



JANUARY 2026



Rev. David J. Harriss, Senior Pastor

FROM OUR PASTORS

NEW YEAR, NEW HOPES!

When I was much younger, I always loved to see the acorn drop in New York City's Time Square. We made it to a new year! How exciting! There is something exciting about overcoming obstacles, achieving new heights, and moving forward. We do this all the time, with every passing moment. However, New Year's Eve may be one of the greatest celebrations, where we remember our past as we move forward into the new year.

So, what are your Christ-centered hopes and visions for humanity in 2026? As we start fresh for 2026, I will be offering leadership training early in the year (most likely in February, time/date TBD) for our church leaders who were selected at Church Conference, 2025. What I have often experienced is that if a church does not have a few goals and visions for the year, we do the same thing which we did the previous year. As leaders of the church, we should be asking the questions, *Where is God calling us to be in 2026? What are our aspirations and what are our concerns? How do we bridge the gap between these two?* In our leadership training sessions, we will look at these areas and come up with a few measurable goals for the year. We will form a plan to meet these

measurable goals in 2026. Then, we will need to have a meeting schedule, maybe once a quarter, to see how we are meeting these goals. What are we doing well at this point? What do we need to work on?

2026 is a new year! I look forward to being in ministry with you as we envision God's Kingdom, together.

—*Pastor David J. Harriss*



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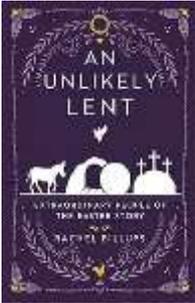


CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Pastor Katharine Keller

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

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY



Believe it or not Ash Wednesday is February 18th and so begins the season of Lent. 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 Missions Center on 6 consecutive Tuesdays beginning **February 17th**. Books are \$18, payable at the first class. Please sign up so that Pastor Katharine can order a book for you.

BAPTISM OF JONATHAN KROFF

Jonathan, age 11, requested on his own volition to be baptized. It was with joy that Pastors David Harriss and Katharine Keller officiated on this momentous occasion.



CRAFTY CHRISTMAS

On 12/7/25 adults and children were delighted to design a variety of ornaments for their trees, put together a bag for a simmer pot, black bean soup, and decorated cookies while drinking hot chocolate. Many thanks to those who lead the crafts and to Ashley Singer who organized the event.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES





GLOBAL MISSIONS



RICE & BEANS

The GCUMC mission trip to Rice and Beans Ministries in Costa Rica will be from **January 10th to 17th!** Please keep these 17 travelers in your prayers as they minister alongside Director Fred Curry and his staff. We are grateful for all the donations we have received for food bags, as well as children's toys and games. Look for an update on the trip in next month's Roadrunner. Your representatives are: Linda Bellegante, Gary Capen, Sue Happel, Ron Kahler, Katharine Keller, Roy and Tamara Lampsa, Claudia Listman, Tammy Plaski, Rebecca Russel, Jake, Tiffany, Jane and Eli Schlemper, Tony Sission, Erwin and Lisa Turner.



GIRLS MATTER PERIOD

Girls Matter Period has an outreach trip planned to South Africa through **Blessman International** on **August 13, 2026**. Contact Paula Blessman at GirlsMatterPeriod@gmail.com if you are interested in going on this trip or in helping the mission in any way.



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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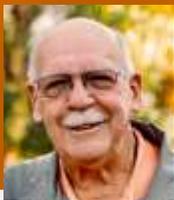
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Caring for others in the GCUMC fellowship of believers is shared by Pastoral staff and trained Lay **Congregational Care Ministers (CCMs)**. They share a ministry of loving, spiritual care: visits, prayer, Holy Communion, music, meals, errands and more. You are invited to join the **Congregational Care Ministry** by contacting the Church Office.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Rev. Gary Capen, Associate Pastor



