



## FROM THE PASTOR: "GRATEFUL HEARTS"



Tithing, which traditionally means giving a tenth of one's income to God, is a practice deeply embedded in Scripture. From Abraham's time to the New Testament church, tithing has been a way for believers to express their gratitude, acknowledge God's sovereignty, and participate in His work. In Malachi 3:10, God invites us to "bring the whole tithe into the storehouse," promising to pour out blessings upon us in return. This isn't just a call to give; it's an invitation to experience God's faithfulness and provision.

In our Christian understanding, tithing is more than a financial transaction; it is an act of worship and a demonstration of our trust in God. When we tithe, we are not merely giving something away; we are returning to God what is rightfully His. This act of giving symbolizes our recognition that everything we have comes from God. It's a tangible way of putting our faith into action and aligning our hearts with God's priorities.

The practice of tithing has a profound impact both personally and communally. On a personal level, it helps us cultivate a spirit of generosity and loosens the grip of materialism. By setting aside a portion of our income for God's work, we develop a more profound sense of gratitude and dependence on Him.

Communally, your tithes play a crucial role in sustaining the ministries of our church. Through your faithful giving, we can support our worship services, community outreach programs, missions, pastoral care, and the maintenance of our church facilities. Tithing is not just about keeping the church operational; it's about enabling us to be a beacon of God's love and grace in our community and beyond.

I invite each member of our congregation to prayerfully consider their commitment to tithing. For some, this may be a step of faith, especially in challenging financial times. For others, it might be an opportunity to reevaluate and increase their giving in response to God's blessings. Whatever your situation, remember that tithing is not about the amount; it's about the condition of your heart.

God doesn't call us to give out of compulsion or guilt, but out of a sense of joy and gratitude. 2 Corinthians 9:7 reminds us, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Let your tithing be a reflection of your love and trust in God.

Stewardship, and specifically tithing, is an essential aspect of our spiritual discipline and growth. It is a tangible expression of our commitment to God's work and a powerful tool for transforming our hearts and minds. As we faithfully tithe, we participate in the unfolding of God's kingdom on earth, touching lives and making a difference in ways we may never fully know.

Remember, every contribution, no matter the size, makes a difference. Together, let's continue to build a church where everyone feels the warmth of God's love and the joy of contributing to His work. May we each embrace the joy and blessing that comes from living a life of generosity. Let us give faithfully, trusting in God's provision and grace.

Grace and peace,

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

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# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Pastor Katharine Keller

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

## NEW CLASS (8 WEEKS)



Although the class, *"Biblical Citizenship in Modern America,"* started on Jan. 14th from 11am—12:30pm in the Mission Center, you can still attend at any time. Join facilitators Carol Lindaman and Jan Daniels for a light brunch and fascinating video study. Together we will learn about the vital role churches have played in establishing and preserving our religious and civil liberties, and gain a Biblical understanding of how our Founding Fathers designed our nation's structural documents—the Constitution and Declaration of Independence—to last through cultural changes and remain relevant today. Even if you can't make every session, you will still get a lot from it!

## LENTEN STUDY



*The Third Day: Living the Resurrection.* In this 6-week video series Bishop Tom Berlin weaves the stories of Mary Magdalene, Peter, Thomas, Paul, and Jesus into our own stories, describing lives that surpass human limitation. This class will be offered on Thursdays beginning February 15th at both 10am and 6pm. There is no charge for this class, but registration would be helpful. The meeting room location is yet to be decided, and the Facilitator is Pastor Katharine.

## DRIVE-THRU ASHES



Pastor Katharine will be offering the imposition of ashes during the day as a "drive through" option in the parking lot on Ash Wednesday, February 14th between 8am—11am, and 1pm—3pm. This setup will be ideal for those heading to work in the morning or for those who are unable to attend the 7pm service.

## LENTEN COMMUNION SERVERS



We will be offering communion on all Sundays in Lent outside by the Jesus Sculpture after the 8am, 9:30am and 11am worship services, except for March 3rd when we receive communion during worship. If you wish to be a server, please email Pastor Katharine or call her in the Church Office.

## CHURCH SPAGHETTI DINNER



Our Congregational Life Team with the help of others will be cooking up a spaghetti dinner on Shrove Tuesday, 2/13 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Education Building. It is a free dinner, however donations will benefit Hope Women's Center. It is helpful in preparing the meal if you sign up with the number in your party.

