



Rev. David J. Harriss, Senior Pastor

HONORING THOSE WHO SACRIFICED

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends ---John 15:13

July 4th, 1776, marks the historic date when the Declaration of Independence was approved by Congress. The North American colonies wanted to become independent from Great Britain rule. What would become the United States of America had begun from this historical document.

The founding fathers that signed this document knew that this was a bold and dangerous move. Great Britain would certainly retaliate, and they did! The British burned homes and confiscated family members. Five signers of this document were captured by the British. They were tortured and were charged with treason, before they died (AI Overview). In other words, many who signed this document were willing to risk everything to be liberated from British control.

I often use the phrase, "the greater good" to describe what is best for others. Today, it is not uncommon for you and me to concentrate on our individual wants, needs and desires. The greater good emphasizes what is beneficial for those beyond our self-centered aspirations. It is often difficult for others to comprehend the greater good because there is so much emphasis on self-interest. What does it mean to live in a community where interrelationships, mutual respect, and accountability are prioritized over and above individualism?

The signers of the Declaration of Independence certainly understood what the greater good meant. They were all willing to sacrifice themselves for a future country which is not under monarchical authority. Jesus tells us that the greatest love which we can possess is one where we choose to sacrifice ourselves for others. The communal portion of worship life is described with the vine and branches illustration within this text (John 15). Any fruit-bearing tree or vine is not without interrelationship. The roots beneath the surface of the ground feed the vine, which creates fruit at the end of the vine. Everything is connected with this plant.

This vine metaphor in John 15 challenges our western cultural understanding about self-expression, personal faith, and individualism. When we are willing to sacrifice for greater good, there is fruitfulness which extends beyond ourselves. Jesus' death is the ultimate demonstration of love for all of humanity. His earthly sacrifice has been the greatest act of love throughout all human history. When the founding signers of the Declaration of Independence were offering their signatures on this document, they too, were sacrificing themselves for future US Citizens.

On July 4th, we celebrate our country's independence, which commemorates the adoption of this document, the Declaration of Independence. You could even say this celebration is the birth of American independence. As we partake of fireworks, hot dogs on the grill and spending time with our families on this historic day, let us never forget those who placed themselves in grave danger for our freedom. Freedom is not always free! Have a blessed Independence Day! —*David J. Harriss*

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Pastor Katharine Keller

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

LADIES' CRAFT NIGHT



Ladies, Pastor Katharine and Michelle Witucky will be hosting an evening at Michelle's house to do diamond dot "painting" on **Friday, July 11 at 6pm**. If you are currently working on a project, please bring it along; or if you want to learn, a simple sample will be available for you to try. No experience necessary!! Snacks will be provided; and frankly it's just a great time to fellowship and meet new people. Michelle's address is: 7535 E. Portobello, Mesa. Please email Pastor Katharine at ladiesbug1214@gmail.com if you would like to join the fun!

We also celebrated the years of ministry of three retirees, Pastor Fred being one of them. We also had a day of learning led by Kara Lossen Oliver, Executive Director of St. Mary's Center for Spiritual Development.



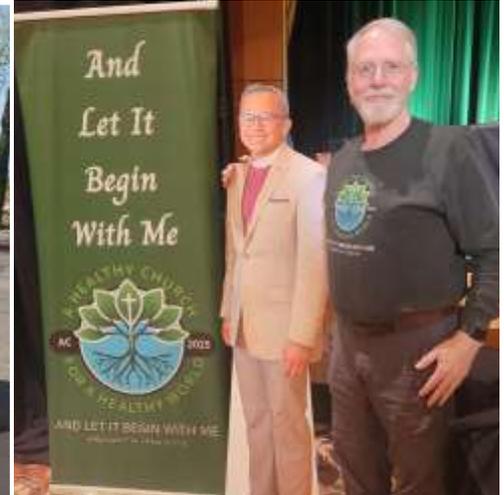
Of course, Vegas offers entertainment, so three of us attended a Barry Manilow concert, as well as enjoying fellowship around the dinner table.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Annual Conference 2025 was held at the Rio Casino and Resort in Las Vegas. For our opening worship Elvis was in the house...and his singing a number of gospel songs really made the worship come alive.

