



FROM THE PASTOR: "UPSIDE DOWN"



We will launch into the fall with a challenging sermon series titled: "Upside Down." Jesus at times turned life and faith on its head. He encouraged us to see the world in a brand-new light! It's easy to feel like we're just going through the motions, following the same patterns day after day. But what if we shook things up? What if Jesus turned some things we knew on its head? That's exactly what "Upside Down" is all about.

Over the course of this five-part series, we'll dive deep into the counter-cultural teachings of Jesus and the early church, exploring how His radical message can transform the way we see ourselves, our communities, and our world. Together, we'll explore topics such as power, wisdom, weakness, and more – all through the lens of upside-down teachings.

Throughout the series, we'll be challenged to step outside our comfort zones and live out our faith in new and radical ways. We'll explore what it means to be a counter-cultural Christian in a world that often values power, prestige, and popularity above all else.

Don't miss this opportunity to be transformed by Jesus' revolutionary message. Join us for "Upside Down" and discover what it means to live life differently – in God's upside-down kingdom.

Whether you're new to faith or you've been following Jesus for years, you'll find plenty of inspiration and challenge in this series. Join us starting on Sunday mornings on Sept. 3rd for "Upside Down". We can guarantee you it will be a life-changing experience!

I will see you on Sunday!

Grace and peace,

Fred

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FALL SERMON SERIES

- 9/3 – Rest Under Yoke
- 9/10 – We Reign by Serving
- 9/17 – Wise When Fools
- 9/24 – Strong When Weak
- 10/8 – Be Prepared, Don't Worry

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



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Pastor Katharine Keller

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

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 will only need to pay \$10 for the new 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.

INTERGENERATIONAL GAME NIGHT



Your Congregational Life Team is sponsoring Game Night for all ages on Friday, September 22 from 6:30pm—8pm in the Education Building! Snacks will be provided. Come enjoy meeting new people and just having lots of fun! No sign-up/registration is necessary. Please direct any questions to Pastor Katharine at ladiebug1214@gmail.com or call the Church Office.

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-week session program will be facilitated by Darlene Zabel on Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the Education Building, beginning on October 3. Please sign-up for this class that begins the first week of September. There is a fee associated with this class.

40 DAYS IN THE WORD



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. We will meet Thursday

mornings from 10am-11:15am for 6 weeks beginning Oct. 5th. The cost of the workbook is \$25. Sign up in either building lobby. Please email any questions to Pastor Katharine at ladiebug1214@gmail.com or call the Church Office.

"READ IT & REAP" BOOK CLUB



Our ladies' book club (not to be confused with the UWF reading group) will resume monthly beginning in October on Thursday, October 12th at 1pm. Please let Pastor Katharine know if you will be joining the group. Our first book will be *Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls. Participants order their own hard copies or get them on Kindle.

MOVIE NIGHT



The whole church is invited to an outdoor movie night on Fri., October 13th at 6:30. Snacks, popcorn, and water are provided; attendees may bring their own snacks as well. You only need to bring a lawn chair. We'll be showing *"The Little Mermaid"* with Halle Berry, so invite your friends and enjoy the fellowship under the stars!

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT



Ladies, we invite you to join us for *"Treasured,"* the theme for our November 3-5 women's retreat in the quiet environs of the Franciscan Retreat Center in Scottsdale. Registration forms will be available in late September. Cost includes 6 meals and two nights' board and miscellaneous materials. The cost per person for single occupancy is \$300; double occupancy is \$210. If you think you are interested, please email Pastor Katharine (ladiebug1214@gmail.com), so that you can receive updates.

"THE CHOSEN" DISCUSSION GROUP



This fall, we will be starting a discussion group based around the series, **"The Chosen,"** facilitated by Deane Elef and Jan Roller beginning Tuesday, November 7th from 2pm - 4:30pm. This will be a hybrid class (in-person and via Zoom), and each episode will be viewed together with discussion afterwards.

AUGUST IN PICTURES



Above & Left: Jeremy Brigham and Pastor Katharine Keller receive scholarships from the Eastern Star organization for their schooling. Thanks to Mitzi Loughridge for encouraging them to apply.



