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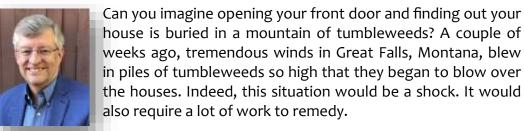


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FROM THE PASTOR: "BURIED UNDER TUMBLEWEEDS"



At times, we may feel overwhelmed by the tumbleweeds of life. Currently, we stress about the wars in Israel and Ukraine. Our hearts break for those lives who are being disrupted. We think of those who have been killed. We struggle to understand the hatred that caused these violent events.

On top of the news from around the world, we deal with our problems. Whether it is health, financial, or personal struggles nobody knows about, we can feel overwhelmed by troubles. Several people recently have told me that the issues in their lives have seemed to pile up.

You may know that Abraham Lincoln set aside the first Thanksgiving as a holiday. He wrote, "It has seemed to me fit and proper that [the gracious gifts of the Most High God] should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People." He did this amid the worst war our nation had ever seen. Lincoln thought the time was ripe for gratitude.

Perhaps when we are buried with problems and fears, the time is right for gratitude. Often, I encourage people to start a gratitude journal. Write down five things you are thankful for at the end of each day. It will help you to refocus your life from your fears and problems to the blessings God has given you. It could change your outlook on life on life. I will see you on Sunday!

I will see you on Sunday! Grace and peace,

Fred

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Pastor Katharine Keller

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

ADVENT STUDY



The Heart That Grew Three Sizes: Finding Faith in the Story of the Grinch. Join Pastor Katharine as she facilitates a video study by Matt Rawle, who explores how the Grinch's heart grew three sizes, how Christmas saved the Grinch, and then asks the question – Could it be that the very thing we think we hate is the one thing that changes

our lives? Let's look at this familiar classic through the lens of faith and see how Christ speaks to us through our culture. This 4-week series begins Wed., November 29. Please note that this class will be offered in the morning at 10am and at 6pm. Sign-up is preferred for materials to be prepared, but there is no charge for this class.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



Remembrance Service on **Wed., December 6th, 2023 at 7:00pm** we will be remembering those whom we've lost since last year's

Remembrance Service on December 7, 2022. Please register the name(s) of your deceased to churchoffice@goldcanyonumc.org by December 1st, 2023. Although email is preferred, if you don't have access to a computer, please call the Church Office (480)982-3776 and ask for our Office Manager.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP



Pastor Katharine is looking for volunteers to help lead VBC early next summer. She is also considering offering a "specialty" activity each

afternoon for those students who wish to stay for lunch and into the afternoon. If you are interested in any aspect of this adventure with children, please let Pastor Katharine know. We will have our first meeting sometime in January 2024.

DESERT DINERS 2024



Want to meet new friends and enjoy fellowship with one another? Here's your opportunity!

We, the Congregational Life Team, are excited to kick off Desert Diners—where you can get to know your church family by sharing a monthly meal together whether in your home or in a restaurant. This could be breakfast, lunch, or dinner. Here's how it works:

- You sign-up, indicating meal preference.
- The Congregational Life Team will coordinate groups of 8 persons (couples and/or singles) from those who signed up. The Team will provide guidance and assistance as needed.
- In each group a different person or couple will take turns hosting the monthly meal.
- If the host chooses to meet in a home, the host will provide the main course and the other members of the group will divide up who brings an appetizer, side dish, salad, and dessert. If a host chooses to go to a restaurant, each individual or couple will pay separately.

The experience of sharing a meal together provides lifelong friends we might not have met otherwise and builds a strong church community. We hope you will enjoy the fun and fellowship together.

Please register no later than Nov. 30, 2023 by signing up in the Lobbies of either building or by calling the Church Office. Groups will be notified by January 1, 2024. Call Dee Ashe at (480)685-7175 or Pastor Katharine with any questions.

"EMPTY BOWLS"



Pastor Katharine is looking for potters for a special event called "Empty Bowls" which we would like to hold in February 2024.

Please contact her as soon as you can with names or if you, yourself, do pottery.

