



FROM THE PASTOR: “WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE IN MAY”



As we welcome the warmth of summer and all the vibrant activities it brings, we are excited to announce some updates to our worship schedule that will commence on the first Sunday of May. We believe these changes will not only accommodate our summer routines, but also enhance our worship experience together.

This summer, we will be streamlining our Sunday worship schedule to better serve our congregation and visitors:

- **9:30am - Traditional Worship:** We are combining our earlier traditional services into one revitalized service at 9:30am. This change aims to bring together our community, fostering a stronger, more dynamic gathering where we can share in our faith and fellowship. The worship team is enthusiastic about the increased energy and unity this single service will provide. For those who appreciate the ease of access from the parking lot: the east side balcony will remain open during this service.
- **11:00am - Praise Worship:** Continue to join us mid-morning for our Praise Worship, where contemporary music and modern expressions of faith provide an uplifting and spiritual encounter. This service is perfect for those who enjoy a dynamic and engaging worship style.
- **4:00pm - Gospel Worship:** Concluding our Sunday services, the Gospel Worship at 4:00pm will invite you into a soulful expression of worship through gospel music and heartfelt praise. This service promises to be a powerful end to your Sunday, filled with inspiration and the joy of the Lord.

Our hope is that this new schedule will allow for more flexibility and involvement from all of you, adapting to your summer plans while still providing ample opportunity for worship, reflection, and community connection.

Thank you for being a part of our church family. We look forward to experiencing this beautiful season with you. I will see you on Sunday!

Grace and peace,

Fred

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Pastor Katharine Keller

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

VACATION BIBLE CAMP



Registration is now open for our Vacation Bible Camp (VBC), June 3rd – 7th. Please use the form in this newsletter, pick one up for your kiddos and friends at church, or use this URL Code to access.

<https://goldcanyonumc.org/wp-admin/post.php?post=23&action=edit>

If your child is participating in the OdySea Aquarium trip on June 5th, payment must be received the first day of camp or with when registering.

WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

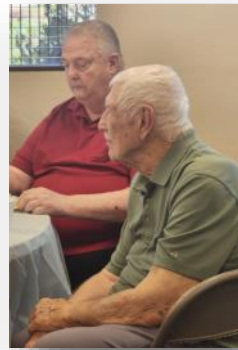


Please join Pastor Katharine for a 6-week video-based study from Lysa TerKeurst, *Finding I Am: How Jesus Fully Satisfied the Cry of Your Heart*. The class will run on Wednesdays beginning June 19th and ending July 24th. Once again she will be offering it at 10am and 6pm. She will be ordering

30 books, so the first 30 ladies who sign up may purchase them from her. Cost is: \$25. Sign-up starts immediately. If you have any questions, please email her at ladiebug1214@gmail.com.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF PHYLLIS GRAY

Last month approximately 40 people joined in remembering our beloved Sister in Christ, Phyllis Gray. Her husband, Dan, was in attendance to hear the words of love.



GRIEF SHARE DOVE RELEASE

On April 6th, our recent GriefShare group remembered their loved ones through Elizabeth's Doves, a dove release out of Gilbert.



KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU LUNCH

In April we honored our valued and appreciated Coffee Fellowship volunteers who serve weekly to bring our churchgoers refreshments after worship.

“WHO IS JESUS” SERMON SERIES

Pastor Fred started his “Who Is Jesus” sermon series with Jesus As The Way. The sermon series continues through mid-May.



EASTER WORSHIP 2024

Easter 2024 was celebrated with streamers and a beautiful flower-laden Sanctuary cross. The children heard about the empty cross and our Sunrise Worship service typically held outside, had to be moved inside due to inclement weather... but no sprits were dampened.



STUFFED BEAR MISSION PROJECT

Ladies gathered to lovingly stuff assorted animals for Hope Women's Center.



...to Pastor Katharine who graduates this month from the Course of Study, a 20-course requirement for licensed local pastors! She is now pursuing becoming an Associate Member of the Desert Southwest Conference.