As we enter a New Year, there's a blank slate that lies before us. How will we live this new year? What will we do with our lives? Especially in the New Life that Christ offers us every day. One of my favorite religious authors is Howard Thurman. Howard Thurman was an American author, philosopher, theologian, Christian mystic, educator, and civil rights leader. His writings are among my favorites, and one of his books, *Meditations of the Heart*, which he wrote in 1953, is among them. The following is a quote from his book:

“How Good to Center Down! How good it is to center down! To sit quietly and see one’s self pass by! The streets of our minds seethe with endless traffic; Our spirits resound with clashing, with noisy silences, while something deep within hungers and thirsts for the still moment and the resting lull. With full intensity we seek, ere thicket passes, a fresh sense of order in our living; A direction, a strong sure purpose that will structure our confusion and bring meaning in our chaos. We look at ourselves in this waiting moment—the kinds of people we are. The questions persist: what are we doing with our lives?—what are the motives that order our days?

What is the end of our doings? Where are we trying to go? Where do we put the emphasis and where are our values focused? For what end do we make sacrifices? Where is my treasure and what do I love most in life? What do I hate most in life and to what am I true? Over and over the questions beat upon the waiting moment. As we listen, floating up through all of the jangling echoes of our turbulence, there is a sound of another kind— A deeper note which only the stillness of the heart makes clear. It moves directly to the core of our being. Our questions are answered, Our spirits refreshed, and we move back into the traffic of our daily round With the peace of the Eternal in our step. How good it is to center down! (Howard Thurman, “Meditations of the Heart” page 28 – Kindle Edition)

So as we move into the traffic of our daily lives, in this New Year, will our questions be answered, our spirits refreshed, and will God’s enduring peace keep us rooted in the life Christ calls us to live? I pray you will find Howard Thurman's writing as meaningful, inspirational, and moving as I have. Ponder his words, and envision yourself “centering down.”

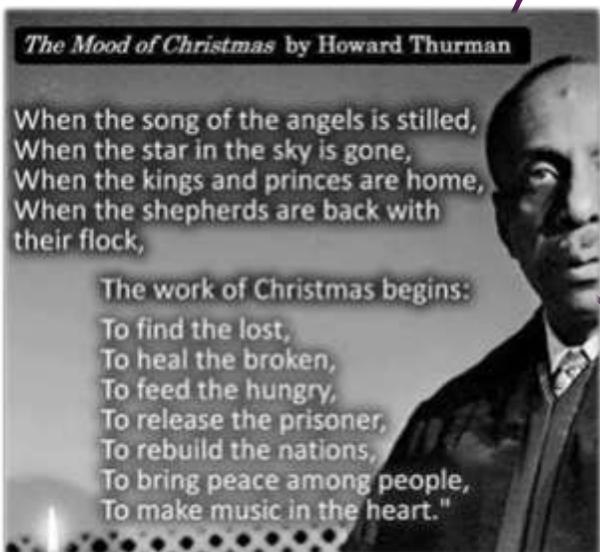
Happy New Year, —Gary

In Remembrance

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

John Berry
Scott McGowan

Cindy Robertson
Michael Siegforth





YOUTH MINISTRY

Valerie Hammons, Youth Director

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

• GCUMC Youth and Choir members
enjoyed Christmas Caroling
together!



MARCH 1ST, YOUTH SUNDAY

Youth Sunday school meets @ 11am
Middle school meets at 9:30am
Youth Group @ 12noon





CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

ORDERED BY: IN MEMORY OF: IN HONOR OF:

