



FROM THE PASTOR: “VACATION AND TWO DAVIDS”



Beth and I are on vacation. You probably noticed this when I didn't show up to preach in mid-May. I have always found it essential to take time off to spend some intentional, planned time with my family. Through connections, we decided to travel to three different countries to explore. Beth and I love to explore new places and experience new things. When we return, we will have plenty of stories to tell. I imagine some stories will make it into sermons.

As of this article's writing, I am completing the planning and scheduling of some once-in-a-lifetime experiences. It's exciting to anticipate an event that you have planned for the future.

It's also exciting that Rev. David Harriss and I will begin to work together two weeks after I return. We will plan events that will help you get to know him starting in July.

We are also planning a retirement party for Rev. David Worley on Sunday, June 30th, at 4:00pm in the Koinonia Room. Everyone is invited. We plan to transform the weekly Gospel Service that night into a celebration of David's ministry with us. There will be stories to share and memories to celebrate. If you would like to speak at David Worley's retirement, please let me know.

I will see you in a couple of Sundays!

Grace and peace,

Fred

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Pastor Katharine Keller

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

JUNETEENTH



Slavery in the United States can be traced back to the 16th century when Spanish explorers brought African slaves with them to the New World. It lasted until the Emancipation Proclamation came into effect on January 1, 1863. On that date Texas was largely controlled by forces fighting for the Confederate States, which opposed the abolition of slavery.

On June 19, 1865, Union soldiers arrived to take control of Texas and enforce the emancipation of slaves in the state. In Galveston, Texas, the newly freed slaves held large public celebrations and so laid the base for future Juneteenth activities. The word 'Juneteenth' resulted from the words 'June Nineteenth' being combined together in speech.

After 1865, Juneteenth was mainly celebrated in Texas. Parks have been established on land bought by former slaves to hold Juneteenth celebrations in the Texan cities of Austin, Houston, and Mexia.

Today, it is a federal holiday and a state holiday or observance in more than half of the US states. Juneteenth celebrations are also held in other countries around the world, including Ghana, Honduras, Japan, Taiwan, and Trinidad and Tobago.

The Juneteenth flag consists of a rectangle. The lower part of the rectangle is red and the upper part is blue and it has a solid white, five-pointed star at its center. The star is surrounded by a white outline of a 12-pointed star. The Juneteenth flag is often displayed with the United States flag to symbolize that slavery is illegal.



In Texas and some other southern states, the traditional drink on Juneteenth is Big Red soda. This variety of cream soda is a sweet, soft drink flavored with orange and lemon oils and vanilla. It is available in different flavors and with or without caffeine and sugar.

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.

BAPTISM

On April 28th Paris Walden was baptized at our 9:30am worship service.



SPECIAL DUET



Miss Ava and Miss Avery sang a duet during one of our Traditional worship services, while being accompanied by Ava's grandfather, John Soper, on guitar.

RECOGNIZING ONE OF OUR OWN

Nancy Fassbender served as a helicopter mechanic in the service, and has served this community in many ways. She was honored for her outstanding service when she was inducted into the AZ Veterans Hall of Fame in 2020, and currently serves as a location coordinator for Wreaths Across America .



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

In the photo below, Sunday School children are practicing serving others by cleaning the nursery toys... and an added benefit is playing in the water!



CANYON CHIMERS

Canyon Chimers, our children's bell group, lead by Miss Donna, played in worship in April.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost Sunday was celebrated with red candles, red clothing, the signing one of the worship songs at the praise service, the children singing Happy Birthday to the Church, and eating birthday cake!



THANK YOU

“Mel just turned 100! He is grateful for the gifts to keep this ministry going strong. He says, ‘When we see a human need to which we are able to respond, that need—large or small—becomes our cross. We have responsibility. We can choose to ‘carry’ it or ignore it, but it is our cross.’”

~ Mel West, retired UMC Pastor
and former Director of Mobility Worldwide

Our mission funds help support two American physicians in China who provide holistic care to marginalized populations in China as they teach local physicians how to provide holistic care. In addition, their work with orphanages teaches nurturing and medical approaches for disabled children, and promotes the concept of foster parenting. Their work and call in China is commensurate to their love and effort for

indigenous and marginalized populations.

“We want to thank this congregation for supporting our important ministry in China.”

