



FROM THE PASTOR: "WELCOME VALERIE HAMMONS!"



I am pleased to announce that Valerie Hammons will be joining us as our new Youth Director on Monday, September 25th. With 24 years of experience working in church settings, Valerie brings a wealth of knowledge and passion to the role of Youth Director.

Valerie has extensive experience leading Sunday School and confirmation classes, as well as missions trips. Her dedication to working with youth and fostering their growth in faith is truly inspiring, and I have no doubt that she will excel in her new role here at Gold Canyon UMC. In her previous positions, Valerie has demonstrated a unique ability to connect with young people and make them feel welcomed and valued in all aspects of church life.

She is committed to creating a safe and Christian environment for all youth, and her energy and passion will surely serve as a source of inspiration for all those fortunate enough to work with her. As our new Youth Director, Valerie will be responsible for overseeing the youth programs and activities here at Gold Canyon UMC. She will work closely with volunteers to develop a range of engaging and meaningful programs that meet the unique needs of our youth.

I am personally thrilled to have Valerie as part of our team. I know that she will bring a fresh perspective and new ideas to our youth ministry, and I can't wait to see all the wonderful things that she will accomplish here. I hope you'll join me in welcoming Valerie Hammons to Gold Canyon UMC. I am confident that she will have a tremendously positive impact on our youth and our entire community !



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I will see you on Sunday!

Grace and peace,

Fred



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Pastor Katharine Keller

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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 3rd. 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. We will meet Thursday mornings from 10am-11:15am for 6 weeks beginning October 5th. The cost of the workbook is \$25. Sign up in either building lobby. Please email 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 in the Emmaus Room. 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



Our October Church Event is Movie Night on Friday, October 13 at 6:30 on the outside patio. We will be showing "The Little Mermaid" with Haillie Berry. Bring your lawn chair;

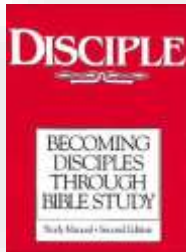
Congregational Life will provide the snacks, popcorn and water... and invite your friends and enjoy the fellowship under the stars!

"THE CHOSEN" DISCUSSION GROUP



We are starting a discussion group based around the series, **"The Chosen,"** facilitated by Deane Elek 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.

DISCIPLE 1 (SECOND HALF)



Disciple 1 (the 2nd Half) facilitated by Joy Bliss will resume on October 25, 2023, with a review of the 17 topics presented in the study of the Old Testament last winter and a discussion of the 400 Silent (intertestamental) Years. On November 1, we will begin the New Testament half of the study starting with lesson #18: *"The Call to Radical Discipleship"*. If in the past, you had to drop out in the middle of Disciple 1, our thirteen disciples will welcome you to join the class. Contact Joy Bliss 505.270.7085.



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October, that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. It focuses on an observance of the eucharist. The tradition was begun in 1933 by Hugh Thomson Kerr who ministered in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church. According to Presbyterian Outlook:

Davitt S. Bell (the late Clerk of Session and church historian at Shadyside) recalled that Dr. Kerr first conceived the notion of World Communion Sunday during his year as moderator of the General Assembly (1930). Dr. Kerr's younger son, the Rev. Dr. Donald Craig Kerr, who is pastor emeritus of the Roland Park Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, was sixteen in 1933. He has related that World Communion Sunday grew out of the Division of Stewardship at Shadyside. It was their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another.

It was then adopted throughout the US Presbyterian Church in 1936 and subsequently spread to other denominations. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches), led by Jesse Moren Bader, endorsed World Communion Sunday and began to promote it to Christian churches worldwide.

NOVEMBER SERVICE PROJECT



We have a service project scheduled to pack lunches for the homeless who come to Genesis in Apache Junction on Sun., November 12 at 1:00pm in the Missions Center. Congregational Life is providing all the necessary food items; you just come and bring a big heart. Young and old are both encouraged to join the fun!

