



DECEMBER 2025



FROM OUR PASTORS

Rev. David J. Harriss, Senior Pastor

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed; thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed, Alleluia, Alleluia! — William How, 1864/ United Methodist Hymnal #711

You are reading this article because of a saint. At some point in your life, someone taught you, mentored you, and disciplined you about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Someone in your life reassured you about Christ's mercy, kindness, compassion and love. Someone in your life was the hands, heart, and feet of Christ. They nurtured you in Christian love and gave you hope, taught you to serve in this world, and offered you Christ.

I am aware that a large portion of people who attend church in any setting do so because that was their ritual as children. Now as adults, we feel the need to worship in a corporate setting on any given Sunday. But corporate worship is more than just being involved in a community of faith because we feel pressured to do so. We worship every Sunday because it is what we feel called to do. A saint, a follower of Jesus Christ, made us aware that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior in this world. We worship because Christ ministered in many social settings, his ministry was interactive.

Any occasion when we celebrate All Saints is one of my favorite celebrations in the life of the church. On Wednesday, December 3rd, at 7 p.m., we will recognize all the saints that have passed in 2025 from Gold Canyon United Methodist Church who have served faithfully and are now a part of the Christian Church Triumphant. We will celebrate their service, their witness, their discipleship and their character. We owe a debt of gratitude who have been a part of our formation and transformation in this world. All the saints who have now passed are a part of spiritual well-being in this journey, thus far. All are invited to attend this celebration. I look forward to seeing you there.

—Pastor David

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Pastor Katharine Keller

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

THE BIG REVEAL

This is the summary of our "Big Reveal" on **November 9th**, the Sunday when those volunteers who accepted the challenge from Pastor Fred shared their monetary investments in ministries – both globally and locally. They were, in no particular order:

- lots of food bags for Rice and Beans
- donations to Genesis Project in Apache Junction; collection of items for children in Costa Rica
- an online Bible study
- a new support for people who need help with pet care called M&M Ministry
- three professionally-designed Bible postcards--one with information on Breast Cancer Awareness on one side and Jesus info on the other, the second card has Pastor Brigham's personal testimony on one side, and Jesus leading the way information on the other. The third was I ego-based for kids/teens with Jesus info on the back...these are being attached to a website (www.RaiderPreacherMinistry) and breast cancer awareness supplies that were handed out for free at Apache Junction Football games
- beginning of a library for the GriefShare program in our church
- donations to the Boys and Girls Club
- help for a homeless friend
- support of Hope House in TX – a home for kids with profound disabilities
- working with the youth to do a fundraiser for autism
- investing in the youth in the community by offering movie nights

Thank you all for being inspired to help grow God's kingdom in some way! Hopefully others will be challenged as well.

DESERT DINERS

Want to meet new friends and enjoy fellowship with one another outside of our church building? Here's your opportunity! We are excited to kick off season 3 of Desert Diners where you can get to know your church family by sharing a meal together, either in your home or in a restaurant. If you have not participated before, here's how it works: a group of 8 people are randomly chosen to share a meal together once a month, January-May (couples will be placed together as well as singles). Each month, your group will decide whether you want to meet for lunch or dinner either in your home or in a restaurant. Everyone will take their turn to be the host for a meal. The host will provide the main course and guests will divide up who brings an appetizer, salad, dessert etc. If you choose to meet in a restaurant, the host will buy drinks, an appetizer, or dessert...their choice.



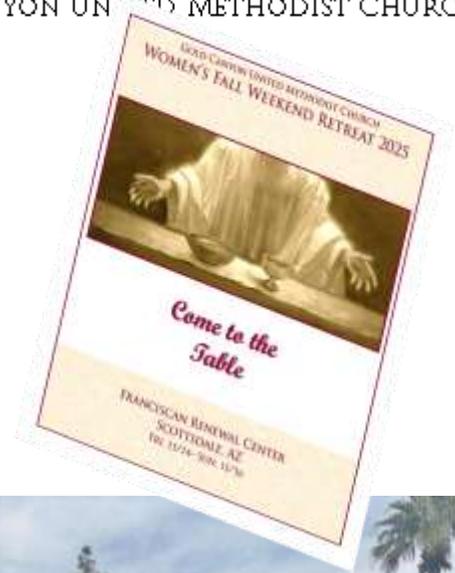
The experience of sharing a meal together provides lifelong friends we might not have met otherwise and builds a strong church community. We hope you will enjoy the fun and fellowship together. Registration forms will be at the Welcome Center or in the church office. Call or text Dee Ashe at 480-685-7175 (or email at deashe7580@gmail.com) or Pastor Katharine for any questions you may have.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

