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From The Pastor:**“Easier Than You Think”**

Occasionally when I am in a group setting, somebody will ask if someone is willing to pray. And in response to that request sometimes I will hear a person or two mutter quietly, “Not me, I am not good at prayer.” I know many people do not think they are good at prayer. So they don’t pray. It’s too bad because I think they are missing out on a valuable spiritual discipline.

Sometimes people think that prayer is complicated. Yet prayer is much easier than you think. Prayer doesn’t need to be filled with lofty words. It doesn’t need to be a certain pattern. Although some structure can help us pray when we find ourselves stuck in a rut and praying the same things over and over. Yet there is no mystical method that we must follow.

If you can talk to a friend, then you can talk to God. We know that Moses argued with God and even balked at doing what God told him to do. Prayer was an open and honest conversation between God and Moses. At times it was negotiation. Other times Moses spoke words of anger and frustration. But it was Moses’ connection with God through prayer that saw him through as a leader of the Hebrews.

I once read of a man who simplified his prayer life by putting an empty chair before him and imagining that Jesus was sitting in that chair. He simply spoke to Jesus as a friend. Maybe you need to pull up an empty chair. Maybe you need to set a scheduled time for prayer. My hope this summer is that you will take the time to develop your prayer life. See you on Sunday as we explore various aspects of prayer.

Grace and peace,

Fred

“Following

Jesus, Serving Others”

Pastor Fred’s Phone Number Change
I am going to cancel our home phone number and use only a cell phone. My new phone – 480-510-4951.

**“You’ve Got Gmail”****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 29 – Tell God What I Really Think

August 5 – Prayer Life of Moses

August 12 – Jesus Prays

August 19 – Praying for 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 ~ Believe it or not the summer is winding down before our children have to go back to school, but there are a couple more Kids' Kapers to enjoy. Here are the two remaining activities. Please call to reserve a spot for your student. And, check out the pictures of some of our previous events. Loads of fun!



Superstition Mountain Museum (July)

✝ **Wednesday, August 1:**

10 am — Goldfield Ghost Town Mine Tour
\$4 per child; \$7 per adult (*Might want to bring some extra cash for an ice cream cone.*)
We will meet at Goldfield Ghost town, 4650 N. Mammoth Mine Rd. (off of Rt.88)

✝ **Monday, August 6:** 10 am — Fire Station Tour / **Free**
Meet at Fire Station on Rt. 60 next to Montessa Park. Will meet back at the church for refreshments afterward.



Play Day! (July)

Elementary Children Promotion Day

We are excited to promote Lucas Holland, Brooke Hartman, Faye Stanley, and James Giroux to the 4th grade class and Jacob Adams, Jack Cleary and Shane Giroux to 1st grade class on Sunday, August 12th during the 9:30 service. If we missed your child or grandchild in this list, please contact Katharine in the church office, so that she can include them.



Substitute Sunday School Teachers sought ~ If you enjoy children and love to teach every so often, we could use your help in this ministry. The age groups are Preschool/Kdg., 1st – 3rd and 4th – 6th during the 9:30 worship service and 1st – 6th during the 10:50 service. Please contact Katharine in the church office if you can assist.

Arizona Walk to Emmaus ~ For the Development of Christian Leaders



This Walk is a spiritual life retreat of the highest quality for adults. At Emmaus you will spend three busy but very enjoyable days in a retreat setting from Thursday evening to Sunday evening. You will live and study together in singing, prayer, worship and discussion. Discussions center around fifteen talks given by laity and clergy. These talks present the theme of God's grace, how that grace is real in your life, and how you can live in the life of grace, bringing grace to others.

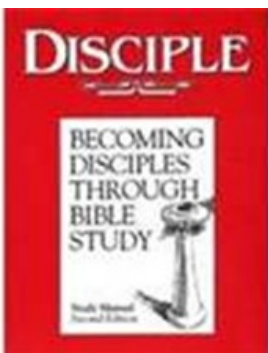
Only 42 persons can be accommodated at the retreat. Both lay and clergy are invited. The applicant must be a baptized Christian and husbands are expected to attend the retreat preceding the one attended by their wives. Single persons are encouraged to attend as well.

The next Walks are Oct. 4 for the men and Oct. 11 for the women; and it will be held at Paradise Valley UMC.

If you wish to attend, please contact Katharine in the church office and she can send you more information.

Each candidate needs a sponsor, so if you have been on a Walk, please let Katharine know.

DISCIPLE Bible Studies ~



As the fall quickly approaches, we once again will be offering the terrific DISCIPLE Study groups. The purpose of DISCIPLE is to develop strong Christian leaders through regular in-depth study of Scripture. Disciple making and Christian nurturing are its goals. Some people will become teachers of DISCIPLE; all persons in the study will be guided into servanthood and ministry. The purpose of DISCIPLE may be summarized in the words of Ephesians 4:12: "to equip the saints of the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."

In mid-August Katharine will put out sign-up sheets for the classes she knows will be offered. If you have taught DISCIPLE somewhere else and would like to offer to teach, please contact her in the church office.

