



## FROM THE PASTOR: “CHILDREN’S MINISTRY STAFFING CHANGES”



I hope this newsletter finds you in high summer spirits! I’m excited to share some fantastic news; Pastor Katharine Keller will be taking over our Children’s Ministry. Katharine brings a wealth of knowledge and experience, having previously run this ministry area of our church. Her expertise will undoubtedly enrich the lives of our precious little ones and enhance the overall quality of our ministry.

We are confident that Katharine will lead the way in ensuring our children continue to thrive in their spiritual journey while fostering a fun and engaging learning environment. Being no stranger to creativity, Katharine always has interesting ideas which will soon be introduced in our programs.

Please remember though that Katharine can’t operate this ministry alone. She will continue to preach, teach and lead other ministry areas. We need volunteers to come alongside her and help capture the imaginations of our young children and ensure a deeper connection with their Christian spiritual teachings. Katharine will be delighted to answer any questions or address any concerns you may have.

Lastly, as we welcome Katharine’s return to children’s ministry, we would like to extend our gratitude to Linda Clise for her dedication, hard work, and contributions to the Children’s Ministry and Youth Ministry during her tenure. I wish Linda every success in the next chapter of their life. My prayers are with her.

I am excited for this new chapter in our ministry’s journey, and I believe that our collective efforts will continue to nurture the foundation of faith for our young ones in the church. God bless.

Grace and peace,

*Fred*

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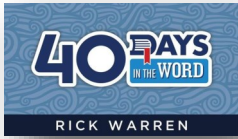


# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & EVANGELISM

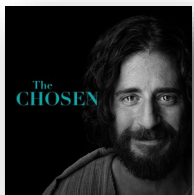
Pastor Katharine Keller

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

## UPCOMING FALL CLASSES



In the fall Pastor Katharine will be facilitating the study, **40 Days in the Word** by Rick Warren. LOVE the Word. LEARN the Word. LIVE the Word. Specific dates and time are TBD, and specific details will appear in our August newsletter, but in the meantime you may email any questions you may have to Pastor Katharine at [ladiebug1214@gmail.com](mailto:ladiebug1214@gmail.com) or calling the church.



beforehand.

This fall, we will be starting a discussion group based around the series, **"The Chosen,"** facilitated by Deane Elek. Additional details are forthcoming, but participants will need to view the season

## GRIEF SHARE



Our next GriefShare program starts on Tue., 9/5, at 1pm and will run for 13 weeks. The cost of the workbook is \$25. *(If you are repeating this program you may use your previous workbook.)* Shirley Feather will be the facilitator. One does not need to sign up ahead of time, but if you have questions, you may contact Shirley at (602)214-3964.

## FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY



Join the millions who never have to worry about money again. With Financial Peace University, you'll learn the proven plan to pay off debt fast and save more money for your future. The 9-session program will be facilitated by Darlene Zabel on Tuesdays, beginning on October 3 at 6:30pm in the Education Building.

## WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT



Ladies of all ages – be sure to mark your calendars to save the dates for this year's Women's Weekend Retreat that is scheduled for November 3—5 at the beautiful and serene Franciscan Retreat Center in Scottsdale. *(Google it to check it out if you haven't been before!)* The registration will include class materials and all 6 meals and 2 nights' board (cost TBD and will vary depending on double-occupancy or single-occupancy rooms. Scholarship money will be available, as we do not want anyone left out!

## TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Pastor Katharine is inviting you to join her to serve on the Congregational Life Team or the Children's Ministry team. As a reminder, below are the Committee descriptions:

- **Congregational Life Team...** will create community-building activities that foster a sense of belonging and togetherness amongst our church members.
- **Children's Ministry Team...** will be responsible for assisting Pastor Katharine to provide opportunities for children to grow in their faith by working to create engaging and age-appropriate activities for children of all ages that teach them about the love of God and the importance of service in the community.

We would love your input and participation on either team! Please contact her with your willingness to help!