November 14-16th found 39 of our women at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Scottsdale. It was a fantastic time of worship, food, fellowship, a service project, fun, testimonies, and renewal. Ladies, please consider attending next year—**November 20-22, 2026!**

Hear one person's testimony, "Everything was just wonderful. I loved getting to know better some of the women I had seen in church. The format was so well thought out. All the special touches were appreciated. The venue was beautiful and lended itself 'to prayerful, restful atmosphere.' The food was wonderful with lots of options. All the speakers were delightful. I loved being around Christian women and I have missed that since I moved here due to my husbands' illness and the inability to participate. I am willing to participate in some way in activities in the church."





GLOBAL MISSIONS



GIRLS MATTER PERIOD

In October, co-founder Sue Carlson had an unexpected “God moment” while unloading GMP items at her church in Minnesota. A man named Jeff, who was there for another meeting, offered to help — and it turned out he works with the *Light of the World Academy* in Liberia, where they’d been searching for girls’ hygiene products. Within 24 hours, Sue and a few volunteers assembled 150 GMP kits, now on their way to Liberia via shipping container! Jeff later shared: *“Sue, I can't thank you enough for all your hard work in getting these kits ready for shipment so quickly. Pastor Sylvester is thrilled beyond words for getting these supplies for the girls at his school. I am excited to have you meet him on a call and see his enthusiasm for his mission of educating young minds for*

the betterment of Liberia's future. They have a lot to achieve in recovering from their civil wars and education is the foundation that will allow them to rebuild a future that is bright. I am confident that the gift of these kits that you and your team have provided will positively impact this community and Liberia as a whole in such a positive manner. Thank you a million times over.” Paula Blessman also has an outreach trip planned to South Africa through Blessman International on **August 13, 2026**. Contact us at GirlsMatterPeriod@gmail.com if you are interested in going on this trip with her.

RICE & BEANS

Well, it's getting closer to our mission trip to Rice and Beans Ministries in Costa Rica! We 17 are very excited as we anticipate how we will minister alongside Director Fred Curry and his staff. We are grateful for all the donations we have received for food bags thus far, as well as donations for children's toys and games. Rice and Beans is sending us the blank bags to decorate before we go. If you wish to help, you may do so at your home. Because we have to consider the packing of all of these items, please have all donations in to the Church Office by **December 31st**.



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 Pastoral staff and trained Lay **Congregational Care Ministers (CCMs)**. They share a ministry of loving, spiritual care: visits, prayer, Holy Communion, music, meals,



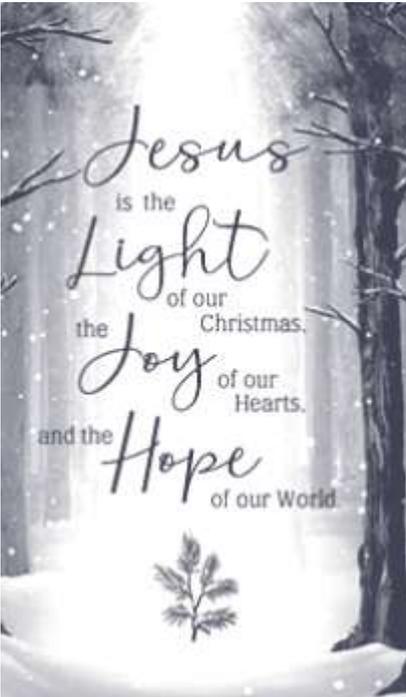
CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Rev. Gary Capen, Associate Pastor



FINDING LIGHT IN THE SEASON OF WAITING

As Advent unfolds and Christmas draws near, we enter a sacred season filled with anticipation, reflection, and hope. Advent reminds us that waiting is not an empty, passive time, but a period rich with promise. Just as the world waited long ago for the birth of Jesus, we, too, are invited to rekindle our hope in God’s enduring love and faithfulness.