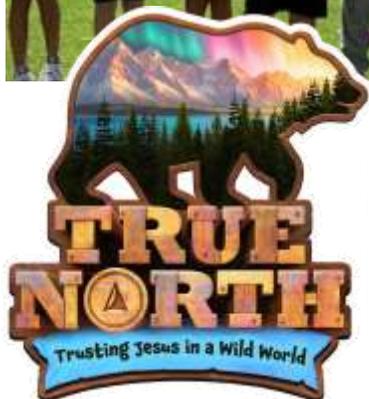


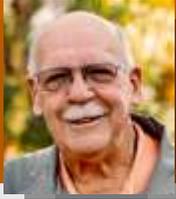
There is always business to discuss, but no major debates to speak about. We celebrated the ministries of four "Faithful Completions" (churches that had to close their doors, one of them near GCUMC - Velda Rose).



KIDS KORNER

In the first week of June we hosted Vacation Bible Camp; and the theme was True North: Following Jesus in a Wild World. 19 children attended. We had a fantastic leadership group with a Roman soldier showing up (Gary Capen) and Jesus making an appearance (Pete Johnson), too. A special shout out to Shawn Hanson, Julie Camp, and Paula Tucker for our decorations. At the end of the week we provided a pizza party and a 32 foot tall rock wall for the very limber young'uns to climb. A grandmother wrote that her one grandson kept singing the songs and the older one remembered our Bible verses. It's a privilege to serve in such a fun week!





CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Rev. Gary Capen, Associate Pastor



As I write this month's Road Runner article, I'm aware that you will probably read it after I have left to join Dian in Maine. Sometimes it is challenging to write about an event that has already occurred. And I am saying this because I know that the celebration of Fred's retirement will send them off on a new journey in their lives, and all of you made that very special.

As we have now transitioned to David as our full-time senior pastor, I'm excited about the future of Gold Canyon UMC. Fred and Beth were here for 28 years, and as an old friend of mine said to the congregation before he left that appointment for a new one, he said: "Well, I finally managed to please everyone! "Some were happy upon my arrival, some were happy while I was here! And now that I'm leaving, the rest of you are happy!"

As pastors, we are aware that we can never please everyone, and we shouldn't expect to. We also know that some will not be pleased with everything that goes on in the life of the church. However, we know that just as Christ is one body, so too are we, One Body in Jesus Christ. Change can be difficult, and some don't like change, which is where we are now. Pastor David, Marisol, Francisco, and Maya are a wonderful, Christ-centered family that I know will lead us well into the future of GCUMC. I look forward to my time working with them and the rest of our family. You are our family, and we are very grateful to be with you. I have had many of you remark to me that you were skeptical going into this change, that you were so used to Fred and Beth, but after the listening sessions, one of which we hosted, I saw and was told that now you got to know David you felt very reassured by his presence.

I have also heard that you will miss Fred very much, as will Dian and I, and we grieve his departure. David is not Fred, but that is a very positive point, for if David were "another Fred," we would stay in the same place where we have been. David will lead us into a new era of GCUMC, and I give thanks to God for David's gifts and talents to do just that. I see us at the start of a new adventure in our faith, as individuals and as a community of faith. There are new chapters to be written into the history books of this church, so let us embrace this new beginning. By the Grace, Peace, Love, and Spirit of God, we will boldly move forward to new hopes and possibilities.

Grace and Peace, *Gary*

PS: Dian and I will return to AZ around the 9th of September, and we look forward to this time.



PASTORAL CARE

Our Pastors are on call to reach out to members and friends of Gold Canyon UMC. If you know someone in our congregation who is hospitalized, ill at home, needs a listening ear and/or prayers of the community, please send an email to GCUMCPrayers@gmail.com, call the Church Office at (480) 982-3776, or contact one of the pastors directly so they can be included on the prayer list.