GREENING OF THE CHURCH



If you like putting up Christmas trees and decorating rooms with swags and such, please join us on Saturday, December 2nd at 9:30am in the Sanctuary. We anticipate we will be finished by 10:30am-11:00am. Many

hands make light work and our decorating in both buildings goes rather quickly if there is a lot of help! Please let Pastor Katharine know if you can help.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING



If you, your family, or friend would like to light the Advent candle/stand or do the reading at one of the worship services during Advent, please contact Pastor Katharine in the Church Office. Dates/Times are: • Sundays in Advent (Dec. 3, Dec. 10, 17) at the 8am,

9:30am, 11am & 4pm worship services • Christmas Eve at the 9:30 morning service and 4pm or 6pm worship services • First come, first served. We love to have different voices representing the congregation, so please call her and request your spot as soon as you've decided.

CRAFTY CHRISTMAS



Congregational Life is sponsoring a fun Sunday afternoon to create a variety of Christmas crafts while enjoying decorating Christmas cookies and drinking hot chocolate. This all happens on **December 10**th **from 1-3 p.m.** in the Missions Center. This is a free event,

but in order for the team to know how many crafts to prepare, we ask you to sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Katharine.

"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 an in-person class and each

episode will be viewed together with discussion afterwards.

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!

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2023

The below photo shows GCUMC Staff and other members of the Desert Southwest Conference who attended Leadership Institute at the Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City in September.



OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT



On Friday, October 13th we had 35 attendees to watch "The Little Mermaid" with Haillie Berry. Join us next time... invite your friends and

enjoy the fellowship under the stars!



CHURCH GAME NIGHT



A great time was had by those attending our Church Game Night... complete with a Balloon Game and In October endless snacks!















month we learned about God creating the world. See what fun we had doing some of our own creating with shaving cream!

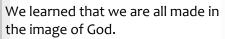




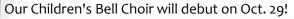




We also drew pictures of what God looks like.











YOUTH MINISTRY

Valerie Hammons, Youth Ministries Director

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

WELCOME TO GOLD CANYON UMC YOUTH MINISTRY!

We are excited to welcome 7th thru 12th grade students back to Gold Canyon Youth Ministries in October!

We will meet on October 22nd to get to know each other and to start planning the Youth Group and our winter schedule.

On October 29th at 9:30am, YOUTH Sunday School will be a fun morning of fellowship and carving pumpkins! All tools and stencils are included. Invite a friend or three and let us know if you plan to attend so we can get enough pumpkins and food to cover everyone. Please RSVP to the Church Office (480)982-3776 or call/text Valerie @ 520-444-1991. Be sure to watch for updates soon!



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On Sun., Oct. 15th, Ava Witucky sang "The Ten Commandments" as the Traditional Offertory and was accompanied by her grandfather, John Soper on guitar.









ON THE GOSPEL SIDE

Dr. David Worley, Preaching Associate

Some years ago a colleague of mine who conducted seminars for organizational leaders told me this story. "I was invited to meet with the top leaders of a thriving, productive and profitable organization. There were a handful of people around the conference table on the first day we began, all of whom were wealthy and prestigious; they owned McMansions, drove the finest autos, made regular vacation journeys to places most people only dream about going, owned large bank balances and boasted impressively funded retirement accounts. As a first exercise, I passed out 3X5 cards and gave those in attendance a simple assignment. I said 'I will give you one minute and I would like you to write down on this card as many things as you can during that minute for which you are grateful.' I invited them to begin and as they drew the most expensive writing instruments from their designer suit pockets, a silence descended on the group. A minute passed and not one of them listed even one item on their cards."

At first I thought he must be mistaken when he shared this story, but he insisted that he checked to make sure the cards were indeed blank. He, too, was stunned by the results. So, this became the focus of the time he spent working with these CEOs, CFOs and other high level leaders. On reflection, I wonder how we would do if we engaged in this exercise. You may say, "Oh, I would fill my card in that amount of time if I could write fast enough." Indeed, you might. But is that genuine gratitude? I suggest we could fill the card and yet have hearts empty of authentic thankfulness. This month we celebrate Thanksgiving and we tend to focus more on this theme in our songs, prayers and sermons. But, are we truly grateful? How much does gratitude infuse every day we live? How often do we turn heavenward and express our heart-felt thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father during the average day?

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ON A PASTORAL NOTE

Rev. Gary Capen, Associate Pastor

As I'm writing this, I am thinking of this time last year when we were in Israel. I'm very thankful we traveled last year for this year it would have been impossible. My point is however that I'm keeping in my thoughts and prayers all those whom we met, interacted with, both Israelis and Palestinians. Our guides Tamar and Jimmy and their families and friends. I think of the Palestinian family and families we ate with and how they are all doing under the current situation in Israel and Gaza.

