



OCTOBER 2025



Rev. David J. Harriss, Senior Pastor

FROM OUR PASTORS

CALLED TO WAIT

But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk and not be faint.

--Isaiah 40:31

In a day in which we have pay on-demand television, Amazon 1 or 2-day package delivery, Uber, Grub Hub, and Lyft services, we often find ourselves dissatisfied with waiting. Living in East Mesa where everything is only a few blocks away, I find myself balking whenever I have to drive 3-5 miles to purchase food. I don't want to wait! We also find ourselves in a position where others expect us to be connected via text messaging, emails, and on social media, at all times. That is, they want an immediate answer. they do not want to wait!

I want to thank all of you for being so patient during the past weeks with no projector in the 9:30 a.m. Service(s) of Worship. In early August, we had 2 power outages at the church. The result of this power outage was a damaged sanctuary projector, a damaged Jace, and a damaged computer interface program for the Sanctuary air conditioning system. In a Trustees meeting (08-05-2025), we agreed to have two proposals for a new projector. As a committee, we chose to go with E1 Audio Visual for our projector and camera needs.

On Sunday, August 23rd, I signed the contract for E1 Audio Visual equipment. E1 representatives were sent to the church to evaluate our existing equipment. These same representatives then created a plan for the new equipment to fit with our existing equipment (which was not damaged). A design team also needed to create a plan for the new projector to work with our current soundboard. Once this design was complete, new parts were ordered for this installation plan. In the meantime, I had to pay half of the amount for this audio-visual project before the plan could move forward. On the eve of our most recent Administrative Council meeting (09-15-2025), two E1 representatives came to our session and reported that the projector had been ordered; however, they are still waiting for its arrival in their Tempe office. In our high tech, fast food, Amazon culture, great outcomes still take time!

Isaiah had been taken into exile by Assyria and Babylonia. That is, the prophet was taken out of his hometown and into a new land with a different culture and language. Many of the exiled communities longed for the day in which they could go back to Judah and Jerusalem. Many of those who were exiled felt that God had forsaken this Jewish community. But, Isaiah still proclaimed and believed that something good would come from waiting on the Lord. Eventually, Cyrus, the King of Persia, would allow the exiled community to go back to their original homes.

Good things still come to those who wait. Thank you for patience. We will have a new look in our Sanctuary very soon. —*Pastor David J. Harriss*

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Pastor Katharine Keller

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

CHURCH TRAIL RIDE



14 cowboys and cowgirls from our congregation rode the trails with South Ponderosa Stables' wranglers in Phoenix, enjoyed a hearty dinner at T-bone Steakhouse and returned by moonlight the same way we came. The horses knew the way. As we rode back to the stables the song

Pastor Katharine had in her head was "Happy Trails to you...until we meet again..."



POLKA & PRETZELS

Coming in October – Polka & Pretzels!!

On **Friday, October 10, from 6-8 pm** the Congregational Life Team is sponsoring The Varitones, who will entertain us with polka music. In addition, we will serve root beer, ginger ale and hot pretzels. Thank you for signing up for this (Sign-up sheets will be available Aug. 31st) so that we know how many pretzels to prepare. Bring a friend and enjoy a great evening! This is a free event, but donations will be accepted to help defray the cost of the band.



COMMUNITY PET BLESSING

Our church will host a Community Pet Blessing on **Sunday, November 23rd** on campus. A team has started planning the event, however, if you wish to volunteer for this fun, but meaningful event, please reach out to Pastor Katharine in the Church Office.



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Katharine will be facilitating a **4-week** Advent video study by Amy-Jill Levine entitled "A Child is Born: A Beginner's Guide to Nativity Stories." Levine offers us something different; she situates the birth story of Jesus within the context of other miraculous births in Scripture, and by doing so brings to light important layers of meaning that would otherwise be lost to us. This study will enrich your experience of Advent and deepen your understanding of how Jesus' birth fits within his tradition. The class will meet on Tuesdays - at 10 am beginning **Tuesday, November 25th** (and run until **December 16th**). A 6 pm class will be available if enough people sign up, so please sign up to make your intentions known.

