



FROM OUR PASTORS



Rev. Fred A. Steinberg, Senior Pastor

FROM PASTOR FRED: "SAYING GOODBYE"

Friends, I have loved being your pastor for twenty-eight years! And as I leave to retire, I want to thank you for all the ways you have said goodbye so well! And I am excited for the ways that I know you are intentionally planning on moving forward in ministry with Pastor David Harriss and his family.

I am excited for the new chapter in my life and in yours! I am certain that David and Marisol will be a blessing to Gold Canyon.

Change is hard, but good. Beth and I will be traveling more frequently. We will miss Gold Canyon UMC, but it is important for us to pull away from the church after June 30th. With this in mind, we wanted to share with you the ways that we will honor each other during the transition. While we will always be sisters and brothers in Christ, David, Katharine, Gary and Jeremy are your pastors now and I want to respect that. I know you will, too.

Sometimes families desire to have a previous pastor participate in a funeral or memorial service or some other special event. Please know that any requests of this nature should be handled through David. He and I will work out the details of my participation at his discretion. My preference is for your current pastors to handle all ministry needs in the future.

Thank you for understanding my desire to keep firm and healthy boundaries and to respect David's ministry here at Gold Canyon. Know that you will always have a place in my heart and in my prayers. I am grateful for the ways God blessed our ministry together these last 28 years and look forward to the ways God will bless your ministry with David in the years to come.

Grace and peace,



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Rev. David J. Harriss, Senior Pastor Designate

THE NEARNESS OF GOD

I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do. They will even do greater works than these because I am going to the Father. John 10:27

Many pastors that have visited the elderly in nursing homes have most likely heard this statement, “I can’t understand why I am still here!” Why won’t God just take me?! Truly, the quality of life among some in nursing facilities is not good. When there is little, if any, quality of life, there is often a greater fear of living than dying.

Spiritual leaders will discuss an eternal life which has no troubles, no hurt, and no betrayals. Some clergy will even tell you that salvation is the ideal state where we always experience the nearness of God once we are removed from this world. Here on earth, we often see division, anger, and unjust behavior, in our daily lives. With such pain and hostility in our world, people will often question the presence and the location of God in human lives.

50 days following Passover, the Jewish community gathered for worship. The Feast of Weeks was being celebrated in Jerusalem when God’s Spirit entered public worship (Acts 2:1-21). God’s Spirit was manifest, demonstrated, and realized within Temple worship on that day known as Pentecost. On Pentecost Sunday, June 8th, 2025, we commemorate God’s Spirit being poured out on the people 2,000 years ago and we celebrate the longevity of God’s Spirit being manifest in the world today. This same Spirit which moves people down the right paths, moves us into locations where we serve humanity, is still alive and working in the world.

On Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the movement of God in this world. In the 14th chapter of John, Jesus talks about this movement when he says that we will do works that he does and even greater works than these. Jesus is not talking about something which takes place in the afterlife, he is talking about God’s movement here on earth. Jesus is talking about God’s spiritual existence being poured out in your life and in mine.

Today, God’s Spirit has prevailed even during the most difficult times. When John Wesley was in the early stages of his missionary journey, he ministered to Moravians in Georgia. He had great disagreements with these Native Americans which led to tensions and public debate. Although Wesley did not do well on this missionary journey, he did not quit. He continued to follow God and created a Christian movement that eventually led to The United Methodist Church. Despite the setbacks, God’s Spirit prevailed.

When Covid occurred, churches shut down as our lives shut down. Although worship attendance came to a standstill, *most Americans said their religious and spiritual lives had not been changed by the pandemic* (Pew Research, 02-12-2025, Alec Tyson, et al.), 69% of U.S. Citizens said that Covid had no impact at all. Even though this pandemic was disastrous, chaotic, and difficult, people still praised a God working in this world. The pandemic did not discourage Christians from seeking our Creator. God’s Spirit prevailed.

