



FROM THE PASTOR: "APPOINTMENT OF REV. DAVID HARRISS"



In February, Bishop Carlo A. Rapanut decided to appoint Rev. David Harriss as Co-Pastor at Gold Canyon United Methodist Church, effective July 1, 2024. Rev. Harriss currently serves as the pastor of Gila Mountain United Methodist Church in Yuma, AZ.

Rev. Harriss brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to ministry. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated his dedication to serving the congregations he has been a part of.

He is eager to embark on this new journey of transitioning as a pastor as he works alongside me in the co-pastor role. Rev. Harriss and his family are excited to build relationships and get to know the life and ministries of the people of Gold Canyon UMC.



The Bishop and Cabinet are praying for all of us as we enter into this year of transition. Rev. Harriss and I will overlap in our appointments as Senior Pastor to continue the excellent ministry of Gold Canyon UMC. We trust that God's presence and peace will be with us every step of the way.

On July 1, 2024, we will welcome Rev. David Harriss as Senior Pastor Designate. I will retire on July 1, 2025. Let us embrace this new chapter with open hearts and minds as we seek to grow in our faith and serve our community together.

Grace and peace,

Fred

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**CELEBRATE RESURRECTION SUNDAY
AT GOLD CANYON UMC ON MARCH 31ST**

- 6am — Sunrise Worship (Outdoors)
- 8am & 9:30am — Traditional
- 11am — Praise
- 4pm — Gospel

HOLY WEEK
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maudy Thursday 3/28—7pm

Good Friday 3/29—7pm



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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Pastor Katharine Keller

“...Growing disciples of Jesus Christ and living the Word.”

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 soon. Pastor Katharine is excited to start planning!



Below: Congregational Life Team sponsored a church wide spaghetti dinner. \$1,856 proceeds went to Hope Women's Center

FEBRUARY IN PHOTOS

Below: “Ashes to Go” - Pastor Katharine imposed ashes on 65 persons during the day on Ash Wednesday.





Below: Congregational Life Team organized line dancing at the Red Mountain Rec Center, where a great time was had by all!

Below: Photos taken from the Leading Edge Conference in Scottsdale



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Please be sure introduce yourselves!



Gail & Jim Chamley



Tamara Oehlers



Mark Lindeman

I ♥ MY CHURCH

KIDS KORNER

Below: Sunday School children all received Valentine treats from Miss Katharine and Jennifer Gray



Below: Gold Canyon UMC's Carillon Chimers while participating in the Praise Worship Service



EASTER LILIES 2024

Easter is March 31st... and you can now order Easter Lilies in honor or in memory of a loved one.

We are pleased to offer floral quality plants (18"-23" tall w/ 3-5 blooms) for \$15.00 each.

To order, please complete the below Order Form along with payment and:

- Make checks payable to "GCUMC" with "Easter Lily" in the memo section.
- Bring completed form with payment to the Welcome Center on Sunday or to the Church Office during the week.

Easter Lilies will be placed in the Sanctuaries for enjoyment during the Easter season. **You may take yours home after Easter Sunday.** A booklet listing those who gave lilies will be available during Easter Day services. Please contact Church Office with questions.



ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED IN CHURCH OFFICE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, 3/15

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

I am ordering a lily in **Memory of:**

I am ordering a lily in **Honor of:**

Payment of \$15.00 for each is **enclosed**

TOTAL PLANTS: _____ **TOTAL \$:** _____

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____





YOUTH GROUP MINISTRY

Valerie Hammons, Youth Ministries Director

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

Valentine's Celebrations included walking with a rock in our shoes and enjoying a sucker. How much He loves us, enough to give us armor! Just like He does pearls!



Youth Group meets at 12noon. YOUTH PRAISE TEAM AND BAND practices the till 12:45, while the rest of the group starts the games, food, and the fun. We all join to together for that days activity, lunch and fellowship.