Please note, that if you are new to DISCIPLE, you should take DISCIPLE 1 first.



Gold Canyon UMC Youth



Wendy Moore, Youth Director



Construction work in 103 degree heat.



A fun
break after
a long
week.

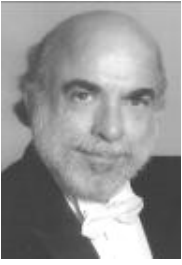


Thank You All

Thank you for all your support and prayers for the Youth Group Mission Trip to Busby, Montana.



We served the Northern Cheyenne people, and along with 210 other volunteers, completed repairs on 33 homes. Daily worship programs provided spiritual growth, and we renewed our commitment to serving others for Jesus. In spite of the challenges (we'll share more at the shareholder's dinner), the trip was an amazing success. Lives were changed and after a tough week of work, the group shared a few days of fun and fellowship in Yellowstone National Park.



Music Notes

What a great summer this has been so far! As most of you know by now, I was inducted into the Handbell Musicians of America, Area 11 Ring of Fame at their Handbell Festival in Salt Lake City, Utah in June. I taught several classes and taught two tracks – one in Music Theory and one in Composition. We had 250 ringers all together, 60 of which were youth (very exciting!). Truly a great festival.

The *Ring of Fame* Luncheon was at the 5-star/diamond Grand America Hotel. Unfortunately, my wife Martha was unable to go and neither were any of our Canyon Carillon ringers from our church. However, **Nancy Bradshaw**, who sings in the Chancel Choir, was able to attend the luncheon, as she is spending the summer in Logan, Utah. She can verify that I did indeed receive this award! My dear friend, Dr. William Wood, who was the Area 11 Treasurer when I was Area 11 Chair, spoke on my behalf! I was truly moved – even beyond words! Indeed, I had an acceptance speech prepared, but honestly, I could not talk! (not very often has *that* happened!) That was one of those LIFE moments I will remember forever!

August does present a sad situation for me, however. Our incredible Choral Librarian, **Dottie House** has decided to retire from this volunteer position that she has so faithfully held and worked since before moving into the new Sanctuary in 2005. She has not only kept the Choral Library organized, but has helped to keep me organized, and has allowed me to bounce programming ideas off of her. As anyone who has been in a position of leadership knows, perhaps the most valuable asset is the secretary – or in my case, my Librarian! Dottie will continue to sing in the Choir (otherwise I would not have accepted her resignation!), and will continue to prepare coffee, etc. for the Choir on Sunday mornings. I will definitely miss her great suggestions, her cheerful personality, and her incredible

skills as a Librarian! Figuratively speaking, she has enormous shoes to fill!

As we approach the end of summer, I hope everyone is enjoying themselves and enjoying visiting with friends and family, and perhaps seeing some of God's gracious beauty along the way. Personally, I'm going to visit my 1 yr old granddaughter this month, and I can't wait! Yeah, I'm also going to visit my daughter and son-in-law (her parents)! I pray for safe travels to all who will be "on the road", in the air, riding the rails, or cruising this month. I hope we all remember to thank God for these opportunities!

Blessings,

Doug

Douglas J. Benton,
Director of Music Ministries



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

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.

Church Wish List

Pave the North Parking Lot - \$200,000
Religious Statue for South Exterior Alcove of Sanctuary Building—\$38,000
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)

“Ring of Fame Inductee” Congratulations Doug!



This year, Gold Canyon's own **Doug Benton** was among those who were inducted into the prestigious “Ring of Fame” for Handbell and Handchime musicians. Every two years, the Area 11 Handbell Musicians of America recognizes up to four individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the art of ringing Handbells and Handchimes. The criteria for the award include achievement of national recognition for contributions to Handbell Musicians of America, developing materials or methods specific to handbells or chimes, extended teaching or conducting that raises the musical standards for ringing and composing music for handbells and handchimes.

Mr. Benton began his musical education with piano lessons at age six. In sixth grade, he began playing the baritone. When Doug was in his sophomore year in high school, he was given the opportunity to play the organ at church when the organist was in traction after a car accident. That was the beginning of his illustrious career in church music.

In 1973, Doug was the organist at Mount of Olive Lutheran Church in Phoenix when a friend invited him to a youth handbell concert given by a church in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. After that concert, he accepted an invitation to attend the National Handbell Festival at ASU the following week. When Doug heard England's Thurlestone Ringers, he was hooked! He raised money to purchase a two-octave set of bells for the church and started a group with eight youth. The group, called the MOO Ringers (short for Mount of Olives) rang for the first time at Christmas Eve of that year.

Doug has since developed the Harter Memorial

Handbell Ringers at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. He has served as Arizona State Chair of the Handbell Musicians of America and set up clinics and festivals all over the state. As Chair of Area 11, Doug established a state organization in Colorado. He also served as the first Chair of Director Education, with committees focused on a new system of certification, modeled after the American Guild of Organists. He was also instrumental in creating a new event with a track for advanced ringers and groups called Handbell Spectacular. Over the years, Doug has been a frequent contributor to OVERTONES, writing several articles on bell techniques, conducting and rhythm. He became famous as a bass bell expert, and is a published composer and arranger of handbell, choral, organ, brass, and orchestral music.

