



FEBRUARY 2026



FROM OUR PASTORS

Rev. David J. Harriss, Senior Pastor

TREASURED BY GOD

We beg of you as Christ's representatives, Be reconciled to God! --II Corinthians 6:4

There is a very elemental and yet, difficult reality for humans and Christians to face: In God's eyes everyone is of sacred worth and value. All of us have value because Christ died for everyone. In a day and age where humanity is conflicted on social issues, economic concerns, wars and rumors of wars, we need to remind ourselves of Christ's gift for all of humanity. The problem of not expanding the circle with Christ's love, often rests with us. We exclude others because we simply cannot contemplate a love so grandiose that it includes everyone. Among other reasons, we also fail to show love to everyone because of a real, imagined, or potential fear of retribution.

On Wednesday, February 18th, 2026, we will have an Ash Wednesday Service of Worship at 7 p.m., at Gold Canyon United Methodist Church in the Church Sanctuary. One of the scriptures from the Revised Common Lectionary for this Ash Wednesday celebration comes from 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10. Within this scripture Paul talks about the way in which we are all treasured by God. He also discusses the way in which love begets love. Our realization that God loves all of us should make us cognizant of the need to love everyone, as well. However, faith does not protect us from being harmed by others. Faith also does not shield us from problems and difficulties. Paul lists the frequency in which we may become victims of trials and tribulations, simply by spreading God's love to a hungry world.

On Ash Wednesday, we face our own mortality as we come forward for the imposition of ashes, *From dust you were formed, to dust you shall return.* We reflect on where we are in this spiritual journey. We contemplate where we want to be at this point of the journey. And, we begin to look toward Jesus Christ's road ahead, where he will offer his disciples final farewells, share a final meal with them, suffer and die. This is all part of this journey which we call Lent.

Lent is ushered in on Ash Wednesday. It is a time in which we contemplate life, so far. Part of our journey is the confrontation with difficulties and pain. Part of our journey is the realization that we are finite. Part of the journey is the realization that we are treasured by God and that we need God because of life's trials and tribulations. The proof of God's extravagant love for us, is through Christ's death and resurrection. Christ died for all, so that all may have life after death! Because we are all treasured by God, our physical bodies will become part of the earth, but our spiritual souls will be with Christ, forevermore. From dust you were formed, to dust you shall return.

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Have a great Lenten journey in 2026! ---*David J. Harriss*



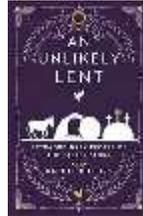
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Pastor Katharine Keller

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

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Katharine will be facilitating the video-based study "An Unlikely Lent: Extraordinary People of the Easter Story" by Rachel Billups. We will meet in the Koinonia Room on 6 consecutive Tuesdays beginning **February 17th**. Books are approximately \$18— order online.



UNDERGIRDING LENT— To help prepare us for the Ash Wednesday service— 2/18, (and eventually the Easter Sunrise service) Pastor Katharine is inviting you to view the movie, "The Way" with Martin Sheen and Emilio Estevez **on Monday, Feb. 16th at 10:30am** and also on **Tuesday, Feb. 17th at 6pm** in the Missions Center. If you cannot attend either of these viewings, she suggests you either rent (or buy) the film. It is a powerful and inspirational story about family, friends, and the challenges we face while navigating this every-changing and complicated world.

ASHES TO GO

Ashes, a traditional sign of our own mortality and the beginning of Lent, will be imposed both during the Ash Wednesday worship service **February 18 at 7 pm** but also outside from **8-11am and 1 - 3pm**. Pastor

Katharine will have a booth near the church's driveway by Kings Ranch Road. You may stay in your car and drive through. This is open to anyone who drives by.

PET BLESSING REDO

The community Pet Blessing will be held on **Saturday, March 7th from 2-4pm**. If you can help in any way for this fun, but meaningful event, please reach out to Pastor Katharine in the Church Office.



WHAT'S IN YOUR MUG?

