ariella Brown, Morgan Cleary, Lillie Mogharbel and Taylor Wehle. If we have missed anyone, please call Katharine Keller in the church office to register your student.



BIBLE BANTER



MEETS EVERY MONDAY, 9:30-10:30 AM

MOUNTAIN BREW COFFEE HOUSE

6832 SOUTH KINGS RANCH RD #5

(NEAR THE NW CORNER OF US 60 AND KINGS RANCH RD)

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

Upcoming Adult Studies

Pastoral Intern Jody Topping is preparing more adult studies to begin this month. If you are interested in participating in any of the following three classes, please contact Jody in the church office or by email at jody@goldcanyonumc.org.

Back by Popular Demand: Survey of World Religions

Several of you have asked if the World Religions class will be offered again, and the answer is "YES"!! Pastoral Intern Jody Topping will lead this class for 6 weeks beginning the week of January 8 (date and time still to be determined) at the church and also at Horizon Bay Senior Living Center (dates and times to be determined). If you are interested in attending this class at either location, please contact Jody in the church office or by email at jody@goldcanyonumc.org.

In "Discovering Denominations" we will look at the history and beliefs of the various Christian Denominations.



The class called "Spiritual Gifts"

SIDEWALK MINISTRIES

Sidewalk Ministries - what a beautiful place to spend your **Saturday** mornings. And even if you do not feel inspired to get going as early as 9:00, you will find that it "makes" the rest of your weekend. And, you may volunteer only once or twice a month if that fits your schedule better.

25 to 45 children attend each **Saturday** for approximately an hour and a half. Thanks to our dedicated drivers, who make two trips each **Saturday** morning to pick up children and then return them home, the kids come ready to play, learn, sing and have lunch. Once a month a craft project is provided that generates much enthusiasm.

These children are from Apache Junction coming with a variety of church experience and attendance, ranging from none to regular. They bring a variety of skills, learning ability and certainly age (little ones, age 4 sit-

ting on Mom or Grandma's lap, to ages 12-14). Our shepherds provide activities for all-inclusive large groups as well as smaller groups established by age.

If you have an interest in using your skills, love and patience with children who need skilled, loving and patient adults in their life, please think about joining us! You may call June Welker at 480-986-0129. If you would be willing to drive the van, route training included, please call June. And any monetary donations for Sidewalk Ministries lunch program are most appreciated. (Make check payable to GCUMC but earmark it Sidewalk Sunday School lunches!)

God bless you for your interest in and support of Sidewalk Ministries.

FROM



GOD'S LOVE...

PEACE





Gold Canyon UMC Youth



Wendy Moore, Youth Director

David Moore is our Superstar of the Month!

David is 17 years old and a junior at Apache Junction High School. He has served on 5 mission trips and helps in several areas of local service. Always willing to pitch in, David is a great asset to the Youth Group. He works as a lifeguard for the City of Apache Junction during the summer.

Favorite Food: Protein

Hobbies: Working Out, Swimming, and Martial Arts

Accomplishments: Lifeguard Certification

Favorite Movie: Captain America



Congratulations David!

News Update from Wendy:

Recently, I was fortunate enough to attend the 2011 National Youth Workers Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. Beth Steinberg and I spent three days celebrating youth today with several hundred other youth workers. I am so thankful for the opportunity to attend this inspiring conference. Many of the discussions were on the topic of helping our youth feel passion about Jesus. One of the seminars focused on keeping youth involved in church after high school. Both subjects were very well presented and really struck a chord with me. Helping our youth to find and feel passion for Christ is so important. They will need that passion to carry them through the tough times. That passion is also important for keeping them involved in church life as they venture into the world as

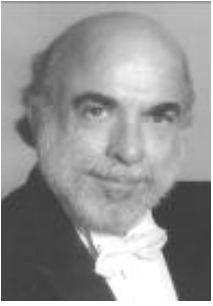
Perspectives:

“When you have read the Bible, you know it is the word of God, because it is the key to your heart, your own happiness, and your own duty.”

Theodore Roosevelt, 26th President of the United States, 1858-1919

“In all my perplexities and distresses, the Bible has never failed to give me light and strength.”

Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the United States, 1809-1865



Music Notes

“Happy New Year!” With this exclamation comes hope for a better year than last. It is also a reminder that we are a year older, and hopefully, wiser as a society. Of course, now is the time for our annual prognostications, promises, and resolutions given with great fervor! All of this is well meaning, but some will go the way of past resolutions long forgotten, except for perhaps the guilt (“I WILL lose weight this year!!!”). But, we keep on keeping on with great hope, and the knowledge that with Christ, all things are possible, if we but keep him in our hearts.

I want to again thank all the musicians who perform in our Choirs, Handbells, Orchestra, Praise Team, Country/Western singers, and other singers and instrumentalists who have blessed us this past year in so many ways. Music is such a gift, and like all of God’s gifts, must be given away to be appreciated. If you are in any way gifted with music, I sincerely hope you will join one of our groups and share your gift(s) with us. If you are interested in singing, ringing bells, playing an instrument, or have a child interested in singing or ringing bells, please let me know. We always have room for new people.

This month our *Performing Arts Series* is offering two outstanding opportunities to hear some great music performed extremely well. First, the very well-known **George Dyer, Tenor** will perform an all new show for us – twice! Last year, attendance at his performance completely filled the Sanctuary. This year, we offer him in concert on **Friday, January 13, 7:30 pm** and again on **Saturday, January 14, 3:00 pm**. Come early as we expect to fill the Sanctuary for both performances! Doors will open 45 minutes prior to each performance. He sings classical, opera, sacred, popular and Broadway styles. If you heard him last year, you will be here. If you haven’t heard him, ask anyone who has, and you will be here! He is truly amazing! Again, come early!

The other concert is the world renowned Southern Gospel Men’s Quartet, **The Legacy Quartet**. They have just completed their fifth tour of South Korea and will share some of their experiences and music with us. Though they specialize in the Southern Gospel tradition, they are so much more. The songs they choose,

the great arrangements and their unique style has endeared them to their very loyal audiences! We expect to fill the Sanctuary! They will perform for us on **Sunday, January 29 at 3:00 pm**. Doors will open 45 minutes prior to the concert. Come early!