~ Eva and Brian, missionaries

ANNUAL CONFERENCE MISSION



DESERT SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

The Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church has pledged to help **The Inn**, by collecting gift cards (Walmart, Amazon, Visa), or the items listed later in this article to support this ministry who provides care for illegal immigrants passing through the U.S./Mexico border.

<https://dscumc.org/blog/2024/02/07/annual-conference-2024-mission-project-announced/>

Located in Tucson, AZ, the Inn receives families who have gone through U.S. Customs & Border Protection (C.B.P.), or I.C.E., and are released to continue the immigration process. Volunteers provide temporary shelter, hospitality, food, clothing, showers, and compassion for these vulnerable families, giving them a safe place to stay while they transition to the next part of their journey. Since its beginnings in December of 2016, The Inn has served more than 56,000 people.”

Director Gretchen Lopez shares that the following items are needed:

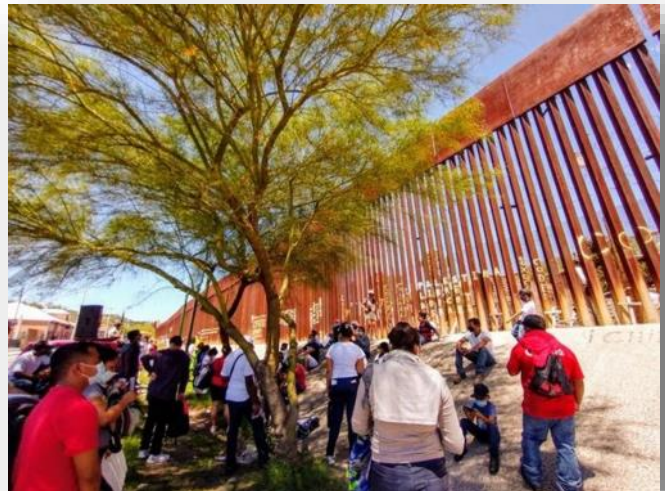
- Toddler & Children's t-shirts (2T-16)
- Toddler & Children's pants/shorts (2T-16)
- NEW Children's underwear (XS, S, M, L, XL)
- NEW Children's Socks
- Women's leggings or stretch pants (S, M)

- Women's t-shirts, long and short sleeves (S, M)
- NEW Women's underwear (Size 5 & 6)
- Women's Bras (sports bras - S/M/L but not XL)
- NEW Women's socks
- Men's jeans/sweatpants (28-32" waist highest demand, but need all sizes 28-38")
- Men's t-shirts, long and short sleeves (S, M, L)
- NEW Men's underwear (S, M, L)
- Men's belts (S, M, L)
- NEW Men's socks
- Flip Flops (for showers)
- Diapers (Size 4, 5, 6, 7)
- Baby Wipes (individual packs)

The Inn's Amazon Wish List:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/JLTPU1XKDHNO?ref_=wl_share

Please drop off donations at the Welcome Desk or the Church Office. Please direct any questions to Pastor Katharine Keller.



Vital
Congregations
Growing
Disciples



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!

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

YOUTH LEADING PRAISE WORSHIP

The following three (3) photos show our Youth making lasagna and centerpieces for a Mother's Day celebration at Hope Women's Center in Apache Junction.



In the below photos, members of our Youth Group are carving burnt idols during a Sunday School lesson.



Pinata Fun on the Patio!



During one of our Sunday School lessons, we used mud to remember His forgiveness, and also did an activity that illustrated blind faith.



Do you know a youth (7th grade & up) who'd like to join? David Ballard, Associate Director of Music, and other Praise Team members, have invited our Youth Group to participate in a Youth Worship Band! Contact Valerie Hammons (480)520-444-1991.





ON THE GOSPEL SIDE

Dr. David Worley, Preaching Associate

Saying Goodbye

“All good things must come to an end” is an adage we have all likely thought or said. I take issue with this observation to some degree since “good things” linger in the memory and continue to exude influence in our lives, and in that sense do not come to an end. But on the other hand, change does indeed come to us all and it has now come to Deb and me as we prepare to say goodbye to GCUMC.

And so, as I write this last newsletter blurb, I am filled with gratitude for the good years we have been blessed to serve at GCUMC in various capacities. For me, I have been blessed to serve first in pastoral care and then as the weekly preacher at our Country Gospel Service. I am first and foremost therefore grateful to my heavenly Father for assigning me this place of ministry. As many of you know, it emerged rather organically and surprisingly. I see these developments as the providence of God at work in our lives.

