



APRIL-MAY 2026



Rev. David J. Harriss, Senior Pastor

FROM OUR HEAD PASTOR

NOW WHAT?

*Then Peter began to speak to them, 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality'
-Acts 10:34*

This year, Sunday, April 5th, will be another glorious celebration. This is the Sunday commonly known as Easter or Resurrection Sunday. There will be a Sunrise Service at 6 a.m., followed by breakfast on the church grounds. We will have Easter Services at 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., and 4 p.m. This year, our entire Easter offering will be going to the global mission project Rice and Beans. And most likely, Easter services will comprise the largest Sunday worship service populations which we will encounter in 2026. Then what? Normally, following Easter worship service, winter visitors begin packing their cars and heading out of Arizona. The following week we will see a drastic decrease in worship attendance. And the remaining full-time parishioners will begin to prepare for a worship space which is less populated than it was the previous week.

In the Acts text for Easter Sunday (Acts 10:34-43), Peter has already witnessed the resurrected Christ. Jesus has already arisen and has left the earthly premises. Now, the disciples are left to offer his gospel message to the world. Even though the resurrection of Jesus Christ had been revealed, Peter has encountered a new revelation, a new aha moment. He (Peter) is summoned to Cornelius' house. Cornelius was a Roman Centurion. That is, he was a Gentile that commanded 100 military men for the Roman Army. Peter reluctantly goes to Cornelius' house because Jewish people and Gentiles did not associate with one another (Acts 10:28). Although Peter most likely understood that Christ's resurrection was for the entire world, Peter still did not fully understand what that meant. What about us? Do we believe that Jesus was resurrected for all of humanity? For the Arab Muslims? For the thugs, thieves and criminals in the world? Do we understand that God does not show partiality for any one nation over and above any other nation? Peter comes to see Cornelius and says to him, "I really am learning that God does not show partiality to one group of people over another." That is a revelation of hope and good news brought to the Jews and Gentiles.

On Easter Sunday, Jesus Christ's death and resurrection offer salvation to the entire world. Where is God extending salvation in our world? To whom are you and I partial to and why? Even once the Easter celebration is over, the good news of Jesus Christ can still be brought to the world. Perhaps the question, now what? is a great query for our church and for Peter to ask. Following Resurrection Sunday, how can you and I resurrect hope to a hurting world? How can we resurrect faith in a faithless world? How can you and I offer Christ to those who feel that they are unworthy? Following Resurrection Sunday, we can still resurrect the good news! We can resurrect hope! And we can still resurrect the gospel message that Jesus died for the entire world. Now that is good news for a hurting world. --*David J. Harriss*

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Pastor Katharine Keller

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

EMPTY BOWLS

Sunday, March 22nd. Empty Bowls- Many thanks to all the great volunteers who made our Empty Bowls Event successful for our food bank.



Lenten Study – Close to 40 adults studied *Unlikely Lent* by Rachel Billups, both at the church and in a home in Florence. These pictures capture some of Rachel's themes of Unlikely Companionship and Unlikely Courage among other themes.



WHAT'S IN YOUR MUG RETREAT

On Sat., 3/14 — 38 women worshipped & fellowshiped together during the half day retreat, led by Tressa Erickson. They also enjoyed good food and picked out a mug that appealed to them with little gifts inside. The most important part of the morning was Tressa's extensive testimony.

PET BLESSING

On Saturday, March 7th about 30 people and their pets came to our event. About 18 dogs, one young tortoise, a picture of the family cat, and the cremated remains of a much-loved dog were all blessed. Besides a brief worship service we offered the attendees handmade scarves, blessing clips for cat or dog collars, homemade dog treats, and a craft.



Bless this creature,
Oh Lord,
& the heart that cares for it.





KIDS KORNER

Vacation Bible Camp – Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God – Pastor Katharine is looking for helpers with different “gifts” for Vacation Bible Camp, **June 1 – 5, 2026 (hours 9 – Noon)**. She is looking for people to prepare snacks for the children attending, someone to be in charge of the adult snack room; small group leaders, who lead a group of 5 kids to each station; someone to lead games; people to help decorate; and teacher-types for various stations. It is important for her to know as soon as possible, so that she can orient the team.