# I ♥ MY CHURCH



## SCENES FROM JUNE WORSHIP



Pentecost: Hannah Morawa & the Spirit descends on Pastor Fred



Soloist, Rachel Fowler



Pastor Fred explains a cairn



Desert Southwest Annual Conference attendees (L-R): Lay Delegate Ginger Martindale, Pastor Katharine, Lay Delegate Dee Ashe and Pastor Fred (Lay Delegate Mid Carlozzi not pictured)



Pastor Katharine and Rev. Julius Keller sharing the Father's Day message



*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... and it's a great way to make new friends! To see areas where you can get involved, visit:

<https://secure.accessacs.com/access/mydashboard/ablegroups.aspx>





## CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

Linda Clise, Children & Youth Ministries Director

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Christians!

Camp Hume is a special place where fellowship, discipleship, and new friendships happen. I have fond memories of when I attended church camp as a teen. I will admit however, that the camp I attended did not have all of the fun amenities that Lake Hume has. Attending camp together is a wonderful way to wrap up my time with the youth. In fact, that is why I am staying into July, so I can have a final hurrah with the youth with whom I have volunteered, and later served as their Youth Director through Covid-19, and these past few years as they have matured and graduated from high school.

I am honored to be able to thank the shareholders who have continued to support and donate to the youth ministry. I am able to scholarship all seven of our youth this year because of you! Camp Hume is more expensive than the mission/service trips that we have been on in the past and it would have been difficult if not impossible for some of the youth to attend camp. Thank you again!

It has been an adventure returning to work with young children. They are all so full of energy and exciting ideas! As I have gotten to know each child and their family, I have been blessed exponentially. To be included in their fun "club" will be something I hold close to my heart.

I would like to thank Moira Adams, Jan Roller, Phyl Paul, Opal Waugh, Jacob Adams, Dalton Adams, and Lorelei Clise for helping with the children and youth. I honestly wouldn't have been able to have the ministries here without their dedication and assistance.



I also need to thank everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School in past years. It honestly does take a village to make it run smoothly — or nearly smoothly — and provide a loving, safe, and learning environment for the children of our community.

I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to serve at Gold Canyon United Methodist Church as the Director of Youth and Children's Ministries. I have learned so much and have enjoyed all of the journey — even when it was a bit bumpy!

In His love and mine, Linda Clise



### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

### Children Sunday School

9:30am & 11:00am (Education Building)

For more information, contact Pastor Katharine at  
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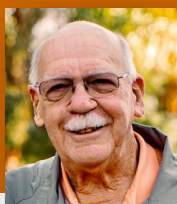
## ON THE GOSPEL SIDE

Dr. David Worley, Preaching Associate

Most likely most of you have heard that I announced I will be retiring on July 1, 2024. You have also likely heard that Pastor Fred will be retiring in 2025 after implementing a succession plan for one year. Change is inevitable! Some of us find change difficult to face, but, in the end, none of us escapes change. One look in your mirror will confirm this! But, how we deal with change is central to our Christian faith. The onset of following Jesus Christ as Lord means change. Paul describes us as becoming new creations in Christ; we are changed dramatically by the converting power of the Holy Spirit who leads us to repentance and faith. As we mature in the Christian life we continue to change degree by degree. Our perspective, our desires and our behavior changes to be increasingly like Jesus. Ultimately, we will enjoy a final change when we receive new bodies and we are fully like our Lord (see I John 3:2). So, we embrace change as Christians. But changing circumstances sometimes prove more challenging. I find great comfort in the words of an old hymn:

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.  
Change and decay in all around I see. O thou who changest not, abide with me.*

All of the inevitable change we face in this life is overshadowed by the constant presence of the One who said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." In the interim, we have almost a complete year to worship and learn together. I encourage you to continue to enjoy this season of opportunity and blessing. Join us at 4 pm every Sunday this summer and let's celebrate the change that marks our walk with Christ as we worship and listen to His Word to us.



## ON A PASTORAL NOTE

Rev. Gary Capen, Associate Pastor

Well as the old saying goes: "The best laid plans of mice and men often go astray" is certainly true! As you know we were to be in Maine for the summer, however medical issues caused us to adjust our plans and thus we are still here in beautiful Arizona. This "being here" is an opportunity for me to share some thoughts about the recent sermon series by Rev. Steinberg. It all has to do with some of the difficult questions we may be asking in our own lives. I'm always struck by the issue of "forgiveness."