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 are available on the next page of this newsletter, as well as in both building Lobbies and the Church Office.

The registration fee includes six meals and two nights' board and miscellaneous materials. The rate 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.



GOLD CANYON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WOMEN'S FALL WEEKEND RETREAT

"TREASURED"

FRANCISCAN RENEWAL CENTER – SCOTTSDALE, AZ
FRI., 11/3 (4:00PM) – SUN., 11/5 (1:00PM)



Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/ST/Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone #: _____

RETREAT FEES:

☐ Double Room (PP) - \$210 (Per person; includes room & meals)

Roommate: _____

☐ Single Room (PP) - \$300 (Per person; includes room & meals;
Limited availability)

PLEASE NOTE: NO RETREAT FEE REFUNDS AFTER 10/20/23

LESS Non-Refundable \$50 Deposit (to guarantee spot)

Allergies/Special Needs/

Dietary Restrictions? ☐ Yes ☐ No Explain: _____

Are you able to drive? ☐ Yes ☐ No How many riders can you take? _____

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ADDITIONAL NOTES:

KIDS KORNER

This past month we have been learning about Hebrew Festivals: the Jubilee, Passover, Festival of Weeks and lastly the Sukkot or the Festival of Booths. The children learned about how important it is to celebrate God and what God has done for His people. God's people are people of gratitude as they understand that the blessings we share and the harvest from the earth all come from our Lord.

See what fun we had in our very own Sukkot booth constructed by Shawn Hanson! Thank you, Shawn, for making this lesson so special!



Shawn Hanson and son, Carter with the constructed booth



Above (9:30am) & Below (11am): Children's Sunday Schools celebrating in the Sukkot booth



Below two photos: Miss Donna with our blossoming bell ringers!



In the below photo, Jamie, Naz, Aiza and Ayan enjoying our playground



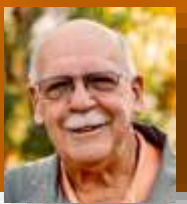


ON THE GOSPEL SIDE

Dr. David Worley, Preaching Associate

Last month we visited Nuremberg, Germany — the city indelibly marked by the reign of Nazism. The parade grounds still exist where troops goose-stepped under the appraising eye of Hitler. Echoes of past evil remain, but evil has not disappeared. In fact there is a strong resurgence of Nazism in Germany and the world. Beyond this horror there is an array of evil on all sides.

How wise we are then to remain close to our Lord and His people so that we may follow the path of righteousness bringing praise to His glory and goodness to our lives. One way to remain close is to join together in public worship. We hope then you will meet with us Sunday at 4pm for Christian fellowship. As the old ad says. "It does a body good."



ON A PASTORAL NOTE

Rev. Gary Capen, Associate Pastor

It is said that "Change is Inevitable!" As we look at some of the changes in the Bible, we see Adam and Eve put out of the Garden of Eden. Then Abram called by God to leave his home and travel to a land that God would show him and make him the father of many nations. Or Noah told by God to build an ark. The changes that take place in the Bible are incredible. So, change is inevitable, but it is how we approach change that can make it easier or harder for us to adapt. It's a matter of seeing either a glass half full or half empty. It's all in how we approach it and accept that change.

Certainly, we notice change in our own physical presence as we age, and again, do we age well or do we dread aging? Personally, as I age there are some things I enjoy and some things that can be a little disheartening, but overall, I give thanks for the aging process. I have a habit of saying when asked, "How are you?" my response is, "I couldn't be better!" Yes there are things that could always be "better," but I choose to give thanks to God for each and every day of my life. Regardless of my physical being, I choose to look at my glass as being half full with room to grow.

So, change is inevitable and we are constantly in the midst of change. Here at Gold Canyon UMC we are changing, working to grow in faith, commitment to Christ and in always being what Christ asks of us. How we approach these changes will in part govern how we move forward. I choose always to enter change with an open mind and heart for the future.





