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# From The Pastor: "Parking Lot Improvements"

In the middle of July, part of the south parking lot was removed and then repayed. This section had dete-

riorated so badly that it couldn't be patched and lines couldn't be painted on it. I imagine a few shoe heels have gotten caught in the cracks during the last year. The final paving took place on July  $9^{\text{th}}$ .



The north parking lot shows a lot of progress. As of the writing of this column, the basic grading has been completed, conduits for irrigation and power have been installed and the light poles are being installed. We estimate the north lot will be completed in early September. So when many of you return to Arizona, we will have a <u>paved</u> parking place for you. No need to walk through the dirt.

I want to thank Rev. Fay Quanstrom and Rev. Bob Deits for preaching in July while I was on vacation. I am looking forward to resuming preaching on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. I will see you on Sunday.

Grace and peace,





Lights go up in the north lot.



## BIBLE BANTER

Meets every Monday,

9:30-10:30am

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!



"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."

#### **MIDWEEK PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN**

Our exciting and fun-filled mid-week program for boys and girls kindergarten through sixth grade resumes on <u>Wednesdays</u>, <u>beginning Sep-</u> <u>tember 17<sup>th</sup></u>. It runs every Wednesday – except for breaks – from 4:30 pm to 6 pm.



Pioneer Clubs is a Christ-centered relationship-oriented program with participative learning . At any meeting there is Bible exploration, Bible memory, skill-building activities, games and service projects. The students earn badges for their "work". Dinner is also served. Although there will be a sign -up beginning mid-August, you may contact Katharine if your child will be participating. There is a \$25 fee for the year (this partially covers the materials and dinners). As always, if there is a need for scholarships, please let Katharine know.



#### **Sunday School Classes for Children**

Classes for children, nursery through the sixth grade, are offered every Sunday throughout the year during the 9:30 and 10:50 services. The children, preschool and older, come to worship first with their parents or guardians, are invited to gather up front in the sanctuary for the children's message; then are dismissed to their classes. Occasionally, around holidays, we have family worship, when children

first grade – sixth remain with their families in church.

All of our teachers are caring individuals, love kids and love the Lord. If your child has not yet participated in Sunday School, there is no time like the present. If you are new to the church and have questions about Sunday School or would like to teach, even if it's on a substitute basis, please contact Katharine.

#### "Where Mom's Connect"

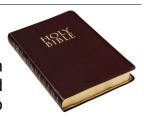
"Where Moms Connect" is returning in the fall beginning Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Our theme this year is "A Year of Adventure". This group is about a faith-based approach to "momhood" and finding the support and encouragement that can come through meeting with other moms. Each session helps women connect with each other, with a topic and with God, but without homework. Some of the sessions include: When Life is a Circus, What's Right with You, Children and Spiritual Growth, Fighting Fair, The Art of Listening, to name only a few.



This group will meet for 18 <u>consecutive</u> sessions. Please note – these sessions are not contingent on the one before, so if you can't come one week, you will not be "out of the loop". "Where Moms Connect" will be offered twice on Thursdays – 10:00 am (with childcare) and 6:30 pm. We developed nice bonds last year in our groups. If you are interested in this program, please contact Katharine.

#### **Adult Classes For the Fall**

Soon it will be time to sign up for the DISCIPLE courses and other short term study offerings during our fall season. We have facilitators for DISCIPLE 4 and Jesus in the Gospels – one will have needed to complete DISCIPLE 1 in order to participate.



The Emotional Wellness class will be offered again as well. We would very much like to offer DISCPLE 1, 2 and 3 but need facilitators. If you have taken at least DISCIPLE 1 and feel God's nudge for you to lead one of these one year classes, please contact Katharine as soon as possible. Sign-up for these classes will begin early September. If you have any questions or would like to teach, please see Katharine.



#### **MOTHER DAUGHTER RETREAT**

Join us **September 19-21**<sup>st</sup> at Mingus Mountain Camp, our Methodist camp near Prescott for a retreat for mothers and daughters of all ages from around the Conference. This is a weekend where we can spend some time away from the regular routine of life, get connected with each other and with God. Our theme will center around "Being Real".

