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From The Pastor: "You've Got Gmail"



I am not making a plug for an email service provider. Rather I am making a play on words. You've got "God mail". How is your prayer life? Most people that I talk with seem to think that their prayer life is inadequate. How would it change your life to be immersed in prayer?

Emma Daniel Gray died on June 8, 2009, at the age of 95. There was a big story about her in the Washington Post because for 24 years she was the woman who cleaned the office of the President of the United States. She served six presidents until she retired in 1979. Her official title was Charwoman.

What made the story even more interesting was that Mrs. Gray was a devout Christian. She would stand and pray over the President's chair each time she dusted it - her cleaning supplies in one hand, the other on the chair. She'd pray for blessings, wisdom, and safety.

I am comforted by the thought that somebody prayed over the President's Oval Office chair. Emma made use of an opportunity for prayer. I know there are many times I missed an opportunity to pray. I just didn't think about it. Yet through the years I have tried to become more and more intentional about praying. And when I do so it changes me.

I know that many of us have questions about prayer. In July and August we will focus on prayer on Sunday mornings. We will deal with unanswered prayer and how to pray more effectively. We will understand how the prayer life of Moses can help us and how Jesus showed us better ways to pray. I pray you will join us

Grace and peace,

Fred



Sermon Series

From the cries of anguish to the songs of praise, the men and women of the Bible prayed with candor and passion. They struggled, they questioned, they confessed and they worshipped, but above all, they discovered an intimate relationship with God through prayer. In this series on prayer, we can learn and explore new ways to deepen our own prayer lives. Is there a "right" way to pray? What if my prayers seem routine and empty? How do I know God hears me? Wherever you are on your faith journey, this series will offer something to help you develop a richer, more meaningful relationship with God through prayer.

July 22 – How to Pray

July 29 – Tell God What I Really Think

August 5 – Prayer Life of Moses

August 12 – Jesus Prays

August 19 – Praying for Others

Roadrunner Email—If you would like to receive your Roadrunner via email, please send US an email at churchoffice@goldcanyonumc.org!

"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."

Join Us for Summer Fun and Worship!

Kids' Kapers ~ Might your child be looking for some fun things to do this summer? Please pick up a Kids' Kapers booklet, if your child did not get one in Sunday School. They are available at the Information Center. Some events have a cost, others do not. Our activities in July are:

Thursday, July 5 9-10:30 am Superstition Mountain Museum Tour.

\$2 per child; adult chaperone – free

Reserve your spot by July 1, please. Meet at the Museum on Rt. 88.

Wednesday, July 11 10 am – Noon Building a Bird House.

\$ 5 per child for materials. Reservations preferred by July 5. We'll be meeting in the Education Building

Tuesday, July 17 9:30 am Self-Guided Junior Nature Walk (Boyce Thompson Arboretum)

\$1 per person, but we must guarantee 15 children to have this group rate. Reservations needed to be in by **June 29.** We will meet in the church parking lot at 9 am.

Wednesday, July 25 10:00 – 11:30 am Water Safety/Water Play Day

Cost – free; meet in Education Building. No reservations needed.



Elementary Children Promotion Day

Elementary children moving up from kindergarten to the first grade and from the third grade to the fourth will be recognized in the 9:30 worship service on Sunday, August 12. Please call the church office to tell us your child's name and which grade he/she will be going into.

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE!

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

Lost & Found

Have you ever lost something and it may have been while you were at church? There is a Lost and Found box in the Church office that contains things like keys, jewelry, sunglasses, umbrellas, etc. If you think your item may be with us, stop by the office.

W.O.W. Corner

Although you may not see members of your W.O.W. team greeting you outside, that does not mean they are at work planning for fun and interesting activities for the fall. We'll all be back at our greeting places once the cooler weather returns.

And, please remember W.O.W. means Witness Our Wonder ~ the wonder of God's love exemplified by our congregation.



Folders For Sale

GCUMC Folders, bearing the Church logo, are for sale at the Information Center and church office. The cost is \$12.00 each and all **proceeds are going to the North Parking Lot Fund**. Thanks for your support!

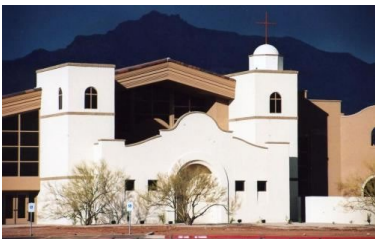
Commemorative Mugs!!!

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.