These concerts are open to the public at no charge as a 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. These concerts are a great opportunities to bring your families, friends and neighbors to experience some great music and enjoy our church.

I pray that we all enjoy a great new year filled with love, laughter and all good things.

Blessings,

Doug

Douglas J. Benton
Director of Music Ministries

Special Music

Free Concert – Come enjoy the sights and sounds when Uncommon Grace hosts a concert on Saturday, January 21st, at 5 pm in the Education Building. Uncommon Grace will be playing from some of your favorite Christian artists like: Mercy Me, Chris Tomlin, JJ Heller, Casting Crowns, and many more. A free will offering will be received, and all of the proceeds will benefit the GCUMC Youth Group. Please bring a canned food item for the food bank.

Do You Have God’s Gift of Song? If you have an interest in being *available to sing a solo* during the offertory please contact Cindy Hoff, Assistant Director of Music, at 480-632-6022 or cynthialeehoff@gmail.com.

Healthy Living

*News from the Health and Wellness Ministry of
Monica Ortega-Watters and Susan Malloy, Parish Nurses*

Greetings and Happy New Year!

The year 2012 holds the potential for many new challenges as well as the promise of rewarding accomplishments providing we make the right choices. Informed decisions about what we want this year to bring us, at least in the realm of our control, lie in process of making the best decisions in all areas of our lives, mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually. We usually think about making our New Year Resolutions only to see them slip away about mid-March if they last that long. Why is that?

I recently attended an all-day seminar called How The Brain Forms New Habits: Why Willpower Is Not Enough. What an eye opener that was. The Instructor, Dr. Brian King, PHD, is well educated on this matter and delivered his comments with a wonderful sense of humor. Both are necessary when discussing a topic related to brain activity.

According to Dr King, habits are a component of our personality. Personality is the enduring, distinctive thoughts, emotions, and behaviors that characterize the way an individual adapts to the world. It is comprised of our traits and habits; impacts everything we do, think & feel. It is how we view ourselves and the world. A Habit is an automatic response to improve well-being, does not require conscious attention and is learned and maintained by reward. A habit can be a behavior, thought or emotional response.

First of all, habits are learned and maintained by reward (reinforcement). Rewards are not always pleasure related, but they do increase the likelihood of repetition and are not always associated with a positive effect. Rewards do improve immediate state of well-being. They create an OK to Good atmosphere which = Positive Reinforcement creating Reward Focused Habits or they go from a Bad to OK (or less bad) which = Negative Reinforcement called Threat-based habits.

Unfortunately, habits can contribute to many disorders including Chronic Pain Syndrome, Depression and Obesity just to name a few. The saying "Old Habits Die Hard" is true, yet it is possible to change when we learn "what makes a habit bad". It is when Habits are focused on immediate well-being, not on long term bene-

fit. Bad habits cause immediate benefit but long term harm with repetition. Good habits cause immediate and long term benefit.

Factors that modify habits include: Reward over-valuation or undervaluation, Stress, Reward deficiency, and Cortical/conscious control. There are ways to improve reward valuation. This will come in a later Healthy Living Newsletter article. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 480-390-1496.

Here is to YOUR GOOD HEALTH! Happy New Year.



Susan L Malloy RN BSN Parish Nurse

SUPPORT GROUPS

GRIEF

... meets on Wednesdays at 9am in the Sea of Galilee Room. Please email Laurie Christy for more information at Lchristy20@yahoo.com

MIND MENDERS

...meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday each month at 10:00 am in the Education Building. Mind Menders is a support group for caregivers of Alzheimer's and other dementia disease patients. Come join us. Contact Jeanette Lunstead at 480-671-9888 or the church office for more information.

CANCER

.....meets each Wednesday at 11:00 am in Room 101-102. This active group provides spiritual support, love, friendship and a helping hand to cancer patients, caregivers and their families. For further information, contact Tom or Dee Ashe at 480-924-5483 or 480-650-6765 (cell) or by email at deenashe7580@gmail.com.

Ways to Give to Your Church

Church Wish List

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 requested by staff and laity that will better enable us to fulfill our mission as a church.

- ⌘ ☩ Pave the North Parking Lot - \$200,000
- ⌘ ☩ Religious Statue for South Exterior Alcove of Sanctuary Building
- ⌘ ☩ Playground
- ⌘ ☩ Pipes for the Electronic Organ
- ⌘ ☩ Stain Glass for upper Sanctuary windows - \$105,000 (\$3,000 per panel)
- ⌘ ☩ Building Fund Loan Payoff

IRA Distributions Can Benefit Your Church

"Advancing age has some wonderful privileges, despite what some people say. For example if you happen to be over 70 you can now withdraw money from your IRA without paying income tax on that withdrawal. How? Simply by making a direct donation to charity, and Gold Canyon United Methodist Church certainly qualifies. You still have time for 2011--in fact until January 31 for 2011 IRA distributions. If interested you might consult your tax advisor, or ask your IRA administrator for details." Terry Parsons a member of our Finance Committee is willing to answer any questions you might have at (480) 982-6578.

Electronic Funds Transfer (ETF)

Save time, simplify your life, and support our Church! In this new millennium the Church is keeping up with the times by offering our givers a new way to help our ministry. Our new electronic contribution program is an automatic funds transfer program that will allow you to make contributions without having to lift a pen to write a check or reach into your wallet for cash!

Here is how it works: you authorize a specified amount of money to be electronically transferred directly from your checking or savings account to the Church account. You also specify the frequency of the transfer to allow you to keep your check register up to date.

It is fast, safe, and easy! In fact, it is less risky than checks, as it cannot be lost, stolen, or destroyed in the mail, and rate of accuracy is high. The electronic transfer will cost you NOTHING. You save the cost of the check. The Church will issue you a donation statement for your records, and bank statements will provide you with a record of transfer as additional proof of your contributions.

Donations via electronic transfer can be made to our general fund or our building fund. Designations to Missions or the Pastors Discretionary Fund can also be made.

Of course you can cancel your authorization of transfer at any time by notifying us in writing. We believe that once you have enjoyed the convenience and savings of this new program, you won't want to go back. Contact our Church Office now.

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE!

You may give a one-time or recurring donation online by logging on to our church website at www.goldcanyonumc.org and selecting "Click to Give." You will then be guided through the steps to get set up. It's easy and convenient!

