



## FROM THE PASTOR: “EASTER WORSHIP & MISSION PROJECT”



Easter is a time of joyful celebration as we commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a time when the church community comes together to worship and give thanks for the hope that the resurrection brings. We invite you to join us for our upcoming Easter worship services on Sunday, March 9th, as well as other special worship services during this holy season.

**Easter Sunday Worship:** Easter Sunday Worship will take place at our regular times of 8am, 9:30am, 11am and 4pm. We will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ with music, prayer, and messages from our pastors. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and family to worship with us.

**Easter Sunrise Worship:** For those early risers, we also invite you to join us for our Easter Sunrise Worship service overlooking the Superstition Mountains in the north parking lot at 6am. We will be greeting the new day by sharing in a meaningful worship service, as we celebrate the new life that Christ has given us through his resurrection. A continental breakfast will be available immediately after the service.

**Maundy Thursday Worship:** On Thursday, April 6 at 7pm, join us for a special Maundy Thursday worship service as we reflect on Jesus' last supper with his disciples. We will share in a time of communion as we deepen our understanding of the significance of Easter and prepare our hearts for the celebration of the resurrection.

**Good Friday Worship:** We will also have a special worship service on Friday, April 7 at 7pm. This is a special and solemn service where we reflect on Jesus' ultimate sacrifice for humanity. We will share in a time of worship as we consider Christ's sacrifice and what it means for us individually and as a community.

**Easter Offering—Mobility Worldwide Carts:** As you prepare your heart and mind for Easter, we invite you to consider participating in our Easter offering. This year, we are raising funds to purchase Mobility Worldwide carts for those who crawl. These carts will provide mobility and independence to individuals who would otherwise be unable to move about freely. Each cart costs \$350, and our goal is to raise enough funds to purchase 100 carts. Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute to this important cause.

We look forward to worshipping with you this Easter season as we celebrate the hope of new life in Christ. We invite you to bring your friends and family to these special services and join us as we honor the resurrection and the power it brings to our lives. I will see you on Sunday.

Grace and peace,

*Fred*

“...FOLLOWING JESUS... SERVING OTHERS”

### UPCOMING SERMON SERIES



#### “Asking Hard Questions”

- 4/16 – Is it a sin to doubt?
- 4/23 – Why are my prayers unanswered?
- 4/30 – How can I forgive & forget?
- 5/7 – Where is God when I suffer?

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & EVANGELISM

Pastor Katharine Keller

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

### SCENES FROM FEBRUARY WORSHIP

*Pastor Fred's sermon on  
being stretcher bearers for others*



*Don Engbrecht's last solo at GCUMC*



*Baptism of Steven Lynn Morris  
and Renee Christine Hanson*



*The Pancake Dinner raised \$714 in donations  
for Fort Yuma United Methodist Church*







## ON THE GOSPEL SIDE

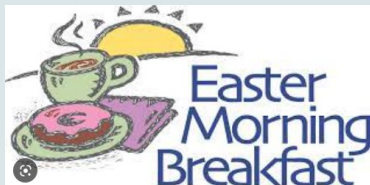
Dr. David Worley

I wonder what happened after the joy of the sunrise on Easter as sunset approached. Scripture tells us that Jesus had encounters with a variety of people including the women who brought the good news of His resurrection and the two whom He joined as they walked on the road to Emmaus. But it is likely that other events transpired as the glorious news caught hold. The brightness of Easter Sunrise brought an unfolding drama that blazed brightly until Sunset. What a day! Marked by amazement, worship and joy!



In that same spirit of joy and rejoicing, we invite you to join us for our 4pm Easter Sunset Service as we close this momentous day in celebration of the Risen Saviour, Jesus Christ the Lord. Of course this is but one Sunday in April. Don't forget that we worship each Lord's Day at 4pm and heartily invite you to join with us!

### EASTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Volunteers are needed for **Sat., 4/8 at 9am** to help prepare a continental breakfast for the **6am** Easter Sunrise worshippers. Tasks

include cutting of fruit, shopping for breakfast items (hard-boiled eggs, yogurts, etc.). Donations of baked goods, sweetbreads and danishes are also appreciated. On **Easter Sunday (4/9)** servers should be in the kitchen by **5am**, and chairs must be set out for the Sunrise Breakfast attendees. If you can help, please contact Pastor Katharine.