Anonymous	Carol Ann Gordon	
Robert Burgi		Jenelu Burgi
Mary Butterfield	Jerry Butterfield Michael Butterfield	
Lauren Collins-Mitchell	Lee & Foster Collins	
John & Teresa Cooke	Claude & Jackie Cooke Helen Oliver	
DISCIPLE I class	Craig Starks	
Mary Dudley	Nancy McGoron	
Jane Hansgaard	Charmaine Lehman Gladys Wilde	
David Harriss	George & Margaret Harriss	
Marisol Harriss	Francisco Javier	
Ginny Hirschi	John & parents	
Peter Johnson	Rita M. Johnson	
Carol Johnson	Leroy Kizer	
Bill & Kathy King	Bridgette King	
Joyce Larson	Dan Larson	
Kathy Nuss		Inge Fitzpatrick
Darrel & Colleen Oehler	Ward & Kathleen Freitag Richard & Mary Oehler	
Scott & Monica Ortega-Waters	Gary & Greta Poland Amado Ortega Bernie & Janie Watters	
Tammy & Sam Plaski	June & Grace	
Al & Diane Rasmussen	Daniel Rasmussen	
Carolyn & Denny Staebel	Terry Staebel	
Terryll Sullivan	Kevin Brown	
Tracie Vanderpan	Danette Bell	
Todd, Karen, Kateland, Ashley, & Tristan Williams	Doreen & Douglas Williams	Loved ones





MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great Christmas. I'd like to thank everyone who attended the Christmas concert this past December; we very much enjoyed sharing the time with you. We received an increased offering from last year to help support our music ministry and concert series, so thank you so much for your generous support! As we're now in the peak season here at Gold Canyon UMC, I hope we'll see you at more of our upcoming musical events. There are a number of things of interest coming up this month and next.

First of all, the Gold Canyon Arts Council will be presenting **Franc D'Ambrosio & Glory Crampton on Friday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m.** These famed Broadway veterans

celebrate the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber and his beloved musicals in the wonderful salute "Angel of Music", featuring songs from his most acclaimed shows. Crampton, one of Broadway's leading ladies and a musical theatre veteran, is known for her roles in Phantom of the Opera, My Fair Lady, and Carousel. D'Ambrosio is best known as the longest running Phantom of the Opera. His resume includes the Academy Award nominated, Godfather III, and Grammy, Emmy, and Tony award nominations. Tickets are available from goldcanyonarts.org/tickets, the Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce, or Robin Rotella Team Realtors.

Glory Crampton is one of Broadway's leading ladies — with roles in *My Fair Lady*, *Carousel*, and *The Fantasticks*.



Appearing 1-9-2026

Franc D'Ambrosio is best known as... the longest running *Phantom of the Opera*. His resume includes Academy Award, Emmy, Grammy, and Tony Award nominations.

Later this month, the Gold Canyon Arts Council will be hosting the annual **Gold Canyon Arts Festival on Saturday, January 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** on the Gold Canyon UMC Campus. It is a one-day event featuring a juried art show, musical groups performing throughout the day and a variety of food vendors. There are routinely over five thousand people attending to peruse the fine art work of 85 artists and to listen to multiple exciting musical groups. Admission and parking are free so come enjoy a great day.



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Right on the heels of the Arts Festival, the Gold Canyon UMC Performing Arts Series will be presenting the renowned Jazz pianist, **Nicole Pesce on Sunday, January 25th at 2:00 p.m.** Pesce entertains audiences with a unique blend of humor, virtuosity, and pizzazz and has performed for multiple U.S. presidents and celebrities as well as at top venues across the country. Pesce's original compositions and recordings can routinely be heard online and broadcasted on Phoenix's own jazz radio station. Be sure to attend for a great variety of music from classical selections to Jazz standards to the music of Billy Joel. Admission is free and doors open 30 minutes prior to the concert.



Early next month, on **February 1st at 2:00 p.m., the Syvati Duo** will be returning to Gold Canyon in concert for the first time in many years. Hailing from across the pond in the United Kingdom, the Syvati Duo is a partnership between virtuoso cellist Rebecca Hepplewhite and world-class organist Julian Collings. Playing a wide variety of music that will surprise and excite, including everything from Baroque sonatas through to substantial romantic and contemporary works, the Syvati Duo is dedicated to the tireless search for new repertoire including neglected original works as well as commissioned works from leading contemporary composers. They are currently preparing for the world-premiere performance of a new sonata by the American composer Christopher Schmitz and are enjoying working with the Dutch composer and organist Albert van der Hoeven on several new transcriptions. Be sure to come out for this rare event with acclaimed international artists, right here in Gold Canyon. Admission is free and doors open 30 minutes prior to the concert. Donations to the food bank are always welcome.