Doug Benton is currently the Director of Music Ministries at Gold Canyon United Methodist Church, where he directs two handbell choirs, two vocal choirs, and an orchestra. He produces a Performing Arts Series, plays the organ for worship services and concerts, and oversees music for the Praise and Country Western Services. Doug says, “I am truly blessed to be here at this place at this time doing what I am doing! Life is very good, indeed!”

Also inducted into the 2012 “Ring of Fame” were Jennie and Roy Blomquist of Scottsdale, Arizona.



Thoughts from Nancy Bradshaw ~ What an honor it was for me to attend the **Ring of Fame Inductees** Luncheon for Area 11, **AM Guild of English Handbell Ringers** on Sunday June 24, 2012 at the Grand American Hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah. Our **Doug Benton** was one of three nominated for this honor which was begun in 2002. Doug's good friend, Dr. Bill Wood, from New Mexico, gave some wonderful remarks before Doug was presented with his award. For once Doug was speechless, overcome with emotion. The luncheon in the beautiful Grand Salon was delicious. A friend of mine from Grace United Methodist in Mesa attended because Doug gave her lessons. You ole time choir members may remember that Pat White came to our church and played a solo on the bells when Mary Ann wanted to start them at GCUMC. I sat next to one of Doug's special friends Monica, from Colorado, who mentioned she had friends that attended that church—Ed and Elaine Brunkhorst. Of course I know them as they live at Sunland Springs Village. They attend second service and sit in the first row of the east balcony.

A wonderful bio of the recipients was at each place at the round dining tables. We gathered enough for Doug to bring home to the bell ringers and church staff. I took lots of pictures that I will try to send in the next few days.

I was proud to represent our church, the ringers and the choir for this special and well deserved honor bestowed on our esteemed leader.



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

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	15877	8819	16181	9170	17478	10240	538	553
2nd	9593	2930	10390	4285	11121	3975	486	560
3rd	11572	7571	10766	7155	10115	3791	571	529
4th	7397	2892	7170	3618	8288	3308	502	530
5th	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	44439	22212	44507	24228	47001	21313	2097	2172

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.

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

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. Two of our faithful food bank workers were in the hospital and had procedures recently. So glad Jeff Downing & John Coules are home now. **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: Inge Fitzpatrick, upon the death of her husband, Dale; The family of Jarrod Lallier, upon his death (Diane Heinauer); The Legg family, upon the death of their father & mother; Bob & Jean Marquardt, upon the death of their son, Tim; Todd Williams, upon the death of his aunt, Dawn Johnson; and the families & friends of the above.

Concerns and/or Continued Prayers: Marnie Aldridge, Geri Anderson, Bill Atkinson, The Clarence Avenarios family, Mona Bazan, John Begley, Elva Bradley, Joan Butler, Sandy Campbell, Hazel Cavagnaro (Judy Walsh's mother), Roger Coad, John Coules, Pat Crouch, Jared Cummings (Catherine Sullivan), Clara D'Angelo, Kaelin Dirlam (Grace Rhodes' granddaughter), Barbara Dolstrom, Mary Doschadis, Jeff Downing, Kayla Erikasen (Ritchie & Norm Eriksen's granddaughter), Glen & Gene Gallart (Herb Gallart's brothers), Andy Gharavi, Gerry Gibbon, Arthur Hagan, Janella Hankins (daughter of Margaret & Robert Baker), Gordon Harris, Joel & Dorothy Harpel, Kathy Harper, Betty Hetherington, Clarence Hodges, Glenn Huff, Diane Johnson (Carol Ballard's sister), Macy Kaisie, Jack Kopnik, Donna Liles, Gene Martin, Marva Masters, Dave McPeak, Shirley Morganfield, Ferguson Orr, Katie Phillips (Lorraine & Victor Phillips granddaughter), Marlys Platt, Melanie Quan, Brian Sanders, Tamii Schrumm, Orville Slagle, Stephanie Sheppard, Donella Sparks, Peggy Tippie, Gary Valentine, Kelly Valentine, June Welker, & all the families affected by the FIRES. 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, Felip Gonzales, Rex Hewett, Ryan Hoff, Matthew Jacobson, 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), Pam Bramlet, 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 Pascual Domingo, Adelyne Douglass, Peter Fillion (Paul Fillion's brother), Inge Fitzpatrick, Gen Friesen, Sue & Dave Flitsch, Dee Dee Frazer, Danna & Andy Gharavi, Ardeena Gillette, Arline Hacker, Vi

Hammond (Don & Betty Hammond's mother), Gaylord Hart & kids, Kathy & Paul Fabish, Neil & Melva Houtcooper, 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 Kincaide'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), Sharon Olsen, Ramona Orr (Kris Laux's mother), Bob Parker (Don Parker's brother), Catrina Juan Pascual, Charlie Peifer (Bill Edwards), Jim & Marcia Ritenour, Peter Ritsch, David & Judy Robertson, Tom & Marty Robison, Virgil & Rose Scantlin, Ari Shreffler, Debbie Steedy, Lew & Doris Stichter, Marilyn & Dave Striebel, Catherine Sullivan, 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, 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

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

CUSTODIAL WISDOM

A man went to a church several times during a week in an effort to see the preacher, but the preacher was never there. Finally, he ran into the church janitor and inquired: "Your preacher isn't here much, is he?"