## VACATION BIBLE CAMP



Pastor Katharine is recruiting volunteers for "SCUBA," this summer's Vacation Bible Camp, which will run 6/3—6/7. She's looking for men, women & teens to serve as small group leaders, lead music and recreational activities, teach Bible lessons, make snacks, do registration, take pictures, provide tech support, and decorate. She's also considering extending VBS camp into the afternoon along with specialty activities! If you'd be interested in helping, please let her know (480)982-3776 / [ladiebug1214@gmail.com](mailto:ladiebug1214@gmail.com) soon. Pastor Katharine is excited to start planning!



## DECEMBER/JANUARY PHOTOS

**Below:** One of our GCUMC families and children enjoying the Petting Zoo



**Below:** Renewal of baptism of Deb Brooks



**Below:** The 2023 Advent study centered around the Grinch and how his and our hearts can grow three times greater



**Following:** A few photos from Christmas Eve 2023







*Below: Pastor Fred preaching about "Unmasking Hypocrisy"*





# KIDS KORNER

**Below:** John Soper singing a duet with granddaughter, Ava



**Below:** Carter serving as Liturgist and Ava performing a liturgical dance during a Traditional Worship Service



**Below:** Sunday School classes put together birthday bags for our Food Bank



**Below:** Sunday School played a Christmas version of the game Twister!



**Below:** One of our Canyon Chimers children wrote the below upon returning to school after Christmas break. It reads, "played bells at my church"



I ♥ MY CHURCH



## YOUTH GROUP MINISTRY

Valerie Hammons, Youth Ministries Director

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

Gold Canyon UMC Youth Group had a busy December! We continued our study using "The Grinch" series. Our Christmas party included games, crafts (gifts for families and friends), lots of food and the "prize ball". Two of our youth were able to participate in one of the Christmas Eve services as Joseph and Mary!



We have enjoyed UMYF – Youth Group and getting to know each other. Ping pong, football, and hatchet throwing have been part of our activities.

Our January lesson included learning about Balaam and his talking donkey. Where are we going to look for God's message in 2024?



Each youth used interesting items (paper clips, craft sticks, band aids, condiments...) to express one of the most important things they have learned in their lives.



**COMING SOON! We are pleased to announce YOUTH BAND!**

Do you know of a youth (7th grade & up) who would like to join us? Mr. David Ballard, Associate Director of Music, and Mr. Mike Witting, one of the members of GCUMC's Praise Team, have extended an invitation to our Youth Group to start a Youth Worship Band!

We are still working out the details, but hope to join our awesome Uncommon Grace on stage soon. Please contact Valerie Hammons (480)520-444-1991 or Mr. Ballard for information on how to join.





## MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



Time seems to be flying by this year... it's already February and Stewardship then Lent is right around the corner! It is peak season here at Gold Canyon UMC and this month, the music department is hoping to provide you with a meaningful worship and concert experience. As we move into Lent and Easter, we hope that you'll take advantage of all our church has to offer.

First of all, I have some bad news mixed with some good. I know many of you were looking forward to our annual worship and performance with Legacy Quartet. Unfortunately, due to some health issues they will not be able to join us this year. However, we're still looking forward to providing an uplifting worship experience on February 4th which is the opening Sunday of our stewardship drive. The choir will be joined by the Sonoran Brass Quintet, as well as Keith Kassner, timpanist, performing a new piece for choir, organ, and brass.

The following Friday, February 9th at 7:00pm, the Gold Canyon Arts Council will be presenting Mariachi Garibaldi de Jaime Cuéllar & Dancers. Master Musicians and Grammy Award-Winners with a 26-year history of shows that delight audiences throughout the U.S. and Mexico, the ensemble tours its own show, while also collaborating with a Who's Who of Mexican artists. It's bound to be an exciting evening. Tickets are available from [goldcanyonarts.org/tickets](http://goldcanyonarts.org/tickets), the Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce, or Robin Rotella Team Realtors.



The next Sunday, February 11th, the Canyon Carillon will be performing a special piece of music outside of their normal schedule for stewardship, and I'll be hosting the 'Sunday Sounds Series' after the 9:30am worship service. There should be a variety of organ music and there will be an opportunity to discuss the organ project, the pipe organ, and music in general. As always, you're encouraged to ask questions and find a seat that works best for you.