Church Wish List

Pave the North Parking Lot - \$200,000
 Religious Statue for South Exterior Alcove of Sanctuary Building
 Organ Pipes
 Playground - \$10,000-50,000
 Stain Glass for upper Sanctuary windows - \$105,000 (\$3,000 per panel)
 Building Fund Loan Payoff
 (In 2012 we prepaid \$25,825 on loan)



Our Church History

History Committee Update

Recollections from Mary Ann Warren

I was very fortunate to work beside Fred, Beth, Hu and Wendy. I'm referring to times when members of my choir family became ill and had to have surgery. I would tell Fred the situation, the hospital, the family involved, and the time of the surgery. Not only was I there but so was either Fred or Hu or both. Even with their busy schedules, they always found the time to be with their church members when needed! Very few ministers in my previous churches did this. Thank you Fred, Beth, Hu, and Wendy for your love and caring concern for each of us in the congregation.

Many times I felt out of place directing because there were so many professional music teachers and musicians who were far more talented than I. No wonder the choir sounded so good. Thanks to all the instrumentalists who accompanied the choir. We all enjoyed singing and praising the Lord and being a part of the wonderful, growing church. Thanks to Beth O'Hara, Doug Judson and Bob Messner, our devoted trio. Also, John and Kathy Nuss, Leroy Wolter, Beth Steinberg, Tara and the Houser family, David Ballard, Nancy Virden, Linda Jones, Shirley Coad and the brass ensemble. There were many others but these devoted friends started with the choir. We also had many excellent soloists in the choir, all musicians I will never forget. I also want to thank Jim Burt for recording our concerts with no help from the lousy equipment we had at that time. He would spend hours with us doing his best to record our concerts and Sunday anthems. Thanks, Jim!



Gold Canyon UMC Youth



Youth News Update From Wendy:

Wendy Moore, Youth Director

It's Volleyball Time!

Summer is here!!! Our GCUMC Youth Volleyball team started out with a bang. The team is 6-0 and looking very strong. We are having fun and enjoying the fellowship. There is a volleyball schedule posted on our bulletin board in the Education Building and we welcome any folks who would like to come cheer us on.

Going into 7th Grade in the Fall?

If you are an incoming seventh grader we would love for you to join our 9:30 am Junior High Sunday school class and plan to join our Youth Group on Sundays nights from 6:30 to 8:30. We have a great time and we would love to have to have you there!

Standing on the Rock - Literally!



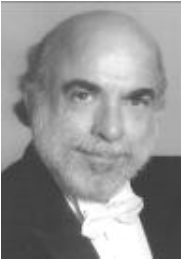
On Sunday, June 10th we went rock climbing as a youth group. What a fabulous time! This is the second time we have gone and while the lessons of trust and commitment still apply there was a new lesson for our youth about guidance. To have a successful climb you sometimes have to listen to others tell you where to put your hands and feet. This is similar to God sharing his wisdom and guidance with us about life. In rock climbing, when you are hanging from the wall halfway up, you are hot and tired and not sure where to put your hands and feet next. Someone from the ground can look up and see an option for you or maybe they have made the climb before and know exactly what to do next. The question is do you listen and make your climb successfully or do

you shut them out, give up or worse yet fall. God is always guiding us, He even left us a guidebook called the "Bible", we just have to listen.



Young Adult Sunday School

Beth Steinberg graciously volunteered to start a Young Adult Sunday School that meets in Pastor Fred's office Sunday mornings at 9:30. The age of this group is 10th graders in high school through college age. The topics are interesting and very relevant to our Young Adults today. She also has been making homemade treats that are delicious.



Music Notes

July – time to fire up the grill. Well, I did that hoping to smoke some ribs low and slow. First couple of hours went well, checking on them every ½ hour or so, then waited two hours, came outside and discovered what appeared to be a big pile of charcoal on top of the grill where the ribs used to be! Of course, it was hard to see through all the smoke! Oh well. I still make some pretty good burgers, but will probably have to go to Texas Roadhouse for good ribs from now on! We all have our gifts!

I would like to lift up two very special people in our traditional music ministry. The first one is **Cynthia Hoff, Assistant Director of Special Music**. In this role, Cindy has taken on the job of getting singers and other musicians to share their talents during the Offertories at the 8:00 and 9:30 services. This is not as easy as it may sound as our Worship Committee tries very hard - and is very committed - to matching all the music from beginning to end to the theme of Pastor Fred's sermons. Cindy's knowledge of classical and contemporary Christian solo/ensemble music has really helped to keep the Offertory in sync with the service. She is an excellent voice teacher/coach at Chandler/Gilbert Community College. When you see her, please tell her how much you appreciate the great job she is doing!

The other special person is truly my right hand in the form of **Dottie House, Music Librarian**. She has served in this capacity since before we moved into the Sanctuary in 2005. She has truly done an incredible job of keeping our music straight, matching a former soprano's folder to a new soprano (and the same for the other parts) and gently reminding people, who have perhaps forgotten, to turn in their music. She stamps, numbers and hole punches all new music, and, has often had to climb a 12' ladder (literally!) to reach the newest music on the top shelves of our Music Library! Most importantly, she has kept me organized and, fairly sane! She has let me bounce different ideas and possibilities off her and has always been very honest and open in her responses – something I really value!

