



SEPTEMBER 2025

FROM OUR PASTORS



Rev. David J. Harriss, Senior Pastor

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

For we were all baptized into one Spirit so as to form one body- whether Jews or Gentiles, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you all are one in Christ Jesus. ---Galatians 3:27-28

On September 15th, 1821, the 5 countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua declared their independence from Spain. 11 years earlier, September 16th, 1810, Mexico also declared its independence from Spain. So, it is only fitting that we (US Citizens) celebrate National Hispanic Heritage month from September 15th, through October 15th, every year. On September 17th, 1968, Lyndon B. Johnson, declared that September 15th would mark the beginning of National Hispanic Heritage Week and called upon the people of the United States, especially the educational community to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities. In 1988, Illinois Senator Paul Simon submitted a bill that would allow the U.S. to celebrate 30 days of Hispanic heritage, and it was signed into law by President Ronald Reagan. National Hispanic Heritage Month recognizes the contributions and achievements of our Latino brothers and sisters.

Throughout the Gospel, we are reminded of the inclusive love of God and Jesus Christ. From the original creation story in Genesis, God says, Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness (Genesis 1:26). Everyone including all cultures and heritages are formed in the image of God. Jesus Christ had a great love for all of humanity. He sat with the woman at the well. He ate with tax collectors and sinners. He went into Matthew's house. He healed a Canaanite child which was tormented by a demon. He healed a leper who was a foreigner. Jesus was unafraid of people who were different. He was never threatened by those who thought, looked, or acted differently than he did. Paul reminds us that as Christians, we are all one in Christ Jesus.

Therefore,, embrace and enjoy all that Hispanic Heritage Month has to offer. Many great artists, in the areas of entertainment, music, art, business, and industry, can be celebrated. Here in Arizona, the Latin X community are our teachers, our medical professionals, our neighbors, our classmates, our parishioners, and our working colleagues. Happy September everyone! Feliz Septiembre a todas! And, Happy Hispanic Heritage Month! Y feliz mes de la Herencia Hispana!

--Pastor David

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Pastor Katharine Keller

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

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.



24 women completed the summer women's study, "Live Free." (Not all participants are pictured)

DISCIPLE 3 CLASS

Facilitator Rev. Jim Gunn will be offering DISCIPLE 3 starting **November 5th** and running on Wednesdays at 1 pm. until March 18th, 2026 (breaking for some holidays.)

The first half of DISCIPLE 3 will study the Prophets. (the second half, offered next year will study the Letters of Paul). Please sign up so that workbooks can be ordered; you must have taken DISCIPLE 1 already. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Gunn at jim_gunn_954@msn.com.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Ladies, are you ready to sit at the table with Jesus and other ladies for worship, fellowship and fun? Our next retreat will be Nov. 14-16 at the Franciscan Renewal Center. Our theme is *"Come to the Table."* Cost for a single room (two nights, 5 meals) is \$310; cost for a double room (each person in the room pays \$220). Registration forms are now available in both church lobbies & attached here as well. We are allotted only 8 single rooms by the Retreat Center, so first come, first served! Partial scholarships are available, and we encourage you to invite a friend. Please contact Pastor Katharine (Ladiebug1214@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

GOLD CANYON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 WOMEN'S 2025 FALL WEEKEND RETREAT

"Come to the Table"

FRI., 11/14 (4:00PM) – SUN., 11/16 (1:00PM)
 FRANCISCAN RENEWAL CENTER – SCOTTSDALE, AZ



Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/ST/Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone #: _____

RETREAT FEES:

- Double Room** - \$220 (Per person/2 nights; Includes room & meals) Roommate: _____
- Single Room** - \$310 (Per person/2 nights; including room & meals; Limited availability)

PLEASE NOTE: NO RETREAT FEE REFUNDS AFTER 11/2/25

LESS Non-Refundable \$50 Deposit (to guarantee spot)

Allergies/Special Needs/
Dietary Restrictions? Yes No Explain: _____

Are you able to drive? Yes No **How many riders can you take?** _____

Amount Paid: \$ _____	Cash: <input type="checkbox"/>	Date: _____	Total Amount Due: \$ _____
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ADDITIONAL NOTES:



