



FROM OUR PASTORS



Rev. Fred A. Steinberg, Senior Pastor

AFTER THE ELECTION

As the election results come in, I know some of us may feel discontent or even frustrated. It can be challenging to regain a sense of peace when things don't go the way we hoped. With Thanksgiving just around the corner, it's a perfect time to reflect on where we truly find contentment.

Author and blogger Chris Winfield offers some powerful insights on gratitude that may help shift our perspective. He writes:

"Why did this have to happen to me?" Whether it was something significant (like my dog getting cancer or the loss of a close friend) or something minor (a delayed flight or spilling something on my shirt), I constantly found myself stuck in a "poor me" mindset. This all changed when I committed to writing a daily gratitude list for the past 34+ months. The impact has been life-changing. Here are the four most important lessons I've learned along my gratitude journey:

- **It's Hard at First:** I thought it would be easy when my mentor asked me to text him three things I was grateful for daily. It wasn't. Shifting my mindset was a real challenge after spending so much of my life not focusing on gratitude.
- **There's Always Something to Be Grateful For:** No matter how difficult things were—whether I was facing business challenges, feeling unwell, or stuck in traffic—there was always something I could find to be thankful for. It could be as simple as my health or my daughter's smile.
- **Gratitude Grows the More You Practice It:** Initially, my gratitude lists were fundamental, and I struggled to develop things to appreciate, especially on tough days. But as I kept practicing, it became more accessible and more natural.
- **It Helps Break Negative Thought Patterns:** The average person has around 70,000 thoughts each day, and many of them are negative. Practicing gratitude has helped me interrupt these negative patterns by focusing on the positive instead.

*Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 .*

Grace and peace,

Fred

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Rev. David J. Harriss, Senior Pastor Designate

BREAD WHICH PERISHES

Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of loaves. Do not work for food which perishes, but for the food of eternal life. Which the Son of Man will give you.' ---John 6:26-27

I think that Thanksgiving has often not been given the respect it deserves. Right now, I am walking through a Wal-Mart store which has 3-4 rows of Halloween candy, decorative items, and costumes. And following October 31st, this same store will be juxtaposed into Christmas, where the majority of these same shelves will be adorned with Christmas décor and gifts, and only a small section of this store, will be designated to Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is a great national holiday. It is a day when we can actually ponder and voice what we are thankful for. It is a time to contemplate our gratefulness for all that we have and all that we have been given throughout our lives. On Thanksgiving Day, we will most likely receive our fill of food. From turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole and finally, pumpkin pie, we will have our physical hungers satisfied on this day of feasting.

It is important to realize even on a day of great feasting, that there is a greater hunger in this world which the dinner table cannot satisfy. There is a hunger for Jesus Christ in our world, and emotional eating will not fill the void which only Christ can fulfill. Jesus had just returned from performing the miracle of feeding the multitudes, when his disciples began seeking his presence. Jesus quickly realizes that the disciples were seeking his presence because they were a part of the miracle he performed when he fed the multitudes. Christ immediate responses was, Do not work for food which perishes, but for the food of eternal life.

Was Jesus reprimanding his disciples for wanting that supernatural miracle to continue? Or, was Christ disappointed that his disciples were seeking to fulfill their physical appetites in total disregard of their spiritual hunger? What about us? Do we seek things on this earth which are only temporary? If so, how do we treat these monetary, temporary items? Do we worship big houses, big bank accounts, expensive cars, along with power and status? What is our personal hunger?

Self-satisfaction is a never-ending adventure. When I worked in the homeless shelter, the story was always the same: teenage boys sneaking out their dad's cigarettes and smoking outside. When the buzz of the cigarettes wore off, a beer was confiscated. When the beer was not enough, the next choice was hard liquor. Once the liquor was not enough, the next step was marijuana, then crack cocaine. The quest for the ultimate dopamine experience was never ending, and the person seeking it was never satisfied. Whether it is money, power, or status, when you and I are on a personal quest for self-satisfaction, the results are always the same: we will never be satisfied until we have achieved our ultimate goal.

When we allow ourselves to let go and let God take over, we become gracious people. When we stop and contemplate all that God has offered us and not what we can achieve on our own, we become thankful people. If our life is full of personal drive for the sole purpose of personal gain, we will never see what God is doing in our lives or in our world. Jesus warns us not to feast on bread which perishes, but to seek out food which endures for eternal life, which only Christ can offer us.

