



FROM OUR PASTORS



Rev. Fred A. Steinberg, Senior Pastor

JOIN THE KINDNESS CAMPAIGN!

Our country, our communities, our families, and even our churches are more polarized than ever. At Gold Canyon UMC, we aim to close this kindness gap by bringing people together through kindness, respect, and love. Join us as we follow Jesus' example and teaching and work to make our communities and world more like the kingdom of God.

We aim to encourage people to bring open minds, empathy, and civil discourse into the election cycle. Through this campaign, we intentionally share this message in our community and invite others to join us.

The 2024 campaign theme is based on Jesus' command in Matthew 7:12—Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Known as the Golden Rule, this simple instruction (which has a version in every major world religion) has the power to bring people together through kindness, respect, empathy, humility, and love. The logo symbolizes what happens when people who may not always agree commit to treating one another with kindness and seek to find common ground.

In a couple of weeks, we will be giving out the campaign signs. If you haven't already placed an order, we will have some extras. I will see you on Sunday.

Grace and peace,

Fred

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



Rev. David J. Harriss, Senior Pastor Designate

PRAISING THOSE WHO LABOR

*Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest. ---
Matthew 11:28*

Traditionally, Labor Day has been perceived as the last day of summer. Growing up in the south, it was always the last day of freedom before school began, the following day. Labor Day is the first Monday of September. Once every 6 years, Labor Day falls on my birthday, September 6th. Whenever Labor Day would fall on my birthday, as a child my late father (God rest his soul) would tell me, David, everyone is out of work today to celebrate your birthday. Baseball games are being played during the day today, because of your birthday. Parades and keynote speakers are giving speeches today, because of your birthday. I will remember his kind words, forever.

In my opinion, Labor Day is much more than my birthday; it is a day to celebrate blue collar workers and all who labor for our well-being. Quite often, those who labor do not get enough recognition and appreciation for all that they do. It is important to celebrate those U.S. workers who labor to make life easier for many of us. By celebrating Labor Day, we celebrate those who labor on our behalf, and we give thanks for those who work and sweat in very challenging and difficult vocations. This year, Labor Day will fall on Monday, September 2nd, and the church office will be closed to honor those who labor.

Jesus also recognized the need for rest which stemmed from the heavy demands of Christian discipleship. During the Greco-Roman Empire the governing systems that affected lives and lifestyles of the masses, often followed the Roman Empire and not the empire of heaven, which Christ was attempting to reveal. Since Caesar declared himself Lord of church and state, the religious officials were often afraid that not following Caesar's policies and demands could place them in prison or even get them killed. By declaring himself Lord, Jesus immediately became a threat to Caesar and the Roman Empire. For Christ's followers, to be caught in between the fear from not following Caesar's demands and the fear of not following Christ's mission, must have been mentally and emotionally exhausting. For anyone who has ever been triangulated between two competing forces, you realize how exhausting this can be.

Jesus recognizes that following his mission and his vision is exhausting work. This is why he said to his followers, "Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30). Christianity has always been a counter-cultural movement. So, following the mission and visions of Christ is still very difficult work. It is much easier to follow the crowd than to go out on a limb for Jesus Christ. Our Lord and Savior promises us that being his disciple may not be easy; however, he still has the ability to calm our restless hearts and souls. Happy Labor Day, everyone!





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!



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!

FAMILY FUN... BUBBLE CANNON!



On Saturday, September 7th from 7pm-8pm the bubble cannon returns! And because it's at night, there will be glow-in-the-dark powder that will be in the bubbles! This is fun for teens and kids alike - so invite your friends to join us!

Remember to wear a white (or light) shirt to pick up all the colors! We will have some snacks to munch on as well. No need for reservations, y'all just come! If you have any questions, contact Pastor Katharine at ladiebug1214@gmail.com.

OCTOBER BIBLE STUDY



Both Pastor Fred and Pastor David will be preaching on kindness in September. In October Pastor Katharine is offering a 5-week study on kindness, based on the book *In Defense of Kindness* by Bruce Reyes-Chow. The classes are on Wednesday (mornings only) at 10 a.m. from Oct. 2- 30th (Room to be determined) Because Pastor Katharine is only pulling excerpts from the book for discussion, it is not necessary to purchase the book. Please sign up in the lobbies of either building during the month of September.



