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From The Pastor:



“Which Way is Your Deck Chair Facing?”

Charles Schulz has managed to amuse with his characters, Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus, Pig Pen, and company. With their own special brand of charm, they often provoke laughter and pause for thought, as Lucy constantly doles out unsolicited advice. You may remember the episode when Charlie Brown seeks psychiatric advice from Lucy. Lucy tells Charlie Brown that life is like a deck chair on the cruise ship of life. What you have to decide, Lucy says, is whether you want your deck chair to face backward so you can see where you have been, or if you want your deck chair to face forward so you can see where you are going. Exasperated, Charlie Brown responds, “I’m having trouble just getting my deck chair unfolded!”

We are a blessed congregation with our deck chairs facing forward. We know that our best days are ahead of us. It seems like every couple of months a new ministry comes to life because someone in the church is looking forward to new opportunities for ministry. It is a privilege to pastor a church that is moving forward.

It is only through your generosity that this takes place. You are generous with your time, your talents, your gifts and your service. Through generosity amazing things can happen. During the first two weeks of February we will focus on our stewardship campaign for 2012. We have appropriately entitled our campaign, “Extravagant Generosity”. When you are generous your church can be generous in caring for others.

This week, give some thought to what you see ahead for our church. Try to describe one or two things you would like to see happen in our church

which contribute to fulfilling our God-given mission. What are your hopes and visions for our church? How might our generosity make those dreams happen? How might we face forward to greet a new year with effective ministry in the name of Jesus.

Grace and peace,

Fred



Sermon Series

Feb. 5 – Treasure Habits

Feb. 12 – Overcoming Fear

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!

“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."



WHERE WOMEN BASK IN GOD'S PRESENCE

WOMEN'S 2012 RETREAT

Are you in need of a day at the beach? A couple of days to slow down, wiggle your toes in the sand, and just bask in the warmth of the sun? Seaside Escape is where you need to be: April 27 – 29th at the Living Water Retreat Center, Cornville, AZ.

Okay, so, we won't be at a real beach, but we will be able to slow down, enjoy time with other women and with God. So, we invite you to save the date to be still in God's presence and draw closer to sisters in Christ. Registration will begin in late February. Cost will be \$120, which will cover room and board and program materials. (A scholarship fund will be made available again this year). Something new this year – we are inviting teen daughters or granddaughters 15 years and up to join in the fun. If there are any questions at the moment, please contact Katharine Keller at the church office.



Vacation Bible School Dates Set!

Please save the week of

June 18th to 22nd

for "Operation Overboard" during which we will "go deep with God."

If you would like to be on the planning team for this fun-filled week with children, please contact Katharine Keller in the office.



Our Confirmation Class of 2012

has begun and Katharine is excited to introduce the students:

Ariella Brown, Morgan Cleary, Lillie Mogharbel, Allison O'Brien, Jane

Rector, and Taylor Wehle. Please keep these precious young women on your hearts as we study, learn and laugh together for 10 weeks.

Easter Egg Hunt

So, I'm sure no one is thinking this far in advance, but we will have community egg hunt, activities and burro rides with Teton on Saturday, March 31.

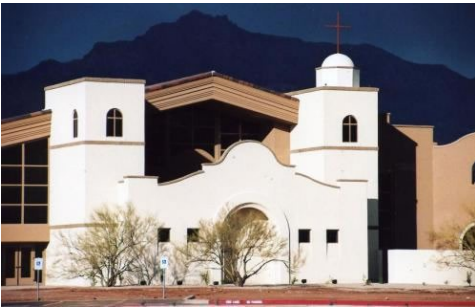
Anyone wishing to help plan this fun event, should contact Katharine. Time still to be decided, but it will probably be Noon – 2:00 pm.

Are You ~ *Living with the Mind of Christ?*

During this Lenten Season, Senior Pastor Rev. Fred Steinberg and Pastoral Intern Jody Topping will once again offer a combination sermon series and study focusing on what it means to have the same mind as Christ, and what it takes to change our own minds (or mind-set) to become more like Christ. Using the study called *Living with the Mind of Christ* by United Methodist Pastor Rev. James A Harnish of Hyde Park United Methodist Church in Tampa, Florida, we will explore the meaning behind Paul's words found in his letter to the Philippians in which he challenges the church in Philippi to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus (Philippians 2:5). "The Christian faith is not about making minor adjustments on the

exterior of our lives," Harnish writes in the introduction to the study. "...becoming a follower of Jesus requires a radical reorientation of our thinking that results in an equally radical transformation of our living. It calls for nothing less than a mental transplant, in which the mind-set with which Jesus came into this world, lived died, and rose again becomes the mind-set by which we live, with which we die, and through which we are raised to new life."

The Lenten Study will be held on Mondays from 6-8 pm beginning on Monday, February 20th and continuing through Monday, April 2nd. Our study time will begin with a light meal provided by Ron and Linda Walker. The cost for the book will be about \$6 and a freewill offering will be received to cover the cost of the meal. We hope you will join us for this insightful Lenten study. If you have questions about the study and to register, please contact Jody Topping by email at jody@goldcanyonumc.org or by phone through the church office.



Our Church History

Are you aware that we are just over 2 years away from the 25th Anniversary of Gold Canyon United Methodist Church? This is an important time for us and your Church History Committee is working to keep you up-dated.