Ladies, this is a half-day retreat led by Tressa Erickson on **Saturday, March 14th** in the K-Room. She will be doing a devotional message about the contents of what we have put in our cups; how can we change and become more Christ-like and fill our mugs up with the right things that please God; how can we pour into those in need – let our mugs overflow!! We will begin at **9am**. Coffee and tea will be offered when you arrive, however around 11 we will serve brunch. Cost is \$40 for food and materials, payable that day. Please know that if you sign up you will be accountable for the \$40, so if your plans change and you cannot attend, let us know and will remove your name from the reservations. Please sign up in either building. Deadline to sign up is no later than February 22nd. Questions should be directed to Pastor Katharine..



COMING EVENT — EMPTY BOWLS

Sunday, March 22nd. This is a wonderful opportunity for folks to purchase a handmade bowl from our local potters with soup to go, all to benefit our Food Bank. Look for more information in next month's newsletter and future bulletins. Last year's event was colorful and a great way to celebrate our potters!

SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE CAMP!

Our week-long VBC will be **June 1st- 5th from 9am – noon**. Our theme this summer is "Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God." Parents, please put this week on your calendar and tell your neighbors and friends. This week is for ages 5 – 11 (12-year-olds are welcome, too).



Adults and teens – we need your help to make this week happen! Please contact Pastor Katharine in the Church Office if you can help in any capacity.



GLOBAL MISSIONS

Pastor Katharine Keller



RICE & BEANS

Our mission trip to the Rice and Beans Ministries in Costa Rica (January 10th to 17th) was a transformational experience for all who participated. If you didn't catch the Sunday service where they re-counted their time- be sure to check out the 9:30 or 11am service from January 25th. Go to goldcanyonumc.org and click on "past services".

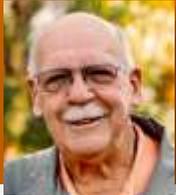
Next year's Mission Trip to Costa Rica is planned for **January 9-16th, 2027**. An informational meeting will be held in March. Watch your bulletin for more info.





Join us next year!





CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Rev. Gary Capen, Associate Pastor



I pray that everyone had a blessed Christmas and New Year. It hardly seems possible that we are a month into 2026. Time has a strange way of slipping away, and we find ourselves at a loss for what happened to all that time. I find, as I wrote in January's Road Runner, that "centering down" is a way for us to find a deeper meaning to our lives. When we center down, we find our minds at peace and our hearts filled with the love God has poured out upon us. We have just finished the holidays, and here we are approaching Lent. Ash Wednesday is February 18th. We have gone from Christ as a baby, an innocent child, born into a world that was not prepared for him, and now we are focusing on the final stages of Christ's life with us. In these 40 days of Lent, we witness the culmination of Jesus' life's work, as he now prepares to face the cross.

The cross in Jesus' time was the ultimate punishment and humiliation for persons who had committed heinous crimes. Yet Jesus was not committing any crimes; he was telling us that the Kingdom of God was at hand and that we should prepare for it. Jesus' teachings were all about loving God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength and loving our neighbors as ourselves. But the world in Jesus' day was anything but loving. It was filled with political power during the Roman occupation and the religious power of the Pharisees and Scribes. Jesus' teachings were seen as a threat to the political and religious order, and the result was his crucifixion. Has the world changed all that much in the last 2000-plus years? Or has the world remained the same, only with more hatred and cruelty? This is why we need to "center down": to meet this world with the faith and confidence of Christ with us in all we do and live. We continue to have a lot of work ahead of us, regardless of our age and stage of life. As children of God, we are called to continue Jesus' work in this world until the Kingdom comes.