Other events have shaped our denomination, including, the first African American Bishop in the AME Church (1858), allowing women to have clergy rights (1956), the first woman to become a District Superintendent (1967) and the first woman elected Bishop (1980). Throughout the church’s history, communities of faith have experienced challenges and difficulties. The Spirit of God has been with the Christian Church and continues to work throughout its history. This same Spirit which prevailed 2,000 years ago, continues to work within our world and within human lives today. Thank goodness, the Spirit of God continues to prevail. —David J. Harriss



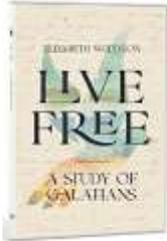


CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Pastor Katharine Keller

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

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY



Live Free: Everyone longs for freedom – the ability to live life to the fullest, unhindered by difficulty and pain. In this 8-session, verse-by-verse study on the book of Galatians, author and Bible teacher Elizabeth Woodson reveals how it is in the gospel alone that we gain what we desire – freedom from sin and

freedom to experience the abundant life Jesus offers. Join Pastor Katharine, beginning Wednesday June 18 through August 6th at 10am. Please sign up!



Purses Galore! Six awesomely efficient women assisted Pastor Katharine in taking the literally hundreds of purses and sorting them (see pictures below), as well as taking stock of all the items that went in the 50 purses we gave to Hope Women's Center. A big thank you to them!

FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT



Ladies, be sure to save the date for our Women's Fall Retreat themed, "Come to the Table," set for November 14-16 at the Franciscan Retreat Center, Scottsdale.



VACATION BIBLE CAMP



Vacation Bible Camp begins June 2nd at 9am. There is still room for any child, aged kindergarten through 5th grade. If you have any

questions, please contact Pastor Katharine (ladiebug1214@gmail.com or call the Church Office).

Then Pastor Katharine invited the Sunday School children to fill the purses; they did an amazing job. As a reminder, these purses were collected to shower blessings on the Hope Center mothers on Mother's Day. Many, many thanks to those who donated; it shows we as a congregation care about our community.





GLOBAL MISSIONS

Pastor Katharine Keller



GIRLS MATTER PERIOD

Our major distribution of 2,000 GMP Period Packs to girls in Limpopo, South Africa was completed the week of May 12th. During June an additional 200 kits will be distributed at Limpopo schools by Paula Blessman and another group of volunteers. During this trip they will also distribute eye glasses & shoes, plus work in gardens.



We have also been able to provide 200 Period Packs to a group traveling from Idaho to Kenya in August. This will be their

first education and distribution of menstrual kits in Kenya but they have been traveling there for a number of years to help with other tasks at a local school.

Workshops continue at GCUMC throughout the summer. Contact Tammy Plaski at (920)779-0359 or www.GirlsMatterPeriod@gmail.com for more information.

RICE & BEANS

Thank you, members and friends of Gold Canyon United Methodist Church, for your generous Easter Offering of \$21,888 to Rice & Beans Ministry in San Jose, Costa Rica! Fred Curry, director and visionary of this ministry, happened to be in AZ shortly thereafter & stopped by to say thank you and give the staff updates. He was most grateful for this generous gift. Although we do not neglect the ministries close to home, we also desire to support our global efforts because that is how the kingdom of God's love is spread to all nations.



A number of people have expressed interest in going to serve at Rice & Beans January 10-17, 2026. There is still time to inquire about this trip. Contact Pastor Katharine in the Church Office to request a Team Manual.