Vacation Bible Camp (K-5th) Registration Form

JUNE 3-7, 2024 (MON - THURS) FROM 9AM - 12PM



Child's Last Name: _____ Child's First Name: _____

Child's Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Last School Grade Completed: _____

Parent/Guardian(s)
Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City/ST/Zip: _____

Parent's/Guardian's
Cell Phone: _____ Work or home phone: _____

Home Email: _____

Home Church: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone #: _____

Relationship to Child: _____

Allergies, Special Needs, or Dietary
Restrictions? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please explain: _____

Permission to be photographed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Attending Pizza & Bubbles Party on Friday? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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<p>My child will go to OdySea on the afternoon of Wed., 6/5, and has my permission to be transported.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>\$20 (per child) payment must be received on the first day of camp, or with the Registration Form.</p> <p>_____ Parent/Guardian Signature</p>	<p>_____ Date Paid</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Cash</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check</p> <p># _____</p>	<p>_____ Received By</p>

Please contact the Church Office (480)982-3776 with any questions about Vacation Church Camp (VBC)



YOUTH GROUP MINISTRY

Valerie Hammons, Youth Director

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



A BIG Thank You to everyone who has already donated to our Gold Canyon Youth Trip!

We will be leaving on June 15 to work for a week in Colorado. Our Youth will be involved in building projects and working with the local community.

WHY? Mission trips give students a sense of adventure, a desire to serve others, deepen their relationship with God, grow beyond their comfort zones and broaden their perspectives, as well as empower our future church leaders!

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!

YOUTH LEADING PRAISE WORSHIP

A HUGE Thank you to Uncommon Grace's Dave Ballard, Mike Willig, and Tressa Erickson for working, leading and loving our youth! Our first Worship Service performance was April 14th and our youth rocked it!



We will continue with rehearsals at 12:10-12:40 on Sundays, please talk to Dave if you are interested in joining our youth band!



In March we worked with the Lions Club and helped load boxes for the Sunshine Children's home. It was such a nice day to be out! Thank you Kurt!



We had a great lesson/tea party learning how we are all mad! (different is OKAY!) and learned about God's relentless love using Jonah's story and whale snot.



Looking forward to a great summer filled with youth, family and friends!

Easter was filled with hiding miniature Jesus figures so that everyone who came to worship to find Him...did!

It was so much fun working with the elementary class. Thank you Pastor Katharine. The youth read "Benjamin's Box" and all the children went home with a dozen eggs that were reminders of the Easter story to share with family and friends. We were even able to hide eggs inside to complete a wonderful Sunday.



**YOUTH
GROUP**



ON THE GOSPEL SIDE

Dr. David Worley, Preaching Associate

May brings spring changes, including the departure of our winter friends. While we understand their desire to return to their homes and families (to say nothing of the desire to escape the summer heat in AZ) we miss their faithful participation in and contribution to our worship services at 4pm. But for those of us who remain here in AZ, each Lord's Day we enjoy meeting together for singing, worship, prayer and considering Scripture together. Even though our group is often smaller in the summer months, it is still a wonderful opportunity for friendship and fellowship each week. We hope, therefore, that you will join us as we celebrate the Lord's blessings each Sunday afternoon.



While the annual migration of some of our church family makes immediate changes, it reminds us that we are all impacted by the passage of time on this earth. And one day we will all make a final journey when the Lord calls us home. However, that it is not the end of the story. As God's family we look forward to an unparalleled reunion with one another and more importantly with the Lord Jesus when we will enter into that promised place He has prepared for us. Until then, our hearts will go on singing! You are invited to join with us at our Country Gospel Service as we do so.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Rebecca & Randy Kraft



Paul Berlund

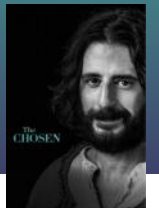


Nancy Mahar



Kay & Gail Sims

The CHOSEN



Seventy-five attendees joined us for the first and second episodes of the 4th season of the film series, The Chosen.