This Thanksgiving, I hope that you and I contemplate all that Christ has given us. And, I hope that we are always grateful for the ultimate gift of Christ's life, which we cannot repay. ~ David J. Harriss





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Pastor Katharine Keller

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

MAKE GENESIS PROJECT LUNCHES



Team up with other church members to put together lunches for Genesis! On Sunday, Nov. 17th at 1pm we will be making PB&J sandwiches and filling bag lunches with other food stuffs.

If you would like to help in this endeavor, please show up at the Missions Center. It would help us know who is able to assist, so if you are able, please email Pastor Katharine (ladiebug1214@gmail.com) or Peggy Kinder (p.kinder@mchsi.com). We had such fun last year.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



On Wed., December 11th, 2024 at 7:00pm we will be remembering those whom we've lost since last year's Remembrance Service on December 6, 2023. Please register the name(s) of your deceased to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org by December 1st, 2024. Although email is preferred, if you do not have access to a computer, please call the Church Office (480)982-3776 and ask for our Office Manager.

CRAFTY CHRISTMAS



Be sure to save the date for Crafty Christmas scheduled for Sunday, December 8 from 1-3. If you would like to help out at a table where the craft is already planned out for you, we would love to have your name. Please email Pastor Katharine

(ladiebug1214@gmail.com).



HIPHOP HOMIES WITH XTRA CHROMIES

In October the Hip Hop Homies with Xtra Chromies, directed by Carol Tingey, gave a moving, fun and inspirational program. The adults radiated enthusiasm for dance and life! Many thanks to Carol, to the Congregational Life volunteers who set up the ice cream sundae stations, and to all who attended!



FAMILY FOCUS—THE BRIGHAMS

This month we focus on the Brigham Family.



Christian Brigham serving as Liturgist and shown below his being the prop person for his dad's sermon.

- **Nazareth** – 2nd grade; loves video games
- **Jaime** – 3rd grade; loves video games, music, writing letter to her pen pal,
- **Christian** – 5th grade; loves Legos, art, and power rangers
- **Amia** – 9th grade; loves music (sings in Youth Praise Band), volleyball, movies and reading. Also has a few international pen pals
- **Donald** – 11 th grade; loves sports, music (plays in the church band), reading and burgers
- **Jeremy Jr.** – Senior at ASU; studying computer engineering, loves traveling and Asian cuisine, especially sushi
- **Danielle** – (Mom); loves family, church, reading and Friday shopping night with Jeremy Jr.
- **Jeremy** (Dad); Former football player, current coach of Donald's football team, Christian and Naz's flag football teams, soccer and basketball and Jaime's soccer team, High School PE teacher, has almost graduated from Southern Methodist University and





YOUTH GROUP MINISTRY

Valerie Hammons, Youth Director

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

Our Youth Mission for October was making transition 'Lunch Bags' for The Genesis Project in Apache Junction to be handed out during their move. Affirming notes were also made for each of the bags. A bar for breakfast, lunch, snacks and a drink. 98 bags total.



We had a celebratory breakfast at iHop thanks to a generous member!



Our Youth made a lasagna dinner for the teachers at Apache Junction High School (Michael is becoming our go-to lasagna man!





We made a maze to remind us that it sometimes takes a little work to get your reward!



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



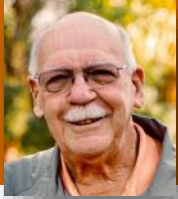
Our Youth Praise Band is growing! Come and join our fun Youth Group on Sundays at 11am.



youth group SCHEDULE

- **Sun., 11/3: Decorate Kindness Cookies** during Youth Group that will be shared at the 11/5 GCUMC General Election site at GCUMC.
- **Sat., 11/23: Down Syndrome Walk at ASU & Homecoming/Fashion Shopping** to shop for our recycled items for the UWF Fashion Show on 12/7.
- **Sat., 12/7: United Women of Faith Tea and Fashion Show** where we will share our recycled fashions and help serve the guests at this event.

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Rev. Gary Capen, Associate Pastor

I recently read, and perhaps you read it as well, this piece by Gary Larson, who writes “Far Side,” and I quote:

“I LOVE THIS ANALOGY:

You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you or shakes your arm, making you spill your coffee everywhere.

Why did you spill the coffee?

‘Because someone bumped into me!!!’