How Gold Canyon United Methodist Church Grew

After originally meeting in homes, the congregation number grew to the point where the Gold Canyon Elementary School Cafetorium was rented for Sunday morning services. This meant folding up the tables, setting up chairs before the service and removing the chairs following the service. This was a work out but everyone pitched in to help. We learned names and got to know everyone. Sunday School classes met in the small rooms around the Cafetorium.

As we grew we began to feel the need for a building of our own. Pastor McPherson began looking for vacant property where we could build. When he located some lots we were given a short time to raise the money necessary to secure the property.

After much prayer and consideration Pastor McPherson announced that we would have a "Miracle Sunday" to raise the cash amount we needed. We trusted the Lord and He poured out his blessing on our small congregation. We raised the cash needed in one Sunday offering. We will never forget our joy, praise and thanksgiving as we secured the property for building what we now call the Education Building.

***** Look for more information from the Church History Committee in coming months! *****



Gold Canyon UMC Youth



Wendy Moore, Youth Director

Youth News Update From Wendy:

2012 is well underway as I write this and we are getting excited for this year's mission trip. We are headed to Busby, Montana (pop. 700 in 2007) to help on part of the Cheyenne Indian Reservation. This mission trip means an incredible amount to both our Youth and people they help. This trip is "a little" farther away but, I believe it is important that our kids experience many different cultures and each of our Native American tribes is unique. This camp will require us to repair, paint, rebuild, and rejoice in life just like in the past. Our own Jed Moore has been selected to be the music leader at the Busby camp. The dates for our camp are June 24 - 30.

The shareholder thank you dinner will be held on February 11, 2012. I am hoping that all our previous shareholders received their invitations. If you did not or are interested in becoming a shareholder and would like to attend the dinner and February 11 has not passed, please call Wendy @ 480-459-1809. We would love to see you there!!!

During the Christmas break, our Young Adult group met three times to share fun and fellowship. We discussed experiences of college life, talked about the future, and encouraged each other in our faith. What a great legacy our church is providing to the world through our Young Adults and our Youth. They are truly exceptional people!

Thank you to all the Youth who helped with the Gold Canyon Arts Council Arts Festival. These Youth were great. They assisted artists setting up and breaking down their booths and helped wherever needed.

Thank you to all who attended and worshipped with us on Youth Sunday. We appreciate all your love and support. It is so important for the Youth to know the older generations and to develop relationships wherever possible.

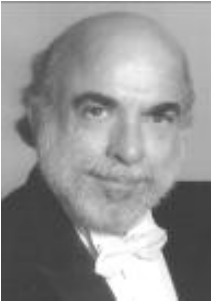


Perspectives:

Patrick Henry, Ratifier of the U.S. Constitution ~

"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here."

--*The Trumpet Voice of Freedom: Patrick Henry of Virginia*, p. iii.



Music Notes

February, a time that conjures up thoughts of love, happiness and good feelings for our beloved state, Arizona, whose 100th birthday is on February 14. I guess it's also Valentine's Day, which means taking our "better half" out for a romantic evening of dinner and entertainment and letting her/him know just how much we love them.

What do we do to show Christ how much we love Him? Since he gave us eternal life, shouldn't everyday be a "Valentine's Day" for Him? How do we celebrate that?

This month we have some very exciting performances for you! First, Sunday, February 12 at 3:00 pm, the *Performing Arts Series* continues with **Thomas Sheeley, Classical Guitarist**. I have known Tom for many years. He is the Professor of Guitar at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. I first met him my first year of teaching at NAU in 1989. My handbell choir, the *NAU Harter Memorial Handbell Ringers*, played a piece written for bells and guitar, and Tom played with us. When I first met him, I thought he was really a Mountain Man and wondered how this guy could play classical guitar! After being thoroughly impressed with his incredible playing and musicianship, I wondered why this guy was at NAU instead of one of the "name" music schools (I subsequently found out NAU *IS* one of the "name" music schools)! I asked him that and he told me he loves Northern Arizona! He likes to guide river rafts down the Colorado, go hiking, skiing, all the things one can do in the Flagstaff area! I have brought him to every church I've been at since then and Tom has continued to "Wow!" audiences, as he did me when I first heard him. Come hear this fabulous musician – you won't believe what his fingers can do on a guitar!!!

Next is one of our most popular groups – **The Houser Gang**, on Sunday, February, 26 at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Ron, Chris, Tara, Brett and

friends will sing all the familiar songs the cowboys used to sing around the campfire, plus some more modern Country/Western songs. As you may know, the **Houser Gang** leads music at our 5:00 pm Country/Western Services on the last Sunday of the month. This concert will be in lieu of that service. Come early to this one!

Our **Spring Concert** will be on Sunday, March 4 at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary, and will feature the Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells, the GCUMC Orchestra, Agape Brass Quintet, timpani and a lot of great music on the piano and organ by Linda Jones, Nancy Virden and me. Don't forget to hold this date! It's gonna be a great program!

All these events sponsored by the *Performing Arts Series* are open to the public at no charge as a free will offering will be received. Everyone is asked to please bring at least one non-perishable food item per person for the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church Food Bank. Our Food Bank ministry helps 1200 -1400 families per month! The need is very great, especially in these financially troubled times.

If you would like to sing with our **Chancel Choir**, please come join us on Thursday evenings at 6:50. We have more fun than a church group probably should have! If you play an instrument, we would love to have you join our **Orchestra!** We meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. If you have kids in grades 6-8, bring them to church so they can sing with **Joyful Noise** on Wed. at 5:30 pm! If you have any questions about any of our groups, please give me a call at the church.