Above/Left: Pastor Katharine at Claremont School of Theology with evangelism class



The children in both the 9:30 and 11 o'clock Sunday Schools have been learning Old Testament stories, and how God is faithful and how many of the characters are brave when they stand up for God's ways and how important it is to be obedient to God's leading. They learned names like Nineveh, Jonah, and Nebuchadnezzar, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego – say that fast five times!

The families have Zoomed with Pastor Katharine; we are hoping for a good turnout for Intergenerational Game Night, Movie Night, the assembling of bag lunches for Genesis and Crafty Christmas... ALL BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR!



The class reenacts King Nebuchadnezzar and Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the fiery furnace.



Creating our own statues like "King N" did.



Big VBS Announcement!

"SCUBA" June 3-7

Mark your calendars and tell your friends!



ON THE GOSPEL SIDE

Dr. David Worley, Preaching Associate

Like many people my age, I am the proud (?) owner of new hearing aids. In response to being diagnosed with hearing loss in both ears, I quoted what has become one of my favorite Bible verses: "Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day." (2 Cor. 4:16). More troublesome than the loss of physical hearing, however, is the loss of the ability to hear spiritually.

Repeatedly Scripture calls us to listen to the Lord's voice. But, how does He speak to us? The Bible tells us that He speaks to us through the created world (Psalm 19), our consciences, other people, inner impressions and circumstances but primarily through the Scriptures.

The question is not does God speak to us but are we listening? One way to keep our spiritual hearing acute is to gather with God's people to worship. As we sing hymns and spiritual songs, pray together, listen to Scripture read and explained and share in the Lord's Supper along with Christian fellowship sometimes we discover we have not been listening as closely as we might. When we put ourselves in the right place, we will often discover that God will, indeed, speak with us and sometimes rather pointedly!

So, we invite you to join in weekly worship at any of our Sunday services, including our 4pm Country Gospel Service where we have a more informal worship atmosphere but more importantly where we seek to enter and enjoy God's presence among us and listen for His voice.



JOB POSTING: YOUTH DIRECTOR

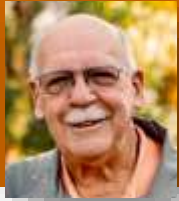
Gold Canyon United Methodist Church is seeking to hire a part-time Youth Director. The position pays \$36,000 per year for 20 hours per week.

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. Interested parties should submit their completed application along with their cover letter and resume to 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.





ON A PASTORAL NOTE

Rev. Gary Capen, Associate Pastor

We have observed the devastation that has occurred on Maui. It's been said by the Administrator of FEMA, Deanne Criswell that: "She likened Lahaina's waterfront, lined with the burned shells of cars, to "a scene from an apocalyptic movie."

It's not the only devastation we have seen but it is some of the most recent.

I was watching interviews with residents of Maui who escaped the inferno, and one struck me as being like the recent sermon *"Trashing the Good Stuff"*. In this instance the man being interviewed had become separated from his wife during their escape. He said, in roughly these words, that his home, his business, all he had had been lost in the inferno and that his wife was missing and that was all that was important to him. All his "stuff" was just that — stuff! It brought into focus what *"Trashing the Good Stuff"* can bring about. For this man, this husband, he wasn't sure if his wife was dead or alive. He just wanted to know. A day and a half later, the individual who had interviewed this man was present when he was reunited with his wife. It was a very moving moment. At this point he said he had everything he needed and wanted.

My joy for him was tempered by the fact that many lost loved ones or whole families. We can't, however, lose sight of the finish line to bring this back to the sermon. Our goal, our finish line, is to seek that which brings us to God's Kingdom, our faith in God and in Jesus Christ. I'm sure these two people separated by the inferno also gave thanks to God for finding what was most important in their earthly life — each other — and in that moment we rejoice.

As a church, a body of Christ, we work for, through faith, that which is eternal. It causes us to keep our eye on the finish line, unlike the runner who had been distracted by the crowd thinking he had won the race. There is much to distract us, mistakes, missed opportunities, valuing that which is perishable rather than imperishable. We are all guilty of this and we all, I believe, look back on our life and think of all we could have done. When that which is to be done is before us, not behind us.