In the bulletin every week, if you look at the cover of the bulletin, at the bottom you read the list of Pastors, and at the last line you read "Ministers— The Congregation". Every one of us is a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You may have heard me say before that, while I was in Stoughton, Massachusetts, one of the church members was a sanitation worker. One day, following a message on this very topic, he approached me and said, "How can you call me a minister of the Gospel? All I do is collect people's garbage!" I asked him what happened during the sanitation workers' strike in New York City (which had taken place just a few years earlier), when the garbage piled up on the streets and rats and other creatures infested the piles, spreading disease and making people sick. In response, he stood a little taller, thought a little more, and felt more like the minister I had said he was. We all have a calling, a job we are called to do in life, and with that calling comes the responsibility of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world and making disciples of those with whom we interact every day. Think of this in the context of this Lenten Season. It begins with Ash Wednesday, when we are marked with the cross of Christ on our foreheads or hands. This tells everyone we meet that we are followers of Jesus Christ, and that how we act and what we do represents the image of Christ in their eyes.

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 Pastoral staff and trained Lay **Congregational Care Ministers (CCMs)**. They 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.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Valerie Hammons, Youth Director

“...Growing disciples of Jesus Christ and living the Word.”

GCUMC YOUTH 2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

While planning our calendar for 2026 we wanted to reflect on what worked for us last year. We were all amazed at the service and projects we were able to accomplish. Many of our youth are: athletes, participate in drama, choir, band, orchestra and MANY more after school activities as well.

2025 was a great year for growth... spiritually, emotionally and learning to love our church family as we are —

- Neighborhood Prayer Walk
- Genesis Sandwich Saturday
- Lead Worship Services for Youth Sunday 2025
- Supported the Christian Courage Club at Apache Junction High School
- Purchased Christmas List items for a Native American on the reservation where we volunteered
- Back to school welcome gifts for all AJHS teachers
- Adopted a student and purchased all school supplies
- Had an amazing mission trip to South Dakota (4 first timers!)
- Adopted a family for Christmas
- Dinner at Ronald McDonald House
- Launched our new Middle School Ministry
- Worked with the UWF on Earth Day projects
- Partnered with AJHS for a student sandwich day for Genesis Project
- Shared flowers with our volunteer kitchen staff
- Feed My Starving Children
- Purchased Bibles for AJHC Baccalaureate
- Planned, purchased and cooked our ‘Thank you sponsors’ dinner
- Did 2 walks in support of Down Syndrome
- Honored our 2025 graduates
- Participated in Easter Service and taught Easter Sunday school for all ages (and egg hunt)

Our first lessons for 2026 were “Sacred Timeline”. We learned what God did in the past, now and in our future.

Thanks for your support! — *Valerie*
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UNITED METHODIST
YOUTH
 FELLOWSHIP



Upcoming YOUTH Events:

2026

JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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- 4 **Communion Sunday**
NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES: The Scared Timeline
- 19 **SANDWICHES FOR GENESIS PROJECT** Meet in Youth Room 11am
- 31 **BAKE CAKES FOR AUTISM WALK REGISTRATION** 11AM

FEBRUARY

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- 1 **Communion Sunday**
NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES: Sex, Drugs, & Rock 'n Roll
- 14 **VALENTINE'S DAY ZOO WALK FOR AUTISM** 7AM @ Phoenix Zoo.
- 15 **RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL** 11AM
- 16 **MEAL AT RONALD McDONALD HOUSE on DOBSON**
Hang out on President's Day while cooking our meal @ 6pm
- 22 **WORK ON OUR YOUTH SUNDAY!**

MARCH

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- 1 **YOUTH SUNDAY TAKEOVER Communion Sunday**
We will be in charge of both services. Sign up to be a liturgist, prayer reader, greeter.... How would you like to serve?
- 8 **NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES: Influencer**
- 13-14 **OVERNITE CAMPING** no SS on the 15th? in the Superstitions.
- 28 **SHARING DOWN SYNDROME WALK TBD**
- 29 **EASTER PUPPET SHOW REHEARSAL**
- 3 **EASTER PUPPET SHOW REHEARSAL and hide little Jesus'** Friday, April 3rd 1pm
- 5 **UPCOMING: Eater Sunday April 5th (Puppet Show)**
April 22nd Earth Day - We will be working with our Women of Faith.

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!

STAY IN THE KNOW!

