



FROM THE PASTOR: "EASTER CELEBRATION"



As we journey through the season of Lent, we anticipate the joy and celebration that Easter brings to our hearts and our community. Easter is not just a day; it is a miracle, a message of hope, and a renewal of faith that resonates deep within us. It's a time to come together, to reflect on the profound love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and to rejoice in His resurrection, which offers us new life and salvation.

This Easter, we invite you and your loved ones to join us in a series of special worship services designed to accommodate everyone's schedules and preferences. Our Easter Sunday will begin with the beauty and tranquility of a 6:00am Sunrise Service with a beautiful view of the Superstition Mountains, an early morning moment to quietly reflect on the dawn of a new beginning that Easter symbolizes. As the sun ascends, so does our collective spirit, reminded of the light of Christ that overcomes the darkness. Pastor Katharine Keller will give the message at this service.

For those who find inspiration in hymns and anthems, our 8:00am and 9:30am Services will provide a serene and uplifting start to Easter Sunday, filled with hymns, prayers, and a message of hope from me.

At 11:00am, we gather again for a service that uses praise music to celebrate the Risen Lord. I will give the Easter message of Resurrection at this service.

Finally, we invite you to our 4:00pm Easter Sunset Service, where Dr. David Worley and Tressa Erickson will lead an Easter hymn sing. What a wonderful way to conclude the day with singing.

Easter is a time for renewal, hope, and rejoicing. It's an opportunity to come together as a community of faith, to support and uplift one another, and to remember the transformative power of Christ's love and sacrifice. Let us gather in unity and spirit to celebrate Jesus's resurrection, renew our faith, and embrace the promise of Easter.

We look forward to welcoming each of you and your families to Gold Canyon UMC on this most holy and joyous day. Let us make this Easter a memorable celebration of faith, hope, and love.

This year, our Easter gifts will go to Royal Family Kids' Camps, a 1-week camp at the Mingus Mountain Camp Retreat (6/2-7) and Crowne Point in Indiana. These camps are specifically designed for kids ages 7-18 who've survived abuse, neglect, and abandonment. Some have physical scars and others have emotional scars, but they all have them. RFKC summer camps have demonstrated since 1985 to make a huge difference in the lives of kids in foster care! If you want to help Foster Kids heal please make checks payable to GCUMC, with "Easter Offering" in the memo line. I will see you on Easter!

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."

VACATION BIBLE CAMP



Pastor Vacation Bible Camp - June 3rd—7th! For those of you who are permanent residents, we still need more people to help make this week exciting for children. Pastor Katharine mostly needs folks who can commit all

five days of the week in the mornings. Her contact info is: 480)982-3776 / ladiebug1214@gmail.com.

(Below): Sally, Darren, Mike, Bernie, Ruth & Andrea



DESERT DINERS UPDATE

Following are photos of several of our Desert Diner Groups who meet up monthly to share a meal and fellowship.

(L-R): Katharine Keller, Jennifer Gray, Lorin Ginther, Dick and Susan Johnson, Susan Sanders



(L-R): Joy Bliss, Bob Burgi, Jenelu Burgi, Rex Nicols, Sam Nichols, Gay Dybwad



(L-R): Mary Ann and Brian Davenport, Kalley and Jim Reynolds, Tony and Pam Sisson and Dee Ashe (not pictured)



MARCH IN PHOTOS

The following photos were taken from the **Leading Edge Conference**, a gathering of the top 100 Methodist churches (based on size of congregation) in the US, started by Rev. Adam Hamilton (shown in the photo on the next page with Valerie Hammons, our Youth Director) from Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. Their gathering this spring was held in Scottsdale, and we provided transportation for a couple of outings while they were here .





ORGAN STOP PIZZA PHOTOS

The following photos were from the All Church Lunch at Organ Stop Pizza in Mesa, where we had nearly 200 in attendance! At the fun event, we also celebrated Inge Fitzpatrick's 92nd birthday!



PALM SUNDAY 2024

The children paraded while waving their palms at the 8am & 9:30am Traditional worship services, while the children from our 11 o'clock Praise worship service kids brightened the sidewalks with Palm Sunday sketches Photos.