The janitor replied: "No, sir, and he's not much when he is here."

SECOND HAND SERMON

A young pastor was asked to preach at a camp meeting just before the Sunday morning service. As hundreds of people began gathering on the grounds, the young preacher panicked and ran into the bishops tent. "What shall I do, bishop?" he implored. "They've asked me to preach, but I don't have a sermon."

"Trust the Lord, young man," the bishop advised with great dignity. "Just trust the Lord." Then, the bishop marched out of his tent.

Frustrated, the young man picked up the bishops Bible and flipped through it, hoping to find an inspiring verse. Instead, he found some type written sermon notes which he liked very much. So he took the bishops Bible and notes and went to the service.

The young preacher amazed everyone with his sermon, and the people crowded around him after the service.

Suddenly, the bishop pushed his way through the crowd.

"Young man," the bishop thundered. "You preached the sermon I was going to preach to-night! Now what am I going to do?"

"Trust the Lord, bishop." The young man replied. "Just trust the Lord."

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.

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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."

This month we share a letter received in early July from Lisa Armstrong, founding missionary of Fellow Man International of Honduras. May your hearts and prayers guide you as you read her letter.

My Dear Friends,

I thank you for your continued support of Fellow Man International Mission. The purpose of this letter is two-fold: to inform you of recent events in Honduras that have impacted the Mission and me; and, to ask for your financial assistance at this critical time. Your support of the poor people of Honduras has made possible the miracle of the Mission and its outreach. With your support it can continue.

The Situation in Honduras. Honduras is now considered only second to Afghanistan as the most violent country in the world. The rate of murder per capita, gang violence and drug trafficking are wreaking havoc in the country. And now, drug trafficking and murder have come to threaten even the small corner of Honduras where the Mission is located.

Recently, my life and that of my children was threatened by local Honduran drug traffickers. These criminals, some of whom come from the village where I have lived, I know have ties with South American drug cartels. They are using the road which passes the clinic, and then goes on the unpatrolled border between Honduras and Guatemala. It is considered a safe passageway to transport illicit drugs, arms and currency among other things.

Without detailing the issues, I wish you to know that I have been forced to return to the United States with my children and nanny for the time being. With the knowledge I have of the involvement of local people with the cartel, the conditions have so deteriorated that my presence endangers the staff and employees.

I am living in Chanute (Kansas) at this time, working as a temporary nurse in the local hospital as well as Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. I am managing a work schedule while continuing



to

daily direct Mission activities by using the Internet and cell phone. While my physical address has changed, my sense of God's call to serve the Honduran people through the Mission has not. God's plan for my life and His plan for the mission remain the primary focus of my energy and passion.

The work of the mission continues in full force, managed by two employees in professional leadership positions. Teresa Bu is the interim administrator. (She served as the mission's attorney for years and requested to become an employee, knowing that the FMI project is too valuable for her people to lose.) Dr. Marvin Pineda continues as the Medical Director, guiding clinical activities. Having been with the Mission for more than three years and embracing its vision of service, he can satisfactorily fulfill his role.

It has been more than twelve years since the clinic opened. Most of the employees have been at the clinic from the beginning and are fully vested in its vision. It has always been my desire that Hondurans work for the benefit of their own people. They are now thrust into a position with no alternative and I feel a heavy responsibility to advocate for them so the work of the Mission may continue.

GREAT FINANCIAL NEED. I am deeply concerned about the Missions' financial situation at this time. **There are only enough funds to keep the clinic doors open through the end of June.** In order to provide for the needs of the sick, the hungry and those who are desperate for an education, it will be **necessary to raise an additional \$87,000**

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from July through December 31, 2012. The salaries of fourteen workers compose more than \$65,000 of the total needed. These workers include: one physician, three nurses, an administrator, two agricultural workers, a trade store manager, watchmen, a clinic housekeeper and driver. The remaining \$22,000 will be used to purchase medications, medical supplies, and fuel for the generator and mission vehicles as well as feed the live animals and supplies for the agriculture project. This translates into services for more than six thousand people who visit the mission in the next six and a half months, many of whom are women and children.

I ask you to consider providing financial assistance to Fellow Man International of Honduras which will be translated into an expression of God's love: hope, medical care, dental care and economic opportunities for the Honduran people. They have nowhere else to turn.

Thank you in advance for taking my request into consideration. Through prayer and contemplation, I hope you can respond with financial gifts. God uses that small still voice that speaks to all of us when we are in communion with God to support the work of love.