GLOBAL MISSIONS

Pastor Katharine Keller



GIRLS MATTER PERIOD

RICE & BEANS

Our major distribution of 2,000 GMP Period Packs to girls in Year to date, here in the east valley, including workshops at the Mission Center our volunteers have completed components for over 1,000 hygiene kits! That is many hours of cutting, sewing, turning, pressing, ect. 845 of those kits have been distributed through teams going to South Africa. We do hope to bring some kits along on the Beans and Rice Mission Trip in January to introduce them in Costa Rica and potentially provide more to them in the future.

Paula Blessman also has a trip planned to South Africa through Blessman International on **September 10, 2026**. Contact us at GirlsMatterPeriod@gmail.com if you are interest in going on this trip with her.

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

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 .



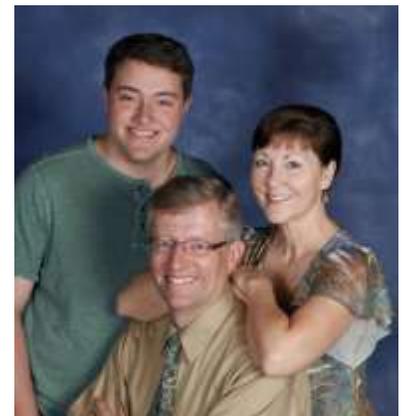
A NOTE OF THANKS

Beth and I want to thank you all for the many gifts we have received for my retirement. We appreciate the monetary gifts, retirement cards, flowers, socks, candy-gram, journals, books, gift cards and the beautiful quilt made by Stitches Unlimited.

We were overwhelmed by your generosity and touched by your words of appreciation and love. It has been an honor for both of us to have served in this church for so many years.

We have been blessed to have you in our lives and we will cherish the memories of you in our hearts. May God continue His mighty works through you in this community and abroad as you “follow Jesus and serve others”.

Grace and Peace, *Fred & Beth*





PASTORAL CARE

Our Pastors are on call to someone in our or prayers of the

reach out to members and friends of Gold Canyon UMC. If you know congregation who is hospitalized, ill at home, needs a listening ear and/ community, please send an email to GCUMCPrayers@gmail.com, call the Church Office

at (480) 982-3776, or contact one of the pastors directly so they can be included on the prayer list.

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Caring for others in the GCUMC fellowship of believers is shared by Pastoral staff and trained Lay **Congregational Care Ministers (CCMs)**. They share a ministry of loving, spiritual care: visits, prayer, Holy Communion, music, meals,



In Remembrance

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

- Bill Jones
- Roger Nefzer
- Grace Rhodes

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

Add/update your photo and contact info — and more using GCUMC's online directory, AccessACS! If you aren't using it, but would like to, email: ChurchOffice@GoldCanyonUMC.org with "**AccessACS**" in the subject line and we'll send you login instructions. You can also view our Church Directory on your phone using the ChurchLife app (if you already have it) or through your phone's browser!

Watch live and archived worship services and events at:

- <http://goldcanyonumc.org/watch-worship-services-live/>
- (www.Facebook.com/GoldCanyonUMC/)



YOUTH MINISTRY

Valerie Hammons, Youth Director

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

The Gold Canyon UMC Youth group recently visited the Ronald McDonald House in Phoenix. This facility allows families to stay free while their children are in the Children's Hospital.



They chose the menu, cooked, served and cleaned!
It was a great way for them to serve our community!





The Youth would like to start collecting tabs from soda, pet food, and energy drinks to take next time we visit the Ronald McDonald House. The money they make from recycling offsets donations and provides special moments for families staying at the House.

Look for Ronald McDonald House tab collection boxes at the Welcome Desk and on the info table in the Education Bldg.

Thank you!





MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



As we come into September, the fall season here in Gold Canyon is in sight. We're getting the 2025-2026 season of the Gold Canyon UMC Performing Arts series set up and will have a calendar of events for you probably next month, including our annual Christmas concert in December. The artists selection committee decided on a variety of local and international artists so it's bound to be a great season. Remember, our concerts have free admission! Be sure to check the schedule once it is published on our website and I will write about the artists in upcoming editions of the Roadrunner.



This month, Chancel Choir resumes rehearsals on Thursday, September 11th at 6:00pm and will begin singing again for Sunday worship very soon. Choir is, as always, open to new members so if you're interested, be sure to come to a rehearsal to try it out. The opening weeks of the fall season are one of the best times to give it a try since everyone's coming back from a long rest and we'll ease into the season. If playing bells are more to your preference, stay tuned as Canyon Carillon will be resuming rehearsals in October.

Please take the time to recognize our outgoing principal pianist, Andie Graham, who will be retiring this month. She has served Gold Canyon UMC for 8 years and is an absolutely fabulous colleague and musician. The choir and I will miss her very much. She'll still be around helping us from time to time with substitute duties, but she'll be spending more time with her family moving forward.

In the same vein, we'd like to welcome Robin Rost who will be succeeding Andie as principal accompanist. Many of you have already seen and heard Robin as she subbed for Andie during her pregnancy, assisted us with last year's Christmas concert, and participated in our music making this past Easter. We're looking forward to making great music together.

I know I always say this, but I'm really serious: 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. Have a great month!

Peace and best regards, *Ian*



With our projector down , the congregation has been brushing up on their hymnal reading skills!



Andie has, in addition to being our pianist, been helping to lead songs during the choir's hiatus.



CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

It seems to me that expressing gratitude puts grace into action in our lives. At least that's how it feels for me. The more grateful I am for the blessings in my life, no matter how small or large, I find I can much more easily extend grace toward others. Why? Well, maybe it's because gratitude makes me appreciative rather than resentful, lighthearted rather than down or depressed, and gives me a greater **ability to look outward rather than inward**. That last one is key.

I've read a lot on this topic in recent months. Below are just a few of the sentiments I've liked:

"Every day holds something to be thankful for, even if it's just the air you breathe or the sun on your face. Gratitude doesn't have to be grand - it's in the little moments that make life beautiful. Embrace those precious moments, and you'll find endless reasons to feel blessed." [Unknown]

"Repetitive complaining will attract things for you to complain about, but repeated gratitude will attract things for you to be thankful for." [attributed to Attorney Mohammad Tajsar]

"In EVERY situation and EVERY circumstance of your life, God is always doing a thousand different things that you cannot see and you do not know." [Pastor John Piper]

Sometimes recognizing what God's doing in our lives can be difficult though. Those sayings above can just sound like old, worn-out platitudes. They've been over-used, and we might as well be hearing "blah-blah-blah". Often, hearing such sentiments, can have us responding with "Easy for you to say...You have no idea what's going on in MY life!"

It has always helped me to know that a particular saying has a basis in scripture. One such sentiment, in song form, has just that. The song *Morning Has Broken* is a hymn from the



1930's by Eleanor Farjeon, popularized in the more recent 1970's music culture by artist Cat Stevens. And it happens to be hymn #145 in the Methodist Hymnal. Although the hymn itself is not directly found in the Bible, it draws inspiration from several biblical passages echoing the themes of new beginnings, God's creation and the promise of morning light. An overview of the connections includes:

Genesis 1:3-5 (Creation) - The hymn's opening lines, *"Morning has broken, like the first morning,"* directly reference the creation account where God speaks light into existence.

Psalm 118:24 (New Day) - This verse, *"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it,"* is a core message of the hymn, emphasizing gratitude for each new day as a gift from God.

Lamentations 3:22-23 (Mercies) - This passage speaks of God's mercies being new every morning, a theme reflected in the hymn's celebration of the fresh start each day brings.

Genesis 2-3 (Garden) - The second verse of the hymn, with its references to rain, dew, and garden, alludes to the garden of Eden described in Genesis.

All of those promises in the Bible are pretty simple really, and they apply no matter how large the challenge in our life at the moment. And, they most certainly aren't just platitudes!