Wrong answer. You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup. Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea. Whatever is inside the cup will spill out. Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which WILL happen), whatever is inside you will come out. It’s easy to fake it until you get rattled.

So, we have to ask ourselves . . . ‘what’s in my cup?’ When life gets tough and spills over? Joy, gratitude, peace, and humility? (Or) Anger, bitterness, victim mentality, and quitting tendencies? Life provides the cup; YOU choose how to fill it.

Today, let’s work towards filling our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation, resilience, positivity, kindness, gentleness, and love for others.” This seems to be a fitting analogy to the “Campaign for Kindness” we shared last month. It’s also what Jesus taught and summed up in the words:

“Do unto others what you would want done unto you.” What’s in your cup?

Blessings,

Gary





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

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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...

Jerry Butterfield	Mary Ann Kinneson (ND)
Arne Eisentraut	Phil Parsons
Larry Evans	Craig Starks
Marsha Hancock	

LISTENING TOUR SESSIONS



Hosts are still needed to accommodate and 8-10 guests (plus Pastor David and his driver) in their home, as well as provide a simple snack and beverage for these important sessions that are helping Pastor David Harriss get to know our church community and learn about our culture. He has very much enjoyed the gatherings he's attended, and looking forward to the ones ahead! If you can help, please email ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org or call (480)982-3776 and let Riechia Ralston know what date you could host, the time (2pm, 4pm, 6pm) as well as how many guests you could accommodate.

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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?

Sign-up sheets will be put in the building Lobbies as new hosts sign-up, or call the Church Office. Please pray about the above questions, so you can share at the session you attend.



CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

CAFETERIA STYLE



Do Life is about choices, isn't it? In a small town grocery store this Fall I was looking at the signs on the ends of the aisles to find items because I was unfamiliar with the store. The sign for Aisle 1 made me laugh out loud. It listed "Diet Foods", and just below that was "Ice Cream Toppings". Some days

we make the better choice, and some days the not so good choice!

Not long ago I read one of Poet William Henry Davies' works titled Best Friends. It partially reads like this:

Now shall I walk or shall I ride?
 "Ride", Pleasure said; "Walk", Joy replied.
 Now what shall I – Stay home or roam?
 "Roam," Pleasure said; and Joy – "Stay home."
 Now shall I dance, Or sit for dreams?
 "Sit," answers Joy; "Dance," Pleasure screams.

One description of that poem states it's a short and simple poem that celebrates the beauty and loyalty of friendship. The speaker of the poem asserts that the best friend is not necessarily the one with wealth or power, but the one who shares joys and sorrows, and stands by through thick and thin. I just saw the first two sentences of this poem on a sign in Shenandoah National Park. It was used in the context that the park could be enjoyed any way you chose. Walk or ride, but simply enjoy nature and the beautiful surroundings.

Do you have a dear friend who shares joys and sorrows, and stands by you through thick and thin? I hope so. Those are the people who help us decide whether we are going to walk or ride through the ups and downs of a given day and help us see that everyone experiences joy or pleasure differently.

Life really is cafeteria style in a lot of respects. Do we sometimes forget that we have plenty of choices regarding how we see the day? If we are sitting within difficult circumstances, we can wake up dwelling on those circumstances each day and start strolling down a pathway to negativity. For example – we don't make

enough money and struggle monthly; so, we become down and continually ruminate on our struggle, or constantly pray to God for a better job and more financial resources. Instead of thanking God for the wonderful "little things" – like, we have a source of income, when many don't!

Have you heard of Breath Prayers? They are described as short, simple prayers inspired by scripture, focusing on God while taking calming, deep, anxiety relieving breaths. An example is Psalm 23 – Inhale: The Lord is my shepherd. Exhale: I have all I need. One breath at a time we can reduce our anxiety with thankfulness.

Each year I think I do a little better at building my relationship with Christ. But in reading that Best Friends poem I realized I'm not nearly as consistent as I'd like to be at remembering that God is in that role of best friend. He is the one always there to share my joys and sorrows, through thick or thin. He is the one who nudges me to sit or dance, roam or stay home, walk or ride.

He gives me choices; I need to use them wisely. I'm making the choice during this season of Thanksgiving to focus on stronger thankfulness habits. For starters, I'm striving to make my first prayer each morning and evening be one of thanksgiving rather than asking for more. Do you think you could try that as well?