The GCUMC Performing Arts Series will also continue this month when on February 25th at 2:00pm we will be hosting concert and theater organist, Brett Valliant. If you've been to Organ Stop Pizza more than once, you've likely heard Brett at some point on the mighty Wurlitzer theater organ there. Brett's professional career began at age 11, and by the age of 15 he was playing concerts around the United States. Since then, Brett has appeared in Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. Brett is a multi-faceted performer, rendering exciting performances in multiple styles and genres from

classical to pop. He is recognized by, and has performed for the American Film Institute, as well as conventions of the American Theatre Organ Society (ATOS) and the American Guild of Organists (AGO). When he's not working as a staff organist at Organ Stop Pizza, Brett continues to tour extensively. It's sure to be a memorable concert with something for everyone. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to the concert.

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 PERFORMANCES & EVENTS

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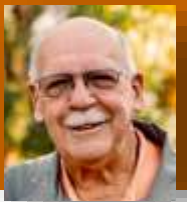
## ON THE GOSPEL SIDE

Dr. David Worley, Preaching Associate

I recently reviewed the letters that Jesus Christ sent via the Apostle John to the seven churches in Asia Minor (see Rev. chapters 2 and 3). I was struck yet again with the message that Jesus sent to Ephesus. This church is commendable in so many ways. They were doctrinally orthodox, busy in Christian service, highly ethical and perseverant under pressure. But, they had one problem – they had, as Jesus phrased it “forsaken their first love.” Essentially, the congregation had grown apathetic about their spiritual life as individuals and as an assembly. Even though Jesus taught us that our first love is to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength, it is all too easy to forsake our first love and forget this priority in our lives. To forestall this, we must stoke the fires of spiritual passion by availing ourselves of our own daily devotional time as well regular corporate worship. Just like the coals of a fire in close proximity to one another allow a flame to erupt more readily, so being with one another to worship, pray and hear Scripture explained and applied keeps us spiritually aglow.



Our Country Gospel Worship service provides one of four opportunities each Lord's Day to fan the flame of our faith. Come join us at 4 pm and warm your soul by the fires of God's Spirit to keep your devotion to the Lord Jesus aflame.



## ON A PASTORAL NOTE

Rev. Gary Capen, Associate Pastor

It is somewhat ironic that in the month of February 2024 that Valentine's Day coincides with Ash Wednesday. What greater way to celebrate God's Love than on Valentine's day. I don't know how often this occurs but it's worth noting that there is no greater love than this. In researching when it has happened or when it will happen again, I found from the Researchers at the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate that it last occurred in 1945 and that it will happen once again in 2029 and then in 2096 it was also noted that Ash Wednesday will fall on February 29 and it will be the first time that has occurred in the church's history.

Valentine's Day is a special day for many as it celebrates, as with Dian and me the love we have shared for nearly 40 years. But on this Valentine's Day we will also and more importantly celebrate the start of Lent and the 40 day journey toward Easter. What greater story can we tell on Valentine's Day than that of God's unconditional love for us to the degree that this man, Jesus Christ, whose birth we recently celebrated, now begins his final journey to the cross. In John 15:12-17, Jesus gives his disciples this commandment: “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. . . . You are my friends.”

So, as we begin this Lenten season on a very loving note let's look deeper into our own hearts to find and feel the Love that God has for us in Christ Jesus. Or as the old hymn suggests in “Oh, How I Love Jesus” “because he first loved me.





## PASTORAL & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

### PASTORAL CARE

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



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

### 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...*

Anthony (A.J.) Colavecchio

Bill Hayes

Jane Manack

Ron Trout

### The "I Don't Know" Prayer

*Shared by a former parishioner who suddenly lost his wife.*

Did you know there's a prayer called the "I don't know" prayer?

It's very spiritual.

You just go off somewhere quiet and hidden  
and you walk right up to the heart of God and you say, "I don't know."

I don't know where to go from here.

I don't know what's happening.

I don't know how to process this.

I don't know what to do with these emotions.

I don't know how to handle this situation.

It covers a lot of I don't knows.