We begin at 7 pm on Friday with a dessert buffet and end after lunch on Sunday. Katharine is willing to drive the church van for all who are interested in attending. Cost is:

12 years of age and older \$105; 11 and under \$55; and an additional youth \$25. If you need scholarship money in order to attend, please contact Katharine in the church office or see her on any given Sunday. We hope many of you will be able to take advantage of this great weekend!





## Gold Canyon UMC Youth

#### **Gold Canyon United Methodist** Youth Group News

Wendy Moore, Youth Director



**Gold Canyon** 

**Youth Make Impression on** the East Coast!

The goal was to complete 26 homes. By Friday, 32 were done!

Wendy Moore, a youth director from Apache Junction, Arizona, said she chose New Jersey this'year because she was hoping to help with the damage from Superstorm Sandy. However, once she discovered property taxes are so high that many people can't afford to repair their homes, she settled on the Burlington area.

"We really wanted to come

YOUTH **MISSION TRIP** 2014 A Huge Success!

out and make a difference in their lives," Moore said.

She said helping people is its own reward.

"Our residents this year are the nicest, sweetest people ever."

There are other benefits to helping out as well.

"It's such a great confidence builder, and it stretches you and it makes you a better person," Moore said.

Ann Schwartz, of St. Joseph Catholic Community in Eldersburg, Maryland, has



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Stories of the Burlington, NJ Work Camp were reported in the local papers. Wendy Moore was interviewed and photos show Sean Sheridan on top of the ladder on the left. The people of Burlington were gracious hosts. Fellowship and Christian service were front and center all week. We will provide lots of details and photos in the next several newsletters. Thank you for your support!

#### Music Notes

Ah, the joys of August in the desert: being able to experience Florida without going there; allow the pores in your skin to, uh, expand and gush (sweat or "glisten"!); and

the ability to gamble on whether there will be enough rain in tonight's storm to wash off the mud from last night's storm, or not! Of course, this also gives us a chance to really appreciate our weather during the rest of the year!

Our Choir gets to take a well deserved vacation during this month. My thanks to all who sang with us during this summer. Though numbers were down, the anthems were well balanced and I think, with all humility, well sung. Many thanks for those who continued to come to rehearsals and sing on Sundays, to those who sang Offertories and especially to our accompanists, Linda Jones, Nancy Virden, Carol Ballard and Marty Robison, and to Diane Sauerbrunn, who directed for me on occasion. Special thanks to our Music Librarian, Inge Fitzpatrick, for keeping our Music Library well organized, **Donna Gale** who helped to re-file our collections into plastic tubs, and Choir member **Lee Dunning** who sorted music after services on Sundays.

August is also the time when I can finally go through literally several hundreds pieces of music for the Chancel Choir, the handbell Choirs, music for kids and youth, and our Orchestra. This is one of the most fun things I get to do, as it gives me the opportunity to vision for each group. This is also, however, one of the most time-consuming things I do!

Now that all of my Conferences, Seminars and Conventions are over with, I can also finally take a week's vacation to visit my daughter, son-in-law and two granddaughters! I know you all know how much fun that is!!! I can't wait!

I hope and pray that as we travel, visit family and friends, we take time to appreciate all the beauty God has given us — both in sight and sound. I also pray for safe travels and good health for everyone.

May God continue to bless us all, **Doug**Douglas J. Benton, Director of Music Ministries

## SUPPORT GROUPS

#### **MIND MENDERS**

Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

This group provides spiritual support, love, friendship and a helping hand to cancer patients, caregivers and their families. Our last meeting before summer was May 28th, we will resume meeting regularly on Wednesdays, in September. *For support during the summer*, or additional information please contact: Dee Ashe at 480-924-5483, or 480-685-7175; or email her at: deeashe7580@gmail.com.

#### **GRIEF**

**New Meeting Time!** This group meets in the Sea of Galilee Room - Education Bldg. at **1PM every Monday.** Rev. Bob Deits leads the group each week. The group is open to anyone who has experienced a major loss, including death of a loved one, divorce, loss of body part to surgery, job loss and relocation. If this fits you or someone you know, this group will provide great help. For more information call Bob at 602-615-6634.

