



FROM OUR PASTORS



Rev. Fred A. Steinberg, Senior Pastor

WHO ARE UNITED METHODISTS?

You may have noticed that outside sources are criticizing the United Methodist Church for not holding to Biblical doctrines. Let me take a moment to share what the United Methodist Church believes. These statements come from our Articles of Faith and our Confession of Faith.

United Methodists believe Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into heaven: He will return to judge the living and the dead.

United Methodists believe in the continuing movement of the Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit is fully God and proceeds from the Father and the Son.

United Methodists believe the Bible “contains all things necessary.” The Bible contains all things necessary for salvation.

The United Methodist Church is founded on a Wesleyan theology of grace, anchored in Scripture, and based on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and the continued movement of the Holy Spirit.—Acts 2:42-43

The United Methodist Church is dedicated to the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world in the tradition of John Wesley.—Matthew 28:18-20

All people belong and will be loved in the United Methodist Church. All will be heard, respected and engaged.—Galatians 3:28

With more than 12 million members across the globe, we are a powerful connection, living and sharing the grace of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.—James 2:18, Acts 1:7

We embrace a Church where we experience our triune God in personal and community relationships, transforming our own lives, the lives around us, and the entire world.—Ephesians 2:8-10

I am glad I am a United Methodist. I will see you on Sunday.

Grace and peace,



“...FOLLOWING JESUS... SERVING OTHERS”

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Rev. David J. Harriss, Senior Pastor Designate

THE HUNGER

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."—John 6:35

The Revised Common Lectionary from Sunday, July 28th, through August 25th, 2024, has a series of Jesus referencing himself as the bread of life. Specifically, in the Johannine Gospel, Jesus says, I am the bread of life. I have always said that the key to a good sandwich is bread. Bread is filling stuff! Before I had hernia surgery in April (2024), I would have stomach pains whenever I ate bread. I was unsure if my umbilical hernia was contributing to this pain, or, had I gained a gluten intolerance. Since my surgery, I have discovered that I do not have an intolerance. However, since I went four months without bread, even a little bit makes me very full.

Bread is universal. Every country in the world creates and utilizes some form of bread. If you live on this planet, you have access to bread. Much like the scripture in which Jesus feeds the multitudes (John 6:24-35), Christ's proclamation and our belief in Christ's proclamation, is about Jesus Christ's ability to satisfy the masses. Jesus calling himself the bread of life, allows us to realize that our Lord and Savior has the capability of satisfying a hungry heart.

There is a hunger in this world which cannot be satisfied by peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. When I was in Yuma, Arizona, I did volunteer work with the Yuma Food Bank. I was constantly amazed at how much hunger there was in this community. Every day, people would line up by the hundreds at the food bank, to place bread on their tables. This donation of food had a monetary value. Once the food was gone, the people would line up again, in front of the food bank. This physical hunger continues to plague many financially challenged families.

Jesus promises us more than just the satisfaction of filling our bellies. Jesus' ability to satisfy a hungry heart, goes beyond the satisfaction which we receive from a three-course meal. Today, U.S. Citizens are some of the best fed people in the world. We have 24-hour fast-food restaurants that cater to our needs. We have grocery stores on every corner in urban areas and at least one supermarket in rural communities. We have options for several different types of food from differing cultures in most communities. We eat when we are sad, happy, and frustrated. That is, much of our culinary enjoyment is emotional eating. We have filled our bellies with scrumptious food, and yet, there is so much division, disrespect, and vitriol in our country.

We are hungry for greater love, a more merciful compassion, and an equitable respect. We are hungry for Jesus! Jesus is our only hope for complete restoration and true reconciliation. Jesus is our only hope for a more meaningful life which comes from true holy living. The Gospel reveals everything that we need to become fulfilled. And our great hunger can only be satisfied with when we become more Christ-centered people and when we lead more Christ-centered lives. There is a hunger within all of us to be more Christ-centered in our daily walk with God. What are you doing to satisfy that hunger? —Rev. David J. Harriss



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Pastor Katharine Keller

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

GRIEF SHARE



If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, you are invited to join our next GriefShare 13-week Program that begins Tue., 9/3, at 1pm in the Emmaus Room. The class will be facilitated by Shirley Feather and, although you don't need to sign up ahead of time, you are encouraged to let her know if you plan on attending so we can have enough workbooks (\$25 each). To sign-up or for more information, contact Shirley (602) 214-3964.