The first half of DISCIPLE 1 will be offered on Wednesdays beginning Oct. 30th from 3:30pm-6pm with facilitator Joy Bliss. If you have questions, her contact is: joyblissd42@gmail.com, if you have questions. Cost of the workbook is \$40. Sign up will begin this month. If you are currently out of town, you may call the Church Office to register.

And, if you have already taken DISCIPLE 1 and wish to teach any of the other DISCIPLE courses, please contact Pastor Katharine.

"50 WAYS TO PRAY" STUDY



This 8-week immersive study will begin Thurs., Oct. 3rd from 10am-11am and run through Nov. 21st, for anyone who would like to deepen their prayer life by learning different ways to pray. A reviewer said: "This is a basic, balanced, and accessible guide to the variety, promise and practice of prayer. Read it to deepen your understanding of prayer; use it to deepen your life in God."

It will be necessary for participants to purchase the book, *50 Ways to Pray: Practices from Many Traditions*

and Times by Teresa A. Blythe. One will also need to bring some sort of journal or notebook. Please sign up in the Lobby of either church building, so we can determine the room venue. Pastor Katharine will be facilitating this study.



HIPHOP HOMIES WITH XTRA CHROMIES

On Friday, October 18th at 6:30, we are welcoming this group of teens and young adults. The Hip Hop Homies, a dance group of individuals with Down Syndrome and other disabilities was formed in 2017. Their mission is to return a portion of the love our friends with Downs Syndrome show to all by providing opportunities to live a more fulfilling life while also helping to teach others of their amazing gifts. The HipHop Homies have performed at conventions and other events, and they will share their love of dance and their amazing hearts with us.

This is a free event, open to the community – so please invite your friends! (We will accept free will donations to support this group.) We will also have make-your-own sundaes after they perform. To learn more, you can find them on <https://www.homeofthehomies.org/>.

SERMON HIGHLIGHT FROM THE MONTH

In the photo below, Pastor Fred used the breaking of a pot as illustrating Jeremiah’s prophetic call at one of the worship services.



At another worship service last month, Pastor David demonstrated “Martyr Syndrome” when he “chopped” a stalk of celery.



FEATURED FAMILY



(Also in this photo are Aunt Whitney and Grandma Dee)

The Hansons

- Shawn: mortgage banking, mountain biking, camping, home projects
- Renée: Optometrist, hiking, cooking, paddleboarding
- Carter: (8) 3rd grade, loves golf, soccer, baseball, reading, mountain biking
- Avery (6): 2nd grade, golf, dance/gymnastics, art/ drawing and reading

THANK YOU

GCUMC, How do we even begin to say thank you for the generosity of your congregation! We simply put out the request and it is filled for our staff and students. We are so blessed to have you as supporters.

Sincerely, Peralta Trail Staff

KIDS KORNER

Last month our Children's Sunday School talked about belonging and the woman at the well. We learned about water and did some fun water play. We also learned about courage, especially about some of the brave women in the Bible, like Rahab, Naomi and Ruth, and Mary, who anointed Jesus' feet.

The photo below shows how the children offered each person a blessing as they poured water into each other's cup.



Below, the photo shows when our Sunday School kids learned about Ruth and Naomi and practiced grinding grain and trusting others to "go where you go" by blindfolding a classmate.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Please be sure introduce yourselves!



Beverly Toppin





YOUTH GROUP MINISTRY

Valerie Hammons, Youth Director

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

WHERE DID OUR SUMMER GO?

During the month of August, we did a movie study. We watched "God's Not Dead" and had some great Biblical-based discussions on standing up for what is right and how to choose our friends.



We were able to attend a "Newsboys" concert at the end of the month as our summer celebration!



The Newsboys are the band in the movie, so it was an awesome way to complete our August lesson. Our youth are so great, they got to meet the band and they were asked to help break down the set and load the semi for the band.



Thank you to our wonderful parents who put up with a very late night! They are now official "roadies."

We had fun playing board games during the Youth Group time.



Our August Mission project was making FROG (Fully Rely On God) backpack chains for our GCUMC Children's Ministry.