And then with whatever dusty little sand grain of faith you have,  
you say, "But You know."

God most certainly hears that prayer.





## CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

### POWER OF PRAYER

There is a social media site that comes up in my feed every now and then called @TrustGodBro. Recently it held this –

*“Once a man was asked, ‘what did you gain by regularly praying to God?’ The man replied ‘nothing but let me tell you what I lost: anger, ego, greed, depression, insecurity, and fear.’ Sometimes, the answer to our prayers is not gaining but losing, which ultimately is the gain.”*

For me, the above was powerful. And although all the emotions, or senses, apply to me at times, the last three really hit home – depression, insecurity, and fear. That’s because those three, for me, seem to be the strongest drivers of worry. And worry is my Achilles heel. I need a constant reminder that when I pray, I really need to leave it there, with God. I don’t need to say prayers when I go to bed, then ruminate for the next hour about how I can help solve the problem!

In a December devotional, Pastor Rick Warren wrote *“You don’t have to live in the dark anymore. Jesus came at Christmas to shine a light into every part of your life so you can live in freedom, clarity, and joy.”*

Sometimes though, by February, the *shine* of the new year has dulled for us. We charged into January on a high from our Christmas celebrations, vowing to have a great year, but by about now we are once again confronted with the fact that we can’t do it alone. Depending upon what is going on in our lives, we have trouble seeing the light Jesus shines. We may even compare ourselves and our problems to others, which only serves to make our doldrums worse.

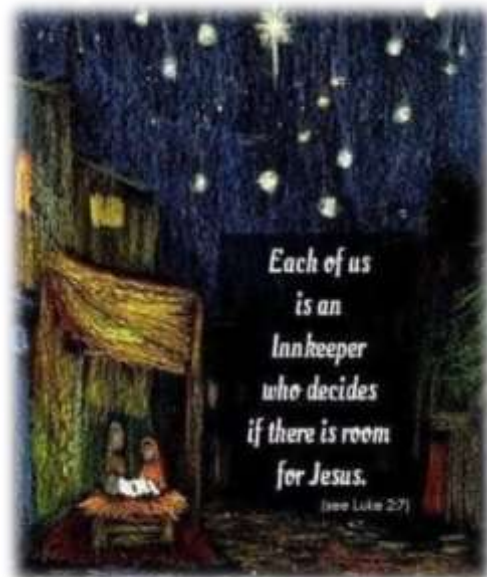
I recently read somewhere, *“If a person seems like they have no troubles, that only means you haven’t learned about them yet.”* There sure is some crazy truth there! That’s a great reminder that we aren’t the only ones struggling. And that dovetailed with something a friend recently expressed to me. This friend has certainly had her share of worry, trouble, and daily challenges, yet she remains incredibly positive, hopeful, and faithful. She said, *“everyone has a lot on their plates, the menu is just a little different for each of us!”* What an observation.

Despite our best intentions, we can tend to think our menu is the worst and everyone else is loving the meal life is serving up for them. Could this be because we’ve forgotten how to make room for Jesus every day? Forgotten how to release our anxieties to prayer and find the freedom, clarity and joy promised by Christ?

Will you join me in the daily journey of trusting that God always gives you the strength you need for today? If so, please repeat this scripture out loud... *“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”* [Matthew 6:34, NRSV] And consider this additional prayer – *“Dear God, please forgive me for worrying while knowing you’ll always make a way.”* (@TrustGodBro)

But if that sounds hard for you to do right now, consider **reaching out to 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 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.

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” ~ Philippians 4:6*





## 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! In 2023 SCRIP raised over \$3,791,92! 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



Faith. As Christians, it is a term we use quite a bit, but sometimes it is hard to know when frantic human actions should end, and you just simply move forward quietly in faith. Last autumn, after a demanding summer season at the Food Bank, some looked around at the diminished inventory and estimated how long we could serve our clients at the existing level of support. Others with more experience said, have faith... we will be supported in our mission as we always have been. Literally, moments after that interaction a gentleman knocked at the door of the food bank with a substantial donation. By the end of the day, a benevolent association brought us all the turkeys we could hope to deliver to families on Thanksgiving and later returned with a very large monetary donation. The extraordinary generosity of the community has continued, and we are so grateful. For a couple of us, it is a lesson to strengthen our faith in this mission.