#### **Publication Deadlines:**

September Roadrunner,
August 10th
Weekly <u>Bulletin</u>,
Noon Wednesday



Your GCUMC Publications are brought to you by: Dee Ashe, Georgia Kirkpatrick, and Kim Shroyer, with help from the Friday Bulletin Team, the Roadrunner Assembly Team, and many other volunteers along the way!

#### **TEAM OUREACH**

Although still in "summer mode" Team Outreach is making plans for our annual **Harvest Festival, which will happen <u>Sunday</u>**, October <u>26<sup>th</sup></u>. (Is it on your calendar yet?) We are introducing something new to



the event... namely **craft booths**. If you are a crafter of any sort, we are inviting you to not only set up a booth to sell your wares, but also demonstrate them, if you are able. Do you sew, knit, crochet or quilt? Do you make jewelry? Do you create notecards? Do you make things out of wood? Etc....**Please note:** this opportunity is only for Gold Canyon UMC crafters, not those from the community. If you are interested, please contact Katharine Keller for an "entry" form.

#### "Stitches Unlimited" or Quilts for St Andrews Clinic

I cannot believe it is August! Before we know, it will be October and the trip to St. Andrews will be here. We have been working these hot summer months. There are fabric kits with directions available to work on at home if you prefer, and we are still meeting on the last Tuesday of the month from 9 until 12 in room 101/102 behind the kitchen. Bring some lunch

and join us or stay as long as you are able. We have fabric that needs to be cut into squares for quilts and binding, toiletry bags to cut and sew together, and of course quilt tops to sew.

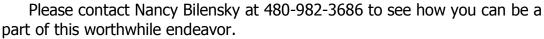
We already have quilts started for the trip in October. There are quilts ready to be quilted, and some that need binding sewn on. Our quilts are usually no bigger than 40" x 60". That way, we can use our domestic sewing machines to stitch in the ditch or meander or "x" the squares to quilt or you can be creative. If you would like to learn to quilt these simple quilts, we will be glad to give some instruction. Bring your machine and we will get you started. **Thanks to all of you who have contributed fabric, quilt tops, afghans and other supplies. We could not do it without you!** 

Remember Matthew 25:40: 'The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

For questions or more info call Bonnie Becker at (480) 250 9652

#### Are you a World War II Vet?

**Honor Flight Arizona**, a Non-Profit Organization, has a mission to safely fly World War II Veterans to Washington D.C. to visit the Memorial built in their honor....at no cost to them. Most Veterans would never be able to visit their memorial without your help.





#### Sunday Snacks

Coffee hour at GCUMC comes complete with lovely snacks, overseen by our wonderful volunteers. This Hospitality Ministry is in need of volunteers - you can do this once a month and rotate if that works for you! Please contact Jane Hayes through the church office for more information on how you can be of service.

You have no doubt noticed the appealing platters of fresh fruit and cheese in addition to a variety of sweets that are available to accompany your coffee. **Everyone is welcome to enjoy the coffee hour tables.** There is no charge, however, your contributions of change and folding money are important to the continuance of this hospitality. Please help keep this aspect of our Team Outreach welcome alive with your contribution!

#### **DONATIONS AND ATTENDANCE**

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

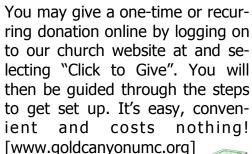
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2nd	11121	3975	9818	4455	12000	3327	593	537
3rd	10115	3791	11004	3379	12923	6570	449	522
4th	8288	3308	7399	2353	8521	2660	516	468
5th			6699	3090	7200	2640	508	485
Total	\$47,001	\$21,313	\$50,895	\$29,087	\$56,396	\$22,746	2,591	2,568

#### **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)**

Save time, simplify your life, and support our church! In this new millennium the church is keeping up with the times by offering our givers an easier way to support our ministries. Our electronic contribution program is an automatic funds transfer program that will allow you to make contributions without having to lift a pen to write a check or reach into your wallet for cash! *Here's how it works*: you authorize a specified amount of money to be electronically transferred directly from your checking or savings account to the church's account. You can also specify the frequency of the transfer to allow you to keep your check register up to date.