KIDS KORNER

Below: Sunday School children put together snack boxes for Major Ryan Hoff, who is in the Air Force and has been deployed to an unknown location.



Below: Photos of our youngest receiving communion





YOUTH GROUP MINISTRY

Valerie Hammons, Youth Ministries Director

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



Would You Like to Be a Shareholder?

We are so excited to be working with Next Step Ministries for our 2024 Youth Mission Trip, June 15-23.

Next Steps has a deeply rooted relationship with the local church and families who desire transformation within cities. Even in the most beautiful communities, poverty, homelessness and various forms of trauma affect neighborhoods. In Colorado Springs our church youth will explore this vibrant community and work alongside community partners and serve struggling individuals. Our Gold Canyon Youth Team will participate in building projects for families in transitional housing, join outreach events in the community, and engage in tangible service projects that meet the food and shelter needs of individuals of at-risk homelessness or homelessness. No matter the project, students will have many opportunities to share the Gospel to families that find themselves in hard times. Most importantly, groups get the chance to learn from people who have so much to share.

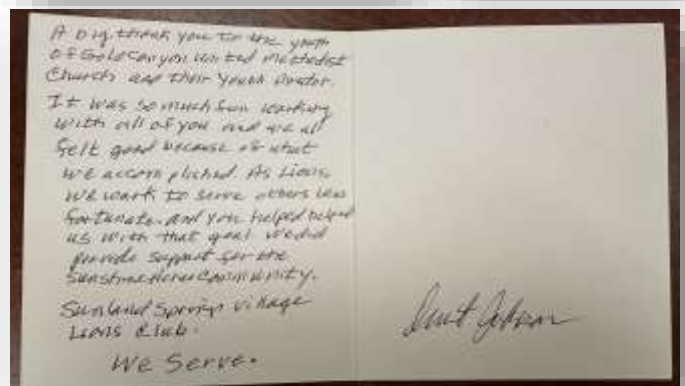
In order for the youth to financially be participants on this mission trip, would you consider being a shareholder?

The cost per share is \$800, half a share is \$400, a quarter share is \$200, but any amount is greatly appreciated. As a shareholder, you will receive a letter from the youth telling about their trip plus you will be invited to attend the "Shareholder Thank You Dinner" where you will see a video and hear stories from the teens about their experiences. These trips are life changing for the participants as well as the people they are serving! **If you wish to donate, please mark your checks or giving envelopes to "Youth Group Mission Trip."**

Thank you so much for making these trips possible!

In His Service,

Valerie





*Many thanks to the following families
and individuals who provided lilies
to beautify our Sanctuary
for Easter worship services.*



FIRSTNAME	LASTNAME	IN MEMORY OF	IN HONOR OF
	Anonymous	Carol Ann Gordon	
John	Baxter		Gladys Baxter
Joy	Bliss		Evelyn (Flossie) Laich
Patrick	Braatz	Dale & Carla Braatz	
Bob	Burgi		Jenelu Burgi
Jim	Chamberlin	Kathy Spoeth, my sweetheart	
Lauren	Collins-Mitchell	Lee and Foster Collins	
Dawn	Carroll	Ron Pinkowski Jim & Olga Martinec	Jean Nenahlo Tom Harrison
Theresa & Jon	Cooke	Helen Oliver Claude & Jackie Cooke	
Mary	Dudley, MD	Nancy McGoron	
Doug & Lynn	Edney	Our parents & grandparents	
Cheryl	Eisenmenger	All our loved ones	
Lynne	Erickson	Joyce Auclair, my mother	
Debra	Hansen	Elaine Brooks	
Bob	Heft & Kathy Lenz	Terry Heft	
Virginia	Hirsch	John Hirschi Parents	
Carol	Johnson	Leroy Kizer, Jr.	
Randy & Rebecca	Kraft	Raymond & Gertrude Kraft Joseph & Ardith Fevold	
Ralph	Krueger		Krueger Family
Joyce	Larson	Dan Larson	
Meg	Lemmon	Harley Lemmon	
Pam	Leucke	George Luecke	
Lorna	Marifjeren	Earl Marifjeren	
Bill & Patty	Nelson	Our Family	Lisa, Todd, Kevin, Marion, Jack
DebbyKay & Steven	Peterson	Darlene Ione Broderson	Jan & Lorne Meldrum Jeanne Brandeen Kathy Spoeth
David & Melva	Lupton	Mark Lupton	
Mary Jane	Seaver	Charles W. Seaver	
Byron & Ashley	Singer	Gayle Singer	
Marjorie	Stofferan	Bruce Stofferan	
Terry	Sullivan	Kevin Brown	
John & Jennifer	Wegner	Gerald Kraus Violet Wegner	