Yes, the violence, the atrocities done by Hamas and others is horrific and we cannot condone such violence, but we can pray for peace, for the safety of all those whom we met and with

whom we broke bread.

We also pray for all those on our prayer list and those whom we hold in our hearts. We pray for the church as we move forward into a very busy season and pray that we don't become so wrapped up in the busyness that we forget the true meaning of these days. Thankfulness' for the bounty God has given us in this season of Thanksgiving. Love, for the gift of God's Love for us in His Son Jesus. And Peace, for the moments to come. God Bless each of you.





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.



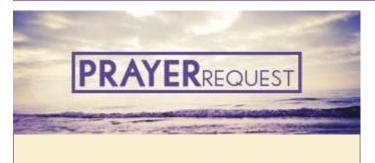
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Caring for others in the GCUMC fellowship of believers is shared by clergy & lay caregivers. In addition to the pastoral staff, trained Lay Congregational Care Ministers (CCMs) share a ministry of loving spiritual care: visits, prayer, Holy Communion, music, meals, errands and more. You are invited to join the Congregational Care Ministry by contacting the Church Office.



...please send prayer requests to GCUMCPrayers@gmail.com or call the Church Office

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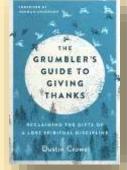
We honor the lives and memories of these members and friends, as well as their families and friends who have recently passed...

Keva Aberle Bea Gray Jeff Nelson (MN)
Ruth Barth Courtney Hellie Sally Nohr
Leo Gerst Marilyn Horkey Linda Ross
Alejandro Gonzales Stew Lapham Barb Tyson

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In recent weeks, Deb and I have begun reading a book entitled *The Grumbler's Guide to Giving Thanks* by Dustin Crowe. At the outset he makes this point: "In the Bible thanksgiving plays a prominent and powerful role, but we've demoted it to a seasonal add-on" (p. 20). He goes on to claim that we need to "reclaim the gifts of a lost spiritual discipline" namely, giving thanks. Maybe you would like to read this short book available from Moody Publishers, but whether you read it or not, may I ask you how well is thanksgiving integrated into your daily life?

One way to help build this practice is to attend worship each week and join your voice along with God's people to express thanks, praise and worship. Sundays can be a needed reminded to remember and reflect on what truly matters and express gratitude accordingly. The Lord's Day can help you reset the discipline of giving thanks. We welcome you to be a part of such a



celebration at 4 pm each Sunday at the Country Gospel Service. The welcome mat is out! And may I add, we would be grateful to enjoy your company!



CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

WHAT IS YOUR STORY?



annual National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, TN this Fall. Who knew this existed? At first blush it may sound a little odd or boring, but I can't begin to express how far from the truth that is. Dedicated to not losing the old-fashioned art of

storytelling, tellers come from all over the world. It is said "For what New Orleans is to jazz...Jonesborough is to storytelling." There they weave a tapestry of joy, tragedy, humor, and art.

Last month we talked about blessings, and in this month of Thanksgiving, it seems only fitting to continue with that theme. I've had some added stress in my life lately, dealing with significant issues with a loved one. At times like this I can use reminders (sometimes I need them daily!) of the blessings in my life. Without those reminders it's sometimes easy to fall into my own little world, feel sorry for myself, and even forget that everyone around me is going through their own 'stuff'.

wit, wisdom, and charm during that festival. One of my favorites was Teller Donald Davis, a retired Methodist Pastor with a plethora of life experience. He regaled us with a story from decades ago of moving to tiny Cherokee County, NC as a Pastor. He asked one of his congregants to help him get to know the congregation and take him out on visits to their homes. One woman seemed to intimidate everyone, no one visited her, or wanted to take him to meet her. She was odd, had quirky habits, lived in seclusion in the mountains with 30+ cats, had very little funds but asked for nothing, and her behavior was just overall unpredictable.

Her greeting to him that day was "are you that new little preacher boy?" He found she was everything that was promised, and much more. He forged a friendship with her over the next few years and learned that one of her "quirks" was that as a retired schoolteacher, she refused to take her retirement checks. She believed she was no longer working and thus didn't deserve to take the state's money, so she sent the checks back each month. And

nobody could convince her otherwise! Donald Davis expressed that the number one thing he learned from that Most I was able to attend the 51st lovely lady was this - "in no circumstance of my life will I ever be so poor that I can't call myself wealthy." I think he saw thankfulness and love in the meagerest of circumstances.