It is fast, safe, and easy! In fact, it is less risky than checks, as it cannot be lost, stolen, or destroyed in the mail, and the rate of accuracy is high. The electronic transfer will cost you NOTH-ING and you save the cost of the check. The church will issue you a donation statement for your records, and bank statements will provide you with a record of transfer as additional proof of your contributions. Donations via electronic transfer can be made to our general fund and/or our building fund. Designations to Missions or the Pastors Discretionary Fund can also be made. Of course you can cancel your authorization of transfer at any time by notifying us in writing. We believe that once you have enjoyed the convenience and savings of this program, you won't want to go back. Contact the church office now!

#### **ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE!**





#### **Church Wish List**

Want to give back to Gold Canyon United Methodist Church beyond your pledge to the General Budget or the Building Fund? Below are some items that will better enable us to fulfill our mission as a church:

- Pave the North Parking Lot \$400,000 (Received \$142,000 so far)
- Streaming Worship Equipment \$25,000
- **廿** Playground \$20,000-40,000
- Stained Glass for upper Sanctuary windows \$105,000 (\$3,000 per panel)
- **廿**Organ Pipes
- ☐ Building Fund Loan Payoff (2014: prepaid \$5,000)
- ☐ Food Bank Building \$200,000



## Pastoral & Congregational Care



Four pastors are on call to make visits to members and friends of Gold Canyon UMC. Please feel free to call the church office at 480-982-3776 and one of the pastors will respond to your request. Or, after hours, you may call or email one of the pastors directly:

#### Rev. Fred Steinberg, Senior Pastor

revstein78@gmail.com 480-982-3776

#### **Rev. Bob Deits, Associate**

bobnjune@cox.net 602-615-6634

#### Rev. Fay Quanstrom, Associate

fay.quanstrom@gmail.com 480-458-8420

#### Rev. Joel Hurley, Associate

joelhccjl@gmail.com 602-291-0464



Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep!"

Furthermore, if you know of someone in the congregation who is hospitalized, ill at home or needs prayers of the community, please let the church office or one of the pastors know so they can be included on the prayer list.

Joel Hurley, Coordinator of Pastoral Care

#### ARE YOU IN NEED OF PRAYER SUPPORT OR A PASTORAL VISIT?

If so, please call the church office at 480-982-3776. Our Congregational Care team is available

to visit and pray with you whatever the reason. If you would like to receive prayer prior to surgery, please let us know when and where the surgery is taking place. We will also wait with your loved ones during your surgery if desired. If you or your loved one is hospitalized, let us know so we can visit and offer prayer support. And, if you're dealing with the death of a loved one or a crisis in your life, please call us so we can walk that journey together.

No matter what the reason, we're here to help.

## **Genesis Project, Homeless & Other Needs**



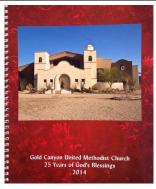
The Genesis Project, where we help feed the homeless and clothes are distributed, can still use *men's jeans* - **used or new** - **sizes 32 - 38.** If you can donate jeans, please bring them to the office and mark

them for Genesis.

The homeless in our area can really use **tents**, **tarps** and **bicycles**.



Please contact
Gail Crawford
at 480-268-0918
if you can help
with any of these items.



#### **Our Pictorial Directory Is Here!!**

Our beautiful pictorial directory is here and available in the Church office or at the information desk on Sunday's. How wonderful it will to be able to identify our fellow worshipers along with contact information to

keep in touch. If any of your information is incorrect or has changed recently, please contact the Church office in order to correct our database.

If you were unable to participate in the photo session you can purchase a directory for \$10.00.



#### **SCRIP** BUS & VAN FUND

The Bashas' Community Support Card when reloaded and used, earns the church 6%. The Fry's VIP card is all you now need after you register it online (pick up directions in the office). There is also an Albertson's key tag that gets us 1% (it all adds up!). These funds go toward gas, licenses, maintenance, etc. on the church bus & van. The bus brings those individuals unable to drive to church on Sunday mornings and both the bus and van are needed to transport all the youth/adults and supplies to the summer work retreats. The next item needed is a covered structure to protect them from the Arizona sun and heat.

If you aren't already using these cards to pay for your groceries at Bashas', Fry's and Albertsons, find out how easy they are to use at no cost to you. You can purchase Bashas' cards in the church office during the week. Thanks for your continued participation.

