



FROM OUR PASTORS



Rev. Fred A. Steinberg, Senior Pastor

I am delighted to announce that on July 1, 2024, Rev. David Harriss will be here! We have planned a one-year overlap of our appointments to ensure a smooth leadership transition. This overlap is significant as I have been blessed to serve here for twenty-seven years, an exceptional duration for a United Methodist Church appointment.

To help Pastor David Harriss get to know our church community, we are organizing a "Listening Tour." We are looking for hosts who can accommodate Pastor David and 8-10 people in their homes for these listening sessions. These events will take place during the summer and fall. If you are willing to host, please reach out to me and let me know how many guests you can host. These sessions will be essential for Pastor David to learn about our church's culture. We are looking for locations all over the valley so that church members might find it very easy to attend one near where they live.

Pastor David and all our delegates to Annual Conference had a wonderful time getting know each other. I think you will find Pastor David easily relates to others and cares for others. We certainly felt like we knew each other after spending four days together at the Annual Conference.

Grace and peace,

Fred

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



Rev. David J. Harriss, Senior Pastor

My late father (God rest his soul!) used to tell me, “David, when the door opens, you walk through.” He was right! This year, the door has indeed, opened for my family and me!

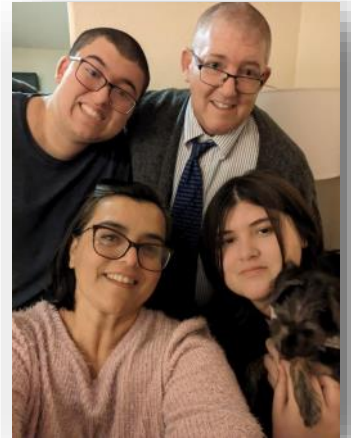
We are really excited about coming to the Gold Canyon community and being a part of Gold Canyon United Methodist Church. I am excited about meeting new people and establishing new relationships within and beyond the four walls of the church. I am excited about being mentored by Reverend Fred Steinberg and other staff members. I am excited about exploring the church’s mission and outreach projects. I am excited to explore how Gold Canyon UMC is offering hospitality within the church and to the greater community.

In my 24 years of ministry, anytime I have been offered a new appointment, I am mostly excited to see how God’s Spirit is moving within the community. Jesus says, The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit (John 3:8, NRSV). Which is to say, God’s Spirit is alive and moving in this world. This scripture states that there is an invisible force which is moving us into new directions for God’s Kingdom.

Although we are closing a door at Gila Mountain United Methodist Church, in Yuma, Arizona, a new door has opened in the Gold Canyon community. When we walk through the door, we never know what is on the other side.

When I served First United Methodist Church, in Gilbert, Arizona, my daughter, Maya, began her first year in elementary school. I can remember walking into the school with Maya on the first day. I met Maya’s teacher and I introduced my daughter to her. I can remember Maya saying to her new teacher, I am really nervous. I don’t know anyone here. To which her teacher responded, So am I. I don’t either. At that point, Maya laughed and there was a sense of relief in the classroom.

I don’t know what is on the other side of the door which I am about to walk through, and neither do you. What I can tell you is that I am a dedicated and hard-working person, I am eager to learn, and I am excited to share in the Christ-centered ministries in this community of faith. Let’s walk together, through this door. --David J. Harriss





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Pastor Katharine Keller

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

VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2024



Fifteen eager children, ages 5 - 12 participated in SCUBA, our Vacation Bible Camp theme. We dove deep into friendship with God through Bible adventures, learning Scripture, playing games, doing

experiments, singing new songs, and eating fun, creative snacks. Two special events were a trip to Odysea Aquarium and a pizza party and Bubble truck fun. The team of adults were amazing leaders and had just as much fun!



ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024



The Desert Southwest Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church was held at the Tucson Convention Center on June 13th—16th.

DESERT SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE



Pastor Katharine, Pete Johnson, Rev. David Harriss, Lisa Turner, Ginger Martindale and Dee Ashe



Pastor Fred, Dee Ashe, Pastor Katharine, Ginger Martindale and Beth Steinberg



Memorabilia Table of those lost in the past year



Marisol & Rev. David Harriss



We delivered our congregation's generous donations to Gretchen Lopez of The Inn....and the items filled their van!





YOUTH GROUP MINISTRY

Valerie Hammons, Youth Director

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

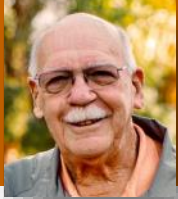
Mothers Day we planted flowers for our mothers. also creative with our pancake breakfasts to continue honoring moms!