I am also grateful to Pastor Fred for the invitation to serve, and his unfailing support as I learned to negotiate a new place that was unique to me in a number of ways. Further, I am truly grateful to the colleagues with whom I have worked. It is often said in our staff meetings that we are a team and there is, indeed, a clear sense of that partnership as we share responsibilities to tend to God’s flock well. We have endured tears and enjoyed laughs together!

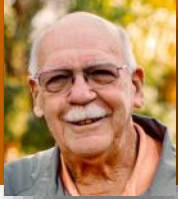
Thank you, too, to the wonderful people at GCUMC. Your welcome and warmth have been an authentic blessing to both Deb and me; we have made some great friends too! More specifically, I am deeply thankful for the people who have regularly attended our 4pm service and supported me with their attendance, responsiveness and good will. We have celebrated God’s goodness in song and sermon each week with the outstanding leadership of Dave and Carol Ballard, as well as our singers. We leave you all with enduring love and appreciation. It is not an easy goodbye, but a grateful and affectionate one.

As we move to new ministry opportunities and you all continue to pursue your walk with the Lord and your work for Him, perhaps there are no better words to leave with you than those the Apostle Paul left with the beloved church at Philippi:

“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God’s grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.”

Although we say goodbye, we look forward to more hellos in the future, and most of all the hello with which we will greet one another in heaven. Until then, God’s richest blessings upon you all!





ON A PASTORAL NOTE

Rev. Gary Capen, Associate Pastor

I'm unsure how many know I was raised within the Presbyterian Church. My folks helped start the local Presbyterian Church in Natick, Mass, and my father, who was a very good carpenter, built most of the chancel for the church. It was a small church, and we were deeply rooted in that faith community. But then something happened that drove us from the church. It was when I returned from Vietnam, and we went to church that first Sunday after my return, I was in my military uniform as that was all I had to wear at the time. It was when we entered the church that I was confronted with the words: "Well, I see the baby killer is home." It was very hurtful, painful, and disparaging for me and my family, and painfully we left that church. I'm not condemning the Presbyterian Church as it was strongly against the war. I condemned the individual and forgave him years ago. Granted the Vietnam conflict was very divisive within this country even among all churches.

It was several years before I would return to church and when I did it was to a United Methodist Church, where despite my background of being a Vietnam Veteran I, was welcomed with open arms. This made a profound impression on me, and it rekindled a call to ministry, a call which I had when I was much younger and before my time in the service, a call which I had initially given up on because of my lack of maturity and commitment. But I knew that if I were to become a minister it would be as a United Methodist Minister because of the inclusiveness, acceptance, and love that I felt from a people who accepted me as Christ accepts me.

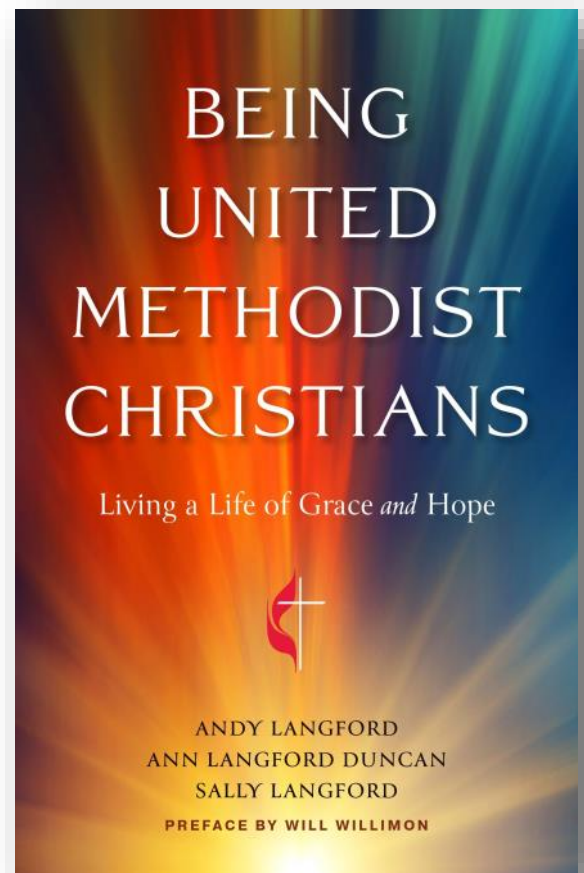
Today, we are as a faith community facing many things that challenge us in our beliefs. I would like to quote from a book I have been reading entitled: "*Being United Methodist Christians – Living a Life of Grace and Hope*" by Andy Langford, Ann Langford Duncan, and Ann Langford, with a foreword by Bishop Will Willimon. "United Methodist Christians reveal God's grace with works of mercy by doing no harm and doing good." I would highly recommend this book, plainly written and steeped into Wesleyan Theology.