SAVE THE DATE!



Ladies... Our next Women's Weekend Retreat is set for November 1-3, at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Scottsdale. Our theme is *"Fall in Love with Jesus."*

More details and registration forms are forthcoming, but please be sure to put the dates on your calendar! We very much like to have friends join us!

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE TEAM

The Congregational Team is meeting to plan events for 2024-2025. If you would like to serve on this team, contact Pastor Katharine in the Church Office. It's fun to brainstorm a variety of activities! Coordination of Desert Diners falls under this team. If you have any activity suggestions, please email Pastor Katharine at ladiebug1214@gmail.com; for questions about Desert Diners, please contact Dee Ashe at (480)685-7175 or deenashe7580@gmail.com.

THANK YOU

Dear Members and Friends of Gold Canyon UMC,

Thank you for your generous support of The Inn of Southern Arizona. The Inn has provided a safe environment where families can rest and relax as they plan their next steps. We offer temporary shelter for 56,119 migrants over the last seven years. Your gifts help us provide hospitality, nutritional food, showers, hygiene supplies, clothing and a bed for each guest.

- Diane Everhart, Acting Secretary of The Inn of Southern AZ

DR. DAVID WORLEY RETIREMENT



We had a strong turnout for Pastor David's retirement... complete with many kind words for him and Debra and a song sung by Church Staff!



SERMON ON RESOLVING CONFLICT

Pastor Fred's used the visual of a town curtain to talk about how conflict separates and destroys relationships... and how with God they can be restored.



KIDS KORNER

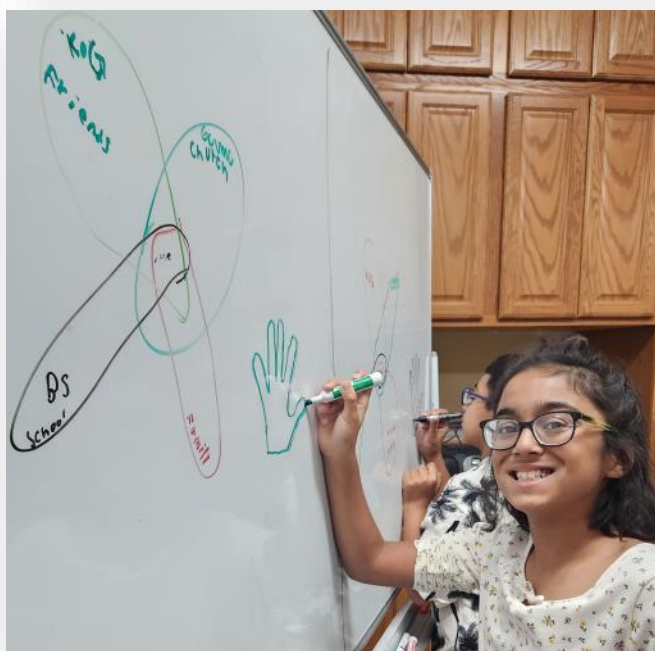
Blessing of Backpacks: On August 11th at the 9:30am and 11am worship services we will be blessing our children's school backpacks. If you have friends who would like to bring their children that day, please invite them!

Peralta Elementary School Help: If you wish to help in providing items for the staff Sunshine Cart or supporting the staff and students in a variety of ways, please email Pastor Katharine at ladiebug1214@gmail.com.

Last month in Sunday School we celebrated Purim, the Jewish holiday that remembers how Queen Esther saved the Hebrew people.



We also learned about the circles of belonging...