ON THE GOSPEL SIDE

Dr. David Worley, Preaching Associate

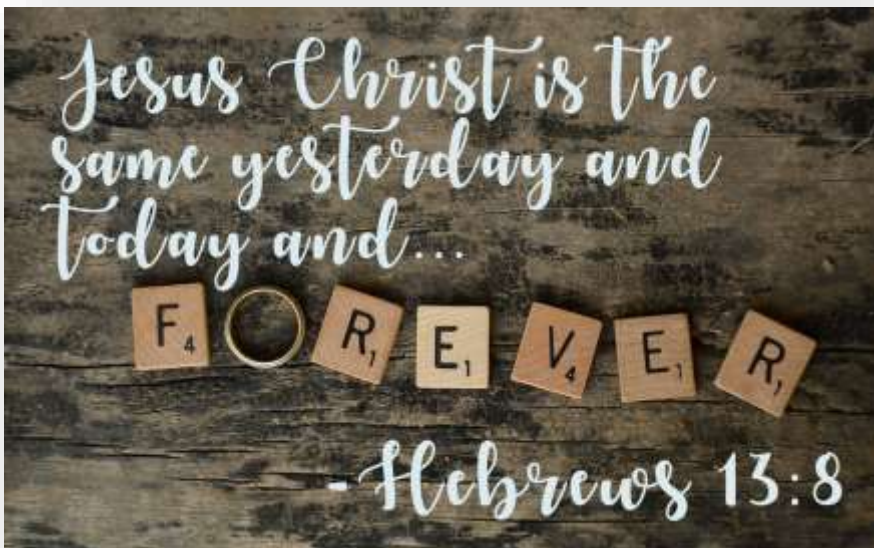
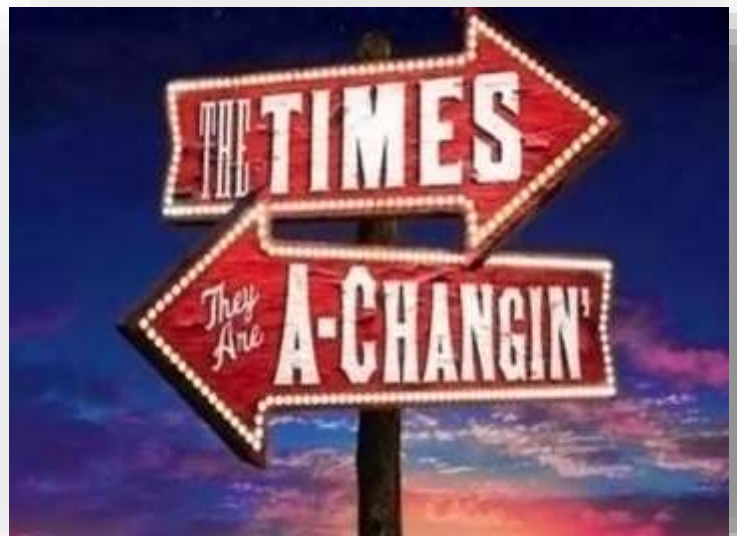
The American troubadour, Bob Dylan, penned the lyrics to “The Times They Are A- Changin’” back in 1964. His observation was certainly true during that era of dramatic changes in American culture. But, as one reads the lyrics, his observations still ring true. Change is inherent to human life.