> Another tidbit of wisdom came from Teller Paul Strickland, whose characters Ain't True and Uncle False are the center of his stories. That tidbit went like this, "I wouldn't recommend my life to many, but I wouldn't trade it with most." I see in that message that there is always more than one way to view our circumstances.

The last message I'll mention though, was by far the most powerful. My grandfather served in WWII, and his unit was one of the first in to liberate the concentration camp at Dachau. Thus, growing up the history surrounding the Holocaust always interested me. Tova Friedman was a child in Auschwitz during WWII, but she survived. Now 85 years old, she still travels the world telling her story. The inspiration I received from simply watching this beautiful, intelligent woman is indescribable. She is a wife, a mother, a grandmother, an author, a speaker who's given the world her story for decades now. Seeing beauty rise from Countless tellers - artists really - mesmerized me with their something so ugly seems to have the ability to give us hope and thankfulness through anything.

All these stories had the same theme to me, seeing the blessings around us. Have you learned from something in your past that you could pass on to help another? Or are you having a little trouble figuring out your own story right now, and need a boost? If you could use some support today, who better to trust or reach out to than one of GCUMC's 4 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 So, on his own, Pastor Davis dove in and went to meet her. 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.

> ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. ~ 2 Timothy 1:7 [NRSV]



MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



As Thanksgiving approaches, may we all remember to thank God for all his blessings. One of those blessings is that the Sanctuary is starting to look fuller on Sundays and we're finally getting cooler weather. As we approach Advent at the end of the month, it's hard to believe that Christmas is only a month away. There will be considerable activity in the music ministry the closer we get to Christmas such as the Christmas concert on December 9th at 3:00 p.m., so stay tuned.

The 'Sunday Sounds Series' will also continue on second Sunday of the month, November 12th. If you're interested in hearing and discussing organ, the organ project, or music in general, be sure to attend! The recital will be presented between the 9:30 and 11:00am services. As always, feel free to move about, find a seat that works best for you, and ask any questions you might have when the time comes.

Later on in the month, the Gold Canyon Arts Council will begin the 2023-2024 season of the **Canyon Sounds** performance series with the **Mirari Brass Quintet** on **Friday, November 17**th **at 7:00 p.m.** One of the country's finest Brass Ensembles, Mirari Brass' repertoire is wonderfully eclectic and engaging. The Mirari Brass Quintet brings a spirit of joyful collaboration and innovation to music spanning many centuries and genres. There should be something of interest for all who attend. Get your tickets now at goldcanyonarts.org/tickets, the Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce, or Robin Rotella Team Realtors. As always, if you're able, please bring a non-perishable food item for the food bank!

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

Happy Thanksgiving and best regards,

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Please be sure introduce yourselves!



April & Ned Hardcastle



Mary Dudley



Kate Deitch



Larry Caywood



Joyce Larson



Marcia Guth



Doug & Lynn Edney



S. Kay McCauley



2023-2024 Performances & Events

11/17/23	Fri 7:00pm *	GCAC Concert: Mirari Brass Quintetone 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 WorshipJoin us for worship w/ candlelight!
12/24/23	Sun 6:00pm	Christmas Eve WorshipJoin us for worship w/ candlelight!
01/12/24	Fri 7:00pm *	GCAC Concert: The Hutchins Consorta premier string group!
01/27/24	Sat 9:00pm	GCAC Arts Festivala 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 & Dancersmusic & dance
02/14/24	Wed 7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Worshipjoin us as we begin the journey through Lent
02/25/24	Sun 2:00pm	Brett Valliantconcert & theatre organist to benefit GCUMC Pipe Organ Fund
03/03/24	Sun 2:00pm	The Rice Brothersboth are virtuoso pianists and cellists
03/08/24	Fri 7:00pm *	GCAC Concert: Quarteto Nuevomerges genres w/ organic feel that packs a wallop!
03/17/24	Sun 2:00pm	Dave & DaphneNashville entertainers
03/22/24	Fri 7:00pm *	GCAC Concert: Barbara Padillaexceptional classical-crossover singer
03/24/24	Sun 8 & 9:30am	Palm Sunday Worshipjoin us as we begin the journey through Lent
03/24/24	Sun 11:00am	Palm Sunday Praise Worshipjoin us as we begin the journey through Lent
03/24/24	Sun 4:00pm	Palm Sunday Gospel Worshipjoin 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 Worshipin 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 Worshipour 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!