#### "Honey Do" Home Ministry Call us to see what we can help with... vou might be surprised!

Assist anyone needing repairs around their home. This includes you if you... 1) Need minor home repairs but have little or no resources; 2) Need repairs but have no tools or expertise to complete them alone; 3) Don't have the time to complete repairs, yet need them done quickly and professionally. We can change smoke detector batteries, leaky faucet repair, replace a faulty outlet or door lock, or other small projects. Contact: goldcanyonhoneydo@att.net or by calling John or Nancy at 907-232-8203. We still need male and female volunteers with various skills!

Barbara Holt recently said in a nice note to the "Honey Do" Ministry..."Someone checked the electric outlets in my kitchen

and changed out a ceiling fan for me. A wonderful program. Thank you!!

Another church member, Kathy Weigel, said this about the Honey Do Group....."I recently have been restricted in my activity to get around without a walker. In my yard, to get to the sidewalk, there is only rock which is difficult to push through with the walker. I had laid down a couple of rows of patio blocks before this problem arose but they were not exactly flat or wide enough to use. I called the Honey Do group and they send Sheldon Wion, a true working angel to help me. He spent almost two days in the heat, not only widening my path with another row of pavers, but redoing the ones

that I had attempted. It is so professional looking and is making my getting around so much easier. I can't thank him enough and hope one day I can help another as he helped me. Thank you Sheldon Wion!"



#### **Habitat for Humanity** ~

In the fall, we will begin planning for next year's build, which will be in either Apache Junction or Mesa. It is not too early to start contributing funds for next year. We look forward to seeing our experienced volunteers and some new ones too. For more information, call Joe and Maureen Morton at 602-284-2826 or email at *MoandJoeM@aol.com*.



#### **Global 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."

#### **Coffee Blight Is a Mission Challenge!**



What was your first thought when you learned of the blight that is killing coffee trees? Naturally, it may have been the

impact on your morning cup of coffee, but for subsistence farmers in many parts of the world it comes as an economic crisis.

The impact of the blight on Fellow Man International in Honduras extends to everyone involved in the mission and the community: farmers have no crop; production workers have no employment; clinic patients feel they can't afford the token amounts for services. In addition, drug cartels exploit the economic crisis to further their control of people, production, and trade routes. But God the Creator can sustain the community through this challenge! *Will you help by praying for these specific needs of Fellow Man International?* 

- For Founder/Director Lisa Armstrong wisdom in decision-making for the mission, including creative solutions for the economic crisis caused by blight that destroys the coffee trees.
- For Lisa's family God's strength for balancing work, home, and mission concerns.
- For the clinic staff ability to treat patients effectively with the medications and supplies available.
- For the agricultural director ability to find and use measures against the blight, to locate alternative crops to offer the farmers , and blight resistant, affordable coffee tree varieties to replace dead trees.
- For the attorney/administrator vision and skill to fulfill his responsibilities.
- For the community sufficient resources to survive day-to-day and see God's hand in their lives in resisting pressures from drug lords.

## **Costa Rica Mission Work Team Dates**



Team 1: January 8-18, 2015 Team 2: January 19-28, 2015

**Is God nudging you to participate?** A teachable spirit and willingness to work are the requirements for team participants. Specific construction skills are also helpful but not required.

To reserve a place please contact Wally or Fay Quanstrom at 480-982-9314 or fay.quanstrom@gmail.com. The cost of this trip including materials, airfare, and room and board is less than \$2000 per person.

#### **A 2014 Team**



#### **Imagine No Malaria**

\$10 saves <u>One</u> life from malaria. How many lives can you save?







#### **A Note** From Bob... **Country Western News**

The next Country Western service is on August 31st at 5pm, with the Houser Gang providing our music. AND, an important note - that August service marks the return to our full time schedule. We will be back to meeting weekly beginning on September 7th and continuing through May, 2015. Music has been provided during the summer by special groups assembled by David Ballard. Thank you to all.

I will also be preaching Sunday morning services on August 31st.

If you've never tried our Country Western service, make this the year you give it a shot! You can wear your hat and meet others with similar interests.