If you have already contributed, thank you so very much! Perhaps you can consider another gift. Your gifts have already made a difference in the lives of so many. Your continued gifts will continue to make that difference.

*In His Service,
Lisa*

Prayer support as well as personal encouragement is welcomed. Lisa's addresses are:
Lisa Armstrong, 1702 Arolyn Drive, Chanute, KS 66720; or e-mail at—

lisaarmstrong@fellowmaninternational.com

PLEASE MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

**FELLOW MAN INTERNATIONAL
Box 2993
SALINA, KS 67402-2993**



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
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Jane Hayes, Volunteer Coordinator

GCUMC
982-3776

Volunteers Do Make a Difference

GREETERS

August

Inspirational Values ~ RESPONSIBILITY

As I checked my list of inspirational values and saw the word responsibility, I really felt like a parent or teacher to begin this article. Let's face it, adults do not usually talk to other adults about their responsibility.

AND THEN, I began to search my feelings. Yes, adults do need to be responsible. It is so much easier to speak to younger students or children about being responsible. Seems we need to lead by example??

So, how do you feel responsible? I have huge expectations on myself to fulfill my duties to church, community, family, and myself.

How do you feel? Do you have similar expectations of responsibility?

Let me know by notes or e-mail .

"The Volunteer"

by Doug Fagerstrom

I recently received this wonderful book from Nancy Virden. She is such a thoughtful person. I will include thoughts from this book periodically.

This book begins with the dedication by Doug's daughter: She describes him as "in his late 80's, teaches a Bible study in his retirement community, leads singing at a nursing home worship service, takes two blind men shopping once a week, leads worship and has been the co-host in his Sunday School class, provided care for my mom who was afflicted with Alzheimer's disease (died December 1, 2008), and is still considered the number one volunteer to the support staff at mom's care facility."

To start this book, she asks us to begin with this question—"Wouldn't it be awesome if the next time we answered the phone, it were God on the other end calling us?" Doug suggests God has called, not by phone, but by his gospel message extended to each of us.

I believe GCUMC has similar people.

PLEASE SEND ME NAMES OF THOSE WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS TO RECOGNIZE!

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! 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, at the information center, or church office, 480-982-3776.**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Job</u>
60 min.	<i>Custodial</i>
Free	<i>I Love to Help!</i>
50 min.	<i>Greeter</i>
40+ min.	<i>Monthly Sunday Coffee</i>
60 min.	<i>Bake Cookies</i>
60 + min.	<i>Bulletins</i>
	<i>Registration</i>
	<i>Mailings</i>
90+ min.	<i>Drive to Doctors/ Pharmacy</i>

Name _____

Phone _____

Birthdays

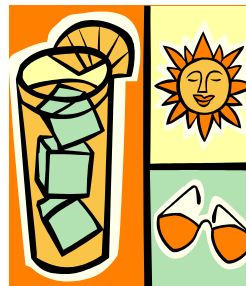
August Celebrations

Anniversaries

Rosemary Arquisch	1	Judy Atkinson	17
David Ballard	1	Joan Butler	17
Carol Crosswhite	1	Sandra Butterbrodt	17
Duane Larrew	1	Bill Edwards	18
Robert Mahlandt	1	Adrian Hick	18
Kathy Nuss	1	Shirley Hughes	18
Wanda Tufte	1	Ione Pierce	18
Doris Laver	2	Rick Hall	19
Claudia Morris	2	John Nuss	19
Barb Vagnier	2	Sara Bos	20
Mary Klaers	2	Chris Fitzgerald	20
Linda Walker	4	Tara (Houser) Jones	20
Jerry Kroon	4	Evie Bogle	20
Shirley Hodges	4	Rachael Dixon	21
Sherrie Ofstedahl	4	Roy Wright	21
George Adkins	4	Rev. Bob Deits	22
Roy Fuerherm	5	Deanna DeVries	22
Dick Barnes	6	Sharron Gingrich	22
Neal Houtcooper	6	John Linton	22
LeRoy Storley	6	Mike Vagnier	22
Pat Pandajis	6	June Welker	22
Ashton Fitzgerald	7	Jan Hahn	23
Joe Johnson	7	Linda Jones	23
Skylar Saathoff	7	Earl Marifjeren	23
Nick Klaers	7	Barbara Osborn	23
Lindsey Hall	8	Terry Steinkruger	23
Ryan Schenck	8	Jim Taylor	23
Evan Houseman	8	Flo Braathen	23
Pete Johnson	9	Ann Brogren	24
Evelyn Laich	9	Diane Rasmussen	24
Wendy Moore	9	Donna Toole	24
Bill Ramsey	9	Steven Boyd	25
Stephen Hughes	10	Wayne Carns	25
Norman Livgard	10	Willa Ficarra	25
Paul Renfer	10	Donna Fuerherm	25
Cris Criswell	11	Mark Johnson	25
Ingrid Schaefer	11	Bob Sheridan	25
Barbara Wilke	11	Karen Winter	25
Marilyn Kellough	11	Chuck Hardman	26
Jane Hayes	12	Melissa Wood	26
Dan Schaefer	12	Jan Miller	27
Cheryl O'Donnell	12	Bette Wiff	27
JoAnn Ervin	12	Gene Huffman	28
Erika Brinkman	13	Vi Potter	28
Claire Callahan	13	James Zieglofsky	28
Tom Wiff	13	Betty Clemensen	28
Don Jelinek	13	Barb Rodgers	28
Markee Adams	14	Carolyn Burt	29
Ruth Bennett	14	Brian Cascaden	29
Jerri French	14	Karen Centers	29
Judy Halverson	15	Gary Sauerbrunn	29
Roger Miller	15	Tavious Aguilar	31
Donald Cline	16	Robert Jacobsen	31
Donna Hurley	16	Glenn Johnson	31
Virginia Kimble	16	Norma Tambke	31
Don Lindaman	16	Marven Tufte	31
Charles Acker	17	Sandy Williams	31
Higinio Aguilar	17	James Toppin	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.