Blessings to all,

Doug

Douglas J. Benton
Director of Music Ministries



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

✝ *Wishing You a Healthy 2012!*

Did you know that February is Heart Health Month?

Learn to form healthy habits by replacing the bad ones. Substituting healthy habits for unhealthy ones rewards you with more stamina, better quality of life – and a healthier you. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States and is a major cause of disability. The most common heart disease in the United States is coronary heart disease, which often appears as a heart attack.

Know Your Signs and Symptoms

Some heart attacks are sudden and intense; however, most heart attacks start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Often people affected aren't sure what's wrong and wait too long before getting help. Here are signs that can mean a heart attack is happening:

- **Chest discomfort.** Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness, or pain.
- **Discomfort in other areas of the upper body.** Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw, or stomach.
- **Shortness of breath.** May occur with or without chest discomfort.
- **Other signs.** These may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea, or lightheadedness.

Healthy Lifestyle: Diet and Nutrition, Exercise and Fitness

A healthy diet and lifestyle are the best weapons you have to fight heart disease. Many people make it harder than it is. It is important to remember that it is the overall pattern of the choices you make that counts. As you make daily food choices, read nutrition labels and base your eating pattern on these recommendations:

- Choose lean meats and poultry without skin and prepare them without added saturated and trans fat.
- Select fat-free, 1% fat, and low-fat dairy products.
- Cut back on foods containing partially hydrogenated vegetable oils to reduce trans fat in your diet.
- Cut back on foods high in dietary cholesterol. Aim to eat less than 300 mg of cholesterol each day.
- Cut back on beverages and foods with added sugars.
- Select and purchase foods lower in salt/sodium.
- If you drink alcohol, drink in moderation. That means no more than one drink per day if you're a woman and two drinks per day if you're a man.
- Keep and eye on your portion sizes.



More Classes Coming!

CPR from Infant to Adult and First Aid

Certification: Feb 10th, 2012, 9 am-1 pm, Koinonia Room. There is a \$35.00 charge for this 5 hour class and it will be worth every penny spent if this is something you want or need. Contact the church office at 480-982-3776 and leave your name, phone number and email address. **AED Training:** We will be offering another FREE class in early March, *watch for the date*. This leads to another call for more of you to take the training. It is amazing how simple it is to use this device and taking the opportunity to learn it will reduce your fear of it.

Saving A Life is an amazing experience.

CPR/AED Training ~ Thank you to those 15 brave hearts who have recently taken the AED training here at the church. We had a great time and learned a lot, including the new updated version of CPR—much simpler than previous protocol! **AED Equipment Location for Those Trained ~** The FIRST one sits on the right hand side down the stairs in the lower narthex as you are heading into the Large Sanctuary at the church. The SECOND one is in the Education Building in the Kitchen against the wall near the sink. We pray we never need them but are so thankful to have access to them in the case of an emergency.

***Thank you for your continued support to
the Health & Wellness Ministry here at
GCUMC.***

GCUMC Permanent Endowment Fund

The Gold Canyon United Methodist 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.

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!

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

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.

DONATIONS AND ATTENDANCE

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

December	2009		2010		2011		2010	2011
	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Worship All	Worship All
1st	\$22752	\$10921	\$20183	\$9598	31813	9465	1369	1392
2nd	24106	10412	18945	8770	18080	5353	1318	1392
3rd	15482	5212	19452	2863	26888	14267	1395	1344
4th	27886	13243	24471	15778	20740	10048	993	432
5th (Christmas Eve)	—	—	—	—	6238	0	2342	2417
Total	\$90226	\$39788	\$83051	\$37009	103759	39132	7417	6977

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 people who have come for Food Bank assistance. This is especially true this time of year. Thanks again to the Agnew, Baker, Burris & Kimball families for bagging pet food so our furry friends can eat. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO CONTRIBUTE FOOD & PET FOOD AND THOSE WHO HELP IN THE FOOD BANK.

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

WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY

Sympathies: Dorothy Baker, upon the death of her son, Joey; the family of Pete Del Gross, upon his death (Jed Moore's uncle); the family of Tom Freeman, upon his death; Nancy Jonovich, upon the death of her husband, Thomas; Joe Kincade, upon the death of his brother; Janice Knowles, upon the death of her nephew; the family of Joyce Mixer, upon her death; the family of Irene Page, upon her death; the family of Gloria Spears, upon her death; and the families & friends of the above.

Concerns and/or Continued Prayers: Andy Anderson, Jim Atkinson, Donella Sparks-Baker, Bob Bechtoll, Pat Beister, Jeremy Bigler, Bob Bonestell, Joan Bromelmeier, Terry Lee Brown, Theresa Brown, Paul Buckshi, Mary Coviello, Cris Criswell, Chris Denton, Michelle Dorser, Jo Ann Erwin, Sally Goodyear, Mike Hawk, Cindy Hilditch, Keith Hollingsworth, Ron Houser, Mike & son Mikey James (Suzanne Cherry), Shirley Johnson, Ray Kelly, Bev Krage, Earl Marifjeren, Bob Meischner, Barbara McAfee, Shirley McKinty, Jan Miller, Tate Mitchell (Linda Crane), Nancy Murray, Tom Neill, Megan Nelson (Mary Nelson's granddaughter), Billie Nolton, John Pinson (Mona Bazan's father-in-law), Dick Powers, Paul Sabin, Ron Spencer, Brian Stewart, Mark & Debbie Tlusty (Eisentraut's daughter/son-in-law), Peri Vannoy, Jack Workman 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, Felipe Gonzales, 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, Dorothy Baker, Patti Baker, Barbara Barnhill (Nancy Jonovich's daughter), 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, Mindy Couch (Don/Diane Parker's daughter), Rev. Bob & June Deits, Chuck Dickinson, Laura Dinges, Rev. Jim & Eve Dinkel, Adelyne Douglass, John Enright, Kayla Eriksen (Eriksen's granddaughter), Janet Fillion (Paul & Joyce Fillion's daughter-in-law), Peter Fillion (Paul Fillion's brother), Dale & Inge Fitzpatrick, Gen Friesen, Sue & Dave Flitsch, Danna & Andy Gharavi, Ardeena Gillette, Bill Green, Arline Hacker, Gaylord Hart & kids, Kathy & Paul Fabish, Kerby Harms (Roger & Shirley