Peace and Joy, Bob Deits

#### Lost & Found

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

#### Our Church **History History Committee Update: Early Church Memories**



#### **Memories from Ginnie and Joe Johnson**

Joe and I moved to Gold Canvon in December of 1988. We were members of a Methodist Church where we lived in California and looked for a Methodist church in the area. We were charter members of the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church that was in the process of organizing and meeting in the Gold Canyon Elementary School Cafeteria.

The new church was being sponsored by Velda Rose United Methodist Church in Mesa. Rev. James Woods, an associate pastor, was the leader of the new congregation.

In the beginning, there were approximately twelve people attending Sunday worship. Everyone knew everyone else and we were a close group. The church gradually grew as more people moved into the area.

Each person helped with the service. Joe and Tom Lullo and Dave Bos were responsible for setting up and taking down the chairs. Everyone was involved in the service as Sunday School Teachers, ushers or greeters. My job was frequently serving as lituraist. More next month...



**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 appro-

Philippines, Typhoon Disaster Relief ~ Advance #240235

Imagine No Malaria ~ Advance #3021190

Wings of Caring - Projects ~ Advance #08595A - Supports evangelism, education, transportation & medical emergencies in rural areas

Midwest Emergencies - Projects ~ Advance #901680 - Responding to emergency victims of tornado, flood, etc.

Disaster Response, International - Projects ~

Advance #982450 - Quick response to meet emergency needs around the world.

Japan Emergency - Earthquake & Tsunami ~

Advance #3021317

Liberia Emergency ~ Advance #150300

Cote D'Ivoire Crisis ~ Advance #982450

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

For more ways to help, or to donate online, go to: http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/ -Or follow UMCOR on Twitter at @UMC UMCOR



Jane Hayes, Volunteer Coordinator

# Volunteers Do Make a Difference

GCUMC 480-982-3776



Do you know anyone who answers a question in one of these ways? "Excited" "Empowered," "Encouraged," "Valued," "Good," "Blessed," "Inspired," "Grateful," "Content," "Honored," "Humbled," "Part of a Team," "Passionate," "Privileged," or that they "Accomplished something for God." I have a wonderful woman in mind: Paula Tucker. She is a person who just happens to be a lay leader, communion server, greeter, office receptionist, food bank clerk, angel team leader, Bible study participant as well

as amazingly talented to decorate any event we have such as our Spring or Fall community event, or VBS.

I am not even going to attempt to keep up with Paula and I do not believe most of us could. Why is she so successful? God has certainly inspired her!

Try the "One Minute" Approach to get started. Take just one minute everyday to remind

yourself or offer your children, family, friends, parents, medical professionals, employees, pets, neighbors a word of encouragement or appreciation, or simply share a story. Before long, those one minutes will be returned to you and people like Paula. Share your joys with us.



#### If you are willing to offer some of your Spiritual gifts as a GCUMC volunteer, PLEASE CALL me!



Do you have the time? If you can help with one or more of the following volunteer needs, PLEASE <u>complete and place this form in the collection plate, at the Information Center, or church office, 480-982-3776.</u>

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

Name_			
Phone_			
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If you are willing to participate as a volunteer using your spiritual gifts, please Call Jane Hayes.
WE WELCOME YOUR HELP!
TO LOVE FOUNTERS TO HELP! WHEN? TO CAN! WHERE? THERE



August 2014

#### Go Now...



This month's article is dedicated to Marilyn Pearson. Marilyn and her husband Roy have been long-time members of our Stephen Ministry Team, and on June 30<sup>th</sup>, Marilyn lost the earthly battle for her health. We can think of no

better way to say good-bye than with the below tribute, taken from *The Way of the Wolf* by Martin Bell (Copyright 1968). Even if you did not know Marilyn, we have all experienced loss at some time in our lives, and maybe this can provide some healing for you as well.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Ye now, therefore, have sorrow; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you."

#### He said: "Go now - have sorrow."

I. Human beings do not belong to one another. We are God's children. We belong to him. It is by sheer grace that we are together for a time - for a little while. We receive God's gift of another person in our lives with thanksgiving. But we must realize that this person is a gift - we cannot hang on, or refuse to let go of one of God's children when he calls.