Unfortunately, at least for me, Dottie has decided to retire effective August 1. This date will indeed be the end of an era! I have asked those whom I know have the requisite organizational and people skills to do this job and make everyone feel welcome and at home in the Choir. So far, everyone has said something like, "Dottie is too perfect. I could never fill her shoes". Well, ya know, I love Dottie, and indeed, she has been the perfect Music Librarian – and friend! – but I am not looking for someone to "fill her shoes". Besides, I'll bet her shoes are only a size 4!

Fortunately, we are completely gutting the Music Library and starting from scratch re-designing the entire room so the Music Library will be much more efficient. We have ordered seven units of Wenger's 7-shelf Music Library System. Each unit is like the big, rolling, multi-shelf units doctors use to house their patient files. No more climbing up the big ladder! All the music we have now, plus future titles will be easily accessible from the floor, or at most, a step stool. We are now going to have space for the 600+ Choral titles, 250+ Handbell Titles, 30+ Orchestral titles, and associated brass and other instrumental parts that we already have, and space to add several hundred more titles of each in the future.

Dottie has been instrumental in this process. I mention all this in hopes that someone who has an interest in keeping the library up to date, has great people skills, and 3-4 hours/week available to maintain the library, will come forward to explore the possibilities of sharing their talents with us. I keep track of all our music and musicians on FilemakerPro data bases on my iMac. If someone is familiar with Mac and FilemakerPro, that is a plus. If not, that's fine too. I am hoping and praying that someone with an interest in music, that also has great organizational skills and people skills will come forward and talk with me about this unique job. If I don't find the right person by August 1, then I get to do this by myself, which I can do, but would rather use my talents in other ways and give someone else this opportunity. If you would like to consider this, please give me a call. *Please!*

I mentioned last month that I will be inducted into the Area 11, Handbell Musicians of America, *Ring of Fame* in June. I am writing this article the week before I leave, hopefully I can post some pictures of the event in the August RoadRunner. Unfortunately, no one from my family can be there with me, but, there is one person from the church who will be there, **Nancy Bradshaw** from the Chancel Choir. Hopefully she will say a few words about this event in the August RoadRunner as well. Established in 2006, *Ring of Fame* has inducted only 7 people to date.

I hope and pray everyone who travels through this great country and indeed the world, will spend a lot of time appreciating the beauty God has placed around us. Smell the roses, the coffee, the pine trees, the sea, feel the spray of water from the falls, reel in the "big one" (or at least enjoy telling about the "big one" that got away!), and enjoy the color contrasts between the clear blue sky and green mountains, blue water, colorful flowers, etc. Enjoy life, and thank God!



Blessings to all,

Doug

Doug 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!*

Will Return in October! In the meantime, make sure you stay hydrated and use your sunscreen!

DONATIONS AND ATTENDANCE

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

May	2010		2011		2012		2011	2012
	General	Building	General	Building	General	Building	Worship All	Worship All
1st	\$16,234	\$8,420	\$16,309	\$11,167	\$21,908	\$7,864	790	783
2nd	17,184	8,637	15,795	6,353	11,590	5,693	751	727
3rd	10,679	3,768	9,051	4,207	11,608	4,336	700	640
4th	11,889	4,192	11,623	4,302	11,739	4,244	633	614
5th	7,095	4,025	8,629	2,030	—	—	570	—
Total	\$63,081	\$29,042	\$61,407	\$28,059	\$56,845	\$22,137	3444	2764

GCUMC Permanent Endowment Fund

The Gold Canyon United Methodist Church has a Permanent Endowment Fund which 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 which the church has in turn given to various members.

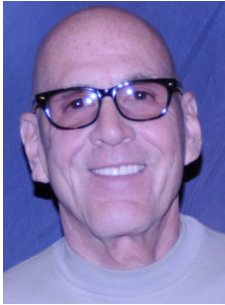
The Permanent Endowment can become a strong supporter of the Church and its missions, but only if members and others of the congregation remember the Fund with gifts at any time or with estate bequests of any size. Please consider gifts to support the Endowment and GCUMC. For more information on how to make a gift, call Pastor Fred at the church or Wally Quanstrom Chairman of the Endowment Fund Committee at 480-982-9314.

SCRIP/BUS FUND ~

Did you know?????..... Over the past ten years, **at no cost to participants**, the church bus fund has earned over \$104,000 from the *Scrip* program (\$86,000 from Bashas', \$18,000 from Fry's). This is fantastic!! This money was used to purchase our bus and pay for gas, insurance and maintenance. Now that we need to purchase a fifteen passenger **van** to accompany our bus we are asking *all* of you who shop at these two stores to consider using a Bashas' Community Support card and/or Fry's Gift card purchased at the church Information Center on Sunday mornings or at the church office during the week. Each card starts with \$20, \$50 or \$100, and you recharge it as often as necessary just before you check out at the store (or at Customer Service), using your personal charge card, a check or cash; then use the card to pay for your purchases, and you can even use it for gas at Fry's! Bashas' gives the church 6% of every dollar you load onto the card, Fry's 3%. Bashas' cards are honored at Bashas' grocery stores, A.J.'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 US. Many of you in the past only used the "number program" at Bashas' which was a separate program - this program was discontinued about two years ago due to economic conditions. If you have any questions, please give Betty Rolley a call at 480-380-0147. Thanks for your continued support.