The month of January has been interesting. Some days we have three times the number of clients we had the day before. It is a bit curious and makes it hard to plan resourcing but so far, all the volunteers seem willing to

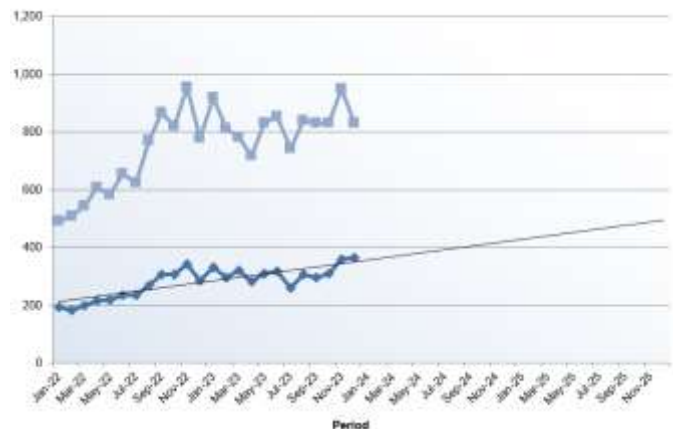


(cheerfully) 'go with the flow'. We still anticipate and are planning that we will serve at least 10,000 individuals in all documented visits as we did last year.

Looking forward ... the first half of the year will bring a

transition in leadership for the food bank. This will be another road we have to experience with faith as we embrace the significant change. The food bank mission has been two decades long ... we hope to structure ourselves for an even much longer haul. Your prayers and support during this time will be greatly appreciated.

Food Bank Households & Individuals Served (monthly)



### GENESIS PROJECT



We received a thank you note after Genesis Project's receipt of your generous Christmas offering that we wanted to share with you:

*"Genesis Project is overcome with gratitude for the selfless generosity shown by GCUMC every day, but the blessing we received on Christmas Eve is astounding! It is impossible to adequately thank each of you for supporting the mission of feeding, clothing and hydrating the poorest in our community by gifting*



## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH(UWF)



United  
Women  
in Faith

Join us at 10:30am (fellowship at 10am) on Sat., February 17th as we hear from the seven women who travelled to

Douglas, AZ / Agua Prieta, Mexico to understand the work Frontera de Cristo Ministry is doing on the border. The ladies will share stories about meeting "Jesus" through the work of many dedicated Christian people serving those immigrants seeking asylum and other supportive agencies.



## Upcoming Events:

- **Reading Program**, Wed., 2/7, Mission Center, contact Jane Hansgaard, [hansgaard@msn.com](mailto:hansgaard@msn.com) for more info.
- **Esther Circle**, every Friday morning at 10 AM, contact Dian Capen, [dkcapen@gmail.com](mailto:dkcapen@gmail.com).
- **Leadership Team**, Tues, 2/13, 10 AM, Mission Center, [susanblyons@gmail.com](mailto:susanblyons@gmail.com) for more information.
- **General Meeting**, Saturday, 2/17, Mission Center
- **Culinary Circle**, contact Carol Johnson for information, [caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com](mailto:caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com).
- **Matthew 25**, 2/8 Thur. 2/8, Pen Pal Prison Ministry, zoom meeting, Carol Johnson
- **Spring Bake Sale**, 3/17, Outside patio by Ed. Bldg.
- **Christmas Tea**, 12/7, 2pm, Koinonia Room.

Genesis Project your offerings on Christmas Eve. The need continues to increase in our community, and we closed out 2023 with another record number of meals at 113,442 for the year. In a season of economic uncertainty, your support has ensured that feeding the needy will continue! Genesis Project couldn't do what we do without your support and we thank you for being part of Team Genesis. May blessings abound for you in 2024!"

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE

## Arizona Charitable Tax Credit!

**GENESIS PROJECT**  
Serving the Hungry and Homeless

You can donate up to \$421 for individuals and \$841 for joint filers and receive a dollar-for-dollar credit on your Arizona State Taxes!

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



The dedication of the Pelosi home at 3710 S Roosevelt St which we worked on last year is now expected to occur in March of 2024.

The current project is a new build in the Don Carlos area of Tempe, near where we built last year. There are 6 homes currently under construction there. We provided lunch for the work crew on our build this last weekend, and it was great to see everyone.