When we are struggling, even simple choices can be hard to make. If you could use help moving toward more thankfulness in your life, 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. .

*"In And whatever you do, in word or deed,
 do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
 giving thanks to God the Father through Him."
 ~ Colossians 3:17 (NRSV)*



MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



Last month did take longer to get to the cooler weather than I was hoping for, but I think it's here now. Autumn has arrived, along with a number of winter residents, so I'd like to welcome you all back! The music ministry remains busy as we prepare for Advent, the Christmas concert, and the Christmas season.

Chancel Choir and Canyon Carillon have both resumed at this point and are working hard to prepare music for Sunday mornings as well as the upcoming Christmas concert on December 14th at 3:00 p.m. It will be a great concert, featuring all of our music ministries including choir, bells, band, as well as soloists, brass, organ, and percussion. Be sure to mark your calendars.

The 'Sunday Sounds Series' continues on November 10th after the 9:30 service. If you're interested in hearing and discussing organ, the organ project, or music in general, be sure to attend as the series will be going on hiatus next month.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, comments or just want to talk music, feel free to reach out to me by email or phone.

Peace and best regards,

Ian



2024-2025 PERFORMANCES & EVENTS

11/22/24	Fri 7:00pm *	GCAC Concert: The Gentlemen's Quartet...a Contemporary Classical Jazz quartet!
12/01/24	Sun 7:00pm *	GCAC Concert: The Swingles...a vocal group from England!
12/14/24	Sat 3:00pm	23rd Annual GCUMC Christmas Concert ...features our music ministries & more!
12/24/24	Sun 4:00pm	Christmas Eve Worship ...Join us for worship w/ candlelight!
12/24/24	Sun 6:00pm	Christmas Eve Worship ...Join us for worship w/ candlelight!
01/17/25	Fri 7:00pm *	GCAC Concert: Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass...New Orleans start!
01/26/25	Sun 2:00pm	The Rice Brothers ...both are virtuoso pianists and cellists
01/27/25	Sat 9:00pm	GCAC Arts Festival...a much-anticipated community celebration!
02/02/25	Sun 2:00pm	Sam & Josh Stefanski...local talent bringing music from every decade!
02/14/25	Sun 7:00pm *	GCAC Concert: Carion Woodwind Quintet...an ensemble from Denmark/Latvia!
02/21/25	Sun 6:00pm	Silent Film Gala w/ organist, Matt Gender...film with improvised accompaniment!
03/05/25	Wed 7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Worship ...join us as we begin the journey through Lent
03/07/25	Sun 7:00pm *	GCAC Concert: Mancini Centennial...big band playing song from Juke Box Age!
03/23/25	Wed 2pm	Nicole Pesce, Jazz Pianist...local talent playing blues, classical, jazz and more!
04/13/25	Sun 8 & 9:30am	Palm Sunday Worship ...join us as we begin the journey through Lent
04/13/25	Sun 11:00am	Palm Sunday Praise Worship ...join us as we begin the journey through Lent
04/13/25	Sun 4:00pm	Palm Sunday Gospel Worship ...join us as we begin the journey through Lent
04/17/25	Thu 7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Worship ...special service with communion and ashes
04/19/25	Fri 7:00pm	Good Friday Worship
04/20/25	Sun 6:00am	Easter Sunrise Worship ...in north Parking Lot facing the Superstitions
04/20/25	Sun 8:00 & 9:30	Easter Celebration Worship ...Christ is Risen with Brass, Bells and Choir
04/20/25	Sun 11am	Easter Praise Worship ...Uncommon Grace leads our Praise of the Risen Lord
04/20/25	Sun 4pm	Easter Sunset Worship ...our Gospel celebration of Christ Alive

* Indicates a ticketed event for a fee presented by the Gold Canyon Arts Council's Canyon Sounds Series. Inquires and/or ticket information can be received via phone (480)493-6731 or online at www.GoldCanyonArts.org. All other concerts are presented by the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church's Performing Arts Series and are open to the public at no charge as an offering will be received.

We ask that everyone please bring at least one non-perishable food item per person for the GCUMC Food Bank — and is always in need of cereal, tuna, Ramen, Saltines and macaroni-n-cheese. Thank you for your patronage! -

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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! 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!