But if seeing the blessings and promise in a new day, or in the small things around you is difficult; or if you can't even extend grace to yourself, much less to others, 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.

The Lord keeps you from all harm and watches over your life. The Lord keeps watch over you as you come and go, both now and forever. ~ Psalm 121:7-8 [NLT]



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!

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

Last month the quilting group generously donated **10** quilts to *Quilts Beyond Borders*, a charity providing quilts to children and refugees in underserved areas of the world. This organization distributes thousands of quilts each year and as of 2024 the total topped 34,000. Each of these quilts carries love and hope from the quilters to others whom they will never meet, but who will know that someone cares about them. If you'd like to join this quilting group, we meet the **2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 9am to 2pm**, in the Missions Center - Barnabas room. If you can't make it, let us know and we'll bring a confident-beginner quilt kit to you! For more information contact nancimahar@gmail.com



GRIEF SHARE

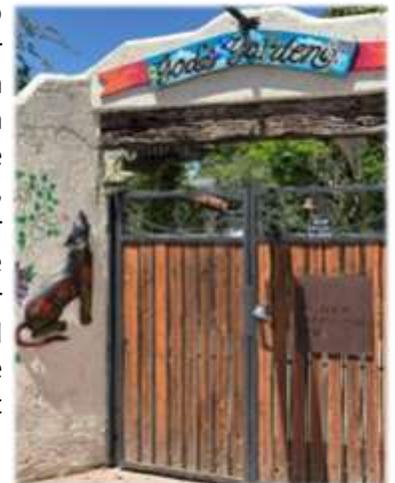
Are you grieving a loved one? If so, please join us for our next GriefShare program (13 weeks). Sessions will start at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, September 2nd in the Emmaus Room with Shirley Feather facilitating. The cost of the workbook is \$25, and you can register by calling the church office or Shirley at (602) 214-3964. Hope to see you there.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)

The Gold Canyon United Women in Faith have been very busy this summer, going on interesting field trips rather than regular meetings. A big shout out to Carol Johnson who organized these incredible experiences. Thanks Carol! On the first field trip on June 19th, we went to



Sunshine Acres, whose purpose is "to provide a loving, wholesome, Christian home for children who are separated from their parents and help them establish long-term relationships with stable parental figures, preparing them for success in adult life." We toured the facilities for about an hour and had time to browse the resale stores that help support their mission.





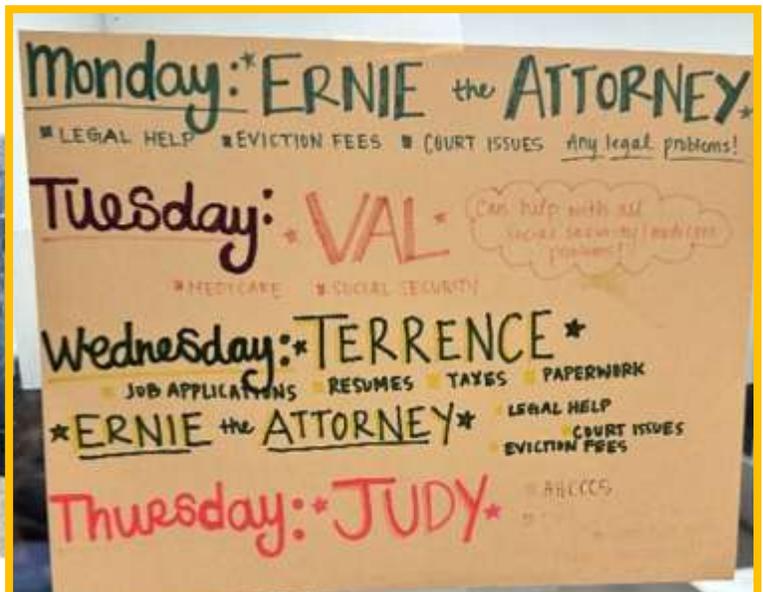
September 20th- Meeting:
"What is faithfulness to You?"
We will focus on how to live out your faith in a changing world. Fellowship at 10:00 am followed by meeting 10:30 am (MC-B). For more info. contact Rebecca Russel (360) 352 4956

We then we had a lovely lunch at Red, White Brew in Mesa.



