



## FROM THE PASTOR: "STAYING CONNECTED"



One of our biggest concerns is staying connected with all the people who call Gold Canyon UMC their church. Many of you have found that connection through our online worship services, online gatherings and online classes. Yet we still need to strengthen the connection for those who don't have a computer, internet or a smart phone.

About three weeks ago we started producing DVDs of our worship services. We are recording both the morning service and the country service on one weekly DVD. The problem is getting the word out to those who don't get our Saturday emails or other online communications.

You are invited to join me online  
**Thursdays at 11:00am**  
to spend an informal time talking  
and connecting.

To participate:

<https://zoom.us/j/713204749>

If you are unable to worship with us online or you know of someone who is unable to participate in worship online, please let us know. This newsletter may be the only way we have to get this news out to those who have been unable to join us for worship for four months. We are willing to deliver these DVDs on doorsteps or mail them as needed. We are also willing to supply DVD players to those who don't have a way to play the DVDs. In this time of social distancing, we don't want people to be distanced from their church and God.

If you know of someone who doesn't seem to have access to our worship services, please let us know. We are willing to call them and offer DVDs to anyone who needs them.

I will see you online (or on DVD) on Sunday.

Grace and peace,

*Fred*

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Fred Steinberg, Senior Pastor



### MORNING SERMON SERIES "THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING" August 2nd—August 23rd

*We left the church building over four months ago.  
That action can help our faith and Christian witness.*

*The Church never was the building.  
The Church is the people who used to worship  
in the building.*

*In August we will focus on what it means  
to be the Church away from the building.*

*"...FOLLOWING JESUS... SERVING OTHERS"*



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & EVANGELISM

Pastor Katharine Keller

*"...Growing disciples of Jesus Christ and living the Word."*

### LAST OF THE DING DONG DASHES!



Pastor Katharine wrapped up her surprise "Ding Dong Dashes" where she rang the doorbell at one of our church kid's house, left a small bag with a Ding Dong and other treats, and took a selfie with the kids. Fun times... check out the photos of Pastor Katharine with some of our church kids!



JoJo Caravella



Lincoln &



Aedric Cunningham-Jones

willingness to learn and grow is positive action that makes a difference in our church and community.

- **Mon., 8/3 at 1:00pm OR 7:00pm:** "Meaningful Conversations on Race" with Rev. Dr. Hooker
- **Mon., 8/10 at 1:00pm OR 7:00pm:** "Continued Struggles in Race Relations" with Dr. Philip Klinkner
- **Mon., 8/17 at 1:00pm OR 7:00pm:** "The Intersections of Oppression" with Rev. Dr. Pamela Lightsey

Please RSVP to the Church Office as to which Zoom class you plan to intend. It is important to note the Zoom links below corresponds to the time of the session:

- **1:00pm Zoom:** <https://zoom.us/j/98754674513>
- **7:00pm Zoom:** <https://zoom.us/j/97880267833>

You are certainly welcome if you don't sign up ahead of time; and the link will always be available each Sunday. One doesn't have to attend all 5 classes in order to benefit from the insights of the presenters and our ensuing discussions. This is a great opportunity to think outside our comfort zone and live faithfully as we see our Lord at work in our midst: *"For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose."* (Philippians 2:13 NIV)

### KOFFEE WITH KAT!



We miss each other – that is obvious! Realizing we are, in many ways, being held "hostage" by the virus for a time and can't visit in one another's homes, Pastor Katharine is offering you an

opportunity to have a one-on-one coffee chat via zoom with her on Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings at 9:00am for no longer than one hour. There is no agenda – if you want to see a friendly face with a smile, want to share what's going on in your life, need to vent or just desire prayer, she's there for you.

You will need to sign up for your day by sending her an email at [ladiesbug1214@gmail.com](mailto:ladiesbug1214@gmail.com) and she will provide you with a Zoom link. Whether you are in town or out of town, it would be great to spend some time together! So... bring your cup of coffee or tea and touch base! (Couples may sign up together, if they wish — and children are also welcome!)

### "LISTEN TO THE ETHNIC VOICES" CLASS



Pastor Katharine invites you to join in any of the three remaining Zoom sessions of this 5-part video series presented by the General Commission on Religion and Race of the United Methodist Church (GCORR). The commission offers us the opportunity to address the realities of race and racism in a series featuring contemporary theologians, sociologists, laity, clergy, and other thought-leaders with challenges of race, culture, and oppression in the Church and world today. Hopefully our participation in viewing these videos will jumpstart the discussions that follow the videos. Our



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The first online Coffee with the Pastor gathering was July 13th using Zoom, and resulted in five new members. If you are thinking about making Gold Canyon UMC your home, be sure to watch the bulletin for an announcement for information on the next gathering.



Rick Young



Deb & Mike Moorberg



Susan Teller



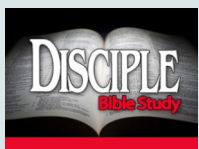
Mary Butterfield

## WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT... WE'RE GOING VIRTUAL!



Come Zoom with us as we explore – for the first time – meeting virtually for our Fall Women's Retreat. We are planning for a Friday evening and Saturday day, so please save the dates of Friday, 10/23 and Saturday, 10/24 for this event. Our theme is "Come to the Water" and exact start and finish times have yet to be decided. Pastor Fay will be doing her creative curriculum writing for this, along with logistic planning assistance from Pastor Katharine and Riechia Ralston. More details will be available in the September newsletter, as well as the opportunity to sign-up. It should be fun! Please contact Pastor Katharine if you have questions.

### UPCOMING DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDIES



DISCIPLE is a program of disciplined Bible study aimed at developing strong Christian leaders. The study gives the Old and New Testaments equal time, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God. DISCIPLE draws upon the work of scholars, the personal Bible reading and study of the

participant, and dynamic group discussion to aid understanding of the Bible. As far as time commitment, one usually spends 30-45 minutes daily in preparation for weekly group meetings; and the meetings themselves run an average of 2 – 2 ½ hours.

NEW Disciple classes will begin virtually in September. **Reminder:** Disciple 1 must be taken before going on to the other options. After taking Disciple 1, you may attend any of the other classes in no particular order. We hope you will seriously give thought and prayer to joining one of the following classes:

- **DISCIPLE 1** — Tuesdays at 1pm; Facilitator: Deane Elek; Starts September 22
- **DISCIPLE 2** — Tuesdays at 1pm; Facilitator: Rev. Fay Quanstrom; Starts September 22
- **DISCIPLE 3** — Wednesdays at 1 pm; Facilitator: Dr. David Worley; Starts September 23

To register, please email the Church Office [ChurchOffice@goldcanyonumc.org](mailto:ChurchOffice@goldcanyonumc.org), specifying which class. Workbooks (\$40) may be picked up at the Church Office on Fridays; or if you are out of town, register by September 9th to receive it in the mail before class starts. Payment can be made by check or cash — by mail or our dropbox — preferably before the classes start. If you cannot afford a book, please email Pastor Katharine at [ladiesbug1214@gmail.com](mailto:ladiesbug1214@gmail.com).



## CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Sherry Hussein

*"...Growing disciples of Jesus Christ and living the Word."*

Hello to all our wonderful Church families! We hope you are all doing well. August is here, with schools starting up, children shifting into their learning mode, thinking caps on, absorbing all kinds of new knowledge. Now is the time to nourish those bodies & minds, keep growing, thriving, and stay healthy. Of course you will need plenty of rest to do your best! Take some time to talk with Jesus; saying a prayer before you go to sleep is always good, and you may have a special prayer. I enjoy talking to God in the morning as I wake up. Just knowing that God will be with me all day long is comforting. *"Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you". 1Peter 5:7 (NLT).* God is "The One who cares about you, He has the biggest heart, the utmost compassion, the greatest resources, the ultimate understanding, and the deepest love!"

We will be continuing our Zoom chat sessions. It is so much fun to see the children interact with each other on screen — especially the toddlers, preschool, and young elementary-aged children. I always look forward to our interesting conversations, trivia questions, and Bible lessons with the older elementary children. Thank s to the parents for letting your children participate.

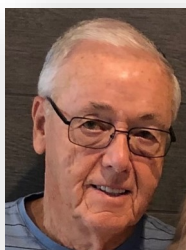
I am praying for God to keep us all healthy and safe. God is good! He still performs miracles. I am missing you all!

## SIDEWALK CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Sidewalk Children's Outreach Ministry serves Apache Junction area children and meets Saturday mornings during October-April. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers. The children started online school in July. We continue to keep in touch with families in the ministry through text messages, phone calls, and delivery of Bible lesson activities to their homes.

Sidewalk Children's Ministry has special memories of Jim Ritenour while he served our God, throughout his volunteering with the Sidewalk Children's Ministry. "Mr. Jim," as the children referred to him, and "Ms. Marcia" were both "Shepherds" in Sidewalk. For several years Mr. Jim transported children from their homes to the Sidewalk



ministry sites in Apache Junction on Saturday mornings. Driving the Church bus or van with Ms. Marcia, his co-pilot who would help with directions, they got the children onto the vehicle with seat belts buckled and ready to go.

Jim was a soft-spoken man, who seemed to enjoy transporting the children. One summer, Jim & Marcia drove the children to Mingus Mountain Camp. Jim also did the maintenance on the Church vehicles, always making sure they were "up & running," keeping them clean, both inside and out. Jim and Marcia were always willing to help, especially when another driver/rider would cancel. Jim would always say, "just call us if you need us, if we're home we'll be there."

*"Mr. Jim was always nice when he picked us up, he never hollered at us, even when some kids were kind of loud on the bus." — Leslie*

*"I liked Mr. Jim, he was cool, let us talk & have fun on the way to Sidewalk, he just said "make sure you have your seat belts on." — Yadir*

*"Mr. Jim was nice, when he dropped us off at home, he would wait until we got inside our house, my Mom really liked that, and Ms. Marcia always waved good-bye." — Enaya*

*"I feel sad Mr. Jim died, hope Ms. Marcia is ok, he will be in Heaven now." — Alex*

We will all miss Jim very much. He was kind to everyone: a true servant of God, and a wonderful "Shepherd" in our children's ministry. With sincere and loving memories — *all the Sidewalk Volunteers and the Children*

Many thanks to our GCUMC congregation who has continued to support this children's outreach ministry. To learn more about Sidewalk Children's Ministry, contact Sherry (480) 529-9621 or Bev (480) 926-6479.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2020



We are hoping and praying to have our VBS program, Rocky Railway's "Jesus Power Pulls Us Through", October 5-9, 2020, during the Elementary Schools Fall Break. VBS is free and open to children ages 3 1/2 (potty trained) through 5th grade. Registration forms will be available later this

month; be sure to watch for updates in the weekly bulletin. Contact Sherry Hussein at (480) 529-9621 for questions and for volunteer openings. Please keep the VBS ministry in your prayers... all things are possible with God.

## SUMMER SERVICE PROJECT

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

..."For children, from children... who are helping other children by donating clothing or shoes they have outgrown. It's a great time to go through your closet and drawers! Try on clothes and if they don't fit, donate them to another child in need! We will be giving the items to Apache Junction's Desert Chapel UMC's new missions project, a clothing closet for children. Scripture tells us that it's always more blessed to give than receive, and that God loves a cheerful giver. Contact Sherry SheriffSherry2000@gmail.com / (480)529-9621, to make arrangements to pick up donated items.

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTION DAY



On Sat., Aug. 1st from 9:00am—11:00am parents and their children picked-up up school supplies through our GCUMC drive-thru. Schools are scheduled to reopen August 17th, and many of the children started their classes online in July. Getting ready for school can be very costly for families with clothing purchases, school supplies, and other expenses.

A very BIG thank you goes out to our congregation, who has been so generous in their donations of school supplies. Several people also made monetary donations for which we are grateful, as we could purchase additional items that were needed. Jacque Smith, Registrar at Peralta Trails Elementary School, said, "We are so thankful for the Church's donations of school supplies."

The schools now have an increased need to disinfect & sanitize areas daily, and we would like to continue collecting canisters of Clorox/Lysol wipes and hand sanitizer. Please drop these supplies off on/near the bench located outside the Church office door.

## "COOL IT DOWN" DRIVE THRU EVENT

Our "Cool it Down" drive thru morning on Saturday, July 18th was great, and we got to see many of our church families. All of the children received a Summer Fun package with water squirters, pool noodles, bubble wands, snacks, and assorted items. Plus each family took home a Styrofoam cooler with snowballs, Isee pops, and frozen treats. Be sure to check out the photos below from this awesome event!

Thanks to all who participated, the Sunday School teachers and the volunteers who helped distribute the items... it was a super sensational morning!

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# YOUTH GROUP

Linda Clise, Youth Director

*"...Growing disciples of Jesus Christ and living the Word."*

## YOUTH SPOTLIGHT: DALTON ADAMS

Dalton Adams is 16 years old and has been going to Gold Canyon United Methodist Church for as long as he can remember. He has always lived in Arizona. His family includes his mother, Moira, father, Mark, and his two brothers, Robert and Jacob. He is very involved with our youth group! He has served on three mission trips. He often volunteers to help set up and clean when we have an event. He loves to wrestle and has won many awards! Some of his other hobbies are playing chess (*he is on the school's chess team*) and playing video games.



To participate online with Zoom, send an email to:  
[LindaKTClise@gmail.com](mailto:LindaKTClise@gmail.com)



### Youth Group—ONLINE!

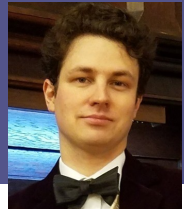
(7th—12th grades)

Thursdays at 6:30pm  
Bible Study

Fridays at 6:30pm  
Netflix Movie Party

Sundays at 6:30pm  
Youth Group





## MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



Time certainly does fly. At the end of this August 2020 will be my first year anniversary as Director of Music Ministries at Gold Canyon United Methodist Church. While I'm pleased with what we accomplished as a Music Ministry at the end of 2019 and beginning of 2020 with a great concert series, Christmas concert, and growing music groups, I certainly never expected my job to take such a strange course with the COVID pandemic. Not being able to rehearse any of our large groups has been a challenge but it has forced us to come up with alternative ways for our ministry to express itself and to support our worship. At the beginning of the pandemic, I stated that we probably would not attempt a virtual choir because of the video and audio editing time involved, but given that it may still be a while before we can get back to normal, I may have a few surprises for you in the coming months.