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



YOUTH MINISTRY

Valerie Hammons, Youth Director

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The Sioux Falls were beautiful.
Gardening.
Hard work!
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MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



As we move into the dog days of summer, the temperatures here in the valley are up and the population is down. But that's okay, the music ministry is still hard at work, outlining all the events and planning for next season as well as anticipating the inevitable return of our winter residents and new members once the weather begins to cool off. Though that still seems far away right now, it won't be long!

The Concert Artists Selection committee is still meeting this month to plan out our next season so there's still time if you'd like input. Contact me via email or phone if you have suggestions/requests.

Secondly, mid-month, members of the organ committee are visiting Kansas City on our final tour of organs before making a recommendation to the church's administrative council. We're considering three organ builders: C.B. Fisk, Richards, Fowkes & Co., and the St. John's Abbey Organ Builders. We'll be visiting organs by several of these builders on our trip and we'll bring back some photos for you!

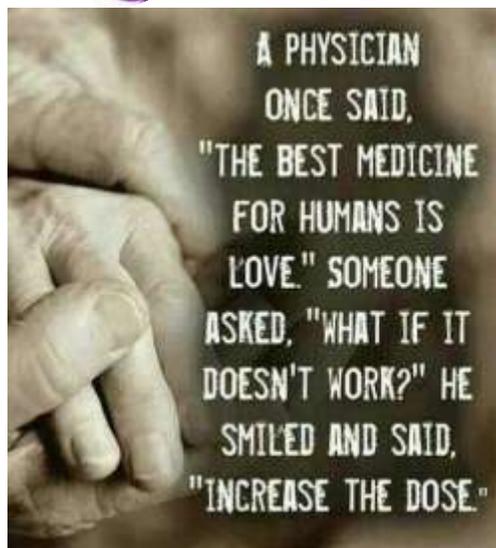
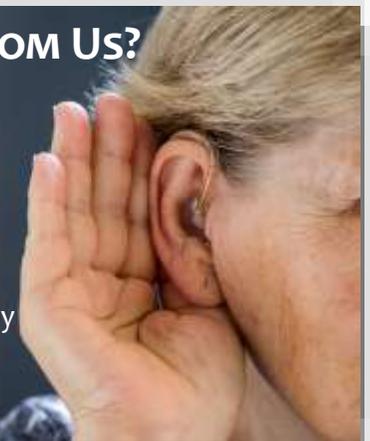
As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or comments about music here at GCUMC, feel free to reach out by phone or email. Have a happy Independence Day on July 4, and a great month!

Peace and best regards, *Ian*



NOT HEARING FROM US?

If you don't receive our weekly worship bulletin, monthly newsletter, or quarterly giving statement emails, you may have unsubscribed by accident. Please contact the Church Office to get



NEXT SERMON SERIES:

Spiritual Distress

- 7/6 - What is it?
- 7/13- Why do we feel this way?
- 7/20- God's Presence in our weakness
- 7/27- Resurrection Power





CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

SEASONS AND PERSPECTIVES

In last month's article I spoke of where life's tides can take us, and we talked about keeping our "spiritual GPS" set on God, allowing Him to guide us. We discussed God always being there as our back door, or safety net, no matter what. The thought I started that article with was that I'd had the opportunity to visit an island in the Caribbean. Now, we are traveling and living in our 5th wheel, planning to stay for several months in Arkansas to help with family.



Bear with me now while I do a quick recap of our past week – Our house flooded back in Arizona and is now emptied of all contents so they can start "demolition" and begin the rehab process. Simultaneously, we were stealing a week of fun camping and kayaking in the Missouri Ozarks with my sister and friends, when my mom who lives in assisted living fell 4 times in 36 hours. She fractured two ribs and ended up in the hospital, then rehab, and will need to go to full-time memory care. Then at 1:00 am one night halfway through our camping trip, we were awakened by National Park Rangers giving us very little time to get out, as a flash flood was headed our way. That was a "fun" scurry with 4 camps set up with 15 people, but at least we weren't one of the 11 swift water rescues they had to conduct!