It recalls that as a young child my folks had a Plymouth Station Wagon — I believe it was a 1959 two-tone green. The unique part of that station wagon was that it had three rows of seats, like today's SUV's. The difference was the back, or third seat faced backwards to the direction we were heading. I remember my folks remarking that sitting in the backwards seat was like that of the Gooney Bird, always looking at where it has been and not where it is going. What would have happened if the steering wheel was in that position with the car going in the opposite direction. Disaster!!! Likewise, the same is true for us. Oh, we cherish the past, the memories, the life, and all that was. But if we are always looking back, we will surely miss the finish line because we have taken our eyes off of Christ and being Christlike in our living.

I'm very thankful that we as a church are supporting the mission for the recovery of Maui and its residents. We are very generous in our giving for such work, we just need to know that the loss of property is awful, and it's said that much can never be replaced, but it isn't so much what was but rather what will and can be as the people rebuild their lives after such destruction and loss of life. We hold them in our thoughts and prayers, in our gifts and offerings, but we keep looking forward to the ultimate prize, the finish line, and do so with our eyes on Christ so that we can be like him in all we do.





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, 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.

PRAYER REQUEST

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In Remembrance

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

David Brandeen

Marilyn Peterson (IA)

Glenna Cross

John Stenejem (OR)

Amber Densch (IL)

Ken Hopkins





CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

A STATE OF “FLUSTERATION”



“Flusteration” – a made up word used by author Paul Doiron in one of his Mike Bowditch Game Warden series. Clearly not a real word, but comically, it’s easy to understand that it is a combo of *Frustrated* - the feeling of being upset or annoyed, especially

because of inability to change or achieve something, and Flustered - agitated or confused.

We all get there don’t we? But what kinds of things get us there? It can be any of a plethora of problems, such as maybe job decisions, getting turned down for a date, losing a legal battle, a general life decision not going our way, a car breaking down, argument with a spouse, a child on drugs, loss of a loved one, divorce, losing a house to a tornado, or a very significant tragedy like the recent Maui fires!

When I end up in a state of “flusteration”, I most definitely feel a loss of control, can get upset or annoyed, am unable to achieve something I desperately want, and a wide range of emotions and feelings run through me. To understand where those feelings may come from, let’s examine the lists in the picture above, and think about what these lists mean:

Feelings and emotions provided by God are being –

stilled, led, reassured, enlightened, encouraged, comforted, calmed and convicted.

While those provided by Satan are being –

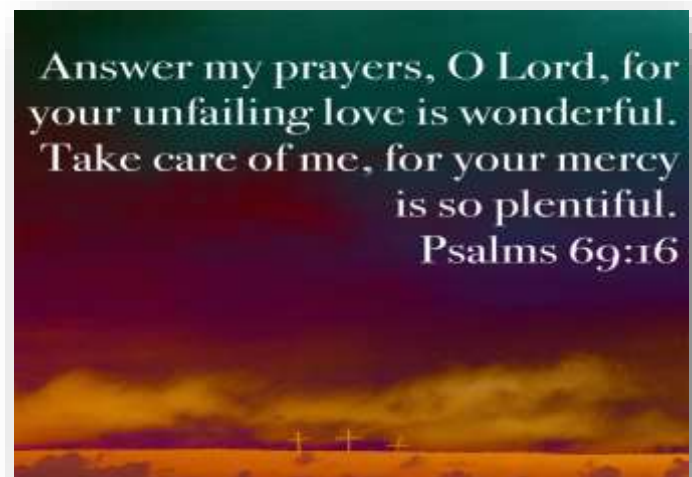
rushed, pushed, frightened, confused, discouraged, worried, obsessed and condemned.

Now, God’s message doesn’t mean that we won’t have hardships or troubles, or that every day is rainbows and ice cream - conversely, Satan’s message (if that’s what we find ourselves hearing) doesn’t mean we are convicted by those feelings and emotions forever or that we can’t surmount them. Yes, Satan will interfere in our lives. But why is it when we are weak or at low points Satan’s messages seem to come through loud and clear, and we even allow those messages to drown out God’s?!