Coad's grandson), Jan Helquist, Neil & Melva Houtcooper, 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), Bob Lauver, Gerry Legg, Rick & Diane Lockwood Bob & Juana Mahlandt, Sue & Michael Malloy, Tony Masucci (Colette Bos' father), 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, Ramona Orr (Kris Laux's mother), Catarina Pascual, Charley Peifer, Shirley Plakos, Sandy & Bob Reisch, 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.

DESIGNATED GIFTS FROM MEMORIAL-FUNERAL SERVICES

THOMAS JONOVICH: GCUMC Food Bank

"Laugh a Little" - with Hu

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

SURE BET

A gambler died. The funeral was well attended by his professional friends. In the eulogy, the minister said: "Spike is not dead; he only sleeps."

From the rear of the chapel a man shouted: "I got a hundred that says he's dead."

NEW PREACHER

An inexperienced young pastor was conducting his first funeral. He solemnly pointed to the body in the coffin and declared: "What we have here is only a shell. The nut is in heaven."

THE HUMMER

A certain doctor wondered why his practice was failing. He consulted a physician friend who agreed to spend a few days in the office and observe his methods. After only an hour his friend had the answer. "Wilbur, you will have to stop humming NEARER MY GOD TO THEE when writing out a prescription."



SUPPORT GROUPS

GRIEF

... meets on Wednesdays at 9 am 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.



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."

As Christians we enter the New Year of 2012 with both hope and dismay . . . with both promise and the burden of responsibility . . . with both thankfulness and want. And, within the juxtaposition of these very contradictory terms we find purpose.

In 2012 we find this purpose in the hope of the future. Lisa Armstrong, missionary with Fellow Man International Mission in Honduras, led GCUMC in worship on Sunday, January 15. We were once more inspired by the forthright, shot-in-the-arm message she provided. Her presence and message continue to encourage all of us to understand the many ways in which we can become more involved in global missions, not only in Honduras, but in the other world areas GCUMC supports.

In 2012 we find purpose in the promise of the GCUMC mission team members that will travel to Costa Rica in February. The members of the team are Linda Crane, Steve Crane, Jane DeRemer, Carol Lindaman, Don Lindaman, Fay Quanstrom, Wally Quanstrom, Harry Warren, and Lovenia Warren. They will be working on a continuing project of building student and faculty housing for Universidad Biblica Latino Americana, a United Methodist and Presbyterian seminary that trains pastors and Bible teachers from all parts of Latin America. We ask for continued prayers for the team members in their commitment to doing God's work in the world.

In 2012 we find purpose in thankfulness for the support that the congregation has given to the mission team through contributions made during the 2011 Christmas Eve Services. The amount of support for the project's building materials amounted to \$5,600. (Please note that on Saturday, March 10th, the Costa Rica mission team will report on their project during the International Missions Committee brunch, which will be held at 10 am at GCUMC to celebrate their accomplishments. Be sure to mark your calendars!)

In 2012 we find purpose in seeking what the Lord is calling us to do to support our brothers and sisters everywhere: in our city, in our state, in our country, and in our troubled world. In Mark 16:15, the charge is "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." This command has never been clearer than at this very moment in human history.

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Current UMCOR

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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

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.gbgn-umc.org/umcor/>



Thinking Theologically

By Jody Topping, Pastoral Intern

Have you ever tried to change someone's mind about something? I must admit, there have been times when I've tried. I remember one time trying to convince one of my employees that my way of handling a particular situation was better than her way; but try as I might, I simply couldn't persuade her to my way of thinking...and eventually I had to pull out the "boss" card and issue a directive – something I really didn't like to do – and instruct her to handle the situation my way (because I was the boss) or suffer the consequences.

Trying to change someone else's mind can be difficult at best – but what about changing our own minds? Sometimes I think changing our own mind is even more difficult (sometimes even impossible) than trying to change the mind of someone we know and love. After all, if we believe in something strongly enough, if we know in our heart of hearts that *we're right* and *they're wrong* – well, let's face it, the odds of us changing our own minds are slim to none (as my mama used to say). And yet, this is exactly what the Apostle Paul challenges us to do.

In his letter to the Philippians, Paul challenges the church in Philippi to change their minds – to change the way they think, their attitudes and pre-conceived notions – and to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5). In this one statement, Paul challenges the Christians in Philippi to change the way they think – to change their attitude and their mind-set – so they can live a life that is pleasing to God.