### SPRING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



We will be offering a new video-based Bible study by Kelly Minter over the summer- 8 weeks on Wednesdays from May 31-June 19. It is "All Things News", a study of the letter of 2 Corinthians. In the class, you will:

- Discover how God can use you no matter your cultural setting
- Learn how your suffering can help you comfort others

- Gain wisdom for relationships, and strengthen your church and community
- Leave your old self behind as you celebrate the new life of a believer
- Understanding God's ways will set you free

Pastor Katharine will be facilitating this study. If there is enough interest for an evening session, she will host that as well. Please indicate your interest by emailing her at [ladiebug1214@gmail.com](mailto:ladiebug1214@gmail.com) (and indicate day or evening) or calling the church. Based on the numbers, Pastor Katharine will purchase workbooks.

### "READ IT & REAP" BOOK CLUB



For those who are interested in what the book club read this year, here is the list: *Physicians' Untold Stories* by Scott Kolbaba, MD; *Tattoos on the Heart* by Fth. Gregory Boyle; *Being Sheela* by Adithi Rao; *Unwilling: A Journey to Reclaim My Brain* by Jackie Stebbins; *Forever Boy*; *A Mother's Memoir of Autism and Finding Joy* by Kate Swenson; *Christmas Shoes* by Donna Vanliere. If you wish to join us for the 2023-2024 season of Read It & Reap, please let Pastor Katharine know.





# CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

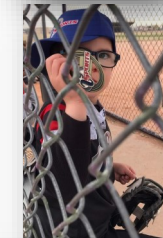
Linda Clise, Children & Youth Ministries Director

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

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



At Mingus Mountain Camp, we get to practice living in a beloved community. We laugh, pray, cry, dance, run, experiment, learn, and so much more, while surrounded by friends, peers, counselors and staff who celebrate or commiserate alongside us. Register your children & youth for camp today to ensure they get a chance to experience all of this in 2023! Please contact me in the Church Office with any questions.

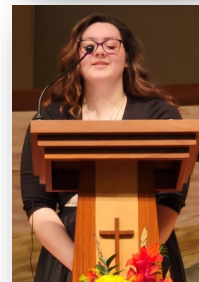
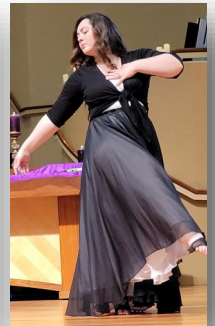
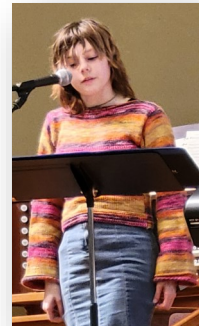


## YOUTH MINISTRY



Our Sunday, February 26th, our Youth "took over" the morning worship services for Youth Sunday. Every one of the youth who was involved had a wonderful time and worked/practiced to be ready for the day, along with going to school, participating in sports and working! Pastor Fred was fun and entertaining as usual when as he narrated the melodrama. It is such a special time for our Youth and the congregation alike to be a part of the service.

Just a week later, on March 5th, the Annual Shareholders' Dinner was held in the Education Building. Four of our youth — all from the Adams Family — spoke about their mission trip/service project trip experience in Colorado Springs in June 2022 in partnership with Next Step Ministries, and how it impacted them. Although the main project was a large fence project, we all worked diligently and Next Step had to go and buy more boards twice! A big thank you goes to all of the youth and adults who helped to make the dinner such a success! We have eight (8) youth and two (2) adults going to a fun camp this year on Lake Hume in California.







A personal thank you to all of you who have donated to our youth program. We definitely wouldn't be able to have such a wonderful program without the generous support of the shareholders. FYI, it isn't too late to become a shareholder. Simply mark your check "Youth" in the memo, or designate "Youth" when you give online.

## YOUTH CALENDAR—APRIL 2022

Sun., 4/2	<b>Youth participate in Worship</b>	9:30am Sanctuary
	<b>Youth Group</b>	6:30pm Education Bldg.
Sun., 4/9	<b>Youth participate in Worship</b>	9:30am Sanctuary
	<b>NO Youth Group</b>	<i>Enjoy Easter w/ Family!</i>
Sun., 4/16	<b>Sunday School</b>	9:30am Youth Room
	<b>Youth Group</b>	6:30pm Education Building
Sat., 4/23	<b>Sunday School</b>	9:30am Youth Room
	<b>Youth Group</b>	6:30pm Education Bldg.
Sun., 4/30	<b>Sunday School</b>	9:30am Sanctuary
	<b>Youth Outing!</b> <i>Velocity VR in Scottsdale</i>	12:30pm Meet at GCUMC for lunch & gaming



## CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

(Fun fellowship & faith-based programs for Children (PreK-6th) & Youth (7th—12th))

**Children Sunday School**  
9:30am & 11:00am (Education Building)

**Youth Bible Study**  
Tuesdays at 6:30pm (Education Building)

**Youth Online Games**  
Fridays at 6:30pm (online)

**Youth Group**  
Sundays at 6:30pm (Education Building)

For more information, contact Linda at  
[LClise@GoldCanyonUMC.org](mailto:LClise@GoldCanyonUMC.org)





## PASTORAL & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

### PASTORAL CARE

Our Pastors are on-call to reach out to members and friends of Gold Canyon UMC. If you know someone in our congregation who is hospitalized, ill at home, needs a listening ear and/or prayers of the community, please send an email to [GCUMCPrayers@gmail.com](mailto:GCUMCPrayers@gmail.com), call the Church Office at (480) 982-3776, or contact one of the pastors directly so they can be included on the prayer list.



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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 the Church Office.

### PRAYERREQUEST

...please send prayer requests to  
[GCUMCPrayers@gmail.com](mailto:GCUMCPrayers@gmail.com)  
or call the Church Office

### *In Remembrance*

We honor the lives and memories of these members and friends, as well as their families and friends who have recently passed...

Tim Busch (IN)

Rick Capen

Keith Lewis

Pat Osbakken

Jack Rowe

Jake Tilley

Shirley Wilson (NE)

### STAY IN THE KNOW!

Scan to sign-up  
for Gold Canyon UMC  
communications  
via email!







## CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

### WHAT ENDS CAN'T YOU MAKE MEET?



I recently saw this sign on @instapray, on Instagram. I like the sign's message. Although this verbiage may read this way in Psalm 23:1 in one of the many versions of the Bible out there, I haven't seen it.

Here are how just a few of how the more common versions read:

*"The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need."*

- Psalm 23:1, NLT

or

*"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."*

- Psalm 23:1, NRSV

or

*"God, my shepherd! I don't need a thing."*

- Psalm 23:1, MSG

But I don't think that makes this sign, or its reference to the first verse of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm irrelevant. In essence, Psalm 23:1 assures us that when we are struggling in life, God will take care of us.

Let's also look at this sign from a different angle – what is meant by “when you are struggling to make ends meet”? When we think of “making ends meet” we tend to think of financial resources, and the fact that our incoming funds often don't seem to meet the outgoing financial needs in our lives. But what other struggles in life can be described in the same way, difficulty making ends meet? How about...

- **Our minds meeting our hearts?** We know, in our logical minds, what is true and what we should do, but moving that to our hearts and then outwardly in the form of action is much more difficult.
- **Enough time in a day?** Our to-do lists out do our time by far, not leaving time for rest, peace, prayer, or even looking outside of ourselves.
- **Enough love?** If we've struggled with unloving relationships, it is more difficult for us to reach out and show love to others.
- **“Wanters” on over-drive?** Do we want so much

more than we need, that we are never truly content or thankful?

I often have difficulty making ends meet here on earth, and odds are, you do to.

Well, great news!! There's a simple solution, and it happens to be what this whole Lenten season is about. Easter is a time of hope, renewal, and new beginnings. When Jesus Christ died on the cross it wasn't in vain. All our sins were forgiven, and we were given eternal hope and life. When we are caught up in our struggles here on earth however, we often forget Jesus' sacrifice. We allow a gap between us and Christ and end up feeling alone.

The only place for peace and rest is in God, but we often allow shame, guilt and pride to paralyze us and don't take the next step back toward God. Do we have the humility to take the gift Christ provided – forgiveness, mercy, and grace, and let him carry our struggles?

As we move through Holy Week and toward Easter, let's take time to reflect. Take some time and take a step back toward Christ, a step closer to rest, peace, and release of your struggles to the One who promises to carry them for you. Matthew 6:6 (MSG) puts it well:

*<sup>6</sup>“Here's what I want you to do:*

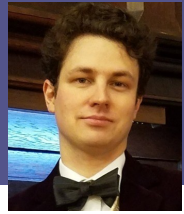
*Find a quiet, secluded place so you won't be tempted to role-play before God.*

*Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage.*

*The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace.”*

If your current struggles hold you back from finding this peace or rest, or have you discouraged about trusting God, **please reach out to one of GCUMC's 5 Pastors, who are adept at listening.** 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 on Sunday morning, (or emailed to you prior to Sunday worship), in the church office or the Pastoral and Congregational Care page of this newsletter.





## MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



The year just seems to be speeding by, Easter is almost upon us. The music department is very much looking forward to sharing this day with you and is working diligently to prepare great music to support worship with singing, handbells, brass, and much more. I hope that you have all enjoyed the 2022-2023 season of the Gold Canyon UMC Performing Arts Series which concluded last month. I thank you all for your generosity and attendance at these events. If you missed any of the concerts this season and would like to see them, most of them are still available on the church's live-stream.

The **'Sunday Sounds Series'** will also continue this month but it will be postponed until the **third Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**, due to our Easter celebrations on April 9<sup>th</sup>. If you're interested in hearing and discussing organ, be sure to attend! The recital will be presented between the 9:30 and 11:00am services. As always, feel free to move about, find a seat that works best for you, and ask any questions

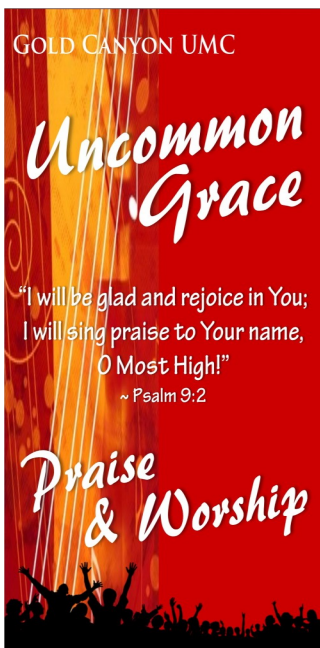
you might have when the time comes.

In other news, last month a sizeable group attended the annual GCUMC visit to Organ Stop Pizza and enjoyed some great music, fellowship, and even a 91<sup>st</sup> birthday! Also, the first class of organ ambassadors is ready to answer your questions and are happy to discuss the organ project 'what's, why's, how's' with you. They've got gold name tags just like everyone else but theirs say 'organ ambassador.' There's some exciting news upcoming regarding the project so I encourage you to read the organ committee's letter this month, following these messages.

As always, if you any questions, concerns, comments or just want to talk music, feel free to reach out to me by email or phone.

Best regards,

*Ian*



**Sundays at 11:00am in the Koinonia Room!**

Join us as we lift our hearts, souls and spirts... and you'll be sure to feel uplifted and energized when you leave!

Contact David...  
(DCBallardsAZ@gmail.com)  
...if you are interested in getting involved with the Praise or Country music teams!







## LOCAL MISSIONS & MINISTRIES

### SCRIP BUS & VAN FUND



Your continued participation in the SCRIP programs at Bashas, Amazon Smile and Frys that support GCUMC's bus and van programs is so appreciated! In 2023 SCRIP raised **\$5,437.61!** It's so easy to do... just call the Church Office if you need help!

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

**fry's** Go online to link your Fry's VIP Card to their Community Rewards program and choose GCUMC (A#TS438), and they will contribute 3% of your purchases to GCUMC!

### SCHOLARSHIP MINISTRY



Each year GCUMC offers a Scholarship Program to our members who qualify for financial assistance. If you would like to speak to a member of our Endowment Ministry about making a contribution to the Program, or would like additional info, please contact the Church Office.

### EASTER OFFERING 2023

**Are You Able To Walk?** If the answer is "Yes", aren't you blessed? Do you know of anyone who uses a wheelchair or ever had to use one short term?

Imagine what it would be like without one. Crawling is the answer for thousands of folks, around the world, who don't have access to decent adaptive equipment that rolls in dirt, gravel or sand.



Thankfully, in 1994, Mel West a retired Methodist minister and his missionary friend, Larry Hills brainstormed about what could be done about the

'crawlers'. They needed a simple cart design, three wheeled, hand cranked with wheelbarrow tires that can roll in rough or soft surfaces. An engineering friend, Earl Miner helped come up with the first design. PET Mobility Carts was born. The first workshop was set up in Columbia, Missouri, where Mel had retired. A dairy farmer turned Methodist minister, he helped create Heifer International and later Habitat For Humanity in 1976.

Since that time over 70,000 carts have been made in 21 faith-based, non-profit, volunteer workshops in the United States. Carts are delivered at no cost to people in developing countries who are unable to walk due to illness, disease, birth defects, or injuries like those caused by landmines.