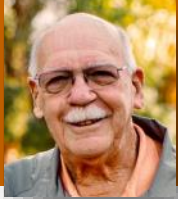
Do you know a young person who would like to join our Youth Band? We have openings and would love to have them join us! Please contact Valerie @ YouthDirector.GCUMC@gmail.com for more info.



Thank you for your prayers and support for our students and their families!



UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Rev. Gary Capen, Associate Pastor

It's difficult to believe that it is already September! Here in Maine, the children are returning to school after Labor Day; the summer tourists are leaving, and replacing them will be what we refer to, in Maine, as "the leaf peepers" who will come to enjoy the beautiful fall colors. It is a wonderful time of year here. The temperatures are cool and crisp, with a few days of Indian Summer mixed in, and folks are beginning to harvest crops of potatoes in northern Maine, Sileage corn to feed the cows, and all the garden produce to be canned. Here on the coast of Maine, boats are being taken out of the water and put in storage. Lobstermen and women are preparing their boats and traps to start fishing "outside," which simply means further out in the ocean, and last but not least, the water will be turned off to all the summer cottages come the first part of October. Here in Maine, life will slow down, while in Florida and Arizona, life will be speeding up with the return of snowbirds.



It is, in many ways, like life itself. Life ebbs and flows with the changing seasons. In Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 we often focus on the first 8 verses, that for everything there is a season. But if we read further, we find so much more about life. That which we know and that which we do not know. It's the God-given task. Read what it says: "9 What gain have the workers from their toil? 10 I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. 11 He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. 12 I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; 13 moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. 14 I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it nor anything taken from it; God has done this so that all should stand in awe before him. 15 That which is already has been, that which is to be already is, and God seeks out what has gone by."

Think about this and ponder what it has been like in your own life. The seasons of life are just that seasons. We reflect on what, where and when in life and then look to what might be in the future. We obviously don't know what the future holds for us but we are assured that God is always with us. In our past, He has forgiven our sins and encouraged us, through His Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ, to live our lives according to His Word. God will take care of the rest, for God wants us to enjoy the life we have and to be thankful for all that has been. It doesn't mean that life is always joyful, for we all have burdens that we bear. We all have trials and tribulations, as Ecclesiastes says, for everything there is a season. Too often, though, we worry about life. Remember the words of Jesus in Matthew 6:25-34; titled "Do not Worry" and here is just a portion of that passage:

"³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?'" ³² For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

How true is this? In this season of life, whether we are young or old, we are to live life with faith in God's promise that He will always be with us.





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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In Remembrance

We honor the lives and memories of these members and friends, as well as their families and friends who have recently passed...

Rick Berlund (CA)	Mary Beth Peterson (CO)
Bobbie Faqua	Warren Sifferath
Nancy Mann	





CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

BATTERY CHECK



We lost a church member a few months ago—a lovely Christian woman named Lorraine Phillips was called home. Thinking about her recently, I remembered some words of wisdom she once shared during a Bible Study we were in together. Very simple really, but full of wisdom – she said “I learned a long time ago

that instead of asking “Lord, why me?” when times are tough for me, I ask “Lord, why not me?” She explained that thought process changed her perspective. Instead of curling up inward, she recognized that we all go through hard times, and there is something for us to learn through all of them. God intends to use us and what we learn through those times; it is just on His timeline, not ours.

Life is full of ups and downs, so of course, we are going to have our turns in the barrel of strife. The key is maintaining our faith, and grace, as we move through difficult times, praying to discern what we are to take from the experiences to further serve, and enhance the lives of others around us.

I recently visited a restaurant named *Downshift*. It was in an area where mountain biking was popular, and that word in the bicycling arena means shifting to a lower gear on your bicycle, to make it easier to pedal. They had a definition for that word on their glassware – *VERB: A change in course or perspective, choosing to celebrate the beauty and brevity of life and embracing the elements that make it great.* I loved that twist!

During those ups and downs of life we can all use a downshift, a little slow down that allows us to experience a change in perspective, giving us the ability to embrace the beauty of life and simply make things easier. Sometimes that downshift can be just what it takes for us to hear the message the Lord is trying to

send us. When we have a renewed perspective or have recognized what God wanted us to learn through a certain set of troubles, we are able to be a greater blessing to those around us.