Just as a reminder, we're still looking to expand our music rotation, so if you're interested in participating in our online music ministry, please contact me or Cindy Hoff. We're doing everything we can to try to keep things fresh and worshipful. This month I have two questions that were sent in for me to answer:

The first is ***"Why does the music stand on the organ have green or black cardboard in the background?"***

The green or black construction paper/cardboard is to prevent light from reflecting or glaring off the Plexiglas music rack. I suppose it's not strictly necessary right now given that there aren't any congregants in the Sanctuary during the service, but it also prevents any reflections from getting in my eyes too!

The second question I received was ***"Why is there a mirror sitting on top of the organ (console)?"***

The little make-up mirror sitting (usually on the right side) on the top of the organ console is used for several different things. Pre-COVID-19, it allowed me to monitor anyone who might be processing up and down the aisle as well as the general number of congregants in the room. Knowing how much longer a processional or recessional will be is important for weddings or funerals to get the musical timing right. During regular worship services, the number of congregants in the sanctuary helps me to determine the registration for hymn playing. Fewer people means fewer stops, more people means a greater number stops generally (the

organ is louder or softer, to best accompany the changing congregation size from week to week). During our current services and recording, I use the small mirror to see the person recording the video; they give me a cue when it is time to begin playing. The little mirror is very handy!

In closing, I just want to wish everyone the best and hope you're all still safe and healthy. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Peace and best regards,

*Ian*





## GLOBAL MISSIONS

Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor

### BIG CHALLENGES FOR FELLOWMAN INTERNATIONAL IN HONDURAS

All of the below situations conspire to put extreme burdens on the public health system in this nation of 9.5 million people.

- **Dengue Fever**—An epidemic of this tropical, mosquito borne, viral disease was already sweeping Honduras before Covid-19 appeared. It causes debilitating headaches, painful joints and muscles, often accompanied by high hemorrhagic fever..
- **Covid-19**—The novel virus creates the need for medical care for hundreds of thousands of Hondurans. The Health Ministry has asked FMI to help as an infection rate of 40% is anticipated.
- **Food shortages**—Food purchases are allowed only one day a week as part of the country-wide curfews
- **Strict curfews**—Banking and grocery shopping are permitted only once a week on a rotating schedule
- **Shortages of PPE and hospital bed space**—Even basic equipment is unavailable and hospital bed space for critically ill patients is deficient. 36 ventilators are available in the whole country.
- **Medical Emergencies**—Accidents, precipitous child birth, and diseases other than Covid or dengue fever require attention that is often unavailable.

Fellowman International continues to serve the people of the remote mountain region through their clinics and traveling services. FMI encourages local food production with community garden development and raising protein (pigs and chickens). Feeding the children may mean the difference between life and death during this time of food shortages and disease.

GCUMC supports Fellowman International with budgeted giving and special offerings. Designated gifts can be directed to:

Missionary Lisa Armstrong  
P.O. Box 2993  
Salina, Kansas 67402

All of us have the opportunity to join in prayer for the effectiveness of this ministry in a nation where a living wage is \$380 per month. but most families of five live on less than \$220 per month. The homicide rate is one of the highest in the world.



Gold Canyon United Methodist Church supports these Global Missions:



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## MIDWEEK MOUNTAINEERS



Midweek Mountaineers is our weekly Wednesday program for students from 1st-6th grade and is open to children from GCUMC, their friends, and other children in our community. Midweek Mountaineers starts up again on September 16th and will run through the first week of May. We foresee starting our program online — a virtual Zoom session — on Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm—7:00pm. This program is spiritually uplifting and fun, and will include a Bible lesson, music, trivia games, and more. When we are given approval to meet in person, our program will meet in the Education Building on the GCUMC campus, start earlier, and include a dinner. Please contact Sherry for more details, at [SheriffSherry2000@gmail.com](mailto:SheriffSherry2000@gmail.com) or (480)529-9621.



## HOLY LAND TRIP (\$3,498) RESCHEDULED JANUARY 4-17, 2022



The Holy Land trip with Pastor Fred & Beth was rescheduled to January 4—17, 2022 due to the coronavirus.

If you've already paid your deposit, it can be left on file and you'll automatically be moved to this new trip date. If you'd like to withdraw from the trip, please contact Educational Opportunities and they will fully refund your deposit. Those who have paid their initial deposit will not need to pay the second deposit until July of 2021. All trip details remain the same and new brochures will be available in the future.

Pastor Fred would be glad to answer questions or email you a brochure if you contact him at [revstein78@gmail.com](mailto:revstein78@gmail.com) or leave a message with the Church Office.



## ... AND ON THE COUNTRY SIDE

Dr. David Worley

With August comes a break from the weekly "live" C&W services. This gives our team a chance to regroup and recuperate.

However, in response to suggestions from others we are going to replay some of the earlier services that were livestreamed before we were unable to meet face to face. I have chosen five services to air each week that I hope will be a blessing to you. So, I invite you to enjoy these services again. Reviewing them, will, I am sure, not only bring back good memories of when we were able to meet together, but also foretell of the glad day when we will once again be together in public worship.

With the onset of September we will be back with new messages and music.





## PASTORAL & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Rev. Fay Quanstrom, Dr. David Worley, Pastor Katharine Keller

### PASTORAL CARE

Our 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. After hours, you may call or email one of the pastors directly:



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**Rev. Fay Quanstrom, Associate Pastor**

Fay.Quanstrom@gmail.com / (480)458-8420

**Pastor Katharine Keller, Associate Pastor**

LadieBug1214@gmail.com / (480) 888-5411

**Dr. David Worley, Director, Congregational Care**

DWorley3@gmail.com / (970) 821-5404

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

Also, if you or someone you know within or beyond our parish would like a friendly visit, a listening ear, or a home-cooked meal, please let us know. Caring for others in the GCUMC fellowship of believers is shared by clergy & lay caregivers. In addition to the pastoral staff, trained Lay **Congregational Care Ministers (CCMs)** share a ministry of loving spiritual care: visits, prayer, Holy Communion, music, meals, errands and more.

You are invited to join the **Congregational Care Ministry** by contacting Rev. Fay Quanstrom.

### A NOTE FROM ONE OF OUR PASTORS

On July 3rd I turned 70 years of age; it was not a birthday to which I was looking forward. However, the day became a truly celebratory day because of family – both natural and spiritual. We enjoyed having our niece and great niece from Indiana here to visit and join the celebration dinner along with my brother-in-law and mother-in-law and one special friend.

But the highlight of the day came about 2:00pm when a caravan of cars drove by our house, honking and holding signs wishing me a happy birthday. After driving by, the 20 or so cars stopped and some members of our church family joined on the street (while keeping social distance and wearing masks) to sing Happy Birthday. How lovely to not only offer care to others but to receive it in return; it was a bit of a reversal. A day that I did not wish for turned into a day of good wishes. Thank you!

There are bigger lesson hidden in this story for us to see; I'll leave it to you to find them for yourself. But, here's a hint: hidden blessings - *Dr. David Worley*



### Prayer Chain Ministry

Please email prayer requests to  
[gcumcprayers@gmail.com](mailto:gcumcprayers@gmail.com).