I think when I tend to hear Satan’s voice the most, it is at those times when I’ve slipped in my prayer life. And/or my attitude about prayer has had me thinking, for example, *“God doesn’t have time for my measly problems amidst something like the recent disaster in Hawaii. Why would I waste his time by praying about the fact that my broken-down car is sucking up all my savings?”* I’ve lapsed on prayer, and Satan’s voice has rushed in.

A friend recently made me think long and hard about that. She reminded me that God can handle it ALL. He’s perfectly capable of hearing my low-level prayer asking for help in finding my lost passport (which I of course would be anxious and stressed about), while simultaneously listening to those praying from a base of deep suffering. God is truly great and can multi-task! And when we aren’t involving Him in our daily conversations, we are leaving the door open for Satan’s message to settle upon us loud and clear, shadowing our lives.

If you’re stressed and anxious, or having a hard time feeling God’s presence, **who better to trust or reach out to than one of GCUMC’s four 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



September is here and with it hopefully cooler temperatures, a bit of rain, and most importantly, more people at church! Choir will be resume singing in worship this month after a well-deserved break and we'll be starting to prepare for the annual Christmas concert early next month. If you're interested in joining the choir, reach out to me by phone or email or just stop by after one of the services on Sunday. As I said in August, we're always accepting new members, but the start of the season is the best time to join since new members can do a trial period to see if they like it and ease into the season. Our first rehearsal is **Thursday, Sept. 7 at 6:00pm...** I hope to see you there!

The 'Sunday Sounds Series' also resumes this month and you can expect a special 'Sunday Sounds' on **Sunday, September 10th** after the 9:30am service. With special thanks to Dr. Valerie Harris, current dean of our local chapter of the American Guild of Organists, as well as our very own Doug Benton, we'll be demonstrating a real (albeit small) pipe organ, a 'chamber' or 'portative' organ. This instrument is specially designed to be constructed by amateurs and is used to demonstrate the various parts of a mechanical action pipe organ. You will get to see how a real pipe organ works and hear real pipes as I present some small pieces that work well on a little organ and demonstrate the instrument. We'll also have time to do our usual Q&A session so you can ask any questions that might come up. As always, feel free to move about, find a seat that works best for you, but I certainly encourage you to be close so you can see and hear the little pipe organ!

Also in relation to the organ, a number of you have asked about the status of our organ project. Rest assured, we're still working on it, but projects of this magnitude take considerable time. We've engaged several organ builders for proposals and they are currently working with us to determine our musical needs as well as the restrictions placed upon us by our budget and architecture. We'll be continuing to meet the various builders for design input as well as to confer with the church's leadership soon.

As a reminder, our initial financial goal to get to the point of signing a contract is \$500k and we're already about a third there thanks to your generosity. If you're interested in learning more or in joining our organ ambassador program, reach out to me or the Organ Committee at iclasse@goldcanyonumc.org or 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