United Women in Faith

On July 29 the group went on a second field trip to the *Justa Center* in Tempe. It was opened in 2006 & is the only resource, day center, and transitional housing resource exclusively serving seniors experiencing homelessness in the Phoenix area. *Justa Center* provides essential support and services for homeless adults age 55 and over, including benefits assistance, transportation coordination, help finding permanent housing, and more. Our group thought it was an interesting and inspirational place. Following the visit the group enjoyed lunch at *All Pierogi Restaurant* in Mesa.





AUGUST CALENDAR

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

Mon Sep 1	All Day	OFFICE CLOSED for Holiday
	All Day	Labor Day
Tue Sep 2	9am	MTG: Gold Canyon Garden Club (MC-B)
	1pm	GriefShare (ER)
	6pm	MTG: Lay Leadership (MC-B)
Wed Sep 3	10am	UWF Reading Program (MC-B)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Sep 4	9am	MTG: UWF Coffee & Conversation (MC-S)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)
Fri Sep 5	8am	Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
	6pm	Adult Trail Ride (offsite)
Sat Sep 6	—	—
Sun Sep 7	9am	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School (EB)
	9:30am	Middle School Sunday School (YR)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	10:30am	Coffee & Fellowship (EB Patio)
	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 Sep 8	1pm	Pizza with the Pastor (MR)
	9am	Girls Matter Period (offsite)
Tue Sep 9	9am	Stitches Unlimited Quilters (MC-B)
	10am	MTG: UWFaith Leadership Team (MC-S)
	1pm	GriefShare (ER)
Wed Sep 10	10am	MTG: Superstition Astronomical Leag. (MC-B)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Sep 11	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)
Fri Sep 12	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sat Sep 13	—	—
Sun Sep 14	9am	Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
	9:30am	Traditional Worship (S)
	10:30am	Coffee & Fellowship (EB Patio)
	11am	Praise Worship (KR)
	11am	Youth Sunday School (YR)

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)

	12pm	Coffee & Fellowship (EB Patio)
	12pm	UMYF (YR)
	3pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
	4pm	Gospel Worship (KR)
Mon Sep 15	6:30pm	MTG: Administrative Council (MC-B)
Tue Sep 16	1pm	GriefShare (ER)
Wed Sep 17	12:30pm	DAR Bells Across America (Bell Tower)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Sep 18	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)
Fri Sep 19	8am	Produce Co-op (S Parking Lot)
	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sat Sep 20	10am	MTG: Monthly UWF (MC-B)
Sun Sep 21	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 Sep 22	—	—
Tue Sep 23	9am	Stitches Unlimited (MC-B)
	9am	Food Bank Training (MC-M)
	1pm	GriefShare (ER)
Wed Sep 24	10am	MTG: Superstition Astronomical Leag. (MC-B)
	5pm	Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
Thu Sep 25	9am	Girls Matter Period (MC-B)
	6pm	Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
	7pm	AA (MC-E)

Fri Sep 26	11am	CareGivers Support Group (ER)
	5:30pm	AA (MC-E)
Sat Sep 27	8am	MTG: PEO (MC-B)
Sun Sep 28	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 Sep 29	—	—
Tue Sep 30	1pm	GriefShare (ER)

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

*BULLETIN BLURBS & FLOWER ORDERS ARE DUE BY WEDNESDAY AT 12 NOON

YOUTH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

FALL '25 CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 2** DIAMONDBACK GAME*
We will support one of our youth @ Choir night. 6:40pm
- 30** MISSION PROJECT*
Feed My Starving Children. 2:30- 4:00

OCTOBER

- 12** FUN DAY
Haunted House 11am - 2:30pm
- 25** MISSION PROJECT
Apache Junction Halloween Festival (GCUMC Booth) 3:00pm - 8:30pm

NOVEMBER

- 2** FUN DAY
Boyce Thompson Arboretum 11am - 2pm
- 15** MISSION PROJECT
Support Down Syndrome Walk at ASU Homecoming Time TBD
- 23** MISSION PROJECT
GCUMC Blessing of the Pets 2pm

DECEMBER

- 14** MISSION PROJECT
Caroling 11am - 2:30pm
- 21** CHRISTMAS PARTY
11am - 2pm
- 29** CONFIRMATION RETREAT*
Williams, AZ

*Fees/volunteers required



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!