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





MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



As we continue towards stewardship season and Lent, we've got a lot of unexpected changes to the music schedule, so I'll jump right into it:

First of all, unfortunately, due to health issues, the **Syvati Duo** concert on **February 1st** has been **CANCELLED**. We are working with them and their agent to reschedule for the following season. Our prayers and well wishes are with them for a speedy recovery.

Stewardship season is here at the beginning of February and the music ministry will be doing its part by bringing you special music including the Canyon Carillon, Chancel Choir, and special guests such as the Sonoran Brass Quintet on **February 8th**. Don't miss worship on those Sundays and come in person for the best experience!



Another change to our events schedule due to some scheduling conflicts, **Sam & Josh Stefanski** have been rescheduled for **Sunday, February, 22 @ 2pm**. instead of the previously scheduled February 15. Sam & Josh first performed on the Gold Canyon UMC Performing Arts Series last year to great audience acclaim (that's why we brought them back!) This dynamic duo will be performing an inspiring blend of contemporary Christian songs, familiar favorites, as well as classic songs from every decade. Sam's warm and inviting voice alongside Josh's spectacular piano-playing will make this an afternoon not to miss. Sam has performed in many musical settings - most recently as a member of the Phoenix Symphony Chorus, and has been contracted to sing in performing arts centers, theatres, and private venues in front of audiences including Arizona governors, presidential candidates, and other dignitaries. Josh has also performed for countless venues and events in Phoenix and other cities such as Chicago, Seattle, Houston, Miami, and San Diego. Admission is free, doors open 30 minutes before, and a free-will offering will be received to support the artists and our series. We hope to see you there.



Sam & Josh Stefanski
Sun 2/22 @ 2pm

On **Friday, February 20th at 7pm**. the Gold Canyon Arts Council will be presenting the Face Vocal Band an internationally recognized, a cappella all vocal rock band from Boulder, Colorado. They are a rock music phenomenon, using only voices including a vocal drummer, mesmerizing audiences as they perform their popular songs without instruments or special effects. Formed by Joseph DiMasi and Ben Lunstad in 2002, they first appeared nationally in 2009 as one of 8 original groups on NBC's premiere season of "The Sing-Off". It's sure to be an exciting time so get your tickets now. Tickets are available at goldcanyonarts.org/tickets, the Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce, or Robin Rotella Team Realtors. Remember, donations to the food bank are always welcome at all performances and events!



As always, if you have questions, comments, or just want to talk music, feel free to reach out to me via email, phone, or in person. Be sure to leave your contact information if you leave a message so we can have a dialogue about whatever your questions or concerns may be. Have a great month!

Peace and best regards, *Ian*



CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

RIDING HIGH ON THE NEW YEAR



We often seem to come roaring into the new year with great ideas, lofty commitments or resolutions, excited about this fresh new year being “perfect”. We are going to fix everything wrong in our lives and get everything back on track!

It's February, how do you feel now compared to how you felt January 1? You may feel great and things have 100% gone your way so far this year. Hopefully you have much gratitude for that. Or you may feel a little deflated, as some of your expectations have not remotely been met.

I recently read this – “*You are currently living in at least one of the prayers you used to pray. Reflect on that today. God is faithful.*” I can't remember a time that I didn't believe in God. But I can certainly remember times when I was very discouraged, and wondered “*Why, God?*” Times I didn't understand what was happening in my life, and I'm pretty sure my faith was wavering. I believed in God, but my faith that all that was occurring was working for my good, I probably didn't believe so much. (Jeremiah 29:11; Romans 8:28)

A good friend of mine passed away on New Years Eve. His wife, right after, was able to say “*I don't understand it now, but God is faithful. He is good all the time.*” Now that is unwavering faith!

Actor Michael J. Fox was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease at age 29, a devastating diagnosis at any age, but 29!? He's long been known for his optimism, upbeat personality, and ability to face his challenges with a smile for 30 years. He started the Michael J Fox Foundation for Parkinson's research, using his resources to fight for a cure. He says, “*with gratitude, optimism is sustainable!*”

How do people do that? I know my friend who just lost her husband is a Christian with extremely strong faith. I'm not sure of Michael J. Fox's religious affiliation but from what I've read I think he likely believes in God.