Supporting our local communities... Pizza Day at the Pool!



Learning about the Trinity and Trinity Sunday...





ON A PASTORAL NOTE

Rev. Gary Capen, Associate Pastor

July is an exciting month as it marks the beginning of all new ministerial appointments, including the start of Rev. David Harriss and his family's journey with GCUMC as Co-Senior Pastor. This new chapter brings with it a sense of anticipation and hope for the future of our church. And of course, we also joyfully celebrate July 4th, our nation's Independence Day, with picnics, fireworks (though they may be curtailed in some locations due to extreme fire dangers), cookouts, and outings of all sorts.

Dian and I will fly to Maine on July 5th for our time away and to assist with the ministry of Boothbay Harbor UMC. I've contacted the lay pastor, Tammy Judkins, who has already scheduled me for the July 7th service! We always look forward to our time in Maine, visiting family and friends and enjoying the delicious fresh seafood (i.e., lobster, crab, fresh haddock, clams). This is also a time when I like to spend time reading, meditating, and looking back at the first half of this year and what I might do to improve my work in ministry to GCUMC and our summer church. We also enjoy game nights with our friends playing Pegs and Jokers. But mostly just the time to relax and refresh.

As Christians, it's crucial to prioritize our spiritual well-being. Taking the time to refresh, recharge our batteries, and maintain our relationship with the One who calls us into ministry is not just a luxury, but a necessity. It's these moments of quiet reflection, reading Scripture, and prayer that nourish our souls and equip us to follow Christ daily. For me, these moments are life-giving food for my soul, and I challenge myself to grow in ways that will help me better understand my work in ministry. Even at this stage of my life, I believe it's more important than ever to learn and grow in our knowledge and purpose of life.

Dian and I look forward to this time away with family and friends, and we will miss all our friends and church family here at GCUMC. See you in October!



No matter
how educated,
talented, rich
or cool you
believe you
are, how
you treat
people
ultimately tells
all. Integrity is
everything.



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.





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...

Carolyn Burt	Edgar Molina
Doris Barnes	Karen Waytenick
Bob Deits	





CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

OPERATOR'S MANUAL



I was recently reminded of an Andy Griffith show when a character played by Buddy Ebsen told Andy he should just let Opie "decide for himself" how he wanted to live ... Andy had these words of wisdom: "No, I'm afraid it don't work that way. You can't let a young'n decide for himself.

He'll grab at the first flashy thing with shiny ribbons on it. Then, when he finds out there's a hook in it, it's too late. Wrong ideas come packaged with so much glitter that it's hard to convince 'em that other things might be better in the long run. All a parent can do is say 'wait' and 'trust me' and try to keep temptation away."

During a June service in a tiny church in Red River, NM, the Pastor talked about finding the Operator's Manual for his old 2006 Ski Doo and sitting down to read it on a boring, rainy day. He was amazed at how much good information was in there, and wished he'd read it cover to cover years before, as it would have saved him much heartache when he was running around the mountains in the winter! And, you guessed it, he then compared the manual to the Bible.

We have that beautiful operator's guide to life at our fingertips, yet we often let it sit and collect dust! Or, we simply choose to ignore it and act like that young'n Andy Griffith was talking about in 1961 – we are attracted to those flashy things with shiny ribbons on them, or the wrong ideas packaged with copious amounts of glitter. We want to do what we want to do right now; we want to decide for ourselves and take a series of shortcuts through life. We get sucked into the shiny things of this world and miss the entire point, sometimes until it's too late.

This cute little drawing on My Plan vs. God's Plan is a pretty powerful image isn't it? It lays out clearly what I think many of us visualize when we "decide for ourselves" – we see that straight line to a perfect life. We see so vividly what those shiny things can do for us and we think "I've got this!" What we fail to see though, is by ignoring God's operator's manual (reminder – The Bible!), by giving in to temptation to shortcut, not waiting, not trusting in Him – we help create more of those pitfalls or valleys in the depiction of God's Plan.

Now, no matter what, we aren't going to go through life in that straight line with no valleys or lows. We'll never be perfect and even when we studiously read and attempt to follow God's plan laid out in the Bible, we won't get it completely right. We're human after all. We are destined for some of those lows in our lives, as those are the times God is teaching us patience and needs us to learn something from our circumstances. But, how we respond to those lessons and how we use what we've learned can help mitigate future lows.