New Members

Gold Canyon UMC welcomed new members on June 17, 2012. We were fortunate to have a photographer present at the preceding Coffee with the Pastor Meeting.. Please welcome the following "new" members of the GCUMC family:



Kevin Nunn &
Lynda Hammond
(not pictured)



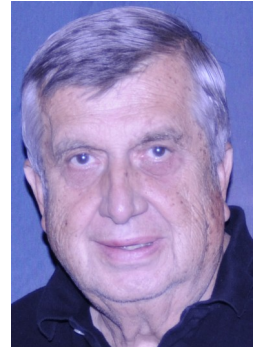
Donna Bailey



Carol Adamski



Jack & Pamela Kopnick



Paul & Roberta Breuklander



Stephen & Marilyn McDaniel



Harley & Meg Lemmon

Please also welcome back Kellie and Gary Valentine as Full Members of GCUMC, transferring back from Trinity Heights UMC in Flagstaff



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY®**

One of the most important things I learned as a Stephen Ministry student was how to listen. Anyone who knows me for more than a day can tell you that once you get me talking, it's virtually impossible to shut me up. As a survivor of domestic violence, it can be easy for me to get caught up in discussion with others who have shared my experience. It is always good to know that you aren't alone.

It isn't good, though, if you are in a crisis and you need to talk to someone who cares and they keep talking about their own troubles, even if they are similar to your experiences. What you need in such a time is someone who can understand, but who can also just sit quietly while you share your innermost heart. That's what a Stephen Minister can do. A Stephen Minister can be there for you. A Stephen

Minister can pray with you, if that's what you want, though they will not force prayer upon you. A Stephen Minister can help you know that you are not alone.

A Stephen Minister is not an alternative to counseling, but they can be a good addition to a care team, with the agreement of the care receiver and his or her counselor.

If you think a Stephen Minister might meet your needs, or even if you just wonder if they might, give us a call in the church office at 480-982-3776. You can ask for me - I promise I'll shut up and listen!

~ Suzanne (Suzy) Cherry

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.
Honor one another above yourselves.

Romans 12:10

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

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

It is unbelievable how much pet food goes out of the Food Bank each day. We are so thankful for all of you who donate & bring pet food. THANK YOU, THANK YOU to the workers in the Food Bank who help bag the food. This has saved us a lot of time. Also to the folks who have donated money for pet food as Memorials. Thanks again to the Agnew, Kimball families, Jeanette Lunstead & Lolly Skillman for purchasing and/or 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.

WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY

Sympathies: Colette Bos, upon the death of her father, Tony Masucci; Chuck Hardman, upon the death of his wife, Jeannette, Tom & Marty Robison, upon the death of Tom's father; The family of Paul Rutherford, upon his death; and the families & friends of the above.