YOUTH GROUP MINISTRY

Valerie Hammons, Youth Director

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

WHY WE GO ON YOUTH MISSION TRIPS

Short-term mission trips create and solidify community. Leaving home and their regular peer groups, united by a shared goal and forced to depend on one another, mission trips give students a shared experience in which to bond as a group and form lasting friendships with one another.

Students not only find themselves depending on each other, but also on God and prayer more than they ever have before. This can fuel incredible spiritual growth, and for some ignite a new faith in Christ. For others, mission trips are a chance to live out the faith they've learned about but rarely practiced. In many ways, mission trips become a laboratory for students to discover and learn about their gifts and to experiment with how they might use them to serve and honor God.

As students encounter God in unexpected places, they might also realize His arms extend far wider than they previously thought.

One of my many favorite youth quotes from our recent trip, "I really felt like I was needed and was able to do the work that God had planned." WOW! How amazing he felt God's need! Isn't that what we wish for all of our youth?

Thank you Gold Canyon UMC for supporting our youth!





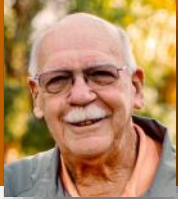
YOUTH MISSION TRIP



Youth Praise Team

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 A PASTORAL NOTE

Rev. Gary Capen, Associate Pastor

We are in Maine, our second home, and enjoy being with family and friends. We are also active with the Boothbay Harbor UMC. I was asked to preach and conduct the Communion Service on our first Sunday here. I have known these people for years, as I served this church for five years in the late 1980s and 90s. Ironically, I used the sermon I had preached at the 4pm service in Gold Canyon, which was all about lobsters! The people said we know all about lobsters, which I already knew, but I looked at them from a slightly different angle—how they are measured and whether they were keepers or ones you would have to return to the ocean. A lobster gauge has both a long measure and a short measure. The difference between the two measurements is approximately an inch and $\frac{3}{8}$. My point is that when we gauge people on a tiny scale, we are too narrow in our thinking. Likewise, imagine how many of us would not be keepers if God were using a tool such as a lobster gauge!

This applies to many situations in life, especially in today's world and how we approach people. What are your thoughts as you see a homeless person, a person who is begging on the streets? Please think of how we look at people who look or dress differently than us or have different beliefs than we do or political positions or cultural differences. We are all children of the same God, who loves us unconditionally. Are we so different that we can't be accepting and loving toward one another rather than judging one another?

Consider the passage from Luke 6:37-41, which should be familiar to our hearing:

³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven;

³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

³⁹ He also told them a parable: "Can a blind person guide a blind person? ³⁹ He also told them a parable: "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?

⁴⁰ A disciple is not above the teacher, but every disciple who is fully qualified will be like the teacher.

⁴¹ Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye but do not notice the log in your own eye?

⁴² Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye."

At times, we are all blinded by what is in our eyes. Yet, think of Jesus's love toward all those he met. Yes, he was sometimes harsh toward those who used the law of Moses to look down on those they felt were not following the law. Yet it was always out of love and kindness that he instructed those with whom he encountered. He gave us an example of living in harmony by loving one another as he has loved us. Consider what Jesus said as recorded in the Gospel of John 8:1-11.

Jesus asks us to live this way. In this way, Jesus gives us a commandment that isn't meant to negate the Ten Commandments but rather to help us fulfill what is written with kindness and love.

Blessings of Grace and Peace,

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.

PRAYER REQUEST

...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...

Muriel Edwards
 Gary Esping
 Bill Lochhead
 Lowell Matthews

Janet Metzger
 Edgar Molina
 Lorraine Phillips
 Libby Brett Stout

Armantito Tellez
 Nick Wirtz





CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

PEACE AND SERENITY



As we get to this time in summer, whether you are in Arizona or somewhere else with high temperatures, the dog days have settled in. We are just plain tired of the heat, summer, and maybe even tired of a different routine summer brought us. We may feel a bit more isolated than normal – maybe friends are on vacation or out

of state, the heat has us sitting inside multiple hours a day, our Bible Study or small group options are limited, etc.