There have been many rulings which have been enacted at the General Conference in Charlotte, NC. The rulings have taken steps to overcome rules which have turned away many individuals and I know there has been a lot of controversy over some of these rules. Yet I believe that if we are to be an inclusive church these rule changes were a necessary part of life as United Methodist Christians.

Every Communion Sunday it is said, "that if Christ were present with us now, he would invite all to His table." There are no exceptions for it is out of Christ's love for all that we are to live and love as Christ has loved us. This doesn't mean that we can't have different opinions and discuss issues we disagree about; but do it with love.

Blessings,

Gary





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.

PRAYERREQUEST

...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...

Bill Fraiser Tom McDermott Dave Paul Blair Pingree	Marie Santangelo Melinda Warner
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CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

TETELESTAI

How cool
is it that
the same God who
created mountains
and oceans and
galaxies looked
at you and thought
the world needed one of you,
too.

Holocaust survivor Corrie Ten Boom told a story of a little girl who broke one of her mother's demitasse cups. The little girl came to her mother, sobbing, "Oh, Mama, I'm so sorry I broke your beautiful cup."

The mother replied, "I know you're sorry and I forgive

you. Now don't cry anymore." The mother then swept up the pieces of the broken cup and placed them in the trash can. But the little girl enjoyed the guilty feeling. She went to the trash can, picked out pieces of the cup, brought them to her mother, and sobbed, "Mother, I'm so sorry that I broke your pretty cup." This time her mother spoke firmly to her. "Take those pieces and put them back in the trash can. Don't be silly enough to take them out again. I told you I forgave you, so don't cry anymore." Ms. Ten Boom's message was don't keep holding on to your guilt. If you have confessed your sins to Christ, He has forgiven them and taken them away—forever.

Approaching 2024's halfway mark seems a good time to remind ourselves what Jesus did for us. He was born, and died, to give us eternal life, to forgive our sins forever. One of the last words uttered by Christ on the cross was the Greek word *Tetelestai*. I have most often heard the meaning of the word expressed as "It is finished". When I dug a little further, I found that various other interpretations at the time included – to bring to an end, to complete, to fulfill, the end has arrived, the goal has been reached...it (the process or mission) has been completed. Or a more legal meaning of the word which stated "paid in full", someone had paid his debt to society.

It seems we most often talk about forgiveness in the context of forgiving others. After all, the Bible tells us more than once that we must forgive others, to ourselves be forgiven by our heavenly Father.

Corrie Ten Boom, when working with Holocaust survivors, learned something powerful. She found that

"Those who were able to forgive their former enemies were able also to return to the outside world and rebuild their lives, no matter what the physical scars. Those who nursed their bitterness remained invalids. It was as simple and as horrible as that."

You can read her full article on forgiveness here:

<https://guideposts.org/positive-living/guideposts-classics-corrie-ten-boom-forgiveness/>

But how often do you think of forgiving yourself, rather than forgiving others? Have you ever ruminated over and over, possibly for several years or even decades, over something you've done in the past? Do we sometimes not let ourselves off the hook? Are we like that little girl who broke her mother's cup and wouldn't let it go? Can we get caught up in a cycle of possibly "liking" that guilty feeling, so we keep holding on to that guilt. Maybe it makes us feel more reverent, obedient, abiding by God's word when we continually apologize for something.

If we cannot forgive ourselves for our own past deeds, how are we in a position to forgive others? In a way, I believe we may be snubbing our noses at God and what He sent His Son to do for us when we don't forgive (even ourselves), when we keep re-living past wrongs. I can visualize Him like that mother over the pretty cup, getting irritated with us for not letting it go! God created each of us, individually, because the world needed each and every one of us.

Have you allowed yourself to get caught up in bitterness, possibly even toward yourself? If you'd like to see a better way forward, 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.