Our 2024 Mission trip with Next Step Ministries to Colorado Springs in June! We will be challenged physically, mentally, but most importantly, spiritually. We will be experiencing God, the Master Artist and Craftsman in all of his creative glory while viewing some of the most amazing and beautiful peaks, valleys and summits, and most importantly helping serve our neighbors and engaging in great discussions that will stretch all of our understanding of God.

Watch for more information soon and how you can help support our amazing youth!



REMINDER: 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!

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



Have a penitential lent, you sinners! Just kidding, seriously though, how do we greet one another during this season? Lenten greetings? As you're reading this, we're fast approaching the end of Lent and the beginning of the Easter season. Spring will be here before you know it and the music department is busy preparing for Easter. What's more, this month is *extremely* full of musical events for you to enjoy in advance of our customary Easter jubilation.

The first event is coming right up on **Sunday, March 2 at 2:00 p.m.** as we welcome back a congregational favorite: the **Rice Brothers**. World-renowned performers, Chris and Johnny are both virtuosi cellists and pianists, performing in Europe and across North America. Always featuring exquisite technique along-side warm musicality, an ever-changing repertoire, and a familiar stage presence, there is certain to be something for everyone, so bring your friends and family to a great concert. Concert is free admission with an offering and doors open at least 30 minutes prior.

The following week, on **Friday, March 8, at 11:00 a.m.** (doors open 10:45) our church will be gathering for our annual visit at **Organ Stop Pizza** for a special pizza lunch program. Come join us for great organ music, fellowship, and of course food! Cost is \$10 dollars and there is an ATM on site. Organ Stop Pizza is at 1149 E Southern Ave in Mesa. Signup sheets are in the welcome center or you can call the church office. We hope to see you there.

On the evening of **Friday, March 8, at 7:00 p.m.**, the Gold Canyon Arts Council is hosting **Quarteto Nuevo**, an innovative ensemble that merges western classical, eastern European folk, Latin and jazz music with an organic feel that packs a wallop! Their diverse programs can be tailored to fit anywhere, from an intimate chamber music venue to a large outdoor festival and they're sure to have an amazing program here in Gold Canyon. Tickets are available from goldcanyonarts.org/tickets, the Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce, or Robin Rotella Team Realtors.

The very next evening (March is packed!), **Saturday, March 9th at 6:00 p.m.**, the Gold Canyon UMC Performing Arts Series will be hosting a special, free-admission event, the **Northwestern College of Iowa's A Capella Choir**. The choir will be touring several states including concerts at churches and venues in Nebraska, Colorado, New Mexico, and here in Arizona. The 46-member ensemble is directed by Dr. Thomas Holm, professor of music. The choir has performed across the U.S. and made international tours to destinations such as Taiwan, Denmark and Sweden. Rated one of the nation's best colleges by Money magazine, Northwestern provides an education committed to stand-out academics and a Christ-centered worldview. The choir's varied program includes sacred works such as Palestrina's "Sicut Cervus," a set of rousing and reflective spirituals, as well as choral works from Latvia, Taiwan, and the US including Robert Shaw's rendition of the Irish ballad "Johnny, I hardly knew ye." It's bound to be an uplifting experience. Handicap accessible, doors open 30 minutes prior.

The Sunday Sounds Series will take a break this month as the music ministry prepares for Easter and I'll be working on logistics with the Northwester College Choir. Stay tuned for next month where I'll be performing some Easter music!

The final program of the 2023-2024 season of the Gold Canyon UMC Performing Arts Series will be **Sunday, March 17th at 2:00 p.m.**, where we'll once again be hosting the **Dave & Daphne Show**. These renowned Nashville artists are presenting a great concert featuring the fabulous guitar and banjo playing of Dave Salyer and the powerful voice of Daphne Anderson, performing southern gospel favorites, country, bluegrass, and more. The concert is free admission and doors open 30 minutes prior.

The final concert of the 2023-24 season of Canyon Sounds series by the Gold Canyon Arts Council will be the following week on March 22 at 7:00 p.m., featuring the exceptional **Bárbara Padilla**. A fabulous operatic soprano, classical/popular crossover singer, cancer survivor, and motivational speaker, Padilla is originally from Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico and was first runner up on America's Got Talent. She has since performed with some

of the greatest names in the music industry. Join Bárbara for a great evening of music and to enjoy one of the greatest voices of our time. She will be appearing with some very special musicians in a show especially designed for the Gold Canyon audience. Tickets are available from goldcanyonarts.org/tickets, the Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce, or Robin Rotella Team Realtors.