Sign up soon for June VBC!!

- Note to parents and grandparents: Rainforest Falls is open for children 5-12.
- Please put the dates on your calendar, if they are not already:
June 1-5, 9 a.m-Noon.
- On page 12 of this newsletter you will find a registration form or you may pick one up in the Church Office or in either lobby. Have your students invite friends – it makes for way more fun!





YOUTH MINISTRY

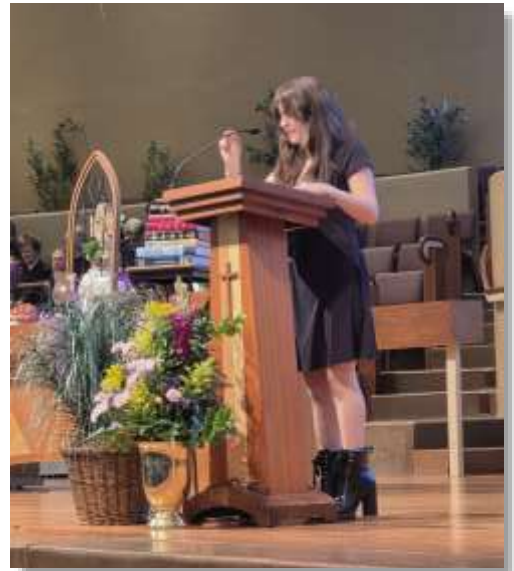
Valerie Hammons, Youth Director

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

The GCUMC Youth will be walking in the "Sharing Down Syndrome" fundraiser to support those with Autism—on **Saturday, April 18, 2026, from 5pm-9:30pm** at Tempe Diablo Stadium- and you are invited to join them! Please contact Valerie in the office for more info.



Youth helping with Worship Services on March 1st.



Middle School soccer game



Thank you for your continued donations, prayers and support!



Lots of "turtliffic" fun at the GCUMC Pet Blessing.



High school youth Sunday school at the park on a beautiful Sunday morning.



YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2026:

This year's Mission Trip will be from **June 5-14** @ the Wind River Reservation near Riverton, WY

Valerie says the goal is to, *"Have a profound impact on the ministry partner and community that we are serving, but also on us as we discover that our stories are part of the bigger story of what God is doing. We hope to experience God in a new and powerful way as we serve others in a new context and a new area."*

(for more info contact Valerie at Youthdirector_gcumc@gmail.com)



MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries



Happy Easter season, and in May, happy Pentecost! After a season of pensive reflection, this much-needed season of rejoicing is quite welcome. I hope you all enjoyed the winter season here at Gold Canyon UMC and for those of you who are returning to summer homes, safe travels.

We enjoyed another successful concert series this season with many of our favorite artists and it was wonderful to be able to share lunch with many of you at our annual visit to Organ Stop Pizza. As of writing this, Easter is just days away and the music ministry has been working diligently to be prepared for Holy Week, Easter, and beyond. My thanks go out to all who are participating in this important work. This goes for all of our groups including the Chancel Choir, Canyon Carillon, Contemporary and Country bands as well as many individuals including our talented accompanists and instrumentalists.



While the music ministry winds down a bit in the summer, many will still be offering their gifts to the summer services and begin preparing for another big season in the fall. If you're interested in participating, reach out and let me know. This fall will be the start of will be our 25th annual concert season at Gold Canyon UMC, with the 25th Annual Christmas Concert. It's going to be a big year so stay tuned.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to reach out by phone or email. Peace and best regards, *Ian*



Watch live and archived worship events at:



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

Get involved!



For more info contact Ian in the Church Office

or IClasse@GoldCanyonUMC.org



CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

SHINE WITH JESUS' LIGHT



"I feel that we're all lighthouses, and my job is to shine my light as brightly as possible to the darkness." I've seen varying information as to whom this quote is attributed to, so let's just call it internet wisdom for the moment.