*We honor the lives and memories of these  
members and friends,  
as well as their families and friends,*

Bill Brickman

Dave Johnson

Matthew Burrett

John Kopnick

Roger Coad

Rachel Long

Hugh Gamble

Cindy Perralli

*In Remembrance*



## CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

### THE THREE "A'S"

In the midst of all of this craziness surrounding us right now, I read an article in which a psychologist was talking about anger. He was saying there was a potential for increased anger in individuals through all walks of life, as we navigate the current world crisis. Anger from loss of friends or family to illness, loss of work relationships, loss of freedoms, loss of weekend recreation, loss of jobs and livelihoods, loss of friendships and the sense of community, loss of church services and gatherings, loss of health and on and on... simply, loss.

Everyone responds differently to anger, some express it more outwardly while others hold it inward. It's been said that even those with the sunniest dispositions have been challenged recently. You may have seen some be a little less friendly, a little on edge, a little more short-tempered or just plain grumpy. I've found myself feeling this way some and have asked myself "what is my problem...my life is good...I am safe and healthy...what IS my problem??!!" You may have seen some scenarios where someone's righteous indignation about their position on a topic outstripped what was likely their normal ability to be empathetic to another. Things are just a bit difficult to navigate right now.

This same article talked about 3 things that could possibly assist us through this period, help us overcome feelings of unrest. It guided us toward 3 things: Affiliation, Aspiration and Appreciation. In reading the below standard definitions you may recognize that these 3 states seemed to come naturally to most of us just a few short months ago, but now maybe not so much?

- **Affiliation** - an act of connecting or associating with a person or organization; being closely associated with a particular person, group, company, etc.
- **Aspiration** - desire or ambition for which someone is motivated to work very hard; a strong desire to achieve something.
- **Appreciation** - a feeling or expression of admiration, approval or gratitude; sensitive awareness; recognition of aesthetic values.

Under normal circumstances, just going through life and our every day routines has naturally allowed us to have all 3 AAA's in our lives, even without putting a lot of conscious thought into it. Now it seems we actually have to make an effort to achieve those things.

After thinking about this more and more, and rereading these definitions, I've realized how important those 3 AAA's have been in my life. And I've realized how quickly their occurrence can fall by the wayside if not sought out, attended to and nurtured. As a result, I have renewed my focus and extended a personal challenge to myself to consider how I can generate new opportunities for those things in my life, albeit differently than they have existed in the past. Simple actions can help fill what may have become a void in my life, so rather than becoming down about what I can no longer do, I may just need to try doing 'it' differently.

We are all so very different in our personal positions, health, location and capabilities, but some ideas to "replace" activities we've lost might include:

- participating in the on-line bible studies, discussions with Pastor Fred, or starting your own group phone call, e-mail chain or chat with those whom you normally affiliate with in person
- take lawn chairs to a park and sit 15-20 feet away from a friend and talk
- welcome the new neighbors to the neighborhood, but with a box of Girl Scout cookies or store bought Oreos, rather than homemade
- visit a friend by showing up outside their window, then call them and greet them with a warm smile, message on a sign, etc. (if you need ideas, Pastor Katharine seems to have perfected this)
- if you've never liked to read, try it
- make a party train of vehicles, balloons, and banners and do a drive by parade for a friend's birthday
- tell someone why you appreciate them, with a card, phone call or drive by shout out

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## MINISTRY & MISSIONS

### SCRIP "BUS & VAN FUND"



Just in the last three months YOUR reported participation the SCRIP Bus/Van Ministry has brought in the following:

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| • Bashas                            | \$ 715         |
| • Fry's                             | \$ 207         |
| • Amazon Smile                      | \$ 83          |
| • Designated Gifts from Individuals | \$ ____        |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                  | <b>\$ 1005</b> |

*Note: Figures are as available at the time of inclusion deadline*



if you haven't done it already, be sure to link your Amazon account to **Smile.Amazon.com** and choose

Gold Canyon UMC as your charity organization. Amazon donates 0.5% of the cost of your eligible purchases to our SCRIP Bus & Van Fund whenever you shop—the same selection—same prices! Just go to:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/86-0621002>.

**Great news...** AmazonSmile customers can now support GCUMC in the Amazon shopping app on mobile phones (iOS & Android)! Follow the below instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations to support our Bus/Van Fund.

- Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device.
- Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings'.
- Tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process.



When you shop at any Bashas' store for food, gift cards or prescriptions and use their rechargeable card purchased here at the Welcome Center or the Church Office, GCUMC receives a 6% charity gift from Bashas.'

Link your Fry's VIP Card online to Fry's Community Rewards program and choose GCUMC (Account #TS438), Fry's then will contribute 3% of your purchases to our church!



Thanks again for supporting the Bus/Van Fund. Please contact Jan Daniels (480)540-7454 with any questions.

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



The current pandemic is challenging people around the globe, and none more so than the poorest and most marginalized. The United Methodist

Women is meeting these needs as they usually do, with local, direct assistance and funding made possible by member donations. Immediate grants for food, hygiene, education, income projects and caregiving are supporting faith, advocacy and children's groups who have been directly impacted by COVID-19. The following are some areas that have received these emergency grants:

**Ecuador** was one of the first countries in South America to experience COVID-19. The country responded with a strict quarantine, which caused many to lose their jobs. More than 60 percent of the population rely upon agricultural production, temporary employment or in small food production businesses. Two hundred rural women without savings who are living in impoverished neighborhoods are benefiting from United Methodist Women's gifts. In addition, this United Methodist Women funding supports 40 women who have chronic disease problems through donations of food and emergency medicines.

In **Sierra Leone** vulnerable families in households headed by women initially were unaware of the basic and effective hygiene steps needed to prevent COVID-19. They were fearful of accessing health care or going to hospitals. The quarantine has affected single parent households the most and they have seen a rise in the cases of domestic violence. Through the partnership with Sierra Leone's United Methodist Women sisters, local women are providing psychosocial counseling, essential food distribution and hand washing supplies.

**Cameroon** has had over 10,000 of its citizens test positive for COVID-19. Many cannot afford fresh water, soap, or sanitation supplies. The United Methodist Women Association Cameroon now provides basic hygiene education and sufficient soap and resources to enable vulnerable families and individuals to prevent the spread of COVID-19. They

have also designed, produced, translated into various languages and distributed more than 2,000 posters and fliers.

The United Methodist Women is truly for "such a time as this!"

*"Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand." - Isaiah 41:10*

- The Gold Canyon UMW continues to have weekly Zoom meetings Mondays at 10:00am and invites any woman to join us for fellowship, prayer, and support. For more info or to join, contact Carol Johnson [CarolJohnsonAZ@yahoo.com](mailto:CarolJohnsonAZ@yahoo.com) / (602)750-2008.

## FOOD BANK



The GCUMC Food Bank served 464 individuals in June. We continue to be blessed with the communities support. The Arizona National Guard helped us twice this past month. Once unloading food donations from United Food Bank

and another time packing frozen proteins. We are still serving on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00am—Noon. Donations can be made during these times. Thank you for your continued support. Many blessings and stay safe!