DONATIONS AND ATTENDANCE

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

November	2009		2010		2011		2011	
	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Worship All	Worship All
1st	\$17668	\$7985	\$25161	\$11928	25201	11411	1111	1193
2nd	19835	18704	16962	6269	16067	4584	1180	1217
3rd	16872	4334	16420	3875	15699	5137	1217	1268
4th	16060	4097	12406	3740	13742	3594	1298	1260
5th	13088	3777	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	\$83523	\$38897	\$70949	\$25812	\$70709	\$24725	4806	4938

WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY

By Hu & Wendy Rhymes, with a little help from Hattie, Muffin (& Sadie, too)



JUST A REMINDER: Please let the Rhymes know at whsadier@earthlink.net or call the church office if you **WANT A NAME REMOVED FROM THE ROADRUNNER or SUNDAY PRAYER LIST** or are having surgery or are in the hospital, if you wish a visit or want to be on the Sunday Prayer List.

FROM THE SADIE RHYMES' MISSION CORNER

When we walk into the office in the morning there are many days when the lobby doesn't have enough chairs for the folk who have come for Food Bank assistance. One day they helped 36 families and Jeff Downing said over 30 families wanted pet food. Thanks to Ruth & Terry Burris for bagging pet food at the last minute so our furry friends could eat & also to Les & Marlene Kimball for bagging many large bags of pet food this past month. Also Jolene & Michael for buying and bagging food. **THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO CONTRIBUTE FOOD AND PET FOOD AND THOSE WHO HELP IN THE FOOD BANK** once in awhile/and every week.

*****Love, Hu, Wendy, Hattie, Muffin and Sadie too!!! *****

Sympathies: Rachel Barnes, upon the death of her cousin, Marie Jenkinson; The family of Craig Brooks, upon his death; Donald & Caroline Dick, upon the death of their son, John; Paul & Donna Garrett, upon the death of Pat (brother/brother-in-law); Judy Heil, upon the death of her husband, Dennis; Yvonne Morton, upon the death of her husband, Cliff; Karen Perry, upon the death of her 3 children; Kay Schneider, upon the death of her mother; Valerie Sheridan, upon the death of her brother, Skeeter Kostrzeba; and the families & friends of the above.

Concerns and/or Continued Prayers: Nancy Arbuckle, Debbie Baitling (Pat Jarc's sister), Pat Beister, Shawn Brighton, Isabelle Cagwin (Bev/Cris Criswell's niece), Mindy Couch (Don/Diane Parker's daughter), Henry Davis, Mike & DiAnna Dayne, Theresa Dunphy, Julie Foret, Evelyn Hawkes, Vivian Hendrickson (Gloria Charette's cousin), Mary Hollingsworth, Fran Huling, Ed Kennely, Elaine Knight, Beverly Krage, Harlan Madsen, Tony Masucci (Colette Bos' father), Bob Meischner, Michael & Nicholas Melcher, Gavin McKemie, Shirley McKinty, Bill Morriseau, Donna Nordell, Delores Norton, Jennie Oukada, Bob Parke, Leonard & Stella (Don & Diane Parker's daughter), Phil Parnham (Bev Stout's brother), Greg Peck, Charley Peifer, Donna Pingree, Tim Preidis (Malloy's grandson), Rhea Richards, Darrell Ritsch, Will Rodgers, Don Schadle, Marilyn Smith, Brennon Stemple, Debbie Tlusty (Eisentraut's daughter), Bev Toppin, Rita Vadasz, Peri Vannoy, Ed Waltz, Dick Wilcox, Terry Wilcox, Barbara Barnhill (Nancy Jonovich's daughter) and **PRAYERS** for the families & caregivers of the above. **PRAYERS** for requests in the "CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER" boxes & **UNSPOKEN REQUESTS**. Also, those **FOOD BANK CLIENTS** who have requested prayers. **PRAYERS** for our **MILITARY** personnel (Chris Everett, & Matthew Jacobson, Johnathan Knowles, Jacob Manbeck, Myles Strange), those in harm's way & those suffering from, PTSD & other maladies as a result of their military service & their families. Also, those who are **POOR** or **HOMELESS & IN NEED OF EMPLOYMENT**. **PRAYERS** for the families of **SIDEWALK MINISTRY**.

Still in Need of Prayers: John & Doris Adamson, Richard & Eleanor Armstrong, Tom & Dee Ashe, Joey & Dorothy Baker & family, Patti Baker, Bob & Ruth Bennett, Cathy Bird, Irene & Jr. Blake (Paul Fillion's sister), Marge Bos (Dave Bos' mother), Kay Bottomley (Mike Vagnier's mother), Lyle Brewer, Jeff & Karen Brown, Dr. Brad & Arlaine Bryant & Julie Bryant-Holver, Martha Burkinshaw, Jim & Carolyn Burt, Leon & Linda Schafle-Castonia, JoAnn Clark, Rev. Bob & June Deits, Debbie & David DeSimone & boys (Ardeena Gillette's daughter), Chuck Dickinson, Laura Dinges, Rev. Jim & Eve Dinkel, Adelyne Douglass, Kayla Erik-

sen (Eriksen's granddaughter), Janet Fillion (Paul & Joyce Fillion's daughter-in-law), Peter Fillion (Paul Fillion's brother), Dale & Inge Fitzpatrick, Sue & Dave Flitsch, Danna & Andy Gharavi, Ardeena Gillette, Bill Green, Arline Hacker, Gail Harshberger, Gaylord Hart & kids, Kathy & Paul Fabish, Kerby Harms (Roger & Shirley Coad's grandson), Jan Helquist, Neil & Melva Houtcooper, Orysia Husak, Jim & Suzanne Jameson, Ginny & Joe Johnson, Gladys Kay (Jane Hayes' Mom), Mel & Mary Kilbo, Diane Kissner, Tom & Mariol Knapp, Thelma Lang (Pete 'n Kay Johnson's mother), Gerry Legg, Rick & Diane Lockwood Bob & Juana Mahlandt, Sue & Michael Malloy, Will Matthews, Bryan McGann (Jeanette Lunstead's son), Corine McGinley (Diane Kissner's sister), Larry & Pat McMann, Wilbur McMann, Linda & Mike Mestek, Bill & Freda Moffatt, Judy Monk, Hedy Moore (Jed Moore's mother), Bonny Nielsen, Mary Nelson, Ramona Orr (Kris Laux's mother), Catarina Pascual, Shirley Plakos, Lynn Revis, Eleanor Rhymes (Hu Rhymes' sister-in-law), Jim & Marcia Ritenour, Peter Ritsch, David & Judy Robertson, Virgil & Rose Scantlin, Sandy Schutt (Wendy Rhymes' sister), Kathy & Jim Serrine, Debbie Steedy, Lew & Doris Stichter, Rick & Sue Sutter, Marilyn Thomas, Lillian Thomas (Bill & Mary Thomas' mother), Kenneth Tippie (Jerry & Peggy Tippie's son), Gordon & Patty Truckle, Marven & Wanda Tufte, Jim & Charlene Van Slooten & Floy Kilbourn-their daughter, Ray and Nancy Villeneuve, Jack & Nancy Virden, Mary Ann Warren, Garnet White (Jody Topping), Delza Wilson (Jayne Urbach's mother), Pat Zirjacks and the families of the above.