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 as part of your annual giving. 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.

Questions? Please contact Joe and Maureen Morton at [moandjoem@aol.com](mailto:moandjoem@aol.com) or 602-284-2826.



# JANUARY CALENDAR

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

Thu Feb 1	1pm	Women's Bible Study (ER; Feather)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-B)
Fri Feb 2	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sat Feb 3	11am	MEMORIAL: Dustin Gauthier (KR)
	12pm	MEMORIAL RECEPTION: Dustin Gauthier (KR)
Sun Feb 4	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	9am	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	11am	CLASS: Biblical Citizenship in Modern America (MC)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	11am	Praise Worship (KR)
	11am	Youth Sunday School (YR)
	12pm	UMYF (YR)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
Mon Feb 5	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)
Tue Feb 6	9am	GriefShare (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E)
	1pm	GriefShare (ER)
	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	6pm	MTG: Gold Canyon Community, Inc (MC-E)
Wed Feb 7	10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M)
	10am	UWF Reading Program (MC-B/Patio)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/K)
	11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (MC-B)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E)
	3:30pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	5:30pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Feb 8	9am	Lions Club Mtg (MC-M)
	1pm	"Read It & Reap" Book Club (ER)
	1pm	Women's Bible Study (ER; Feather)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-B)
Fri Feb 9	8am	GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)

MAIN CAMPUS		MISSIONS CENTER	
EB	= Education Bldg.	MC-B	= Barnabas
ER	= Emmaus Rm	MC-E	= Esther
K	= Kitchen	MC-M	= Martha
KR	= Koinonia Rm	MC-S	= Stephen
MR	= Music Rm		
NAR	= Noah's Ark Rm	(Calendar is subject to change; For more info, visit <a href="http://www.GoldCanyonUMC.org">www.GoldCanyonUMC.org</a> or call the Church Office)	
P	= Patio		
S	= Sanctuary		
SoGR	= Sea of Galilee Rm		
WR	= Wesley Rm		
YR	= Youth Rm		

	9am	GCAC School Workshop (S)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	7pm	GCAC CONCERT: Mariachi Garibaldi de Jaime Cuellar & Dancers (S)
Sat Feb 10	8am	PEO Mtg (MC-B)
Sun Feb 11	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	9am	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	10:30am	Sunday Sound Series (S)
	11am	CLASS: Biblical Citizenship in Modern America (MC)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	11am	Praise Worship (KR)
	11am	Youth Sunday School (YR)
	12pm	UMYF (YR)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
Mon Feb 12	1pm	Coffee with the Pastor (MR)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)
Tue Feb 13	All day	Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras
	9am	GriefShare (ER)
	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-B&Patio)
	10am	GC Garden Club (MC-E)
	10am	MTG: UWFaith Leadership Team (MC-TBD)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E)
	1pm	GriefShare (ER)
	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	4:30pm	All-Church Spaghetti Dinner (KR)



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Wed Feb 14	All day	Ash Wednesday		7pm	AA (MC-B)
	All day	Valentine's Day	Fri Feb 23	8am	GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)
	10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M)		11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/K)		5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)	Sat Feb 24	8am	PEO Mtg (MC-B)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (MC-B)	Sun Feb 25	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E)		9am	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	2:45pm	MTG: GCAC (MC-S)		9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	3:30pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)		9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	5:30pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)		11am	CLASS: Biblical Citizenship in Modern America (MC)
Thu Feb 15	1pm	Women's Bible Study (ER; Feather)		11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)		11am	Praise Worship (KR)
	7pm	AA (MC-B)		11am	Youth Sunday School (YR)
Fri Feb 16	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)		12pm	UMYF (YR)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)		3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Sat Feb 17	10am	MTG: UWFaith (MC-B/Zoom)		4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
Sun Feb 18	8am	Traditional Worship (S)	Mon Feb 26	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)
	9am	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)	Tue Feb 27	9am	GriefShare (ER)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)		9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-B)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)		1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E)
	11am	CLASS: Biblical Citizenship in Modern America (MC)		1pm	GriefShare (ER)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)		3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	11am	Praise Worship (KR)		5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	11am	Youth Sunday School (YR)	Wed Feb 28	10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M)
	12pm	UMYF (YR)		10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/K)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)		11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)		1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (MC-B)
Mon Feb 19	All day	Presidents' Day		1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)		3:30pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
Tue Feb 20	9am	GriefShare (ER)		5:30pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E)	Thu Feb 29	1pm	Women's Bible Study (ER; Feather)
	1pm	GriefShare (ER)		6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)		7pm	AA (MC-B)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)			
Wed Feb 21	10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M)			
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/K)			
	11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)			
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (MC-B)			
	1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E)			
	3:30pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)			
	5:30pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)			
Thu Feb 22	9am	Girls Matter. (MC-B)			
	1pm	Women's Bible Study (ER; Feather)			
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)			