As you can see, we have a lot planned for you in this New Year so I hope to see you at many events and services. 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.

Peace & Best regards, *Ian*



LOCAL MISSIONS & MINISTRIES



ANGEL TREE 2025



Thanks to all who contributed in making this year's Angel Tree a great success. The United Women in Faith are so grateful for all you did. Each of the **75 children** at The House of Refuge (a transitional family housing program) received a gift they asked for, plus socks, underwear, and a hoodie. They also received an age-appropriate book thanks to Chris Houser and Jerri Manbeck. With your generosity we were also able to provide food for their Christmas Dinner and a \$75. Gift Card for the family. You are all amazing. Thank you so much Gold Canyon UMC Family.

STITCHES UNLIMITED

If your block isn't working right, turn it over — it might work left. Sorry, but I don't write my own sewing jokes. I keep running out of material. Here's a doozy... A burglar broke into a house one night. He shined his flashlight around, looking for valuables when a voice in the dark said, 'Jesus knows you're here.' He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight off, and froze. When he heard nothing more, after a bit, he shook his head and continued. Just as he pulled the stereo out so he could disconnect the wires, clear as a bell he heard 'Jesus is watching you.' Freaked out, he shined his light around frantically, looking for the source of the voice. Finally, in the corner of the room, his flashlight beam came to rest on a parrot. 'Did you say that?' he hissed at the parrot. 'Yep', the parrot confessed; then squawked, 'I'm just trying to warn you that he is watching you.' The burglar relaxed. 'Warn me, huh? Who in the world are you?' 'Moses,' replied the bird. 'Moses?' the burglar laughed. 'What kind of people would name a bird Moses?' 'The kind of people that would name a Rottweiler Jesus.' (Ha Ha Ha) We hope your new year brings you much laughter! This month we donated 10 quilts to kids in need. If you'd like to join this quilting group, we meet the **2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 9am to 2pm**, in the Missions Center. 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

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.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)



The November 9th Blood Drive was very successful with **32 units** donated. The Red Cross really enjoys working with the United Women in Faith (they love our cookies.) The next drive will be held on **April 12, 2026**. See you there!

November 19th— The Gold Canyon UWF Culinary Circle were thrilled to be able to provide the Thanksgiving meal again this year at Hope Women's Center. We provided all the food, including the traditional turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, rolls, corn casserole, plus many delicious pie choices! Five of our members served the meals and we had an additional four Hope Women's Center volunteers helping get the plates out in a timely manner. We served approximately **45 women plus staff** and had enough to enjoy a meal ourselves! The women and staff were so appreciative, as for some this was their first





experience enjoying a traditional Thanksgiving meal! Many thanks to all the cooks and bakers in the Culinary Circle!

*The next outing of the Culinary Circle will be to St. Anthony's Monastery in Florence AZ on **January 22, 2026**. For further information contact Carol Johnson at caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com

FOOD BANK

Happy New Year! 2026 is here – we made it! It's time to look back, take stock of the things that went right, the things that presented challenges, and celebrate our accomplishments.



The food bank served approximately **11,000 people/4000 families in 2025** (data incomplete as of this writing). Our neighbors in need dwell in Gold Canyon, Apache Junction, Superior, Queen Valley, Florence and Mesa. During 2025, the food bank contributed to other community needs such as feeding the Apache Junction football team, provided relief to the victims of Globe's awful flooding, provided close to 375 holiday dinner boxes to the community and did a blanket drive for Desert Chapel. We have extended our reach in terms of partnering with local communities for food and fund drives. We benefited from some successful events held by Montessa, the Needlers, Peralta Trails, Arizonian RV Resort, Care Free Covered RV and the Off-Road Vehicle Light Parade, not to mention the annual big golf tournament. Last but not least, we continually adapted during the past year's increase of clients in need due to the government shutdown and especially the stoppage of SNAP benefits. We have met those needs, thanks to the generosity of our congregation and community, the dedication and hard work of our volunteers, and our faith which overcomes adversity.