It isn't a question of "forgive and forget," rather it's forgiving to find healing and wholeness. In chapter 19 of the book, "In the Presence of Jesus: A 40-day Guide to the Intimacy with God You've Always Wanted" by Paul Bane and Matt Litton, they write: *"I don't want you to define your life by your wounds. I want you to find your identity in Me and accept My love for you. When you are ready, I want you to surrender your wounded heart to Me."*

Too often we define ourselves by our wounds, by that which has hurt us or those whom we have hurt. In giving our wounded selves over to Jesus' love we find healing of our wounds, forgiveness, and unconditional love. In so doing Jesus also wants, at the same time to release, to forgive all those who have hurt you. For its only in Jesus that we can find true healing for our wounded heart.

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## 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

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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...*

Wilma Hare

Karen Mutschler

Jason Jones

Elyse Slavin (FL)

Lee Roy Krejci

Jarrold Talley (CA)

Dwight Morrison

Bonnie Wilson

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It's not that we are forgiving to forget, rather it's forgiving so that it's not the way in which we define our lives. For years I defined my life by many of the events of my past. It wasn't until I released it all and gave it over to Jesus that I began to feel that healing presence and unconditional love. It took time and a lot of patience but ultimately it helped me to define myself by Jesus' love for me.

I know that defining ourselves by our wounds is true for many of us and it's not the way in which we want to be remembered. Because of Christ's offering himself up for us, by being crucified on a cross and raised from the dead, he did all this for us so that we might be healed. It is only through Jesus Christ that we can find healing and wholeness. It is not something that someone else can give us, but it is Jesus' unconditional love that heals our wounded hearts. Thanks be to God for His Unconditional Love.





## CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

### CONFIDENTLY SHINE



Do you remember the song *This Little Light of Mine* from your Sunday School days as a youngster? The prominent lyrics included:

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*We will sing in peace, We will sing in harmony.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.*

The lyrics are seemingly simple but what do they mean? I've always taken them to mean the "light" inside of me; who I am; the light of Christ; spreading the positive attributes which the good Lord has given me. But again, what does that really look like?

As we go through life and its events and experiences, it can be easy to lose confidence in ourselves, question our intended direction, lose focus of what we should be doing or how we should be acting, sometimes allowing others to make us feel insecure or question ourselves. In other words, we aren't being ourselves. We aren't letting our lights shine.

I've always believed Jesus gave us the best example of how to do that. In many respects He was a "one man show" during His time here on earth. Clearly, He wasn't welcomed in many arenas. He was so confident in His message, in who He was, that He made others uncomfortable. In particular, other religious leaders of the time. One of the strongest examples was His interactions with the Pharisees.

Jesus had problems with the Pharisees - He called them hypocrites. He saw them as overburdening other people yet not themselves; being motivated by attention; feeling they had authority to shut the door of the kingdom of heaven in people's faces; neglecting mercy, justice, and faithfulness; and focusing entirely on external righteousness.

Jesus represented the opposite of the above, He was the minority! If He had been intimidated by the religious leaders of the time, it wouldn't have served Him well in delivering His message for the world, would it? If He had allowed them to make Him feel insecure, hiding His

light, His message wouldn't have been broadcast and received.

So, this begs the question - What parts of our own lights are we not letting shine due to insecurities, lack of confidence, or maybe even lack of faith? Sure, we can say it was easy for Jesus, He was perfect, He was Christ, He didn't suffer from the malady of sin which we do. It is often so much more difficult for us to be authentic.

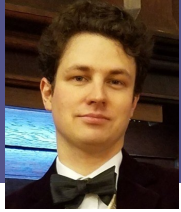
Given that, how do we embolden ourselves to let our lights shine, to be who God intended us to be? In a recent devotional Pastor Rick Warren said – "If you want to see wonderful things from God's Word, then ask God to open your eyes to what He wants to do through your life."

I go through phases in my life where I have a hard time seeing what God wants me to do with the gifts and talents which He has given me, with the light that shines within me. I love the advice above – "Ask God!" The power of prayer never ceases to amaze me. I strongly believe in that power, as I hope many of you do. That doesn't mean it's always easy for me to simply ask God and witness the answer. Of course, my lack of patience is always at play, but that's an article for another day!

If you are wading through deep waters, perhaps feeling alone, or having difficulty letting your light shine for yourself, much less letting it shine toward others, **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.