*"If you forgive those who sin against you,
your heavenly Father will forgive you."*

~ Matthew 6:14 (NLT)



MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



Summer is here and things are settling down for the summer months as we all try and stay out of the heat. This being said, the music ministry will be organizing and preparing for Sunday worship, as well as the increase in activity we'll see come fall and winter. Soon, a new committee will be meeting to schedule artists for the 2024-2025 season of the GCUMC Performing Arts Series, so if you have interest in the selection process or artists and genres you'd like to see, reach out to me by email or phone!

Bells are on hiatus until the fall, but choir is still meeting for most of the summer. Now's a perfect time to try it out since we've got fewer services, rehearsals, and less pressure!

The 'Sunday Sounds Series' will continue this month on Sunday, June 9th 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. Many of you had great questions last month! Feel free to move about, find a seat that works best for you.

The organ committee also continues its work, and this month, artisans from C.B. Fisk will be coming to survey our available space for dimensions and specification as well as to begin design sketches for their proposal for a pipe organ installation. As you've seen from months and months of newsletter articles, this is a long process, but it's still moving forward. We're hoping that when you all can see on paper what we're planning, more excitement will build!

If you have any questions, comments, or just want to talk music, feel free to contact me by email or phone. Stay cool.

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



We need to start by thanking our congregants and volunteers for making this mission possible!

We have exciting news to share! United Food Bank has informed us that we have been selected for their Agency Spotlight.

That means that **GCUMC Food Bank will be featured at the United Food Bank 2024 Agency Conference as a food bank that goes above and beyond for their neighbors. That recognition directly reflects on the contributions our volunteers and all of our dedicated contributors make possible.** They will be bringing a videographer and crew to interview our leadership and others soon. We are grateful for the feedback that we are on the right track!

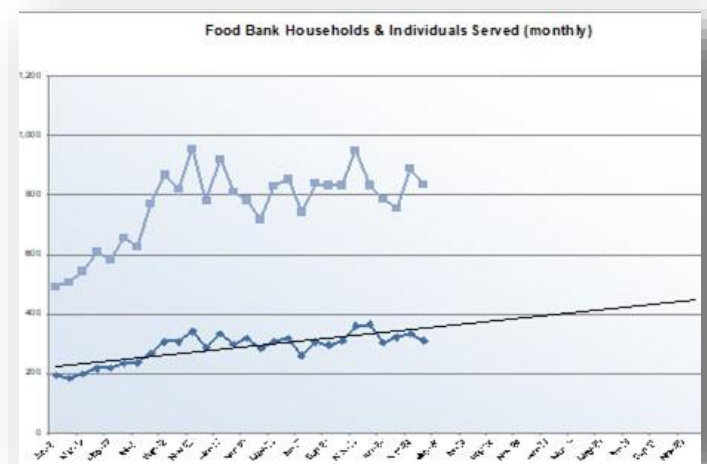
So.. who is United Food Bank? Some history... the first 'food bank' in the United States was St. Mary's in Phoenix. It was originally a soup kitchen in the 60's – but a client back in the day mentioned they were getting most of their food from the dumpster behind the supermarket. So.. why not negotiate to 'rescue' that food and create a 'bank' for those struggling? **By the 1970's St. Mary's received a grant to expand the 'food rescue' concept across Arizona and the rest of the US.**

Today that organization is known as **Feeding America – a nationwide organization of 200 major food distribution warehouses that includes United Food Bank. GCUMC Food Bank is an agency partner of United Food Bank.**

Once a month we receive a shipment of Emergency Food Bags (EFB's) from United Food Bank and lately they have also provided a few additional provisions we have not seen since pre-pandemic days. We provide EFB's to the clients along with the shelf-stable food donations our congregants and others donate. We use monetary contributions to supply meat, dairy and bread as funding allows. If anyone is interested in visiting our facility in the Mission Center, please contact us. We would be pleased to organize an Open House if there is interest in learning more about our operation.

With that said, there is a lot of pressure on our clients in these hot summer months. Many clients have children or grandchildren they care for who are home all day on school vacation without school resources. **Hunger does not take a vacation. Please consider helping us with whatever donation you can provide... nothing is too little. All is appreciated!**

Thank you again for all you do to make this mission possible!