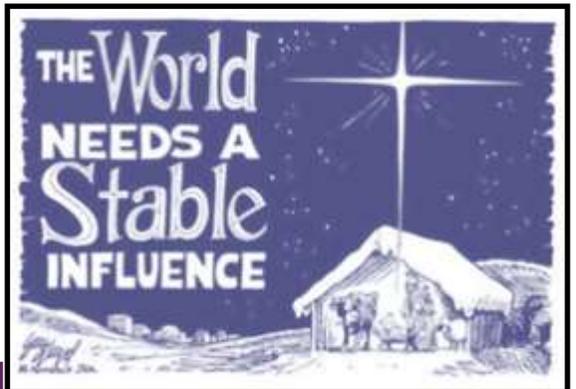


This season invites us to seek out light—sometimes faint, but always present—even in the darkest moments. The candles of the Advent wreath shine brighter each week, symbolizing our growing hope and the coming joy that Christmas brings. In a world often weighed down by worry, uncertainty, or sorrow, Advent and Christmas proclaim a profound truth: that God is with us, Emmanuel, bringing peace and new beginnings.

Let us open our hearts to this message of hope. Whether we feel close to the manger or are longing for comfort and reassurance, the birth of Christ assures us that love breaks through every barrier. We are not alone; God’s promise is for each of us, offering strength for today and hope for tomorrow.

May this Advent season and Christmas be a time of renewal. May hope blossom within your spirit, may peace settle over your home, and may joy overflow as you welcome the miracle of God’s presence. Let us watch and wait together, filled with expectation and trust, for the light that shines in the darkness—and will never be overcome.

My hope and prayer for each and every one is, that we will take the time each day in reading the Scripture, time in prayer, and a time of peace—peace which will bring comfort to our souls and the feeling of Christ’s presence within our hearts and minds. Grace, Peace, and a Blessed Christmas, —Gary



...please send prayer requests to GCUMCPrayers@gmail.com or call the Church Office

In Remembrance

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

Frances Bauer
Dixie Blowers
Stephen Deckard

Sharon Fries
Wylladene Nelson
Michael Osteen



YOUTH MINISTRY

Valerie Hammons, Youth Director

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



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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



- Large, floral-quality
- “In Honor of” or “In Memory of”
- **Cost:** \$25.00 each (limited availability)

Order Forms at Welcome Center, RoadRunner & Church Office

**Names of those who ordered by 12/14
will be listed in the January Roadrunner**



POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

I am ordering a poinsettia in Memory of:

I am ordering a poinsettia in Honor of:

Payment of \$25.00 for each is enclosed

TOTAL PLANTS: _____ TOTAL \$: _____

*Please call the Church Office at (480)982-3776
with any questions.*

Orders must be received by Thursday, 12/11

SAT. 12/13 @ 3pm —GCUMC'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT!!

Dry goods for the Food Bank are welcomed & a free-will offering will benefit the Music Dept.



Featuring music from our Chancel Choir, Canyon Carillon, Uncommon Grace & others!



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

December 24th @ 4pm or 6pm



Including:
**MESSAGE,
MUSIC,
CANDLE-
LIGHT, &
PETTING
ZOO!**





CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

I've often heard this sentiment – *“If you don't have enough time, you're doing something in your life that God didn't call you to do!”* I don't know about you, but I have struggled with the phenomena *not enough time* for decades. My “to do” list always seems to out-live the time in my life. Or is it the time I make for certain things, over others, that's the problem? The above sentiment would suggest that's so!

This year, the more I thought about this, the more the question of how I was going to spend the Christmas season rose to the surface. Historically I have easily filled every moment of every day with some activities like baking, shopping, sending cards, packaging gifts, planning gatherings, going to events, etc. And before I know it, the wondrous day has come and gone, and I am tired, harried and sometimes even a little cranky. What's wrong with that picture!?