*<sup>2</sup> "When you go through deep waters, I will be with you.  
When you go through rivers of difficulty,  
you will not drown.*

*When you walk through the fire of oppression,  
you will not be burned up;  
the flames will not consume you. ~ Isaiah 43:2 [NLT]*



## MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



Summer continues and we're approaching Independence Day, so I'd like to wish you a happy one! It's definitely getting hot now. Summer choir continues this month before taking a short break next month. Chancel Choir will resume in September. Last month, I presented a short recital on the 'Sunday Sounds Series' with the theme of Wedding Music, we'll continue with a different theme in July and August.

The 'Sunday Sounds Series' will continue on the second Sunday of the month, July 9th. This month, I'll be presenting Patriotic Music on the program in celebration of the 4th of July as well as other national holidays. If you're interested in hearing and discussing organ, the organ project, or music in general, be sure to attend. The short 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.

The Organ Committee continues to work with the organ builders to develop proposals for the church. We'll be inviting various builders for site visits and to meet with the church's leadership in the coming months once everyone is available after the summer. If you're interesting in joining our organ ambassador program, reach out to me or the organ committee at [iclasse@goldcanyonumc.org](mailto:iclasse@goldcanyonumc.org) or [GCUMCOrganComm@gmail.com](mailto:GCUMCOrganComm@gmail.com).

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

Best regards,

*Ian*



## The Organ Project

Stewarding, Honoring, Dreaming

### King of Instruments

#### Part 9: A Call to Action

As you may recall, in May the Administrative Council unanimously adopted a resolution to authorize and direct the Organ Committee to seek proposals from organ builders, which is the critical first step in moving this project forward.

If you have been following the past RoadRunner articles, you are aware that we must soon commission the construction of a pipe organ, if we are to have a new instrument before our 19-year-old digital organ reaches the predicted end of its useful lifespan, particularly since it may take five to seven years before a new pipe organ is designed, built, and installed. Said another way, there is a waiting list for fine organ builders, and we need to secure a place in line, which is the reason why this first step by the Administrative Council is so important and exciting.

Before the Administrative Council can commission an instrument, being mindful that building a Fellowship Hall is farther along and an established priority for our church, we will need a baseline of funding for this project. To this end, the Council has counseled that the Organ Fund, which has a current balance of approximately \$170,095, will need to grow to \$500,000 before the Council can reasonably commission an instrument, which the Organ Committee agrees is fair and prudent. Again, we don't need funding for the entire project at the start, since we will have time to raise the remaining funds after commissioning the instrument and before it is installed, but we need to reach this significant milestone in order to set this project in motion.

How will we raise these funds? We hope for donations from all, large or small; but we are admittedly hoping for Angel donors who can contribute \$5,000, since a



small number of Angels will accelerate this project and quicken the date when we can commission an instrument and get our place in line, but we will need the help of everyone. And all contributions, regardless of amount, are precious and deeply appreciated.

## How to Give to the Organ Project

This is simple. You may give by any existing method for contributing to the church, just please make certain that you specify the Organ Fund. You may give at the offering plate, for example, just write "Organ Fund" somewhere on the contribution envelope or on the memo line of a check. The online donation systems also work, just specify the Organ Fund, just as an estate gift may specify the Organ Fund.

Additionally, there's a great (but perhaps underused) option of directing the trustee or administrator of your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to make a direct transfer to the church for the Organ Fund. The IRS allows a tax-free distribution – without needing to itemize deductions – as a Qualified Charitable Distribution of up to \$100,000 per year for donors who are at least age 70 ½, and these distributions also count toward any Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). Please check with your tax adviser, and please remember that such donations must come directly from the trustee, not through you to the Organ Fund.

In a future article, we'll update you on our Organ Ambassador program, since we have welcomed our first group of people to a meeting with the Organ Committee; and in the meantime, thank you for your continuing interest in the Organ Project.

Please remember that you can reach the Organ Committee and share questions and comments at [GCUMCorgancomm@gmail.com](mailto:GCUMCorgancomm@gmail.com), or speak with any

member of the Organ Committee, Dr. Classe, or Rev. Steinberg.