## CANYON CONNECTIONS MINISTRY



If you are feeling alone during this COVID pandemic and social distancing, of our ministries, "Canyon Connections," helps people thrive through this crisis and beyond.

Isolated individuals are paired up with other persons who also feel alone, and encouraged to call and talk to each other daily. Women are paired women with women; men with men. If people don't feel like they are connecting with their assigned person, they can contact the Church Office and they will be reassigned. If you would like to connect another in our church, please contact the Church Office.

**YOUR MINISTRY & MISSIONS STORIES  
MATTER... SO PLEASE TELL THEM!**

Email your story to... [ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org](mailto:ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org)

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- set new goals and aspirations... walk that extra mile per day, paint that picture you haven't had the guts to try, possibly act on a church ministry idea you've had in the back of your mind
- act on the "imgonnas" in your life, you know, those things that when I have time "I'm gonna" try
- if you've always wanted to start a garden, start with one little herb, inside the house, you might surprise yourself
- spend at least one minute per day taking inventory of a sight or sound around you that you never paid much attention to before, can you find a new appreciation?
- send a picture to a group of friends each day, of something you appreciate, and ask them to reciprocate.

You might find that focusing on the 3 AAA's not only lifts you up a bit, but it may lift up others around you as well. However, if any of this sounds easier said than done, please remember that God has placed 4 Pastors in your path... (please finish with the standard paragraph)

As always, please remember that God has placed 4 pastors in your path to be there for you. They minister to members and friends of Gold Canyon UMC. Please simply call the church office at (480)982-3776 and one of them will respond to your request. After hours, you may call or email one of the pastors directly. You will find their contact information in the bulletin (currently emailed to congregants prior to the Sunday on-line worship services), Church Office or the Pastoral and Congregational Care page of this newsletter.

*"Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone."*

It's the little things in life that matter the most. Appreciate what you have. Be grateful.



## AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

*If your name is missing, or you find an error, please call the Church Office.  
We truly don't mean to make mistakes or to leave anyone out!*

### *Happy Birthday!*

|                                     |                                   |                                |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Arquisch, Rosemary 08/01            | Fordyce, Barb 08/09               | Luther, Jeff 08/17             |
| Ballard, David 08/01                | Laich, Evelyn (Flossie) 08/09     | Vander Stoep, Karen 08/17      |
| Barber, Larry 08/01                 | Ramsey, Bill 08/09                | Edwards, William (Bill) 08/18  |
| Crosswhite, Carol 08/01             | Browne, Kimberly (Kim) 08/10      | Hick, Adrian 08/18             |
| Nuss, Kathy 08/01                   | Kellough, Marilyn 08/11           | Johnson, Gerald (Jerry) 08/18  |
| Tufte, Wanda 08/01                  | Burzlaff, David 08/12             | Hall, Richard (Rick) 08/19     |
| Klaers, Mary 08/02                  | Hayes, Jane 08/12                 | McClure, Bob 08/19             |
| Morris, Claudia 08/02               | Kies, David (Dave) 08/12          | Nuss, John 08/19               |
| Robertson, Delores 08/03            | Mintert, Zenith 08/12             | Bogle, Evelyn (Evie) 08/20     |
| Snyder, Toby 08/03                  | O'Donnell, Cheryl (Cherry) 08/12  | Bos, Sara 08/20                |
| Tollefson, Daniel (Dan) 08/03       | Rewerts, Jerry 08/12              | Fitzgerald, Chris 08/20        |
| Adkins, George 08/04                | Sandness, Patty 08/13             | Jones, Tara 08/20              |
| Fast, Jim 08/04                     | Wiff, Tom 08/13                   | Lunder, Wayne 08/21            |
| Gloss, Marlene 08/04                | Adams, Markee 08/14               | Deits, Bob 08/22               |
| Ofstedahl, Sherrill (Sherrie) 08/04 | Andreyka, Joe 08/14               | DeVries, Deanna 08/22          |
| Walker, Linda 08/04                 | French, Jerri 08/14               | Linton, John 08/22             |
| Fuerherm, Roy 08/05                 | Galbraith, Toni 08/14             | Welker, June 08/22             |
| Little, Margaret (Margie) 08/05     | Wilson, Denise 08/14              | Witucky, Micah 08/22           |
| Nelimark, Susan (Sue) 08/05         | Gregg, Bill 08/15                 | Braathén, Florence (Flo) 08/23 |
| Nelimark, MD, Robert (Bob) 08/05    | Halverson, Judy 08/15             | Hahn, Jan 08/23                |
| Pullen, Ed 08/05                    | Miller, Roger 08/15               | Osborn, Barbara 08/23          |
| Nelson, Jack 08/06                  | Cline, Donald 08/16               | Taylor, C James (Jim) 08/23    |
| Storley, LeRoy 08/06                | Lilly, Sue 08/16                  | Adamski, Carol 08/24           |
| Fitzgerald, Ashton 08/07            | Lindaman, Don 08/16               | Brigham, Christian 08/24       |
| Klaers, Nicholas (Nick) 08/07       | Turner, Joyce 08/16               | Brogren, Ann 08/24             |
| Mintert, Frank 08/07                | Wever, Shar 08/16                 | Rasmussen, Diane 08/24         |
| Hall, Lindsey 08/08                 | Atkinson, Judy 08/17              | Sunderland, Lois 08/24         |
|                                     | Butler, Joan 08/17                | Toole, Donna 08/24             |
|                                     | Butterbrodt, Sandra (Sandy) 08/17 | Ficarra, Willa 08/25           |

# *Happy Anniversary!*

Fuerherm, Donna 08/25  
 Johnson, Mark 08/25  
 Sheridan, Robert (Bob) 08/25  
 DuPont, Gene 08/26  
 Kingsley, Dick (James) 08/26  
 Wiff, Bette 08/26  
 Blank, Julie 08/27  
 Svoboda, Ronald (Ron) 08/27  
 Winkler, Donald (Don) 08/27  
 Huffman, Eugene (Gene) 08/28  
 Rodgers, Barb 08/28  
 Burt, Carolyn 08/29  
 Creel, Cherie 08/29  
 Sauerbrunn, Gary 08/29  
 Sweeney, Kenneth (Ken) 08/29  
 Bentley, Ann-Marie 08/30  
 Fast, Shirley 08/30  
 Fendley, Penny 08/30  
 Capozzi, Carol 08/31  
 JacRowley, Roger 08/30  
 obsen, Robert (Bob) 08/31  
 Tambke, Norma 08/31  
 Toppin, James 08/31