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## FEBRUARY 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!*

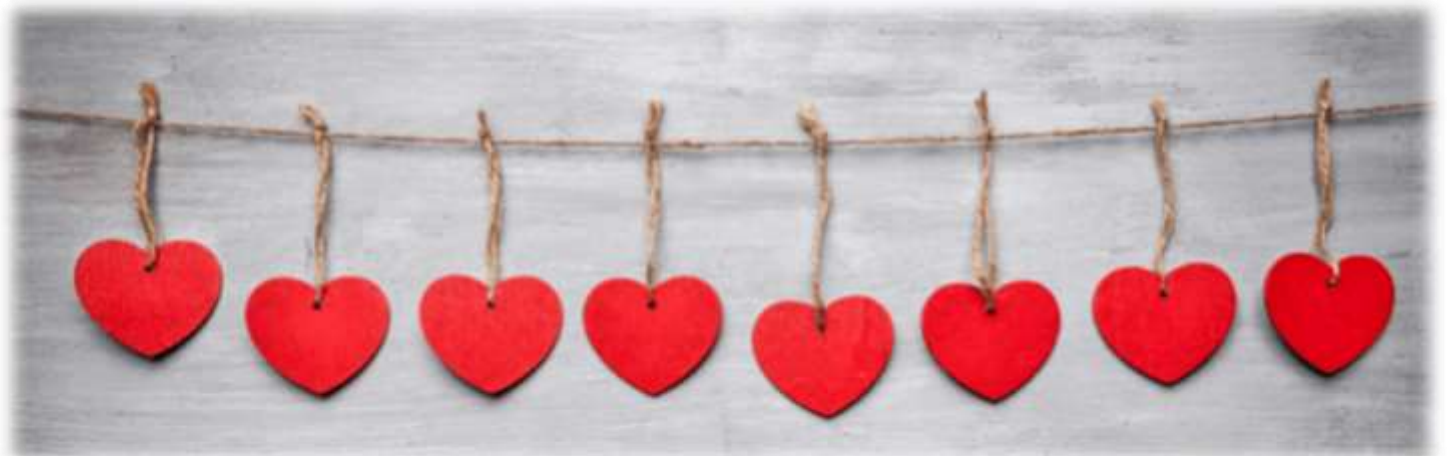
Vorseth, Duane & Sue 02/04  
Adams, Ada & Michael 02/05  
Lackey, Sally & Steve 02/05  
Colmer, Jerry & Margaret 02/06  
Nelson, Bill & Patty 02/06  
Smith, Dave & Jeanie 02/06  
Jacobsen, Betty & Bob 02/12  
Bliss, Dr. Joy V. & Dybwad, Gay 02/14  
Paterson, Nancy & Bob 02/15  
Deitch, David & Kate 02/20  
Cooke, Jon C. & Teresa M. 02/21  
Sich, Jeff & Jonna 02/22  
Burgi, Jenelu & Bob 02/28

### *Happy Birthday!*

Behan, John (Jack) 02/01  
Hoerter, Coleen 02/03  
Benjamin, Christopher (Chris) 02/04  
Cunningham, Stephen (Steve) 02/05  
Hoefs, Edwin (Ed) 02/05  
Hoff-Mancini, Cynthia 02/05