The carts are distributed through non-governmental agencies in 102 countries. Mission teams travel to countries to distribute the carts, making individual adjustments based on the recipient's size and needs.

Carts can be fitted with ice chests and totes in order to allow the recipient the ability to have a job selling items such as snacks, within their community. The carts give dignity to former "crawlers" who are able to get out of the dirt and participate in entrepreneur endeavors to provide for their families.

Self-propelled units come in large and small sizes while the Pull Cart, is made for those without adequate upper body strength. The Mobility Carts enable an improved quality of life at work, school or home. Former street beggars are able to manage a business selling food or products from their carts, allowing independence from charity. Grandmothers who normally carry their disabled grandchildren on their backs can use a pull cart to go places.

The ultimate goal is to provide mobility for all of God's children in need. Currently, the focus is on those with the least resources in poor or underdeveloped countries. Typically wheelchairs donated are of poor quality and not suitable for the environment that the

users live in.

Mobility Worldwide carts have wheelbarrow tires and thus are able to go where conventional wheelchairs can't. They are ideal for rural areas where roads are non-existent or on disrepair.

Benefits of having a cart allows children to attend school and adults to travel to local health centers for medical care. Recipients can finally go to church, the marketplace and social gatherings like other non-handicapped persons.

The cost to produce one cart is \$350.00. Built to function in some of the world's most remote regions, the cart is built of sturdy wood and a steel frame. Every cart is handcrafted by volunteers. A unique characteristic is the compartment used to haul food, produce, tools or other necessities.

It is joyful that this year, the Easter offering will go towards supporting the Mobility Worldwide mission. This is a beautiful expression of being the "Hands of Christ," perfect for celebrating His Resurrection.

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



United  
Women  
in Faith

We believe love in action can change the world. Love in action comes in many forms. Personal or social or a small

act of kindness when your neighbor needs it most. As United Women in Faith members we work together to act for racial justice, justice for the environment, for the homeless, for children and women. Gold Canyon United Women in Faith are ready to put our love of the earth into action.

To help inspire us we will listen and learn from climate experts at our April 15 meeting. Three outstanding panelists will discuss issues that impact us:

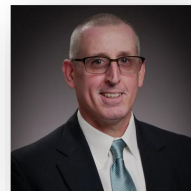
Air, Water and the Global Climate Crisis. Starting locally is the best way to learn how climate change impacts our communities and how we can take action in the climate crisis. The speakers are: Melanie Beikman, Scott DiBiase and Raluca Mihalcescu.

Join us Saturday, April 15, 10am, Mission Center for the panel presentation followed by your questions and discussion. For more information, Susan Lyons, (812) 327 1403 or [susanblyons@gmail.com](mailto:susanblyons@gmail.com).



Melanie Beikman is the Executive Director for Arizona Interfaith Power & Light, an organization that mobilizes people of faith and conscience to care for our common

home and work for climate justice. Melanie works with congregations, helping to organize teams who focus on creation care and environmental justice in a variety of ways. She started her working life as a biologist with a microbiology degree from Arizona State University. As life does, new doors opened, and she has spent the past decade working in faith-based organizing. Melanie has valued the opportunity to work alongside other people of faith on issues such as education, immigration, affordable housing and homelessness. Her current work is focused on energy and climate justice and homelessness. Melanie's topic is: Energy and Climate Justice.



Scott DiBiase, Deputy Director, Pinal County Air Quality joined Pinal County in 2004, having worked in the Air Quality Field since 1993 for the Maricopa Association of Governments and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. Scott was Planning Manager before becoming Deputy Director where he managed the Mandatory Travel Reduction, Planning And Rulemaking Programs. Scott has developed new programs including Emissions Inventory and Air Quality Forecasting. Scott is a University of Arizona graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Atmospheric Sciences. His topic is: *Air Quality 101*.

Raluca Mihalcescu (*no picture available*) is Water Conservation Coordinator at Arizona Water Company. She is currently working with Gold Canyon Community's homeowners association to conduct landscape and irrigation water audits. Raluca is a graduate of Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Resource Management. "I attended the presentation in January. Ms. Mihalcescu is very knowledgeable and is an excellent speaker. So, at the coffee break I asked if she would come to our April 15 United Women in Faith meeting and talk about water conservation. She said yes." Rita Miller, Creation Care and Membership UWF. Raluca's topic is *Water: More Precious than Gold*.