Robert & Mary Catherine Myers	1
Joe & Rose Rosenberg	1
Craig & Sharon Larson	3
Bruce & Melodie Frankel	3
Brian & Lisa Cascaden	4
Keith & Nancy Petticrew	4
Lewis & Doris Stichter	4
Lynn & Ilene Tabor	5
Daniel & Phyllis Gray	8
Bud Goodrich & Carolyn Wozniak	10
Paul & Kathy Fabish	11
David & Sandy Billeter	12
John & Carol Ann LaViolette	12
Joe & Uni Kincaid	13
Roger & Donna Schiager	13
Wally & Fay Quanstrom	14
William & Kathryn Hughes	16
Bob & Delma Mulhair	17
Art & Joan Gibbs	18
Morgan & Linda Jones	18
Don & Elizabeth Anderson	19
Paul & Patricia Renfer	19
Jack & Sam Twa	19
James & Patricia Fleck	20
Jim & Veronica Griffith	20
Don & Peg Wilson	21
Ray & Jan Heyse	22
Gordon & Audrey Hulett	22
James & Elizabeth Cowles	23
Dick & Dr. Betty Gale	23
Rick & Cheryl Hall	23
Richard & Beverly Svoboda	23
Michael & Valerie Sheridan	24
Mike & Barb Vagnier	24
Chuck & Norma McKim	25
Tom & Marty Robison	25
Bob & Nancy Russell	25
Terry & Lynne Confer	26
Leroy & Kay Johnson	26
Pete & Sharon Johnson	26
Bob & Alyce Ancell	27
Adrian & Pam Ryan-Hick	27
Jack & Connie Behan	28
Thomas & Shirley Feather	28
Bill & Angie Fyfe	28
Willard & Betty Kresge	28
Darrell & Nancy Tilus	29
Patrick & Anne McGinness	29
Skip & Myrna Eshelman	30
Doran & Louise Hays	30
Earl & Lorna Marifjeren	30
Mike & Shirley McMahon	30
Barry & Lois Peebles	30
Virgil Jr. & Rose Scantlin	30
James & Suzanne Jameson	31



**Jody
Topping**

Thinking Theologically —

Well folks...those of you who don't live in Arizona during the summer probably don't know this, but we are well into the throws of the Arizona Monsoon Season!! Not long ago (on July 14, 2012) a storm hit the state that created power outages for about 6,000 homes in the East Valley, caused a flash flood in Lake Havasu City, and temporarily grounded all flights in and out of Sky Harbor Airport for a short period of time. Even Highway 60 was closed at Val Vista Avenue in Gilbert because every lane of traffic was underwater! Even one of my Facebook friends commented on how powerful the storm was, claiming that a microburst had hit her neighborhood, taking out trees, downing power lines, and making the park into a swimming hole!

The Monsoon storms here in Arizona are often sudden and destructive...but the good news is they usually don't last very long, which for those of us living here year-round is a blessing.

Storms are a great metaphor for life. They can be predictable or unpredictable, gentle or destructive, calming or scary...face it: storms make our lives interesting. And when we look to the Bible, probably the most notable of the "storm" stories is the one found in Mark 4:35-41 where Jesus calms the storm while he and the disciples are in the boat on their way across the sea. Jesus has just finished teaching the crowds. He's tired and needs some rest. So he says to the disciples "let's get out of here and go to the other side of the sea." So they all hop into a boat and set sail for the other side. Jesus immediately falls asleep while the rest of the disciples do...well, whatever it is that disciples do in a boat! Then, quite unexpectedly, a storm comes up and the disciples are terrified. They wake Jesus up...whining and complaining about the wind and the waves...questioning Jesus, and accusing him of not caring whether they live or die. And what does Jesus do? He calms the wind and the waves. And the disciples? They are left wondering who this man is, that even the wind and the waves listen to him.

How do we react when faced with a storm? Do we whine and complain about the wind and the rain? Or do we rejoice in the fact that through the wind God has given us cleaner air, and because of the rain all that grows on the earth is renewed? When the power goes out, do we stress out because our TVs and computers don't work? Or do we enjoy the simplicity of being "unplugged" for a short time? Yes, storms can be an inconvenience, but they can also be a blessing.