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)



United Women in Faith

Every year Gold Canyon United Women in Faith meet to lift our hearts and hands to celebrate selfless giving in

communion with God. A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial offering will support the ongoing climate justice work of United Women in Faith’s National Office. We invite you to gather, pray, reflect, and put your faith into action. Join us for our annual Call to Prayer and Self-Denial 2024:

“Lifting Up Voices for Climate Justice”

Sat., June 15, 10am—Fellowship

10:30am—Program

Joy Bliss, program leader and presenter

More info: Susan Lyons, susanblyons@gmail.com

Wesley Community & Health Centers: Together We Empower Positive Change

A day is called great when everything goes perfectly. Have you had such a day? I did on Fri., 5/3 when UWF friends Carol Johnson, Joy Bliss, Mary Ann Davenport met Blaine Bandi at the Wesley Community & Health Centers in Phoenix. Their slogan. “Together We Empower Positive Change” is demonstrated by their programs, services and activities. In addition to programs at the Community Center, the Health Center, staffed by physicians, nurse practitioners, PAs, behavioral health providers and nutrition education, provides high-quality healthcare to everyone regardless of financial means.



The purpose of our trip to the Wesley Community & Health Centers was to give them a check for \$872.40 from our winter bake sale. Wesley Community Center is a National Mission Institution of the United Methodist Church.

We were so surprised and honored to be met by and given an in-depth tour of the facility by Chief Executive Officer Blaine Bandi. So thank you readers for purchasing

those delicious sugary confections, pickles, jellies and other home made items. Our gift of \$872.40 will be used for youth after-school and summer care classes.



Nutrition classes, food demos and a community garden are part of the Community Center’s program. Maribel Villegas (left), nutrition specialist and Lucia Sisterna, kitchen manager help improve the lives of the Wesley neighborhood.



Carol Johnson, Joy Bliss, Wesley Community & Health Center Chief Executive Officer Blaine Bandi and Mary Ann Davenport took a stroll through the on-site community garden. The garden supplies the community kitchen with fresh vegetables.

United Women in Faith’s Reading Program meets the first Wednesday of each month

There is so much to enjoy being a member of United Women in Faith. One of my favorites is hearing about the books my BFFs are reading. Each woman shares the reason she chose the book and gives a summary. As you can see from this picture taken at the end of the meeting, there are smiles all around. Not because someone said “cheese” but because books make us happy. Reading can help us relax, lower stress and improve our mood. So what are you waiting for? **Join us Wed., June 5, in the Missions Center at 10am.** Contact Jane Hansgaard for more info at hansgaard@msn.com.



Back row: Rebecca Russel, Joy Bliss, Mary Ann Davenport, Peggy Kinder, Donna Graves and Ada Adams. **Front row:** Rita V. Miller, Jane Hansgaard, Carol Johnson

Give Blood & Give Life



The Red Cross bloodmobile is coming to GCUMC on Sun., June 23 from 8am—1pm in the Missions Center parking lot. We are grateful to Donna Graves, a member of United Women in Faith, for coordinating this event with a representative from the Red Cross. If you have questions, call her at (480)208-9838.



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BLOOD DRIVE
Gold Canyon United
Methodist Church

Sun., 6/23/24
8am – 1pm

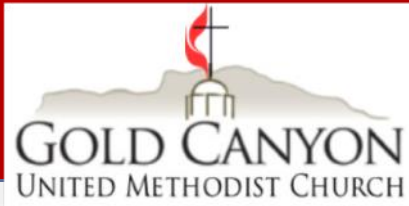
Missions Center
8330 E. Sunrise Sky Dr.
Gold Canyon, AZ 85118

A Very Special Event... A Christmas Tea Party!



Yes, it is hot. It is getting hotter with many more months of high temperatures and a too bright sun. Some people go to cooler climates, some stay inside and enjoy air conditioning, some hike in the woods, some go on short trips up north. No matter what you do this summer, you can look forward to the UWF's Christmas Tea on Sat., December 7. So keep that in mind this summer as the triple digits make the air sizzle, the December Tea is only 7 months away! For more info or if you'd like to help, contact Carol at caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com.