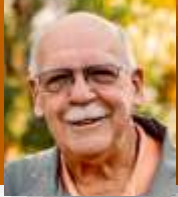
And this is true of our congregation in the near future. One of these changes is that Deb and I will be retiring from ministry at GCUMC as of July 1, 2024. This change, along with others, create uncertainty and questions. Answers to many of your questions are forthcoming but uncertainty lingers, understandably. In the midst of change, how good it is to know that “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever!” (Heb. 13:8). Methods change. Ministries change. Models change. But, the Master never changes.

Even though we all change as we age, learn and grow, the Lord Jesus is permanently perfect; He has no need to change as we do. His person is without flaw; He is the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and the Prince of Peace (Is. 9:6). He needs no character improvement! His work is equally complete requiring no additional sacrifice or effort to satisfy the requirements for our redemption. Jesus is our perfect Savior. And that perfection never wanes.

So how do we face the inevitable change that marks our earthly existence and our near future as a congregation? We trust the Changeless One. Using the metaphor Jesus employed, we build the house of our lives on the Rock rather than shifting sand (see Mt. 7:24-27).

Yes, the times they are a-changin' but Jesus is the same: He is ever reliable. Trust in Him and He will see us all through to that day when our final change comes as described in I Corinthians 15. For, great is thy faithfulness Lord unto me! We welcome you to celebrate our faithful Lord with each us each Lord's Day at 4pm as we gather for the Country Gospel Service.





ON A PASTORAL NOTE

Rev. Gary Capen, Associate Pastor

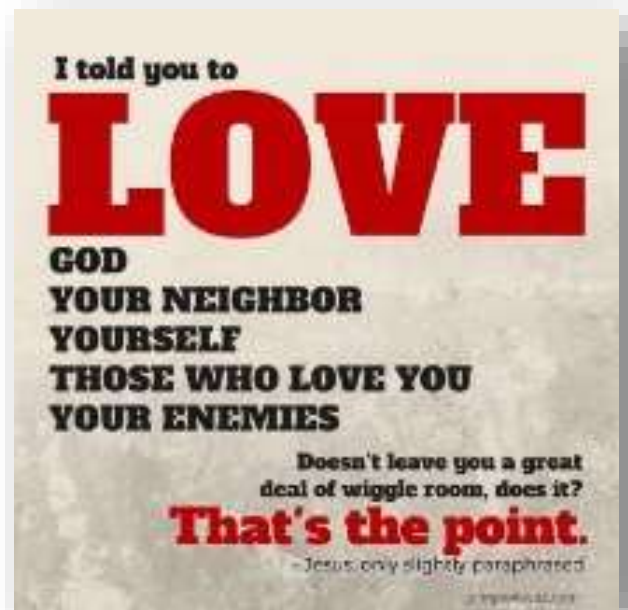
We are living now in the days following Easter, and what a glorious celebration we had as we once again welcomed the Risen Lord. Now in these days, as we move toward Pentecost, we see the rebirth of the earth around us in the flowering of the desert, new birth in hatchlings (especially the quail — those fuzzy little chicks running to follow their parents).

Likewise, we as the children of God follow Christ as he leads us in service. Service, as in his call: “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.” (Matthew 16:24-27)

Is there anything which prevents us from taking up our cross? In today’s world we encounter so many things which goes completely against that which Christ calls us to. We all have witnessed, whether in person or in the media the violence we see toward our fellow human beings. In just our local news we have been witnessing the tragedy of the killing of Preston Lord by a group of teens who beat him to death. There’s a double tragedy in this event. First, no one should have to endure what Preston did, and we don’t know the reasons, but we do know that no one deserves that form of abuse. Secondly, for those who have been charged, and not yet convicted in his death, their lives are over as well. Then there are the parents, their friends, and anyone else who has felt that pain of loss.

I’m not usually confrontational, but here we see an issue that plagues our society: intolerance toward others, objectifying others as somehow being less than we are because of race, ethnicity, religious beliefs, sexual preference, political ideology, and so much more.

This isn’t what Jesus taught us or asked of us to show such hatred or intolerance toward others! No, Jesus taught us that as his disciples we were to take up our cross and follow him and to show the world that we are different because we choose to “Love one another as Christ has loved us.”





CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

ARE YOU CONNECTED?