Finally, at the end of March, we'll have reached Easter! We'll be pulling out all the stops (literally and figuratively) for Easter Sunday, with choir, bells, brass, organ, and percussion. We hope you'll come and celebrate the resurrection with us in person!

Just a quick update on the organ project: in February

and March, the organ committee and senior pastor met with two organ builders to review our requirements for a proposal. They're now working in earnest on proposals that will help our organ committee make a selection for which builder we'd like commission to construct a pipe organ for our church. We hope to have something to show you soon!

As always, if you 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	*	GCAC Concert: Mirari Brass Quintet ...one of the country's finest brass ensembles!
12/03/23	Sun	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		Andrew Sords ...an American violinist who has performed worldwide!
01/27/24	Sat	9:00pm		GCAC Arts Festival ...a much-anticipated community celebration!
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		Mauddy 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 Risen 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!



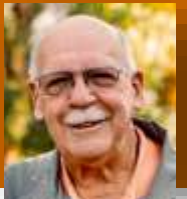
ON THE GOSPEL SIDE

Dr. David Worley, Preaching Associate

Many people have mentioned how early Easter is this year. As we all know Easter and the season of Lent vary from year to year. But why? Well, the answer is found in the moon. That's right. The date of Easter is decided by the appearance of the Paschal Moon. What you may well ask is the Paschal Moon? The Paschal Moon is the first full moon of spring, which occurs during the Jewish Passover and Easter occurs the Sunday after this lunar event. (I am sure the astronomer in our congregation, Bob Buckheim could explain all of this with greater clarity.) But the point I want to leave with you is not astronomical, but spiritual.

The Paschal Moon points to the Passover, which you will likely recall, was the day God delivered the Children of Israel from Egyptian bondage. This deliverance required the Hebrews to sacrifice a lamb and paint its blood on the doorposts of their homes so that they would be "passed over" when the last plague transpired. They were protected from the death angel who passed by in judgment, by the blood applied to their homes. (You can read all about this in Exodus 12.)

Christians adopted this time of the Jewish year to celebrate Easter because Jesus was crucified and rose again during Passover. But there is more. Paul says that Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us (1 Cor. 5:7) and Hebrews explains how all of the Old Testament practices pointed forward to Jesus Christ the Lord, including the sacrifices. As we come to Holy Week this year, let us recall that Jesus gave Himself for us like that lamb that died on the first Passover. His blood shields us from judgment and spiritual death because He paid for our sins so that we, like the ancient Hebrew people, may go free to follow and serve Him. The Paschal Moon, then, is a visible reminder of that ancient day of Passover that prefigures the day our Savior gave Himself for our eternal salvation and rose again to seal with certainty that His work is, indeed, finished. Hear the cry anew this Holy Season, "It is finished" and be glad! And to celebrate Easter sunset, we invite you to join us at the Country Gospel Service at 4 pm for a celebratory sing along. We will joyously sing songs of redemption, forgiveness and resurrection as we end the Easter with Halleluiahs to our Risen King!



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, 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
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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...

Darlene Broderson

Lorna Decker (CA)

Phillis Fitch (IA)

Lois Gerst

Joyce Gillette

Elizabeth McAloon

Barbara Osborn

Mike Paul

Beverly Reedy (NE)

Tom Sawyer

Charles Wakefield

Prayer for a Generous Heart

God of All Goodness,
 give me a heart for generosity.
 Show me how to hold my possessions lightly,
 ever mindful of their temporary value.
 Inspire me to share what I have in full measure,
 so that others are able to live without need or want.
 Let me know the grace of a bountiful life,
 one overflowing with gratitude for all that I have to give.
 In the name of your generous son, Jesus, I pray.
 Amen.