Luse, Carol & Bob 08/01/1964  
 Myers, Mary Catherine & Bob 08/01/1964  
 Rosenberg, Joe & Rose 08/01/1954  
 Larson, Craig & Sharon 08/03/1957  
 Manack, Don & Jane 08/03/2019  
 Petticrew, Keith & Nancy 08/04/1984  
 Tabor, Lynn & Ilene 08/05/1967  
 Gray, Dan & Phyllis 08/08/1953  
 Shank, Linda & Stuart Thanig 08/08/1988  
 Graham, Claudia & Rich 08/09/1969  
 Goodrich, Bud & Wozniak, Carolyn 08/10/2010  
 Kies, Dave & Sherry 08/10/1974  
 Nelimark, Sue & Bob 08/10/2012  
 Fabish, Kathy & Paul 08/11/1990  
 Ralston, Riechia & Tim 08/11/1990  
 Digerness, Bruce & Nancy 08/12/2018  
 Sandness, Patty & Paul 08/12/1977  
 Quanstrom, Fay & Wally 08/14/1963  
 Togstad, Keith & Pamela 08/14/1965  
 Johnson, Jerry & Kathy 08/16/1997  
 Picek, Char & Tom 08/16/2018  
 Mulhair, Bob & Delna 08/17/1963  
 Hollingsworth, Carol & Glen 08/18/1978  
 Tollefson, Dan & Kathy 08/18/2018  
 Anderson, Don & Beth 08/19/1995  
 Graba, Joe & Sylvia 08/19/1967  
 Miller, David & Nancy 08/21/1976  
 Wilson, Don & Peg 08/21/1960  
 Burzlaff, David & Julie 08/22/1964  
 Annin, Frank & Karen 08/23/2012

Hall, Cheryl & Rick 08/23/1980  
 Svoboda, Beverly & Richard 08/23/2008  
 Rickey, Craig & Patricia 08/24/1957  
 Parsons, Phil & Jean 08/25/2018  
 Robison, Marty & Tom 08/25/1963  
 Russell, Nancy & Bob 08/25/1956  
 Confer, Lynne & Terry 08/26/1967  
 Ancell, Alyce & Bob 08/27/1960  
 Hick, Adrian & Pam 08/27/1994  
 Behan, Connie & John 08/28/1971  
 Cook, Lynn & Kay 08/28/1966  
 Fyfe, Angie & Bill 08/28/1993  
 Kresge, Betty & Willard 08/28/1965  
 McGinness, Anne & Patrick 08/29  
 Storbakken, Linda & Terry 08/29/1970  
 Eshelman, Myrna & Skip 08/30/1968  
 Beebe, Kathy & Bill 08/31/2002  
 Fisher, Judy & Steve 08/31/1962  
 Jameson, Jim & Suzanne 08/31/1963  
 McBride, Paula & Gene 08/31/2015





# AUGUST CALENDAR

(Calendar is subject to change;

For more info, please visit [www.GoldCanyonUMC.org](http://www.GoldCanyonUMC.org) or call the Church Office)

|           |         |                                                           |            |            |                                                           |                                                     |
|-----------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Sat Aug 1 | 10am    | ***POSTPONED*** Mtg: GC Coordinating Council (S-MC)       |            | 10:50am    | ***SUSPENDED*** Children's Sunday School (NAR)            |                                                     |
| Sun Aug 2 | 8am     | Traditional Worship (ONLINE)                              |            | 10:50am    | ***SUSPENDED*** Praise Worship (KR)                       |                                                     |
|           | 9am     | ***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)                         |            | 3:30pm     | ***SUSPENDED*** Country Music Rehearsal (KR)              |                                                     |
|           | 9:30am  | ***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Discussion (E-MC)       |            | 5pm        | Country Worship (ONLINE)                                  |                                                     |
|           | 9:30am  | ***SUSPENDED*** Children Sunday School (EB)               |            | 6:30pm     | Youth Group (ONLINE)                                      |                                                     |
|           | 9:30am  | ***SUSPENDED*** Traditional Worship (ONLINE/S)            | Mon Aug 10 | 9am        | ***SUSPENDED*** Bible Banter                              |                                                     |
|           | 9:30am  | ***SUSPENDED*** Youth Participate in Worship (S)          |            | 10am       | ***SUSPENDED*** UMW Leadership Committee (SoGR)           |                                                     |
|           | 9:30am  | ***SUSPENDED*** Youth Sunday School (YR)                  |            | 10am       | UMW Mtg (ONLINE)                                          |                                                     |
|           | 10:50am | ***SUSPENDED*** Children's Sunday School (NAR)            |            | 1pm        | Grief Support Mtg (ONLINE)                                |                                                     |
|           | 10:50am | ***SUSPENDED*** Praise Worship (Koinonia)                 |            | 1pm        | Class: Listen to the Ethnic Voices (ONLINE)               |                                                     |
|           | 3:30pm  | ***SUSPENDED*** Country Music Rehearsal (KR)              |            | 7pm        | Class: Listen to the Ethnic Voices                        |                                                     |
|           | 5pm     | Country Worship (ONLINE)                                  |            | 7pm        | ***SUSPENDED*** Al-Anon (SoGR)                            |                                                     |
|           | 6:30pm  | Youth Group (ONLINE)                                      |            | 7pm        | ***SUSPENDED*** CoDA Mtg (ER)                             |                                                     |
| Mon Aug 3 | 9am     | ***SUSPENDED*** Bible Banter                              |            | Tue Aug 11 | 9am                                                       | ***SUSPENDED*** Stitches Unlimited (B-MC)           |
|           | 10am    | UMW Mtg (ONLINE)                                          |            | 6pm        | ***SUSPENDED*** One in the Spirit Reh (KR)                |                                                     |
|           | 1pm     | Grief Support Mtg (ONLINE)                                |            | 6:30pm     | ***SUSPENDED*** Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)             |                                                     |
|           | 1pm     | Class: Listen to the Ethnic Voices (ONLINE)               |            | 7pm        | ***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)                         |                                                     |
|           | 7pm     | Class: Listen to the Ethnic Voices                        |            | Wed Aug 12 | 9:30am                                                    | ***SUSPENDED*** Music Librarians (MR)               |
|           | 7pm     | ***SUSPENDED*** Al-Anon (SoGR)                            |            | 10am       | Matthew 25 Ministry Mtg (ONLINE)                          |                                                     |
|           | 7pm     | ***SUSPENDED*** CoDA Mtg (ER)                             |            | 11am       | Cancer Support Group (ONLINE)                             |                                                     |
| Tue Aug 4 | All day | POLLING PLACE (Koinonia Rm)                               |            | 11:45am    | Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)                            |                                                     |
|           | 6pm     | ***SUSPENDED*** One in the Spirit Reh (KR)                |            | 5pm        | ***SUSPENDED*** Wranglers for the Lord (KR)               |                                                     |
|           | 6pm     | Trustees Mtg (ONLINE)                                     |            | 6pm        | ***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Vista del Corozon DRC (S-MC)         |                                                     |
|           | 6:30pm  | ***SUSPENDED*** Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)             |            | Thu Aug 13 | 1pm                                                       | ***SUSPENDED*** Gold Canyon Arts Council Mtg (S-MC) |
|           | 7pm     | ***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)                         |            | 6:30pm     | ***SUSPENDED*** Choir Rehearsal (Music)                   |                                                     |
| Wed Aug 5 | 9:30am  | ***SUSPENDED*** Music Librarians (MR)                     |            | 6:30pm     | Youth Bible Study (ONLINE)                                |                                                     |
|           | 11am    | Cancer Support Group (ONLINE)                             |            | Fri Aug 14 | 10am                                                      | ***SUSPENDED*** Mind Menders (ER)                   |
|           | 11:45am | Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)                            |            | 10am       | ***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC) |                                                     |
|           | 5pm     | ***SUSPENDED*** Wranglers for the Lord (KR)               |            | 5:30pm     | ***SUSPENDED*** AA (ER)                                   |                                                     |
| Thu Aug 6 | 9am     | ***SUSPENDED*** Prayer Shawl Ministry (S-MC)              |            | 6:30pm     | Youth Netflix Party (ONLINE)                              |                                                     |
|           | 6:30pm  | ***SUSPENDED*** Choir Rehearsal (Music)                   |            | Sat Aug 15 | 10am                                                      | ***SUSPENDED*** UMW Mtg (B-MC)                      |
|           | 6:30pm  | Youth Bible Study (ONLINE)                                |            | Sun Aug 16 | 8am                                                       | Traditional Worship (ONLINE)                        |
| Fri Aug 7 | 10am    | ***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC) |            | 9am        | ***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)                         |                                                     |
|           | 5:30pm  | ***SUSPENDED*** AA (ER)                                   |            | 9:30am     | ***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Discussion (E-MC)       |                                                     |
|           | 6:30pm  | Youth Netflix Party (ONLINE)                              |            | 9:30am     | ***SUSPENDED*** Children Sunday School (EB)               |                                                     |
| Sun Aug 9 | 8am     | Traditional Worship (ONLINE)                              |            | 9:30am     | ***SUSPENDED*** Traditional Worship (ONLINE/S)            |                                                     |
|           | 9am     | ***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)                         |            | 9:30am     | ***SUSPENDED*** Youth Sunday School (YR)                  |                                                     |
|           | 9:30am  | ***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Discussion (E-MC)       |            | 10:50am    | ***SUSPENDED*** Children's Sunday School (NAR)            |                                                     |
|           | 9:30am  | ***SUSPENDED*** Children Sunday School (EB)               |            | 10:50am    | ***SUSPENDED*** Praise Worship (KR)                       |                                                     |
|           | 9:30am  | ***SUSPENDED*** Traditional Worship (ONLINE/S)            |            | 3:30pm     | ***SUSPENDED*** Country Music Rehearsal (KR)              |                                                     |
|           | 9:30am  | ***SUSPENDED*** Youth Sunday School (YR)                  |            | 5pm        | Country Worship (ONLINE)                                  |                                                     |