ON A PASTORAL NOTE

Rev. Gary Capen, Associate Pastor

On Maundy Thursday I used a quote from a writing by Richard P. McBrien:

The Heart of Christian Virtue

“If love is the soul of Christian existence, it must be at the heart of every other Christian virtue. Thus, for example, justice without love is legalism; faith without love is ideology; hope without love is self-centeredness; forgiveness without love is self-abasement; fortitude without love is recklessness; generosity without love is extravagance; care without love is mere duty; fidelity without love is servitude. Every virtue is an expression of love. No virtue is really a virtue unless it is permeated, or informed, by love.”

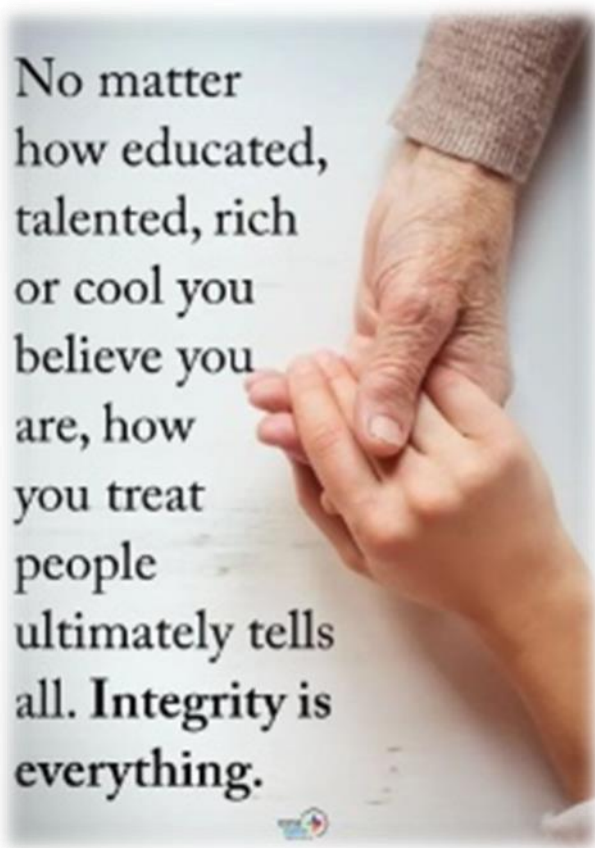
Jesus was asked the question by a lawyer (Matthew 22:36-39) “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest? And Jesus answered: ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

This is also the position which John Wesley wrote of in his writings on “An Altogether Christian.” From the book “Cultivating Christlikeness: Loving as Jesus Loved” by Paul W. Chilcote: “The first thing implied in being altogether Christian is the love of God. The Bible says: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ This kind of love captures the whole heart, takes up all the affections, fills the entire capacity of the soul, and uses every gift to its fullest extent. The heart of this disciple continually cries out, ‘My Lord and my God. What else do I have in heaven but you? Since I have you, what else could I want on earth?’ Secondly, altogether Christians love their neighbor. If anyone asks, ‘Who is my neighbor?’ we reply, ‘Every person who is in the world; every child of God.’ Neither can we exclude our

enemies or the enemies of God. But every Christian loves these as Christ has loved us. Whoever would more fully understand what kind of love this is may consider St.

Paul’s description of it in 1 Corinthians 13.”

As I wrote in last month’s Road Runner Article, I spoke of intolerance. Clearly, if we look at what John Wesley writes about “the altogether Christian” we need to strongly consider the following question: “If love is the goal, what are the areas of your life that require more of your work and more of God’s grace for you to be as fully loving as possible?”



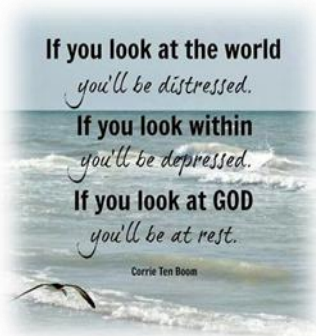
FAITH
makes all
THINGS POSSIBLE.
LOVE MAKES
all things
EASY



CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

REST



I've had some family stressors these past couple of years. ("Ha you say, who doesn't?!") Recently, one had gotten significant enough that it seemed to be consuming a great deal of my time, thoughts, and worries.