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

...please send prayer requests to
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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...

Patrick Graham
 Frank Kujawa
 Jim Nolan
 Melissa Olson
 Chuck Payne





CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS



Most of us have heard the mantra over the years regarding age, that goes something like this – “*The older you get you get invited to more funerals than to weddings or baby showers.*” There is certainly truth to that for obvious reasons.

Our family, friends, and acquaintances age with us and sometimes they outpace us.

I’ve also heard others lament that life gets increasingly difficult as we get older because we lose so many friends and loved ones, one at a time (or even in close proximity to one another!); and sometimes it’s hard to maintain a joyful spirit. The older I get, the more I understand and relate to that phenomenon.

So, what do we do when faced with this? I’ve decided I have at least 2 choices...

- I can be continually sad, allow myself to be dragged into a consistent state of melancholy, and even isolate myself as I dwell on my loss (es), or
- I can focus on the enrichment those individuals brought to my life; pass on to others the spirit and goodness they brought to this world; and strive to appreciate those around me even more.

I’ve certainly allowed myself to get sucked into the mood outlined in the first bullet above. That one seems like a natural path when we experience a loss, and if you’ve lived long enough you’ve probably been there. But how do we have a response more in line with the second bullet, and maintain our joy in life in the midst of loss?

I recently had the pleasure of hearing some old time folk/mountain music while in the Ozarks of Arkansas. These lyrics in one of the songs struck a chord with me – “*Be sure and count your blessings before you ask for more.*” This helped me go down the path of reframing our losses.

In a somewhat backward way of looking at it, can’t we

say that it is a blessing to have the opportunity to lose people? By that, I mean that having amazing relationships in our lives is the ultimate blessing. If we didn’t have friends and loved ones who make a significant, positive impact in our lives daily, of course we wouldn’t miss them. But love, and loss, is all part of the package God has given us.

Functional medicine Dr. Mark Hyman has said “*Connecting to others is a necessary ingredient for health, like food, water, air, sleep or movement.*” I believe that, that’s why God gave us other people. They are our community, they support us, enrich and fill our lives. Whether it’s 2, or 10, we need them. When I lose the next person in my life, I will no doubt be an emotional wreck! I will be sad; I will beg God to take away the pain. But, as that folk song advised, I am going to trust what God has given me, count the blessings they’ve brought to my life, and then seek to continue fostering relationships and the blessings **still** in my life!

If this seems like an impossible feat for you, **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.

³ *Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.*

⁴ *Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ~ Philippians 2:3-4 [NRSV]*





MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



Now that October has arrived, one can tell that fall is in full swing. More winter visitors are returning to AZ, the temperatures are getting cooler, and the music department will now be fully engaged in worship and preparing for our December Christmas concert. Choir resumed in early September and we're starting Christmas Choir rehearsals this month. If you're interested in singing in the Christmas concert but don't want the commitment of singing every Sunday, you are encouraged to join us every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the choir room until the concert on December 9th. Canyon Carillon also resumes this month on Tuesday, October 10th at 3:00 p.m. If you're interested in ringing with us, please contact me by phone or email. Canyon Carillon will perform on the Christmas concert and on most third Sundays of the month.

This past September, we had a good crowd at the 'Sunday Sounds Series' for the demonstration of the portative pipe organ by OrgelKids USA, Lambert & Fralick organ builders. Attendees learned about the mechanical action pipe organ and the benefits of its hardy yet simple action and construction. We hope to have another demonstration and perhaps even group construction day early next year so our winter visitors get a chance to see, hear, put together, and learn about the pipe organ and our organ project plans. There are pictures from September's event below. The 'Sunday Sounds Series' will continue this month on the second Sunday, October 8th, with dark and spooky music for October, after the 9:30 a.m. service so be sure to attend. We'll have 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.

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. 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





TENTATIVE

2023-2024 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, Saltines and macaroni-n-cheese. Thank you for your patronage!