Was I inclined to feel a little sorry for myself a couple times this past week? Yep!! Doesn't life bring with it tides and seasons that can give you whiplash?

But, although I have some stressors to deal with and last week wasn't the best, boy-oh-boy I do not have to look far around me for some perspective. I have dear friends dying of cancer, some going in for life-altering surgeries, know those who barely have enough money to eat much less travel for fun, and of course people in war-torn countries who literally live in a cardboard box. The list could go on and on. Now, although there are always people worse off than each of us at any given time, that doesn't mean we are always capable of being sunshine and rainbows about life no matter what.

Tough stuff happens and it's okay to be bummed about it!

However, I do think it is important to look around us and snap the big picture, considering all the GOOD things in our lives and maintaining perspective in our fears, sadness, anxieties and worries. Depending upon which Bible version you search, there are routinely between about 20 and 55 times the word worry (or it's equivalent) is used in the Bible. And it's usually telling us not to do it! Here are some of my favorites to rely upon when one of life's seasons is beating us down:

- *"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." -Philippians 4:6-7 [NLT]*
- *"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today." -Matthew 6:34 [NRSV]*
- *"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?" -Matthew 6:25 [NRSV]*

If maintaining perspective is difficult, or you struggle letting the scriptures bring you peace, 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.

Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light." ~ Matthew 11:28



LOCAL MISSIONS & MINISTRIES

SCRIP BUS & VAN FUND

Your continued participation in the SCRIP programs at Bashas and Fry's grocery stores who support GCUMC's bus and van programs is so appreciated! 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!

STITCHES UNLIMITED QUILTERS



As we celebrate our independence this summer, let's also remember the spiritual freedom offered by Jesus. True freedom is found in a relationship with Jesus, surpassing all earthly liberties. Here are just a few:

Freedom from Sin: Jesus's sacrifice on the cross paid the price for our sins

Freedom to Love and Serve Others: Jesus's love for us empowers us to love and serve others in genuine ways; like making and giving quilts to those in need. This freedom allows us to demonstrate God's love to those around us.

Freedom to Live a Life of Purpose: Jesus's teachings and example provide guidance for living a life of purpose and meaning. We are free to pursue God's plan for our lives and make a positive impact in the world. The Stitches Unlimited Quilters do this by touching the hearts of others when we hand over a quilt. This month we donated 20 quilts!

In essence, the freedom offered by Jesus is a freedom to live a life of joy, peace, and purpose, empowered by His grace and love. It is a freedom that transforms our

hearts, minds, and lives, allowing us to experience the fullness of God's blessings. The Stitches Unlimited Quilters are grateful for the freedoms we enjoy. Join us; living a life of purpose in Jesus name.



GRIEF SHARE

Are you grieving a loved one? If so, please join us for our next GriefShare program (13 weeks) starting in **September** of 2025. Sessions will start at **1:00 pm on Tuesday, 9/2** in the Emmaus Room with Shirley Feather facilitating. The cost of the workbook is \$25, and you can register by calling the church office or Shirley at (602) 214-3964. You don't need to sign up ahead of time, but we encourage you to let Shirley know if you plan on attending so we can have enough books. Hope to see you there.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)

*Note- No regular meetings in July or August

July 13th- Blood Drive sponsored by the UWF. The Red Cross will be at the Missions Center from 9 AM until 2 PM. The goal is to collect 42 units of donated blood. Please consider participating, to provide life-saving blood to our neighbors. Sign up for a time-slot at RedCross.org, 'find' (Gold Canyon UMC), and select your appointment time. Questions contact Donna Graves dgingajaz@yahoo.com (Donations of cookies are welcome.)



Mission U 2025 "Practicing Hope Together" July 17-19. This in-person adult study will be at: St. Mark's UMC, 1431 W Magee Rd, Tucson, AZ 85704.



- Thursday, July 17th— 3:00pm check in (light snacks will be available)
- Friday, July 18th— 9:30am check in and light breakfast
- Saturday, July 19th—8:30am light breakfast (Virtual Mission U option available on Zoom.)