DISCIPLE 3 CLASS

Facilitator Rev. Jim Gunn will be offering DISCIPLE 3 starting **November 5th**—



Disciple 3 is a study of the Prophets (Nov. '25 - Mar. '26) and Paul's letters (Nov. '26 - Mar. '27). Come join us as we study these ancient truth-tellers to see what they have to teach us "for the facing of this hour, and the living of these days" - hymn #577."

Pre-requisite, Disciple 1. Sign up in Narthex so your workbooks can be ordered. Jim Gunn - 719-460-5535 or jim_gunn_954@msn.com.

KIDS KORNER

On September 21st- 25 members of Gold Canyon UMC and Pastor Katharine all surprised Pastor Jeremy and his family at his "other" church in Globe. It was delightful to worship with this small congregation, who were very hospitable and so glad to see us. We then enjoyed lunch in Superior. If you haven't had a chance to visit Pastor Jeremy, make plans to do so at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. The drive alone is beautiful! Otherwise, [check out his Gospel service here](#)— on any **Sunday at 4pm** in our Koinonia room!





GLOBAL MISSIONS

Pastor Katharine Keller



MOBILITY WORLDWIDE



Our church financially supports the organization Mobility Worldwide. According to the World Health Organization over 80 million people need mobility assistance worldwide, and the unfortunate truth is that many have limited access to tools that could improve their quality of life. This organization is working to change that. Their global affiliate network partners with local communities to design, build and distribute Mobility Carts that can traverse any type of terrain and other aids that open the door to a richer life for people with disabilities that affect mobility.

Many people have received amputations from causes like landmine explosions, cancer, earthquakes, etc. In their **recent thank you note** they said our gift from global missions funded more than 5 carts! We praise God for our ability to help these amputees around the globe!



RICE & BEANS

Our team of 17 persons (including two teens) will be headed to Costa Rica next January. We are excited not only about learning more about this faithful ministry, but also working alongside the staff to help meet the needs of families in San Jose. If you are not able to go, but would like to contribute to the trip, please talk to Pastor Katharine about making a **donation for the purchase of food bags (\$16 a bag)**, which are distributed every day the group visits families .



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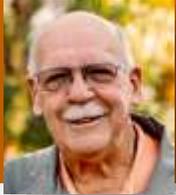
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Caring for others in the GCUMC fellowship of believers is shared by Pastoral staff and trained Lay **Congregational Care Ministers (CCMs)**. They share a ministry of loving, spiritual care: visits, prayer, Holy Communion, music, meals, errands and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



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Rev. Gary Capen, Associate Pastor



I would first like to say that it's good to be home. We had a wonderful summer in Boothbay Harbor/Boothbay, Maine. I'll probably get some criticism for saying this, but we've had our fill of fresh ocean delicacies.

During our stay, we took a road trip to North Carolina to meet our first great-granddaughter, and what a joy that was. Of course, lots of pictures!! We also visited with our grandson and his fiancée, who were recently engaged. He is a youth minister at a church in Virginia. Their wedding is tentatively scheduled for some time next April.

I see our time in Maine and elsewhere as a time of refreshing my soul, catching up on reading, seeing family and old friends, preaching, occasional at Boothbay Harbor UMC (which I had previously served). And as mentioned above, fine food.

I see this as an integral part of staying Christ-centered throughout my life, just as much as I believe the same is true for you. We all need time to refresh our souls, minds, and bodies. Otherwise, we find ourselves drained, depleted of what it takes to continually answer the call of Christ in our lives. Being Christ's hands, feet, heart, and mind is, especially today, very taxing. Yet, as Scripture tells us, all things are possible when we follow in His footsteps.



On the plane ride home, I was sitting next to a couple who live in the Carefree area. They are Catholic and struggling with where the Catholic Church is heading due to a lack of priests, and a desire to see the new Pope Leo XIV approve of women to become priests and allow priests to marry. They struggle with all the hatred in the world today, both here in the US and across the globe, how people are being treated, and in some instances, that family members are being separated by anger and hatred for their beliefs.

We are in a very difficult time in our nation's history, and a world that is increasingly hostile. We, as followers of Jesus, are called to maintain our faith and to follow in His footsteps, caring for the widows, orphans, children, homeless, strangers, and the disenfranchised in society. This is our call to discipleship, and the Good News is that Christ is always with us.