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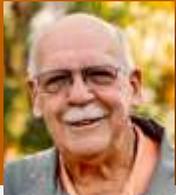
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Caring for others in the GCUMC fellowship of believers is shared by clergy & lay caregivers. In addition to the pastoral staff, trained Lay **Congregational Care Ministers (CCMs)** share a ministry of loving spiritual care: visits, prayer, Holy Communion,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



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Rev. Gary Capen, Associate Pastor



Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good. —MAYA ANGELOU (Bass, Diana Butler. Grateful: The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks)

Gratitude is a strange thing. It always comes with a preposition: We are grateful *FOR* something, grateful *TO* someone, and grateful *WITH* others. (Diana Butler Bass)

This is the case today, when I am writing this message. Dian and I have been a part of Gold Canyon UMC for 13 years. It is our church family for most of the year. When we aren't here, we are usually in Maine from May to September, attending one of my former churches in Boothbay Harbor, Maine. In the spring of 2022, Pastor Fred Steinberg approached Dian and me following a Sunday worship service. Pastor Fred started out by saying, "You're aware that Rev. Faye is retiring, and we would like to know if you would take up her position once she retires?" Before I could even say a word, Dian blurted out, "Don't forget Fred, we go back to Maine in the summer!" Fred said "That was okay because we're not as busy during the summer months.



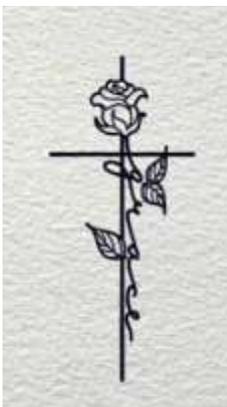
My gratitude for Fred and the entire staff goes beyond words, especially for Fred for his support, care, and ministry over 28 years as Senior Pastor. It's been an honor to know him, work with him, and share with him in the ministry of this faith community. His guidance over these past 28 years has built a strong, faith-filled congregation. Along with Fred, Beth has been by his side and has been active in many ways, both in front of and behind the scenes of his ministry.

Not only am I grateful for Fred, but I'm very grateful to Fred for the opportunity to serve this community of faith. As many may know, I had to leave the ministry for a while. This opportunity, because of Fred and the SPRC, has blessed me with the ability to continue in ministry in a way that I truly love. Pastoral care is a very important part of a community of faith and the community around us. We, as Fred has said, are a team and we work together for the greater good of those whom we serve. So I am grateful to all of you

who, with Fred, David, Katharine, Valerie, and all the staff, are making the life and ministry of GCUMC a much better place for this community, the surrounding area, and the world through our deep commitment to Missions.

Fred, we will miss you, but you will always be a part of our lives. Because in your 28 years at GCUMC, you have been a source of strength for this community of faith. Your legacy will live far beyond these 28 years and will impact many more lives as you continue your ministry in retirement. After all, we may retire from our position, but we never retire from our life of faith and witness to all whom we meet.

God bless you and Beth as you enter a new phase of life. Safe travels and adventures await you in this well-lived life. Grace and Peace, *Gary Capen*



In Remembrance

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

Rosalie Eubanks
Janet Heitanen
Robert Kordish



YOUTH MINISTRY

Valerie Hammons, Youth Director

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

The Youth led Easter Sunday school, read “The Tale of Three Trees”, created art to take home, had a great egg hunt and made confetti eggs!



Hiding mini-Jesus' →



A live action game of “Clue” in the sanctuary and a sleep-over



← Our walk to support Down Syndrome



HOW WILL WE SERVE?

In the middle of South Dakota, surrounded by rolling green hills and endless skies, lies the beautiful Cheyenne River Indian Reservation. Our youth will work alongside Cheyenne River Sioux tribal members and learn about their history, culture, and the challenges they currently face.

Usually this involves teams of students working on trailers and homes across the reservation. Even though our primary platform for partnership on Cheyenne River is construction-based, the heart of our ministry is relational. Students will have the chance to spend meaningful time with community members and hopefully leave their trip with a better understanding of the Cheyenne River Sioux tribe and how God works in ALL OF OUR LIVES! This is the first mission trip (and plane flight) for some of our youth!

Prayers are requested for our youth and the people we will be serving.



MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



Now that summer is here, the music ministry is busy planning for the fall and beyond. Our artist selection committee will be meeting soon to help plan the next season of the Gold Canyon UMC Performing Arts series. If you have any special musical interests or artists you'd be interested in seeing, feel free to contact me and let me know. Summer is also a great time to try out choir or other music ministries since the commitment is smaller!