### The Organ Committee:

Dawn Carroll, Peter Johnson, Carter Olson

*Jan*



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

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

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

## JOB POSTING: YOUTH DIRECTOR

Gold Canyon United Methodist Church is seeking to hire a part-time Youth Director. The position pays \$36,000 per year for 20 hours per week. Responsibilities for the Youth Director in our church include:

- leading the youth evening fellowship meetings and youth Sunday School classes,
- planning and leading retreats, service projects and other special youth events.

Applications are available from the Church Administrator by sending an email to [ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org](mailto:ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org). Interested parties should submit their completed application along with their cover letter and resume to [ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org](mailto:ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org) for review. The position will remain open until filled. Employment to this position is contingent upon obtaining satisfactory results from a criminal background check. Questions may be directed to Rev. Fred Steinberg (480)982-3776.





## LOCAL MISSIONS & MINISTRIES

### SCRIP BUS & VAN FUND



Your continued participation in the SCRIP programs at Bashas and Fry's grocery stores who support GCUMC's bus and van programs is so appreciated! So far in 2023 SCRIP raised **\$5,437.61!** It's 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'.



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!

### FOOD BANK



The GCUMC Food Bank continues to see increases in the number of families in need of food assistance. The Food Bank is experiencing a time of reduced canned goods inventory. Please see weekly worship bulletin for our specific needs. Many thanks for you continued support and prayers.

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



**Habitat  
for Humanity®**

We have completed another successful season of participating in the building and funding of a Habitat home here in the East Valley.

When we started being involved with this mission in the early 2000's as members of Velda Rose UMC, we approached several nearby churches to join a new coalition which we dubbed the Superstition Coalition because of our East Valley locations. Soon we had 6 churches in the coalition to start with, and the faith relations folks at Habitat were able to partner us with a corporate sponsor each year to make up the needed funds and manpower to build a house. We continued leading the group when we joined Gold Canyon UMC.

Over the years most of the other churches have dropped out for one reason or another, and this year we were the last remaining church in the group. Happily, the Habitat Faith Relations folks found a church group for us to partner with again. It is the Southeast Valley Lutheran Coalition. They have not been able to raise all the funds needed lately, but partnering with us providing \$10,000 or more each year enables them and us to continue building houses in the East Valley.

We are very pleased with this new arrangement, and that we were able to meet our \$10,000 goal this year. Thanks to all of you who have supported this ministry.

The house is nearly complete, and will be dedicated in late July.—Joe & Maureen Morton

### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH(UWF)



**United  
Women  
in Faith**

It is not an exaggeration to say that reading has many benefits. We tend to focus on the benefits to children, but the truth is that adults get the same perks. It's a great way to unwind and relax. It's a form of self-care that we shouldn't overlook. Reading makes us better communicators and writers.

But no matter why you read, you're training your brain to remember ideas and facts. You're thinking in new ways, and growing creatively and emotionally. My reading program friend Donna Graves and I share two books that we recently finished.

**The House On Lowell Street** by Linda Keane, is part of the Nurturing for Community category of the United Women in Faith reading program. Based on a true event, the strike of the Kalamazoo corset workers in 1912, this novel tells us how Rose Morrison's life drastically changes after her banker husband dies suddenly leaving her with a mountain of debt.

In order to save her home she decides to take in boarders which a proper lady did not do in 1911. Even though her intentions were to only take in women of high standards she eventually took in two sisters who worked at the local corset factory to help clean. From there she becomes more involved with the sisters and

their problems with the local factory.

Anyone who has struggled to do the right thing even when the cost is high, will be heartened by this story of perseverance against all odds. History buffs will enjoy an insider's look at a little known strike. It also shows us how women face many of the same challenges today from the workplace, motherhood, and society.

Author Linda Keane is an award-winning journalist whose first novel, ***The House on Lowell Street*** won the Grand Prize from Deep River Books. Linda graduated from Northwestern University with a B.A. and M.S.J. from Medill School of Journalism. When she retired, she left the world of business communications to write this novel of intrigue in a corset factory.