Information & registration forms are available at uwfaithresources.org. If you have questions or need assistance- contact Carol Johnson at caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com

September 20th- Meeting: "What is faithfulness to You?" We will focus on how to live out your faith in a changing world. Fellowship at **10:00 am** followed by meeting **10:30 am** (MC-B). For more info. contact Rebecca Russel (360) 352 4956. All women of the church are welcome to join us for meetings and activities. We look forward to seeing you there.

The UWF Reading Program meets the first Wednesday of the month and will be meeting through the summer. The next meeting will be **July 2nd** in the Missions Center. Here is a book report (by Jane Hansgaard) on one of our recent reads, "The Boy who Delivered Joy" by Marvin Bartlett:

A rare bone cancer robbed Jarrett Mynear of a normal childhood when he was two years old, but it didn't steal his spirit. This extraordinary boy captivated crowds with

his courage, faith and humor in the face of adversity. Instead of feeling sorry for himself, Jarrett got busy. By delivering thousands of toys to sick children, this pint-sized Santa Claus traveled a path that led to national television appearances, prestigious awards, and a chance meeting with the President of the United States. This is a true story of a young boy's legacy and how nearly two decades after his death, he continues to inspire small acts of kindness and huge acts of philanthropy. This was a very moving and amazing book that has inspired me to bring more to the world and try to be our best selves.



For questions about the reading program contact Jane Hansgaard at hansgaard@msn.com.

COMMUNITY CLOTHING EXCHANGE

Drop off your clean, gently used clothes, bags, shoes or other accessories for children and adults of all ages on **August 1 from 6-8 pm** at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day saints, 1720 South Ironwood Dr., AJ. Then, shop totally free on **August 2nd from 8 - 11 am**. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Katharine at ladiebug1214@gmail.com.

CLASSROOM SUPPLIES NEEDED

We will be collecting classroom supplies for our community high school - Apache Junction!

They have asked for regular school supplies, pencils, pens, rulers, scissors (adult size). Reams of paper for the teachers who are limited to 2 reams a year! Two special requests are any size grey t-shirts and black shorts for students that do not have the PE uniform and Ti-15 calculators. (Around \$20 on Amazon). Boxes will be available to put your donations in. Please contact Valerie Hammons, Youth Director with any questions 520-444-1991 or email youthdirector.GCUMC@gmail.com Thank you for your support!

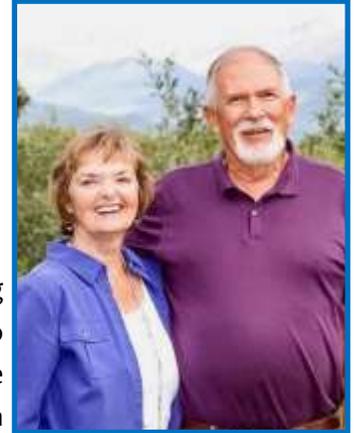


FOOD BANK

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: JOHN & NANCY HILL



Lives Dedicated to Service— GCUMC Food Bank volunteer John Hill and his bride, Nancy, are both from the small town of Colfax, Wisconsin, where they met at the local Methodist Church. Even though their faith and relationship were firmly rooted in that Methodist church, the Hills have been on the move since 1972! John and Nancy are parents to three children, have been blessed with six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren - all of whom reside in Alaska.



After leaving Wisconsin in 1972, the Hill's moved to Alaska where John began a long career in Industrial Arts Education. After a time, they moved to Washington state to establish and help lead an Industrial Arts school in Everett. Another relocation led the couple back to Alaska. John finally retired from education as a high school counselor in Wasilla, where and John and Nancy started their own home inspection business.