Concerns and/or Continued Prayers: Crystal Anderson (Andy & Janice Anderson's daughter-in-law), Jeri Anderson, Jolene & David Anderson, Clarence Avenaries (Joan Pautvein's brother), Jim Bamber, Robert Bates, Cece Benningfield (Elizabeth Kinder's niece), Bob Bonestell, Jean Eister, Kayla Eriksen (Ritchie & Norm Eriksen's granddaughter), Bob Freemire, Christen Fukuda, Deane Gage (Shirley Hodges' brother-in-law), Pat Guevara, Marlene Hertzog, Tim Hibbing, Clarence Hodges, Ron Jurgens, Helen Johnson, Rex Johnson, Mary Kaiser, Bob Kramer, Shirley McKinty, Eloise Miller, Shirley Morganfield (Mary Ogden), Malcolm Nelson, Barb Oldham, Don Phillips, Dee Plummer, Dick & Linda Powers, Aubrey Sharp (Iona Grills' brother), Stephanie Sheppard, Kathy Serrine, Sister Teresa Shields, Adele Spitzer, Catherine Sullivan, Carl Tews, Sally West, Cory Wetherly, Sheri Wnuk, Donna Wolf, Demi Yangs (Bob & Pam Ingram's daughter-in-law). 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, Rex & Robb Hewett, Matthew Jacobson, Jared Lallier, Jacob Manbeck, Sierra Nagle & 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, Patti Baker, Bob & Ruth Bennett, Cathy Bird, Irene & Jr. Blake (Paul Fillion's sister), Leon & Jane Blumhagen, Joe Bodick, Marge Bos (Dave Bos' mother), Kay Bottomley (Mike Vagnier's mother), Lyle Brewer, Jack & Esther Ann Brown, Jeff & Karen Brown, Royce Brownfield, Gen Brunk (Jerri Manbeck's mother), Dr. Brad & Arlaine Bryant & Julie Bryant-Holver, Maggie Bryant, Bob & Jenilu Burgi, Martha Burkinshaw, Jim & Carolyn Burt, Leon & Linda Schafle-Castonia, Colleen Daly, Rev. Bob & June Deits, Chuck Dickinson, Rev. Jim & Eve Dinkel, Eulalia Pascal Domingo, Adelyne Douglass, Peter Fillion (Paul Fillion's brother), Dale & Inge Fitzpatrick, Gen Friesen, Sue & Dave Flitsch, Dee Dee Frazer, Danna & Andy Gharavi, Ardeena Gillette, Glen & Ona Golden, Bill Green, Arline Hacker, Vi Hammond (Don & Betty Hammond's mother), Gaylord Hart & kids, Kathy & Paul Fabish, Jan Helquist, Shirley Hill, Neil & Melva Houtcooper, Dawn Johnson (Todd Williams' aunt), Ginny & Joe Johnson, Helen Johnson, Gladys Kay (Jane Hayes' Mom), Mel & Mary Kilbo, Thelma Lang (Pete 'n Kay Johnson's mother), Ardis Larson, Rick & Diane Lockwood, Bob & Juana Mahlandt, Sue & Michael Malloy, Earl & Lorna Marifjeren, Sally Marvaino (Suzanne Cherry's sister), Will Matthews, Colin Mattoon (Joe & Uni Kincade's nephew), Bryan McGann (Jeanette Lunstead's

son), Larry & Pat McMann, Wilbur McMann, Anita Mendoza (Lucy Kidwell's mother), Vivian Miller (Marcella Dorsey's aunt), Judy Monk, Hedy Moore (Jed Moore's mother), Bill & Alice Myers, Alan Nolan (Calder & LaVoyce Nolan's son), Ramona Orr (Kris Laux's mother), Bob Parker (Don Parker's brother), Jim & Marcia Ritenour, Peter Ritsch, David & Judy Robertson, Tom & Marty Robison, Virgil & Rose Scantlin, Ari Shreffler, Debbie Steedy, Lew & Doris Stichter, Marilyn & Dave Striebel, Rick & Sue Sutter, Julie Terrell, Lillian Thomas (Bill & Mary Thomas' mother), Kenneth Tippie (Jerry & Peggy Tippie's son), Gordon & Patty Truckle, Wanda Tufte, Sam & Jack Twa, Jim & Charlene Van Slooten & Floy Kilbourn-their daughter, Nancy Villeneuve, Nancy Virden, Mickey Wenzel, Garnet White (Jody Topping), Delza Wilson (Jayne Urbach's mother), Reta Wilson, Pat Zirjacks and the families of the above.

DESIGNATED GIFTS FROM MEMORIAL/FUNERAL SERVICES

None that we know of at this time

"Laugh a Little" -with Hu

PAYING IT BACKWARDS

A lady approached a clerk in a hardware store and ordered one box of spiders and a box of cockroaches. When the clerk asked the lady why she wanted them, the lady answered, "I am the pastors wife from the church down the street. Last night they voted my husband out of the church, and they told us when we left to leave the parsonage exactly as we found it."

SENIOR PASTOR'S MISTAKE

A pastor went on a week's vacation and left his new young associate in charge of the Sunday service. When he returned, he asked a trusted member how his associate had performed. "He gave a very dull sermon-not much in it," the member answered. When he saw his associate, the pastor asked how he felt about Sunday morning. "Very good," the associate responded. "I didn't have time to put together a sermon, but I found one of your old ones. So I preached it."

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



Chuck Hardman, Cindy, Renee and Randy would

like to thank all the members of the church who came to Jeanette's Celebration of Life and also for your prayers and expressions of love for her.

A great big thank you to Pastor Fred and also to Hu and Wendy who called everyday to check on Jeannette when they were on vacation.

Keep Chuck in your prayers—Bless you all.

SUPPORT GROUPS

GRIEF

The Grief Support Group will meet through the summer only on an on-call basis. Please call Laurie at 480-518-3786 or Email at Lchris-ty20@yahoo.com to schedule.

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 Wednesdays 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 deeashe7580@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."

A Look at the United Methodist Committee on Relief

Over the past few months, the International Missions Committee has shared the International Missions projects/trips sponsored by Gold Canyon United Methodist Church with the congregation in this newsletter. This month the committee would like to focus on the international missions projects supported by the church-wide United Methodist Church through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). UMCOR's goal is to assist the most vulnerable persons affected by crisis or chronic need without regard to their race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. UMCOR believes all people have God-given worth and dignity.