If we are well into our 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, etc. yet still handling things like children, or a "young'n" as Andy said, how can we expect any different outcomes? The Bible says in Job 32:7, "The longer you live, the wiser you become." (MSG). Pastor Rick Warren recently said in a devotional, "That verse is a possibility, not a promise. I know a lot of people who are old and dumb. Wisdom does not automatically come with age. Maturity happens when you extract meaning from the everyday experiences of life and as you begin to apply biblical wisdom to the way you live each day."

If the Bible overwhelms you, or if you have difficulty changing old patterns, 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.

"Those who listen to instruction will prosper; those who trust the LORD will be joyful."
~ Proverbs 16:20 (NLT)





MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



As we continue into the dog days of summer, I hope you're all finding some time to stay out of the heat. I will be finding some cool weather the first week of this month as I attend the national convention of the American Guild of Organists in San Francisco. It's a great event to meet other organists, share ideas, and listen to fine organ music. Hopefully, I'll have something interesting to bring back and share in services.

Chancel Choir rehearsals continue this month at 4:00 p.m. on Thursdays, but we'll be winding down rehearsals as we approach the choir hiatus during the month of August. After that break, choir will return to its normal rehearsal time at 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays, starting September 5th. It's still a great time to try choir out since we'll be singing for a single service well into the fall. Contact me by phone or email if you're interested.

The **'Sunday Sounds Series'** will be on hiatus this month as I won't have the time to prepare music since I'll be in San Francisco as well as working with our organ builders to move forward that project.

Also another reminder, the **GCUMC Performing Arts** series selection committee will be making its final decisions this month and next so if you have suggestions or requests about potential guest artists for our 2024-2025 season, be sure to let me know.

As always, if you have questions, comments, or just want to talk music, contact me by phone or email, I always look forward to your questions. Have a happy Independence Day and July!

Peace and best regards,

Ian





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!

MISSIONS MOMENT



There is an anointing on the people called Gold Canyon United Methodist Church that my husband David and I have attended since the first Sunday we met in Gold Canyon Elementary School. There aren't many of us left from those days of setting up chairs every Sunday in the school cafeteria! We've spent the last few decades growing and changing as individuals, and as a church body, but the anointing on the people of this congregation has not changed. God has called us and for more than 30 years this church has answered the call Jesus gave to Peter, summarized here but recorded in John 21:15-17.

*Do you love me? Feed my lambs.
Do you love me? Take care of my sheep.
Do you love me? Feed my sheep.*

It was more than 30 years ago that my new, little family came from other faith traditions to this fledgling United Methodist congregation to find a church home. And who knew that at a United Methodist Women's training event I would hear the voice of God call to me – "Colette! Feed my lambs. Colette! Take care of my sheep. Colette! Feed my sheep."

You do not have much of a choice when you hear the voice of God call your name. What an honor. What a responsibility. And so, after a long conversation with then Pastor David McPherson, I became the Chairperson of Local Missions Ministries for the United Methodist Church in Gold Canyon.



As I step away from my volunteer position of more than 30 years, I'd like to share some of the journey. Most names are omitted because I am terrible at remembering names... And if I name some and remember others... jeesh!

You've heard that our first special collection for missions was milk money for the children of the elementary school. I think we had 13 people attending regularly that spring. The winter folks had returned home. But we set a goal and reached it.

Our first Christmas Angel event served 2 families from the school with a total of 4 children. We wrapped the presents on my dining room table. Compare that to the crazy controlled chaos of the wrapping parties that would come to pass in later years... even in a pandemic! Now 32 years later we'll need a new team to lead this ministry. Someone will get the call. Many "someones" will feel a tug or a pull to step up. Answer that call!

We first heard of the Genesis Project when a GCUMC member came to Pastor Fred to ask if we could be part of a group feeding the hungry at an independent Bible Church in Apache Junction. It started with contributing money from Local Missions donations and asking members to volunteer, to cook and serve meals. The meals program moved to several places and nearly failed to continue a couple of times. And then people answered the call, the tug, the pull. Some to be workers, some to be leaders, some to be civic advocates. Now the Genesis project is more than a meal program. People with ideas and skills have worked together to create a resource center for Jesus' flock. But it was Buster who came to Pastor Fred with

the original idea. Act on God's pushes, pulls, tugs. Answer the call.