JUNE CALENDAR

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

Sat Jun 1	8am	VBS Setup (Ed Bldg)
Sun Jun 2	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 Jun 3	9am	Vacation Bible Camp (Campus)
	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)
Tue Jun 4	9am	Vacation Bible Camp (Campus)
	4pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Wed Jun 5	9am	Vacation Bible Camp (Campus)
	10am	UWF Reading Program (MC-B/Patio)
	11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	4pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Jun 6	9am	Vacation Bible Camp (Campus)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-B)
Fri Jun 7	9am	Vacation Bible Camp (Campus)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sun Jun 9	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)

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

	12pm	UMYF (YR)
	12:10pm	Youth Band Rehearsal (KR)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
Mon Jun 10	1pm	Yoga (MC-B)
Tue Jun 11	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-B&Patio)
	10am	MTG: UWFaith Leadership Team (MC-TBD)
	4pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Wed Jun 12	10am	MTG: Superstition Astronomical League (MC-M)
	11am	Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
	2:45pm	MTG: GCAC (MC-S)
	5:30pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Jun 13	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-B)
Fri Jun 14	All day	Flag Day
	8am	GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sat Jun 15	All day	Youth Mission Trip
	10am	MTG: UWFaith (MC-B/Zoom)
Sun Jun 16	All day	Youth Mission Trip / Father's Day
	9am	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)

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9:30am Traditional Worship (S)
 11am Children's Sunday School (EB)
 11am Praise Worship (KR)
 3pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
 4pm Gospel Worship (KR)
 Mon Jun 17 All day Youth Mission Trip
 1pm Yoga (MC-B)
 Tue Jun 18 All day Youth Mission Trip
 4pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
 6pm MTG: Trustees (MC-B)
 Wed Jun 19 All day Youth Mission Trip
 11am Healing & Prayer Time (ONLINE)
 5pm Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
 Thu Jun 20 All day Youth Mission Trip
 6pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
 7pm AA (MC-B)
 Fri Jun 21 All day Youth Mission Trip
 11am CareGivers Support Group (ER)
 5:30pm AA (MC-E)
 Sat Jun 22 All day Youth Mission Trip
 Sun Jun 23 8am GCUMC Blood Drive (MC Bldg)
 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 Jun 24 1pm Yoga (MC-B)
 6:30pm MTG: Admin Council (MC-B)
 Tue Jun 25 9am Stitches Unlimited (MC-B)
 4pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
 Wed Jun 26 10am MTG: Superstition Astronomical League (MC-M)

5pm Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
 Thu Jun 27 9am Girls Matter Period (MC-B)
 6pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
 7pm AA (MC-B)
 Fri Jun 28 8am GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)
 11am CareGivers Support Group (ER)
 5:30pm AA (MC-E)
 Sun Jun 30 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 Dr. David Worley Retirement Party (KR)



ROADRUNNER & BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please send content for the
July 2024 Roadrunner
 via email to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org
BY 8am on Monday, 6/10/24
Weekly Bulletin & Flower Orders
 12pm on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday Service



JUNE 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!

Hughes, Doug & Lee 06/01
 Tucker, Paula & Rush 06/01
 Kinder, Elizabeth & Dick 06/03
 Breuklander, Paul & Bobbie 06/05
 Oehlers, Ed & Tami 06/05
 Oxley, Gene & Vicki 06/05
 Parson, Barb & Ron 06/05
 Rolley, Betty & Bud 06/05
 Arquisch, Duri & Rosemary 06/06
 Brown, Dr. Jeff & Karen 06/06
 Falk, Ellis & Marilyn 06/06
 Mueller, Gary & Sandy 06/06
 Graves, Donna & Bob 06/07
 Leachman, Cheryl & Jay 06/07
 Sisson, Tony & Pam 06/08
 Scott, Jay & Peggy 06/09
 Creel, Cherie & William 06/10
 Miller, Janeane & Roger 06/10
 Tianen, Don & Rae 06/10
 Alford, Jo & Keith 06/11
 Atkinson, Judy & Bill 06/11
 Burris, Ruth & Terry 06/11
 Fye, Ben & Carol 06/11
 Hahn, Dave & Jan 06/11
 Lang, Caryl & Charlie 06/12
 McDaniel, Marilyn & Steve 06/12
 Parsons, Laura & Terry 06/12
 Ewing, John M. & Ruth L. 06/13
 Waechter, Nancy & Bill 06/13
 Becker, Bonnie & 06/14
 Berry, John & Myra 06/14
 Boldt, Gary & 06/15
 Wion, Carol & Sheldon 06/15
 Webster, Don & Sharon 06/16
 Moore, Nellie & Dick 06/17
 Messmer, Patti & Dick 06/18
 Kraft, Randy & Becky 06/19
 Fransen, Jim & Yolanda 06/22
 Jacobsen, Elaine & Ken 06/22
 Lester, Jim & Yvonne 06/22
 Schneider, Phyllis & Bob) 06/22
 Shaughnessy, Julie & Mike 06/22
 Waytenick, Dave & Karen 06/23
 Engbrecht, Don & Jackie 06/24

Scharringhausen, Fred & Joyce 06/24
 Tonole, Don & Marjorie 06/24
 Bos, Colette & David 06/25
 Hill, John & Nancy 06/25
 Nichols, Sam & Rex 06/25
 Rowley, Cheryl & Roger 06/30

Happy Birthday!