But have you ever noticed that everyone in your life is seldom on an “up” at the same time? Or on a “down” at the same time? (Thank goodness!) I am certain that was by God’s design! He knows we need support from friends, loved ones, fellow Christians here on earth. I just read the below on the internet and it seems to accent what we’re talking about:

“When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, you don’t throw it away, you change the batteries. When a person messes up and finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside? Of course not, you help them change their batteries! Some need double AA batteries; attention and affection. Some need AAA; attention, affection and acceptance. Some need C; compassion. Some need D; direction. And if they still don’t seem to shine, simply sit with them quietly and share your light.”

When people around us need their batteries charged can we be there to help? Can you take some of those life lessons you’ve learned in the past and pass on your faith, love, or hope? Do you have the ability to give a little attention, affection, acceptance, compassion or direction to someone whom you see struggling? Always grab that opportunity when you see it, even if it's only a small moment in time, you never know what difference you will make!

If your batteries are at a low point, and it’s difficult to muster the energy for your own daily worries, much less be there for others, 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.

My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. ~ James 1:2



MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



September has arrived and things are starting to ramp up at Gold Canyon UMC for the next busy season!

The 2024-2025 season of the **Gold Canyon UMC Performing Arts Series** is mostly contracted and ready to go, starting in December with our Annual Christmas concert. Starting next month, the Chancel Choir will begin preparing for that event. There will be a variety of new artists and a few old favorites for the upcoming concert season. Be sure to check the schedule once it is published on our website, I'll be sure to remind you in an upcoming 'music notes'.

This month, **Chancel Choir** resumes rehearsals on Thursday, September 5th at 6:00pm and will begin singing again for Sunday worship on the following Sunday. Choir is, as always, open to new members so if you're interested, be sure to come to a rehearsal to try it out.

If playing bells are more to your preference, stay tuned as **Canyon Carillon** will be resuming rehearsals in October.

Much like the Chancel Choir, the 'Sunday Sounds Series' will return this month on Sunday, September 8th after the 9:30am worship service. The 'Sunday Sounds Series' is an opportunity to hear a little bit of organ music, learn about the organ, our organ project, and maybe a little music history. As always, we'll have a little Q&A session after the program.

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 Frys grocery stores who support GCUMC's bus and van programs is so appreciated! So far in 2024 SCRIP has raised over \$2,225.03! 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'.

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!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)



United
Women
in Faith

Please join us Saturday, September 21 (Fellowship 10am; Program 10:30), in the Missions Center for a presentation on the Matthew 25 Prison Pen Pal Ministry. Presented by Elaine Troyer, Noel Slater and Marcie Troupe, we will learn:

- What do you say to a prison pen pal?
- What to write, what do you share, and what questions can you ask to get to know them?

We hope you will join us to learn how you can participate in the Matthew 25 Prison Ministry! For more info, contact Susan Lyons, susanblyons@gmail.com.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

- **Reading Program**, Wednesday, September 4, 10am, Mission Center, contact Jane Hansgaard for more information, hansgaard@msn.com.
- **Leadership Team**, Tuesday, August 17, 10am, Mission Center contact susanblyons@gmail.com for more

information.

- **September General Meeting & Presentation**, Sat., 9/21, Matthew 25 Prison Pen Pal Ministry. Presentation by Elaine Troyer, Noel Slater and Marcie Troupe
- **October General Meeting & Presentation**, Sat., 10/19, Vitality Aging, Jennifer Balborin
- **November General Meeting & Presentation**, Sat., 11/16, Salt Tasting Program & World Thank Offering
- **Christmas Tea & Fashion Show: Sat., 12/7.** Tickets (\$30 per person) are now on sale. 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.
- **December General Meeting & Presentation**, Sat., 12/21, Racial Justice & Installation of Officers, Rev. Julius Keller