Then I read this scripture...¹⁴*The seeds that fell among the thorns represent those who hear the message, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the cares and riches and pleasures of this life. And so they never grow into maturity.* [Luke 8:14 – NLT] I had to think deeply on the question of what type of believer I wanted to be. The one overcome by worries and the lure of materialism, leaving no room for God? Or the type of believer who follows Jesus no matter what the cost?

One of Pastor Rick Warren's devotionals this Fall laid out that the Bible never explicitly tells us to celebrate Jesus' birth, but it does tell us repeatedly to celebrate His death on the cross and subsequent resurrection (Easter). Because, if He hadn't done that, His birth wouldn't have mattered! The verse John 3:16 completely reinforces this - ¹⁶*“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”*

I wish to be the believer who puts Christ in the center of my Christmas celebration, not let my mind become so over-crowded with thoughts, concerns, worries, finances, and activities that I forget what and why I am celebrating. Although we are of course celebrating Jesus' birth, the powerful reminder that through that celebration, we are ultimately celebrating what He was sent here to do, is ever present! This is all a great sentiment, to not get caught up in all the busy, busy, busy and remain focused on the center of the season,



Christ Jesus. But how exactly do we do that?

Well, that looks different for everyone and is absolutely an individual decision. As for myself, my husband and I are

displaced from our home due to a water issue 6 months ago, and we may not be home by Christmas! Now, I've most definitely been periodically grumpy throughout this process. But as I've prayed and asked myself to make a true assessment of what is occurring in my life I have found countless blessings that I may have missed in the past due to the rush of the season! We've spent increased valuable time with friends, had down time to read, foster relationships, explore hobbies, see and appreciate the simple pleasures in our lives rather than letting the rush overtake us. The crux of all of that is that we don't have control over our timeline so it is truly an exercise in trusting God and looking forward to where He is putting us tomorrow, and recognizing what we are supposed to take from it!

No matter your situation, if the joy of this season is crowded out by worries, cares or pleasures of this life I encourage you to pick one day to hit the “pause” button on the hubbub in your life. Notice the ever-present blessings (healthy grandchildren, plenty of food, etc.), and pick out something new to be thankful for which you may not have seen before. If this is difficult for you right now, 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.

¹⁴ **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. ~ Luke 2:14 (KJV)**



LOCAL MISSIONS & MINISTRIES



ANGEL TREE 2025

Thanks Gold Canyon UMC Congregation- you almost undecorated all the trees. There are still a few gift requests from the children at House of Refuge. So, you still have time to grab some and purchase the requested item(s). Please return the gift & gift tag to the church by 12/7. Alternatively, you can make a cash or check donation ("Angel Tree" in the memo) or donate electronically on our website. Let's make this a special Christmas for 75 very special children.



time the quilts were delivered to OCJ Kids, an organization changing the culture of foster care in Arizona. They were thrilled to receive the quilts!



This month we'll meet on December 9 and continue our passion of sewing for peace. Come join us! Then on **Dec 16** join us for a joyful celebration. We won't be sewing that day but will enjoy fellowship and reflect on the effects of our sewing passion over the past year. All sewists are welcome! We'll resume our normal schedule in January, meeting the **2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 9am to 2pm**, in the Missions Center - Barnabas room. If you can't make it, let us know and we'll bring a confident-beginner quilt kit to you! For more information contact nanci.mahar@gmail.com or cjenevold@gmail.com.

If you have questions or want to volunteer please contact Rebecca Russel or Donna Graves at GCUMCAngelTree2025@outlook.com or call (360) 352-4956.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Cancer Support Group is again meeting on the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays** at 10:30am in the Emmaus Room. Now in our 17th year, the CSG ministry strives to bring hope and encouragement to those afflicted with cancer and their caregivers. We are a group that encourages and cultivates new friendships through our meetings, prayer and caring for each other as needs arise. Whether you are currently a cancer patient, in remission, survivor or caregiver, we welcome you to our group, not only for your benefit but what you can bring to the group that will help others. If you have questions, contact Dee Ashe at 480-685-7175 or deeashe7580@gmail.com.