Grace, Peace, and Love, —Gary

"Heavens Grocery Store"

I was walking down Life's highway a long time ago. One day I saw a sign that read, "Heavens Grocery Store" As I got a little closer, the door came open wide and when I came to myself, I was standing inside. I saw a host of ANGELS. They were standing everywhere. One handed me a basket and said, 'My child shop with care. Everything a Christian needed was in that grocery store and all you couldn't carry, you would come back the next day for more. First, I got some PATIENCE, LOVE was in the same row. Further down, was UNDERSTANDING, you need that everywhere you go. I got a box or two of WISDOM, bag or two of FAITH. I just couldn't miss the HOLY GHOST FOR IT WAS ALL OVER THE PLACE. I stopped to get some STRENGTH and COURAGE to help me run this race. By then my basket was getting full, but I remembered to get some GRACE. I didn't forget my SALVATION, for SALVATION is FREE. Then I started up the counter to pay my grocery bill for I thought I had everything to do my MASTER'S will. As I went up the aisle I saw PRAYER and I just had to put that in for I know when I stepped outside, I would run into sin. PEACE and JOY were plentiful, they were the last on the shelf. SONG and PRAISES were hanging near so I just helped myself. Then I said to the angel, now, how much do I owe? He just smiled and said, 'Take them everywhere you go.' Again, I smiled, and said, 'How much do I really owe?' He smiled again and said, 'MY CHILD, JESUS PAID YOUR BILL A LONG, LONG TIME AGO!' 'ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER YOU SHALL SEEK IN PRAYER, BELIEVING, YOU SHALL RECEIVE.'"

May we all have the opportunity to visit this "Grocery Store" and receive what is contained therein.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Valerie Hammons, Youth Director

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

The Gold Canyon UMC Youth are so excited about Fall, their new curriculum, and the service projects ahead. Watch for our fishbowl (for loose change) in November to support their **Walk to support Down Syndrome** at ASU homecoming .



Algebra fun figuring out capacity in Soloman's' Sea.

Our partnership with Apache Junction High School Christian Courage Club has been amazing this year. 137 students at their first meeting.



We were honored to be able to share gifts with the great teachers at AJHS!



Youth group at the Diamondback game supporting one of our youth whose choir sang the National Anthem.



Future college friend meetup



Thank you! —Ronald McDonald House Collection boxes for your can tabs are located at the Welcome desk and in the Ed Bldg.





MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



Temperatures are starting to come down and church attendance is starting to go up as we come into 'the Season.' Speaking of the season, be sure to check out the concert schedule for the 2025-2026 season of the Gold Canyon UMC Performing Arts series, available soon as a print-off flier or on our website. Our church has a great line up of artists this year with both new-to-you groups as well as familiar favorites. The season will start in December with the annual Christmas concert although there will be a special event or two before then, so stay tuned. Remember, our concerts have free admission but free will offerings and food bank donations are always welcome!

As you saw last month, the Chancel Choir is back and singing in services. This month, hopefully you will notice the addition of a few new faces as our choral scholars begin their residencies. In addition, Christmas Choir starts this month so if you'd like to join us for the Christmas concert, come to Christmas rehearsals at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays in the choir room.

As always, If you have questions, comments, or concerns about music in worship, or just want to talk music in general, contact me by phone or email and we can chat that way or set up a time to meet. I'm happy to hear your feedback as we are always working towards improving our worship music experience.

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 sing 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

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

WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY

Not long ago I had a friend ask me this question, “*What brings you joy?*” It makes you think when someone surprises you with that question. I actually froze for a bit and thought about it. I started wondering “*what is the right answer... it can’t be something petty... it should probably be something really big... I guess I should say ‘God’, right?*” I’ve thought a lot about that question in the weeks since she asked it.

I then recalled seeing this posted on social media a few months back – “*Joy is a decision. A really brave one, about how you’re going to respond to life.*” (attributed to Author and CEO of Compassion International, Wess Stafford) Interestingly, the person who posted it to Instagram was *Toby Mac*, Christian singer and songwriter. I was able to see him in concert this summer, and the energy and joy he exudes on stage is incredible, after decades of doing what he does. It may not seem that unusual for a Christian artist to post something such as this, however, if you know anything about this particular artist you know he lost an adult child to drug overdose.

How horrible. I’ve read some of his story, so know for certain he has had (and still does have), dark days. He has times he has difficulty finding joy. Yet he has let his faith lead him through those dark times. How do we do that?!