More than ever, we may need a little something uplifting. But instead, we can sometimes become more withdrawn into ourselves, and begin to feel like our options are limited. We can find ourselves sad, feeling sorry for ourselves, maybe even a little depressed. I recently saw a list of 5 things we should say to God every morning, and I liked them well enough to share (from @christianrealfacts, Instagram):

- ⇒ Thank you, Lord, for this new day.
- ⇒ Guide me, Lord, in your ways.
- ⇒ Strengthen me, Lord for today's challenges.
- ⇒ Fill me with your peace and joy.
- ⇒ Help me to love others as you love me.

I've found, however, that some days it's harder for me to be consistent with my prayers than others. Or more difficult for me to proactively thank God. I just feel a little grumpy! The reason we can feel that way is the devil takes advantage of our situations, moods, and weakened spirit. He wants us to worry rather than focus on God and enjoy the here and now. He'll do this during the dog days of summer, and any other time.

A recent Billy Graham Evangelistic Association devotional said "Never doubt that you are in the midst of a battle—a spiritual battle with Satan, who will do everything he can to discourage and defeat you. Never underestimate his determination or misunderstand his intentions." He WILL take advantage.

So, what do we do to combat that? Even though we may feel different each day, and some days don't feel like praying or thanking God, we pray anyway. THAT is how we fight the spiritual battle against Satan and his attempts to discourage and defeat us. That's spiritual discipline...not unlike the physical discipline we display when we go to the gym when we're not in the mood; or to work when we'd rather have the day off.

But in what setting should we pray? Does it matter? My thoughts are that it does not matter at all but consider that a change of scenery might help. God just wants to hear from you. I recently read a definition for the word Orophile – A person who finds peace and serenity, and connects with themselves (I'd insert "connects with God" here as well) more deeply in mountainous settings; a lover of mountains. That's me!

We know our ultimate peace and serenity shouldn't lie with anything here on earth, because we know those things aren't constant, and they can change quickly. And that our true peace and serenity can only lie with the Lord. However, God created this earth and all on it and He wants us to take pleasure in these things. If being out in nature, or in the mountains gives me a sense of peace then why don't I strive to say my prayers daily out of doors? Or why don't you say yours while petting your beloved pet, watching your grandchild sleep, looking at a beautiful piece of art, or plan to say them with a loved one every day

If you feel as if the devil may be taking advantage of your moods more regularly than you'd like, and you're not sure how to change a pattern, 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.

13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. ~ Romans 15:13 (NRSV)



MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



August is here and with it, the end of summer is starting to come into focus. Just a few more months and we'll be back to more...reasonable temperatures.

It's been a summer of change here at Gold Canyon UMC as we've only had one single traditional worship service each Sunday during the last few months, and we've also welcomed our new Senior Pastor Designate, David Harriss. The music department will continue to remain an important part of our ministry and liturgy as we move forward in support of our church and continue to evolve towards a bright future.

This month, the **Chancel Choir** will be on hiatus until September, a well deserved break from 11 months of participation in worship, as well as other events. We hope to return refreshed and ready to begin a new 'season' in September. Choir rehearsals will resume on Thursdays starting at 6:00pm starting September 5th in the Music Room, so mark your calendars if you're in choir or are thinking about joining. It's still a great time to try choir out since we'll be singing for a single service well into the fall.

For those of you asking about handbells, **Canyon Carillon** is slated to return to rehearsals in October, so stay tuned for details.

The **'Sunday Sounds Series'** will remain on hiatus this month as I hope to take some vacation, but I am hoping to meet with our prospective organ builders once again in late August or early September, as well as finalize our contracted artists for the 2024-2025 season of the GCUMC Performing Arts series. We're hoping to see more of you at concerts this upcoming season!

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.

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!

APACHE JUNCTION SCHOOLS



Our congregation has been very generous gathering teacher supplies for Peralta Elementary School, as well as AJ High School. We will continue to collect Dry erase markers, (blue and black), copy paper, 6 pc glue sticks packs, Clorox wipes and white card stock throughout the month of August. Please bring them to the Church Office or put them in the bins in either Church Lobby.