STITCHES UNLIMITED

During this season of Advent, the Stitches Unlimited Quilters are reflecting on the four main UMC themes: Hope for the first Sunday, Peace for the second, Joy for the third, and Love for the fourth. All four are rolled up in our recent donation to Quilts Beyond Borders, where this

GRIEFSHARE



On 12/6 at 10am the current GriefShare session will end their class with a dove release on the campus patio. The next 13-week session will begin on Tuesday, **January 6th**.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)

The *Gospel Glean Team* gleamed worked tirelessly for about 8 hours cleaning blinds, floors, windows dusted all the cabinets that house our extensive collection of Nativities. Thanks to all who helped glean up our Missions Center.



December 20: Regular meeting & Installation of our 2026 Officers. Fellowship at 10am (bring a small plate of a favorite Christmas treat to share, with the recipe) . Meeting at 10:30 Installation will be officiated by Katharine Keller & the theme of the meeting will be light. Therefore, we will be having a *Light Bulb Challenge*, which entails counting the light bulbs in your house and donating \$.10 for each one. Proceeds go to our mission work. All women of the church, friends and neighbors are welcome. Questions contact Rebecca Russel (360) 352 4956) Missions Center Esther Room.

FOOD BANK

We are so fortunate to have such a strong volunteer force keeping this food bank running smoothly. Our volunteers have been working hard to meet the demand of packing the donated bags, processing existing client data (as well as adding new clients), sorting food donations and keeping the line moving along. They do this with smiles on their faces and sympathy in their hearts. It's truly been heart-wrenching hearing the neighbors' stories of concern where food will come from during the government shutdown. We have seen many whose ideals won't allow them to accept help; those who have been also affected by the recent floods as well. Our volunteers also rose to the occasion when asked to contribute to those affected by the floods in Globe by providing gift cards and cash to aid the victims immediately.

Fortunately, we have some neighborhood fundraisers and food drives lined up to help refill our coffers. Some of the events we look forward to are the Golf Tournaments and ATV Light Parades. We appreciate (and need) all the food that can be donated at this time, but what folks may not realize is that monetary donations are the most efficient way to provide the clients with a healthy variety of nourishment – we can buy at bulk prices what we need most at any given time.

We held our annual Thanksgiving Box distribution on Saturday, Nov. 22. We provided a variety of traditional foodstuffs plus a full-size ham or turkey, to about 150 families. We would like to thank Resolution Copper for their generous donation which goes toward purchasing all of these items. On behalf of all of us at the Food Bank, we wish you and yours a safe and joyous holiday season, and thank you for your unwavering support throughout the year!





DECEMBER CALENDAR



(Calendar is subject to change;

For more info, please visit www.GoldCanyonUMC.org or call the Church Office)

Mon Dec 1	3:30pm	U.G. Rehearsal (KR)
	6pm	CLASS: Advent Study (offsite)
Tue Dec 2	9am	MTG: Gold Canyon Garden Club (MC-B)
	10am	CLASS: Advent Study (MC-E)
	1pm	GriefShare (ER)
	3:30pm	U.G. Rehearsal (KR)
Wed Dec 3	10am	Superstition Astronomical League (MC-M)
	10am	UWF Reading Program (MC-B/Patio)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (MC-B)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ER)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	6pm	GCCI Water Conservation Workshop (MC-E)
	7pm	Remembrance Service (S)
Thu Dec 4	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)
	7:30pm	Christmas Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
Fri Dec 5	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sat Dec 6	10am	GriefShare Dove Release (Patio)
	10am	GCCI Water Conservation Workshop (MC-E)
Sun Dec 7	9am	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Middle School Sunday School (YR)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	10:30am	Coffee & Fellowship (EB Patio)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	11am	Praise Worship (KR)
	11am	Youth Sunday School (YR)
	12pm	Coffee & Fellowship (EB Patio)
	12pm	UMYF (YR)
	1pm	Crafty Christmas (MC-B&E)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
Mon Dec 8	11am	PEO Christmas Party (MC-B)
	6pm	CLASS: Advent Study (offsite)
Tue Dec 9	9am	Stitches Unlimited Quilters (MC-B/Patio)
	10am	CLASS: Advent Study (MC-E)
	10am	UWF Leadership Team (MC-S)
Wed Dec 10	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (MC-B)
	1pm	Girls Matter Period (offsite)
	3:30pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ER)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Dec 11	3pm	GCAC Board Meeting (MC-S)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)