I've seen versions of this through the years, but recently read it again. It's an analogy of sorts for us referencing the creation story:

When God wanted to create fish, He spoke to the sea. When God wanted to create trees, He spoke to the earth. But when God wanted to create man, He turned to Himself. Then, God said "Let us make man in our image and in our likeness."

Lessons to be learned - If you take a fish out of water, it will die; and when you remove a tree from soil, it will also die. Likewise, when man is disconnected from God, he dies.

God is our natural environment. We were created to live in His presence. We have to be connected to Him because it is only in Him that life exists. Let us stay connected to God.

And then I had the opportunity to hear Christian speaker and author Shaunti Feldhahn speak on our connection to God. She put it like this – “when we are weary, we need to connect to the right power source.” Of course, God is that power source.



Does your Bible look like this? I can tell you mine does not! But I look upon this picture with a little bit of envy and find myself wishing my Bible did look like that. I tell myself that would mean that I am immersing myself in the Word, that I might really be “getting it.” That the more worn my Bible looks, the more I am connected to God. Or would that just be an image I am trying to convey, a status symbol of sorts? I suppose it's even quite possible that my Bible could look like that, but I really don't have a clue.

Most certainly, immersing ourselves in the Word of God is not only the starting point, but the anchor, to our connection with God. We can have no such connection without reading, absorbing, and living His Word. So does that mean all we do is sit, alone in our homes, reading the Bible, while everything in our lives falls into perfect balance? Probably not.

Shaunti Feldhahn asserts that stress in our lives these days comes from living outside of our design, living for things of this world, something other than God, to feel good about ourselves. Things like movies, addictions, social media, glamour, risk-taking, surface pleasures that unfortunately fill our minds and hearts with negativity more than the positive. God wants us to find joy in his creation. He wants us to build life-giving relationships. Community and relationship with others are the key to human thriving.

She left me with a key point – a crucial principle in science and scripture is “*what you focus on is what you will see.*” Habitually focusing on positivity and kindness, rather than negativity or anger, changes the way our brains process information and emotions, moving us more toward stress reduction and joy.

We all have a relationship we can improve. I invite you to go to this free website to take your personal kindness assessment and sign up for the 30 day kindness challenge – www.jointhekindnesschallenge.com. Connection to God is not just about a worn-out Bible and memorizing scripture, it is about using Biblical principles in our relationships, to connect with the community God has created for us.

Are you weary, but can't seem to get connected to God and others? 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.

*Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches.
Those who remain in me, and I in them,
will produce much fruit.
For apart from me you can do nothing.
John 15:5 (NLT)*



PASTORAL & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

PASTORAL CARE

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



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



PRAYER REQUEST

...please send prayer requests to
GCUMCPrayers@gmail.com
 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...

Phyllis Gray
 David Robertson
 Dion Walker

Pastoral
 CARE





APRIL 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!

Gish, Connie & Wayne 04/02
Daigle, Robert (Bob) & Sharon 04/04
Carpenter, Tim & Trudy 04/07
Nelson, Forrest (Lee) & Jack 04/07
Nelson, Joni & Marcia 04/07
McCauley, Don & Kay 04/08
Blankenship, Betty & Roger 04/09
Kench, Phil & Sue 04/10
Wiff, Bette & Tom 04/11
Eisentraut, Arne & Bonnie 04/15
Lampsa, Roy & Tamara 04/15
Christ, SuzAnne & Dick 04/16
Elek, Deane & Tim 04/17
Fitzgerald, Chris & Susan 04/18
Rewerts, Jerry & Glass, Carol 04/20
Mintert, Frank & Zenith 04/20
Eddy, Barry & Janice 04/21
Daniels, Brad & Janet (Jan) 04/27
Kennedy, Barbara & Tom 04/13
Watters, Scott & Ortega-Watters, Monica 04/30
Thacker, Jerry & Ruth Ann 04/30