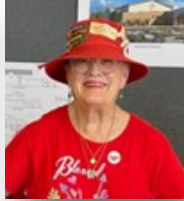
## April Meetings

- **Leadership Team:** Tues., 4/11, 10am, Mission Center, Contact Susan Lyons for more info, (812)327 1403 or [susanblyons@gmail.com](mailto:susanblyons@gmail.com).
- **United Women in Faith:** Sat., 4/15, 10am, Mission Center
- **Culinary Circle:** Euro Cafe, Thur, 4/20, 6:30pm hosted by Judy Walsh. Romeo's Euro Cafe, 207 N. Gilbert Rd.



For more info or to RSVP contact Judy Walsh by 4/17, (480)202-7510 or jude3794@outlook.com.

- **Matthew 25 Prison Ministry Circle (zoom):** Thur., 4/13, 9am. Contact Cherie Creel, (480)232-1584 or cheryljune@icloud.com
- **Reading Program:** Wed., 4/5, 10am, Mission Center. Contact Peggy Kinder, (480)302-0464 or p.kinder@mchsi.com.
- **Esther Bible Study Circle:** According to Circle Chair Dian Capen the Esther Circle will meet every Friday through April and then take a summer break. The Circle will begin again with a new study in the fall.
- **Membership:** Rita Miller welcomes women interested in knowing about United Women in Faith. Look for her in the church lobby and outside the Education building Sundays at the UWF table.
- **Creation Care:** Celebrate Earth Day, April 22. Remember: Every person, animal and plant is connected by our need for clean air and water. Water is essential to life. How do we use water and where does our water come from? Up to 70% of water usage for municipal users in Arizona is used outside for plants, grass and swimming pools according to the Arizona Department of Water Resources. Arizona gets 36% of its water supply from the Colorado River. Other water sources come from groundwater, 41%; in-state rivers, 18%; and reclaimed water, 5%, according to Center for Water Policy, ASU.



## GENESIS PROJECT



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The continued generosity of GCUMC members ensured we were able to meet the needs of the hungry and homeless

six days a week. As a reminder, Genesis Project is a AZ Qualified Charitable Organization and you can receive a dollar for dollar state tax credit, up to \$400 for individuals and \$800 for joint filers. Tax credit forms are available at the help desk.



## FOOD BANK



Our Food Bank volunteers continue serving increasingly larger numbers of individuals. Sadly, we also see an increase in the elderly requiring assistance. In the first two months of 2022 we served 999 individuals. The first two months of 2023 need has grown to 1732 individuals. GCUMC Food Bank supplier, United Food Bank, is also experiencing similar challenges. Our church and the community's support has been and will continue to be critical to our ability to meet this increasing need. Thank you for your support and prayers.





## CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

February	2020			2021			2022			2023		
	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All	General	Building	Worship All
	135,951	43,961	10,038	150,953	36,981	7,012	180,12	34,454	7,858	10,663	71,152	7,702

*"Please note when requesting IRA donations be sent directly to the church from your financial institution, please be sure to request they include your name either on the check or on the stub. We often receive checks with no identification and due to privacy laws, we are unable to ascertain who should be provided an acknowledgement."*



To give to Gold Canyon UMC 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:

- **Fellowship Hall Fund** (\$902,562 raised; \$3 million needed)
- **Pipe Organ Fund** (\$163,561 raised; \$500,000 needed for request for proposals)
- **Building Loan** (Paid off 2022)
- **Stain Glass** for upper Sanctuary windows (Completed 2022)
- **Loop Hearing Assist System** \$48,000 (Completed 2022)



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## APRIL CELEBRATIONS

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We truly don't mean to make mistakes or to leave anyone out!*

### *Happy Anniversary!*

Gish, Connie & Wayne 04/02  
Daigle, Bob & Sharon 04/04  
Carpenter, Tim & Trudy 04/07  
Nelson, Lee & Joni 04/07  
Nelson, Jack & Marcia 04/07  
Blankenship, Betty & Roger 04/09  
Kench, Phillip & Sue 04/10  
Wiff, Bette & Tom 04/11  
Kennedy, Barbara & Tom 04/13  
Eisentraut, Arne & Bonnie 04/15  
Lampsa, Roy & Tamara 04/15  
Christ, SuzAnne & Dick 04/16  
Elek, Deane & Tim 04/17  
Fitzgerald, & Susan 04/18  
Glass, Carol & Rewerts, Jerry 04/20  
Mintert, Frank & Zenith 04/20  
Eddy, Barry & Janice 04/21  
Daniels, Brad & Jan 04/27  
Watters, Scott & Monica 04/30  
Thacker, Jerry & Ruth Ann 04/30