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CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

TIRED OF RUNNING

The book *A Wish for Christmas* (by Courtney Cole), held this sentiment – “...it’s the imperfections that give people character...Our flaws make us interesting. Perfection is an illusion...if that is what someone is chasing, they’ll always be running.” It’s true, our flaws do make us “interesting”. Perhaps that’s because we learn from our failures and faults, in the long run they make us stronger, we use our life lessons to help others? Is that it?

Well, in theory anyway. When we are focused on Biblical teachings and truths, that’s how it’s supposed to work for us. We are meant to grow, become more Christ-like, rise from the ashes of our hardships, be a light to others. Why then do many of us have a difficult time doing this? I think the answer to the question is painted in a beautiful solo we heard in a January worship service, *Live Like You’re Loved*, by Hawk Nelson. Partial lyrics include...

*... This racing, this running
Oh, you're working way too hard
And this perfection you're chasing,
Is just energy wasted
Cause he loves you like you are*

*So go ahead and live like you're loved
It's okay to act like you've been set free
His love has made you more than enough*

*So go ahead and be who he made you to be
And live like you're loved
Live like you're loved, Live like you're loved*

Songs with those lyrics are written because we all need to hear them! This month of Easter is the most poignant of reminders to us that Christ died for our sins, paying in full so that we don’t have to. Yet, we tend to keep on running toward perfection. We act as if we’ve forgotten the promise, or don’t believe it. How can we remember? At Christmas, Dr. David Worley gave us a memorable analogy – he said “*Christ picked up the tab,*” reminding us that we are off the hook.

This means when we confess our hurts, failures, insecurities, and fears to Him, He’s already taken care of all of it for us. Our problem comes from the fact we get hung up on those things, hang onto our guilt, we think

and act as if we are not good enough to accept God’s gift. And instead of acting “*like we are loved,*” we act the opposite - we can act angry, isolated, sad, unkind - we act as if we are unworthy of God’s love and can reflect that outwardly toward others.

If I catch myself in such a place, I like to remember the old poem *Footprints in The Sand* – Someone dreamt they were walking along the beach with the Lord, as their life flashed before them. But at the worst times they only saw one set of footprints in the sand, instead of two. It ends like this...

*"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,
You'd walk with me all the way.
But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome
times of my life,
there was only one set of footprints.
I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You
would leave me.
He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never
leave you.
Never, ever, during your trials and testings.
When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you."*

God’s promise is simple, but we often have a hard time accepting it. If you are there, **reach 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.

**"FOR THIS IS HOW GOD LOVED THE
WORLD: HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY
SON, SO THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES
IN HIM WILL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE
ETERNAL LIFE.
JOHN 3:16**



MARCH 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!

Keeler, Ron & Peggy Eppler 03/02
Kurtenbach, Rev. Roger & Diane 03/03
Robinson, Susie & Paul 03/04
Crane, Linda & Steven 03/05
Adamski, Carol & Ed 03/10
Haraldson, Rich & Barb Sebring 03/10
Hunter, Betty Lou & Gary 03/11
Schoeff, Gary & Rose 03/11
Miller, Geri & Royce 03/13
Sweeney, Dan & Debbie 03/18
Martin, Darla J. & John S. 03/20
Horton, Ron & Kathy Hansen 03/23
Workman, Janice & Paul 03/23
McAuliffe, William & Claudia 03/24
Colehour, Sharon & Ted 03/25
Linowski, Mary & Phil 03/27
O'Donnell, Cherry & Mike) 03/27
Williams, Helen & Kelly 03/27
Johnson, Mark & Shirley 03/30
Warren, Harry & Lovena 03/30
Barks, Kaity & Niels 03/31

Happy Birthday!