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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 over \$3,612.42! It's easy to do... just stop by (or call) the Church Office or visit the Welcome Desk on Sunday 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!

ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS MISSION



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!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH(UWF)



Homeless 2011 InterFaith The

Lutheran Church, Mesa. Think what a gift this is for unhoused women who may spend their day on the street or in a minimum wage job to be able to sleep in the same

place for two nights, and leave their belongings in a safe place the next day. The next day might include a chance to interview for a job, secure identification documents, see a healthcare provider or just be outside without being labeled "homeless".



Beverly Locke has been the driving force behind I-HELP for twelve years. After college, she married a Presbyterian minister who became a Navy Chaplain. They traveled with their two children all over the world. After her husband died, Bev met and married Don Locke. They moved to Leisure World in 1997 and became active members of Victory Lutheran serving on the church council and the capital campaign.



Beverly Locke in front of the I-HELP bedding and towel closet at Victory Lutheran

How did the IHEP seed sprout and grow? In 2010 the Mesa City Council became alarmed by the number of women experiencing homelessness in Mesa. United Way and Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest developed I-HELP. A similar program for homeless men was running in Tempe. At first there were 12 -20 women staying overnight in churches a few nights a week. In Victory became I-HELP participating an Emergency Lodging Program, I congregation and Victory Church Women stepped up to -HELP, provides a safe place assist. Beverly reminds us, "The number one cause of for unhoused women to sleep homelessness is lack of affordable housing. Most for two consecutive nights twice a month at VIctory homeless have a job but do not make enough to afford a home. Once a person is homeless, it is very hard to find a way out."

There are currently nine local faith organizations providing a safe and secure place for unhoused women to sleep 365 nights a year. Women move to a different church each night. Most churches provide an evening meal and a snack lunch to go. Victory has shower and laundry facilities, comfortable beds and clean bedding, WIFI, a kitchen, and a loving atmosphere. There are 14 women who form close relationships and are full of gratitude for a good meal and a restful sleep. Sometimes women arrive at the church shelter with nothing, So Victory provides basic personal care products.

Volunteers are key to the program's success: volunteers help set up the room, prayer warriors meet with women who want prayer partners, sandwich makers, laundry helpers and volunteers to put inspirational verses in the "to go" sandwich bags, volunteers make light breakfasts.

Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest provides support services such as case management, referrals to health care, mental health, substance abuse programs, domestic abuse programs. LSS helps guests enroll in public benefits, access bus passes, assists writing letters and helps secure housing.

Beverly Is thrilled that Victory is hosting their guests for three nights over Thanksgiving weekend. "There are ways you can participate in our effort to help these very resilient and strong women." If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, contact Beverly, blocke1206@gmail.com.

Victory I-HELP needs:

- Five bathrobes/cover-ups (one size fits all)
- New underwear (all sizes)
- Small deodorant sticks
- Small toothpastes & new toothbrushes
- Gently used twin sheets (top & bottom)
- Pillow cases
- Towels

Please bring as many of these items as you can to our November 18th meeting, as we will be sending them home with Beverly.

NOVEMBER MEETING & PROGRAM:

InterFaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program

Presented by Beverly Locke, Director Saturday, November 18, 2023 in the Missions Center 10 AM, Fellowship; 10:30, Meeting & Program For more info, Susan Lyons

812 327 1403 or susanblyons@gmail.com

READING PROGRAM:

The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek, Kim Michele Richardson — Inspired by the true story of blue-skinned people of Kentucky and the dedicated Kentucky Pack Horse library service of the 1930s, this best selling historical novel follows packhorse Cussy Mary Carter and her quest to bring books to Troublesome Creek. This is a story of courage, strength and belief that books carry us anywhere.



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There was an abundant supply of useful information at "A Cornucopia of Desert Gardening Tips" presented by Pat Bolster, Saturday, September 16 in the Mission Center.



UPCOMING DATES:

- Reading Program, Wed., 11/1, Mission Center, contact Peggy Kinder for information, p.kinder@mchsi.com
- Esther Circle, Fri., 11/3, contact Dian Capin, dkcapen@gmail.com
- Leadership Meeting, Tue., 11/14, 10am, Mission Center, contact Susan Lyons, susanblyons@gmail.com
- General Meeting, Sat., 11/18, 10am, fellowship and 10:30

program, InterFaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program presented by Beverly Locke, Mission Center, susanblyons@gmail.com for more information.