### *Happy Birthday!*

Epler, Mary (Peggy) 04/01  
Lundberg, Betty 04/01  
Rowe, Jack 04/01  
Steinberg, Fred 04/01  
Dybwad, Gay 04/02  
Wehle, Taylor 04/02  
Schoeff, Rose 04/03  
Gray, Daniel (Dan) 04/04  
Kinder, Elizabeth 04/04  
Marifjeren, Lorna 04/04  
Parkison, Richard (Rick) 04/04  
Childress, Robert 04/05  
Cunningham, Mona 04/05  
Fratt, Robert (Bob) 04/05

Rolf, Vernon (Vern) 04/05  
Kresge, Betty 04/06  
Lewandowski, Paul 04/06  
Dulaney, Janet 04/08  
Harbaugh, Janice (Jan) 04/08  
Wachter, Sharon 04/08  
Mogharbel, Lillie 04/09  
Campbell, Frank 04/10  
Lackey, Sally 04/10  
Glasgow, Joan (Jo/Shirley) 04/11  
Lester, Yvonne 04/12  
Cooke, Teresa 04/13  
Fridlund, Edward (Ed) 04/15  
Killorn, Erlice (Bid) 04/15  
Digerness, Nancy 04/16  
Togstad, Keith 04/16  
Zabel, Cameron (Cam) 04/16  
Barks, Tucker 04/17  
Roller, Don 04/17  
Evans, Dennis 04/18  
Revis, Lynn 04/18  
Svoboda, Beverly (Bev) 04/18  
Brown, Karen 04/21  
Crane, Linda 04/21  
Lester, James (Jim) 04/21  
Lindsay, Polyxeni (Jenny) 04/21  
Warren, Harry 04/22  
Whitmore, Sandra (Sandi) 04/22  
Hanshaw, Judith Ann (Judy) 04/24  
Manack, Jane 04/24  
Ellis, Caren Susan 04/25  
Enevold, Connie 04/25  
McNutt, Deborah 04/25  
Bos, Colette 04/26  
Robertson, David (Dave) 04/26  
Williams, Barbara 04/26  
Witucky, Michelle 04/26  
Arquisch, Duri 04/27

Bennett, Sharyn 04/27  
Fitzgerald, Gracie 04/27  
Kirby, Kara 04/27  
Morawa, Hannah 04/27  
Krstyen, Michelle 04/28  
McDaniel, Marilyn 04/28  
Steckley, JoAnn 04/28  
Wehle, Peter Francis 04/28  
Downing, John (Jeff) 04/29  
Holmes, Dean 04/29  
Kench, Phillip 04/29  
Bjorklund, Alice 04/30  
Houtcooper, Melva 04/30  
Nunn, Kevin 04/30  
Ralston, Tim 04/30





# APRIL CALENDAR

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## MAIN CAMPUS

EB = Education Bldg  
ER = Emmaus Rm  
K = Kitchen  
KR = Koinonia Rm  
MR = Music Rm  
NAR = Noah's Ark Rm  
P = Patio  
S = Sanctuary  
SoGR = Sea of Galilee Rm  
WR = Wesley Rm  
YR = Youth Rm

## MISSIONS CENTER

MC-B = Barnabas  
MC-E = Esther  
MC-M = Martha  
MC-S = Stephen

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Sat Apr 1	9am	MTG: Gold Canyon Community, Inc (MC-E)
	2pm	GC Strong "Market on the Spot" (Parking Lot)
Sun Apr 2	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	9:30am	Youth Participate in Worship (S)
	9:30am	Youth Sunday School (YR)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	11am	Praise Worship (KR)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (Ed Bldg)
Mon Apr 3	-	-
Tue Apr 4	9am	CLASS: DISCIPLE 2 (Feather; ER/Zoom)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 4 (MC-E)
	1pm	GriefShare (ER)
	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Wed Apr 5	7:45am	MTG: Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)
	10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M)
	10am	UWF Book Club (MC-B/Patio)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/K)
	11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E)
	5:30pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Apr 6	10am	Lenten Study (MC-E)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-B)
	7pm	Maundy Thursday Worship (S)
Fri Apr 7	10am	UWF Esther Bible Study (offsite)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)