Someone answered a call to start these and many other ministries for the people of our church:

- Backpacks for School Children
- Citrus Gleaning Program
- Food boxes for school breaks
- Habitat for Humanity
- Honey Do Ministry
- Native American Ministries
- Quilters
- Ronald McDonald House
- Sidewalk Sunday School
- Sofie's Start
- St. Andrew's Clinic
- Tax Preparation Help

Our first Food Bank was one of the closets in the Koinonia Room. People had come to the new church building asking for help with diaper, wipes, soup, crackers etc. ... So the Church Council decided to take the plunge and ask the congregation to support this, our first ongoing commitment to the community, to have an emergency pantry (not food bank status). One of our members built cubbies for storage of donations that we brought up to the front on Communion Sundays. Then we had a small foodbank in the sanctuary building and then moved to the Missions Center across from the church. Each team that has run the food bank brought more growth and affiliations; more help for those in need. Every team stepped forward because they felt they were called.

In times of need, it is easy to focus on our own struggles and challenges. However, it is during these times that our true strength and compassion can shine through. The people of GCUMC donated more than \$90,000 to help families stay together during the pandemic. I was so privileged to administer those funds for you to help 30 families. You, this church, answered the call. Feed my Lambs. Care for my sheep. Feed my sheep. Build a playground for special needs children - check. Provide funds for children to go to church camp - check. Send the youth on a summer project - check. Go cook with a team for Ronald McDonald House families - check. Bring a donation for the food bank, bring a gift for the Angel Tree, donate money to help provided utility help in the sweltering summer - check, check, check.

The Bible has over 2,000 verses that mention helping the poor, including orphans, widows, immigrants, and the helpless. Whether it is through volunteering our

time, donating resources, or simply offering a kind word, each of us has the power to make a positive impact on the lives of others. Together, we can continue to be a community built on love, kindness, and generosity.

These past thirty plus years have been an incredible journey. I have witnessed firsthand the strength and resilience of the human spirit, and the unwavering love that binds families, churches together.

God calls those with fresh perspectives, new ideas, and different approaches to be brought into service. Answering the call can present unexpected opportunities for growth, transformation, and renewal. Embrace the possibilities that change, with trust and openness to God's plan, can bring to your life. God's plan for you to care for the flock may be an old idea revisited, an old ministry rekindled, or something new that has been on your mind for a while.

Did you know there is a woman in our congregation who goes unheralded into hospice facilities to sing hymns to patients? Just an idea she had for years and finally acted on it. Now she feels part of that community.

God's power, wisdom, and grace can be revealed in unexpected ways. Create space for God to work wonders, bring about new blessings, growth, and opportunities to deepen your relationship with God and your fellow sheep.

I'll still be around. Looking for new opportunities to serve. God has not yet said I could stop.

With love and gratitude, and blessings to you all.

Colette Bos



FOOD BANK



Sometimes we are asked ‘how do you know people aren’t just taking advantage of free food’, ‘how do you know their need is real?’. Well, we talk with our clients. Clients fill out forms and often (not always) share how they got to this point. If we are bamboozled occasionally, then so be it. Very often clients painfully explain their need for our help. Sometimes words aren’t necessary – we can clearly see their need.

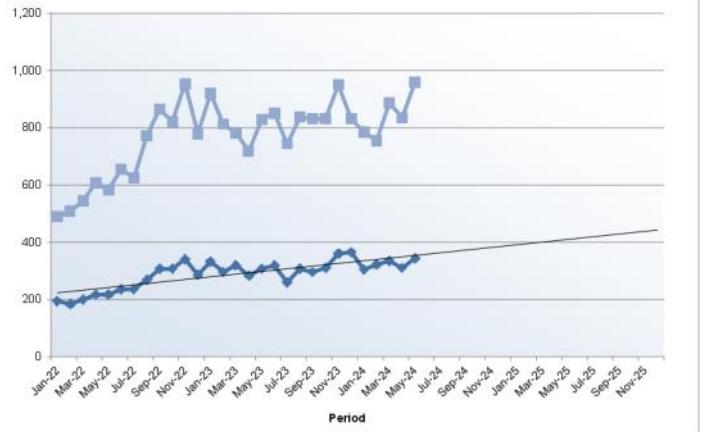
Believe it or not, most people prefer to purchase their own food rather than take what we have available to give them on any given day. We noticed a dramatic drop in need during the pandemic when people were receiving subsidies. Now, virtually every day we are adding new households to our database... in May we served just shy of 1000 individuals and June is looking to be much the same. At the same time, thankfully, some others have stopped needing our assistance... the client base remains fluid as people experience and then conquer life’s struggles.