The Hills began vacationing in Arizona and loved it so much that they gradually moved to Gold Canyon permanently in 2015. Not ones to let the grass grow beneath their feet, the Hills started the "Honey Do" ministry in 2014 at our church, helping people in the community with general fix-it needs free of charge. At one time there were some 25 volunteers helping this cause. Although all work was performed gratis, any money or donations given would be deposited in the account and used to buy supplies or services outside the scope of the Honey Do's realm. Unfortunately, like many businesses and services, COVID wiped it out. Wanting to continue to serve the community, the Hills both decided to volunteer at the Food Bank.

John usually works in the back half of the Food Bank - sorting, organizing, packing bags and unloading the trucks. Nancy, with her warm persona and welcoming smile, is perfect for customer interface at the front. When asked about the most surprising thing they've learned from working at the Food Bank, the couple cite the enthusiasm and dedication of the volunteers and how it's clear that the volunteers significantly contribute to a smoothly running operation. Fun fact: the Hills routinely sit with Larry Caywood at church. They were instrumental in Larry becoming the current manager, firstly by encouraging him to volunteer. This soon led to Larry's appointment as FB Manager last year, and the rest is history!

It is plain to see that John and Nancy Hill have lived lives dedicated to the service of others. We are so fortunate and happy to have this selfless team sharing their talents and time with us at the Food Bank! Thank you, John

In Remembrance

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

Kate Deitch
Joyce Fadley
Jan Jelley
Bob Kordish
Bob Mulhair

Yvonne Ralston
Carol Randolph
Bob Stewart
Bill Waechter



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or call the Church Office



JULY CALENDAR

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

Tue Jul 1	9am	MTG: Food Bank Staff (MC-M)
Wed Jul 2	10am	CLASS: Live Free (MC-E)
	10am	Superstition Astronomical League (MC-M)
	10am	UWF Reading Program (MC-B/Patio)
	4pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Jul 3	7pm	AA (MC-E)
Fri Jul 4	All day	OFFICE CLOSED for Holiday
	All day	Independence Day
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sat Jul 5	—	—
Sun Jul 6	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	UMYF (YR)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
Mon Jul 7	All day	OFFICE CLOSED for Holiday
Tue Jul 8	10am	MTG: UWFaith Leadership Team (MC-S)
Wed Jul 9	11am	CLASS: Live Free (MC-E)
	4pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Jul 10	7pm	AA (MC-E)
Fri Jul 11	8am	Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	6pm	Ladies' Craft Night (offsite)
Sat Jul 12	—	—
Sun Jul 13	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	UMYF (YR)

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)

	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
Mon Jul 14	6:30pm	MTG: Admin Council (MC-B)
Tue Jul 15	—	—
Wed Jul 16	11am	CLASS: Live Free (MC-E)
	10am	MTG: Superstition Astronomical Leag. (MC-B)
	4pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Jul 17	9am	Girls Matter Period (MC-B)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)
Fri Jul 18	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sat Jul 19	—	—
Sun Jul 20	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	UMYF (YR)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
Mon Jul 21	6pm	Coffee with the Pastor (MR)
Tue Jul 22	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-B)
Wed Jul 23	11am	CLASS: Live Free (MC-E)
	4pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Jul 24	10am	UWF Field Trip
	7pm	AA (MC-E)
Fri Jul 25	8am	Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)

ROADRUNNER & BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please send content for the
August 2025 Roadrunner
 via email to
ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org
BY 2pm on Wednesday, 7/10/25
Weekly Bulletin & Flower Orders
 12pm on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday Service

	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sat Jul 26	—	—
Sun Jul 27	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	UMYF (YR)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
Mon Jul 28	—	—
Tue Jul 29	—	—
Wed Jul 30	11am	CLASS: Live Free (MC-E)
	10am	MTG: Superstition Astronomical Leag. (MC-B)
	4pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Jul 31	7pm	AA (MC-E)



**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
 WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

(Fun fellowship & faith-based programs for Children (PreK-6th) & Youth (7th—12th))

Children Sunday School
 9:30am & 11:00am (Education Building)





JULY 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!