***Girl Gone Missing*** by Marcie R. Rendon is part of the Social Action category of the United Women in Faith reading program. Her name is Renee Blackbear, but what most people call the 19-year-old Ojibwe woman is Cash. She lived all her life in Fargo, sister city to Minnesota's Moorhead, just downriver from the Cities. She has one friend, the sheriff Wheaton. He pulled her from her mother's wrecked car when she was three. Since then, Cash navigated through foster homes, and at 13 was working farms, driving trucks. Wheaton wants her to take hold of her life, and signs her up for college. She gets an education at Moorhead State. She sees that people talk a lot but mostly about nothing, not like the men in the fields she's known all her life who hold the rich topsoil in their hands, talk fertilizer and weather and prices on the Grain Exchange. In between classes and hauling beets, drinking beer and shooting pool, a man who claims he's her brother shows up, and she begins to dream of the Cities and blonde Scandinavian girls calling for help.

2020 McKnight Distinguished Artist award, Marcie Rendon, Nominee, Mystery Writers of America— THE G.P. PUTNAM'S SONS SUE GRAFTON MEMORIAL AWARD

**Author Marcie Rendon** is a citizen of the White Earth Nation. In 2020, she became the first Native American woman to receive the McKnight Distinguished Artist award. June 2019, Diego Vazquez and Rendon received the Loft's 2017 Spoken Word Immersion Fellowship for their work with women incarcerated in county jails. Rendon was featured in *Oprah Magazine's* "31 Native American Authors to Read Right Now." Contact: Peggy Kinder, (480)302-0464 or [p.kimder@mchsi.com](mailto:p.kimder@mchsi.com). to borrow these books.

United Women in Faith invite you to a fun-filled program:

### **Crafting with Cherie and Cindy**

*Creating Screensavers*

Saturday, July 15, 10am in the Missions Center

For more information, contact Cheri Creel, (480)232-1584 or [cherylijunec@icloud.com](mailto:cherylijunec@icloud.com).

The House of Refuge needs cleaning products, toilet paper and supplies. Please bring with you to the meeting on 7/15.

### **July Calendar:**

- **Reading Program** will meet Wed., 7/5 at 10am in the Mission Center. Contact Peggy Kinder (480)302-0464 or [P.Kinder@mchsi.com](mailto:P.Kinder@mchsi.com).
- The **Culinary Circle** will meet in July and August. Contact: Carol Johnson [caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com](mailto:caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com) or (602)750-2008.
- **Leadership Meeting**, will meet 7/11 at 10am in the Missions Center.
- **General Meeting** is scheduled for Sat., 7/15 at 10am in the Missions Center. Contact Cheri Creel (480)232-1584 or [cherylijunec@icloud.com](mailto:cherylijunec@icloud.com).

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# JULY CHURCH CALENDAR

(Calendar is subject to change;  
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Sun Jul 2 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 Jul 3

Tue Jul 4 All day OFFICE CLOSED (4th of July)  
5pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)  
6pm MTG: Gold Canyon Community, Inc (MC-E)

Wed Jul 5 7:45am MTG: Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)  
10am CLASS: All Things New (MC-E)  
10am MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M)  
10am UWF Book Club (MC-S)  
11am Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)  
5:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)  
6pm CLASS: All Things New (ER)

Thu Jul 6 6pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)  
7pm AA (MC-B)

Fri Jul 7 10am UWF Esther Bible Study (Offsite)  
11am CareGivers Support Group (ER)  
5:30pm AA (MC-E)

Sun Jul 9 8am Traditional Worship (S)  
9am UG Rehearsal (KR)  
9:30am Traditional Worship (S)  
9:30am Youth Sunday School (YR)  
10:30am Organ Mini-Concert Series (S)  
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 Jul 10

Tue Jul 11 9am Stitches Unlimited (MC-B&Patio)  
1pm GriefGroup Re-Connect (ER)  
5pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)

Wed Jul 12 7:45am MTG: Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)  
10am CLASS: All Things New (MC-E)  
10am MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M)  
11am Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)  
5:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)  
6pm CLASS: All Things New (ER)

Thu

## 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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Jul 13 6pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)

7pm AA (MC-B)

Fri Jul 14 8am GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)

10am UWF Esther Bible Study (Offsite)

11am CareGivers Support Group (ER)

5:30pm AA (MC-E)

Sat Jul 15 10am MTG: UWF (MC-B/Zoom)

Sun Jul 16 8am Traditional Worship (S)

9am UG Rehearsal (KR)