Lindaman, Carol 02/05  
Merrick, James (Jim) 02/05  
Osgood, Gladys 02/05  
Breuklander, Roberta (Bobbie) 02/06  
Oxley, Gene 02/06  
Chase, Donna 02/07  
Elek, Deane 02/07  
Nelson, Joni 02/08  
Hicks, Dean (Steve) 02/09  
Callantine, Peggy 02/10  
Hays, Louise 02/10  
Waytenick, Dave 02/10  
Halterman, Bobbie 02/12  
Colaizzi, Michael 02/13  
Daigle, Robert (Bob) 02/13  
Jacobsen, Elaine 02/13  
Elco, Jacqueline (Jackie) 02/13  
Willis, Gloria 02/13  
McCauley, S Kay 02/14  
Schmidt, Judy 02/14  
Christ, SuzAnne 02/15  
Kurtenbach, Diane 02/15  
McGinness, Anne 02/15  
Sanders, George 02/15

Carpenter, Trudy 02/16  
Pofertl, David 02/16  
Russell, Robert (Bob) 02/16  
Adams, Ada 02/17  
Burris, Terry 02/17  
Teller, Susan 02/17  
Burzlaff, Julie 02/18  
Talley Jr, John 02/01/19  
Broderon, Darlene 02/20  
Atkinson, William (Bill) 02/22  
Chase, Charles R (Bob) 02/22  
Fratt, Imogene (Genie) 02/22  
Fye, Ben 02/23  
Nelson, Wylladene 02/24  
Beasley, Earl 02/25  
McConnell, Alice 02/25  
Robinson, Paul 02/25  
Daniels, Jacob 02/26  
Owens, Ann 02/26  
Halbig, Michelle (Shelley) 02/27  
Mulhair, Bob 02/28  
Waechter, Nancy 02/28  
Schwartz, Richard (Dick) 02/29







# CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

December	2020			2021			2022			2023		
	General Fund	Building Fund	Worship All	General Fund	Building Fund	Worship All	General Fund	Bldg/FH Fund	Worship All	General Fund	Bldg/FH Fund	Worship All
	133010	26203	10073	155054	23300	6612	150860	20893	5373	17887	16221	8203

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:

- Pave Mission Center Parking Lot (\$200,000 needed)
- Fellowship Hall (\$3 Million needed; \$1,138,698.86 raised)
- Pipe Organ (\$185,684.89 raised)
- Building Fund Loan (Paid off 2022)
- Stain Glass for upper Sanctuary windows (Completed 2022)



Electronic giving is a great way to make contributions, including recurring and additional/special gifts.

- ✚ **AccessACS:** Very easy to set-up/modify 1-time/recurring donations; Call Church Office for info.
- ✚ **eGiving:** [www.GoldCanyonUMC.org](http://www.GoldCanyonUMC.org) and click "Make Donation" button. This link now takes you to AccessACS electronic giving, a secure site.
- ✚ **TEXT** your gift by sending "goldcanyonumc" to 73256 and follow screen instructions.



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

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

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# 28 Day Scripture Writing

# FEBRUARY

God speaks to us through His Word, so take some time each day to write down the following scripture. If you have time, you might want to also write a prayer that the scripture leads you to pray, or your reflections as you write. Come back next month for a fresh scripture writing challenge!

February 1	Psalm 3:2-6	February 15	John 3:16
February 2	Ecclesiastes 7:9	February 16	Zephaniah 3:17
February 3	Proverbs 3:5-6	February 17	Jonah 2:2
February 4	Psalm 34:14	February 18	Psalm 22:19
February 5	Matthew 11:28	February 19	Malachi 1:11
February 6	Psalm 37:37	February 20	1 Samuel 2:2
February 7	Titus 1:15-16	February 21	1 Chronicles 16:11
February 8	James 1:5	February 22	Isaiah 40:30-31
February 9	Mark 12:30-31	February 23	2 Timothy 4:7
February 10	John 13:34	February 24	Jude 1:20
February 11	1 John 4:7	February 25	Hebrews 11:1
February 12	Ephesians 4:2	February 26	Galatians 5:22-23
February 13	Isaiah 54:10	February 27	Matthew 21:21
February 14	1 Corinthians 13:4	February 28	1 Peter 1:21





## BITS-N-BYTES

*Get involved!*



For more info contact Ian in the Church Office  
or [IClasse@GoldCanyonUMC.org](mailto: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>

### 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!



## 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](mailto: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!

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 11am in the Koinonia Room!

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

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

### STAY IN THE KNOW!

Scan to sign-up  
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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**