Adams, Herbert 07/09
Anderson, Cookie 07/06
Ballard, Carol 07/24
Berlund, Paula 07/15
Berry, John 07/18
Bliss, Joy 07/07
Brace, Melodie 07/17
Brewer, Lyle 07/08
Brown, Albert 07/04
Burford, Michael 07/24
Burgi, Bob 07/22
Butterbrodt, Bill 07/25
Cajowski, Barbara 07/23
Campbell, Donna 07/04
Carpenter, Steffany 07/10
Chamley, Gail 07/14/1947
Cleary, Jack 07/26
Cleary, Morgan 07/29
Close, Carl 07/31
Colehour, Ted 07/19
Crane, Steven 07/13
Crawford, Gail 07/15/1944
Daniels, Matt 07/23
Edney, Lynn 07/29
Falk, Marilyn 07/06
Fassbender, Nancy 07/01
Fisher, Judy 07/29
Formento, Russ 07/14



Gaulke, Donald 07/21
Gladson, Chong 07/02
Gloss, Jim 07/17
Hardcastle, April 07/16
Hulett, Audrey 07/26
Johnson, Marlene 07/31
Johnson, Richard 07/12
Keeler, Ron 07/16
Kurtenbach, Roger 07/16
Lampsa, Roy 07/27
Lang, Caryl 07/09
Loughridge, Mitzi 07/07
MacCallum, Cindy 07/20
Maetzold, Marge 07/31
Martindale, Ginger 07/18
McClure, Joyce 07/15
McLeod, Dennis 07/22
Mitchell, Charlie 07/31
Nichols, Rex 07/01
Ortega-Watters, Monica 07/21
Parsons, Terry 07/17
Peterson, Rick 07/27
Petticrew, Keith 07/10
Plaski, Tammy 07/14
Ramer, Trudy 07/27
Sander, Ellamae 07/15
Schlemper, Jane 07/20
Sifferath, Sharee 07/28
Singer, Ashley 07/27/975
Skillman, Lolly 07/28
Stofferan, Marge 07/23
Thacker, Jerry 07/18
Thomas, Mary 07/19
Tianen, Rae 07/28
Tonole, Marjorie 07/23
Toppin, Beverly 07/25
Welker, Larry 07/10
Williams, Helen 07/02
Williams, Jay 07/12
Winkler, Sarah 07/31



Happy Anniversary!

Abbott, Jan & Dave 07/14
Broz, Linda & Neil, Dean 07/23
Capen, Gary & Dian 07/06
Clem, Gary & Sue 07/04
Collins, Jim & Glasgow, Joan 07/30
Crawford, Gene & Gail 07/30
Dulaney, Steve & Janet 07/22
Evans, Dennis & Kristina 07/15
Igo, Bill & Betty 07/13
Jurgens, Ronald & Donna 07/08
Karr, Mike & Janet 07/11
King, Bill & Kathy 07/06
Kitchens, Chery & Lee 07/03
LeQuire, Steve & Kosanke, Karen
07/22
LeRoy, Randy & Debbie 07/21
Maetzold, Keith & Marge 07/08
Manbeck, Jerri & Rich 07/10
McClure, Bob & Joyce 07/02
Merrick, Jim & LaVio 07/08
Mitchell, Charlie & Collins-Mitchell,
Lauren 07/04
Morton, Joe & Maureen 07/30
Pepin, Sally & Jeff 07/06
Raffurty, Larry & Anita 07/30
Talley, Donna & John Jr. 07/22
Toole, John & Donna 07/19
Weidner, Harold & Gloria 07/05



CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

May	2022			2023			2024			2025		
	General Fund	Building Fund	Worship All	General Fund	FH Bldg. Fund	Worship All	General Fund	FH Bldg. Fund	Worship All	General Fund	FH Bldg. Fund	Worship All
	85,662	18,459	6,963	79,015	20,050	6,108	88,971	12,484	4,476	78,833	12,520	3259

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.



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- **Fellowship Hall** - \$4.9 Milli. needed (\$1.9 Mill. raised)
- **Organ Fund** (\$260,880 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 Praise Band & Fellowship (*Educ Bldg*)

Addressee or Current Resident