When that happens, what do you do? I pray and try to use the gifts God gave me to tackle the problem. But once I reach the end of my skill set in a matter, prayer and giving up the problem completely to God is the true and final answer. Even then – I hate to admit this, I fear it means my faith is not strong enough - I may struggle to settle into the peace I should have.

I think sometimes that's because I have trouble identifying the emotions or feelings I'm actually having surrounding a matter. Pastor Rick Warren recently did a devotional series on hopelessness. And my first thoughts were "hhmmmm, I'll read this one, but I don't think I've often really felt hopeless, so this one doesn't apply to me." You see, I had assigned the definition of hopeless as meaning the worst of the worst, if you were hopeless, it meant things were so bad you might even consider ending your life. But that's not what I learned.

Pastor Warren made the assertion that you can't fix a problem or even properly pray about it until you name it, until you understand exactly what emotion you are feeling and why. He broke down these thoughts into 8 reasons we feel hopelessness:

1. Feeling you are in over your head; your situation exceeds your skills and abilities.
2. Feeling you've hit bottom; you can't go any lower.
3. Feeling out of control, everything is turning around you.
4. Feeling overwhelmed and helpless, powerless to change the situation.
5. Feeling rejected or lonely, God is millions of miles away.

6. Feeling remorse or regret.

7. Feeling crushing fear, being scared to death.

8. Feeling trapped, locked behind bars, forever.

Aaaahhhhh, I said to myself! I then ran a current situation through that little 8 feeling test, and realized I easily had 4 of the 8 going on. So, I indeed WAS feeling hopeless about that situation, but didn't recognize it. That realization flipped a switch of sorts for me. Now that I had a tangible name for some of my feelings, I was able to re-frame my prayers, more directly and specifically addressing the problem with God. I found a renewed sense of peace with that.

But just because the switch flipped for me, maybe it doesn't for you. We are all built very differently. In an April service, our very own Dr. David Worley gave an analogy using the recent solar eclipse. He said it kind of like this - "Sometimes life is like the eclipse, full of darkness, blocking the light." But when we take it to the Lord in prayer, we are demonstrating the ultimate faith. We believe that God will fulfill His promises, even though we don't see them coming to fruition yet.

Corrie Ten Boom, a survivor of the Nazi death camps, once said, "If you look at the world, you'll be distressed. If you look within, you'll be depressed. If you look at God, you'll be at rest." She was able to find promise and hope in the darkest of places. But we aren't always able to do that; left to our own devices, we sometimes let our faith slip during a dark time.

If you are struggling with looking at the world, or within, rather than to God to find rest, then please 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.

"Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see." ~ Hebrews 11:1 (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...

Joyce Adams

Michael Butterfield

Mike Gibson

Arlene Huenick

Bill Raiser

Gregg Williams





MAY 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!

Brogren, Ann & Neil 05/01
Hoefs, Ed & Wendy 05/01
Formento, Kathy & Russ 05/04
Lindholm, Lynn & Paul 05/05
Noe, Jim & Mary Beth 05/05
Turner, George & Lisa 05/08
Pautzke, Donavon & Cloud, Jeanne 05/17
Luther, Jeff & Mavis 05/17
Fendley, Cecil & Penny 05/18
Snyder, Lorrie & Toby 05/20
Butterbrodt, Sandy & Bill 05/21
Rasmussen, Al & Diane 05/22
Wehle, Carol & Peter 05/27
Welker, June & Larry 05/28
Chase, Bob & Donna 05/29
Witucky, Michelle & TJ 05/29
Teller, Ronald & Susan 05/29
Miller, John & Louise 05/31
Williams, Karen & Todd 05/31

Happy Birthday!