The commonality with the two of them seems to be gratitude for what they have, and understanding life is never without difficulties. To that point, author and scholar C.S. Lewis once said, “*Life with God is not immunity from difficulties, but peace in difficulties.*”

Peace in difficulties, that really is what God promises us. Sometimes we just must be very intentional in how we think. That saying “*...currently living in at least one of the prayers you used to pray...*” is a great example. Adjusting our perspective and taking inventory of our lives over a significant period helps us to cognize how much there is to have gratitude for.

In a recent Pastor Rick Warren devotional, I heard him mention a man who once told him that his favorite phrase in the Bible was “*it came to pass.*” (used 400+ times) It reminded him that his problems are necessary, varied but above all, temporary!

As I've reflected on these recent readings or events, I recognize that in my life it's easy for me to say “*God is good*” when things go my way. But if there's a negative event, especially a difficult one like my friend losing her husband, I don't automatically say “*God is good.*” So I am challenging myself to say “*God is good all the time!*”, at least once each week, when something I perceive as bad is happening to me or around me. I hope to strengthen my faith in God's promise that through difficulties He is forging me into someone stronger and closer to who He wants me to be. **Join me!**

If finding any peace in your difficulties sounds impossible for you, consider **reaching 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.

28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.
~ [Romans 8:28]



LOCAL MISSIONS & MINISTRIES



STITCHES UNLIMITED

This Spring the Stitches Unlimited group happily donated quilts to two *Habitat For Humanity* recipients: Nicole and her 5-year-old daughter, Jasmine—lovingly called Jazzy—who share a bond rooted in love, resilience, and hope. Born and raised in Mesa, Arizona, Nicole has overcome significant challenges, while working full-time and raising Jazzy on her own. Together they enjoy movie nights, Barbie playtime, church activities, swimming when they can, and baking Christmas cookies.



Jasmine, who says she wants to be a doctor someday, is now in 1st grade and the strength and stability of an affordable home means she is more than twice as likely to pursue a secondary education when that time comes. We hope these quilts bring them nearer to a home filled with love, growth, and countless new memories. If you'd like to join the quilting group, we meet 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



FOOD BANK



We had a successful holiday season last year, having given away approx. 325 combined turkey and ham dinner bags for Thanksgiving and Christmas. This is outside of the total numbers served for the year of 11,000 individuals/ 4,071 families.

Thank you to the members of GCUMC who are so generous in supporting the food bank and in turn, your community! We had many successful food and fund drives, to include the Montessa/Needlers, Gold Canyon Golf and RV Resort, Peralta Trails/ATV Parade of Lights, Arizonian RV Resort, Carefree Covered RV Storage, Canyon Vista Community, Center Stage Church, a Bunco Players Group. We can truly say that in the rough times in the latter half of 2025, the church and community really stepped up to help each other.

We'd like to extend our appreciation to our volunteers who show up faithfully to attend to their important duties at the Food Bank. We are fortunate to have so many in our community that consider helping their neighbors an important part of their own lives. We are planning a volunteer appreciation event to take place in early March to thank them.

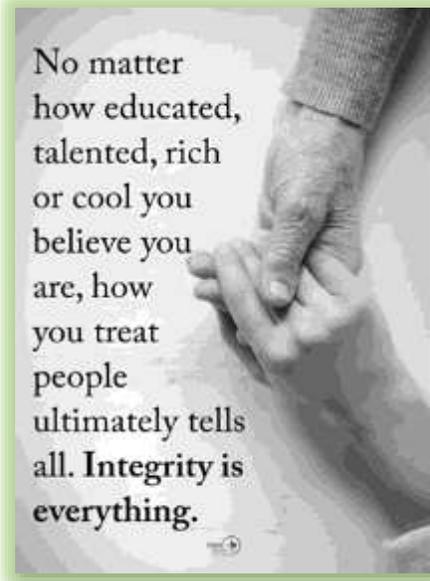
While we don't know what political and economic fallout will affect our neighbors (and ourselves) this year, we can rest a little easier knowing that our church, the congregation and our community will continue to rise to the occasion. — The volunteers at the food bank wish you and yours a very happy and healthy 2026!