Larson, Marilyn 06/01
 Schlee, Barb 06/01
 Blohm Bendix, Linda 06/02
 Martin, Charlotte 06/02
 Thacker, Ruth Ann 06/03
 Colehour, Sharon 06/04
 Greenlee, Kay 06/04
 Hill, John 06/04
 Tianen, Don 06/04
 Lindemann, Carole 06/05
 Brigham, Jeremy Baylor 06/06
 Burris, Ruth 06/06
 Ramacher, Don 06/06
 Formento, Kathy 06/07
 Gilbreath, Shirley 06/07
 Kice, Art 06/07
 Williams, Karen 06/07
 Butterfield, Mary 06/08
 Moorberg, Mike 06/08
 Webster, Don 06/08
 Williams, Todd 06/08
 Abbott, Dave 06/09
 Karr, Mike 06/09
 Hughes, Lee 06/10
 Kachelmeyer, Carol 06/11
 Noe, Mary Beth 06/11
 Olson, Renee 06/11
 Parsons, Jean 06/12
 Sweeney, Dan 06/12
 Brigham, Amia 06/13
 Phillips, Lorraine 06/13
 Schneider, Phyllis 06/13
 Van Susseldorp, Marge 06/13
 Johnson, Shirley 06/14
 Streit, Robert 06/14
 Carlozzi, Mid 06/15
 Erickson, Tressa 06/16

Leiman, Lori 06/16
 Pitman, Pam 06/16
 Elieff, Helen 06/17
 Jones, Reegan Christine 06/17
 Urbach, Art 06/18
 Abbott, Jan 06/19
 Larson, George 06/19
 Schlemper, Eli 06/19
 Snyder, Lorrie 06/19
 Adams, Hunter 06/20
 Caughey, Joy 06/20
 Barnett, Karen 06/21
 Ceynar, Rick 06/21
 Blankenship, Roger 06/22
 Dunn, Carol 06/22
 Jurgens, Donna 06/22
 Paone, Ellen 06/22
 Collins, Jim 06/23
 Ewing, Ruth L. 06/23
 Ryan-Hick, Pam 06/23
 Denton, Chris 06/24
 Fonger, Curt 06/25
 Quanstrom, Rev. Dr. Fay 06/26
 Igo, Bill 06/27
 Keller, Julius 06/27
 Sandness, Paul 06/27
 Brigham, Danielle 06/28
 Hansen, Kathy 06/28
 Hayes, Jeff 06/28
 Scott, Ardie 06/28
 Hammons, Valerie 06/29
 Larson, Nona 06/30





CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

April	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
	81530	19332	8604	130070	22473	8962	139538	42327	9233	133968	15632	TBD
Corrected March												

Please note when requesting IRA donations be sent directly to the church from your financial institution, please be sure to request they include your name either on the check or on the stub. We often receive checks with no identification and due to privacy laws, we are unable to ascertain who should be provided an acknowledgement.



To give to Gold Canyon UMC beyond your pledge to the General Budget or Building Fund, below are Wish List items that will better enable us to fulfill our mission as a church:

- Pave Mission Center Parking Lot (\$200,000 needed)
- Fellowship Hall (\$3 Million needed; \$1,351,928.60 raised)
- Pipe Organ (\$192,693.69 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
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- ... eliminates the hassle of having home on the market
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Get involved!



For more info contact Ian in the Church Office
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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>

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!

ACCESS ACS



Add/update your photo and contact info — and more using GCUMC's online directory, AccessACS! If you aren't using it, but would like to, send an email to "ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org" 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!

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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WORSHIP SERVICES (SUMMER SCHEDULE)

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

(Childcare available at morning worship services)

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

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 (*Educ Bldg*)
- 11am Children & Youth Sunday School (*Educ Bldg*)
- 12pm Youth Praise Band & Fellowship (*Educ Bldg*)

Addressee or Current Resident