Bright, Teresa 03/01
Martindale, Warren 03/02
Messmer, Richard (Dick) 03/02
Graba, Joseph (Joe) 03/03
Nielsen, Claudine L. 03/04
Schmer, David 03/04
Bilensky, Nancy 03/05
Gish, Wayne 03/05
Linowski, Philip (Phil) 03/05
Nolan, LaVoyce 03/05
Baier, Jim 03/06

Eisentraut, Arne 03/06
Falk, Ellis 03/06
VanderRoest, Bobbie 03/07
Fitzpatrick, Inge 03/08
Peterson, June 03/08
Annin, Everett F (Frank) 03/09
Engbrecht, Jackie 03/09
Kinder, Richard (Dick) 03/09
Smith, William (Rex) 03/09
Neil, Dean 03/10
Thomas, Craig 03/10
Brigham, Donald 03/13
Lang, Charles (Charlie) 03/13
Merrick, LaVia 03/13
Potter, James (Jim) 03/13
Warth, Terry 03/13
Wilson, Peg 03/13
Clark, JoAnn A. 03/14
Evans, Kristina 03/14
Nelson, Forrest (Lee) 03/14
Burhans, Judith (Judy) 03/16
Shroyer, Donald (Pat) 03/16
Smith, Dave 03/16
Sweeney, Deborah (Debbie) 03/16
Leachman, Jay 03/17
Miller, Nancy 03/17
Reynolds, James (Jim) 03/17
Baier, Deb 03/18
Boldt, Gary 03/18
Poppe, Karen 03/18
Steinberg, Beth 03/18
Parkison, Peggy A. (Peg) 03/19
Wilson, Betty 03/19
Steinberg, Timothy 03/20
Storbakken, Terrance (Terry) 03/20
Brigham, Jeremy 03/22

Hartman, Brooke 03/23
Herrold, Sally B. 03/23
Morganegg, James (Jim) 03/23
Palmer, Lori 03/23
Brigham, Jaime 03/25
Kice, Linda 03/25
Scharringhausen, Joyce 03/25
Kennedy, Barbara S. 03/26
Mueller, Gary 03/26
Carlson, Velma 03/27
Gish, Connie 03/27
Sebring, Barbara (Barb) 03/27
Williams, Kelly 03/27
Johnson, Neil 03/28
Streit, Deanna 03/29
Bressler, Diana L. 03/30
Leachman, Cheryl 03/30
Riedel, James 03/30
Speidel, Mary 03/30
Adams, Jennifer 03/31
Fisher, Stephen (Steve) 03/31
Moore, Nellie 03/31





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

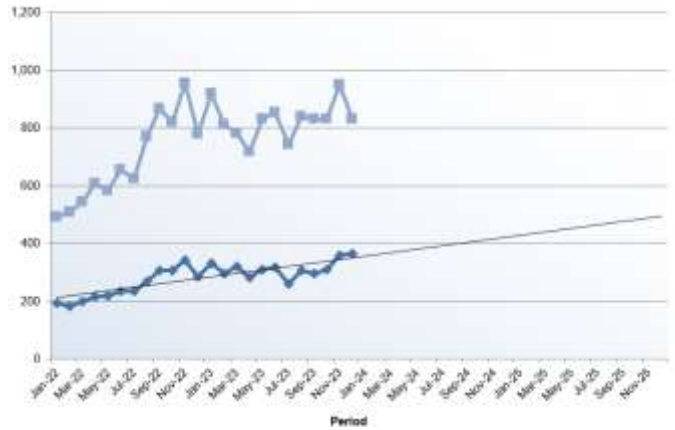


Faith. As Christians, it is a term we use quite a bit, but sometimes it is hard to know when frantic human actions should end, and you just simply move forward quietly in faith. Last autumn, after a demanding summer season at the Food Bank, some looked around at

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.

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Food Bank Households & Individuals Served (monthly)



GENESIS PROJECT



GENESIS PROJECT

Serving the Hungry and Homeless

Please remember to...

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE

Arizona Charitable Tax Credit!

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. Last Saturday we attended a "wall

signing” where we wrote messages on the studs inside the house. We also met the homeowner and his children.



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 or 602-284-2826.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)



United Women in Faith

Join us at 10:30am on Sat., March 16 in the Mission Center as we share in a seder, a religious meal and ritual feast

that takes place at the beginning of the Jewish holiday of Passover. For thousands of years, Jews around the world have celebrated the Passover seder. Passover marks the Bible story of the Israelites' liberation from slavery in Egypt. Is Passover important to us? Yes, indeed. For Christians, this was the last Passover seder Jesus would celebrate with his disciples.