Also, though our designated mission account for schools we have purchased noise-cancelling headphones, regular headphones and other items for the self-contained classroom at Canyon Cactus Junior High.

SAN CARLOS RESERVATION



Due to the recent fires that swept through the San Carlos Reservation, we were able to provide over 250 bottles of hygiene items (shampoos, body wash, lotion, deodorant).

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)



United
Women
in Faith

Please join us for an insightful program at our August meeting. Valerie Hammons, GCUMC Youth Director, will share stories about working with youth and fostering their growth in faith. She will also talk about the importance of creating a balance between fun activities and "...growing disciples of Jesus Christ and living the Word."

United Women in Faith August Meeting



Valerie Hammons
GCUMC Youth Ministries Director
will present a program on
"What is Youth Ministry
and Why is it Important?"

Sat., , August 18, 2024
10am Fellowship; 10:30am Program
in the Missions Center

Blood Drive Update:

"Thank you to all those who donated blood in our last blood drive. We exceeded the goal set for us by the Red Cross and they are looking forward to our next blood drive," Donna Graves, Coordinator. This was a new mission outreach project for the Gold Canyon United Women in Faith. Thank you for your participation and making it a great day!"

Upcoming Dates/Events:

- **Reading Program**, Wednesday August 7, 10 AM, Mission Center, contact Jane Hansgaard for more information, hansgaard@msn.com.
- **Leadership Team**, Tuesday, August 13, 10 AM, Mission Center contact susanblyons@gmail.com for more information.
- **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

- **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.

FOOD BANK



Mid Carlozzi and Rush Tucker were recently
honored at one of our worship services on
July 14th for their many years of serving as
our Gold Canyon UMC Food Bank Managers.



Commitment is a word that always requires further
description because of its variable breadth. You can
commit to attend a meeting or to a lifetime with
another person. In Rush and Mid's case however,
commitment meant being available every day... for
years (unless someone occasionally agreed to fill in for
them).

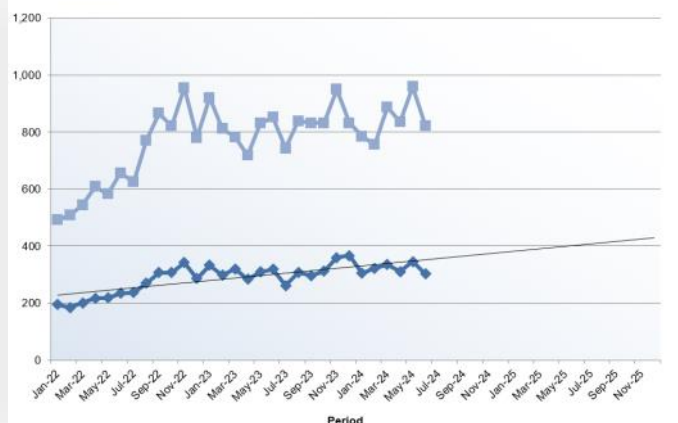
The Food Bank's limited hours did not define the extent
of their commitment. Off-hour food deliveries and pick-
ups, refrigeration and infrastructure challenges,
administrative demands, packaging, managing

volunteers, outreach and all of the efforts to garner
community support all factored into their 'off-hour'
efforts. Additionally, the Food Bank was just part of
their commitment to the community and our church...
they simultaneously led other church committees and/
or supported other charities.

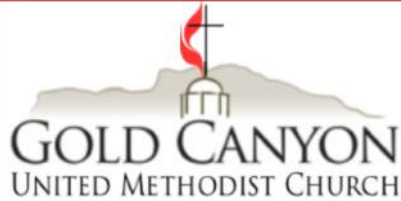
They will be dearly missed (although we hope they visit
often). We wish them the time and space to devote
more time to the other things in their lives they love.
The volunteers of the Food Bank will do their best to
sustain their legacy!