STITCHES UNLIMITED QUILTERS



Did you know that quilts are portable hugs? The GCUMC Stitches Unlimited group had lots of fun this summer making and donating quilts to residents in several organizations: Savanna House in Gilbert (40; below)



Hope Women's Center in Apache Junction (10), Avista Senior Assisted Living AJ (30), Gold Canyon Hacienda Assisted Living (10; below)



and Habitat for Humanity. Recipients were very appreciative!



If you'd like to join this group, we meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 9am—2pm in the Barnabas Room of the Missions Center. For more info call the Church Office.

FOOD BANK



How can it be just weeks until Thanksgiving? Even the dreaded hot desert summer seemed to pass by faster than usual this year. In the spirit of the fall season the food bank is organizing to help our neighbors in need prepare a small Thanksgiving feast for their families. To that end we can use your help. We would like to provide stuffing mix, dried mashed potatoes, turkey gravy, cranberry sauce, yams or sweet potatoes, green beans, cream of mushroom soup, crispy onions, etc. The traditional holiday items. If you can help us out, please bring these items to a church service or drop them off at the backdoor of the food bank on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 9am—12pm. Our families

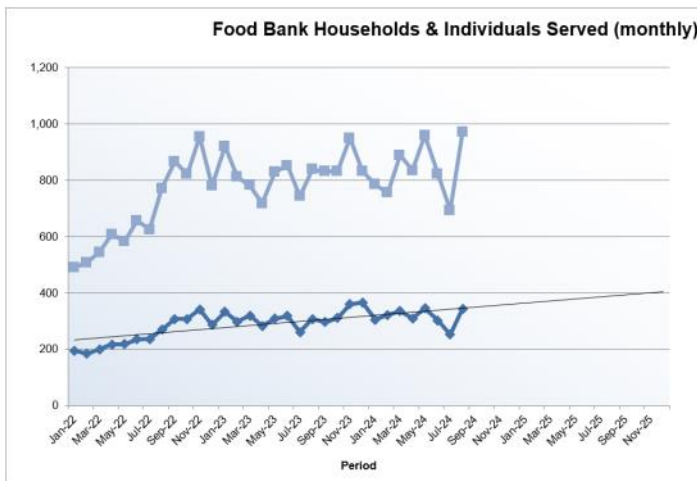
would appreciate your help!

At the food bank we are serving a family every 6-7 minutes on average – of course, that does not mean they arrive in a steady stream which would be ideal. This has been manageable given it takes about 6 minutes to greet a household member, process their information in the system, prepare their food delivery and deliver it to them. If they are a new family, then there are applications to be completed which takes a bit longer. We are holding our own managing these numbers but beginning to prepare for a ramp up based on the forecasting of need from our regional partner and the potential impact of the forced move of the Genesis Project soup kitchen in Apache Junction.

Recently, our Warehouse Manager and one of our volunteers attended our regional United Food Bank (UFB) Agency Conference. Although our food bank was highlighted in an Agency video, that was not our most important takeaway from the meeting.

Relationships with our regional partners were further solidified and we learned about added support we may be able to soon provide for our neighbors. We will be highlighting those opportunities soon!

We wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and extend our heartfelt appreciation for your continued support!



HABITAT FOR HUMITY



We have once again been invited to work on a Habitat house along with the other church members of the SEVL Coalition. We have pledged to contribute \$10,000 again this year, and hope to exceed that goal. Please consider donating to this project as part of your annual giving.

The build number is 35012 and the home will be built in

the south Phoenix area. Construction started on October 26th. If you are interested in helping, please let us know and we will connect you with the address and the opportunity to sign up. More details will be forthcoming.

To donate, please make checks payable to “Gold Canyon UMC” with “Habitat” specified in the memo. Please direct questions to Joe and Maureen Morton at moandjoem@aol.com / (602)284-2826. Thanks so much for your ongoing support of this ministry!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)



United Women in Faith

Our November Meeting will be our **UWF World Thank Offering**. Please remember to bring your monetary gift

for UWF mission work and a nonperishable item for our food bank. Our program for the meeting will be **The Salt of the Earth**. Rebecca Russel will present a brief overview of history, properties and the use of salt as we know it today. We will consider the various references to salt in the Bible and explore the meaning of these scriptures as they pertain to us as Christians today. We will also be tasting different salts from all over the world on various foods such as vegetables and fruits, as well as caramels, chocolate, and maybe a surprise or two. This will increase our understanding of how different kinds of salt influences their flavors. If you have any unusual or colorful salt you would like to share on our tasting table, please contact Rebecca at (360)352-4956 or beckyarussel@gmail.com. She'll need about 3 ounces, and she will label it for the tasting table.