# GOLD CANYON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

|            |         |                                                           |            |         |                                                           |
|------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
|            | 6:30pm  | Youth Group (ONLINE)                                      |            | 6:30pm  | ***SUSPENDED*** Choir Rehearsal (Music)                   |
| Mon Aug 17 | 9am     | ***SUSPENDED*** Bible Banter                              |            | 6:30pm  | Youth Bible Study (ONLINE)                                |
|            | 10am    | UMW Mtg (ONLINE)                                          | Fri Aug 28 | All day | Piano Tuning (S)                                          |
|            | 1pm     | Grief Support Mtg (ONLINE)                                |            | 10am    | ***SUSPENDED*** MindMenders (ER)                          |
|            | 1pm     | Class: Listen to the Ethnic Voices (ONLINE)               |            | 10am    | ***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC) |
|            | 7pm     | Class: Listen to the Ethnic Voices                        |            | 5:30pm  | ***SUSPENDED*** AA (ER)                                   |
|            | 7pm     | ***SUSPENDED*** Al-Anon (SoGR)                            |            | 6:30pm  | Youth Netflix Party (ONLINE)                              |
|            | 7pm     | ***SUSPENDED*** CoDA Mtg (ER)                             | Sun Aug 30 | 8am     | Traditional Worship (ONLINE)                              |
| Tue Aug 18 | 6pm     | ***SUSPENDED*** One in the Spirit Reh (KR)                |            | 9am     | ***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)                         |
|            | 6:30pm  | ***SUSPENDED*** Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)             |            | 9:30am  | ***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Discussion (E-MC)       |
|            | 7pm     | ***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)                         |            | 9:30am  | ***SUSPENDED*** Children Sunday School (EB)               |
| Wed Aug 19 | 8am     | ***SUSPENDED*** Newsletter Team (MR)                      |            | 9:30am  | ***SUSPENDED*** Traditional Worship (ONLINE/S)            |
|            | 9:30am  | ***SUSPENDED*** Music Librarians (MR)                     |            | 9:30am  | ***SUSPENDED*** Youth Sunday School (YR)                  |
|            | 11am    | Cancer Support Group (ONLINE)                             |            | 10:50am | ***SUSPENDED*** Children's Sunday School (NAR)            |
|            | 11:45am | Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)                            |            | 10:50am | ***SUSPENDED*** Praise Worship (Koinonia)                 |
|            | 5pm     | ***SUSPENDED*** Wranglers for the Lord (KR)               |            | 3:30pm  | ***SUSPENDED*** Country Music Rehearsal (KR)              |
| Thu Aug 20 | 9am     | ***SUSPENDED*** Prayer Shawl Ministry (S-MC)              |            | 5pm     | Country Worship (ONLINE)                                  |
|            | 6:30pm  | ***SUSPENDED*** Choir Rehearsal (Music)                   |            | 6:30pm  | Youth Group (ONLINE)                                      |
|            | 6:30pm  | Youth Bible Study (ONLINE)                                | Mon Aug 31 | 9am     | ***SUSPENDED*** Bible Banter                              |
| Fri Aug 21 | 10am    | ***SUSPENDED*** Mtg: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (E-MC) |            | 10am    | UMW Mtg (ONLINE)                                          |
|            | 5:30pm  | ***SUSPENDED*** AA (ER)                                   |            | 1pm     | Grief Support Mtg (ONLINE)                                |
|            | 6:30pm  | Youth Netflix Party (ONLINE)                              |            | 7pm     | ***SUSPENDED*** Al-Anon (SoGR)                            |
| Sun Aug 23 | 8am     | Traditional Worship (ONLINE)                              |            | 7pm     | ***SUSPENDED*** CoDA Mtg (ER)                             |
|            | 9am     | ***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)                         |            |         |                                                           |
|            | 9:30am  | ***SUSPENDED*** "The Table" Adult Discussion (E-MC)       |            |         |                                                           |
|            | 9:30am  | ***SUSPENDED*** Children Sunday School (EB)               |            |         |                                                           |
|            | 9:30am  | ***SUSPENDED*** Traditional Worship (ONLINE/S)            |            |         |                                                           |
|            | 9:30am  | ***SUSPENDED*** Youth Sunday School (YR)                  |            |         |                                                           |
|            | 10:50am | ***SUSPENDED*** Children's Sunday School (NAR)            |            |         |                                                           |
|            | 10:50am | ***SUSPENDED*** Praise Worship (Koinonia)                 |            |         |                                                           |
|            | 3:30pm  | ***SUSPENDED*** Country Music Rehearsal (KR)              |            |         |                                                           |
|            | 5pm     | Country Worship (ONLINE)                                  |            |         |                                                           |
|            | 6:30pm  | Youth Group (ONLINE)                                      |            |         |                                                           |
| Mon Aug 24 | 9am     | ***SUSPENDED*** Bible Banter                              |            |         |                                                           |
|            | 10am    | UMW Mtg (ONLINE)                                          |            |         |                                                           |
|            | 1pm     | Grief Support Mtg (ONLINE)                                |            |         |                                                           |
|            | 7pm     | ***SUSPENDED*** Al-Anon (SoGR)                            |            |         |                                                           |
|            | 7pm     | ***SUSPENDED*** CoDA Mtg (ER)                             |            |         |                                                           |
| Tue Aug 25 | 9am     | ***SUSPENDED*** Stitches Unlimited (B-MC)                 |            |         |                                                           |
|            | 6pm     | ***SUSPENDED*** One in the Spirit Reh (KR)                |            |         |                                                           |
|            | 6:30pm  | ***SUSPENDED*** Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)             |            |         |                                                           |
|            | 7pm     | ***SUSPENDED*** UG Rehearsal (KR)                         |            |         |                                                           |
| Wed Aug 26 | 9:30am  | ***SUSPENDED*** Music Librarians (MR)                     |            |         |                                                           |
|            | 11am    | Cancer Support Group (ONLINE)                             |            |         |                                                           |
|            | 11:45am | Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)                            |            |         |                                                           |
|            | 5pm     | ***SUSPENDED*** Wranglers for the Lord (KR)               |            |         |                                                           |
| Thu Aug 27 | 9am     | ***SUSPENDED*** Days for Girls (B-MC)                     |            |         |                                                           |