Doesn't that sound a great deal like what some scripture in the Bible tells us? Probably the closest (paraphrased) is, *"You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good*

works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." — Matthew 5:14-16 (ESV)

What is the meaning of all of that? Well, it means we will shine like lights, showing others what Christ is like. We will live lives of humility and service, reflecting Christ's teachings in all that we do. WAIT A MINUTE!! That sounds like a lot of pressure, I don't know about that?!

I read a prayer recently in my daily devotional by the late Pastor Billy Graham that literally settled my soul and gave me permission to slow down and set reasonable expectations. He said - ***"We often desire to accomplish big things for You, God, thinking that bigger is better. Instill in us a passion for faithfully doing the small things first. May we seek to be obedient right where you have us today."***

Jesus made things simple, why do we make them so hard? In His short life here on earth He gave people water, He gave people food, He prayed for them, He loved them, He told them to love one another, He forgave them, He cried with them, He laughed with them, He made children feel as important as the adults around them, and on and on. Ultimately, He died on the cross so that we might start anew. That was clearly not a simple one, but that was the culmination of the framework He laid for us. Maybe we shouldn't make it so hard.

Another tidbit of internet wisdom lays this out pretty well - *"Hate has 4 letters but so does Love. Enemies has 7 letters, but so does Friends. Lying has 5 letters but so does Truth. Cry has 3 letters but so does Joy. Negativity has 10 letters but so does Positivity. Life is 2 sided. Choose the better side of it."* Whatever you are faced with, keep it simple, choose the better side of the problem or scenario!

Recently I ran across these great scriptural references, and perfect 'cheat sheet' for us as we go through each day, titled *Ten Ways to Love*. These are—

1. Listen without interrupting. (Proverbs 18)
 2. Speak without accusing. (James 1:19)
 3. Give without sparing. (Proverbs 21:26)
 4. Pray without ceasing. (Colossians 1:9)
 5. Answer without arguing. (Proverbs 17:1)
 6. Share without pretending. (Ephesians 4:15)
 7. Enjoy without complaint. (Philippians 2:14)
 8. Trust without wavering. (1 Corinthians 13:7)
 9. Forgive without punishing. (Colossians 3:13)
 10. Promise without forgetting. (Proverbs 13:12)
- (Instagram site for Mindful Christianity)

Start with one simple act at a time, an act done like Christ would have done it – listen, speak, give, pray, answer, share, enjoy, trust, forgive, promise – and imagine where your light can shine! Small things first, one at a time, they all matter.

If you have enough trouble keeping your light lit to get you through the day, and can't imagine shining it for others right now, consider **reaching 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.

Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ~ Philippians 2:4, (NRSV)



LOCAL AND GLOBAL MISSIONS & MINISTRIES



FOOD BANK



Happy Spring! While we didn't have much of a "winter" at all this year, we still welcomed cooler temps that make it enjoyable to be outside while our neighbors visited the food bank. It's this time of year that we receive local citrus which is in turn offered on a self-serve basis to our clients. Recipients are delighted with the healthy, locally grown fruit as an addition to their bi-monthly allotment of food.

We were blessed with the spoils of several successful food and fund drives since November, which have kept our volunteers busy with sorting and bagging.

Did you know that we have a special "Meat Packing Team"? Mid Carlozzi and his crew of rowdy cronies spend at least a couple of hours per week packing up "protein bags" for our neighbors. These bags contain frozen purchased and donated items and greatly enhance the complete food offering available for our neighbors. These bags most often include ground beef, chicken patties, kielbasa and at times, fish. The selection can vary based upon what is delivered by the United Food Bank on the first Wednesday of each month.

Our most recent "Volunteer Spotlight" features Randy and Debbie LeRoy, who are also members of the church.

Debbie and Randy LeRoy are frequently seen bustling about doing just about every task imaginable at our Food Bank. It's no wonder why they like to keep busy AND help people - because they are both nurses. In Matthew 25:40, Jesus teaches, "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.'" This passage highlights the intimate relationship between serving others and serving Christ Himself. The LeRois exemplify this so deeply.