All women are welcome. We hope to see you at the meeting.

Saturday, November 16, 2024
 in the Missions Center
 Fellowship & Salt Tasting 10:00am
 Meeting & Program at 10:30am

Reading Program: Book Review



Running by Natalia Sylvester: When 15-year-old Cuban American Mariana Ruiz's father runs for president, Mari starts to see him with new eyes. In this debut novel about privacy, waking up, and speaking up, her father's presidential campaign brings a new level of scrutiny to sheltered Mariana and the rest of her family, from a 60 Minutes-style tour of their house to tabloids doctoring photos and inventing scandals. As tensions rise

within the Ruiz family, Mari realizes her father is not the man she thought he was. But how do you find your voice when everyone is watching you? This seemed like a timely and interesting book with lots of laugh out loud moments.

Upcoming Dates and Events:

- **Reading Program: Wed., 11/6**, 10am, Missions Center, contact Jane for more info, hansgaard@msn.com
- **Earth Smart Circle: Wed., Nov. 7**, 2pm, Missions Center Stephen's Room. If you are interested in our earth and justice, come to this planning meeting. Patricia K. Tull will be our guide for this video and text program **"Let Justice Roll Down"**. For more info, contact Rita 810.629.1240 or Joy 505.270.7085.
- **Leadership Team: Tue., 11/12**, 10am, Missions Center. Susan susanblyons@gmail.com for more info.
- **November General Meeting: Sat., 11/16**, 10am fellowship; 10:30am meeting/program, Missions Center. November general meeting and presentation: Saturday, November 16, 10 AM for fellowship and salt tasting 10:30 for program: *Salt of the Earth* presented by Rebecca Russel and a program on the UWF World Thank Offering.
- **Christmas Tea & Fashion Show: Sat., 12/7**, 2pm, Koinonia Room. The fashion show will feature children from Sunday School and young men and women from



**Sundays at 4pm
in the
Koinonia Room**

Do you like to sing the old gospel hymns? Can you carry a tune? Consider singing with One in the Spirit at the Country Gospel Services. Contact David Ballard: 480-760-3277 or dcballardsaz@gmail.com

the youth program. Proceeds benefit the House of Refuge, Mesa and UWF ministries .

- **December General Meeting: Sat., 12/21**, 10am fellowship; 10:30am meeting/program, Missions Center. Installation of 2025 officers and Rev Julius Keller will present a program on Racial Justice.

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

Get involved!



Music Ministry

For more info contact Ian in the Church Office or Iclass@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!

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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

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

Fri Nov 1	All day	WOMEN'S FALL WEEKEND RETREAT Franciscan Renewal Center, Scottsdale, AZ
	8am	GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sat Nov 2	All day	WOMEN'S FALL WEEKEND RETREAT Franciscan Renewal Center, Scottsdale, AZ
	All day	All Souls' Day
	4pm	Blessing of the Animals (TBD)
Sun Nov 3	All day	WOMEN'S FALL WEEKEND RETREAT Franciscan Renewal Center, Scottsdale, AZ
	All day	Daylight Saving Time ends
	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 Nov 4	6:30pm	Finance Committee Mtg (MC-B)
Tue Nov 5	All day	Election Day (General Election)
	5am	GENERAL ELECTION POLLING PLACE (KR)
Wed Nov 6	10am	MTG: Superstition Astronomical League (MC-M)
	10am	UWF Reading Program (MC-B/Patio)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/K)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (MC-B; Gunn)
	3:30pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	4pm	DISCIPLE 2 (TBD)
	4pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Nov 7	10am	CLASS: 50 Ways to Pray (MC-M)
	2pm	MTG: UWF Earth Smart Circle (MC-S)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-B)
	7:30pm	Christmas Choir Rehearsal (MR)
Fri Nov 8	9am	GC Roving Retirees Vendor Fair (MC-Prkng Lt)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)