"Laugh a Little" - with Hu

THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD

Dear God,
I went to this wedding and they kissed right in church. Is that ok?
NEIL

Dear God,
Instead of letting people die and having to make new ones why
don't you just keep the ones you got now? JANE

Dear God,
I think about you sometimes even when I am not praying. ELLI-
OTT

Dear God,
I bet it is very hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole
world. There are only 4 people in our family and I can never do it.
NAN

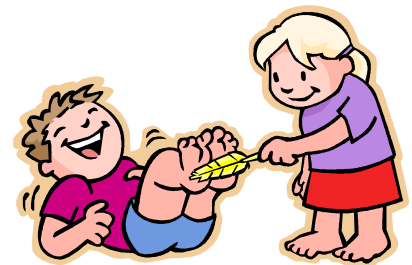
Dear God,
Please put another holiday between Christmas and Easter. There is
nothing good in there now. GINNY

Dear God,
If you watch in church on Sunday I will show you my new shoes.
MICKEY D.

Dear God,
If we come back as someone-please don't let me be Jennifer Horton
because I hate her. DENISE

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***YOU DON'T STOP
LAUGHING BE-
CAUSE YOU GROW
OLD,
YOU GROW OLD
BECAUSE YOU
STOP LAUGHING.***





International Missions

"The world is my parish." – John Wesley

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

Entering a New Year often causes us to pause and reflect on the past year and make choices about how we want to live in the upcoming months. People make resolutions about diet, fitness, exercise or set other personal goals. In the December newsletter, we reflected on the ways in which GCUMC made a positive impact during 2011 on those around the world who are less fortunate than we.

As we look ahead to 2012, we focus on our mission team who will travel to Costa Rica. The members of the team are Linda Crane, Steve Crane, Jane DeRemer, Carol Lindaman, Don Lindaman, Fay Quanstrom, Wally Quanstrom, Harry Warren and Lovena Warren. They will be working on a continuing project of building student and faculty housing for Universidad Biblica Latinoamericana, a United Methodist and Presbyterian seminary that trains pastors and Bible teachers from all parts of Latin America. The team has requested prayers:

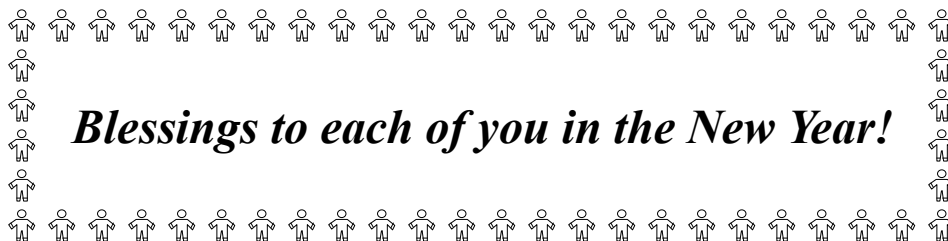
- that God will protect the health of the team
- that all travel as well as time in Costa Rica will be safe
- that we will be able to overcome language barriers
- that each team member will grow spiritually as a result of participating
- that quality work will be accomplished on the building project
- that the Christian witness will encourage the faith of UBL faculty and students

We also look forward to the return of Lisa Armstrong, missionary with Fellow Man International mission in Honduras. Lisa will lead GCUMC in worship on Sunday, January 15. We eagerly anticipate the inspirational "shot in the arm" we know she will provide for us, and hope that her presence will encourage all of us to understand ways we can become more involved in global missions, not only in Honduras, but in other mission areas we support.

As we enter 2012, our hope is that you will consider international missions as you make your New Year's resolutions by reflecting on this:

What is the Lord calling me to do to support our brothers and sisters around the globe? Pray? Give? Act? In Corinthians 12:4-7, we are reminded, "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

Be prayerful in your resolutions for 2012 in asking God what He wants you to do.



Blessings to each of you in the New Year!

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**Current UMCOR****Emergencies**

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

Horn of Africa Crisis
(Somalia)
UMCOR Advance
#982450

Japan Emergency
Earthquake & Tsunami
~UMCOR Advance
#3021317

Liberia Emergency ~
UMCOR Advance
#150300

Cote D'Ivoire Crisis ~
UMCOR Advance
#982450

U.S. Disaster Response ~
Spring Storms
UMCOR Advance
#3021326

For more ways to help, or
to donate online, go to:
<http://new.gbmg-umc.org/umcor/>

Thinking Theologically

By Jody Topping, Pastoral Intern

The beginning of a new year is always a time of both reflection and anticipation: reflection on what has happened in the last twelve months, and anticipation for the twelve ahead. As I look back, I realize how blessed I am to be in this place at this time in my life. Being a part of the Gold Canyon UMC family (both as a member and as part of the staff) has helped me grow on my way to becoming a pastor. The friends I've made here (as well as the acquaintances) will remain in my heart for the rest of my life, and the ex-

perience I've had as a Pastoral Intern will help me be a better pastor wherever I am appointed in the future. So the past twelve months have indeed been a blessing for me...and for that I will always be thankful to God.