Rolf, Vernon (Vern) 04/05
Lewandowski, Paul 04/06
Dulaney, Janet 04/08
Harbaugh, Janice (Jan) 04/08
Wachter, Sharon 04/08
Mogharbel, Lillie 04/09
Campbell, Frank 04/10
Lackey, Sally 04/10
Glasgow, Joan (Jo) 04/11
Lester, Yvonne M. 04/12
Cooke, Teresa M. 04/13
Deitch, David 04/15
Killorn, Erlice (Bid) 04/15
Digerness, Nancy 04/16
Togstad, Keith 04/16
Zabel, Cameron (Cam) 04/16
Barks, Tucker 04/17
Oehlers, Tamara (Tami) 04/17
Roller, Don 04/17
Evans, Dennis 04/18
Revis, Lynn 04/18
Svoboda, Beverly (Bev) 04/18
Brown, Karen 04/21
Crane, Linda 04/21
Lester, James K. (Jim) 04/21

Warren, Harry 04/22
Whitmore, Sandra (Sandi) 04/22
Hanshaw, Judith Ann (Judy) 04/24
Ellis, Caren S. 04/25
Enevold, Connie 04/25
McNutt, Deborah 04/25
Bos, Colette 04/26
Robertson, David (Dave) 04/26
Williams, Barbara 04/26
Witucky, Michelle 04/26
Arquisch, Duri 04/27
Bennett, Sharyn 04/27
Fitzgerald, Gracie 04/27
Morawa, Hannah 04/27
Krstyen, Michelle 04/28
McDaniel, Marilyn 04/28
Steckley, JoAnn 04/28
Wehle II, Peter Francis 04/28
Downing, John (Jeff) 04/29
Holmes, Dean 04/29
Kench, Phillip (Phil) 04/29
Bjorklund, Alice 04/30
Houtcooper, Melva 04/30
Nunn, Kevin 04/30
Ralston, Timothy S. (Tim) 04/30

Happy Birthday!

Epler, Mary (Peggy) 04/01
Gersonde, Jeff 04/01
Lundberg, Betty 04/01
Steinberg, Rev. Fred 04/01
Dybwad, Gay 04/02
Wehle, Taylor Lee 04/02
Schoeff, Rose 04/03
Gray, Daniel (Dan) 04/04
Kinder, Elizabeth 04/04
Marifjeren, Lorna 04/04
Parkison, Richard C. (Rick) 04/04
Cunningham, Mona 04/05
Fratt, Robert (Bob) 04/05





MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



Happy Eastertide! After a season of pensive reflection, it's wonderful to be able to celebrate the season of joy and resurrection! It's spring here in Arizona, a time of rebirth and good weather, and it's already going to start getting warmer in anticipation of summer. Now that Easter is past, the music department can take a breather and get back to the normal order of things. Along with all the Easter preparation, we've completed another successful season of the Gold Canyon UMC Performing arts series this past month and we're looking forward to another one starting in December. We hope to see more of you at our events next season!

The 'Sunday Sounds Series' will resume this month on Sunday, April 14th after the 9:30 service. The program is still up in the air, but the theme for this mini-concert will either be Easter music or we may bring in the OrgelKids portable organ once again for a demonstration. Either way, we'll have time to do our usual Q&A session so you can ask any questions that might come up. As always, feel free to move about, find a seat that works best for you.

As of writing this, in a few days, the organ committee and Pastor Fred are scheduled to meet with another of the several organ builders that we're requesting proposals from. After this meeting, we'll probably get one more proposal and then the committee will start deciding which builder we want to contract with. The process is moving along at a steady rate.

As we get closer to summer, I'd like to invite those of you who have singing voices but don't normally sing in choir to consider joining the chancel choir for the few summer months. We'll only be singing for one service on summer Sundays and our rehearsals will be a little shorter. Rehearsals are at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings. It's a great opportunity to try out the choir and see if it might be a ministry you might enjoy serving.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to reach out by phone or email.

Peace and best regards,

Ian







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



Spring is always a time of change and that is definitely the case this year at the GCUMC Food Bank. The transition from the leadership of Mid Carlozzi and Rush Tucker has begun! A new Food Bank Warehouse Manager officially began his leadership position on March

1st following more than a month of training.