Our Church History

History Committee Update

[Recollections from Margaret Ball]

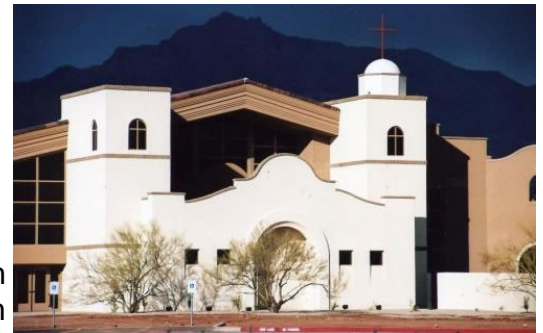
My husband and I moved from Iowa to Mountain Brook in 2002. We attended the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church service and liked the friendly people. I went on Thursday evening to meet everyone and join the choir. We were singing for 3 of the Sunday morning services there.

On the first Sunday that I was singing with the choir I put a roast in the oven so I would have our noon meal on time when I returned from church. Next morning my husband passed away. The choir was very supportive and helped me through that difficult time. Nancy Virden played for the funeral service.

Mary Ann Warren was directing the choir then and she tried to find a way to balance the voices so they would blend well. She used a cookie sheet to indicate the seating for that day. We teased her about using a cookie sheet. The platform was very crowded. One Sunday I was seated directly behind the pastor and could look over his shoulder at his notes as he preached.

Mary Ann promoted many social activities with the choir to develop friendships and establish rapport. Everyone knew everyone else and we had a good time.

I went to work part-time in the church office. I will tell you more about those early experiences in the next column.





A Note From Bob....

You have all been so sweet and kind to June and me whenever we have been able to come to a morning worship service. I feel like I owe you an apology for not seeing you more often. However, there is no understanding the stress, wear-and-tear and unpredictable nature of living with Alzheimer's until you have been there—and I wouldn't wish that on anyone.

I share this with you as a vital part of our spiritual family. The experimental drug June has been receiving has done its job, which is to dissolve the amyloid plaque that forms on the brain with Alzheimer's. Unfortunately, the damage done inside her brain is too severe and it is not able to improve or halt the decline.

Many times, I plan for us to be at the 9:30 AM service only to be up most of the night with her, or be unable to get her ready and alert enough to come in the morning.

I am in the process of getting her into an excellent day care program two days a week. If all goes well, she should be there very soon.

You may see her/us infrequently on Sunday mornings until I can arrange for a skilled caregiver to be with her while I come. She will be with me whenever we do a 5 PM service.

Thank you for your love, concern and prayers. We do appreciate all of you more than any words can say.

Bob Deits



STEPHEN MINISTRY®

What does the name "Stephen Ministry" really mean? We write about it every month. We encourage you to speak with one if you need. We tell you that Stephen Ministers listen, encourage, care and never judge – all very true! But where did the name come from, and why? I never knew, until I decided to enter the training to become a Stephen Minister. And, I found it very inspiring. As I considered whether or not others would be interested, I tested out the question. When asked where the name came from, my husband replied *"From Stephen of course."* I begrudgingly had to concede to his accuracy, but if you would like the rest of the story, read on!

The name *Stephen* comes from St. Stephen, who was the first layperson commissioned by the Apostles to provide caring ministry to those in need. (Acts 6) Some of the traits Stephen, and others chosen for caring ministry, had included integrity, wisdom, and sensitivity to God. He had a real understanding of God that led him to practical and compassionate actions toward others. Each person has a vital part to play in the life of the church, and Stephen certainly found his calling. Thus, in 1975 he became the namesake for this important Christian caring ministry.

How do you determine whether you might like to meet with a Stephen Minister? As written in Galatians (scripture below), we all have *loads* and we all have *burdens*. Distinguishing between the two can sometimes be difficult. Ponder this – *loads* are the normal daily weight that every person carries; *burdens* are those exceedingly heavy and troublesome weights that arise.

Consider calling the church office at 480-982-3776 if you could use someone to assist you with your *burden*. ~ Kim Shroyer

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 bobnjune@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.

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ...For all must carry their own loads." Galatians 6:2, 5 NRSV



Annual Conference: Second Opportunity

I was unable to attend the nominating committee meeting this year but soon learned I had been nominated as a delegate to attend the 28th annual session of the Desert Southwest Conference. I was pleased to be asked to attend.

It was far less confusing this year as I had a better understanding of process and procedure as well as what was expected of the attendees. As last year, the days were a bit long and I tired of sitting so much but what I learned was interesting and enlightening. The body of the conference was made up of 232 clergy, 265 lay delegates, 40 alternates and 147 guests. The sessions held to a very strict protocol which was enforced by the Bishop and Conference Secretary. Attendees appeared interested and engaged in the proceedings.