As I look ahead, I am reminded of a passage in Hebrews, which reads: "Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see. Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation. By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen" (Heb 11:1-3, New Living Translation). In the next few weeks, I will be interviewed by the Board of Ordained Ministry for the Desert Southwest Annual Conference. By the time I leave that meeting, I will know whether or not my application to become a Provisional Elder in the church will be approved. I have no idea what to expect from this interview, but I know that God will be with me before, during and after my time with the Board, and I know that whatever is decided, I will continue to do God's work in the world. I have faith that God will use my gifts to benefit God's kingdom here on earth, and I know that my faith in God will continue to grow stronger and stronger each day.

When our faith in God is strong, we are reassured about the things we cannot see. We are comforted in our belief that a power much greater than ourselves is keeping us strong and focused. Through God, all things are indeed possible, and when we stumble and fall, God will be there to pick us back up again and get us back into the race.

How is your faith these days? Do you have confidence that in all things, God is there? Are you able to see through your doubts to a better day? Do you know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that the One who created all things – including you and me – loves you now and will love you no matter how badly you mess up? God gives us the strength to persevere. Through our faith we have confidence that what is supposed to happen will happen. I know I am meant to serve God by serving other people, and the best way I know how to do that is as an Ordained Elder in the church. But if God thinks I'm not quite ready for that yet...then I have faith that God will place me where I can continue to grow and be in ministry to the world.

There's a song by a band called *Kutless* (yes, I spelled that correctly!) that speaks volumes about faith. It's called "What Faith Can Do," and the chorus goes like this: "I've seen dreams that move the mountains, hope that doesn't ever end even when the sky is falling. And I've seen miracles just happen, silent prayers get answered, broken hearts become brand new. That's what faith can do."

I have faith in God as my Creator, Jesus as my Savior, and the Holy Spirit as my guide in life, that I will be placed by God where I can do God's work to the best of my ability. I pray that your faith in the One who loves you is also strong enough to withstand any adversity that might come your way, and that God will keep you strong and guide you to do God's work here on earth. Blessings for a wonderful new year!

Sister Seminararians



HEATHER RODENBORG

Hello All. As I write this it's still December and I just finished finals. WOOHOO!! Now time for some rest and to gear up for Christmas at the church where I am working. As the New Year approaches, I am looking forward to 2012. I am officially done with half of my seminary classes, which means I have a year and a half of classes left to take and then a year of internship. It also means this spring I will write my credo. The credo that we have to write is a very long paper regarding our main beliefs of the Christian faith. We have to cover Christology, the Trinity, Doctrine of God, Pneumatology (Doctrine of the Holy Spirit), Soteriology (Doctrine of salvation), Ecclesiology (Doctrine of the Church), and a couple others that I can't remember off the top of my head. Basically come April, I will be living in front of books and my computer writing like a mad woman. So far, I am enjoying it.

Our class this semester has focused on the Doctrine of God, the Trinity, and Pneumatology (Holy Spirit). Learning about the Holy Spirit has been, by far, my favorite. I don't believe that the Holy Spirit is talked about enough in churches today. We sometimes seem to forget that the Holy Spirit is a person of the Trinity and is God. It's the way in which God is with us, living inside of us, teaching us, and moving us towards perfection in love. Learning all these new things about the Holy Spirit has challenged me to be more present in the moment and see where the Holy Spirit could be acting during the moment. It has opened my eyes to many wonderful things. I challenge you to do the same. Think of how the Holy Spirit has been working in your life and be thankful for the wonderful gift of God living inside of you.

Until next time, may you feel the love and presence of the Divine Holy Spirit.

Peace be with you,
Heather



JODY TOPPING

Well, like I've said so many times before, time certainly does fly!! It seems like I just finished up the Fall quarter and now the Winter Quarter is staring me in the face. I really shouldn't complain, though – after all, I did get about 6 weeks of winter vacation...

The good news about the winter quarter is that I

will only have one class to complete, which is my internship seminar. During the seminar, about 5 of us who are interns at various places throughout the country get together online to chat about the things we are doing as pastoral interns and how things are going. My colleagues in my internship seminar are often very impressed by the things I've been able to do through my internship here at Gold Canyon UMC...and I have all of you to thank (oh, and especially Pastor Fred) for making this a most meaningful learning experience.

As the new year begins, so begins a new schedule for me here at the church. I will no longer be sharing the position of Office Manager with Suzanne Cherry, but instead will be devoting about 30 hours a week to pastoral internship duties, including pastoral care, teaching, and preaching from time to time. I'm excited about this change in my status here at Gold Canyon, and look forward to expanding my ministry in those areas.

For those of you who are interested, I am working on developing and scheduling some adult education classes that I think will be of interest to you. I have been asked by several members to offer the Survey of World Religions class again, as well as a class on the different Christian denominations, their beliefs and traditions. If you are interested in either of these studies, please contact me in the church office and watch the Sunday morning bulletins for more information. I will also be continuing to lead the Bible Banter faith conversations at Mountain Brew Coffee House on Monday mornings beginning at 9:30 am...all are welcome!

Looking ahead, I will soon be ending my time in seminary and graduating with a Masters of Divinity degree in June. This has been a four-year journey for me and frankly, I'm looking forward to getting that diploma and moving on to devoting myself and my time to doing God's work. Besides, I have over 800 books in my theological library that I still need to read...guess I better get started!!

May God bless you and keep you during this new year!

Jody

Sister Seminararians (continued)

SUZANNE CHERRY



It has been a very busy year for me. 2011 was the first full year without my mother, which has made some of the tough times tougher. I was pretty used to calling Mom whenever I needed advice, even at my age. It was particularly tough, though, when I got married in September. Although I've known my husband as a friend for 20 years, Mom had never met him. She never got to know that I finally found my life partner. Getting married was a huge change!

I've been a single mom for so long that one of the hardest things to remember is that I don't have to do it all alone anymore!

I've been commuting to California for classes every week for the past year and a half. This past semester, I tried working part-time so that I could attend classes Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I made it through okay, but I must say that I am thankful that Claremont has begun to offer more online and distance courses for the spring semester. I have returned to full time work here in the GCUMC office, and will be taking a few of these alternative classes this spring. Taking this approach will extend my studies for approximately one year, and I will likely graduate in the spring of 2013.