As we come towards July, be sure to attend worship on Sunday, June 29th as we'll be preparing some special music for Fred's last Sunday. I'm sure it will be an emotional day for many.

Also in June, the Central Arizona Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will be hosting the West Regional Convention. While we won't be hosting any events at our church, the valley will have some great organ music going on and many visiting organists. I'll be attending a few of those events and bringing the good stuff back to you. Furthermore, our friend and former GCUMC Music Director, Doug Benton will be joining us during the convention and for Fred's farewell, so be sure to say hello. As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or comments about music here at GCUMC, feel free to reach out by phone or email.

Peace and best regards,

Ian



Get involved!

For more info contact Ian in the Church Office
or IClasse@GoldCanyonUMC.org

GOLD CANYON UMC

Uncommon Grace

"I will be glad and rejoice in You;
I will bring praise to Your name,
O Most High!"
- Psalm 9:2

Praise & Worship

**Sundays at 11am
in the Koinonia Room!**

Join us as we lift our hearts,
souls and spirits... and you'll
be sure to feel uplifted and
energized when you leave!

Contact David...
(DCBallardsAZ@gmail.com)
...if you are interested in
getting involved with the
Praise or Country
music teams!



Sundays at 4pm in the Koinonia Room

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



CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

LIFE'S TIDES

This Spring I was blessed with the ability to cruise the southern Caribbean. After a day of exploration, I was sitting in a little restaurant on the island of Curacao, watching the waves crash upon the rocks beside me. I couldn't help but overhear a conversation at a table next to me. A young man appearing to be in his mid-20's, was telling his friend that he had grown up on the islands and in the ocean. He shared some advice his grandmother had given about the ocean. It went something like this – *“Son, the ocean doesn't have a back door, so pay attention to how you go in.”*

Interestingly enough, a few short weeks later during worship, Pastor David relayed a childhood story about himself swimming in the ocean. Often after only a few moments, he would look up and realize how far the currents had swept him from his family and where he had entered the water. It was scary at times and could be a struggle to get back to where he started. If you weren't careful, and didn't keep your eye on safety and the path back to shore, you could literally be swept out to sea. He reminded us during that sermon that if we keep our “spiritual GPS” set on God, he will always guide us.

Now, I don't know exactly what the grandmother of that young man from Curacao meant with her comment about the ocean and back doors. I didn't hear any of his further conversation. But it made me think. There was any number of things his grandmother could have meant by that comment, but by his tone and reverence for the advice, I suspect it was quite likely a greater analogy about life. Maybe she meant...

- The ocean literally has no back door or entrance, the way you go in is the way you must find your way back out.
- Or, once you are in you are committed to wherever the ocean takes you.
- Or, do your homework before making decisions.
- Or, don't just blindly dive into situations you're presented with, always examine and understand your options.
- Or, any number of other things that have come to mind for you as you read this.

Bottom line, it sounded like life analogy to me. I wish

I had heard the rest of his conversation, as it seemed the young man felt his grandmother was full of wisdom. As a retired police officer, my first thought when I heard the grandmother's “*doesn't have a back door*” comment, was regarding a call for service I used to loathe. The call involved some sort of disruption, typically in a bar, and there was only a front door with barred windows. If there was a back door, it was either difficult to find, locked, blocked by boxes, and/or opened into the dark abyss of an alleyway or the like. Our #1 concern was safety for ourselves and others and always keeping a keen sense of where the exit was. It could be nerve-racking, and we always wished there was another door, another option.

I think what I have recognized to this point in my life is that God is my ever present “back door”, so to speak. I can research a situation, to set myself up for the best scenario possible. However, I can't always see the back door, the path to safety, happiness, contentment. On the way in, all the way through, and searching for and going out the other side – of any situation – I simply need to look up. As Pastor Katharine reminded us at Easter sunrise service, *“that's where Christ is.”*

I know he has my back and yours, but if you struggle with trusting in that, or navigating life's tides to get back to God's peaceful shores, 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.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own Understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

~Proverbs 3:5-6





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

The Quilting group is blessed in this season after Pentecost with providing quilts to a particularly successful organization in Arizona. **Winged Hope** provides hope and healing to child victims of violence, domestic violence and sex trafficking and more.