Kench, Sue 05/01
Mullins, Victoria 05/02
Alford, Keith 05/03
Gunn, Jim 05/03
Paone, Albert 05/03
Voorhees, Deb 05/03
Kness, Dee 05/05
Larson, Joyce 05/05
Campbell, Sandy 05/06
Forest, Betty 05/06
Steckley, Leonard 05/06
Rowley, Cheryl 05/07
Worley, Debra 05/07
Speidel, Mark 05/08
Weidner, Harold 05/08
Fitzgerald, Susan 05/09
Rowe, Ella Mae 05/09
Luse, Carol 05/10
Rohrbach, Linda 05/10
Schuler, Phalen 05/10
Alford, Jo 05/11
Hughes, Doug 05/11

Shaughnessy, Mike 05/11
Barber, Ann 05/12
Matthews, Shirley 05/12
Gregg, Shar 05/13
Braatz, Patrick D. 05/14
Carpenter, Wes 05/14
Svoboda, Dick 05/14
Hanson, Shawn 5/15
Miller, Geri 05/15
Morton, Maureen 05/15
Hartman, Lorna 05/16
Wirtz, Catherine 05/16
Engbrecht, Don 05/17
Hunter, Gary 05/17
Sanders, Kalleen 05/17
Heppner, Ronald 05/18
Davenport, Mary Ann 05/19
Edney, Doug 05/19
Togstad, Pamela 05/19
Graham, Claudia 05/20
Heft, Bob 05/20
Little, Don 05/21
Woode, John 05/21
Mulhair, Delna 05/22
Nord, Faye 05/22

Weidner, Gloria 05/22
Twa, Preston (Jack) 05/23
Arehart, Larry 05/24
Barks, Chloe 05/24
Burris, Joanne 05/24
Kennedy, Tom 05/24
Kosanke, Karen 05/24
Nefzer, Kathy 05/24
Voorhees, Steve 05/25
Greenlee, Bill 05/26
Houser, Chris 05/26
Lackey, Steve 05/26
Nichols, Sam 05/26
Otterstein, Karen 05/27
Talley, Donna 05/27
Storbakken, Linda 05/28
Eddy, Janice 05/29
Fuher, Mavis 05/29
Ancell, Bob 05/30
Elco, Jim 05/30
Rhodes, Grace 05/30
Workman, Janice 05/30
Harpel, Dorothy 05/31
Vorseth, Duane 05/31





MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



Summer is quickly approaching and it didn't take long for the heat to catch up with us. Safe travels to those of you leaving Arizona for the summer or even for just a short trip. The Feast of Pentecost will be near the end of the month and we'll celebrate the Holy Spirit working through us. This summer, I'll be working on scheduling our 2024-2025 season of the GCUMC Performing Arts Series, this time with the help of a committee, so if you have suggestions on what artists you might be interested in hearing, feel free to contact me.

The 'Sunday Sounds Series' will continue this month on Sunday, May 12th after the 9:30 service. As always we'll have time to do our usual Q&A session so you can ask any questions that might come. Feel free to move about, find a seat that works best for you.

The organ committee continues its work, investigating different options with different builders. I met with representatives of C.B. Fisk organ builders at the end of April to iron out some potential specifications for their proposal to us. It's looking very exciting and I hope to be able to share specifics with you all soon.

As I said last month, if you're a musician, I encourage you to reach out and we can try and find an opportunity for you to participate this summer. Summer Choir will only be singing one service a Sunday this summer and our rehearsals will be reduced. We're also looking for potential soloists and small groups to perform for offertory and other special slots. Summer is a great time to try something new and stretch yourself with less pressure!

If you have any questions, comments, or just want to talk music, feel free to contact me by email or phone. Have a great month of May!