As we enter the new year, we will carry our positive momentum throughout 2026. It promises to be a great year – it's our country's 250th anniversary, the FIFA World Cup will be co-hosted by the US, Canada and Mexico, and it's the 100th anniversary of Route 66! We will continue to serve our community with love and care, while meeting the challenges of today's ever-changing world. The volunteers and management of the food bank wish the congregation all the blessings of life in 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

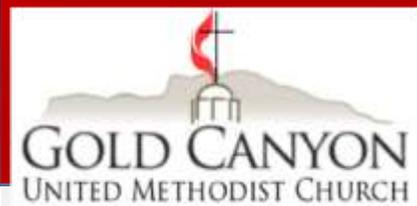


Desk on Sunday if you need help!

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!





JANUARY CALENDAR

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

Thu Jan 1	All day	New Year's Day
	All day	OFFICE CLOSED for Holiday
	7pm	AA (MC-E)
Fri Jan 2	9am	Tai Chi (MC-B)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sat Jan 3	—	—
Sun Jan 4	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)
	10:45am	DE-GREENING of Sanctuary (S)
	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 Jan 5	9am	Tai Chi (MC-B)
Tue Jan 6	9am	GC Garden Club (MC-B)
	9:30am	MTG: Food Bank Staff (MC-M)
	1pm	GriefShare (ER)
	3pm	Bells Rehearsal (MR/S)
Wed Jan 7	9am	Girls Matter Period (offsite)
	9am	DE-GREENING of Koinonia Rm (KR)
	10am	UWF Reading Program (MC-B)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (MC-B)
	3:30pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ER)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Jan 8	10am	GCAC Board Meeting (MC-S)
	12pm	GCAC Master Class (S/MR)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)
Fri Jan 9	9am	Tai Chi (MC-B)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)

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)

	7pm	GCAC Concert: Ambrosio & Crampton (S)
Sat Jan 10	8am	PEO Mtg. (MC-B)
	9am	Community Market (S Parking Lot)
Sun Jan 11	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 Jan 12	9am	Tai Chi (MC-B)
Tue Jan 13	9am	Stitches Unlimited Quilters (MC-B&Patio)
	10am	MTG: UWFaith Leadership Team (MC-S)
	1pm	GriefShare (ER)
	3pm	Bells Rehearsal (MR/S)
Wed Jan 14	10am	Superstition Astronomical League (MC-M)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER)
	1pm	DISCIPLE 3 (MC-B)
	3:30pm	DISCIPLE 2 (ER)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Jan 15	10am	Lions Club Mtg. (MC-M)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)

Fri Jan 16 9am Tai Chi (MC-B)
 11am CareGivers Support Group (ER)
 5:30pm AA (MC-E)

Sat Jan 17 — —

Sun Jan 18 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 Jan 19 All day Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 All day OFFICE CLOSED for Holiday
 9am Tai Chi (MC-B)

Tue Jan 20 1pm GriefShare (ER)
 3pm Bells Rehearsal (MR/S)

Wed Jan 21 1pm DISCIPLE 3 (MC-B)
 3:30pm DISCIPLE 2 (ER)

Thu Jan 22 9am Girls Matter Period (MC-B)
 6pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
 7pm AA (MC-E)

Fri Jan 23 9am Tai Chi (MC-B)
 11am CareGivers Support Group (ER)
 5:30pm AA (MC-E)

Sat Jan 24 8am MTG: Monthly UWF (MC-E)
 9am GOLD CANYON ARTS FESTIVAL (campus/KR)