They serve the community in three ways: with direct victim services, by renovating and starting new Family Advocacy Centers, and by providing training around the state. They have reached thousands of victims and survivors around Arizona helping with child abuse, sex trafficking, bullying, cyber safety, mental health, and domestic violence. They rely on donations from groups like the GCUMC Stitches Unlimited quilters to aid the community at large. We offer a simple quilt as a tangible expression of love and comfort, especially during difficult times, as it can serve as a reminder of God's presence and care through our hands.



FOOD BANK

The month of June is a special month here in Arizona. Not only do we lose 40% of our (wo)man power at the food bank due to our winter residents returning North, but the intense heat returns. (Luckily, we have an abundance of volunteers and are well-covered until our full complement of helpers return in the fall).

Did you know that our food bank is an official "hydration station?" As the temps soar above 100 degrees, our volunteers get busy bagging up bottled water to distribute to our neighbors in need as they come through the line. Furthermore, water is available free to anyone during this time, regardless of whether they receive food or not from the food bank. Sometimes we receive pallets of water from the United Food Bank, and other times we purchase it outright for distribution. We are also very thankful for any donations of bottled water to assist in our efforts as a hydration station.



We have a couple of new initiatives we are working on at the food bank. In addition to our normal food distribution, we will periodically add

2025 Earth Day and Arbor Day Celebration

UWF members met at Rita Valdasz Miller’s house. Attendees signed an Earth Day Pledge to take care of our planet by: planting native plants, and pollinators; conserving energy and water; & recycling and re-using.



special “theme” bags of food. So far, we have collected a stockpile of spaghetti/pasta, canned sauce and shelf-stable parmesan cheese, which will be handed out on the designated “spaghetti Wednesdays” along with Italian bread loaves. These items will be specially bagged in red plastic bags. The other theme bag will be “hot dog dinner Friday.” Neighbors will receive the red bag stuffed with frozen hot dogs, buns, packets of condiments, and a few bags of microwave popcorn. After all, food should be fun too!

The volunteers at the food bank wish to thank the congregation for their continued interest in and support of the food bank. Please feel free to stop by for a tour during our open hours to see how your generosity benefits our community.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)

The GCUMC UWF was honored to help with the preparation for the Easter Sunrise Breakfast.



On April 19 th we were busy cutting fruit, cheese, and making pastries, and egg bites.

On April 20th, we served the Easter Sunrise Breakfast. A special thanks to all who made the breakfast a great success. We were especially grateful for all who stayed to enjoy it.

Several UWF members also assisted the Hospitality Staff with the 9:30 and 11:00 service.

Upcoming Dates:

- UWF Reading Program meets monthly on the first Wednesday in the MC at 10am. Come to the meeting, choose a book to read, and return to the next meeting to discuss with the group. More info; contact Jane Hansgaard@msn.com.
- July 13 Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the United Women in Faith. The Red Cross will be at the Missions Center from 9 AM until 2 PM. Please consider being a donor to provide life-saving blood to our neighbors and help us meet our goal. Sign up at their website: RedCross.org. “find” (Gold Canyon UMC) and choose your time. Questions contact Donna Graves dgingajaz@yahoo.com