- Baked Goods & Cheese Balls on Sale! Sun., 11/19, Baked goods and cheese balls go on sale before church, inbetween, and after worship services
- Culinary Circle, contact Carol Johnson for more information, caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com
- Matthew 25 Pen Pal Prison Ministry, Zoom meeting, contact Cherie Creel, cheryljunec@icloud.com
- Mentoring At-Risk Youth Program presented by Reverend Julius Keller: Sat., 12/16

FOOD BANK



Happy Thanksgiving to all! In the spirit of giving thanks the management of the Food Bank recently held a luncheon for all their volunteers that have shepherded the Food Bank through a very hot summer with an ever-increasing client base. It was held at the Gold Stallion and

also attended by Pastors' Fred and Katharine.

The volunteers of the GCUMC Food Bank are incredibly

positive people who work tirelessly to serve their clients. In turn, the volunteers wish to extend their appreciation to all of you for the generosity that has enabled the food bank to provide substantial meals for those in need. The 2023 demand has increased approximately 45% overall from 2022. To supplement the protein we purchase, the Food Bank is currently seeking product donations of canned vegetables, beans, soups and side dishes (Rice A RONI, Hamburger Helper types, Instant Potatoes, etc.). However, be assured that all product donations are welcome and can be delivered to the rear door of the Food bank during open hours on Monday-Wednesday-Friday 9AM-12 noon. Your support is greatly appreciated!







NOVEMBER CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Wed Nov 1	7:45am 10am 10am 10:30am 11am 1pm 1pm 5:30pm	MTG: Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E) MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M) UWF Reading Program (MC-B/Patio) Cancer Support Group (ER/K) Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE) DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E) DISCIPLE I (MC-B) Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)	Thu Nov 9	1pm 1pm 2:45pm 5:30pm 10am 11am 12pm	DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E) DISCIPLE I (MC-B) MTG: GCAC (MC-S) Praise Band Rehearsal (KR) CLASS: 40 Days in the Word (MC-E) MEMORIAL: Dave Jordan (S) MEMORIAL RECEPTION: Dave Jordan (KR/K/ER)
Thu Nov 2	10am 6pm 7pm 7:30pm	CLASS: 40 Days in the Word (MC-E) Choir Rehearsal (MR/S) AA (MC-B) Christmas Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)		1pm 6pm 7pm 7:30pm	"Read It & Reap" Book Club (MC-E) Choir Rehearsal (MR/S) AA (MC-B) Christmas Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
Fri Nov 3	All day 8am 11am	GCUMC Women's Retreat (Offsite) GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot) CareGivers Support Group (ER)	Fri Nov 10 Sat Nov 11	All day 11am 5:30pm	Veterans Day (substitute) Calendar CareGivers Support Group (ER) AA (MC-E)
Sat Nov 4	5:30pm All day	AA (MC-E) GCUMC Women's Retreat (Offsite)	Sat NOV II	All day 8am	Veterans Day PFO Mtg (MC-R)
Sat Nov 4 Sun Nov 5 Mon Nov 6 Tue Nov 7	All day All day 8am 9am 9:30am 9:30am 11am 11am 3pm 4pm — 1pm 6:30pm All day 5am	GCUMC Women's Retreat (Offsite) GCUMC Women's Retreat (Offsite) Daylight Saving Time ends Traditional Worship (S) Praise Band Rehearsal (KR) Children's Sunday School (EB) Traditional Worship (S) Youth Sunday School (YR) Children's Sunday School (EB) Praise Worship (KR) Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR) Gospel Worship (KR) — Angel Tree Leadership (Church Ofc) Finance Committee Mtg (MC-B) Election Day POLLING PLACE: Jurisdictional Non-Consolidated (KR)	Sun Nov 12	11am 11am 1pm 3pm 4pm All day 1pm 6:30pm	PEO Mtg (MC-B) Traditional Worship (S) Praise Band Rehearsal (KR) Children's Sunday School (EB) Traditional Worship (S) Youth Sunday School (YR) Organ Mini-Concert Series (S) Children's Sunday School (EB) Praise Worship (KR) Packing Lunches for Homeless (MC-E) Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR) Gospel Worship (KR) ***TENTATIVE*** UWF Delegation Trip Where: Frontera De Cristo, 826 11th St, Douglas, AZ 85607, USA Angel Tree Leadership (Church Ofc) Ad Council / Budget Mtg (MC-B) MTG: Admin Council (MC-B)
	9am	GriefShare (MC-S)	Tue Nov 14	All day	***TENTATIVE*** UWF Delegation Trip
Wed Nov 8	1pm 1pm 2pm 3pm 6pm 6:30pm 7:45am 10am 10:30am 11am 1pm	n DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E) n GriefShare (MC-DER) n CLASS: The Chosen (TBN/Zoom) n Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S) n MTG: Gold Canyon Community, Inc (MC-E) opm Financial Peace University (ER) 5am MTG: Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E) m MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M) goam Cancer Support Group (ER/K) m Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)		PUS ucation Enmaus Rr chen inonia Rr usic Rm bah's Ark tio nctuary a of Galile esley Rm uth Rm	m MC-E = Esther MC-M = Martha m MC-S = Stephen Rm (Calendar is subject to change; For more info, visit www.GoldCanyonUMC.org