If we look and listen, God introduces us to joy all around us. It must be neither expensive nor difficult. A church sign I recently drove by said “*Come as you are, you can change inside.*” That message is telling us to make one little decision, take one step at a time. Take a leap of faith and come inside. The fellowship, presence of other believers, introduction to a new scripture text, a certain song, the right prayer...any one of them can be that one next step you need to allow your faith, and ability to recognize joy, to blossom.

My ability to find joy in small places sort of snuck up on me – God at work. A few years ago my answer to the question “*What brings you joy?*” may likely have been

something about career success, my children getting a fancy job or collegiate accolade, the ability to take a cool vacation, getting a new car, or something similar. Now, my answers are so much simpler.

Just this morning I found profound joy in standing alone in the middle of a sunny park and belly laughing as I watched my 2 year old pup chasing butterflies. Half the time he’s just chasing their shadow, not even the actual butterfly! I’ve learned to live more in the moment, but it sure has taken me awhile. Stories like Toby Mac’s give me helpful perspective, but we all have our horrible times to overcome.

I’ve learned to see God in a sunrise or sunset. Seeing joy and God’s presence in the simple, small things around us is a gift. Such as looking into the innocent face of a grandchild, sleeping in your own bed that first night after getting out of the hospital, watching your newly planted flowers bloom, relief from chronic pain allowing you to walk around the block, your adult child calling you just to say hello and they love you, seeing the face of your parent with Alzheimer’s light up when they see you, or petting a kitten as it purrs on your lap.

Our challenges can often be many and seem insurmountable, so deciding to find joy can be hard. If this describes you, 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.



¹⁰ Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better. ¹¹ We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, ¹² always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light.

~ Colossians 1:10-12 [NLT]



LOCAL MISSIONS & MINISTRIES



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!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)

On August 29, 2025 the Gold Canyon UMC United Women in Faith visited The new Genesis Project facility in Apache Junction. They toured the facility and then prepared sandwiches for their "To Go" Following the visit they enjoyed food and fellowship at Maggie's in Apache Junction .



United Women in Faith



October 1, 2025 The UWF Reading Program will be in the Stephen Room of the Mission Center at 10:00 AM Yay! It's once again time for all us readers to join together, discuss our recent favorite books, and share fellowship! The October book report by Jane Hansgaard is **Women Rise Up** by Katey Zeh — Women Rise Up was an interesting book that gives women in the Bible a relatable side by side look to current issues facing women today. Katey Zeh brings biblical stories together with issues of women's health and is a model of intelligent faithfulness that is attentive to the full humanity of women. "It was so good to get opinions that I had never thought of before." Contact Jane Hansgaard at [Jane Hansgaard at hansgaard@msn.com](mailto:jane.hansgaard@msn.com)

October 18, 2025 Regular Meeting Pastor David Harriss will speak about Church and Society its importance for creating a better world. Fellowship and refreshments 10:00 AM Program at 10:30 AM Mission Center. For further information contact Rebecca Russel at (360) 352-4956. All women of the church are welcome hope to see you there

November 9, 2025 Red Cross Fall Blood Drive. Register at www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive Contact Donna Graves at dginajaz@yahoo.com

FOOD BANK



Looking back at the summer, we are relieved that most of the year's hottest weather is behind us. Now we can welcome back our neighbors from the northern reaches to enjoy the best weather of the year along side of us. The Fall always brings comforting thoughts of cooler weather, outdoor activities, and family gatherings centered around food. More on that last bit at the end of this piece...

Summer was largely uneventful at the Food Bank. Our core population of local volunteers held true to their commitment to making our mission work seamlessly. For the period of May 1 – Aug 29, we served **1,233 households/3,349 Individuals**. Reports on the total number of households (counts just the household, not the number of people in it) and individuals (counts all people in the household) during the reporting period. This is a duplicated count, so each household or individual is counted for each time they received services during the reporting period.



As you have read previously in the church bulletin, the Food Bank (and the GCUMC congregation, as a result), is providing food for the Apache Junction High School Football team this fall. Our very own Pastor Jeremy

Brigham is the coach! We are proud to support local school activities and thank you for taking part in this initiative. Around 45 hungry young men are fed at each dinner!