Peace and best regards,

Ian



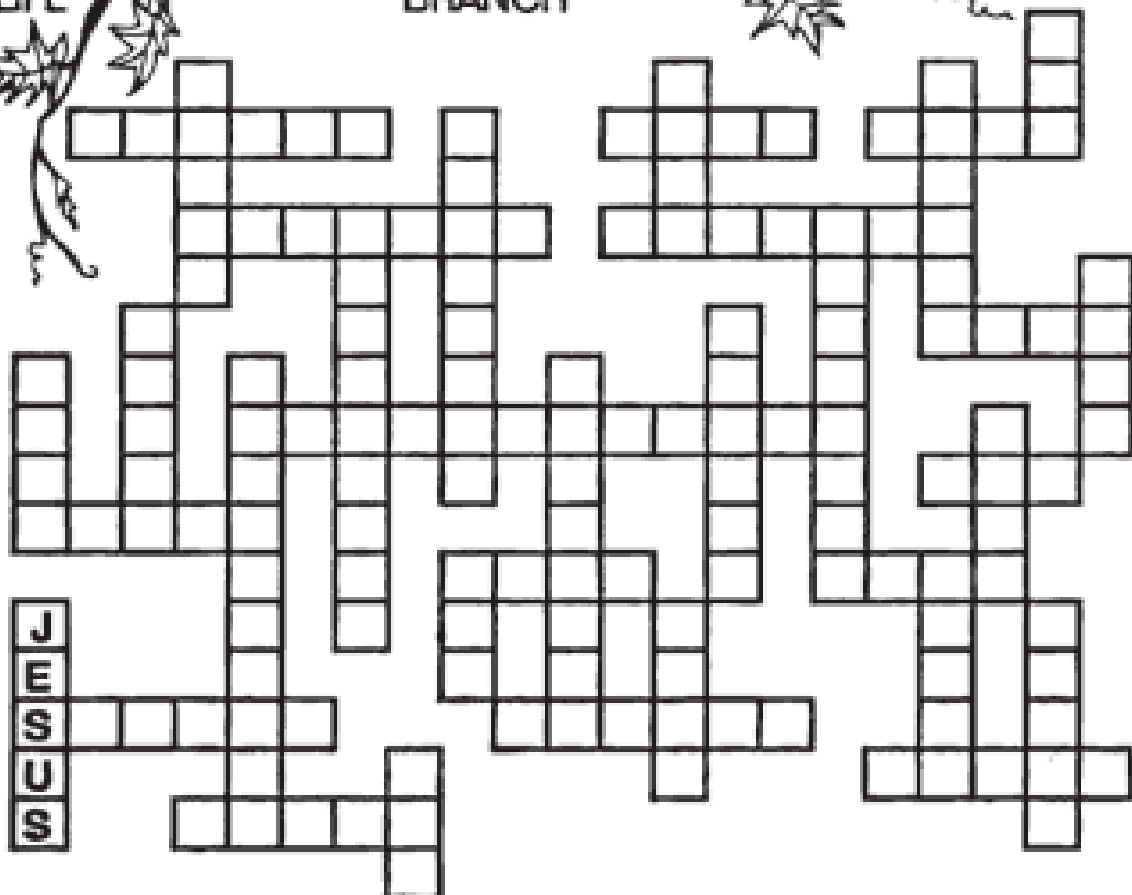
And His Name Shall Be Called . . .

Jesus had many names. All the words below were used to refer to Jesus in Bible. Fit the names into the puzzle. (Hint: Start with the longest names.)

GOD
SUN
WAY
ONE
ROOT
WORD
LAMB
GATE
LORD
KING
VINE
LIFE

SEED
STAR
RABBI
BREAD
LIGHT
TRUTH
ALPHA
OMEGA
STONE
FATHER
PRINCE
BRANCH

CHRIST
SAVIOR
MESSIAH
TEACHER
REDEEMER
IMMANUEL
SHEPHERD
COUNSELOR
BRIDEGROOM
RESURRECTION





LOCAL MISSIONS & MINISTRIES

SCRIP BUS & VAN FUND



Your continued participation in the SCRIP programs at Bashas and Fry's 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



Well – it is here – May! We are thankful for the many volunteers who have stepped forward to replace our retiring volunteers, and our dedicated seasonal volunteers who are returning home until later in 2024. We are also grateful for the bounty we have received from our community through the winter and spring that has positioned us better than ever for what is ahead. However, this is the month we begin the transition into the blistering summer. Inventory quickly diminishes due to dwindling contributions and a still steady flow of clients.