2023-2024

TENTATIVE PERFORMANCES & EVENTS

11/12/23 Sun 2:00pm	Celebration of Veterans ...join us to honor our veterans!
11/17/23 Fri 7:00pm *	GCAC Concert: Mirari Brass Quintet ...one of the country's finest brass ensembles!
12/03/23 Fri 7:00pm *	GCAC Concert: The Four Freshmen ...America's most enduring vocal group!
12/09/23 Sat 3:00pm	22nd Annual GCUMC Christmas Concert ...featuring all our music ministries
12/24/23 Sun 4:00pm	Christmas Eve Worship ...Join us for worship w/ candlelight!
12/24/23 Sun 6:00pm	Christmas Eve Worship ...Join us for worship w/ candlelight!
01/12/24 Fri 7:00pm *	GCAC Concert: The Hutchins Consort ...a premier string group!
01/21/24 Sun 2:00pm	TBA
01/27/24 Sat 9:00pm	GCAC Arts Festival ...a much-anticipated community celebration!
02/04/24 Sun 3:00pm	Legacy Quartet ...Southern Gospel and much more!
02/09/24 Fri 7:00pm *	GCAC Concert: Mariachi Garibaldi de Jamie Cuellar & Dancers ...music & dance
02/14/24 Wed 7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Worship ...join us as we begin the journey through Lent
02/25/24 Sun 2:00pm	Brett Valliant ...concert & theatre organist to benefit GCUMC Pipe Organ Fund
03/03/24 Sun 2:00pm	The Rice Brothers ...both are virtuoso pianists and cellists
03/08/24 Fri 7:00pm *	GCAC Concert: Quarteto Nuevo ...merges genres w/ organic feel that packs a wallop!
03/17/24 Sun 2:00pm	Dave & Daphne ...Nashville entertainers
03/22/24 Fri 7:00pm *	GCAC Concert: Barbara Padilla ...exceptional classical-crossover singer
03/24/24 Sun 8 & 9:30am	Palm Sunday Worship ...join us as we begin the journey through Lent
03/24/24 Sun 11:00am	Palm Sunday Praise Worship ...join us as we begin the journey through Lent
03/24/24 Sun 4:00pm	Palm Sunday Gospel Worship ...join us as we begin the journey through Lent
03/28/24 Thu 7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Worship ...special service with communion and ashes
03/29/24 Fri 7:00pm	Good Friday Worship
03/31/24 Sun 6:00am	Easter Sunrise Worship ...in north Parking Lot facing the Superstitions
03/31/24 Sun 8:00 & 9:30	Easter Celebration Worship ...Christ is Arisen with Brass, Bells and Choir
03/31/24 Sun 11am	Easter Praise Worship ...Uncommon Grace leads our Praise of the Risen Lord
03/31/24 Sun 4pm	Easter Sunset Worship ...our Gospel celebration of Christ Alive

* Indicates a ticketed event for a fee presented by the Gold Canyon Arts Council's Canyon Sounds Series. Inquires and/or ticket information can be received via phone (480)493-6731 or online at www.GoldCanyonArts.org. All other concerts are presented by the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church's Performing Arts Series and are open to the public at no charge as an offering will be received.

We ask that everyone please bring at least one non-perishable food item per person for the GCUMC Food Bank — and is always in need of cereal, tuna, Ramen, Salts and macaroni-n-cheese. Thank you for your patronage!

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GLOBAL MISSIONS

Rev. Dr. Fay Quanstrom, Assoc. Pastor



PRAYING, ACCORDING TO JESUS

Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. Luke 18:1

- **Why pray?** Jesus said we need this discipline!
- **When to pray?** Jesus said we need to pray *always*!
- **What endangers our prayer discipline?** Losing heart, becoming discouraged is always a threat.

Many Christian believers around the world suffer persecution, poverty, hunger, physical threats, dislocation and harassment. These facts motivate us to pray earnestly for those suffering because of their faith. Proverbs 18:10 declares, "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run into it and are safe." What a great prayer for those who face danger and difficulty! The following prayer specifics can strengthen our petitions on behalf of believers around the world, including those in our own neighborhoods.

Let's pray—the world needs our prayers and we need to pray. Jesus said so.

- protection against false accusations and arrest
- grateful spirit
- grace to endure difficulties
- God's comfort and strength
- ability to plant and tend vegetable gardens
- blessing others with kindness
- food and shelter
- relocation/resettlement
- physical healing



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GENESIS
PROJECT

Serving the Hungry and Homeless

**3rd Annual Mad Hatter
Benefit Tea Party**
Saturday October 28th - 11a

What better way to spend a Saturday
afternoon than at a tea party with 5 of
your friends, all while raising
money to feed, clothe and hydrate the
hungry and homeless?!



LOCAL MISSIONS & MINISTRIES

SCRIP BUS & VAN FUND



Your continued participation in the SCRIP programs at Bashas and Frys 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!



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 volunteers of the GCUMC Food Bank want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all those who have been faithfully contributing to our mission over the last decade enabling us to provide for the greater East Pinal County community experiencing food insecurity.