Now, I'm sure the Christian believers in Philippi didn't think they were doing anything wrong. They probably thought they were living their lives the way they were supposed to, and they probably didn't have a clue why Paul thought they needed to change. I also think there are many of us in today's world who feel the same way – and yet, Paul tells us along with the people in Philippi that in order to be true followers of Christ, we need to make radical changes in the way we think, the way we act, and the way we behave toward others. And when we make those radical changes in our

lives, our mind-set will be like that of Christ.

During the upcoming season of Lent, we will be exploring what it means to be of the same mind-set as Christ. Using a study called *Living with the Mind of Christ* written by United Methodist Pastor Rev. James A. Harnish, and through Pastor Fred's sermon series based on the same book, we will look at the different ways in which our attitude and beliefs (our mind-set) differ from the mind-set of Christ, and what we need to do to radically reorient our thinking in order to radically transform our lives. We will look at the power of love, the meaning of servanthood, the importance of humility, and more as we consider what it means to live with the mind of Christ in us. And by the time we reach Easter morning, we will not only celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, but the resurrection (or revival) of our own self, as people who have been radically transformed. I invite you to join us as we seek to be more like Christ.

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 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 - \$10,000-50,000
- ♦ Pipes for the Electronic Organ
- ♦ Stain Glass for upper Sanctuary windows - \$105,000 (\$3,000 per panel)
- ♦ Building Fund Loan Payoff

TAX HELP AVAILABLE ~

If you are struggling with preparing and funding your 2011 tax return, we might have a solution for you. A church member has volunteered to be available by appointment to help. Call the church office at 480-982-3776.

Sister



HEATHER RODENBORG

Hello All. This month I thought I would provide you with something a little different. In January, I wrote a blog post for my blog regarding identity. I received a lot of positive feedback from the digital world and wanted to share this with you. I think that no matter how old or young we are, we all struggle with our identity. Enjoy! Below is what I wrote:

One of the things that I have noticed in youth ministry, ministry in general, and life in general is that people struggle with their identity. If you ask someone who they are, they will most likely tell you their name and one way in which they identify their self: mother, father, lawyer, doctor, salesperson, etc. When people ask me who I am, I say that I am Heather a seminary student. Or, I am Heather and I work at such and such church. How we get to this place of figuring out our identity is through life and life events. However, this isn't always easy.

I remember when I was a teenager trying to figure out who I was. Everything my parents told me to do, I did the opposite. I see this with the teens today. They are struggling with trying to figure out who they are away from their parents. They want to find out on their own what they want to be or do. Even young adults struggle with this. Even today as a 32 year old woman, I struggle with my identity. There are days I am happy with who I am and there I days I want to change who I am. There have even been days when I needed to admit to myself who I really am. I found that this is common for a lot of people. I woke up the other day asking myself "Who am I really?" I don't think that this ends at a certain age. I think people struggle with this question as they enter into retirement. Their identity changes because they no longer have their job as a way of identifying themselves.

The question then becomes: Why do we struggle with our identity, and who are we really? Some may think that there really isn't an answer to this question; however, I believe that there is. I believe that we can find our true identity because I think we have forgotten it. In Genesis 1:27, it reads that God created humankind in his image. We are all part of that creation. We are all part of humankind. We, as members of humankind, are God's children. Whether we are tall or short, white or black, American or Middle Eastern, straight or gay, male or female, we are all God's children. Because we

keep trying to find our identity through the definitions of the world, we have forgotten that our identity isn't confined to the world. We have let our culture and the media define who they want us to be. Our TRUE identity has been lost, or you could even say stolen, by our culture. We need to reclaim our identity. We need to remember that our identity isn't what the world wants us to be. Our identity is what God has given us, not what our culture wants us to believe. Our true, without a doubt, eternal and everlasting, identity is that we are the children of God. This is the identity that we have to remember that we have seemed to have forgotten. This is the identity that we need to embrace. Now take a moment and go look into a mirror and say to yourself, "My identity is that I am a child of God who is loved unconditionally." May you be reminded each and every day that you are a beloved child of God.

If you would like to check out my other posts you can visit www.heatherrodenborg.wordpress.com.



JODY TOPPING

By the time you read this article, the Winter Quarter at Iliff School of Theology will be well underway, and I will have met with the Desert Southwest Conference Board of Ordained Ministry to determine whether or not I will be Commissioned as a Provisional Minister in the United Methodist Church. I am so thankful that my only class this quarter is the Internship Seminar, during which I "meet" online with four other pastoral interns who are serving other churches in various parts of the country. During our online meetings, we share our experiences, our joys and our concerns, we lift one another up in prayer, and we give each other advice (solicited or not!!). It's a great way for us to learn from each other, supplementing what we learn from our mentors, our supervising pastors, and our lay committees.

Speaking of which, you probably don't know that part of my internship includes meeting with a small committee of lay people from the church who give me feedback on how I am doing as the pastoral intern here at Gold Canyon UMC. I am so grateful for their comments on what I am doing well and how I can improve, because without their feedback, I cannot become a better pastor. Every time I receive feedback from them – and from you – I feel like I've been given a great and powerful gift that I can use to be better at what God has called me to do. So I would like to take this opportunity

Sister Seminararians (continued)

to publicly thank those who are on my Lay Committee (you know who you are!!) for all the wonderful gifts you give me each time we meet and talk!