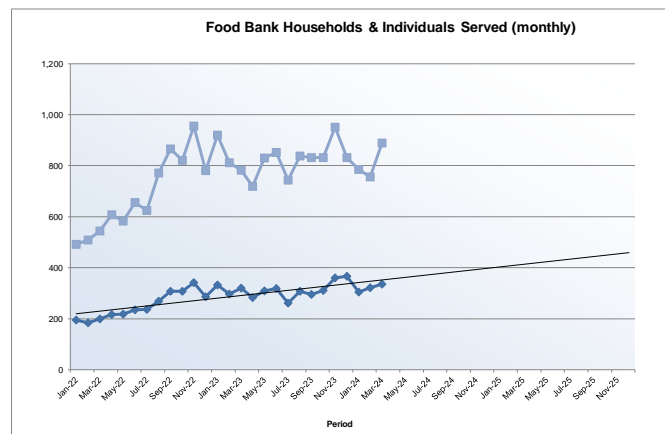
Our 1st quarter 2024 client analysis was a bit surprising! We learned that despite having more single person and older couples come to our door, we are actually serving more total individuals in larger families (*especially children*) than seniors, which is why we are almost out of peanut butter!

Hence, we are making May 'Peanut Butter Month'! I think most of you can remember the comfort of a peanut butter and jelly sandwich – and may still! It is a staple that will not spoil easily, and most people (not all) are able to tolerate. Children will be out of school

soon and may not have access to the provided breakfast and lunch meals they receive there. We want to substitute a quick alternative for a child that is safe to prepare and full of nutrition. Please think about a donation to our May Peanut Butter campaign! Of course, any and all donations, food and monetary, are always welcome!

On a different note, we are proceeding comfortably through our Food Bank organizational change for the most part. We are currently looking to fill the position of volunteer Office Supervisor. If you possess MS Excel, computer and organizational skills, please think about reaching out to us. We would welcome the opportunity to share the details of this volunteer position.

Blessings and as always, many thanks to all of you who sustain us in this mission!



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)



United
Women
in Faith

Flight of the Bon Monks: War, Persecution and the Salvation of Tibet's Oldest Religion is an inside account of the Chinese

invasion of Tibet in 1950. Husband and wife team, Harvey Rice and Jackie Cole, tell the story of three monks' heroic escape from occupied Tibet and the rebirth of the Bon religion.

Join us Saturday, May 18 in the Mission Center to hear from authors Harvey Rice and Jackie Cole. You don't want to miss this intriguing true story of the escape and how they went on to rebuild their culture through amazing resilience and passion. Harvey Rice is Claudia

Listman's brother. Claudia is chair of Spiritual Growth, Gold Canyon UWF. Thank you Claudia for enlisting your brother and his wife to talk to us about this book. Fellowship begins at 10 am and the program begins at 10:30.

For more info, contact Susan Lyons, (812) 327-1403.



Authors Jackie Cole and Harvey Rice, *Flight of the Bon Monks: War, Persecution and the Salvation of Tibet's Oldest Religion*

Upcoming Dates:

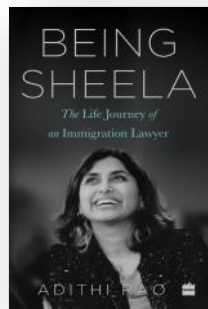
- Reading Program, Wed, 5/1, 10am, Mission Center. Contact Jane Hasgaard, hansgaard@msn.com
- Leadership Team, Tues, 5/14, 10am, Mission Center, Susan Lyons, susanblyons@gmail.com

- General Meeting (all women invited), Saturday, 5/18 10am (fellowship) 10:30 (program). Authors Harvey Rice and Jackie Cole discuss the book they wrote, *Flight of the Bon Monks: War, Persecution and the Salvation of Tibet's Oldest Religion*.