As we all prepare for the upcoming holidays in our homes, we ask that you also take into consideration those less fortunate and those who are food insecure while you shop for your own gatherings. The Food Bank's annual **Thanksgiving Box** pickup day will fall sometime (date TBD) during the week prior to the actual holiday. We will post more refined lists of needs in both the bulletin and in the November Roadrunner issue, so please stay tuned!



CALLING ALL POTTERS

Next **February** we will again host a fundraiser for the food bank called Empty Bowls. If you are a potter or know of potters in the area, we could use your help in making and then donating your "wares." If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Katharine in the office or at ladiebug1214@gmail.com If you happen to have bowls you wish to donate now, Katharine will receive them gladly now



PRAYERREQUEST

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

STAY IN THE KNOW!

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





OCTOBER CALENDAR

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

Wed Oct 1	10am	UWF Reading Program (MC-B)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Oct 2	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)
Fri Oct 3	8am	Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sat Oct 4	All day	Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
	7am	Community Market (S Parking Lot)
Sun Oct 5	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)
	12:30	INTERMENT: Grace Rhodes (Columb)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
Mon Oct 6	—	—
	6pm	MTG: SPRC (MC-B)
Tue Oct 7	9am	MTG: Gold Canyon Garden Club (MC-B)
	9am	MTG: Food Bank Staff (MC-M)
	1pm	GriefShare (ER)
	6pm	MTG: Trustees (MC-B)
Wed Oct 8	10am	MTG: Superstition Astronomical Leag. (MC-B)
	10:30am	Cancer Support Group (ER)
	1pm	Girls Matter Period (offsite)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	6pm	MTG: Missions Committee (MC-B)
Thu Oct 9	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)
Fri Oct 10	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	6pm	Polka and Pretzels (EB)
Sat Oct 11	7am	Community Market (S Parking Lot)
	8am	MTG: PEO (MC-B)
Sun Oct 12	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)

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

	11am	Youth Sunday School (YR)
	12pm	Coffee & Fellowship (EB Patio)
	12pm	UMYF (YR)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
Mon Oct 13	All day	Indigenous Peoples' Day
	All day	Columbus Day
Tue Oct 14	9am	Stitches Unlimited Quilters (MC-B/Patio)
	10apm	MTG: UWFaith Leadership Team (MC-S)
	1pm	GriefShare (ER)
Wed Oct 15	10am	MTG" Amge; Tree Planning (ER/KR)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	6pm	MTG: Finance Committee (MC-B)
Thu Oct 16	10am	Lions Club Mtg (MC-M)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)
Fri Oct 17	8am	Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sat Oct 18	7am	Community Market (S Parking Lot)
	10am	MTG: Monthly UWF (MC-E)
	1pm	MEMORIAL: Bob Kordish (S)
	2pm	MEMORIAL RECEPTION (EB)
Sun Oct 19	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 Oct 20 9am Gospel Gleam Team (MC-bldg.)
 Tue Oct 21 9am Stitches Unlimited (MC-B)
 1pm GriefShare (ER)
 Wed Oct 22 10am MTG: Superstition Astronomical Leag. (MC-B)
 10:30am Cancer Support Group (ER)
 5pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
 Thu Oct 23 9am FB Volunteer Luncheon (MC-B)
 6pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
 7pm AA (MC-E)
 Fri Oct 24 11am CareGivers Support Group (ER)
 5:30pm AA (MC-E)
 Sat Oct 25 7am Community Market (S Pkg Lot)
 8am MTG: PEO (MC-B)
 3pm Youth Mission Project (offsite)
 Sun Oct 26 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)

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

***BULLETIN BLURBS & FLOWER ORDERS ARE**

12pm UMYF (YR)
 3pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
 4pm Gospel Worship (KR)
 Mon Oct 27 — —
 Tue Oct 28 9am Stitches Unlimited Quilters (MC-B)
 1pm GriefShare (ER)
 Wed Oct 29 5pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
 Thu Oct 30 9am Girls Matter Period (MC-B)
 6pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
 7pm AA (MC-E)
 Fri Oct 31 All day Halloween
 8am GC Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)
 11am CareGivers Support Group (ER)
 5:30pm AA (MC-E)

Arizona Charitable Tax Credit

GENESIS PROJECT
Serving the Hungry and Homeless

Thanks to the Arizona State Charitable Giving Tax Credit you can donate up to \$495 for individuals and \$987 for joint filers and receive a dollar for dollar credit on your Arizona State Taxes!