In addition to meeting online, I have several written assignments that I have to submit for my internship seminar, so it's not all fun and games! One of these assignments is a case study of my internship site. I suspect this will be similar to what I wrote last quarter for my *Congregations* class, but since I haven't received the assignment yet, I'm still not quite sure what all it will entail. I'm glad, though, that I won't have a lot of writing to do for school, so that instead I can concentrate on writing sermons, developing classes, and visiting with some of you during the remaining months of my internship here. I truly enjoy what I'm doing at Gold Canyon UMC, and invite any of you who would like to meet with me for theological discussions or for pastoral care to please contact me through the church office.

May God continue to bless us all on this journey called life! Until next month...Jody



SUZANNE CHERRY

As I write this, I'm standing on the precipice of a new experience. As I wrote last month, I'm taking all of my courses long distance this semester so I can work full time in the office. Although I had one online class last semester, I'm quickly discovering that having more than one will not be as simple as it seems. I am already finding that I will have to be meticulous in maintaining my schedule and perhaps even focus more on the content of the class to be sure that I complete all of my tasks well and on time. Those who know me best know that my middle name is "entropy." I've not been the most organized person. I guess it's time to make a conscious change in that area!

That's where prayer comes in. Over the past few years, I've discovered the benefits of taking time to be with God. It is very important to take time to just sit and listen for God's voice. We often pray only when things are going wrong; and if we do pray during the good times, we spend our prayer time talking to God, telling God what we think we need in our lives. Even when we are praying for others, we are doing the talking. There's nothing wrong with asking God for what we need. In Mark 10:51, Jesus asked the blind man what he wanted. Of course, Jesus knew he wanted to regain his eyesight. The fact that Jesus asked this question, "What do you want?" many times throughout the gospels tells us that God wants us to clarify our desires and to ask for them. However, this is not the only kind of prayer that Jesus practiced, nor is it the only kind of prayer we should practice. Jesus modeled a very active prayer life for us. He taught us a model prayer

format in the prayer we call "The Lord's Prayer." He taught that we should pray more in private than we do corporately, and he himself withdrew from the crowds to pray alone on a regular basis.

Spending time alone with God is good self care. It allows us a time to rest in God's love, remembering that we are God's children. It allows us to know that no matter how harried our lives are or what choices or mistakes we have made, we are truly and fully loved by God. As we read devotions, listen to uplifting music, practice guided meditation or just simply sit silently breathing in the love of God, we allow ourselves to be open to God's movement in our lives. We begin to notice how the places we have been have brought us to where we are today. We begin to discern patterns in our lives that need changing, and we discover sparks of inspiration that will take us to places we have never been. God spoke to the Prophets. God spoke through Christ to the disciples. I believe that God is still speaking to us. All we have to do is listen, discern what God is saying to us, and act accordingly.

Shhhh! Listen! Can you hear God speaking to you?

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.



Jane Hayes, Volunteer Coordinator

GCUMC

982-3776

Volunteers Do Make a Difference

February
Inspirational Values

PEACE

Random Acts of Kindness Week is February 14-20. This week has numerous choices to make for friends, family, and neighbors.

Consider this person with a simple act called "Give What You Want!"

"I have a vision of creating a more peaceful world, where everyone helps everyone. Everyone is giving, so therefore, everyone is also always receiving. Whenever I go outside, I make it my goal to say "Hi" to every person I see, even if it is uncomfortable. No matter how they respond, I have already succeeded, because I am adding confidence to myself every time I say hello. And, I know that I am giving, so therefore my self worth increases so that I may give more."

For more stories visit this site:
www.randomactsofkindness.org.



CHRISTMAS MISSION REVISITED ANGEL TEAM

I am looking for a team of angels for our Christmas Mission 2012. Together, we will divide up the massive job and meet as a committee to tackle the huge program.

Several of you have been instrumental in the success of this program. Give me a call or send an e-mail if you would like to be on the 2012 ANGEL TEAM. It's not easy finding the halos, so I may have to do a special order to have them ready.

GREETERS

Each week we have 16 greeters scheduled at our doors to assist with bulletins and passing on a welcome to our visitors and congregation. Please check your calendars, e-mails, and phone messages regularly. It's impossible for

Patti Baker to do it all. Bless her, she still tries.

**If you are willing to participate
as a volunteer using your spiri-
tual 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 _____

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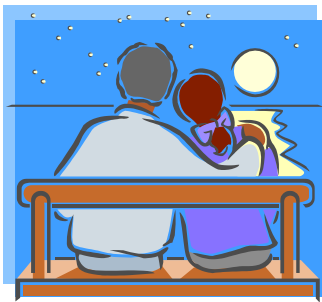
February Celebrations

Anniversaries

Birthdays



Don & Doris Miller	2
Charles & Audrey Whittier	3
Duane & Sue Vorseth	4
Michael & Ada Adams	5
James & Beverly Toppin	5
Kenneth & Margaret Crites	9
Jim & Linda Brinkman	13
Nick & Evelyn Laich	14
Johnny & Melissa Minatree	14
Ron & Laurie Logan	16
Joseph & Betty Lundberg	19
Paul & Joyce Fillion	24
Bill & Jody Clayburg	25
Bob & Lu Johnson	25
Bob & Jenelu Burgi	28
Jack & Nancy Virden	28



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.