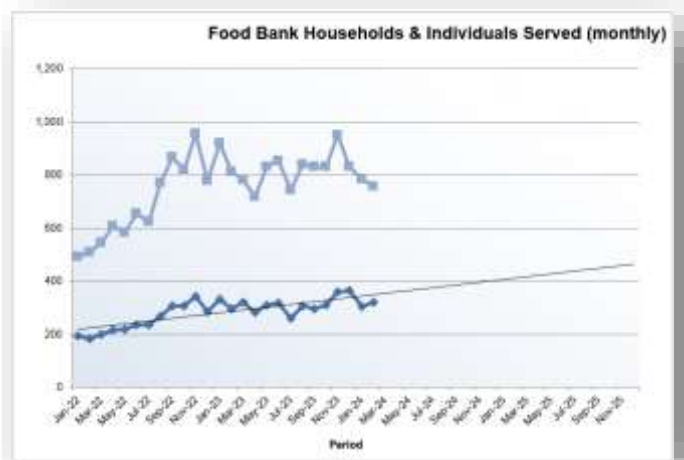
Larry Caywood is a member of GCUMC and is now a dedicated church employee and our Food Bank Manager. Other Food Bank positions such as resource management, communications, etc. are being filled as volunteer positions.



On March 7th a Food Bank volunteer meeting and luncheon was held at the Mission Center. All volunteers were provided with descriptions of the various roles volunteers and Larry will be assuming and there was an opportunity to address any concerns, questions or suggestions regarding the transition. More importantly, it was a time to thank everyone for their generous efforts during the fall and winter seasons. Without our volunteers our mission to feed the

community would not exist.

The food bank is still servicing an average of 22 to 23 households per each three-hour day – some days we serve 10 households, some days 40. There is no way to predict what a day will be like. However, this winter we have been blessed with bountiful donations that we are so grateful for. This volume also requires sorting, storing and bagging and a full morning of work for a volunteer or two. With our seasonal volunteers leaving soon we are looking for a few year-round individuals who might be interested in volunteering. For more information, please email donna52750@gmail.com. We would love to have you join our mission.



GENESIS PROJECT

Please remember to...

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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!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)



United
Women
in Faith

Join us at 10:30am on Saturday, April 20th in the Mission Center to learn about Girls Matter Period by director Paula Blessman. Girls Matter Period is a nonprofit organization empowering girls and women by providing much-needed reusable feminine hygiene supplies. Volunteers make thousands of washable/reusable feminine hygiene kits which are distributed in South Africa.

We hope you will join United Women in Faith for this captivating presentation (10am fellowship; 10:30am program).

Please bring: women's cotton full briefs size 5-7 in assorted colors (no white briefs), and cotton washcloths (assorted colors; no whites).

For more info, contact Rebecca Russel, 360 352 4956.



Paula Blessman with girls who received Girls Matter packs in South Africa.



Girls Matter Period Directors: Tammy Plaski, Sue Carlson and Paula Blessman

Upcoming Dates:

- **Reading Program**, Wed, 4/3, 10am, Mission Center.

Contact Jane Hasgaard, hansgaard@msn.com

- **Esther Circle**, every Friday, 9:30am, the spiritual growth study is **Grateful, Giving Thanks to God in All Things**, contact, Dian Capen, dkcapen@gmail.com. The Esther Circle's last meeting is Friday, March 29 and will come together again in the fall.
- **Leadership Team**, Tues, 4/16, 10am, Mission Center, Susan Lyons, susanblyons@gmail.com
- **General Meeting** (all women invited), Saturday, 4/20 10am (fellowship) 10:30 (Girls Matter Period) Mission Center.
- **Culinary Circle**, contact Carol Johnson, caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com
- **Matthew 25 Pen Pal Prison Ministry**, contact Cherie Creel, cheryljunec@icloud.com.

United Women in Faith hosted a Passover Meal on Sat., March 16, The Seder is the traditional Passover meal that includes readings, responses, eating and music.

(right) The seder plate, parsley, shank bone, apple & honey mixture, hard boiled egg, horseradish, lettuce, salt water and four cups of grape juice "wine" and matzo crackers in the brown bag.



(left) Rebecca Russel placing a red cloth across the door at the entrance to the seder. The cloth represents the blood of Jesus. Rebecca planned every detail of the seder. Big shout out to her!

(right) Claudia Listman leading worship members through prayer, song and responses during our Passover Seder.