Food Bank Households & Individuals Served (monthly)



THANK
YOU



AUGUST CALENDAR

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

Thu Aug 1	7pm	AA (MC-B)
Fri Aug 2	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sun Aug 4	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 Aug 5	11am	MEMORIAL: Carolyn Burt (S)
	12pm	MEMORIAL RECEPTION: Carolyn Burt (KR/ER/K)
Tue Aug 6	4pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Wed Aug 7	10am	MTG: Superstition Astronomical League (MC-M)
	10am	UWF Reading Program (MC-B/Patio)
	4pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Aug 8	7pm	AA (MC-B)
Fri Aug 9	8am	GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Aug 11	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)

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	(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)

	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
Mon Aug 12	-	-
Tue Aug 13	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-B&Patio)
	10am	MTG: UWFaith Leadership Team (MC-TBD)
	4pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	6pm	MTG: Trustees (MC-B)
Wed Aug 14	2:45pm	MTG: GCAC (MC-S)
	4pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Aug 15	7pm	AA (MC-B)
Fri Aug 16	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sat Aug 17	10am	MTG: UWFaith (MC-B/Zoom)
Sun Aug 18	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 Aug 19	-	-

Tue Aug 20	4pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Wed Aug 21	10am	MTG: Superstition Astronomical League (MC-M)
	4pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Aug 22	9am	Girls Matter Period (MC-B)
	7pm	AA (MC-B)
Fri Aug 23	8am	GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sun Aug 25	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
September 2024 Roadrunner
 via email to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org

BY 8am on Monday, 8/15/24

Weekly Bulletin & Flower Orders

12pm on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday Service

Mon Aug 26	6:30pm	Ad Council
Tue Aug 27	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-B)
	4pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Wed Aug 28	4pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Aug 29	7pm	AA (MC-B)
Fri Aug 30	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)



WHAT'S
 HAPPENING
 in AUGUST



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!

Luse, Carol & Bob 08/01
 Edney, Lynn & Doug 08/02
 Larson, Craig & Sharon 08/03
 Petticrew, Keith & Nancy 08/04
 Tabor, Lynn & Ilene 08/05
 Walker, Rob & Rhine-Walker, Jen 08/06
 Graham, Claudia & Rich 08/09
 Kies, Dave & Sherry 08/10
 Nelimark MD, Bob & Sue 08/10
 Ralston, Riechia & Tim 08/11
 Digerness, Bruce & Nancy 08/12
 Sandness, Patty & Paul 08/12
 Quanstrom, Fay & Wally 08/14
 Togstad, Keith & Pamela 08/14
 Johnson, Jerry & Kathy 08/16
 Picek, Char & Tom 08/16
 Mulhair, Bob & Delna 08/17
 Hollingsworth, Carol & Glen 08/18
 Tollefson, Dan & Kathy 08/18
 Graba, Joe & Sylvia 08/19
 Brendel, Cathy & Don 08/21
 Miller, David & Nancy 08/21
 Wilson, Don & Peg 08/21
 Hall, Cheryl & Rick 08/23
 Svoboda, Bev & Dick 08/23
 Parsons, Phil & Jean 08/25
 Robison, Marty & Tom 08/25
 Seebaum, Bernie & Sally 08/25
 Confer, Lynne & Terry 08/26
 Ancell, Alyce & Bob 08/27
 Corey, Bernie & Fred 08/27
 Hick, Adrian & Ryan-Hick, Pam 08/27
 Behan, Connie & Jack 08/28
 Sims, Arnold Gail & Kay 08/28
 McGinness, Anne & Pat 08/29
 Moorberg, Deb & Mike 08/29
 Storbakken, Linda & Terry 08/29
 Todd, Armor & Patti 08/29
 Hays, Louise & Doran 08/30

Beebe, Kathy & Bill 08/31
 Fisher, Judy & Steve 08/31
 Jameson, Jim & Suzanne 08/31

Happy Birthday!