Founded in 1940 under the name Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (MCOR), its original mission was to respond to suffering among peoples overseas after the onset of World War II. Presently, UMCOR's work reaches people in more than 80 countries, including the United States. This organization provides humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupt life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own. Survivors of natural disasters in Nicaragua, Haiti, Chile, Pakistan, and Japan, famine in Africa and war torn countries such as Afghanistan, Liberia, Rwanda and Bosnia have all been helped by UMCOR. U.S. communities affected by hurricanes and other disasters also received assistance from UMCOR.

UMCOR is a very reputable charity as evaluated by a number of organizations. The Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Report states that UMCOR uses 91% of its funds for its programs, 1% for fundraising and 8% for administrative costs. The Charity Navigator gives it a 3 star rating (out of a possible 4 stars) for financial performance and a 4 star rating for accountability and transparency.

UMCOR works closely with other international relief organizations such as Lutheran World Relief, Catholic Relief Services and other Christian-based agencies. As one of the founding organizations of the Foods Resource Bank, a Christian-based group focusing on sustainable food security programs instead of disaster relief, UMCOR has funded projects that have had far-reaching results. One such program was the Mtumba Rural Women's Training Project of the Anglican Church of Tanzania. Over a six year period (2002-2008), this project in 3 villages near Dodoma, Tanzania focused on helping farmers improve their farms, helping them improve their civic participation and helping them save money so that they can support their families during the hungry season.

The results of this project improved the lives of 2,250 households (13,523 individuals) in the 3 villages. Farmers now grow a wider variety of crops that they can use and sell. A savings organization has grown to 423 members who have saved a total of 35.9 million Tanzanian shillings (approximately \$25,000.00). Also in 2006, only 25 children in all 3 villages attended high school or post-secondary organizations. Today, 1,080 children receive this education. The partnering of these organizations has blessed our sisters and brothers in these 3 villages in ways that only God can bring about. The farmers in these villages are now working with farmers in other villages to help them improve the lives of themselves and their families. God's work is spreading!

We invite you to take a closer look at your church-wide relief organization - The United Methodist Committee on Relief. Visit their website at www.umcor.org. Keep them in your prayers. Remember Christ's words that encourage us to help the poor and downtrodden. For when we do, we are helping Christ himself.

You can also follow UMCOR on Twitter at @UMC_UMCOR



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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.

Wings of Caring - Projects #08595A - Supporting evangelism, education, transportation and medical emergencies in rural areas

Midwest Emergencies - Projects #901680 - Responding to emergency victims of tornado, flood, etc. caused by spring storms. Last Modified 23 Mar 2012

Disaster Response, International - Projects #982450 - Quick response to meet emergency needs around the world.

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.gbgn-umc.org/umcor/>

**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 at the Information Center in the narthex.

*We cannot give God anything; for everything is already His, and all we have comes from Him. We can only give Him praise, thanks, and honor.
 ~ Martin Luther*

***News from the Wesley
Foundation at ASU***

The Wesley Foundation at ASU is looking for alumni that participated in ASU Wesley over the years. So if you participated in ASU Wesley in the past, please contact them. They would also like to announce that there is a Valley Wesley Alumni group on Facebook that is open for anyone to join and stay in contact with other alumni, so please check it out.

You may email your contact information, or any questions, to Jennifer Lazbin at jlazbin@q.com.



**Jody
Topping**

Thinking Theologically —

On July 1 after worship, I will be driving to Mingus Mountain Church Camp where I will be the Dean for the Senior High Church Camp. For 5 days, I will be joined by about 40 teenagers and a handful of other adults...yes, it's one of the ways I like to have fun! During the week we will be discovering God's treasures through study of the scriptures, especially the Parables of Jesus. If you haven't studied the parables in a while, you might want to consider reading through a couple of them, then read some commentaries on what "the experts" believe Jesus meant when he taught others about God and God's kingdom using stories.

Stories are a great way to illustrate how God works in our lives. I think that's why Jesus used stories so much during his ministry. Take, for example, the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin found in Luke 15:4-10. Both of these stories illustrate the importance of finding something or someone who is lost. By using everyday examples – things that the people in first century Palestine would have understood – Jesus was able to teach them (and us) how precious they are in God's sight. And we can benefit from these lessons as well.

In his online daily devotional called *Our Daily Bread* (found at www.oddb.org), Professor of Evangelism Dennis Fisher wrote the following about the Parable of the Lost Coin:

"Recently I couldn't find my credit card. I began frantically looking for it because losing a credit card is no small thing. Automatic payments and daily purchases would all be disrupted until it could be replaced. Not to mention the possibility of someone finding it and charging items to our account. What a relief it was when my wife found it on the floor under the computer table."