***If you are a Facilitator/Teacher/Leader of a class or small group and would like to start meeting with your group online, please contact the Church Office to set-up your online meeting space!***

***If you have the power to make someone happy, do it. the world needs more of that.***



## BITS-N-BYTES

### ROADRUNNER & BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please send your content for the  
**September Roadrunner**  
 via email to [ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org](mailto:ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org)  
**no later than 8:00am, Monday, 8/3/2020**

**Weekly Bulletin & Flower Orders**  
 12:00pm on the Wednesday of week to be listed

*GCUMC Publications are brought to you  
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 and many other **treasured** volunteers!*

### *Not plugged in yet?...*

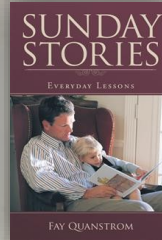
If you haven't already, complete and submit a Time & Talents Sheet — available in the Lobbies of either building or the Church Office. We have many areas from which you can select and connect! It's a great way to make new friends, too!

To see areas where you can serve/get involved, go to:  
<https://secure.accessacs.com/access/mydashboard/sqavailablegroups.aspx>

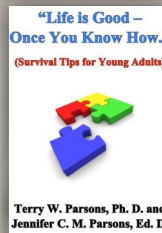


**Garden Music**, a CD recorded by Cindy & Wade Hoff with pianist, Mark Fearey, is available for a suggested donation of \$10 at the Welcome Center or Church Office with proceeds going towards GCUMC's Chancel Choir.

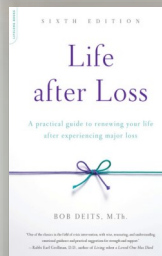
### THE BOOK SHELF



*"Sunday Stories: Everyday Lessons"* by Rev. Fay Quanstrom is a collection of children's stories illustrating how Scripture truths "live" in the life of a child. Available on Amazon, Kindle, Nook, Church Office & Welcome Center. For more info, go to [www.FayQuanstrom.com](http://www.FayQuanstrom.com).



*"Life Is Good—Once You Know How"* by Terry Parsons & Jennifer Parsons is an uplifting gift for young adults, or grandchildren in your family who might be struggling to find their "niche". Available on Amazon, Kindle, and Nook. Check it out!



*Life After Loss: A Practical Guide to Renewing Your Life After Experiencing Major Loss* is the go-to resource for anyone suffering a major loss, by helping to find positive ways to put together a life that is necessarily different—but equally meaningful. Available on Amazon and Church Office.

[www.YourLifeAfterLoss.com](http://www.YourLifeAfterLoss.com)



You can watch all of our worship services (live and archived) by visiting:

- [\(www.Facebook.com/GoldCanyonUMC/\)](https://www.Facebook.com/GoldCanyonUMC/)
- <http://goldcanyonumc.org/watch-worship-services-live/>

### CALLING ALL PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS!



At GCUMC's next Celebration of Veterans, we would like to recognize Purple Heart Recipients who attend GCUMC. To be added to the recipient list, please email Nancy Fassbender ([nfass@earthlink.net](mailto:nfass@earthlink.net)).



## CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

*"Let no debt remain outstanding except the continuing debt to love one another."*

*- Romans 13:8 (NIV)*

| June | 2017    |          |             | 2018    |          |             | 2019    |          |             | 2020    |          |             |
|------|---------|----------|-------------|---------|----------|-------------|---------|----------|-------------|---------|----------|-------------|
|      | General | Building | Worship All | General | Building | Worship All | General | Building | Worship All | General | Building | Worship All |
|      | 52958   | 23921    | 3052        | 68121   | 22659    | 3744        | 54055   | 29882    | 4277        | 39756   | 22973    | 8859        |

### WISH LIST

Want to give back to GGUMC beyond your pledge to the General Budget or Building Fund?

Below are Wish List items that will better enable us to fulfill our mission as a church:

- Loop Hearing System: (\$48,000; \$1,425 given so far)
- Fellowship Hall (\$2.4M; \$588,606 given so far)
- Stained Glass for upper Sanctuary windows (\$150,400 given so far; \$6,176 per 2'5"x2'8.5" remaining panels)
- Building Fund Debt Payoff (\$881,616 of 6/30/20)
- Organ Pipes: (\$126,028 given so far)



*Electronic giving is a great option to use in making contributions, including recurring contributions and additional/ special gifts.*

- ✚ **AccessACS:** Very easy to set-up/modify 1-time/ recurring donations; Call Church Office for info.
- ✚ **eGiving:** [www.GoldCanyonUMC.org](http://www.GoldCanyonUMC.org) and click "Make Donation" button. This link now takes you to AccessACS electronic giving.
- ✚ **TEXT** your gift by sending "goldcanyonumc" to 73256 and follow screen instructions.



### HAVE YOU CONSIDERED GIFTING YOUR HOME TO GCUMC?

- ✚ ... it's a practical means of reducing the size of one's estate.
- ✚ ... it simplifies life for one's heirs and executor (personal representative).
- ✚ ... it eliminates the hassle of having one's home on the market.
- ✚ ... it reduces one's taxes.
- ✚ ... it helps reduce the church's debt.
- ✚ ... it can be done through a lifetime estate, allowing a person to continue living in the home.

## ACCESS ACS



You can add/update your photo and contact info — and so much more using GCUMC's online directory, AccessACS! If you aren't already using it, but would like to, send an email to [ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org](mailto:ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org) with "AccessACS" in the subject line and we'll email you login instructions.

You can also view the GCUMC Church Directory on your phone using the ChurchLife app!



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### REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICES

- ✝ 8:00am & 9:30am TRADITIONAL (*Sanctuary*)
- ✝ 10:50am PRAISE (*Koinonia Room*)
- ✝ 5:00pm COUNTRY (*Koinonia Room*)  
(*Last Sunday of the month only in June, July & August*)

(Childcare available at 8:00am, 9:30am and 10:50am services)

### REGULAR SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

- ✝ 9:30am Children / Youth / Adults
- ✝ 10:50am Children

Addressee or Current Resident

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