I continue as the Pastoral Intern with Rev. Rosemary Anderson at Primera Iglesia Metodista Unida in Phoenix. On December 17, we held *Las Posadas*, in which four people were chosen by lot to play Mary, Joseph and their guardian angels. My husband played Joseph beside a rather young Mary, and the entire party went door to door, searching for room. Of course, there was no room until we arrived back at the church, where we sang Christmas carols and gifts were given to all. Dove of the Desert UMC donated gifts, pizza, soda and their time to help out with this joyous event that filled the pews at Primera to capacity.

I may have already shared with you the fact that after much prayer and discernment, I have withdrawn from the ordination process. However, I am working toward certification in Spiritual Formation and Direction through the United Methodist church. This is the area that speaks to my heart most. Dr. Robert Mulholland of Asbury Theological Seminary defines Christian Spiritual Formation as "a process of being conformed to the image of Christ for the sake of others." A Spiritual Director is someone who helps you find your way in God's world. A Spiritual Director helps you notice God's movement in your life. Henri Nouwen, modern mystic and writer, says "Spiritual direction does not mean that one spiritual person tells another, less spiritual person what to think, say or do in order to become a more spiritual person. Spiritual direction means that two or more sinful, broken, struggling people come together to listen to the direction of the Spirit." I am one sinful, broken and struggling person who wants to help others hear the voice of God in their lives, and act upon it.

One of my favorite hymns is an old Shaker tune called *Lord of the Dance*. The chorus pretty much describes my theory of Spiritual Direction: "Dance, then wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance said he. And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he." As we enter into this New Year, I hope that you all listen for the music of God's call in your lives, and step into the dance that is led by Jesus Christ, Who is the Lord of the Dance.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY®**

"Have you ever had something happen in your life that changed everything?"

Actually, this is a rhetorical question, because the answer will always be yes. Every time we go through any kind of change in our lives, we undergo some level of stress. It needn't be something drastic. It could be something as simple as starting a new class or graduating from college; it could be something as exciting as getting married, or as devastating as getting a divorce. It could be any number of events that cause you to slip into crisis mode—an illness in your immediate family, an attempted suicide or the death of a loved one.

Whatever crisis you experience, one of the best ways to deal with it is to talk to someone else about your concerns. It's difficult, though, to talk to those who are close to you. Sometimes, they are the reason you are in crisis! Sometimes, friends are not able to give you the time you need. After all, everyone has their own life and their own problems. Maybe you simply don't want to burden them with yours.

Stephen Ministers are trained for just this sort of situation. They undergo 50 hours of training in "being there." They will listen to you if you need to share; they will pray with you if you want them to; they will sit and have a cup of tea or coffee with you and simply BE, if that's what you need.

If you have experienced something that has created stress in your life, think about calling the church office and asking for a Stephen Minister. If you have questions about the process, feel free to ask for Suzanne Cherry. Suzanne has taken the classes in Stephen Ministry as well as a number of seminary classes in spiritual care. She will be glad to tell you more about the program and connect you with a Stephen Ministry Coordinator to set up your initial visit. Suzanne may be reached at 480-982-3776.

"Jesus cared deeply for people whose hearts were broken by sorrow. When you cry, Jesus cries. Your tears are his tears. Your pain, his pain. This is a total mystery to me, but I believe it: God doesn't take away our pain, but shares it. That's the way God's love works. That's why every person who truly, deeply shares the pain of your grief with you is doing God's work."

Kenneth C. Hauk in *A Time To Grieve*, Volume 1 of *Journeying through Grief*



Jane Hayes, Volunteer Coordinator

GCUMC

982-3776

Volunteers Do Make a Difference

January

Inspirational Values

PATIENCE

I often wonder how missionaries, like my daughter Lisa, have the patience to make it through each day. Can you imagine for months on end being in a foreign country without the ability to use the language to express what you want or feel??

I recommend reading one of Beth Moore's DEVOTIONS EVERY DAY of the YEAR, Voices of the Faithful that is filled with inspiring stories of courage from Christians serving around the world

If you are willing to participate as a volunteer using your spiritual gifts, please do.
WE WELCOME YOUR HELP!
Please call 982-3776



Do you have the time? No, I don't mean your watch! Please look over this

list of volunteer needs. If you can help with one or more of the following, **complete and place this form in the collection plate, take it to the information table, or send it to the church office.**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Job</u>
30 + min.	Hospitality
75 min.	Shut-in Meals
40 min.	Greeter
60 min.	Bake Cookies
240 min.	Office Receptionist

Name _____

Phone _____

Phone _____

CHRISTMAS MISSION REVISITED

What a successful Christmas Mission 2011! Thanks to all of us, we were able to complete the tasks. Yes, it takes all of us to come to a completed project like this. I cannot possibly personally thank everyone who knitted or quilted blankets, set up and decorated three Mission Trees, wrapped gifts, baked desserts, duplicated the 600 tags and prepared them to hang on three trees, made cash donations, bought food, gifts, and gift cards, shipped, delivered gifts and food to families, made phone calls to families and gift cards to verify the amounts on each card, purchased supplies, packed 34 food boxes appropriate to the family size,

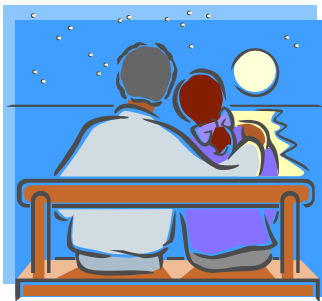
wrote Christmas cards and added food cards, moved furniture and food, greeted our families to pick-up their gifts and food, sorted over 700 gifts, boxed 500 items of clothing in tissue paper, added socks and tissue paper to over 100 pairs of shoes. This list is only a part of the whole project as the organization and implementation is another dimension. Hundreds of volunteer hours were involved from December 11th-17th alone.

I am very pleased to have NEW friends and volunteers as well as NEW families join with those who've been a part of this before..