Arquisch, Rosemary 08/01
 Ballard, David 08/01
 Barber, Larry 08/01
 Corey, Berneice (Bernie) 08/01
 Crosswhite, Carol 08/01
 Griffith, Janet 08/01
 Nuss, Kathy 08/01
 Tufte, Wanda 08/01
 Klaers, Mary 08/02
 Luhrs, Otto (Otto) 08/03
 Snyder, Marlow (Toby) 08/03
 Tollefson, Daniel (Dan) 08/03
 Ofstedahl, Sherrill (Sherrie) 08/04
 Walker, Linda 08/04
 Fuerherm, Roy 08/05
 Little, Margaret (Margie) 08/05
 Nelimark, Susan (Sue) 08/05
 Nelimark MD, Bob 08/05
 Pullen, Ed 08/05
 Nelson, Jack 08/06
 Storley, LeRoy 08/06
 Fitzgerald, Ashton 08/07
 Klaers, Nicholas (Nick) 08/07
 Mintert, Frank 08/07
 Laich, Evelyn (Flossie) 08/09
 Hayes, Jane 08/12
 Kies, David (Dave) 08/12
 Mintert, Zenith 08/12
 O'Donnell, Cheryl (Cherry) 08/12
 Rewerts, Jerry 08/12
 Seebaum, Sally 08/12
 Wasserfort, Joan 08/12
 Sandness, Patty 08/13
 Wiff, Thomas (Tom) 08/13
 Adams, Markee 08/14
 French, Jerri 08/14

Miller, Roger 08/15
 Lindaman, Don 08/16
 Turner, Joyce 08/16
 Atkinson, Judy 08/17
 Butterbrodt, Sandra (Sandy) 08/17
 Luther, Jeff 08/17
 Hick, Adrian 08/18
 Johnson, Gerald (Jerry) 08/18
 Hall, Richard (Rick) 08/19
 McClure, Robert (Bob) 08/19
 Nuss, John 08/19
 Fitzgerald, Chris 08/20
 Jones, Tara 08/20
 Lunder, Wayne 08/21
 DeVries, Deanna 08/22
 Linton, John 08/22
 Welker, June 08/22
 Witucky, Micah 08/22
 Braathen, Florence (Flo) 08/23
 Hahn, Jan 08/23
 Taylor, C James (Jim) 08/23
 Adamski, Carol 08/24
 Brigham, Christian 08/24
 Brogren, Ann 08/24
 Rasmussen, Diane 08/24
 Sunderland, Lois 08/24
 Toole, Donna 08/24
 Fuerherm, Donna 08/25
 Johnson, Mark 08/25
 LeRoy, Debbie 08/25
 Wiff, Bette 08/26
 Blank, Julie 08/27
 Robinson, Linda (Susie) 08/27
 Svoboda, Ronald (Ron) 08/27
 Winkler, Donald (Don) 08/27
 Creel, Cherie 08/29
 Fendley, Penny 08/30
 Rowley, Roger 08/30
 Miller, Louise (Ameda) 08/31
 Tambke, Norma 08/31



CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

JUNE	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
	85765	15691	6966	91692	28029	5045	98248	15395	4717	61338	13585	

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; \$1,560,637.50 raised)
- Organ Fund (\$217,751.27 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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LISTENING TOUR SESSIONS

Have you signed up yet to attend — or host — one of the Listening Tour Sessions where Pastor David will be in attendance? These sessions are a very important time where those in attendance have the opportunity to respond to the below questions:



1. What is one thing that I, as the new Pastor, need to know about this congregation?
2. What is one way that we are going to reach new people in this area?
3. What is one dream that you have for our church?

Please sign-up today in the Lobby of either building, or by calling the Church Office!

Get involved!



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

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, email:

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with **"AccessACS"** in the subject line and we'll send you login instructions. You can also view our Church Directory on your phone using the ChurchLife app (if you already have it) or through your phone's browser!

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!

STAY IN THE KNOW!

Scan to sign-up
for Gold Canyon UMC
communications
via email!







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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