Recently we discovered the bigger question we should all be asking is ‘do you know if your neighbor is hungry?’. Literally within a short walk of the Mission Center and GCUMC we discovered profound need. Quietly hungry ... too humbled, maybe stunned by the change in their circumstances to ask for help. **Our guess is that this is not an isolated situation and definitely one we would like to bring awareness to ... particularly with the elderly... particularly when there has been a loss and once adequate income is diminished, when health needs and expenses increase or have depleted their resources, when summertime utilities consume a now even smaller fixed income.**

Neighbors are those that God puts in our path as well as those next-door. Folks don’t need to be approaching starvation to get assistance. Some, especially the elderly, are doing without, cutting back and being pushed uncomfortably toward the ‘edge’. Please let people you suspect are in need know that the GCUMC Food Bank is a resource during those difficult times.

Above all, we thank you for your continued support that makes our congregation’s mission to feed those in need possible. Without your help we know of many people who would have recently experienced hunger.

Food Bank Households & Individuals Served (monthly)



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)



United Women in Faith

Members of United Women in Faith assisted with the daily activities at Vacation Bible Camp which ran from June 3 -

7. Beautiful ocean creature posters centered on each day’s theme and activities: God is a friend who’s real, God is a friend who loves, God is a friend forever, God is a friend for everyone and God is a friend we can trust.



Pictured from left: Carol Johnson, Claudia Listman, Susan Lyons, Joy Bliss and Donna Graves.

The Genesis Project, Soup Kitchen in Apache Junction

The Genesis Project is a not for profit faith-based soup kitchen located in Apache Junction. Their mission is to feed, hydrate and clothe the hungry and homeless. Hot meals are served Sunday through Friday from noon to 2 PM. To-go sack lunches are also provided. The Genesis Project is part of the AJ Homeless Coalition Heat Relief and Hydration Network.



Genesis Project Executive Director Trinity Frey and operations assistant Bill set out the desserts!



Mary is the Monday team manager and works magic in the kitchen.



Team Genesis Monday Volunteer Crew: Left to right back row. Elder Vella, Elder Mortenson, Doug, Sally, Helen. Marjorie and Trinity in the front row.

Reading Program, Nurturing for Community Selection:



Harriet Tubman has a life story like no other. She was an American Abolitionist, Union army spy, leading suffragist, and more. The resume of this American hero is impressive. *She Came to Slay* gives an in-depth look at Tubman's story through an expansive timeline, illustrations, photos, data, and more. This book is a lively and informative tribute to one of the most exceptional women in American history - Harriet Tubman - a heroine whose fearlessness and activism still resonate today. United Women in Faith, Reading Program, Nurturing for Community selection.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

- **Reading Program, Wed., 7/3, 10am**, Missions Center. Contact Jane Hansgaard, hansgaard@msn.com.
- **Leadership Team, Tue., 7/16, 10am**, Missions Center, susanblyons@gmail.com for more info.
- **Culinary Circle, Thurs, 7/18, 10:30am**. Joy Bliss is hosting brunch in her home. Reservations requested. Contact Joy, (505) 270-7085, joybliss42@gmail.com.
- **July Meeting & Presentation, Sat., 7/20, 10am** for a presentation on The Genesis Project by Executive Director, Trinity Frey. "Soup kitchens do more than feed the hungry." The Genesis Project is running low on peanut butter and jelly and needs our help to replenish their pantry. Please bring jars of both peanut butter and jelly to our meeting or you can drop donations off at 564 N. Idaho Road in Apache Junction. For more info, contact Trinity Frey (480) 225-7757 or genesisprojectaz@gmail.com.
- **August Meeting & Presentation, Sat., 8/17**, Valerie Hammons, youth director at Gold Canyon UMC will be our speaker. She will tell us about the youth mission trip to Colorado June 15.
- **September Meeting & Presentation., Sat., 9/21, Matthew 25 Prison Pen Pal**, Elaine Troyer, Noel Slater, Marcie Troupe

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JULY CALENDAR

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

Mon Jul 1	-	-
Tue Jul 2	4pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Wed Jul 3	10am	CLASS: Women's Bible Study (MC-E)
	10am	UWF Reading Program (MC-B/Patio)
	4pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	6pm	CLASS: Women's Bible Study (ER)
Thu Jul 4	All day	OFFICE CLOSED / Independence Day
	4pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-B)
Fri Jul 5	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sat Jul 6	11am	MEMORIAL: Bob Deits (S)
	12pm	MEMORIAL RECEPTION: Bob Deits (KR/ER/K)
Sun Jul 7	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 Jul 8	-	-
Tue Jul 9	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-B&Patio)
	4pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Wed Jul 10	10am	CLASS: Women's Bible Study (MC-E)
	10am	MTG: Superstition Astronomical League (MC-M)
	2:45pm	MTG: GCAC (MC-S)
	4pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	6pm	CLASS: Women's Bible Study (ER)
Thu Jul 11	4pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-B)
Fri Jul 12	8am	GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sun Jul 14	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)