Their story begins in Wisconsin, where they were both born and raised - Debbie from the central part of the state and Randy from near Green Bay. They met at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee during their nursing studies and will celebrate their 47th anniversary this year. They raised 2 daughters and now have 5

grandchildren; all of whom reside in Illinois. Randy and Debbie feel fortunate to be able to spend summers in IL with their family and winters in AZ with friends. Their interests mainly surround being active outside - hiking, pickleball, walking, biking. Their favored indoor activities include bible studies, reading and going to museums.

Having visited AZ on vacation around 5 years ago, the place made such a positive impact on them they decided to buy a part-time home here. Also appealing was that they had good friends in AZ that attend GCUMC. Through our church, the LeRoy's found our Food Bank.

Volunteerism is a large part of the LeRoy's past and present. Debbie and Randy have drawn on their formal training as well as their deep sense of empathy and desire to help those less fortunate by attending church missions all over this hemisphere. Back in the Midwest, they have served the homeless through religious outreach programs as well as other community projects. As mentioned previously, Randy and Debbie never leave a stone unturned at the Food Bank - from serving neighbors, to sorting, stocking, cleaning, and revamping the name tags - we appreciate every single second they are with us. Bonus - Randy is able to practice his Spanish on occasion! Thank you, Debbie and Randy! We are so fortunate to have you volunteer with us!

STITCHES UNLIMITED

What do you call a gathering of quilters? A Block Party!



It's that time of year when we'd like to take a moment to recognize and appreciate all the people involved in the quilting mission: donating fabric, cutting, sewing, ironing, quilting, delivering, and all the prayers for those who receive the quilts. Thank you sew much for your dedication, creativity, skills and service. In the last couple months we've donated 35 quilts to House of Refuge and Quilts Beyond Borders. If you're not involved yet, please join us. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 9am to 2pm, in the Missions Center -



Barnabas room. Bring your lunch and have some fun! If you can't make it on Tuesdays, let us know and we'll bring a confident-beginner quilt kit to you. If you don't sew, you can still participate by cutting fabric, ironing, putting colors together, or delivering donations. For more information contact nanci.mahar@gmail.com or cjenevold@gmail.com

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The United Women in Faith will be serving **Easter Brunch, Sunday, April 5th** following the 6am Sunrise Service and the 9:30 Service. If you would like to help serve or provide breakfast rolls, etc please contact Rebecca Russel at (360) 352 4956. Many hands make light work.

UWF will sponsor another Red Cross Blood Drive on **April 12th from 9 am to 2pm** in the Missions Center. Contact the Red Cross at redcross.org and schedule your time to donate blood. If you would like to provide cookies for blood donors — please bring them to the Missions Center any time during the drive.

Regular Meeting Dates: April 18 & May 16 at 10am in the Missions Center— Esther Room.



Matthew 25:40
~ Whatever you did for one of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.

GIRLS MATTER PERIOD

The Bunco Fundraiser on 3/11 was AMAZING! A big thank you to all of you who helped with and donated to the event and those of you who played. It was a super fun afternoon.

Join Girls Matter Period at a workshop this month to help make reusable hygiene components for girls whose families cannot afford disposable products. If you would like to sew, please bring your sewing machine — there will be plenty of non-sewing tasks available as well. Come for all or part of the workshop and help us make a difference in girls' lives!

- Thursday, **April 9th** at Mad B's from **1pm to 4pm**
- Thursday, **April 23rd** at Gold Canyon United Methodist Church Missions Center from **9am to Noon**
- Watch your bulletin for additional summer dates.
- **August 13– 25** Distribution trip to Limpopo, South Africa. Contact Tammy, Sue, or Paula if you are interested (call the church office for their contact information).

RICE AND BEANS

This Easter our **full Easter Offering** will be supporting Rice and Beans Ministry in Costa Rica. We are believing for \$30,000 to support what they do in their context: they help feed those with hunger insecurities by providing rice, beans, and dry milk. They now also have an extensive garden and hundreds of chickens at their base camp, so fresh vegetables and eggs are provided to the schools and to individual families.