David Austin	1	Marjorie Kappler	14
Terry Burris	1	Val Richter	14
Collette McNamee	1	Judy Schmidt	14
Jack Behan	1	Anne McGinness	15
Leslie Anzelmo	3	Jim Atkinson	16
Coleen Hoerter	3	Thomas Brannan	16
Richard Hoffman	3	Trudy Carpenter	16
Sharon Pittman	3	Harrison Hughes	16
Marlene Barton	4	Bob Russell	16
Nancy Jonovich	4	Ada Adams	17
Marilyn Jungman	4	Susan Malloy	17
Anne Pedigo	4	Adie Muratore	18
Virginia Carr	5	Edgar Newkirk	18
Cynthia Hoff	5	John Paddison	18
Gladys Osgood	5	Muriel Reif	18
Carol Lindaman	5	Don Hammond Sr.	19
Daniel Bos	6	Jim Brinkman	19
Pat Campbell	6	Rev. Ari Shreffler	19
Gary Nord	6	Darlene Broderson	20
Brianna Couturier	6	Gordon Hulett	20
Thomas Feather	7	Laurie Christy	21
Bruce Love	7	Raymond Heyse	21
Devona Brown	7	Steve Holec	21
Donna Chase	7	Bill Yoder	21
Roger Coad	8	Robert Bennett	21
Darlene Huffman	8	Lyle Aasheim	22
Amira Mogharbel	8	William Atkinson	22
Megan Pappalardo	8	Liam Vara	22
Sandra Novak	8	Martha Burkinshaw	22
Don Miller	9	Bob Chase	22
Marilyn Peterson	9	Margaret Ball	23
Sam Twa	10	Brett Houser	23
Herb Gallart	10	Marvin Richter	24
Louise Hays	10	Alice McConnell	25
Georgia Richardson	10	Gordie Rasmussen	25
Amanda Wolfskill	10	Desireah Kenyon	26
Cindy Howard	10	Rick Sutter	26
Katelyn Crane	11	Sara Vara	26
Michael Humphrey	12	Robert Dowrick	27
Donna Johnson	12	Nancy Kurth	27
Victor Phillips	12	Bob Mulhair	28
Bonnie Lane	13	Nancy Waechter	28
Peter Rahaneotis	13		
Gloria Willis	13		
Rosemary Austin	14		
Gordon Gasser	14		

W.O.W. Corner

Do you have a little extra time and a spirit to give on Sunday mornings? W.O.W. needs volunteers to drive golf carts for services and during special programs. Call Ron Walker if interested at 480-671-3881.



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.

With the Christmas season over, January 4th saw many ambitious individuals come to the church campus ready to dismantle and pack away the beautiful decorations. Many hands make for light work and the task was completed quickly and efficiently. **Thank you!** each and everyone who gave of your time and energy.

Since we now have golf carts available, we need volunteers to drive them. Our goal is to have golf cart service from the parking lots at the 9:30 services as well as special events like concerts, etc. Won't you volunteer? Its fun and you get to meet lots of really nice people. Call Ron Walker at 480-671-3881 or the church office to sign up.

We have special plans for Palm Sunday, April 1; Easter, April 8 and Spring Fling on April 14. These plans require many individuals to organize and have the activities run smoothly. Although we have a basic outline for these special events, we are **ALWAYS** open to new ideas. Please join us at an upcoming meeting and share yours.

Please consider attending our next meeting on February 7th at 6:00 pm in the Education Building and share your ideas and our excitement. There is nothing you need to do to become a member ~ just come to the meeting(s) and volunteer for activities, we'd love to have your help!

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!!!!

Habitat for Humanity - Winter 2012 Project

We will soon be starting our build of a new home for the Rodriguez family in Mesa along with several other churches in the east valley Superstition Coalition. Suje Rodriguez and her 4 year old son, Gadiel, currently live with her parents, where they share a bedroom with very limited personal space. Suje is a single mother who works hard to provide for her son. She supported herself through school and currently works as a medical assistant. The needs of her son motivated her to apply for a home. Suje is excited to be involved with Habitat and is thankful to her sponsors for giving her the opportunity to provide a stable home for Gadiel.

Gold Canyon will be working on building her house on February 4th, March 3rd, and March 31st, teamed with two other churches each of those days. We need volunteers for those days both to help build and to help serve lunch to the work crew. No experience is necessary, tools are provided, and the volunteer house leaders will teach you what you need to know. It's fun and rewarding, so please consider joining us.

We are also still in need of financial contributions for this important project. Please makes you check to Gold Canyon UMC and indicate "Habitat for Humanity" in the memo. Thanks for your support!

Joe and Maureen Morton
602-284-2826
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STEPHEN MINISTRY®

Depressed? Or Just Not "Yourself"?

Being depressed is no cause for shame or embarrassment. It is, as a matter of fact, often-times like a trip through purgatory! A simple biochemical change in your brain can result in moderate or even severe depression. A bad experience, some loss or crisis event, can trigger such a change.

Talking to someone who is *trained to listen* and *who will listen* to your problem, can ease the impact of the difficult or traumatic circumstance or event in your life. A Stephen Minister is such a "*someone*"; he or she can also provide you referrals to other means of support which you might find you need. (physician, etc.)

If some occurrence or event in your life is keeping you down, please engage the process which will result in the healing intervention of God the supreme healer—Call the office or check the box in the attendance registry in the church service on Sunday and place in the offertory plate.

Empathy is a gift of love that can soften the hardest hearts.

*William J. McKay, in
Me, an Evangelist?
Every Christian's Guide to Caring Evangelism*

Easter is Just Around the Corner



Now is the time to order lilies for this year.