Sun Jan 25 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: Nicole Pesce, pianist (S)
 3pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
 4pm Gospel Worship (KR)

Mon Jan 26 9am Tai Chi (MC-B)
 6:30pm MTG: Administrative Council (MC-B)

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

Tue Jan 27 9am Stitches Unlimited (MC-B)
 1pm GriefShare (ER)
 3pm Bells Rehearsal (MR/S)

Wed Jan 28 10am MTG: Superstition Astronomical Leag. (MC-M)
 10:30am Cancer Support Group (ER/K)
 1pm DISCIPLE 3 (MC-B)
 1pm DISCIPLE 2 (ER)
 5pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)

Thu Jan 29 6pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
 7pm AA (MC-E)

Fri Jan 30 9am Tai Chi (MC-B)
 11am CareGivers Support Group (ER)
 5:30am AA (MC-E)

Sat Jan 31 — —



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!



JANUARY 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!

Knight, Clara 01/01
 Kitchens, Lee 01/01
 Parson, Ron 01/02
 Karr, Janet 01/02
 Lenz, Kathy 01/02
 Wilson, Don 01/04
 Zabel, Darlene 01/04
 Virden, Nancy 01/05
 Digerness, Bruce 01/05
 Daigle, Sharon 01/06
 Richardson, Connie 01/08
 Igo, Betty 01/09
 Mulry, Katie 01/09
 Oehlers, Ed 01/10
 Johnson, Leila 01/12
 Palmer, Charles (Charlie) 01/12
 Bowman, Judith 01/12
 Miller, John 01/13
 Berry, Myra 01/14
 Schoeff, Gary 01/14
 Bressler, Kent 01/14
 Tirrito, Janine 01/15
 Listman, Claudia 01/15
 Burhans, Lyle 01/16
 Hollingsworth, Glen 01/16
 Lyons, Shelia 01/17
 Hanson, Renee 01/17
 Schwartz, Myrtice (Ann) 01/18
 Nefzer, Richard (Rick) 01/18
 Larson, Sharon 01/19
 Wion, Carol 01/19
 Collins-Mitchell, Lauren 01/19
 Chamley, Jim 01/20
 Brendel, Cathy 01/21



Hammond, Lynda 01/21
 Miller, Sally 01/23
 McLeod, Suzanne 01/24
 Nelson, Bill 01/26
 Allensworth, Jaci 01/26/1943
 Kitchens, Chery 01/26
 Caywood, Larry 01/26
 Niemann, Marlene 01/27
 Seebaum, Bernie 01/27
 Enevold, N Jeffrey (Jeff) 01/27
 Scharringhausen, Fred 01/28
 Clem, Gary 01/29
 Walker, Barbara (Barb) 01/30
 Feather, Shirley 01/30
 Barks, Kaity 01/31

Happy Anniversary!

Campbell, Frank & Sandy 01/01
 Voorhees, Deb & Steve 01/08
 Steinberg, Beth & Fred 01/09
 Gaulke, Donald & Norma 01/10
 Elieff, Helen & Jim 01/11
 Fratt, Genie & Bob 01/12
 Keller, Julius & Katharine 01/15
 Ballard, Carol & David 01/18
 Johnson, Woody & Carol 01/19
 Burhans, Judy & Lyle 01/22
 Ramacher, Don & Marcielle 01/23
 Rolf, Jayne & Vern 01/25
 Paone, Albert & Ellen 01/29



STAY IN THE KNOW!

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CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

November	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
	91,193	14,583	6,281	124,568	15,002	6,205	56,091	30,800	4,360	97,644	6,390	4,824

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.



GIFTING YOUR HOME... ... is a practical way to reduce the size of one’s estate

... reduces taxes ... simplifies life for heirs and executor (personal rep)

... eliminates the hassle of having home on the market ... helps reduce the church’s debt

... can be done through a lifetime estate, allowing a person to continue living in the home.

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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