II. Marilyn Pearson was a gift. One of God's own tiny children. And, for a time, God gave Marilyn to the world. In order that two human beings might have a child. And, later, in order that a man might have a wife. And some children might have a mother. And some other children might have a grandmother. For those children Marilyn defined what it means to have a mother, or a grandmother. And a man came to know what it means to have a wife. And because of Marilyn, the world understood more fully the greatness of the love of God. God loved the world so much that he gave it Marilyn. And that was nice of God.

III. But now Marilyn is dead. And the world won't see her again. God took her back. That's painful. And there is no way under heaven to minimize that pain. Jesus said, "Go now, therefore, and have sorrow." We do not sorrow because God is cruel or unjust. The world did nothing to deserve Marilyn. God gave her to us Not because we deserved it, but because he loved us. We are not sorrowing because God is unjust. We are sorrowing because Marilyn is gone. And that's right. Jesus said, "Go and have sorrow". A part of us is dead. That part of us that we called our mother, or our grandmother, or our friend. That part of us we called "Marilyn" is gone. And we know the pain, and the emptiness, and the bitterness and the guilt, and the heartbreak all too well. We will never be the same. And that's right, too. We can't be "the same" ever again.

IV. We are saying goodbye to one of God's tiny children. Jesus said, "Ye now, therefore, have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you." He said, "When you pray, say Father." God loves Marilyn. And she belongs to him. She always has. For a time he gave her to the world. And now he has called her. And now we know emptiness; that's the way it is with human beings. We have offered Marilyn back to God. In so doing we are offering ourselves. We are bold - to dare to say "Our Father" and to pray "Thy will be done". We are fierce to trust God, and to love him, and to realize how much he loves us. We have had to say good-bye to Marilyn, one of God's tiny children. And we must let go of her hand. But in so doing we give it over to that of her heavenly Father. We cannot hang

on. We must let go. But God has a hold of her hand; and he will never let go. Amen.

God Bless You All, Your GCUMC Stephen Ministry Team



# **GCUMC Calendar August 2014**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8 am Traditional Worship 9:30 am Traditional Worship & Child, Youth Sun Schl 10:50 am Praise Worship & Pre-K Sunday School 6:30 pm Youth—Ed.	9:30 am Bible Banter- Mtn Brew Coffeehouse 1 pm Grief Support—S of G 3 pm Stephen Ministry- 101/102 6 pm Al-Anon—101/102				10 am Mind Menders -Music Room 5:30 pm AA—101/102	
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31  8 am Traditional Worship 9:30 am Traditional Worship & Child, Youth Sun Schl 10:50 am Praise Worship &		Key AA=Alcoholics Anonymous 101/102=Room 101/102 Kit = Kitchen	Ed.=Education WOW=Witness Wonder (Outree K = Koinonia R	Building sour teh)		
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#### **August Celebrations**