Now, I have to admit, I lose things on a regular basis...probably because we have way too much stuff in our house! When I can't find my car keys, or my glasses, or the TV remote control, usually the first thing I ask myself is "where did you have it or them last?" Most of the time that works, and I'm able to find the thing that I've lost...but not always. Sometimes I spend hours (OK...maybe minutes) looking for something I know I had just a few minutes before, and then I get frustrated when I can't find it. But one thing is certain...I never give up until I have found the thing that I've lost. I just can't seem to move on until the lost has been found.

And you know, that's the way it is with God. Jesus' parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin tell us so. God doesn't give up until the lost has been found. God will leave the rest of the flock to tend for themselves (because God knows that they can) in order to go find the one that has been lost. Or God will search the whole world over, just like the woman searched her home looking for the lost coin. God is relentless that way...God doesn't give up on us.

We should also be relentless when it comes to helping the lost become found. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are commissioned by God to find the lost and bring them back into the fold. This is one of the lessons I hope the teens at church camp will learn during our time up on Mingus Mountain...in between worship, scavenger hunts, hikes, arts & crafts, and games of "Goji" (ask me sometime about that one!!). It's also a lesson I hope you will ponder, in between your morning cups of coffee and whatever else you have on your agenda each day. God loves us all so much...and God will not let the lost remain lost for long. Thanks be to God for giving us Jesus and his parables. Thanks be to God for not giving up on the lost. Amen.



BIBLE BANTER

MEETS EVERY MONDAY, 9:30-10:30 AM
MOUNTAIN BREW COFFEE HOUSE
6832 S 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!



A Note From Bob....

New Book: "When Your Grandma Forgets"

Rev. Bob Deits has co-authored a new children's book that helps children understand and cope with the changes in a grand parent who has Alzheimer's disease. It is also an important view of the disease through the eyes of a child for adults. **"When Your Grandma Forgets"** is available directly from Bob by phone (480-396-4838) or email bobjune@cox.net.

Books can also be ordered through the church office and Bob will deliver them by the following Sunday. The cost is \$14.99. Bob will absorb the sales tax and delivery cost. More information on the book is found at: www.becausehopematters.com.



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SCHOOL DAYS.....

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Can you believe it's that time of year? Which brings us to the "Back to School Drive." This year, Gold Canyon UMW will be supporting the Four Peaks Elementary School in this endeavor. Containers for the notebooks, paper, pencils, backpacks and all school supplies will be located in both buildings. Let's help those who need help!



Stitches Unlimited

Meets on the FIRST Wednesday of each month at 9:00 am in Room 101/102. Contact Melva Houtcooper for more information.

CALLING ALL UNITED METHODIST MEN!



United Methodist Men have begun organizing a UMM Golf League. They will play on Thursday mornings. at Toka Sticks Golf Course in south-east Mesa near Williams Field. Cost is approximately \$22.00 (plus tax), and will decrease as the weather heats up. If anyone would like to join this fun and fellowship, please contact Larry Lininger at 480-398-6582, or ldlininger@q.com.

GCUMC SINGLES GROUP **Come Get To Know One Another!**

July Get together will be at Nando's Mexican Restaurant-Southwest corner of Val Vista and Baseline Saturday- July 7th at 11:30am. We will decide at lunch what movie to go see. Please send email to Rhonda Short at Rapp123455@msn.com or call 480-357-1574 to make a reservation to attend.

COORDINATOR NEEDED

We need a new coordinator for this group due to Rhonda's marriage 6/20/12. She will be happy to provide all the contact information she has on the members. We have one volunteer who is willing to assist a new coordinator but does not use a computer and we communicate mostly by email. She can do the calling for non computer users.

Any Single over the age of 50 is invited. Please join us for fun, food, games and fellowship!



Jane Hayes, Volunteer Coordinator

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Volunteers Do Make a Difference

JULY

Inspirational Values

As a teacher, I came across this piece of writing which I always enjoyed. Hope you will as well!

Respect

The first respect is to respect myself — to know that I am naturally valuable.

Part of self-respect is knowing my own qualities.

Respect is knowing I am lovable and capable.

Respect is listening to others.

Respect is knowing others are valuable, too.

Respect for the self is the seed that gives growth to confidence.

When we have respect for ourselves, it is easy to have respect for others.

Those who show respect will receive respect.

To know one's worth and to honor the worth of others is how one earns respect.

Part of respect is knowing I make a difference.

From: *Living Values Activities for Children Ages 8-14* by **Diane Tillman**

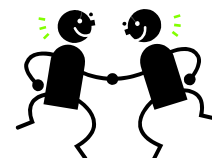
SUMMER VOLUNTEERS



We all enjoy a vacation as the heat swelters around us. If you have a morning or afternoon to give of your time, please call me.

GREETERS

Each week we have 16 greeters scheduled at our doors to assist with bulletins and passing on a welcome to our guests and congregation. Greeters may obtain a reserved sign for their seats while performing their duty.