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! It's easy to do... just stop by (or call) the Church Office or visit the Welcome Desk on Sunday if you need help!

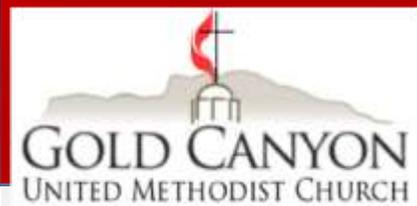
Bashas' When you shop at any Bashas' store for food or prescriptions and use their rechargeable card that was obtained here at the Welcome Center or the Church Office, GCUMC receives a 6% charity gift from Bashas'.

fry's Go online to link your Fry's VIP Card to their Community Rewards program and choose GCUMC (A#TS438), and they will contribute 3% of your purchases to GCUMC!



Newest members: Dean and Teri Anderson joined GCUMC on January 25th at the 9:30 service — Be sure to say, “Hi!”





FEBRUARY CALENDAR

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

Sun Feb 1	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)
	10:30am	Youth fundraiser cake pick-up (Lobby)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	11am	Praise Worship (KR)
	11am	Youth Sunday School (YR)
	12pm	Youth Fellowship (YR)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
Mon Feb 2	9am	Tai Chi (MC-B)
Tue Feb 3	9am	GriefShare (ER)
	9am	GC Garden Club (MC-B)
	1pm	GriefShare (ER)
	3pm	Bells Rehearsal (MR/S)
Wed Feb 4	10am	UWF Reading Program (MC-B)
	11:30am	House of Refuge meeting (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (MC-B)
	3:30pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ER)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Feb 5	1pm	Closed Bible Study (ER)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)
Fri Feb 6	9am	Tai Chi (MC-B)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sat Feb 7	—	—
Sun Feb 8	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	Youth Fellowship (YR)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
Mon Feb 9	9am	Tai Chi (MC-B)
Tue Feb 10	9am	Stitches Unlimited Quilters (MC-B&Patio)
	9am	GriefShare (ER)
	10am	MTG: UWFaith Leadership Team (MC-S)
	1pm	GriefShare (ER)
	3pm	Bells Rehearsal (MR/S)
Wed Feb 11	10am	Superstition Astronomical League (MC-M)

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)

	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (MC-B)
	3:30pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ER)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Feb 12	1pm	Closed Bible Study (ER)
	3pm	GCAC Board Meeting (MC-S)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)
Fri Feb 13	9am	Tai Chi (MC-B)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sat Feb 14	All day	Valentine's Day
	9am	Community Market (S Parking Lot)
Sun Feb 15	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	Youth Fellowship (YR)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
Mon Feb 16	All day	President's Day
	All day	OFFICE CLOSED for Holiday
	9am	Tai Chi (MC-B)
	10:30am	FILM: The Way (for Lent) (MC-E)
Tue Feb 17	9am	GriefShare (ER)
	10am	CLASS: Lenten Study (ER/K)
	1pm	GriefShare (ER)
	3pm	Bells Rehearsal (MR/S)
	6pm	FILM: The Way (for Lent) (MC-E)
Wed Feb 18	8am	Ashes to Go (S Parking Lot)
	1pm	Ashes to Go (S Parking Lot)

*The DEADLINE for next month's NEWSLETTER CONTENT is the 10th OF THIS MONTH by 4pm.