Wed Nov 15	All day 7:45am 10am 10:30am 11am 1pm 1pm 5:30pm All day	Where: Frontera De Cristo, 826 11th St, Douglas, AZ 85607, USA GriefShare (ER) Stitches Unlimited (MC-B&Patio) GC Garden Club (MC-E) DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E) GriefShare (ER) CLASS: The Chosen (TBN/Zoom) Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S) Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR) Financial Peace University (ER) UWF Delegation Trip Where: Frontera De Cristo, 826 11th St, Douglas, AZ 85607, USA MTG: Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E) MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M) Cancer Support Group (ER/K) Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE) DISCIPLE I (MC-E) DISCIPLE I (MC-B) Praise Band Rehearsal (KR) UWF Delegation Trip Where: Frontera De Cristo, 826 11th St, Douglas, AZ 85607, USA	Thu Nov 23 Fri Nov 24 Sun Nov 26 Mon Nov 27 Tue Nov 28	11am 1pm 1pm 5:30pm All day 7pm All day 11am	Cancer Support Group (ER/K) Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE) DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E) DISCIPLE I (MC-B) Praise Band Rehearsal (KR) OFFICE CLOSED (Thanksgiving) AA (MC-B) OFFICE CLOSED (Thanksgiving) CareGivers Support Group (ER) AA (MC-E) Traditional Worship (S) Praise Band Rehearsal (KR) Children's Sunday School (EB) Traditional Worship (S) Youth Sunday School (YR) Children's Sunday School (EB) Praise Worship (KR) Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR) Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR) Gospel Worship (KR) — GriefShare (ER) Stitches Unlimited (MC-B)
Fri Nov 17 Sat Nov 18 Sun Nov 19	6pm 7pm 7:30pm 8am 11am 5:30pm 7:30pm 9am 10am 8am 9am 9:30am 9:30am 9:30am 11am	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S) AA (MC-B) Christmas Choir Rehearsal (MR/S) GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot) CareGivers Support Group (ER) AA (MC-E) GCAC CONCERT: Mirari Brass Quintet (S) Angel Tree Set-Up (Lobbies) MTG: UWF (MC-B/Zoom) Traditional Worship (S) UWF Bake Sale (Patio) Praise Band Rehearsal (KR) Children's Sunday School (EB) Traditional Worship (S) Youth Sunday School (YR) Children's Sunday School (EB) Praise Worship (KR)	Wed Nov 29 Thu Nov 30	1pm 1pm 2pm 3pm 5pm 6:30pm 7:45am 10am	DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E) GriefShare (ER) CLASS: The Chosen (TBN/Zoom) Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S) Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR) Financial Peace University (ER) MTG: Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E) MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M) Cancer Support Group (ER/K) Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE) DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E) DISCIPLE 1 (MC-B) Praise Band Rehearsal (KR) Girls Matter. (MC-B) SPRC Mtg (ER) Choir Rehearsal (MR/S) Church Conference (KR)
Mon Nov 20 Tue Nov 21	3pm 4pm 1pm 9am 10am	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR) Gospel Worship (KR) Angel Tree Leadership (Church Ofc) GriefShare (ER) MTG: UWF (MC-TBD)	Roadi	7pm 7:30pm	AA (MC-B) Christmas Choir Rehearsal (MR/S) ER & BULLETIN DEADLINES
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Weekly Bulletin & Flower Orders

12pm on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday Service

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6:30pm Financial Peace University (ER) Wed Nov 22 7:45am MTG: Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)

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NOVEMBER 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!