Arrive 40 min. prior to service. CALL by Friday **before** 4:00 pm if you cannot make your assigned service.



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

Are you willing to volunteer your spiritual gifts? 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, 480-982-3776.**

<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 _____

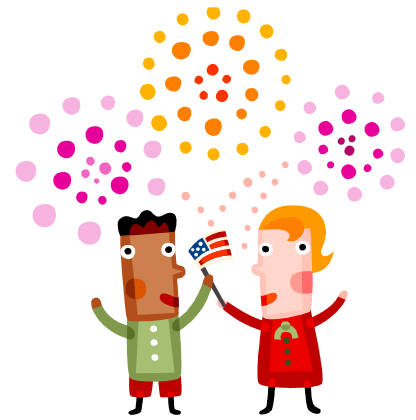
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July Celebrations

Birthdays

Cheyenne Cassella	1	Charles Jungman	16
Shirley Krapek	1	Ernie McMurry	16
Donald Osgood	2	Richard Gale	16
Dixie Coules	2	Jenny Crow	17
Alan Kinzel	2	Ritchie Ericksen	17
Bobbie Ryan	2	Melodie Frankel	17
Connie Dauchhauer	2	Wesley Kappler	17
Chong Gladson	2	Pailey Owen	16
Chuck McKim	4	Terry Parsons	17
Catherine Sullivan	4	Lois Peebles	17
Linda Weidner	4	Willard Kresge	17
Albert Brown	4	John Berry	18
James Cowles	5	Mary Lynn Preiss	18
Bob Johnson	5	Jerry Thacker	18
Bill Nielsen	5	Jill Bills	19
Jeanine Roe	5	Rod Hall	19
Debbie Adler	6	Mary Thomas	19
Sue Berg	6	Linda Boone	19
Marilynn Falk	6	Diane Head	20
Christopher Bybee	7	Helen Curtis	21
Donna Hodges	7	Donald Gaulke	21
Robin Toner	7	Jeff Krstyen	21
Lyle Brewer	8	Monica Ortega-Watters	21
Dorothy McMurry	8	Caroline Wozniak	21
Lucas Holland	8	Tyler Houseman	21
Herbert Adams	9	Randy Gardner	21
Dee Gates	9	Brighton Bea Boyd	22
Mary Kilbo	9	Bob Burgi	22
Caryl Lang	9	Jeanne Paddison	22
Sue Mott	9	Nancy Arbuckle	23
Clark Magnus	9	Linda Brinkman	23
Joyce Curtis	10	Marjorie Tonole	23
Doris Ferrante	10	Marjorie Stofferan	23
Jeanette Lunstead	10	Scott Houseman	24
Keith Petticrew	10	William Butterbrodt	25
Vivian Schreiner	10	Beverly Toppin	25
Lawrence Welker	10	Earl Roe	25
Bill Jelf	11	Audrey Hulett	26
Steven Crane	13	Gordon Truckle	26
Nancy Petticrew	13	Carol Ballard	27
Betty Russell-Smeaton	13	Trudy Ramer	27
Ted Christy	14	Sharee Sifferath	28
Janice Guerrero	14	Rae Tianen	28
JoAnn Wylie	14	Jackie Lewis	29
Russ Formento	14	Francisco DeLeon	30
Doris Barnes	15	Elgin Morris	30
Gail Crawford	15	Kathy Fabish	30
Beau Steenbock	15	Patsy Arehart	31
Ellamae Sander	15	Angela DeLeon	31
Scott Callahan	16	Charlie Mitchell	31
William Hughes	16	Marlene Johnson	31



Anniversaries

Dean & Nyla Mansdorfer	2
Charlie & Lauren Mitchell	4
Bob & Sharan Norin	4
Carl & Cherie Madzey	5
William & Kathleen King	6
Jeff & Sally Pepin	6
Jim & Norma Tambke	6
Dick & Faith Van Noy	6
Wes & Donna Hodges	7
Ken & Mylet Rush	7
Orville & Muriel Jorgenson	8
Ronald & Donna Jurgens	8
Jean & Robin Alton	9
Ronald & Rebecca Beason	9
Herschuel & LaDonna Howell	10
Rich & Jerri Manbeck	10
Bob & Gloria Sheridan	10
Glenn & Barbara Hardesty	11
Grover & Ann Wallace	12
Ted & Laurie Christy	14
Ted & Joy Fite	14
Monty & Sharron Gingrich	18
John & Donna Toole	19
Robert & Gale Adair	20
Scott & Alexandra Houseman	21
Gary & Sharon Stemple	21
Dave & Brenda Patterson	22
Matt & Heather Rhoton	24
Lester & Delores Norton	28
Jim Collins & Jo Glasgow	30
Gene & Gail Crawford	30
Joe & Maureen Morton	30
Larry & Anita Raffurty	30
Robert & Renee Olson	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.



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Addressee or Current Resident

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

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

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