Although the resolutions before the conference were fewer in volume and less contentious than last year, great disappointment with accomplishments (or the lack thereof) during General Conference was evident. Resolutions passed at annual conferences over the last four years, offering modifications to the Book of Discipline to make the language contained therein more inclusive, were summarily voted down. In fact, there were no changes to the Book of Discipline in that regard. We profess to be a church of Open Doors, Open Hearts and Open

Minds but this action, or inaction, belies a different attitude.

The day of learning was informative and provided food for thought and possible action on how the church could be more effective in providing for the "common good". The needs of our various communities are great and we can surely take action to assess and react to those needs.

The charitable focus of this conference was "Imagine No Malaria". We viewed several video clips documenting the efforts to educate, provide sleep nets and medication. Offerings during worship were designated for this cause.

Each of the worship services was moving and inspirational allowing me to reflect on exactly what we were to do during this gathering. The closing worship service was especially moving with the theme of living water which had been carried throughout the conference. The staging with fabric that actually looked like running water was very effective. At the end of the children's message with Bishop Carcaño the children pulled water colored fabric down the length of the meeting hall portraying a river of living water flowing out of the temple as visioned by the prophet Ezekiel (47: 1-12). In closing, we reaffirmed our baptism as part of this lovely and meaningful service.

I very much appreciate the opportunity to represent our church at these proceedings. The next conference annual session is scheduled for June 27 – 30, 2013 at the same conference center in Glendale.

Georgia Kirkpatrick

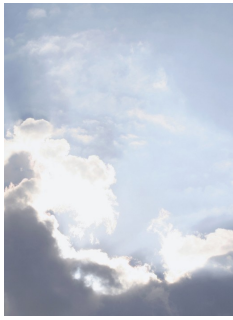


BIBLE BANTER

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!



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 not 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.

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.



Stitches Unlimited

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



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!

SCHOOL DAYS..... SCHOOL DAYS

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!



**Deadline for September Roadrunner —
August 10**

**Weekly Bulletin Insert Deadline:
Noon Wednesday**

Your GCUMC Publications are brought to you by: Bill Atkinson, Georgia Kirkpatrick, Kim Shroyer, Jody Topping & Suzanne Cherry with help from the Friday Bulletin Team and the Roadrunner Assembly Team.

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.

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

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. Please send email to Rhonda Short at Rapp123455@msn.com or call 480-357-1574.

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

Desert Southwest Conference: Men's Renewal Retreat

This year's theme is **"We Don't Talk About That"** and is being led by Rev. Dr. Buzz Stevens. We church people tend to be a little too polite or fearful of revealing what we truly believe or feel deep down about religious or secular matters, especially when those feelings and views are not those of the popular majority, such as: Fear and Anger, Peer Pressure, Guilt, or Embarrassment. This won't be a conversation about the issues—rather, using stories and humor, it'll be a conversation about honest conversation.

The retreat this year is for ALL THE MEN of our church and their friends, 13 years of age and older.

Dates: Friday 10-5-12, 4 p.m. to Sunday 10-7-12 at Noon.

Where: United Christian Youth Camp, Prescott, AZ

Cost: **\$145 for Full** Program, Housing, & Meals

Ages 13-18 half-price (must be accompanied by adult over age of 21)

Saturday only rate available

Some "Camperships" available

Dead-lines: \$10 Discount if Paid by **Sept. 5th**

Final Deadline **Sept. 26th**

Contact the Church Office or Information Center for registration forms and more details. Questions may also be referred to Jeff Pitts, Retreat Coordinator, 623-979-4802, jwp1953@cox.net.



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.

Congratulations to Our 2012 Graduates and God Bless Them in Their Future Endeavors!



**Derek
Dorman**

Apache Junction High School Navy JROTC Cadet Derek Dorman has been awarded a full 4-year Naval ROTC scholarship to the University of New Mexico. The full ride scholarship pays up to \$180,000.00 for books, fees, tuition, and a monthly living stipend. Dorman served as the cadet commanding officer of the AJHS NJROTC unit for the 2011-2012 school year. He plans to enter the Navy Language Skills, Regional Expertise and Cultural Awareness (LREC) program and will be seeking a college major related to the LREC program. Upon the completion of his degree, Dorman will be commissioned as an officer in the United States Navy.

In conjunction with his achievements in the JROTC program, Derek also ran cross country track and played soccer for the Prospectors, was a volunteer of the Apache Junction Library Teen Advisory Board, Lost Dutchman Marathon Volunteer, past Master Counselor—Order of DeMolay, and maintained a 3.5 GPA.

Derek is the son of Loretta and M.H. Nielsen.



Katee Sharp

Katee Sharp graduated from Apache Junction High School on May 24, 2012. She is starting college at Arizona State University in the fall on a full-ride academic scholarship. Although currently a French language major, she plans to switch to Nursing after this semester to satisfy her "obsession of all things gross and dysfunctional with the human body."



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.



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Addressee or Current Resident

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 & 9:30 AM

Traditional ~ Sanctuary

10:50 AM

Praise ~ Koinonia Room

Music led by *Uncommon Grace*

Last Sunday of the Month through September

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