	6:45pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)
	7pm	Good Friday Worship (S)
Sat Apr 8	8am	PEO Mtg (MC-B)
	9am	Easter Sunrise Breakfast Prep (K)
	10am	AZ Dove Release (Patio)
Sun Apr 9	All day	Easter Sunday
	6am	Easter Sunrise Worship (N Parking Lot)
	7am	Easter Sunrise Breakfast (Patio)
	8am	Easter Traditional Worship (S)
	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Easter Traditional Worship (S)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	10:30am	Organ Mini-Concert Series (S)
	11am	Easter Praise Worship (KR)
	11am	Praise Worship (KR)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Easter Sunset Worship (KR)
Mon Apr 10	All day	(OFFICE CLOSED) Easter Monday
Tue Apr 11	9am	CLASS: DISCIPLE 2 (Feather; ER/Zoom)
	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-B&Patio)
	10am	Mtg: UWF Leadership (MC-M)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 4 (MC-E)
	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Wed Apr 12	7:45am	MTG: Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)
	10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/K)
	11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E)
	3pm	MTG: GC Arts Council (MC-S)
	5:30pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Apr 13	9am	Lions Club Mtg (MC-M)
	1pm	"Read It & Reap" Book Club (ER)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-B)
Fri Apr 14	10am	UWF Esther Bible Study (offsite)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	6:45pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)
Sat Apr 15	10am	MTG: UWF (MC-B/Zoom)



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Sun Apr 16	8am	Traditional Worship (S)	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)	5:30pm	MTG: Superstition Foothills HOA (MC-E)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)	6pm	MTG: Trustees (MC-B)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)	Wed Apr 26	7:45am MTG: Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)
	9:30am	Youth Sunday School (YR)		10am MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)		10:30am Cancer Support Group (ER/K)
	11am	Praise Worship (KR)		11am Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	12pm	Bubble Party!		1pm DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)		5:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)	Thu Apr 27	9am Days for Girls (B-MC)
	6:30pm	Youth Group (Ed Bldg)		6pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
Mon Apr 17	-	-		7pm AA (MC-B)
Tue Apr 18	All day	Tax Day	Fri Apr 28	10am UWF Esther Bible Study (offsite)
	9am	CLASS: DISCIPLE 2 (Feather; ER/Zoom)		11am CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 4 (MC-E)		5:30pm AA (MC-E)
	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)		6:45pm Youth Games (ONLINE)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)	Sun Apr 30	8am Traditional Worship (S)
Wed Apr 19	7:45am	MTG: Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)		9am UG Rehearsal (KR)
	10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M)		9:30am Children's Sunday School (EB)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/K)		9:30am Traditional Worship (S)
	11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)		9:30am Youth Sunday School (YR)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E)		11am Children's Sunday School (EB)
	5:30pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)		11am Praise Worship (KR)
Thu Apr 20	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)		12:30pm Youth Group Outing (offsite)
	6:30pm	UWF Culinary Circle (Romeo's Euro Café)		3pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	7pm	AA (MC-B)		4pm Gospel Worship (KR)
Fri Apr 21	10am	UWF Esther Bible Study (offsite)		
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)		
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)		
	6:45pm	Youth Games (ONLINE)		
Sat Apr 22	8am	PEO Mtg (MC-B)		
	11am	MEMORIAL: Terry Johnston (S)		
	12pm	MEMORIAL RECEPTION: Terry Johnston (KR/K)		
Sun Apr 23	8am	Traditional Worship (S)		
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)		
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)		
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)		
	9:30am	Youth Sunday School (YR)		
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)		
	11am	Praise Worship (KR)		
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)		
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)		
	6:30pm	Youth Group (Ed Bldg)		
Mon Apr 24	-	-		
Tue Apr 25	9am	CLASS: DISCIPLE 2 (Feather; ER/Zoom)		
	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-B)		
	1pm	DISCIPLE 4 (MC-E)		
	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)		



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- ✝ 11am PRAISE (Koinonia Room)
- ✝ 4pm COUNTRY (Koinonia Room)

*(Childcare available at 8am, 9:30am and 11am services)*

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Children's Sunday School classes are held in the Education Building. Please bring your child(ren) to church with you, where they will be escorted to Sunday School, and you can pick them up after the church service.*

- 9:30am Children Sunday School (Education Building)
- 9:30am Youth Sunday School (Education Building)
- 11:00am Children Sunday School (Education Building)

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