### Birthdays

Martha Bentley

Karen Vander Stoep

Charles Acker

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1-Aug	Rosemary Arquisch	18-Aug	Bill Edwards			Anniversuries
	David Ballard		Adrian Hick			
	Carol Crosswhite		Shirley Hulcher			
	Duane Larrew		Ione Pierce		1-Aug	Robert & Mary Catherine Myers
	Robert Mahlandt	19-Aug	Rick Hall			Joe & Rose Rosenberg
	Kathy Nuss		John Nuss		3-Aug	Craig & Sharon Larson
2 4	Wanda Tufte		Bob McClure	<b>√</b> ∮		Bruce & Melodie Frankel
2-Aug	Claudia Morris	20-Aug	Sara Bos	MAN ANA	4-Aug	Brian & Lisa Cascaden
	Barb Vagnier		Chris Fitzgerald			Keith & Nancy Petticrew
3-Aug	Mary Klaers Toby Snyder		Tara (Houser) Jones		5 A	Lewis & Doris Stichter
4-Aug	Linda Walker	01.4	Evie Bogle		5-Aug	Lynn & Ilene Tabor
4-Aug	Jerry Kroon	21-Aug	Roy Wright		8-Aug 9-Aug	Dan & Phyllis Gray Rich & Claudia Graham
	Shirley Hodges	22-Aug	Rev. Bob Deits			
	Sherrie Ofstedahl		Deanna DeVries		10-Aug 11-Aug	
	George Adkins		Sharron Gingrich		12-Aug	
5-Aug	Roy Fuerherm		John Linton		13-Aug	
5 1145	Margie Little		Mike Vagnier		13-Mug	Roger & Donna Schiager
6-Aug	Dick Barnes		June Welker Patricia Schultheiss		14-Aug	
	LeRoy Storley	23-Aug	Jan Hahn		16-Aug	
7-Aug	Ashton Fitzgerald	23-Aug	Linda Jones		17-Aug	
	Joe Johnson		Earl Marifjeren		18-Aug	,
	Skylar Saathoff		Barbara Osborn		19-Aug	
	Nick Klaers		Terry Steinkruger			Paul & Patricia Renfer
8-Aug	Lindsey Hall		Jim Taylor			Joe & Sylvia Graba
	Evan Houseman		Flo Braathen		20-Aug	
9-Aug	Pete Johnson		DeMaris Hochhalter		21-Aug	Don & Peg Wilson
	Evelyn Laich	24-Aug	Ann Brogren		_	Keith & Diana Hayter
	Wendy Moore	8	Diane Rasmussen		22-Aug	Ray & Jan Heyse
	Bill Ramsey		Donna Toole			Gordon & Audrey Hulett
10-Aug	Stephen Hughes		Carol Adamski			David & Julie Burzlaff
	Norman Livgard		Lois Sunderland		23-Aug	
	Paul Renfer	25-Aug	Steven Boyd			Rick & Cheryl Hall
11-Aug	Cris Criswell		Donna Fuerherm			Richard & Beverly Svoboda
	Barbara Wilke		Mark Johnson		24.4	Frank & Karen Annin
12 4	Marilyn Kellough		Bob Sheridan		24-Aug	
12-Aug	Jane Hayes		Karen Winter		25.4	Mike & Barb Vagnier
	Don Schaefer	26-Aug	Chuck Hardman		25-Aug	
	Cheryl O'Donnell JoAnn Ervin		Gene DuPont		26 1110	Bob & Nancy Russell
	Daivd Acree	27.4	Diana Hayter		26-Aug	
	David Burzlaff	27-Aug	Jan Miller		27-Aug	Pete & Kay Johnson Bob & Alyce Ancell
13-Aug	Erika Brinkman		Bette Wiff		Z/-Aug	Adrian & Pam Ryan-Hick
13 7145	Tom Wiff	20. 4	Ron Svoboda		28-Aug	
	Don Jelinek	28-Aug	Gene Huffman		20-Aug	Tom & Shirley Feather
14-Aug	Markee Adams		James Zieglowsky			Bill & Angie Fyfe
111111111111111111111111111111111111111	Ruth Bennett	29-Aug	Barb Rodgers Carolyn Burt	and and		Willard & Betty Kresge
	Jerri French	29-Aug	Brian Cascaden	and my Comments	29-Aug	
	Toni Galbraith		Gary Sauerbrunn		_> 1100	Patrick & Anne McGinness
15-Aug	Judy Halverson	30-Aug	Penny Fendley		30-Aug	
Č	Roger Miller	30-Aug 31-Aug	Bob Jacobsen			Doran & Louise Hays
16-Aug	Donald Cline	JI Aug	Glenn Johnson			Earl & Lorna Marifjeren
Č	Donna Hurley		Norma Tambke			Mike & Shirley McMahon
	Don Lindaman		Sandy Williams		31-Aug	
17-Aug	Judy Atkinson		James Toppin			Bill & Kathy Beebe
	Joan Butler		rr			<del>-</del>
	Sandra Butterbrodt					
	Martha Hantlari					

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#### SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Children's Sunday School classes begin in the Worship Service with their families. Children are led to their classrooms after the Children's Sermon.

- **廿 9:30 AM ~ Children**
- **记** 9:30 AM ~ Youth/College Age/Young Adult

ਹੈ 10:50 AM ~ Children

\*\* The 8 am Sunday Fellowship Class will begin meeting again in September

#### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

8:00 & 9:30 AM

Traditional ~ Sanctuary

10:50 AM Praise ~ Koinonia Room

5:00 PM

Country Western ~ Koinonia Room (Last Sunday of the Month Only in June, July & August)

Childcare Provided at ALL Services