Currently the clients of the food bank are largely individuals living on fixed incomes (often elderly) and families (of all sizes and characteristics). This year the food bank is on track to support a 45% increase in clients over the calendar year 2022.

Donations of food products are always greatly appreciated and can be delivered to the rear door of the food bank during open hours. Items that can always be used are canned beans, soup, vegetables, fruit, tomato products and meat (Spam, tuna, chicken, chili, etc.); side dishes (Chef Boyardee, Hamburger Helper, Rice a Roni, instant potatoes, etc.); pasta; peanut butter and boxed cereal.

ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS MISSION



In September, I will mail applications to our partners, Project Help and Hope Women's Center, to begin having their families apply for our Angel Tree Mission. Yes, in one month we begin to call our applicants to verify the information they completed. I'm very happy to have help from Kim Shroyer, Lauren Collins-Mitchell, and Colette Bos on the Angel Tree Leadership Team. Once these calls are made, I will process the individual tags for each family member which are given to a Team Captain.

We still need volunteer Team Captains. Thanks to 5 wonderful angels for taking on the Team Captain for 5 families. However, we had over 20 families other years. Team Captains lead a small group (by phone, mail or emails) of friends, neighbors, family, hiking, golf, tennis, walking, pickleball, bible study, office mates, book clubs, and Neighborhood Parks who collect the items on the tags before turning them into church on special prearranged times. Each team will divide the family tags as they wish with time to complete shopping online before the families pick up items December 16th in the parking lot. All items are hand checked by Kim and Pat Shroyer.

If you are willing or interested, contact Jane Hayes or GCUMC Office. Cash donations for this mission should be marked "Angel Tree" to help cover expenses for food boxes, gift cards, clothing, and toys. Our Angel Trees will only have gift cards to purchase and return to the office or Welcome Center. Cash donation envelopes will be on all trees during the Mission and will be turned into the Welcome Center, Office, or collection plate. If you desire, Thank You cards can be made to give to friends and family in lieu of gifts. These trees will be up right after Thanksgiving. Please help us!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH(UWF)



United
Women
in Faith

What helps plants grow in the desert? What is the easiest food to grow in the desert? How do you prepare desert soil for gardening? What is the best crop to grow in the

susanblyons@gmail.com or 812 327 1403.

- Matthew 25 Prison Ministry Circle, Thur., 9/14, 9am; Zoom meeting. Contact Cheri Creel, 480 232 1584 or cheryljune@icloud.com
- United Women in Faith General Meeting, Sat., 9/16, 10am, Missions Center, the program: **A Cornucopia of Desert Gardening Tips**, susanblyons@gmail.com or 812 327 1403 for more info.
- Culinary Circle will meet Thur., 9/21, noon, at Jean Ruchala's home, theme "Cool Foods", contact Jean for info: jmrz@aol.com, 480 363 7655.

A Cornucopia of Desert Gardening Tips
Presented by Pat Bolster, Master Gardener
Saturday, September 16, 2023
10am in the Missions Center

What is a Master Gardener? A Master Gardener becomes certified after completing a 17-week training course and logging 50 volunteer hours towards approved volunteering activities. The 17-week training course on home horticulture, includes botany, soils, pest management, vegetables, fruits and nuts, and related topics. Volunteers work in the community at various locations to provide gardening advice through presentations and tabling at events. In addition to being a Master Gardener, mentor, volunteer and teacher, Pat Bolster is a member of Gold Canyon United Methodist Church and sings in the church choir.

We hope you will attend this program. Bring your questions about gardening, water conservation, food production, landscaping, and environmental stewardship. For more information, call Susan Lyons, 812 327 1402 or susanblyons@gmail.com



Congratulations to Gold Canyon UWF members Joy Bliss, Carol Johnson, Dian Capen and Susan Sanders for completing the annual United Women in Faith's Mission study. They received all A's and gold stars. The program focused on the good news of the kingdom of God. Jesus mentions the kingdom 90 times in the Synoptic Gospels.