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

All day	PEO	Pecan Sale Set-Up (MC-M)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sat Nov 9	All day	PEO Pecan Sale Set-Up (MC-M)
	8am	MTG: PEO (MC-B)
Sun Nov 10	9am	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	10am	Family Worship (Goldfield Ghost Town, A.J.)
	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 Nov 11	All day	Veterans Day
	6:30pm	Ad Council
Tue Nov 12	9am	Gold Canyon Garden Club (MC-E)
	9am	Stitches Unlimited Quilters (MC-B&Patio)
	10am	MTG: UWFaith Leadership Team (MC-TBD)
	1pm	GriefShare (ER)
Wed Nov 13	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/K)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (MC-B; Gunn)
	2:45pm	MTG: GCAC (MC-S)
	3:30pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	4pm	DISCIPLE 2 (TBD)
	4pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Nov 14	9am	Lions Club Mtg (MC-M)
	10am	CLASS: 50 Ways to Pray (MC-M)

ROADRUNNER & BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please send content for the
December 2024 Roadrunner
 via email to ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org

BY 8am on Monday, 12/11/24

Weekly Bulletin & Flower Orders
 12pm on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday Service

	3pm	GC Got Talent Auditions (MC-E)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-B)
	7:30pm	Christmas Choir Rehearsal (MR)
Fri Nov 15	8am	GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sat Nov 16	10am	MTG: UWFaith (MC-B/Zoom)
Sun Nov 17	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 Nov 18	6:30pm	Coffee with the Pastor (MR)
Tue Nov 19	1pm	GriefShare (ER)
Wed Nov 20	10am	MTG: Superstition Astronomical League (MC-M)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/K)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (MC-B; Gunn)
	3:30pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	4pm	DISCIPLE 2 (TBD)
	4pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Nov 21	9am	Girls Matter Period (MC-B)
	10am	CLASS: 50 Ways to Pray (MC-M)
	3pm	GCAC MASTER CLASS: Gentlemen's Quartet (S)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-B)
	7:30pm	Christmas Choir Rehearsal (MR)
Fri Nov 22	9am	GCAC School Workshop (S)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	7pm	GCAC CONCERT: The Gentlement's Quartet (S)
Sun Nov 24	8am	UWF Bake Sale (Patio)
	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 Nov 25	3:30pm	DISCIPLE 1 (ER)
	6pm	SPRC Mtg (ER)
	7pm	Church Conference (KR)
Tue Nov 26	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-B)
	1pm	GriefShare (ER)
Wed Nov 27	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER/K)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 1 (MC-B; Gunn)
	4pm	DISCIPLE 2 (TBD)
	4pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Nov 28	All day	OFFICE CLOSED / THANKSGIVING
	7pm	AA (MC-B)
Fri Nov 29	All day	OFFICE CLOSED / THANKSGIVING
	8am	GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sat Nov 30	9am	GCAC School Workshop (S)
	9:30am	Greening of the Church





NOVEMBER 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 Birthday!

Lukas, Teri 11/01
 Bell, Merry 11/02
 Deitch, Kate 11/02
 Moore, Dick 11/02
 Benton, Doug 11/03
 Schneider, Bob 11/04
 Hoffert, Jane 11/05
 Rolley, Betty 11/05
 Svoboda, Camilla 11/05
 Thomas, Marilyn 11/05
 Turner, Lisa 11/05
 Zabel, Jan 11/05
 Picek, Tom 11/06
 Daniels, Brad 11/08
 Graham, Rich 11/08
 Hall, Cheryl 11/09
 Haraldson, Rich 11/09
 Johnson, Susan 11/09
 Nelson, Patty 11/09
 Nelson, Marcia 11/10
 Osborne, Zara 11/10
 Pearson, Lori 11/10
 Penninger, Ken 11/11
 Beebe, Kathy 11/12
 Brooks, Mark 11/12
 McCleary, Ward 11/12
 Noe, Jim 11/13
 Adams, Michael 11/14
 Ancell, Alyce 11/14
 Bowman, Hank 11/14
 Crandall, Don 11/14
 Eddy, Barry 11/14
 Gray, Jennifer 11/15
 Hicks, Linda 11/15