January Celebrations

Anniversaries

Janet Bay West	1
Helen & Howard Flowers	6
Connie & Richard (Dick) Dauenhauer	8
Michelle & Robert Pappalardo	9
Beth & Fred Steinberg	9
Norma & Donald Gaulke	10
Darlene & Gene Huffman	15
Barb & Will Rodgers	17
Kathleen (Kathy) & James Serrine	17
Carol & David Ballard	18
Ginny & Joe Johnson	19
Bonnie & Mike Weaver	19
Mary & Melvin Kilbo	20
Rosalie & Joe Eubanks	24
Jayne Vernon (Vern) Rolf	25
Judith (judy) & James (Jim) Watters	28
Shirley & Roger Coad	29
Neta & Ward McCleary	31



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

Birthdays



Kay Bennett	1	Sharon Larson	19
Doris Kingery	1	Amanda Mitchell	19
Nancy Virden	1	Nancy Trout	19
Sheila Zieglowsky	1	Sheldon Wion	19
Marjorie Kimball	1	Robert Bonestell (Bob)	20
Dena Sohocki	1	Shelby Olson	20
Brikel Aguilar	2	Louise Broadley	20
Marietta Doan	2	James Burt (Jim)	21
Nancy Russell	3	Rita Hawkins	21
Sonja Holbrook	4	LeRoy Johnson	21
Ron Van Englehoven	4	Sharan Norin	21
Don Wilson	4	Gerald Keyser (Jerry)	22
Rhonda Rapp	4	Richard Krull (Rich)	22
Robin Alton	5	Shirley McMahon	22
Ruth Clymer	5	Justin Ballard	23
Ron Logan	5	Rachel Barnes	23
Lloyd Potter	5	Edith Viviani	23
Brenda Oldham	6	Matthew Anderson	24
David Patterson (Dave)	6	Abed Mogharbel	24
Ray Calihan (Pat)	8	Tim Carpenter	25
Channan Cassella	8	Jim Ritenour	25
Troy Matthews	11	Jaci Allensworth	26
Nicholas Saathoff	11	Phyllis Gray	26
Gloria Charette	12	Gene Johnson	26
David Osborn	12	Gail Yoder	26
Charles Palmer (Charlie)	12	Art Gibbs	27
Myra Berry	14	Eugene (Gene) Kellough	27
Karen Mogharbel	15	Donna Gavin	28
Kathryn Hughes	16	Fred Scharringhausen	28
Kay Johnson	16	Patricia Baker (Patti)	29
Peggy Williamson	16	Shirley Feather	30
Troy Gingrich	17	Linda Schow	30
Ian Jacobson	17	Linda Kewell	31
Lowell Reiners	18	Terry Bose	31
Lauren Collins-Mitchell	19	Cheryl Carpenter	31
Julie Johnson	19		

W.O.W. Corner

Happy New Year! Once again the W.O.W. Team along with other volunteers from the congregation created a beautiful Christmas atmosphere throughout the church campus. It took just a few hours, even with the challenges of a new tree and a change in the overall display. We had a few laughs, a little frustration and an accomplished goal. We sincerely hope you all enjoyed it. The dismantling and packing away are always a faster process and will be accomplished the first week of January. If you'd like to help, check the bulletin for scheduling or call Ron Walker, W. O.W. Team Leader for more information. Please join the team ~ many hands make light work and, it's a lot of fun!

The Team assisted with the Perry Memorial on December 9th helping make everything flow smoothly and offering a welcoming hand to those attendees who had never been to Our Church. This was a wonderful opportunity for us to be a light in our community.

The Christmas Choral Concert registered record attendance and was a great success as always. The W.O.W. Team dressed in costume for the concert to greet, usher and generally provide a warm welcome to all who came. Comments from attendees as they departed were all very positive.

We ended the year with participation in the Christmas Eve services as greeters and ushers as well as characters related to the birth of Christ. This is a joyous time for all of us who volunteer and brings the real meaning of Christmas to the forefront.

W.O.W. Team members dedicate a lot of time to this Hospitality Mission and provide a wonderful representation of our church family. THANK YOU one and all!!!! Additional volunteers are needed and welcome as we plan for 2012 events ~ please consider joining us. We are most appreciative of the support of the Pastor and congregation and look forward to another year of events that demonstrate the wonderful church family of which we are a part. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 7 at 6:00 pm in the Education Building.



A Note From Bob...

Country Western Invitation

If you are old enough, do you remember the song, "Y'all Come?" Among the artists who recorded it is Dolly Parton.

It's a country song inviting everybody to come by. The chorus says: *Y'all come (y'all come), y'all come (y'all come) Oh, you all come to see us when you can*

That's our invitation to you to come on by the Country Western Service at 5 PM every Sunday.

There is music by the Houser's and One In the Spirit, preaching by a cowboy preacher who looks a lot like Bob Deits in his western shirt and jeans, and a great spirit of celebration.

So, y'all come to see us when you can—you won't be disappointed.

Peace and joy,
Bob Deits



Commemorative Mugs!!!!

Wouldn't you like to enjoy your morning coffee or tea or perhaps hot chocolate in an attractive Gold Canyon United Methodist Church Commemorative Mug? Stop by the Information Desk or the office and pick one up for only \$5.00 each. They also make great gifts!

Your **W.O.W.** team designed the mugs and proceeds are used to support their outreach mission.

GCUMC Permanent Endowment Fund

How many of the members and congregation of GCUMC are aware of the fact that the Church has a Permanent Endowment Fund that was established several years ago?

Did you know that it is possible to make a difference in the ministry of GCUMC even after you are gone?

Gifts to the GCUMC Permanent Endowment Fund are invested and in turn only the gains are used to further the missions and ministries of the Church. The principal of the gift is held in perpetuity. This is a wonderful way for any donor to make a difference for many years into the future.

The Permanent Endowment Committee has designated the income to be used for Buildings and Property; Scholarships, especially for those entering the ministry; Missions; and Undesignated. Undesignated can mean that a donor may select where he or she wishes the income to be used or leave it up to the Committee to decide. There is a generous donor who has given gifts over the past few years to the Endowment Fund, which were specifically given for the income to be used for Scholarships. This income has provided the funds for the Scholarships which the Church has given to various members.

The Permanent Endowment can become a strong supporter of the Church and its missions, but only if members and others of the congregation remember the Fund with gifts at any time or estate bequests of any size.

Please consider gifts to support the Endowment and GCUMC. For more information on how to make a gift, call Pastor Fred at the Church or Wally Quanstrom. Chairman of the Endowment Fund Committee at 480-982-9314.