UWF September Meetings:

- Reading Program, Wed., 9/6, 10am, Missions Center, Peggy Kinder, p.kinder@mchsi.com or 480 302 0464.
- United Women in Faith leadership team meeting, Tue., 9/12, 10am, Missions Center,

NOT HEARING FROM US?

If you don't receive our weekly worship bulletin, monthly newsletter, or quarterly giving statement emails, you may have unsubscribed by accident. Please contact the Church Office to get back on the list! Don't be left out!





SEPTEMBER CHURCH CALENDAR

(Calendar is subject to change;
For more info, please visit www.GoldCanyonUMC.org or call the Church Office)

Fri Sep 1	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)	1pm	GriefShare (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Sun Sep 3	8am	Traditional Worship (S)	6:30pm	SPRC Mtg (MC-B)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)	Wed Sep 13	7:45am MTG: Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)		10am MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)		11am Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)		2:45pm MTG: GCAC (MC-S)
	11am	Praise Worship (KR)		5:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)	Thu Sep 14	6pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)		7pm AA (MC-B)
Mon Sep 4	All day	Labor Day	Fri Sep 15,	11am CareGivers Support Group (ER)
Tue Sep 5	9am	CLASS: Women's Study (Offsite)		5:30pm AA (MC-E)
	1pm	GriefShare (ER)	Sep 16	10am MTG: UWF (MC-B/Zoom)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)	Sun Sep 17	8am Traditional Worship (S)
	6pm	MTG: Gold Canyon Community, Inc (MC-E)		9am UG Rehearsal (KR)
Wed Sep 6	7:45am	MTG: Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)		9:30am Children's Sunday School (EB)
	10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M)		9:30am Traditional Worship (S)
	10am	UWF Book Club (MC-B/Patio)		11am Children's Sunday School (EB)
	11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)		11am Praise Worship (KR)
	5:30pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)		3pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Sep 7	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)		4pm Gospel Worship (KR)
	7pm	AA (MC-B)	Mon Sep 18	— —
Fri Sep 8	8am	GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)	Tue Sep 19	9am CLASS: Women's Study (Offsite)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)		10am MTG: UWF (MC-TBD)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)		1pm GriefShare (ER)
Sun Sep 10	8am	Traditional Worship (S)		5pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)	Wed Sep 20	7:45am MTG: Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)		10am MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)		
	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)		
Mon Sep 11	—	—		
Tue Sep 12	9am	CLASS: Women's Study (Offsite)		
	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-B&Patio)		
	10am	GC Garden Club (MC-E)		

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

(Calendar is subject to change;
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	11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	5:30pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Sep 21	7pm	AA (MC-B)
Fri Sep 22	8am	GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	6:30pm	Intergenerational Game Night (KR)
Sat Sep 23	8am	PEO Mtg (MC-B)
Sun Sep 24	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 Sep 25	—	-
Tue Sep 26	9am	CLASS: Women's Study (Offsite)
	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-B)
	1pm	GriefShare (ER)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)

Wed Sep 27	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 Sep 28	9am	Girls Matter. (MC-B)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-B)
Fri Sep 29	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)

ROADRUNNER & BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please send content for the
OCTOBER Roadrunner
 via email to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org
NO LATER THAN 8am on Monday, 9/11/2023
Weekly Bulletin & Flower Orders
 12:00pm on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday Service



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Please be sure introduce yourselves!



Niels & Kaity Barks



Lori Gersonde



Bob Hill



John & Louise Miller



Claudia Listman



Janice Martin



Patti Todd



SEPTEMBER 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!

Miller, John & Sally 09/01
Parkison, Peg & Rick 09/01
Hoffert, Jane & John 09/02
Holmes, Dean & Rose 09/02
Campbell, Donna & Kim 09/06
Hager, Diana & James 09/08
Lukas, Steve & Teri 09/09
Steckley, JoAnn & Leonard 09/09
Williams, Barbara & Jay 09/10
Kice, Art & Linda 09/11
Reynolds, Jim & Kally 09/14
Schmidt, Conrad & Judy 09/14
Bowman, Hank & Judith 09/15
Heppner, Glorianna & Ronald 09/15
Schwartz, Ann & Dick 09/15
Dunn, Carol & Storley, LeRoy 09/16
Downing, Harriette & Jeff 09/23
Urbach, Art & Jayne 09/23
Hammers, Jan & Tim 09/26
Houser, Chris & Ron 09/27
Warth, Holly & Terry 09/27
Fish, Herb & Sharon 09/28
Brigham, Danielle & Jeremy 09/29
Plaski, Tammy & Sam 09/29
Cline, Mike & Nancy 09/30

Happy Birthday!