They have a presence in the schools, teaching students about anti-bullying and building character through Bible studies, music and puppet shows. This continues during their summer break through a Vacation Bible School.

Currently they are in a construction phase on the Base Camp to build another dormitory to house all the volunteers.

The next mission trip to Costa Rica will be **January 9-16, 2027**. Interested parties should contact Pastor Katharine by email ladiebug1214@gmail.com





Vacation Bible Camp
Registration Form

(One Per Child)

Child's name: _____ Child's gender: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cellphone: (____) _____

Home email address: _____

Home church: _____

Allergies, medical conditions, or special needs: _____



In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Crew number or name (for church use only): _____



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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Pastor Jeremy Brigham, Associate Pastor
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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.

Lenten Worship Schedule

- March 29th – 9:30, 11, & 4 Palm Sunday Worship
- April 2nd – 7pm Maundy Thursday Worship
- April 3rd – 7pm Good Friday Worship
- April 5th – 6am EASTER Sunrise Worship (outdoors)
 9:30, 11, & 4 EASTER Worship Services

PRAYER REQUEST

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



Celebrating the Lives of:

We honor the lives and memories of these members and friends who have recently passed...

Mazhar Gill	Loretta Riordan
Maury Haugland	Ella Mae Rowe
Mary Klaers	Gary Stemple
Rachel Konieczny	Art Urbach
Sandy Olson	



APRIL & MAY CALENDAR

(Calendar is subject to change;

For more info, please visit www.GoldCanyonUMC.org or call the Church Office)

1 Apr, Wed

All day Food Bank floor cleaning (MC-M) (Day 3/3)
 8 – 9am Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)
 10am – 12pm UWF Reading Program (MC-B/Patio)
 1 – 3pm DISCIPLE 3 (MC-B)
 5 – 6pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)

2 Apr, Thu

All day Maundy Thursday

5:30 – 7pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
 7 – 8pm AA (MC-E)
 7 – 8pm Maundy Thursday Worship (S)

3 Apr, Fri

All day Good Friday

9 – 10am Tai Chi (MC-B)
 11am – 1pm CareGivers Support Group (ER)
 5:30 – 6:30pm AA (MC-E)
 7 – 8pm Good Friday Tenebrae (S)

4 Apr, Sat

All day Holy Saturday
 9 – 11am Desert Plant Sale (MC parking lot)

5 Apr, Sun

All day Easter Sunday

6 – 7am Easter Sunrise Worship (N Parking Lot)
 9 – 10am Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
 9:30 – 10:30am Children's Sunday School (EB)
 9:30 – 10:30am Middle School Sunday School (YR)
 9:30 – 10:30am Traditional Easter Worship (S)
 10:30 – 11am Coffee & Fellowship (Patio)
 11am – 12pm Children's Sunday School (EB)
 11am – 12pm Praise Easter Worship (KR)
 11am – 12pm Youth Sunday School (YR)
 12 – 1:30pm Youth Fellowship (YR)
 3 – 4pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
 4 – 5pm Gospel Easter Worship (KR)

6 Apr, Mon

All day OFFICE CLOSED for Holiday

All day Easter Monday

9 – 10am Tai Chi (MC-B)

7 Apr, Tue

9am – 12pm G.C. Garden Club (MC-B)
 9 – 11am GriefShare (ER/K)
 1 – 3pm GriefShare (ER/K)
 3 – 5pm Bells Rehearsal (MR/S)

4 – 5:30pm MTG: SPRC (MC-B)

6:30 – 8pm MTG: Finance Committee (MC-B)

8 Apr, Wed

8 – 9am Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)
 10am – 12pm Superstition Astronomical Lg. (MC-M)
 5 – 6pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)

9 Apr, Thu

3 – 5pm GCAC Board Meeting (MC-S)
 6 – 8pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
 7 – 8pm AA (MC-E)

10 Apr, Fri

9 – 10am Tai Chi (MC-B)
 11am – 1pm CareGivers Support Group (ER)
 5:30 – 6:30pm AA (MC-E)

11 Apr, Sat

8am – 12pm MTG: PEO (MC-B)
 3 – 5pm WEDDING: Goodro (S)