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

	11am	Youth Sunday School (YR)
	12pm	UMYF (YR)
	12:10pm	Youth Band Rehearsal (KR)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
Mon Jul 15	-	-
Tue Jul 16	10am	MTG: UWFaith Leadership Team (MC-TBD)
	4pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Wed Jul 17	10am	CLASS: Women's Bible Study (MC-E)
	4pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	6pm	CLASS: Women's Bible Study (ER)
Thu Jul 18	4pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-B)
Fri Jul 19	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sat Jul 20	10am	MTG: UWFaith (MC-B/Zoom)
Sun Jul 21	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 Jul 22	-	-
Tue Jul 23	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-B)
	4pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Wed Jul 24	10am	CLASS: Women's Bible Study (MC-E)
	10am	MTG: Superstition Astronomical League (MC-M)

	4pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	6pm	CLASS: Women's Bible Study (ER)
Thu Jul 25	9am	Girls Matter Period (MC-B)
	4pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-B)
Fri Jul 26	8am	GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sun Jul 28	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)

ROADRUNNER & BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please send content for the
August 2024 Roadrunner
 via email to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org
BY 8am on Monday, 7/15/24
Weekly Bulletin & Flower Orders
 12pm on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday Service

Mon Jul 29	-	-
Tue Jul 30	5am	POLLING PLACE: Primary (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Wed Jul 31	4pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	6:30pm	MTG: Annual HOA (MC-B)

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

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- **October Meeting & Presentation, Sat., 10/19,** Vitality Aging, Jennifer Balborin
- **November Meeting & Presentation., Sat., 11/16,** Salt Tasting Program & World Thank Offering
- **December Meeting & Presentation, ., Sat., 12/21,** Racial Justice & Installation of Officers, Rev. Julius Keller
- **Christmas Tea & Fashion Show: Sat., 12/7.** Tickets (\$30 per person) are on sale for the December 7, Christmas Tea and Fashion Show. Contact Joy Bliss, to reserve your seat (505)270-7085, joybliss42@gmail.com. Proceeds will be donated to the Missions of UWFaith and the House of Refuge in Mesa, AZ.

For more general info about United Women in Faith, contact Susan, susanblyons@gmail.com.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



The dedication of the Pelosi home at 3710 S. Roosevelt St. which we worked on last year occurred in June. Thank you to our volunteers for there work and patience!

The current project is a new build in the Don Carlos area

of Tempe, near where we built last year, where six additional homes are currently under construction.

The house is set to be completed in early summer. At this point We have met our pledge, thanks to the generosity of our members. Any overage will be applied to next year's build.

Please consider donating to this project as part of your annual giving. Make checks out to Gold Canyon UMC and specify "Habitat" in the memo. Thanks so much for your ongoing support of this ministry. Questions? Please contact Joe and Maureen Morton at moandjoem@aol.com or (602)284-2826.





JULY 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!

Roller, Don & Jan 07/01
 Sanders, George & Kalleen 07/01
 McClure, Joyce & Bob 07/02
 Kitchens, Chery & Lee 07/03
 Clem, Gary & Sue 07/04
 Mitchell, Charlie & Lauren Collins-Mitchell 07/04
 Weidner, Gloria & Harold 07/05
 Capen, Dian & Rev. Gary 07/06
 King, Kathy & Bill 07/06
 Pepin, Jeff & Sally 07/06
 Jurgens, Donna & Ronald 07/08
 Maetzold, Keith & Marge 07/08
 Merrick, Jim & LaVia 07/08
 Close, Pam & Zane 07/09
 Manbeck, Jerri & Rich 07/10
 Karr, Janet & Mike 07/11
 Igo, Betty & Bill 07/13
 Abbott, Dave & Jan 07/14
 Evans, Dennis & Kristina 07/15
 Toole, Donna & John 07/19
 LeRoy, Debbie & Randy 07/21
 Dulaney, Janet & Steve 07/22
 LeQuire, Steve & Kosanke, Karen 07/22
 Talley, Donna & John 07/22
 Neil, Dean & Broz, Linda 07/23
 Crandall, Don & LeWain 07/29
 Crawford, Gail & Gene 07/30
 Collins, James & Glasgow, Jo 07/30
 Morton, Joe & Maureen 07/30
 Raffurty, Anita & Larry 07/30
 Olson, Renee & Carter 07/31

Happy Birthday!