JUNE CALENDAR

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

Sun Jun 1	9am	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	11am	Praise Worship (KR)
	11am	Youth Sunday School (YR)
	12pm	UMYF (YR)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
Mon Jun 2	9am	VACATION BIBLE CAMP (EB)
Tue Jun 3	9am	VACATION BIBLE CAMP (EB)
	9am	MTG: Food Bank Staff
Wed Jun 4	9am	VACATION BIBLE CAMP (EB)
	10am	MTG: Superstition Astronomical League (MC-M)
	10am	UWF Reading Program (MC-B/Patio)
	4pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Jun 5	9am	VACATION BIBLE CAMP (EB)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)
Fri Jun 6	19am	VACATION BIBLE CAMP (EB)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sat Jun 7	All day	Youth Mission Trip (Offsite) (Day 1/8)
Sun Jun 8	All day	Pentecost
	All day	Youth Mission Trip (Offsite) (Day 2/8)
	9am	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	11am	Praise Worship (KR)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
Mon Jun 9	All day	Whit Monday
	All day	Youth Mission Trip (Offsite) (Day 3/8)
Tue Jun 10	All day	Youth Mission Trip (Offsite) (Day 4/8)
	9am	Stitches Unlimited Quilters (MC-B&Patio)
Wed Jun 11	All day	ANNUAL CONFERENCE (Offsite) (Day 1/5)
	All day	Youth Mission Trip (Offsite) (Day 5/8)
	4pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Jun 12	All day	ANNUAL CONFERENCE (Offsite) (Day 2/5)

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

	All day	Youth Mission Trip (Offsite) (Day 6/8)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)
Fri Jun 13	All day	ANNUAL CONFERENCE (Offsite) (Day 3/5)
	All day	Youth Mission Trip (Offsite) (Day 7/8)
	8am	GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sat Jun 14	All day	ANNUAL CONFERENCE (Offsite) (Day 4/5)
	All day	Youth Mission Trip (Offsite) (Day 8/8)
	All day	Flag Day
Sun Jun 15	All day	ANNUAL CONFERENCE (Offsite) (Day 5/5)
	All day	Trinity Sunday
	All Day	Father's Day
	9am	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	11am	Praise Worship (KR)
	11am	Youth Sunday School (YR)
	12pm	UMYF (YR)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
Mon Jun 16	—	—
Tue Jun 17	—	—
Wed Jun 18	11am	CLASS: Live Free (TBD)
	10am	MTG: Superstition Astronomical League (MC-M)
	4pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Jun 19	All day	Juneteenth (Office Closed)
	All day	Corpus Christi
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)

ROADRUNNER & BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please send content for the
July 2025 Roadrunner
 via email to
ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org
BEFORE 8am on Monday, 6/9/25
Weekly Bulletin & Flower Orders
 12pm on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday Service

	7pm	AA (MC-E)
Fri Jun 20	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sat Jun 21	—	—
Sun Jun 22	9am	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	11am	Praise Worship (KR)
	11am	Youth Sunday School (YR)
	12pm	UMYF (YR)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
Mon Jun 23	—	—
Tue Jun 24	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-B)
Wed Jun 25	11am	CLASS: Live Free (TBD)
	4pm	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Jun 26	9am	Girls Matter Period (MC-B)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)
Fri Jun 27	8am	GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	6pm	RETIREMENT PARTY: Rev. Fred Steinberg (offsite– RSVP required)
Sat Jun 28	—	—
Sun Jun 29	9am	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	11am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	11am	Praise Worship (KR)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
Mon Jun 30	—	—



JUNE 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!

Larson, Marilyn 06/01
Schlee, Barb 06/01
Martin, Charlotte 06/02
Blohm Bendix, Linda 06/02
Thacker, Ruth Ann 06/03
Tianen, Don 06/04
Greenlee, Kay 06/04
Hill, John 06/04
Colehour, Sharon 06/04
Lindemann, Carole 06/05
Burris, Ruth 06/06
Ramacher, Don 06/06
Brigham, Jeremy 06/06
Formento, Kathy 06/07
Kice, Art 06/07
Williams, Karen 06/07
Webster, Don 06/08
Butterfield, Mary 06/08
Moorberg, Mike 06/08
Williams, Todd 06/08
Karr, Mike 06/09
Abbott, David 06/09
Hughes, Lee 06/10
Kachelmeyer, Carol 06/11
Noe, Mary Beth 06/11
Parsons, Jean 06/12
Sweeney, Dan 06/12
Van Susseldorp, Marge
Johnson, Shirley 06/14
Carlozzi, Mid 06/15
Leiman, Lori 06/16
Pitman, Pam 06/16
Erickson, Tressa 06/16
Elieff, Helen 06/17