McDaniel, Stephen (Steve) 09/01
Turner, Erwin (George) 09/01
Williams, Ashley 09/01
Hoffert, John 09/02
Jurgens, Ronald 09/02
Linton, Diana 09/02
Matthews, Lowell 09/02
Miller, David 09/02
Irick, Jeff 09/03
Luse, Robert (Bob) (Bob) 09/03
Ritter, Cheryl 09/03
Christian, Wendy 09/04
Luther, Mavis 09/04
Gaulke, Norma 09/05
Sich, Jeff 09/05
Ingram, Pamela (Pam) 09/06

Plaski, Tom ("Sam") 09/06
Thum, Barbara 09/06
Ralston, Riechia 09/07
Fye, Carol 09/08
Helt, Mitchell 09/08
Jacobsen, Betty 09/08
Lyons, Susan 09/08
O'Donnell, Michael (Mike) 09/08
Shroyer, Kimberley (Kim) 09/08
Burris, Rodger 09/09
Jameson, James (Jim) 09/09
Jones, Riley 09/09
Miller, Janeane 09/11
Sisson, Pamela (Pam) 09/11
Crites, Margaret 09/12
Downing, Harriette 09/12
Wirtz, Daniel 09/12
Brigham, Nazareth 09/13
Pepin, Sally 09/13
Gunn, Susan (Sue) 09/14
Ingram, Bob 09/14
Watters, Scott 09/14
Parke, Bob 09/16
Messmer, Patti 09/17
Trout, Ron 09/17
Reichert, Cynthia 09/18
Bos, David 09/19
Gibson, Dianna 09/19
Parsons, Laura 09/19
Rowland, Philip (Phil) 09/19
Seabright, Randy 09/19
Confer, Terry 09/20
Evans, Lora Lee 09/20
Fransen, Yolanda 09/20
Mansdorfer, Nyla 09/20
Olson, Randene (Randi) 09/20
Ashe, Diana (Dee) 09/21
Johnsen, Donna 09/21
McGinness, Patrick (Pat) 09/21
Ohnstad, Jeanette (Jenny) 09/21
Pingree, Blair 09/21
Williams, Tristan Todd Dearing 09/21
Adams, Jacob 09/22
Blankenship, Sherry 09/22
Erickson, Todd 09/22
Fish, Sharon 09/22

Lukas, Stephen (Steve) 09/22
Moorberg, Deb 09/22
Nielsen, Bonny 09/22
Wilson, Reta 09/22
Olson, Robert (Carter) 09/23
Brown, Jeffrey (Jeff) 09/24
Picek, Char 09/24
Rolf, Jayne 09/24
Creel, William T 09/25
Hanson, Avery 09/26
Rolley, Emunds (Bud) 09/26
Voelker, Le Roy (Roy) 09/26
Schmidt, Conrad 09/27
Cloud, Jeanne 09/28
Gerst, Leo 09/28
Heinauer, Richelle 09/28
Hammers, Timothy (Tim) 09/29
Linoski, Mary 09/29
Manbeck, Rich 09/29
Robison, Tom 09/29
Eisentraut, Bonnie 09/30
Hammers, Janet (Jan) 09/30
Joyce, Aileen 09/30
Shaughnessy, Julie 09/30





CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

	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
JULY	84437	30560	7709	68427	17888	6236	76800	15819	5189	79894	15395	5492
JUNE	85903	26660	8859	85965	15691	9699	91692	28004	5045	98248	15395	4717 (updated)

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; \$1,015,077 raised)
- Pipe Organ (\$172,454 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 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.



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 ... 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