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

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



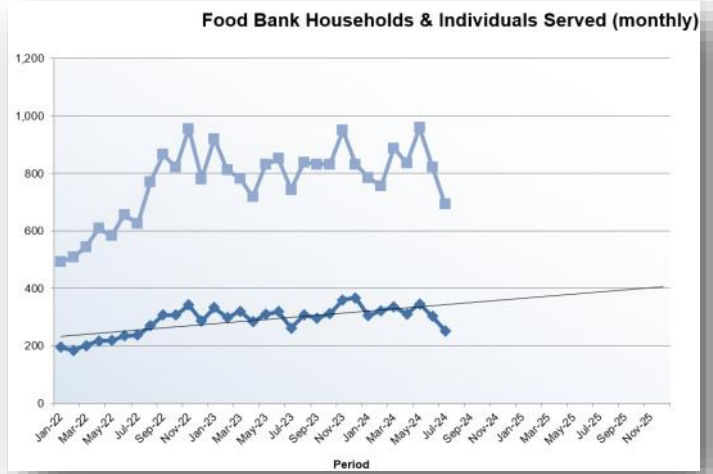
The Dedication Celebration for the Pelosi home the SEVL Coalition sponsored in Tempe was at 9:00am on Saturday, August 24th. It was a long wait for the final completion of this home, and many thanks go to all our volunteers and supporters for their hard work, financial assistance, and patience in bringing this home project to a successful finish!

THANK YOU

FOOD BANK



Thank you for your continued support of our Food Bank! Although the numbers went down a little last month, the need is still very high in our community.





SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

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

Sun Sep 1	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 Sep 2	All day	Labor Day / OFFICE CLOSED
Tue Sep 3	1pm	GriefShare (ER)
Wed Sep 4		
	10am	UWF Reading Program (MC-B/Patio)
	4pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Sep 5	11am	Interment: Lorraine Phillips (Columbarium)
	2pm	MEMORIAL: Lorraine Phillips (OFFSITE) Where: Fellowship Square-Mesa, 6945 E Main St Bldg 5, Mesa, AZ 85207
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-B)
Fri Sep 6	8am	GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sat Sep 7	7pm	Dark Bubble Night! (EB/Patio)
Sun Sep 8	9am	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	10:30am	Sunday Sound Series (S)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	11am	Praise Worship (KR)
	11am	Youth Sunday School (YR)
	12pm	UMYF (YR)
	12:10pm	Youth Band Rehearsal (KR)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
Mon Sep 9	-	-

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)

Tue Sep 10	9am	Gold Canyon Garden Club (MC-E)
	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-B&Patio)
	1pm	GriefShare (ER)
Wed Sep 11	10am	MTG: Superstition Astronomical League (MC-M)
	2:45pm	MTG: GCAC (MC-S)
	4pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Sep 12	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-B)
Fri Sep 13	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sun Sep 15	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)
	1pm	DAR / Bells Across America
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
Mon Sep 16	-	-
Tue Sep 17	10am	MTG: UWFaith Leadership Team (MC-TBD)
	1pm	DAR/Bells Across America ring bell
	1pm	GriefShare (ER)
Wed Sep 18	4pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)

Thu Sep 19 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
 7pm AA (MC-B)

Fri Sep 20 8am GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)
 11am CareGivers Support Group (ER)
 5:30pm AA (MC-E)

Sat Sep 21 10am MTG: UWFaith (MC-B/Zoom)

Sun Sep 22 9am Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
 9:30am Children's Sunday School (EB)
 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 Sep 23 - -

Tue Sep 24 9am Stitches Unlimited (MC-B)
 1pm GriefShare (ER)

Wed Sep 25 10am MTG: Superstition Astronomical League (MC-M)
 4pm Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
 5pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)

Thu Sep 26 9am Girls Matter Period (MC-B)
 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
 7pm AA (MC-B)

Fri Sep 27 All day REHEARSAL: Guerro/Beltran (TBD)
 11am CareGivers Support Group (ER)

ROADRUNNER & BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please send content for the
October 2024 Roadrunner
 via email to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org
BY 8am on Monday, 9/16/24
Weekly Bulletin & Flower Orders
 12pm on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday Service

5:30pm AA (MC-E)

Sat Sep 28 8am MTG: PEO (MC-B)
 2pm WEDDING: Guerrero/Beltran (S)

Sun Sep 29 9am Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
 9:30am Children's Sunday School (EB)
 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 Sep 30 - -





SEPTEMBER 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!