- Culinary Circle, contact Carol Johnson, caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com

- Contact Susan Lyons if you would like information on Gold Canyon United Women in Faith. susanblyons@gmail.com or 812 327 1403

From the Reading Program:



Being Sheela: The Life Journey of an Immigration Lawyer by Adithi Rao. This book follows Sheela's journey from India to America to Harvard. She becomes one of the most successful immigration lawyers in the world. This book shows the human side to strive for a better world. This book is so inspiring and a real page turner.

Review by Jane Hansgaard, Reading Program.





MAY CALENDAR

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

Wed May 1 10am UWF Reading Program (MC-B/Patio)

10:30am Cancer Support Group (ER/K)

11am Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)

5:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)

Thu May 2 6pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)

7pm AA (MC-B)

Fri May 3 8am GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)

11am CareGivers Support Group (ER)

5:30pm AA (MC-E)

Sat May 4 10am MEMORIAL: Dorothy Mull (S)

11am MEMORIAL RECEPTION: Dorothy Mull (KR)

Sun May 5 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 May 6 1pm Yoga (MC-B)

Tue May 7 1pm DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E)

5pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)

Wed May 8 10:30am Cancer Support Group (ER/K)

11am Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)

2:45pm MTG: GCAC (MC-S)

5:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)

Thu May 9 All day Ascension Day

6pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)

7pm AA (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;
For more info, visit
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Fri May 10 11am CareGivers Support Group (ER)

5:30pm AA (MC-E)

Sun May 12 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)

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 May 13 8am Reserved (MR)

1pm Yoga (MC-B)

Tue May 14 9am Stitches Unlimited (MC-B&Patio)

10am MTG: UWFaith Leadership Team (MC-TBD)

1pm DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E)

Wed May 15 10:30am Cancer Support Group (ER/K)

11am Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)

5:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)

Thu May 16 6pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)

7pm AA (MC-B)

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Fri May 17	8am	GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)	11am	Praise Worship (KR)	
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)	11am	Youth Sunday School (YR)	
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)	12pm	UMYF (YR)	
Sat May 18	10am	MTG: UWFaith (MC-B/Zoom)	12:10pm	Youth Band Rehearsal (KR)	
	10am	VBC Training (KR)	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)	
Sun May 19	All day	Pentecost	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)	
	8am	Traditional Worship (S)	Mon May 27	8am	Reserved (MR)
	9am	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)	Tue May 28	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-B)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)		1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)		5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)	Wed May 29	10am	MTG: Superstition Astronomical League (MC-M)
	11am	Praise Worship (KR)		10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/K)
	11am	Youth Sunday School (YR)		11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	12pm	UMYF (YR)		5:30pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	12:10pm	Youth Band Rehearsal (KR)	Thu May 30	All day	Corpus Christi
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)		6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)		7pm	AA (MC-B)
Mon May 20	All day	Whit Monday	Fri May 31	8am	GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)
	8am	Reserved (MR)		11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)		5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Tue May 21	1pm	DISCIPLE 5 (MC-E)			
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)			
Wed May 22	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/K)			
	11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)			
	5:30pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)			
Thu May 23	9am	Girls Matter Period (MC-B)			
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)			
	7pm	AA (MC-B)			
Fri May 24	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)			
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)			
Sat May 25	8am	PEO Mtg (MC-B)			
Sun May 26	All day	Trinity 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)			

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CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

March	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
	77349	30285	7404	68811	22949	7205	119106	41804	7679	151451	29340	7482
Corrected February												

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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; \$1,359,815 raised)
- Pipe Organ (\$190,780 raised)
- Building Fund Loan (Paid off 2022)
- Stain Glass for upper Sanctuary windows (Completed 2022)



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- ✚ **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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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"

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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!

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WORSHIP SERVICES (SUMMER SCHEDULE)

- ✝ 9:30am TRADITIONAL (*Sanctuary*)
- ✝ 11am PRAISE (*Koinonia Room*)
- ✝ 4pm COUNTRY (*Koinonia Room*)

(Childcare available at morning worship 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