Donations for Student Financial Assistance

Have you ever considered financially helping a student to advance his or her education and/or career training but weren't sure how to go about finding qualified applicants? If so, GCUMC can now be of assistance. A new scholarship program has been established to help students, young and not so young, with their financial needs. There are established criteria that must be met before a potential recipient may receive any available funds. Brochures describing the criteria, along with more details about the program, are available in the "Information Rack" found in the church narthex.



SCRIP/BUS FUND

Betty Rolley

A hearty welcome back to all our winter residents who, in addition to year-round attendees of GCUMC, help to keep our bus running by participating in the *Scrip* program. If you grocery shop at either Bashas' or Fry's (gas too at Fry's), we ask you to consider using one of their gift cards *bought from the church* to pay for your purchases. They can be purchased for as little as \$20. If your purchases will cost more than the amount on the card you can reload it at checkout for up to \$500 using your favorite credit card, a check or cash. You get miles on your card and the church earns 6% from Bashas' and 3% from Fry's every time you reload the card and *best of all, it costs you nothing* to participate. Stop by the Information Desk in the east narthex to find out how you can help us save toward purchasing an additional bus in the near future. Our current bus which is used to bring people to church and transport the youth to summer work camps and retreats was obtained through this program which is easy to use and so valuable to the church. Thank you for being a part of this program which brings in from \$500 to \$1500 a month!

Betty Rolley

Roadrunner Email

We encourage you to sign up to receive your Roadrunner by email fill out the information below, tear it off and drop it in the collection plate or send it in to the church office.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Name: _____

Email address: _____



United Methodist Women of Gold Canyon

Next Unit Meeting will be

Saturday, January 14

9:45 am Room 101/102

in the Education Building

Arvilla Jungman, the new 2012 Central East District President will be visiting, and will share her vision for 2012. Thanks so much!

We hope you will join us!

Beth Moore Bible Studies 2012

Last year we tried something new when we shared one of Beth Moore's lecture series with no homework. That was an excellent choice for some ladies, but others missed the discipline of the homework and the group time together to discuss the homework. And, we genuinely wish to meet the schedules of the working Moms, those ambitious women who are enrolled in more than one bible study, those of you who just aren't morning people, and well you get the picture. . .so this year we are offering you even more options. If you would like to participate in the video sessions only, because you prefer no homework, **Here and Now. . .There and Then** a lecture series on **Revelation** is the study for you. Beth presents many points of view in this 11 week series, allowing women to decide for themselves when the interpretation varies among scholars. Revelation is being offered on Wednesday evenings from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at Shirley Feathers home (obviously the number of participants will be limited), and from 1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons at the church in the Koinonia Room lead by our two new facilitators Kay Batt and Chris Miller. The study being offered with weekly homework assignments is **James Mercy Triumphs** which is Beth's newest bible study. James is 8 weeks and explores both the life and the Book of James. It is being offered on Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. until 11:30

a.m. in the Koinonia Room. All three classes begin Wednesday, January 18. Signup sheets are posted in both buildings. If you have any questions about the new format, please call Diana Linton at 480-229-0706.

Since we are into change in the New Year, our annual Salad Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11 at 10:30 a.m. If your last name begins with the letters A-J please bring your favorite salad to share. If your last name begins with the letters K-O please bring your favorite dessert to share. And if your last name begins with the letters P-Z please bring a bread to share. If it is asking too much for you to bring something for whatever reason, please just come. We always have way too much anyway. And, if this is your first year to join us please don't bring anything, just be our guest. You will be able to pick up your books that morning. James workbooks are \$20 and Revelation \$10 . There will be no video shown, so you will have more time to socialize and see who your classmates will be. Fun! Look forward to seeing all of you again, and please invite a friend.

STITCHES UNLIMITED...

...meets on the FIRST Wednesday of each month at 9am in Room 101/102. Contact Melva Houtcooper for more information.



SINGLES GROUP

Open to all Senior Men and Women ages 50+. New members are always welcome.

We are planning to get together at least 2 times a month. We are trying to plan the social for the 1st Saturday of every month. The suggestions so far include dinner out, socials and game nights, area theater productions, movies, bowling, day trips and possibly a cruise or longer trips in the future. Our goal is to socialize and have fun.

For more information- please contact Rhonda Rapp email Rapp123455@msn.com or phone 480-357-1574. For those of you who are already members - remember you have the membership list - want to go out for lunch or dinner or to a movie - call someone on the list and invite them to go with you or meet you. This is the best way to get to know each other.



GCUMC Calendar January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8 am Adlt Sun. Schl-SofG 8 am Traditional 9:30 am Traditional 10:50 am Praise-K 5 pm CW -K 6:00 pm Youth—Ed	2 New Year Office Closed 7 pm Al-Anon—101/102	3-8 am Yoga—K Rm 8 am Hikers-S. Pk Lot 9:15 am Slow Yoga-K 10 am Comm Grnds— 10:30 am Chair Yoga—K 1 pm Disciple 1—101/102 1:30pm Disciple IV—SofG 6 pm Disciple 2-Feathers 6 pm One/Spirit —K Rm 6 pm Wow Mtg—101/102 6:30pm Adult Bells—Sanc	4-9 am Stitches Unlimited—Rm 101/102 9 am Grief Spt-SofG 11am Cancer Support—101/102 4:30 pm Spirit Club—SofG 5 pm Disciple II—101/102 5:30 pm Angel Choir—M 7 pm Orchestra—M	5 8 am Yoga—K 9:15 am Slow Yoga—K Rm 10:30 am Chair Yoga—K Rm 7 pm Choir Rehearsal — Music Rm	6 5:30 pm AA—SofG 6 pm Desert Diners Potluck—K Rm	7 8 am Men's Breakfast @ Red Sage 9 am Bus-Sidewalk Ministries 9:30 am CPR/AED Trng—K Rm-Tentative 6 pm 50 + Singles Dinner—K Rm
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 & 9:30 AM
Traditional ~ Sanctuary

10:50 AM
Praise ~ Koinonia Room
Music led by *Uncommon Grace*

5:00 PM
Country Western ~ Koinonia Room
Music led by One in the Spirit or the Housers
Childcare Provided at ALL Services

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.*

✚ 8:00 AM ~ Adult ~ Room 101/102

✚ 9:30 AM ~ Children

✚ 9:30 AM ~ Youth

✚ 10:50 AM ~ Children

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