If you wish to order an Easter lily or lilies, please fill out the attached order blank and include the \$10.00 payment for each flower ordered. The form, along with the payment, may be mailed to Gary Stemple, 8295 E. Sweet Acacia Dr., Gold Canyon, AZ 85218-6998; placed in the offering plate; or put in Gary's box in the office. Please make all checks payable to the church and mark it "Easter lily." 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 BLANK

Please order an Easter lily in Memory of

Please order an Easter lily in Honor of

Total amount attached: \$_____

Your name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

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

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: _____



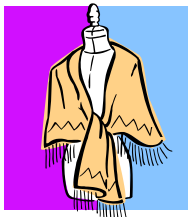
The February 11th meeting of the **United Methodist Women of Gold Canyon** will be to visit our Sidewalk Ministry at the Avalon School, 10455 San Marcos, Apache Junction. We will supply lunch to the group on that day. Meet in the GCUMC parking lot, at 9:30 am. Maps will be available at that time. It's great fun to visit this wonderful mission.

Book Sale Alert

UMW will sponsor a book sale on March 11th. Bring your already read books for donation to the church. Funds from the sale will be given to local missions.

Have a wonderful month, and we hope to see many women at the February meeting.

Carolyn Burch (480) 983-9943.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Calling all Knitters and Crocheters!

If you like to knit or crochet, enjoy meeting new friends, and like to do things for others, you are invited to check out the prayer shawl ministry. We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday morning of each month during the winter months, at 10 am in room 101/102.

Our group makes shawls to give to church members and their families who are ill, grieving, dealing with cancer or those who are in crisis. We have patterns and supplies to get you started.

If you have questions you may call Nancy Miller at 480-882-3226 or email her at fnmiller61@msn.com.

St. Andrew's Children's Clinic

Preparations for the March 1, 2012 caravan to the Clinic are in progress. This is the last trip before our October 2012 caravan, so if you have always wanted to go, sign up now. Sign-up sheets are posted in both buildings. Donation boxes are also located there. Their "Wish List" includes:

- Toiletry Kit Items (Comb, toothbrush/paste, soap, shampoo, Kleenex)
- Prune Juice (small containers)
- Cranberry Juice—10 or 12 oz. bottles only
- Ensure and Pediasure
- Vitamins with Iron
- Dry Milk (NOT baby formula please)
- Baby Wipes
- Disposable Diapers
- Eyeglass frames (children's used)
- Hearing aids (used)
- Strollers with umbrellas

You may direct any questions to Alyce Ancell, 983-2510; Gail Crawford, 268-0918; Phyllis Gray, 671-1551.

Thank You for Your Support!



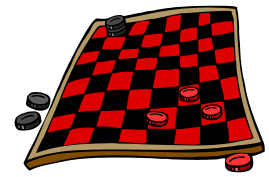
STITCHES UNLIMITED...

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

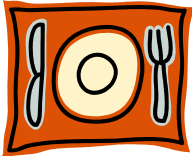
GCUMC SINGLES GROUP

Come Get To Know One Another!

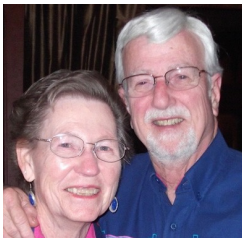
Who: Any Single over the age of 50
What: Gold Canyon Singles Monthly Potluck and Game Night
When: 1st Saturday of every month
 Meet at 5:00pm, Plan to eat at 5:30pm



Where: Gold Canyon United Methodist Church- Koinonia Room



We will be meeting the 1st Saturday of every month for our main get together, and branch off into groups of interest for other events to be announced at the monthly meeting. Bring your own table service and drink. Also, please bring the recipe for any homemade dish for our Cookbook. Call Rhonda Rapp with any questions, 480-357-1574.



A Note From Bob...

Special Invitation

Ron and Chris Houser, Tara Houser-Jones, and the nearly famous "Houser Gang" will present their annual country western concert on Sunday, February 26, 2012, at 5 pm in the sanctuary.

Doors will open an hour prior to the concert. The best advice is come early if you want to sit where you can see and hear the best.

No tickets are required, but a freewill offering will be received. As always, donations of food for the food bank are greatly appreciated.

The Houser's perform for the 5 pm Country Western Service on the last Sunday of every month.

If you haven't heard them sing and heard Tara play the "fiddle," do yourself a favor and come to the concert.

Peace and joy,

Bob Deits



SCRIP/BUS FUND

Gift cards from Bashas' and Fry's grocery stores are a year-round program which helps us raise money for our bus fund while you do your grocery and other shopping. Participation in the grocery cards program (*Scrip*) costs you nothing more to use than you already spend at the grocery stores that issue the cards. You get dollar-for-dollar what you pay in.

Both cards are purchased through GCUMC, at the Information table on Sunday mornings or at the church office during the week. Each card starts with \$20, \$50 or \$100 on it and you recharge it as often as necessary. Then use the card to make purchases at these stores.

Bashas' gives the church 6% of every dollar you load onto your card, *Fry's 3%*! This is how we benefit from the program which is used to maintain our current bus and save for a second one.

Bashas' cards are honored at Bashas' grocery stores, AJ's Fine Foods and Food City. Fry's cards are accepted at Fry's grocery stores, Fry's Marketplace, and all other Kroger-owned stores throughout the U.S. including gas stations.



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	Rick Ceynar

Addressee or Current Resident

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

Deadline for March Roadrunner

— February 10

Weekly Bulletin Insert Deadline: **Noon** Wednesday
Your GCUMC Publications are brought to you by: Bill
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