We hope you will join United Women in Faith at our seder. Space is limited, so please RSVP to Rebecca Russel, by March 6, (360) 352 4956 / beckyarussel@gmail.com,



Upcoming Events:

- **Beth Emanuel Messianic Congregation at 800 W. Galveston St. in Chandler on Sat., 3/2.** Messianic Jews believe not only in the Old and New Testament, but also in Christ (Yeshua). We will be attending Beth Emanuel's regular service from 10:30am to 12 noon, followed by Oneg, their meal following worship. The service is lively, incorporating Jewish traditions, with singing, dancing, praying and a sermon. We plan on carpooling from the Mission Center at 9:30 am. For

more information or to sign up, contact Carol Johnson at caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com or 602-750-2008

- **Reading Program, Wed, 3/6, 10am**, Mission Center. Contact Jane Hasgaard, hansgaard@msn.com
- **Esther Circle**, Fridays at 9:30am, the spiritual growth study is Grateful, Giving Thanks to God in All Things, contact, Dian Capen, dkcapen@gmail.com
- **Leadership Team, Tues., 3/12, 10am**, Mission Center, Susan Lyons, susanblyons@gumail.com
- **General Meeting** (all women invited), **Sat., 3/16, 10am** (fellowship), **10:30am** (seder) Mission Center, RSVP by 3/6 to Rebecca Russel, beckyarussel@gmail.com, (360) 352-4956
- **Bake Sale, Sun., 3/17** on the Patio: Be sure to stop by; proceeds will go to charity support.
- **Culinary Circle**, Mary Ann Davenport and Rita Vadasz-Miller are hosts. Circle members are reading, *Room at My Table: Preparing Heart and Home for Christian Hospitality*. For date, time and place, contact Carol Johnson, caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com
- **Matthew 25 Pen Pal Prison Ministry**, contact Cherie Creel, cheryljunec@icloud.com

Contact Rita K. Vadasz-Miller, Membership Chair, for more info on Gold Canyon United Women in Faith. She would really enjoy answering your questions and talking with you! Her contact number is (810) 629- 1240.





MARCH CALENDAR

(Calendar is subject to change;
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Fri Mar 1	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sat Mar 2	1pm	MEMORIAL: Charles Wakefield (S)
	2pm	MEMORIAL RECEPTION: Wakefield (KR/ER/K)
Sun Mar 3	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-B)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	11am	Praise Worship (KR)
	11am	Youth Sunday School (YR)
	12pm	UMYF (YR)
	12:10pm	Youth Band Rehearsal (KR)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
Mon Mar 4	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)
Tue Mar 5	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 Mar 6	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 Mar 7	10am	Lenten Study (KR)
	11am	MTG: Food Bank (MC-B)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	6pm	Lenten Study (MC-E)
	7pm	AA (MC-B)
Fri Mar 8	8am	GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	7pm	GCAC CONCERT: Quarteto Nuevo (S)
Sat Mar 9	8am	PEO Mtg (MC-B)
	2pm	NW College A Cappella Meal (KR/K/ER)
	6pm	GCUMC CONCERT: NW College of Iowa A Capella Choir (S)
Sun Mar 10	All day	Daylight Saving Time starts
	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	Children's Sunday School (EB)

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	
P = Patio	
S = Sanctuary	
SoGR = Sea of Galilee Rm	
WR = Wesley Rm	
YR = Youth Rm	