McDaniel, Steve 9/01
Turner, George 9/01
Williams, Ashley 9/01
Hoffert, John 9/02
Jurgens, Ronald 9/02
Linton, Diana 9/02
Miller, David 9/02
Hardcastle, Ned 9/02
Luse, Bob 9/03
Irick, Jeff 9/03
Luther, Mavis 9/04
Gaulke, Norma 9/05
Sich, Jeff 9/05
Thum, Barbara 9/06
Ingram, Pam 9/06
Plaski, Sam 9/06
Harriss, David 9/06
Ralston, Riechia 9/07
O'Donnell, Mike 9/08
Fye, Carol 9/08
Shroyer, Kim 9/08
Jameson, Jim 9/09
Jones, Riley 9/09
Miller, Janeane 9/11
Sisson, Pam 9/11
Downing, Harriette 9/12
Wirtz, Daniel 9/12
Pepin, Sally 9/13
Bellegante, Linda 9/13
Brigham, Nazareth 9/13
Ingram, Bob 9/14
Gunn, Sue 9/14
Guth, Marcia 9/15

Messmer, Patti 9/17
Reichert, Cynthia 9/18
Parsons, Laura 9/19
Gibson, Dianna 9/19
Bos, David 9/19
Rowland, Phil 9/19
Mansdorfer, Nyla 9/20
Confer, Terry 9/20
Fransen, Yolanda 9/20
Olson, Randi 9/20
Johnsen, Donna 9/21
Ashe, Dee 9/21
Williams, Tristan Todd Dearing 9/21
Wilson, Reta 9/22
Nielsen, Bonny 9/22
Fish, Sharon 9/22
Blankenship, Cheryl 9/22
Moorberg, Deb 9/22
Erickson, Todd 9/22
Adams, Jacob 9/22
Olson, Carter 9/23
Rolf, Jayne 9/24
Picek, Char 9/24
Voelker, Roy 9/26
Hanson, Avery 9/26
Schmidt, Conrad 9/27
Cloud, Jeanne 9/28
Robison, Tom 9/29
Hammers, Tim 9/29
Linoski, Mary 9/29
Eisentraut, Bonnie 9/30
Shaughnessy, Julie 9/30
Joyce, Aileen 9/30
Hammers, Jan 9/30

Happy Anniversary!

Miller, John & Sally 9/01
Parkison, Peg & Rick 9/01
Hoffert, John & Jane 9/02
Holmes, Rose & B Dean 9/03
Gersonde, Lori & Jeff 9/04
Campbell, H Kim & Donna 9/06
Hager, James & Diana 9/08
Steckley, Leonard & JoAnn 9/09
Williams, Jay & Barbara 9/10
Reynolds, Jim & Kally 9/14
Schmidt, Conrad & Judy 9/14
Bowman, Hank & Judith 9/15
Heppner, Ron & Glorianna 9/15
Schwartz, Dick & Ann 9/15
Storley, LeRoy & Dunn, Carol 9/16
Downing, Jeff & Harriette 9/23
Urbach, Art & Jayne 9/23
Rivera, Steve & Linda 9/24
Hammers, Tim & Jan 9/26
Houser, Ron & Chris 9/27
Warth, Terry & Holly 9/27
Fish, Herb & Sharon 9/28
Brigham, Jeremy & Danielle 9/29
Plaski, Sam & Tammy 9/29
Cline, Mike & Nancy 9/30





CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

July	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
	74,708	17,799	6,231	77,694	18,986	5,492	65,410	10,996	4,634	49,357	8,430	3,298

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** (\$299,325 raised)
- **Mission Center Parking Lot** (\$200K needed; \$99k 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 on 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