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 **\$3,110.95!** It's easy to do... just stop by (or call) the Church Office or visit the Welcome Desk on Sunday 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!

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.

ST. ANDREW'S CHILDREN'S CLINIC



St. Andrew's Children's Clinic and volunteer medical specialists have been serving Mexico's poorest families since 1973. Most of the families cannot afford the medical treatment for their special needs child, and many travel for several hours to get the medical care their child needs.

The clinic location at 2021 N. Grand Ave., Nogales, AZ. 85621, has been open since Nov. 2022. The Children's Clinic continues to thrive, serving about 40-50 families, administering medical treatments to children including Audiology, Nutrition, Orthopedics, Orthotics & Prosthetics, Vision, and more.

The Clinic also helps with supplies & support for families during the cleft palate surgeries. St. Andrew's Clinic is very grateful for the monetary donations & continued support from GCUMC enabling them to purchase the most needed clinical supplies.



Please keep St. Andrew's Children's Clinic in your prayers to continue receiving the medical care they need. To learn more about the Clinic, patients, and healthcare professionals, visit www.standrewsclinic.org.

—Sherry Hussein

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. The dedication of the Pelosi home will be on October 7th.

Our church has now joined forces with the Southeast Valley Lutheran Coalition, which is now planning their 28th build, slated to start November 4th. It will be the 18th build Gold Canyon UMC has helped build since 2007.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH(UWF)

United
Women
in Faith

Who has a grateful heart and how would you describe a grateful person? One place to look is at the women in the

Bible whom we admire. Hannah was blessed by God with a son, Samuel, after years of infertility. Read her prayer of gratitude and thankfulness, 1 Samuel 2:1-10. Esther risked her life to save her people. She was grateful for God's protection while facing great danger. In her old age, Elizabeth was blessed by God with the birth of her son, John the Baptist. She expressed gratitude and joy by honoring God's blessings in her life. Ruth, a foreigner and widow, was grateful for the kindness of Boaz. She worked hard to provide for her mother in law Naomi. Ruth expressed her gratitude by hard work and concern for others. Mary Magdalene's acts of devotion and gratitude honored Jesus and expressed her deep love for him. She was grateful for Jesus' love and expressed her gratitude by anointing his feet with perfume, John 12:1-8.



As Christian women, we believe that all good things come from God. We are called to be good stewards of His blessings and have a grateful heart.

On the United Women in Faith website, I found this list of qualities that describe a grateful heart, a person who :

1. Expresses gratitude often,
2. Has a positive attitude, focusing on things to be thankful for,
3. Is humble, recognizes blessings come from God and the generosity of friends and others,
4. Is generous, shares with others and gives back,
5. Recognizes the good in others,
6. Lives in the present, enjoys the moment.

Join us as we take a deeper look at why a grateful heart is important and the scriptures that speak about the importance of having a grateful heart.

A Grateful Heart program

Saturday, October 21, 2023

10 AM, Fellowship; 10:30, Meeting and Program
Mission Center

For more information, Susan Lyons, 812 327 1403 or
susanblyons@gmail.com

READING PROGRAM:

The beautiful pictures illustrate the story. Jane Hansgaard reads aloud from the book Freedom We Sing, at the Reading Program meeting in September. Peggy Kinder chairs the program and looks on.

The project will be a new build in the Don Carlos area of Tempe, the same area where we built this last winter/spring season. The SEVL Coalition is very well funded and has already raised about half of the funds needed for the build. We have pledged to contribute \$10,000 again this year, and hope to exceed that goal.

Please consider donating to this project and/or volunteering to work at the site. Please make your check out to Gold Canyon UMC and specify Habitat in the memo. Thanks so much for your ongoing support of this ministry.

Please direct questions to Joe and Maureen Morton at moandjoem@aol.com or (602)284-2826.

ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS MISSION

In September, applications were mailed 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 process the individual tags for each family member which are given to a Team Captain.