Korell, Gloria Jean 11/15
 Martin, Janice 11/15
 Campbell, H Kim 11/16
 Johnson, Judy 11/16
 Bjorklund, Jim 11/17
 Hahn, Dave 11/17
 Hoerter, Daniel 11/17
 Vorseth, Sue 11/17
 Culver, Ann 11/18
 Edwards, Marlene 11/18
 Fransen, Jim 11/18
 Johnson, Dick 11/18
 Roller, Jan 11/18
 Heppner, Glorianna 11/19
 Glass, Carol 11/20
 Qvanstrom, Wally 11/20
 Witucky, TJ 11/20
 Holmes, Dean 11/21
 Mueller, Sandy 11/21
 Blankenship, Betty 11/22
 Dulaney, Steve 11/23
 Carlozzi, Noreen 11/24
 Urbach, Jayne 11/24
 Hoefs, Wendy 11/25
 Crawford, Gene 11/26
 Oxley, Vicki 11/26
 Mahar, Nanci 11/27
 Walworth, Wayne 11/27
 Confer, Lynne 11/29
 Webster, Sharon 11/29
 Clem, Sue 11/30
 Sich, Jonna 11/30
 Thomas, Carol 11/30

Happy Anniversary!

Cartney, Kay & Bob 11/02
 Zabel, Cam & Jan 11/09
 Hayes, Jane & Jeff 11/12
 Lunn, Ed & Mary 11/15
 Hicks, Steve & Linda 11/17
 Little, & Margie 11/17
 Shroyer, Pat & Kim 11/17
 Chamley, Gail & Jim 11/19
 Adams, Herbert & Jennifer 11/20
 Burris, Joanne & Rodger 11/24
 Johnson, Carol & Pete 11/25
 McLeod, Dennis & Suzanne 11/26
 Martindale, Ginger & Warren 11/28
 Svoboda, Camilla & Ron 11/28
 Bjorklund, Alice & Jim 11/29
 Johnson, Judy & Neil 11/29
 Larson, George & Marilyn 11/29
 Mogharbel, Abed & Karen 11/29
 Streit, Deanna & Robert 11/29





CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

SEPTEMBER	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
	74689	17181	6789	76204	16033	5444	63077	14273	5616	85014	18328	2298

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:

- Fellowship Hall (\$3 Million needed; \$1,638,912.70 raised)
- Playground Shade Structure (\$55,243 needed; \$0 raised)
- Organ Fund (\$226,679.32 raised)
- Pave Mission Center Parking Lot (\$200,000 needed)
- Building Fund Loan (Paid off 2022)
- Stain Glass for upper Sanctuary windows (Completed 2022)



Electronic giving is a great way to make contributions, including recurring and additional/special gifts.

- ✚ **AccessACS:** Very easy to set-up/modify 1-time/recurring donations; Call Church Office for info.
- ✚ **eGiving:** www.GoldCanyonUMC.org and click “Make Donation” button. This link now takes you to AccessACS electronic giving, a secure site.
- ✚ **TEXT** your gift by sending “goldcanyonumc” to 73256 and follow screen instructions.



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- ... reduces taxes
- ... 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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CHILDREN'S PAGES

Psalm 50:14 Offer to God thanksgiving, And pay your vows to the Most High.

Psalm 69:30 I will praise the name of God with a song, And will magnify Him with thanksgiving.

Psalm 95:2 Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

Psalm 100:4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

Psalm 107:22 Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, And declare His works with rejoicing.

Psalm 116:17 I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, And will call upon the name of the LORD.

Psalm 147:7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; Sing praises on the harp to our God,



BIBLE WORD SEARCH PUZZLE FOR THANKSGIVING

Find the words in the verses and add the missing letters

O _ _ ER

PRA _ _ SE

_ AGNI _ _

PR _ SE _ _ E

J _ _ F _ LL _

_ S _ _ M _

E _ _ _ R

_ H _ _ _ FUL

B _ _ _ S

D _ C _ _ RE

_ _ JO _ C _ _ _

S A _ R _ F _ _ E

_ _ _ D

S _ _ _

TH _ _ _ SGI _ _ _ _

Find the words. They're hidden in all directions.

M	M	D	D	N	L	S	P	S	A	L	M	S	N	C
A	O	W	T	E	A	I	A	O	H	G	S	D	J	B
G	F	E	L	D	C	M	R	C	S	F	B	O	R	B
N	F	N	W	P	Y	L	E	E	R	V	O	J	H	L
I	E	T	U	W	G	B	A	V	K	I	D	I	V	E
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Y	T	R	B	V	U	X	Q	V	E	Q	L	I	S	S
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G	R	E	J	O	I	C	I	N	G	F	J	Q	H	E
M	I	S	A	K	B	Z	X	E	K	F	B	O	K	K
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C	O	U	H	P	D	U	V	K	P	R	A	I	S	E
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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