9:30am Children's Sunday School (EB)

9:30am Traditional Worship (S)

11am Children's Sunday School (EB)

11am Praise Worship (KR)

3pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)

4pm Gospel Worship (KR)

Mon Jul 17

Tue Jul 18 10am MTG: UWF (MC-TBD)

5pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)

Wed Jul 19 7:45am MTG: Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)

10am CLASS: All Things New (MC-E)

10am MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M)

11am Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)

5:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)

6pm CLASS: All Things New (ER)

Thu Jul 20 9am Girls Matter. (MC-B)

6pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)

7pm AA (MC-B)

Fri Jul 21 10am UWF Esther Bible Study (Offsite)

11am CareGivers Support Group (ER)

5:30pm AA (MC-E)

Sun Jul 23 8am Traditional Worship (S)

9am UG Rehearsal (KR)

9:30am Children's Sunday School (EB)

9:30am Traditional Worship (S)

11am Children's Sunday School (EB)

11am Praise Worship (KR)



## GLOBAL MISSIONS

Rev. Dr. Fay Quanstrom, Assoc. Pastor



## THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF YOUR GENEROSITY

Lisa Armstrong and the people of Honduras mountain villages thank you for your contributions to the work of Fellow Man International. Here are ways that your generosity has transformed lives in Honduras.

### Clinical Services

- emergency care saves lives
- preventative care controls chronic conditions
- maternal health care improves birth weights
- medical and dental professionals travel serve remote areas

### Nutrition

- community gardens supply vegetables, improving diets. (tomatoes are abundant this season)
- eggs create increased dietary protein
- chicken and pork production improves school lunches

### Education

- school supplies encourage student attendance and participation
- agriculture projects provide school lunch ingredients; meals encourage attendance

Your generosity has helped to accomplish these things, which have carried God's love into people's lives. Thanks be to God!

	1pm	Linda Clise Retirement (KR/K)		4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)	Mon Jul 31	—	—
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)			
Mon Jul 24	—	—			
Tue Jul 25	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-B)			
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)			
	5:30pm	MTG: Superstition Foothills HOA (MC-E)			
Wed Jul 26	7:45am	MTG: Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)			
	10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M)			
	11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)			
	5:30pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)			
Thu Jul 27	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)			
	7pm	AA (MC-B)			
Fri Jul 28	8am	GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)			
	10am	UWF Esther Bible Study (Offsite)			
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)			
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)			
Sun Jul 30	8am	Traditional Worship (S)			
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)			
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)			
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)			
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)			
	11am	Praise Worship (KR)			
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)			



### ROADRUNNER & BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please send content for the  
**AUGUST Roadrunner**  
 via email to [ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org](mailto:ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org)  
**NO LATER THAN 8am on Wed., 7/12/2023**  
**Weekly Bulletin & Flower Orders**  
 12:00pm on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday Service



## JULY 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 Anniversary!*

Roller, Don & Jan 07/01  
 Sanders, George & Kalleen 07/01  
 McClure, Joyce & Bob 07/02  
 Kitchens, Chery & Lee 07/03  
 Mitchell, Charlie & Collins-Mitchell, Lauren 07/04  
 Weidner, Gloria & Harold 07/05  
 Capen, Dian & Gary 07/06  
 King, Kathy & Bill 07/06  
 Pepin, Jeff & Sally 07/06  
 Jurgens, Donna & Ron 07/08  
 Merrick, Jim & LaVia 07/08  
 Manbeck, Jerri & Rich 07/10  
 Karr, Janet & Mike 07/11  
 Igo, Betty & Bill 07/13  
 Abbott, Dave & Jan 07/14  
 Evans, Dennis & Kristina 07/15  
 Young, Jane & Rick 07/17  
 Toole, Donna & John 07/19  
 LeRoy, Debbie & Randy 07/21  
 Dulaney, Janet & Steve 07/22  
 Kosanke, Karen & LeQuire, Steve 07/22  
 Talley, Donna & John 07/22  
 Neil, Dean & Broz, Linda 07/23  
 Crandall, Don & LeWain 07/29  
 Glasgow, Jo & Collins, Jim 07/30  
 Morton, Joe & Maureen 07/30  
 Raffurty, Anita & Larry 07/30  
 Olson, Renee & Carter 07/31