We still need volunteer Team Captains. Thanks to 7 wonderful angels for taking on the Team Captain for 7 families. However, we had over 20 family's other years. Team Captains lead a small group 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 interested in finding out where you can help in this important annual mission, contact Jane Hayes or GCUMC Office. Cash donations for this mission to help cover expenses for food boxes, gift cards, clothing, and toys should be marked "Angel Tree." Our Angel Trees will only have gift cards to purchase and return to the Church 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. Keep an eye out for the Christmas trees that will be set-up right after Thanksgiving!

Before We Were Yours is a historical fiction novel by Lisa Wingate, and based on real life historical events of a woman who ran an adoption center in Memphis in 1939. She kidnapped poor children and sold them to wealthy families. It was an eye opener for me and I highly recommend this book," Jane Hansgaard, Reading Program.

CULINARY CIRCLE:

A "Mardi Gras" dinner was held in July by Clara Knight.



L-R: Clara Knight, Ann Owens, Lorna Marifferen, Joy Bliss, Jean Ruchala and Carol Johnson

OCTOBER MEETINGS:

- **Reading Program**, Wednesday, October 4, Mission Center, contact Peggy Kinder for information, p.kinder@mchsi.com
- **Esther Circle**, Friday, October 6, contact Dian Capen, dkcapen@gmail.com for more info
- **Leadership Meeting**, Tuesday, October 17, 10 AM, Mission Center, contact Susan Lyons for more info, susanblyons@gmail.com
- **General meeting**, Grateful Heart program, Saturday, October 21, 10 AM, Mission Center, for more info, susanblyons@gmail.com
- **Culinary Circle**, Thursday, October 26, contact Carol Johnson for time, place. caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com
- **Matthew 25 Pen Pal Prison Ministry**, Zoom meeting, contact Cheri Creel for time, day, cheryljunec@icloud.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FALL BAKE SALE!

Be sure to put this date on your "yummy" calendar: Sun., November 19, Baked goods and cheese balls go on sale before church, in-between, and after worship services!

On your last stop after shopping, count on Joy and Peggy (below photo) to help total your purchases and answer your questions about most everything!



UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

- **Sat., 11/18, 10am, Mission Center:** InterFaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program (I-HELP) by Bev Locke, Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest
- **Sat., 12/16, 10am Mission Center:** Mentoring At-Risk Youth Program by Reverend Julius Keller





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?!

Sponsor your table today for only \$240
As a table sponsor, you will decorate your table in any color scheme or theme you choose, provide tea cups for each of your guests and create a lovely centerpiece that will be auctioned off as part of our fundraising efforts!

Table Sponsors will be recognized in print materials, online and live at the event!



Payments can be made online at genesishomelessprojectaz.com/donate or by mail to PO Box 5156 Apache Junction AZ 85178