MAIN CAMPUS	YR = Youth Rm
EB = Education Bldg.	
ER = Emmaus Rm	MISSIONS CENTER
K = Kitchen	MC-B = Barnabas
KR = Koinonia Rm	MC-E = Esther
MR = Music Rm	MC-M = Martha
NAR = Noah's Ark Rm	MC-S = Stephen
P = Patio	
S = Sanctuary	
SoGR = Sea of Galilee Rm	
WR = Wesley Rm	

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	7:30pm	Christmas Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
Fri Dec 12	8am	Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sat Dec 13	8am	MTG: PEO (MC-B)
	9am	Community Market (S Parking Lot)
	3pm	24th Annual GCUMC Christmas Concert
	5pm	Music Dept. Christmas Party (EB)
Sun Dec 14	9am	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	10:30am	Coffee & Fellowship (EB Patio)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	11am	Praise Worship (KR)
	11am	Youth Sunday School (YR)
	12pm	Coffee & Fellowship (EB Patio)
	12pm	Youth Mission Project (YR & offsite)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
Mon Dec 15	6pm	CLASS: Advent Study (offsite)
Tue Dec 16	10am	CLASS: Advent Study (MC-E)
	11am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-B)
Wed Dec 17	10am	Superstition Astronomical League-(MC-M)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (MC-B)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ER)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Dec 18	9am	Girls Matter Period (MC-B)
	10am	Lions Club Mtg. (MC-M)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)
Fri Dec 19	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	6:30pm	Church Staff Christmas Party (MC-B)
Sat Dec 20	10am	MTG: UWF Monthly meeting (MC-E)

Sun Dec 21 9am Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
 9:30am Children's Sunday School (EB)
 9:30am Traditional Worship (S)
 10:30am Coffee & Fellowship (EB Patio)
 11am Children's Sunday School (EB)
 11am Praise Worship (KR)
 11am Youth Christmas Party (YR)
 12pm Coffee & Fellowship (EB Patio)
 12pm UMYF (YR)
 2pm Blessing of the Pets Festival (campus)
 3pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
 4pm Gospel Worship (KR)
 Mon Dec 22 6pm CLASS: Advent Study (offsite)
 Tue Dec 23 — —
 Wed Dec 24 All day Christmas Eve
 10:30am Cancer Support Group (ER/K)
 1pm DISCIPLE 3 (MC-B)
 4pm Christmas Eve Service (S)
 6pm Christmas Eve Service (S)
 Thu Dec 25 All day Christmas Day
 All day OFFICE CLOSED for Holiday
 7pm AA (MC-E)

*The DEADLINE for next month's NEWSLETTER CONTENT is the 10th OF THE MONTH.

Fri Dec 26 All day OFFICE CLOSED for Holiday
 8am GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)
 11am CareGivers Support Group (ER)
 5:30pm AA (MC-E)
 Sat Dec 27 — —
 Sun Dec 28 All day Youth Confirmation Retreat (offsite)
 9am Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
 9:30am Traditional Worship (S)
 9:30am Children's Sunday School (EB)
 10:30am Coffee & Fellowship (EB Patio)
 11am Praise Worship (KR)
 11am Children's Sunday School (EB)
 12pm Coffee & Fellowship (EB Patio)
 3pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
 4pm Gospel Worship (KR)
 Mon Dec 29 All day Youth Confirmation Retreat (offsite)
 Tue Dec 30 All day Youth Confirmation Retreat (offsite)
 Wed Dec 31 All day New Year's Eve
 10am Superstition Astronomical League (MC-M)
 10am UWF Reading Program (MC-B/Patio)
 1pm DISCIPLE 3 (MC-B)



Get involved!

Music Ministry

For more info contact Ian in the Church Office

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!

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DECEMBER 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!