Miller, John & Sally 09/01
 Parkison, Peg & Rick 09/01
 Hoffert, Jane & John 09/02
 Holmes, Dean & Rose 09/02
 Gersonde, Jeff & Lori 09/04
 Campbell, Donna & Kim 09/06
 Hager, Diana & James 09/08
 Lukas, Steve & Teri 09/09
 Steckley, JoAnn & Leonard 09/09
 Kice, Art & Linda 09/11
 Reynolds, Jim & Kally 09/14
 Schmidt, Conrad & Judy 09/14
 Bowman, Hank & Judith 09/15
 Hoppner, Glorianna & Ronald 09/15
 Schwartz, Ann & Dick 09/15
 Storley, LeRoy & Dunn, Carol 09/16
 Downing, Harriette & Jeff 09/23
 Urbach, Art & Jayne 09/23
 Hammers, Jan & Tim 09/26
 Houser, Chris & Ron 09/27
 Warth, Holly & Terry 09/27
 Fish, Herb & Sharon 09/28
 Brigham, Danielle & Jeremy 09/29
 Plaski, Tammy & Sam 09/29

Happy Birthday!

McDaniel, Steve 09/01
 Turner, George 09/01
 Williams, Ashley 09/01
 Hardcastle, Ned 09/02
 Hoffert, John 09/02
 Jurgens, Ronald 09/02
 Linton, Diana 09/02
 Miller, David 09/02
 Irick, Jeff 09/03
 Luse, Bob 09/03
 Christian, Wendy 09/04
 Luther, Mavis 09/04
 McCauley, Don 09/04
 Gaulke, Norma 09/05
 Harriss, David 09/06
 Ingram, Pam 09/06
 Plaski, Sam 09/06
 Thum, Barbara 09/06
 Ralston, Riechia 09/07
 Fye, Carol 09/08
 Lyons, Susan 09/08
 O'Donnell, Mike 09/08
 Shroyer, Kim 09/08
 Burris, Rodger 09/09
 Jameson, Jim 09/09
 Jones, Riley 09/09
 Miller, Janeane 09/11
 Sisson, Pam 09/11
 Downing, Harriette 09/12
 Wirtz, Daniel 09/12
 Brigham, Nazareth 09/13
 Pepin, Sally 09/13
 Gunn, Sue 09/14
 Ingram, Bob 09/14
 Watters, Scott 09/14
 Guth, Marcia 09/15
 Messmer, Patti 09/17
 Reichert, Cynthia 09/18

Bos, David 09/19
 Gibson, Dianna 09/19
 Manbeck, Rich 09/29/19
 Parsons, Laura 09/19
 Rowland, Phil 09/19
 Sich, Jeff 09/05/19
 Confer, Terry 09/20
 Evans, Lora Lee 09/20
 Fransen, Yolanda 09/20
 Mansdorfer, Nyla 09/20
 Olson, Randi 09/20
 Ashe, Dee 09/21
 Johnsen, Donna 09/21
 Williams, Todd 09/21
 Adams, Jacob 09/22
 Blankenship, Cheryl 09/22
 Erickson, Todd 09/22
 Fish, Sharon 09/22
 Lukas, Steve 09/22
 Moorberg, Deb 09/22
 Nielsen, Bonny 09/22
 Wilson, Reta 09/22
 Olson, Carter 09/23
 Brown, Jeff 09/24
 Picek, Char 09/24
 Rolf, Jayne 09/24
 Creel, William T 09/25
 Hanson, Avery 09/26
 Rolley, Bud 09/26
 Voelker, Roy 09/26
 Schmidt, Conrad 09/27
 Cloud, Jeanne 09/28
 Hammers, Tim 09/29
 Linoski, Mary 09/29
 Robison, Tom 09/29
 Eisentraut, Bonnie 09/30
 Hammers, Jan 09/30
 Joyce, Aileen 09/30
 Shaughnessy, Julie 09/30

September



CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

JULY	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
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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; \$1,546,298.40 raised)
- Organ Fund (\$213,499.47 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!