Contact Trinity Frey at trinity_frey@outlook.com



OCTOBER CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Sun Oct 1	8am	Traditional Worship (S)	Mon Oct 9	All day	Columbus Day	
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)		1pm	Angel Tree Leadership (Church Ofc)	
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)		1pm	Coffee with the Pastor (MR)	
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)		Tue Oct 10	9am	GriefShare (ER)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)		9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-B&Patio)	
	11am	Praise Worship (KR)		10am	GC Garden Club (MC-E)	
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)		1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E)	
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)		1pm	GriefShare (ER)	
Mon Oct 2	—	—		3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)	
	1pm	Angel Tree Leadership (Church Ofc)		5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)	
Tue Oct 3	9am	GriefShare (ER)	Wed Oct 11	6:30pm	Financial Peace University (ER)	
	1pm	GriefShare (ER)		7:45am	MTG: Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)	
	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)		10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M)	
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)		10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/K)	
	6pm	MTG: Gold Canyon Community, Inc (MC-E)		11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)	
	6:30pm	Financial Peace University (ER)		1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E)	
Wed Oct 4	7:45am	MTG: Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)	Thu Oct 12	2:45pm	MTG: GCAC (MC-S)	
	10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M)		5:30pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)	
	10am	UWF Reading Program (MC-B/Patio)		6pm	HOA: Foothills at GC (MC-S)	
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/K)		10am	CLASS: 40 Days in the Word (TBN)	
	11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)		1pm	"Read It & Reap" Book Club (ER)	
Thu Oct 5	5:30pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)	Fri Oct 13	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)	
	9am	Girls Matter. (MC-B)		7pm	AA (MC-B)	
	10am	CLASS: 40 Days in the Word (TBN)		11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)	
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)		5:30pm	AA (MC-E)	
	7pm	AA (MC-B)		6:30pm	Outdoor Movie: "Little Mermaid" (Patio)	
Fri Oct 6	8am	GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)	Sat Oct 14	8am	PEO Mtg (MC-B)	
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)	Sun Oct 15	8am	Traditional Worship (S)	
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)		
Sun Oct 8	8am	Traditional Worship (S)	<div><div>MAIN CAMPUS</div><div>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</div><div>MISSIONS CENTER MC-B = Barnabas MC-E = Esther MC-M = Martha MC-S = Stephen</div><div>(Calendar is subject to change For more info, visit www.GoldCanyonUMC.org or call the Church Office)</div></div>			
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)				
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)				
	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)				

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	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)		10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)		10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/K)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)		11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	11am	Praise Worship (KR)		1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)		5:30pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)	Thu Oct 26	9am	Girls Matter. (MC-B)
Mon Oct 16	1pm	Angel Tree Leadership (Church Ofc)		10am	CLASS: 40 Days in the Word (TBN)
Tue Oct 17	9am	GriefShare (ER)		6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	10am	MTG: UWF (MC-TBD)		7pm	AA (MC-B)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E)	Fri Oct 27	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	1pm	GriefShare (ER)		5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)	Sat Oct 28	8am	PEO Mtg (MC-B)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)		11am	MEMORIAL: Dwight Morrison (S)
	6:30pm	Financial Peace University (ER)		12pm	MEMORIAL RECEPTION: Dwight Morrison (KR/K)
Wed Oct 18	10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M)	Sun Oct 29	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/K)		9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)
	11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)		9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E)		9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	5:30pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)		11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
Thu Oct 19	10am	CLASS: 40 Days in the Word (TBN)		11am	Praise Worship (KR)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)		3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	7pm	AA (MC-B)		4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
Fri Oct 20	8am	GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)	Mon Oct 30	1pm	Angel Tree Leadership (Church Ofc)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)		1pm	Angel Tree Leadership Mtg (Missions Rm-Ofc)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)		6:30pm	SPRC Mtg (MC-B)
Sat Oct 21	10am	MTG: UWF (MC-E/Zoom)	Tue Oct 31	All day	Halloween
Sun Oct 22	8am	Traditional Worship (S)		9am	GriefShare (ER)
	9am	UG Rehearsal (KR)		1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)		1pm	GriefShare (ER)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)		3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)		5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	11am	Praise Worship (KR)		6:30pm	Financial Peace University (ER)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)			
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)			
Mon Oct 23	1pm	Angel Tree Leadership (Church Ofc)			
Tue Oct 24	9am	GriefShare (ER)			
	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-B)			
	1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E)			
	1pm	GriefShare (ER)			
	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)			
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)			
	6pm	MTG: Trustees (MC-B)			
	6:30pm	Financial Peace University (ER)			
Wed Oct 25	7:45am	MTG: Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)			

ROADRUNNER & BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please send content for the
NOVEMBER Roadrunner
 via email to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org
NO LATER THAN 8am on Monday, 10/16/2023
Weekly Bulletin & Flower Orders
 12pm on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday Service



OCTOBER 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!