Fassbender, Nancy 07/01
 Nichols, Rex 07/01
 Coules, Dixie 07/02
 Gladson, Chong 07/02
 Williams, Helen 07/02
 Worley, Dr. David 07/03
 Brown, Albert 07/04

Campbell, Donna 07/04
 Anderson, Edythe (Cooki) 07/06
 Falk, Marilyn 07/06
 Johnson, Kathy 07/06
 Bliss, Dr. Joy V. 07/07
 Loughridge, Mitzi 07/07
 Viseth, Wayne 07/07
 Brewer, Lyle 07/08
 Adams, Herbert 07/09
 Lang, Caryl 07/09
 Carpenter, Steffany 07/10
 Petticrew, Keith 07/10
 Welker, Lawrence (Larry) 07/10
 Jelf III, William (Bill) 07/11
 Daniels, Raymond (Ray) 07/12
 Johnson, Richard L. 07/12
 Williams, Jay 07/12
 Crane, Steven 07/13
 Petticrew, Nancy 07/13
 Chamley, Gail 07/14
 Formento, Russell (Russ) 07/14
 Plaski, Tammy 07/14
 Barnes, Doris 07/15
 Berlund, Paula 07/15
 Crawford, Gail 07/15
 McClure, Joyce 07/15
 Sander, Ellamae 07/15
 Hardcastle, April 07/16
 Keeler, Ron 07/16
 Kurtenbach, Rev. Roger 07/16
 Brace, Melodie 07/17
 Gloss, James (Jim) 07/17
 Parsons, Terry 07/17
 Berry, John 07/18
 Martindale, Ginger 07/18
 Thacker, Jerry 07/18
 Colehour, Ted 07/19
 Lampsa, Tamara 07/19
 Thomas, Mary 07/19
 MacCallum, Cindy 07/20
 Schlemper, Jane 07/20
 Gaulke, Donald 07/21
 Ortega-Watters, Monica 07/21

Burgi, Robert (Bob) 07/22
 McLeod, Dennis 07/22
 Cajowski, Barbara 07/23
 Daniels, Matthew (Matt) 07/23
 Stofferan, Marjorie (Marge) 07/23
 Tonole, Marjorie 07/23
 Ballard, Carol J. 07/24
 Braghetta, Karen 07/24
 Burford, Michael 07/24
 Butterbrodt, William (Bill) 07/25
 Close, Pam 07/25
 Toppin, Beverly 07/25
 Cleary, John Joseph (Jack) 07/26
 Hulett, Audrey 07/26
 Lampsa, Roy 07/27
 Peterson, Rick 07/27
 Ramer, Waltraud (Trudy) 07/27
 Singer, Ashley 07/27
 Sifferath, Sharee 07/28
 Skillman, Lillian (Lolly) 07/28
 Tianen, Rachel (Rae) 07/28
 Cleary, Morgan 07/29
 Edney, Lynn A. 07/29
 Fisher, Judith (Judy) 07/29
 Clise, Lorelei 07/30
 Close, Zane (Carl) 07/31
 Johnson, Marlene 07/31
 Maetzold, Marjorie (Marge) 07/31
 Mitchell, Charlie 07/31
 Winkler, Sarah 07/31





CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

MAY	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
	67782	26304	10044	88714	18524	10127	81638	20050	6108	91566	12484	4476

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; \$1,448,483.10 raised)
- Organ Fund (\$202,224.76 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.



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

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

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Get involved!



For more info contact Ian in the Church Office
or IClasse@GoldCanyonUMC.org

Not plugged in yet?...



If you haven't already, complete and submit a Time & Talents Sheet — available in the Lobbies of either building or the Church Office. We have many areas from which you can select and connect... and it's a great way to make new friends! To see areas where you can get involved, visit:
<https://secure.accessacs.com/access/mydashboard/ablegroups.aspx>

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!