1pm DISCIPLÉ 3 (MC-B)
 3:30pm DISCIPLÉ 2 (ER)
 7pm Ash Wednesday Worship (S)
 Thu Feb 19 10am Lions Club Mtg (MC-M)
 1pm Closed Bible Study (ER)
 6pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
 7pm AA (MC-E)
 Fri Feb 20 9am Tai Chi (MC-B)
 11am CareGivers Support Group (ER)
 5:30pm AA (MC-E)
 7am GCAC Concert: Face Vocal Band (S)
 Sat Feb 21 8am MTG: Monthly UWF (MC-E)
 12pm MEMORIAL: John Berry (S)
 1pm RECEPTION: Berry Memorial (KR?K)
 Sun Feb 22 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)
 12pm Youth Fellowship (YR)
 2pm CONCERT: Stefanski Brothers (S)
 3pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
 4pm Gospel Worship (KR)
 Mon Feb 23 9am Tai Chi (MC-B)

Tue Feb 24 9am Stitches Unlimited (MC-B)
 9am GriefShare (ER)
 10am CLASS: Lenten Study (ER/K)
 1pm GriefShare (ER)
 3pm Bells Rehearsal (MR/S)
 Wed Feb 25 10am MTG: Superstition Astronomical Leag. (MC-M)
 10:30am Cancer Support Group (ER/K)
 1pm DISCIPLÉ 3 (MC-B)
 1pm DISCIPLÉ 2 (ER)
 5pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
 Thu Feb 26 9am Girls Matter Period (MC-B)
 1pm Closed Bible Study (ER)
 6pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
 7pm AA (MC-E)
 Fri Feb 27 9am Tai Chi (MC-B)
 11am CareGivers Support Group (ER)
 5:30am AA (MC-E)
 Sat Feb 28 8am PEO Meeting (MC-B)

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Get involved!



For more info contact Ian in the Church Office



CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY



FEBRUARY 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!

- Talley Jr, John 02/01
- Behan, Jack 02/01
- Hoerter, Coleen 02/03
- Benjamin, Chris 02/04
- Osgood, Gladys 02/05
- Lindaman, Carol 02/05
- Merrick, Jim 02/05
- Cunningham, Steve 02/05
- Hoff-Mancini, Cynthia 02/05
- Breklander, Bobbie 02/06
- Oxley, Gene 02/06
- Elek, Deane 02/07
- Nelson, Joni 02/08
- Hays, Louise 02/10
- Callantine, Peggy 02/10
- Waytenick, Dave 02/10
- Halterman, Bobbie 02/12
- Willis, Gloria 02/13
- Jacobsen, Elaine 02/13
- Daigle, Bob 02/13
- Colaizzi, Michael 02/13
- Kraft, Randy 02/13
- Schmidt, Judy 02/14
- McCauley, S Kay 02/14
- Kurtenbach, Diane 02/15
- Russell, Bob 02/16
- Rivera, Steve 02/16
- Poferl, David 02/16
- Burris, Terry 02/17
- Adams, Ada 02/17



- Burzlauff, Julie 02/18
- Atkinson, Bill 02/22
- Fratt, Genie 02/22
- Fye, Ben 02/23
- McConnell, Alice 02/25
- Sims, Kay 02/25
- Robinson, Paul 02/25
- Beasley, Earl 02/25
- Owens, Ann 02/26
- Daniels, Jacob 02/26
- Halbig, Shelley 02/27
- Waechter, Nancy 02/28
- Schwartz, Dick 02

Happy Anniversary!

- Vorseth, Duane & Sue 02/04
- Adams, Ada & Michael 02/05
- Colmer, Jerry & Margaret 02/06
- Nelson, Bill & Patty 02/06
- Smith, Dave & Jeanie 02/06
- Bliss, Joy & Dybwad, Gay 02/14
- Paterson, Nancy & Bob 02/15
- Deitch, David & Kate 02/20
- Cooke, Jon & Teresa 02/21
- Sich, Jeff & Jonna 02/22
- Burgi, Jenelu & Bob 02/28



Celebrating the Lives of:

*We honor the lives and memories of these members
and friends who have recently passed...*

Gary Ackerson
Russ Goings
Scott McGowan

Art Rogers
Dana Steffel
Cindy Tucker



CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

December	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
	150,860	20,893	5,373	149,252	16,221	8,203	215,840	18,152	4,487	153,362	7,059	5,374

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.



Want to give to Gold Canyon UMC beyond your pledge to the General Budget or Building Fund? Listed below are some items that will better enable us to fulfill our mission as a church:

- **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)



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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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