Enevold, Connie & Jeff 10/01
 Peterson, June & Rick 10/01
 Hoerter, Coleen & Daniel 10/02
 Winkler, Don & Sarah 10/02
 Seabright, Mary & Randy 10/06
 Cajowski, Barbara & John 10/08
 Matthews, Lowell & Shirley 10/08
 Rowland, Debbie & Phil 10/11
 Sifferath, Sharee & Warren 10/13
 Fuerherm, Donna & Roy 10/15
 Klaers, Mary & Nick 10/15
 Wever, Mike & Shar 10/15
 Hanson, Renee & Shawn 10/16
 Lunder, Nancy & Wayne 10/21
 Heft, Bob & Lenz, Kathy 10/30
 Tabor, Charles & Jill 10/30

Happy Birthday!

Hanson, Carter 10/01
 Fish, Herb 10/02
 Ramacher, Marcielle 10/02
 Cajowski, Kyle 10/03
 Potter, Penny 10/03
 Shank, Linda 10/03
 Tabor, Jill 10/04
 Becker, Jack 10/05
 Cajowski, John 10/05
 Capen, Dian 10/05
 Crosswhite, Jason 10/05
 Douglass, Jaclyn 10/05
 Douglas, Marilyn 10/05
 Rasmussen, Al 10/06
 Hosler, Mary Lou 10/07
 Wion, Sheldon 10/07
 Zander, Helen 10/07
 Hunter, Betty Lou 10/08
 Lunder, Nancy 10/08
 Muir, Barbara 10/08

Becker, Bonnie 10/09
 Behan, Connie 10/09
 Merrel, Kay 10/09
 Scott, Jay 10/09
 Burgi, Jenelu 10/10
 Ewing, John 10/10
 Johnson, Pete 10/10
 Poppe-Smart, Kimberli 10/10
 Vander Stoep, Paul 10/10
 Miller, Royce 10/11
 Roberson, Rinda 10/11
 Larson, Craig 10/12
 Cascaden, Lisa 10/13
 Graves, Donna 10/13
 Miller, Fred 10/13
 Sifferath, Warren 10/13
 Bradshaw, Jack 10/14
 Breuklander, Paul 10/14
 Eubanks, Rosalie 10/14
 Lindholm, Lynn 10/14
 Pautvein, Joan 10/15
 Reynolds, Kally 10/15
 Carnahan, Karen 10/16
 Kirby, Cindy 10/16
 Tollefson, Kathy 10/17
 Carnahan, Bob 10/18
 Norton, Lester 10/18
 Rogers, Shirley 10/18
 Workman, Paul 10/18
 Adams, Robbie 10/19
 Liles, Cheryl 10/20
 Rowland, Debbie 10/20
 Schulz, Merle 10/20
 Thomas, Bill 10/20
 Adams, Michael 10/21
 Dauenhauer, Dick 10/21
 Brown, Ariella 10/22
 Charette, Carl 10/22
 Elieff, Jim 10/22
 Elek, Tim 10/22

Fendley, Alexis 10/23
 Fendley, Cecil 10/23
 Neumann, Eleanor 10/23
 Tabor, Charles 10/23
 Corey, Fred 10/24
 Kopnick, Pamela 10/24
 Tucker, Rush 10/24
 Hager, James 10/25
 Johnson (Korver), Carol 10/25
 Lunn, Ed 10/25
 Myers, Bill 10/25
 Williams, Kateland 10/25
 Miller, Mike 10/26
 Schorer, Manny 10/26
 Daniels, Jan 10/27
 Lindholm, Paul 10/27
 Crandall, LeWain 10/28
 Slegl, Ann 10/28
 Holmes, Rose 10/29
 Pautzke, Donavon 10/29
 Elieff, Sue 10/30
 Hassoun, Cindy 10/30
 Martin, Darla 10/30
 Weinhold, Eldon 10/30
 Gibson, James 10/31
 Graba, Sylvia 10/31
 Sauerbrunn, Diane 10/31





CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

AUGUST	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
	84678	21603	8819	68427	22041	4823	59609	13498	5189	53043	12474	4199

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; \$1,015,548 raised)
- Pipe Organ (\$173,464 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.
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- ... reduces taxes
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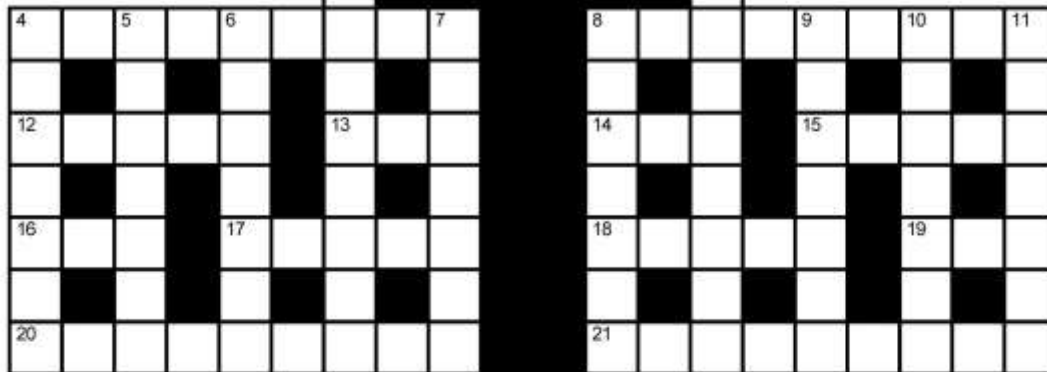
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FUN-N-GAMES

Across

- 1 Donkey (3)
2 Jesus' Father (3)
4 One of the twelve (9)



- 8 Didn't believe in resurrection (9)
12 One of David's warriors (5)
13 First word of the Lord's Prayer (3)
14 New Testament name for Noah (3)
15 Wish harm upon (5)
16 Hole in the ground (3)
17 Adversary (5)
18 Savour (5)
19 First woman (3)
20 Mother of John the Baptist (9)
21 Family of priests (9)
22 Third son of Jacob (4)
23 Hates (8)
26 Assurances (8)
30 Endured pain (8)
31 Return from the dead (4)
32 Intercessor (8)
35 Decorating (8)
39 Old Testament book of the Bible (4)
40 The prince of Rosh, Mesech and Tubal (3)
42 A wise insect (3)
44 Dwelling place of kings (6)
45 Make bigger (8)

Down

- 1 One of God's messengers (5,2,3,4)
3 1940s archaeological find (4,3,7)
4 Tread down (7)
5 Father of Jonah (7)
6 Very salty water bordering Israel (4,3)
7 Defensive structures (11)
8 Refuges (11)
9 Dirty (7)
10 Devout (7)
11 Pieces of money (7)
24 Used to listen (3)
25 Used to see (3)
26 Positions (5)
27 Made available (7)
28 Snake (7)
29 Destroyed along with Gomorrah (5)
33 Finish (3)
34 Possess (3)
35 King of the Amalekites (4)
36 Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
37 Almost sacrificed by Abraham (5)
38 Present (4)
41 Unfasten (4)
43 Fish traps (4)

<http://biblepuzzles.org.uk>



BITS-N-BYTES

Get involved!



For more info contact Ian in the Church Office
or IClasse@GoldCanyonUMC.org

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>

GOLD CANYON UMC

Uncommon Grace

"I will be glad and rejoice in You;
I will sing praise to Your name,
O Most High!"
— Psalm 9:2

Praise & Worship

**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)
...if you are interested in
getting involved with the
Praise or Country
music teams!

Access ACS



Add/update your photo and contact info — and more using GCUMC's online directory, AccessACS! If you aren't using it, but would like to, send an email to "ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org" with "**AccessACS**" in the subject line and we'll email you login instructions. You can also view our Church Directory on your phone using the ChurchLife app!

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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