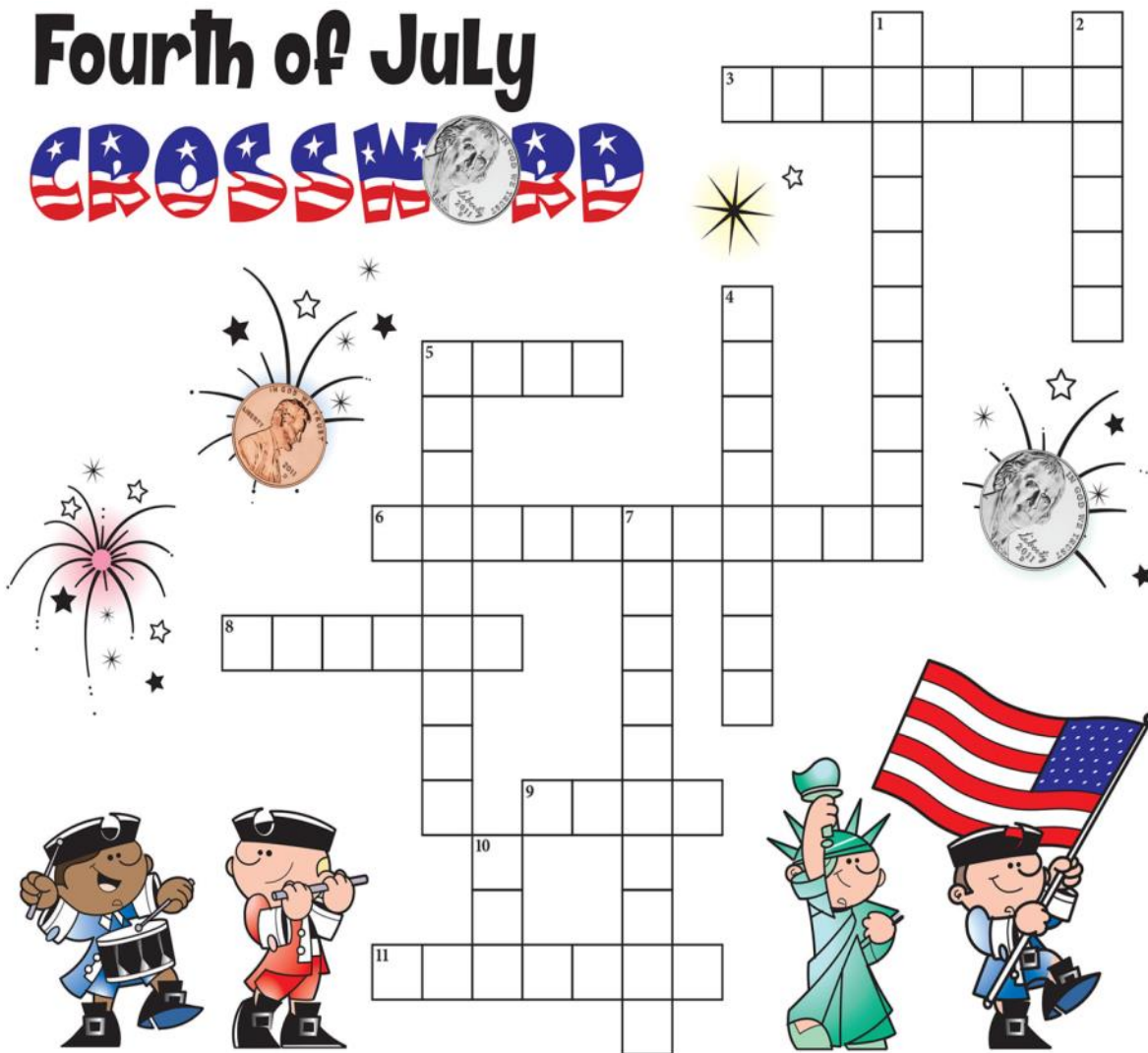
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Fourth of July

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

3. Fill in this famous quote common among Patriots: "No _____ without representation!"
5. The Star-Spangled Banner was written about the American _____.
6. The _____ of Independence begins with "We the people."
8. British tea was dumped into the harbor during the _____ Tea Party.
9. The colors of the United States are red, white and _____.
11. _____ is the power or right to act, speak, or think how you want.

DOWN

1. This general went on to become our first president.
2. The National _____ is sung before many sports events.
4. There were _____ states in 1776.
5. These things light up the sky on the Fourth of July.
7. During the American _____, the colonies wanted to separate from Great Britain.
10. A _____ dollar bill has George Washington on it.



ANSWERS: 1. Washington 2. Anthem 3. taxation 4. thirteen 5. flag 6. Declaration 7. Revolution 8. Boston 9. blue 10. one 11. freedom



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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