Music Ministry

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:

ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org

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

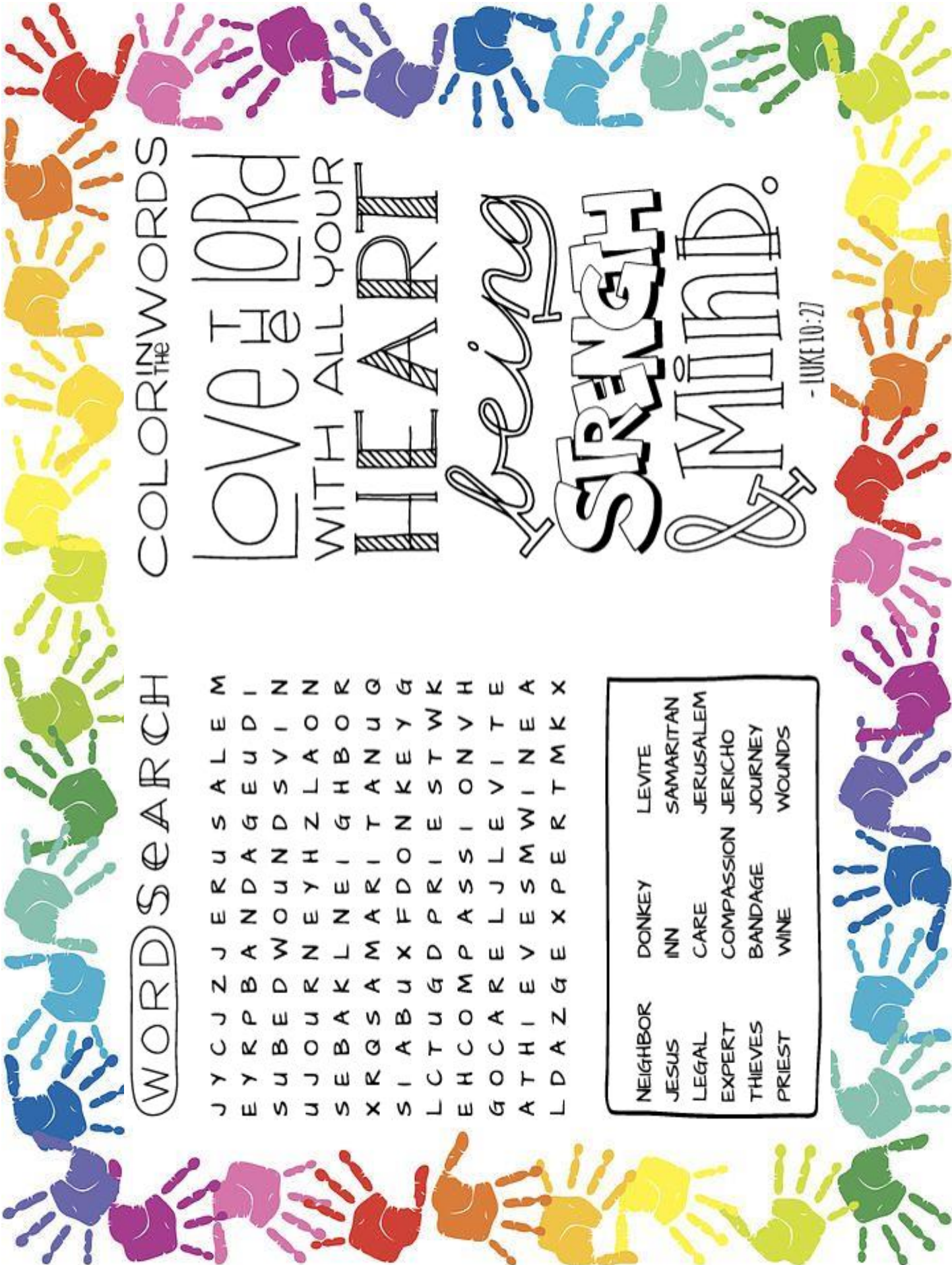
Sundays at 11am in the Koinonia Room!

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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COLOR IN THE WORDS

LOVE THE LORD
 WITH ALL YOUR
 HEART

being
STRENGTH
 & **MIND.**

- LUKE 10:27



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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