Cartney, Kay & Bob 11/02 Zabel, Cam & Jan 11/09 Hayes, Jane & Jeff 11/12 Lunn, Ed /& Mary 11/15 Slegl, Ann /& Gil 11/15 Hicks, Steve & Linda 11/17 Little, Don & Margie 11/17 Shroyer, Pat & Kim 11/17 Adams, Herbert & Jennifer 11/20 Burris, Joanne & Rodger 11/24 Johnson, Carol & Pete 11/25 McLeod, Dennis & Suzanne 11/26 Martindale, Ginger & Warren 11/28 Svoboda, Camilla & Ron 11/28 Bjorklund, Alice & Jim 11/29 Johnson, Judy & Neil 11/29 Larson, George & Marilyn 11/29 Mogharbel, Abed & Karen 11/29 Streit & Robert, Deanna 11/29

Happy Birthday!

Lukas, Teresa (Teri) 11/01

Major, Sidnee Paige 11/01

Bell, Merry 11/02

Moore, Richard (Dick) 11/02

Benton, Douglas (Doug) 11/03

Schneider, Robert (Bob) 11/04

Slegl, Gil 11/04

Herron, Andrew Charles (Andy) 11/05

Hoffert, Jane 11/05

Rolley, Betty 11/05

Svoboda, Camilla 11/05 Thomas, Marilyn 11/05 Turner, Lisa 11/05 Zabel, Janice (Jan) 11/05 Picek, Tom 11/06 Daniels, Brad 11/08 Graham, Richard (Rich) 11/08 Moyer, Carla (Carla) 11/08 Hall, Cheryl 11/09 Haraldson, Richard (Rich) 11/09 Johnson, Susan 11/09 Nelson, Patty 11/09 Cunningham-Jones, Aedric 11/10 Nelson, Marcia 11/10 Osborne, Zara 11/10 Pearson, Lori 11/10 Penninger, Kenny (Ken) 11/11 Beebe, Kathryn (Kathy) 11/12 Brooks, Mark 11/12 McCleary, Ward 11/12 Noe, James (Jim) 11/13 Adams, Herbert (Michael) 11/14 Ancell, Alyce 11/14 Bowman, Harry (Hank) 11/14 Crandall, Donald (Don) 11/14 Eddy, Barry 11/14 Gray, Jennifer 11/15 Hicks, Linda 11/15 Korell, Gloria Jean 11/15 Martin, Janice 11/15

Bjorklund, James (Jim) 11/17 Hahn, Dave 11/17 Hoerter, Daniel 11/17 House, Dottie 11/17 Major, Shea Alaina 11/17 Vorseth, Sue 11/17 Culver, Charlene (Ann) 11/18 Edwards, Marlene 11/18 Fransen, James (Jim) 11/18 Johnson, Richard (Dick) 11/18 Roller, Jan 11/18 Heggenbotham, Chloe 11/19 Heppner, Glorianna 11/19 Glass, Carol 11/20 Quanstrom, Walter (Wally) 11/20 Witucky, Thomas (TJ) 11/20 Holmes, B Dean 11/21 Mueller, Sandra (Sandy) 11/21 Paul, Michael (Mike) 11/21 Blankenship, Betty 11/22 Dulaney, Steve 11/23 Carlozzi, Noreen 11/24 Urbach, Jayne 11/24 Hoefs, Wendy 11/25 Crawford, Gene 11/26 Oxley, Vicki 11/26 Walworth, Wayne 11/27 Confer, Karole (Lynne) 11/29 Webster, Sharon 11/29 Sich, Jonna 11/30 Thomas, Carol 11/30

Campbell, H Kim 11/16

Johnson, Judy 11/16



CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

"Let no debt remain outstanding except the continuing debt to love one another." - Romans 13:8 (NIV)

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PTEMBER	General Fund	Building Fund	Worship All	General Fund	Building Fund	Worship All	General Fund	Building Fund	Worship All	General Fund	Fellowship Hall	Worship All
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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; \$978,611 raised)
- Pipe Organ (\$179,456 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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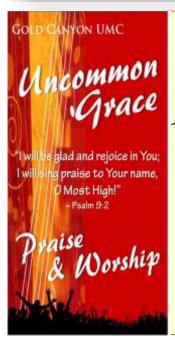
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music teams!







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† 11am PRAISE (Koinonia Room) † 4pm COUNTRY (Koinonia Room)

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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

Addressee or Current Resident