For more info on Gold Canyon United Women in Faith, contact Rita Vadasz-Miller, Membership Chair, who would enjoy answering any questions you may have. She's from Michigan and her contact number is (810) 629-1240.



APRIL CALENDAR

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

Mon Apr 1	All day	OFFICE CLOSED / Easter Monday
Tue Apr 2	9am	GriefShare (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E)
	1pm	GriefShare (ER)
	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	6pm	MTG: Trustees (MC-B)
Wed Apr 3	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 5 (MC-E)
	3:30pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	5:30pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Apr 4	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-B)
Fri Apr 5	8am	GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sat Apr 6	10am	GriefShare Dove Release (Patio)
	11:30am	Kitchen Helpers Appreciation Lunch (ER)
Sun Apr 7	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)
Mon Apr 8	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)
	6:30pm	MTG: Admin Council (MC-B)

MAIN CAMPUS

EB = Education Bldg.
ER = Emmaus Rm
K = Kitchen
KR = Koinonia Rm
MR = Music Rm
NAR = Noah's Ark Rm
P = Patio
S = Sanctuary
SoGR = Sea of Galilee Rm
WR = Wesley Rm
YR = Youth Rm

MISSIONS CENTER

MC-B = Barnabas
MC-E = Esther
MC-M = Martha
MC-S = Stephen

(Calendar is subject to change;
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or call the Church Office)

Tue Apr 9	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-B&Patio)
	10am	GC Garden Club (MC-E)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E)
	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Wed Apr 10	10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/K)
	11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	1pm	Coffee in Memory of Phyllis Gray (MC-B)
	2:45pm	MTG: GCAC (MC-S)
Thu Apr 11	3:30pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	5:30pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	6:30pm	MTG: Annual HOA (MC-B)
	9am	Lions Club Mtg (MC-M)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
Fri Apr 12	7pm	AA (MC-B)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
Sat Apr 13	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	8am	PEO Mtg (MC-B)
Sun Apr 14	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)

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	11am	Praise Worship (KR)		5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	11am	Youth Sunday School (YR)	Wed Apr 24	10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M)
	12pm	UMYF (YR)		10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/K)
	12:10pm	Youth Band Rehearsal (KR)		11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)		3:30pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)		5:30pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
Mon Apr 15	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)	Thu Apr 25	9am	Girls Matter. (MC-B)
	6:30pm	Coffee with the Pastor (MR)		6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
Tue Apr 16	10am	MTG: UWFaith Leadership Team (MC-TBD)		7pm	AA (MC-B)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E)	Fri Apr 26	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)		5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)	Sat Apr 27	8am	PEO Mtg (MC-B)
Wed Apr 17	10am	MTG: Superstition Mtn Astronomical (MC-M)	Sun Apr 28	8am	Traditional Worship (S)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/K)		9am	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)		9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	3:30pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)		9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	5:30pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)		11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
Thu Apr 18	1pm	Women's Study (ER; Feather)		11am	Praise Worship (KR)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)		11am	Youth Sunday School (YR)
	7pm	AA (MC-B)		12pm	UMYF (YR)
Fri Apr 19	8am	GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)		12:10pm	Youth Band Rehearsal (KR)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)		3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)		4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
Sat Apr 20	10am	MTG: UWFaith (MC-B/Zoom)	Mon Apr 29	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)
Sun Apr 21	8am	Traditional Worship (S)	Tue Apr 30	1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E)
	9am	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)		3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)		5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	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 Apr 22	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)			
Tue Apr 23	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-B)			
	1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E)			
	3pm	Canyon Carillon Rehearsal (S)			

ROADRUNNER & BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please send content for the
MAY 2024 Roadrunner
 via email to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org

BY 8am on Monday, 4/15/24

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)

February	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
	150953	27781	7012	180124	415014	7858	150706	326051	10257	178694	55568	7510
Corrected December												

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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; \$1,340,457 raised)
- Pipe Organ (\$189,518 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.
- ✚ **TEXT** your gift by sending "goldcanyonumc" to 73256 and follow screen instructions.



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... 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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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!

Not plugged in yet?...



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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”

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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