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 P.O. Box 5156
 Apache Junction, AZ 85178

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 Apache Junction, AZ 85120
 10am - 2pm

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SEPTEMBER 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!

Hanson, Carter 10/01
 Fish, Herb 10/02
 Ramacher, Marcielle 10/02
 Cajowski, Kyle 10/03
 Potter, Penny 10/03
 Shank, Linda 10/03
 Tabor, Jill 10/04
 Becker, Jack 10/05
 Cajowski, John 10/05
 Capen, Dian 10/05
 Douglas, Marilyn 10/05
 Douglass, Jaclyn 10/05
 Rasmussen, Al 10/06
 Hosler, Mary Lou 10/07
 Wion, Sheldon 10/07
 Zander, Helen 10/07
 Hunter, Betty Lou 10/08
 Lunder, Nancy 10/08
 Muir, Barbara 10/08
 Becker, Bonnie 10/09
 Behan, Connie 10/09
 Merrel, Kay 10/09
 Scott, Jay 10/09
 Burgi, Jenelu 10/10
 Ewing, John 10/10
 Johnson, Pete 10/10
 Poppe-Smart, Kimberli 10/10
 Miller, Royce 10/11
 Roberson, Rinda 10/11
 Larson, Craig 10/12
 Cascaden, Lisa 10/13
 Graves, Donna 10/13
 Miller, Fred 10/13
 Bradshaw, Jack 10/14
 Breuklander, Paul 10/14
 Eubanks, Rosalie 10/14
 Lindholm, Lynn 10/14
 Pautvein, Joan 10/15
 Reynolds, Kally 10/15
 Tollefson, Kathy 10/17
 Norton, Lester 10/18
 Rogers, Shirley 10/18
 Workman, Paul 10/18

Adams, Robbie 10/19
 Dudley, Mary 10/20
 Liles, Cheryl 10/20
 Rowland, Debbie 10/20
 Sims, Gail 10/20
 Thomas, Bill 10/20
 Adams, Michael 10/21
 Dauenhauer, Dick 10/21
 Brown, Ariella 10/22
 Charette, Carl 10/22
 Elek, Tim 10/22
 Elieff, Jim 10/22
 Fendley, Alexis 10/23
 Fendley, Cecil 10/23
 Neumann, Eleanor 10/23
 Tabor, Charles 10/23
 Corey, Fred 10/24
 Kopnick, Pamela 10/24
 Tucker, Rush 10/24
 Hager, James 10/25
 Johnson (Korver), Carol 10/25
 Lunn, Ed 10/25
 Myers, Bill 10/25
 Williams, Kateland 10/25
 Gersonde, Lori 10/26
 Miller, Mike 10/26
 Schorer, Manny 10/26
 Daniels, Jan 10/27
 Lindholm, Paul 10/27
 Maetzold, Keith 10/27
 Crandall, LeWain 10/28
 Holmes, Rose 10/29
 Pautzke, Donavon 10/29
 Elieff, Sue 10/30

Hassoun, Cindy 10/30
 Hays, Doran 10/30
 Martin, Darla 10/30
 Weinhold, Eldon 10/30
 Gibson, James 10/31
 Graba, Sylvia 10/31

Happy Anniversary!

Enevold, Jeff & Connie	10/1
Peterson, Rick & June	10/1
Hoerter, Daniel & Coleen	10/2
Winkler, Don & Sarah	10/2
Cajowski, John & Barbara	10/8
Rowland, Phil & Debbie	10/11
Fuerherm, Roy & Donna	10/15
Klaers, Nick & Mary	10/15
Hanson, & Renee	10/16
Lunder, Nancy & Wayne	10/21
Hardcastle, Ned & April	10/23
Tabor, Jill & Charles	10/30
Lenz, Kathy & Louis	10/30



In Remembrance

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

Sandra Billeter
 Bonnie Eisentraut
 Heather Johnson

Mark Johnson
 Lori Mehan



CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

Aug.	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
	58,077	13,498	5,189	51,027	12,474	5,226	55,725	12,301	4,015	17,194	10,900	3,726

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