### *Happy Birthday!*

Clise, Ben 07/01  
 Fassbender, Nancy 07/01  
 Nichols, Rex 07/01  
 Coules, Dixie 07/02  
 Gladson, Chong 07/02  
 Williams, Helen 07/02  
 Worley, David 07/03  
 Brown, Albert 07/04  
 Campbell, Donna 07/04  
 Anderson, Cooki 07/06  
 Falk, Marilyn 07/06  
 Johnson, Kathy 07/06  
 Teller, Ronald 07/06  
 Bliss, Joy 07/07  
 Loughridge, Mitzi 07/07  
 Viseth, Wayne 07/07  
 Brewer, Lyle 07/08  
 Adams, Herbert 07/09  
 Lang, Caryl 07/09  
 Carpenter, Steffany 07/10  
 Lunstead, Jeanette 07/10  
 Petticrew, Keith 07/10  
 Welker, Larry 07/10  
 Jelf, Bill 07/11  
 Daniels, Ray 07/12  
 Gust, Dan 07/12  
 Johnson, Richard 07/12  
 Williams, Jay 07/12  
 Crane, Steven 07/13  
 Petticrew, Nancy 07/13  
 Formento, Russ 07/14  
 Plaski, Tammy 07/14  
 Barnes, Doris 07/15  
 McClure, Joyce 07/15  
 Sander, Ellamae 07/15  
 Keeler, Ron 07/16  
 Kurtenbach, Roger 07/16  
 Brace, Melodie 07/17

Gloss, Jim 07/17  
 Kresge, Willard 07/17  
 Parsons, Terry 07/17  
 Berry, John 07/18  
 Martindale, Ginger 07/18  
 Thacker, Jerry 07/18  
 Colehour, Ted 07/19  
 Lamps, Tamara 07/19  
 Martini, Wayne 07/19  
 Thomas, Mary 07/19  
 MacCallum, Cindy 07/20  
 Schlemper, Jane 07/20  
 Gaulke, Donald 07/21  
 Ortega-Watters, Monica 07/21  
 Burgi, Bob 07/22  
 McLeod, Dennis 07/22  
 Cajowski, Barbara 07/23  
 Daniels, Matt 07/23  
 Stofferan, Marge 07/23  
 Tonole, Marjorie 07/23  
 Ballard, Carol 07/24  
 Braghetta, Karen 07/24  
 Burford, Michael 07/24  
 Butterbrodt, William (Bill) 07/25  
 Toppin, Beverly 07/25  
 Cleary, Jack 07/26  
 Hulett, Audrey 07/26  
 Lamps, Roy 07/27  
 Peterson, Rick 07/27  
 Ramer, Trudy 07/27  
 Singer, Ashley 07/27  
 Sifferath, Sharee 07/28  
 Skillman, Lolly 07/28  
 Tianen, Rae 07/28  
 Cleary, Morgan 07/29  
 Fisher, Judith (Judy) 07/29  
 Clise, Lorelei 07/30  
 Johnson, Marlene 07/31  
 Mitchell, Charlie 07/31  
 Winkler, Sarah 07/31







## CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

May	2020			2021			2022			2023		
	General Fund	Building Fund	Worship All	General Fund	Building Fund	Worship All	General Fund	Building Fund	Worship All	General Fund	Fellowship Hall	Worship All
	157360	25706	13578	109440	26304	10044	88714	18524	10127	81638	20050	6108

*"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 (\$3 Million needed; \$872,316 raised)
- Pipe Organ (\$170,095 raised)
- Artificial Grass Play Area (\$35,000; completed)
- Building Fund Loan (Paid off 2022)
- Stain Glass for upper Sanctuary windows (Completed 2022)
- Loop Hearing Assist System \$48,000 (Completed 2022)



Electronic giving is a great way to make contributions, including recurring 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, a secure site.
- ✚ **TEXT** your gift by sending "goldcanyonumc" to 73256 and follow screen instructions.



**GIFTING YOUR HOME...** ... is a practical way to reduce the size of one's estate

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

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### WORSHIP SERVICES

- ✝ 8am & 9:30am TRADITIONAL (Sanctuary)
- ✝ 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)

**Addressee or Current Resident**