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	11am	Praise Worship (KR)
	11am	Youth Sunday School (YR)
	12pm	UMYF (YR)
	12:10pm	Youth Band Rehearsal (KR)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
Mon Mar 11	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)
Tue Mar 12	5am	POLLING PLACE: Jurisdictional (KR)
	9am	GriefShare (ER)
	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-B&Patio)
	10am	GC Garden Club (MC-E)
	10am	MTG: UWFaith Leadership Team (MC-TBD)
	11:30am	MEN'S EVENT (Spring Training Game)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E)
	1pm	GriefShare (ER)
	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
Wed Mar 13	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)
	2:45pm	MTG: GCAC (MC-S)
	3:30pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	5:30pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	6:30pm	MEMORIAL: Anthony (AJ) Colavecchio (S)
Thu Mar 14	9am	Lions Club Mtg (MC-M)
	10am	Lenten Study (KR)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	6pm	Lenten Study (MC-E)
	7pm	AA (MC-B)
Fri Mar 15	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sat Mar 16	10am	MTG: UWFaith Special Event (MC-B&E)
	1:30pm	MEMORIAL: Mike Paul (K)
	2:30pm	MEMORIAL RECEPTION: Paul (KR/ER/K)
Sun Mar 17	All day	St. Patrick's Day
	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	8am	UWF Bake Sale (Patio)

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	9am	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	11am	Praise Worship (KR)
	11am	Youth Sunday School (YR)
	12pm	UMYF (YR)
	12:10pm	Youth Band Rehearsal (KR)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
Mon Mar 18	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)
Tue Mar 19	5am	POLLING PLACE: Presidential Preference (KR)
	9am	GriefShare (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPL E 5 (MC-E)
	1pm	GriefShare (ER)
	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Wed Mar 20	10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/K)
	11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	1pm	DISCIPL E 1 (MC-B)
	1pm	DISCIPL E 5 (MC-E)
	3:30pm	DISCIPL E 1 (ER)
	5:30pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Mar 21	9am	GCAC School Workshop (S)
	10am	Lenten Study (KR)
	1pm	Women's Bible Study (ER; Feather-CLOSED)
	3pm	GCAC School Masterclass (S)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	6pm	Lenten Study (MC-E)
	7pm	AA (MC-B)
Fri Mar 22	8am	GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	7pm	GCAC CONCERT: Barbara Padilla (S)
Sat Mar 23	8am	PEO Mtg (MC-B)
Sun Mar 24	All day	Palm Sunday
	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	9am	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	11am	Praise Worship (KR)
	11am	Youth Sunday School (YR)
	12pm	UMYF (YR)
	12:10pm	Youth Band Rehearsal (KR)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
Mon Mar 25	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)
Tue Mar 26	9am	GriefShare (ER)
	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-B)
	1pm	DISCIPL E 5 (MC-E)
	1pm	GriefShare (ER)
	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Wed Mar 27	10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/K)
	11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)

	1pm	DISCIPL E 1 (MC-B)
	1pm	DISCIPL E 5 (MC-E)
	3:30pm	DISCIPL E 1 (ER)
	5:30pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Mar 28	All day	Maundy Thursday
	9am	Girls Matter. (MC-B)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-B)
	7pm	Maundy Thursday Worship (S)
Fri Mar 29	All day	Good Friday
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	7pm	Good Friday Worship (S)
Sat Mar 30	All day	Holy Saturday
	8am	MTG: GCAC (MC-Martha???)
Sun Mar 31	All day	Easter Sunday
	6am	Easter Sunrise Worship (N Parking Lot)
	7am	Easter Sunrise Breakfast (Patio)
	8am	Easter Traditional Worship (S)
	9am	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Easter Traditional Worship (S)
	11am	Easter Praise Worship (KR)
	11am	Youth Sunday School (YR)
	12pm	UMYF (YR)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Easter Sunset Worship (KR)

ROADRUNNER & BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please send content for the
APRIL 2024 Roadrunner
 via email to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org
BY 8am on Friday, 3/15/24
Weekly Bulletin & Flower Orders
 12pm on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday Service



CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

January	2021			2022			2023			2024		
	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
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Corrected December							178777					

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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; \$1,201,438.29 raised)
- Pipe Organ (\$186,528.89 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 and click “Make Donation” button. This link now takes you to AccessACS electronic giving, a secure site.
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- ... can be done through a lifetime estate, allowing a person to continue living in the home.

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Get involved!



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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!



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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!

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

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BIBLE EASTER WORD SEARCH



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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