Urbach, Art 06/18
Larson, George 06/19
Snyder, Lorrie 06/19
Abbott, Jan 06/19
Schlemper, Eli 06/19
Adams, Hunter 06/20
Barnett, Karen 06/21
Ceynar, Rick 06/21
Dunn, Carol 06/22
Paone, Ellen 06/22
Jurgens, Donna 06/22
Ewing, Ruth 06/23
Collins, Jim 06/23
Ryan-Hick, Pam 06/23
Denton, Chris 06/24
Fonger, Curt 06/25
Igo, Bill 06/27
Keller, Julius 06/27
Sandness, Paul 06/27
Scott, Ardie 06/28
Hayes, Jeff 06/28
Hansen, Kathy 06/28
Brigham, Danielle 06/28
Hammons, Valerie 06/29
Larson, Nona 06/30

Graves, Donna & Bob 06/07
Hahn, Dave & Jan 06/11
Hill, John & Nancy 06/25
Hughes, Doug & Lee 06/01
Jacobsen, Elaine & Ken 06/22
Kinder, Elizabeth & Dick 06/03
Kraft, Randy & Becky 06/19
Lang, Caryl & Charlie 06/12
Leachman, Cheryl & Jay 06/07
Lester, Jim & Yvonne 06/22
McDaniel, Marilyn & Steve 06/12
Messmer, Patti & Dick 06/18
Miller, Janeane & Roger 06/10
Moore, Nellie & Dick 06/17
Mueller, Sandy & Gary 06/06
Nichols, Sam & Rex 06/25
Oehlers, Tami & Ed 06/05
Oxley, Gene & Vicki 06/05
Parson, Barb & Ron 06/05
Parsons Laura & Terry 06/12
Rowley, Cheryl & Roger 06/30
Scharringhausen, Fred & Joyce 06/24
Schneider, Bob & Phyllis 06/22
Scott, Jay & Peggy 06/09
Shaughnessy, Julie & Mike 06/22
Sisson, Tony & Pam 06/08
Tianen, Don & Rae 06/10
Tonole, Don & Marjorie 06/24
Tucker, Paula & Rush 06/01
Waechter, Nancy & Bill 06/13
Webster, Don & Sharon 06/16
Wion, Carol & Sheldon 06/15

Happy Anniversary!

Alford, Jo & Keith 06/11
Arquisch, Duri & Rosemary 06/06
Atkinson, Judy & Bill 06/11
Berry, John & Myra 06/14
Boldt, Gary & Kathy 06/15/1968
Bos, Colette & David 06/25
Breuklander, Paul & Bobbie 06/05
Burris, Ruth & Terry 06/11
Creel, Cherie & William 06/10
Engbrecht, Don & Jackie 06/24
Ewing, John & Ruth 06/13
Falk, Ellis & Marilyn 06/06
Fransen, Jim & Yolanda 06/22
Fye, Ben & Carol 06/11
Giddings, Pat & John 06/17

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via email!





CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

April	2022			2023			2024			2025		
	General Fund	Building Fund	Worship All	General Fund	Building Fund	Worship All	General Fund	FH Bldg. Fund	Worship All	General Fund	FH Bldg. Fund	Worship All
	123,171	22,573	7,172	131,281	42,327	9,233	128,813	15,632	6,582	73,642	58,387	6,582

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 Million needed (\$1.8 Million raised)
- **Organ Fund** (\$258,030 raised)
- **Pave Mission Center Parking Lot** (\$200K needed; \$0 raised)
- **Playground Shade Structure** (\$55,243 needed; \$0 raised)
- **Building Fund Loan V** (Paid off 2022)
- **Stained Glass for upper Sanctuary V** (Completed 2022)



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

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



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