Graham, Andie 12/01
 Scott, Peggy 12/01
 Kissner, Dale 12/02
 King, Kathleen (Kathy) 12/03
 Raffurty, Larry 12/03
 Blank, Lauren (Lori) 12/04
 Bermele, Sharolyn (Shari) 12/05
 Capen, Gary 12/05
 Rhine-Walker, Jennifer (Jen) 12/05
 Walsh, Judy 12/05
 Johnson, Carol 12/06
 LeRoy, Randal (Randy) 12/07
 Miller, John 12/07
 Boldt, Kathy 12/08
 Hollingsworth, Carol 12/08
 Molzen, Geneva 12/09
 Robison, Marty 12/09
 Broz, Linda 12/10
 Brogren, Neil 12/11
 Classe, Ian 12/11
 Raffurty, Anita 12/11
 Graves, Samuel (Bob) 12/12
 Ritenour, Marcia 12/13
 Tabor, Gerald Lynn (Lynn) 12/13
 Houser, Ronald (Ron) 12/14
 Keller, Katharine 12/14
 Sisson, Anthony (Tony) 12/14
 Tabor, Ilene 12/14
 Tucker, Paula 12/14
 Acevedo, Carol 12/15
 Twa, Mary Gay 12/15
 Jameson, Suzanne 12/16
 Pepin, Jeff 12/16
 Smith, Jeanine (Jeanie) 12/16
 Toole, John 12/16
 Hill, Nancy 12/17
 Kinder, Peggy 12/17
 Hicklin, Kathy 12/18
 Nyfeler, Janet 12/18
 Serrine, Kathleen (Kathy) 12/18
 Walker, Robert (Rob) 12/18
 Hager, Diana 12/19
 Robertson, Judy 12/19

Bolster, Patricia (Pat) 12/20
 Farnham, Pat 12/20
 McAuliffe, William 12/20
 Jacobsen, Ken 12/23
 McAuliffe, Claudia 12/23
 Warth, Holly 12/24
 Brooks, Deborah 12/25
 Halsted, Vern (Butch) 12/25
 King, William (Bill) 12/25
 LeQuire, Steven (Steve) 12/25
 Miller, Christine (Chris) 12/25
 Gilbreath, Dawn 12/26
 Cartney, Kay 12/27
 Lambert, Lester (Les) 12/27
 Schenck, Joyce 12/27
 Tonole, Don 12/27
 Parson, Barb 12/28
 Brendel, Don 12/29
 Schuler, Connie 12/29
 Barks, Niels 12/30
 Waechter, William (Bill) 12/30
 Adams, Dalton 12/31
 Hosler, Gary 12/31
 Manbeck, Jerrilyn (Jerri) 12/31

Happy Anniversary!

Palmer, Charlie & Lori 12/01
 Nunn, Kevin & Hammond, Lynda 12/10
 Thomas, Mary & Bill 12/11
 Erickson, Todd & Tressa 12/13
 Linton, Diana & John 12/14
 Nefzer, Kathy & Rick 12/15
 Ingram, Pam & Bob 12/16
 Gibson, Dianna & James 12/19
 Davenport, Brian & Mary Ann 12/20
 Nuss, John & Kathy 12/20
 Carlozzi, Mid & Noreen 12/22
 Schuler, Connie & Phalen 12/23
 Hosler, Gary & Mary Lou 12/26
 Johnson, Leila & Richard 12/27
 Greenlee, Kay & Bill 12/29
 Gunn, Jim & Susan 12/30
 Brooks, Deborah & Mark 12/31





CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

October	2022			2023			2024			2025		
	General Fund \$	Building Fund \$	Attendance #	General Fund \$	FH Bldg. Fund \$	Attendance #	General Fund \$	FH Bldg. Fund \$	Attendance	General Fund \$	FH Bldg. Fund \$	Attendance #
	85,300	26,639	7,087	99,187	16,342	6,525	69,402	9,456	4,344	70,516	6,698	4,829

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- **Fellowship Hall** \$4.9 Mill. needed (\$2.2 Mill. raised)
- **Organ Fund** \$2.5 Mill. needed (\$285,196 raised)
- **Mission Center Parking Lot** \$200K needed (\$80k raised)
- **Playground Shade** \$55,243 needed (\$0 raised)



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- ✚ **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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WORSHIP SERVICES

- ✝ 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 Fellowship (*Educ Bldg*)

Addressee or Current Resident