12 Apr, Sun

9am – 2pm GCUMC Blood Drive (MC-B&E)
 9 – 10am Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
 9:30 – 10:30am Children's Sunday School (EB)
 9:30 – 10:30am Traditional Worship (S)
 10:30 – 11am Coffee & Fellowship (Patio)
 11am – 12pm Children's Sunday School (EB)
 11am – 12pm Praise Worship (KR)
 11am – 12pm Youth Sunday School (YR)
 12 – 1:30pm Youth Fellowship (YR)
 3 – 4pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
 4 – 5pm Gospel Worship (KR)

13 Apr, Mon

9 – 10am Tai Chi (MC-B)
 6:30 – 8pm MTG: Administrative Council (MC-B)

14 Apr, Tue

9am – 2pm Stitches Unlimited Quilters (MC-B&Patio)
 10am – 12pm MTG: UWFaith Leadership (MC-S)
 3 – 5pm Bells Rehearsal (MR/S)
 6 – 7:30pm MTG: Trustees (MC-B)

15 Apr, Wed

All day Tax Day
 8 – 9am Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)
 5 – 6pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)

16 Apr, Thu

10am – 1pm Lions Club Mtg (MC-M)
6 – 8pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
7 – 8pm AA (MC-E)

17 Apr, Fri

9 – 10am Tai Chi (MC-B)
11am – 1pm CareGivers Support Group (ER)
5:30 – 6:30pm AA (MC-E)

18 Apr, Sat

9am – 12pm Leadership Training (KR)
10am – 12pm MTG: Monthly UWF (MC-E)

19 Apr, Sun

9 – 10am Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
9:30 – 10:30am Children's Sunday School (EB)
9:30 – 10:30am Traditional Worship (S)
10:30 – 11am Coffee & Fellowship (Patio)
11am – 12pm Children's Sunday School (EB)
11am – 12pm Praise Worship (KR)
11am – 12pm Youth Sunday School (YR)
12 – 1:30pm Youth Fellowship (YR)
3 – 4pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
4 – 5pm Gospel Worship (KR)

20 Apr, Mon

9 – 10am Tai Chi (MC-B)
6 – 7pm Pastry with the Pastor (MR)

21 Apr, Tue

3 – 5pm Bells Rehearsal (MR/S)

22 Apr, Wed

8 – 9am Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)
10am – 12pm Superstition Astronomical Lg. (MC-M)
12 – 3pm Earth Day Reunion (MC-E)
5 – 6pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)

23 Apr, Thu

9am – 12pm Girls Matter Period (MC-B)
6 – 8pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
7 – 8pm AA (MC-E)

24 Apr, Fri

9 – 10am Tai Chi (MC-B)
11am – 1pm CareGivers Support Group (ER)
5:30 – 6:30pm AA (MC-E)

25 Apr, Sat

8am – 12pm MTG: PEO (MC-B)

26 Apr, Sun

9 – 10am Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
9:30 – 10:30am Children's Sunday School (EB)
9:30 – 10:30am Traditional Worship (S)

10:30 – 11am Coffee & Fellowship (Patio)
11am – 12pm Children's Sunday School (EB)
11am – 12pm Praise Worship (KR)
11am – 12pm Youth Sunday School (YR)
12 – 1:30pm Youth Fellowship (YR)
3 – 4pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
4 – 5pm Gospel Worship (KR)

27 Apr, Mon

9 – 10am Tai Chi (MC-B)

28 Apr, Tue

9am – 2pm Stitches Unlimited (MC-B)
3 – 5pm Bells Rehearsal (MR/S)

29 Apr, Wed

8 – 9am Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)
10:30am – 2pm Rotary Club Mtg & Lunch (MC-B)
5 – 6pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)

30 Apr, Thu

6 – 8pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
7 – 8pm AA (MC-E)

1 May, Fri

9 – 10am Tai Chi (MC-B)
11am – 1pm CareGivers Support Group (ER)
5:30 – 6:30pm AA (MC-E)

2 May, Sat —

3 May, Sun

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4 – 5pm Gospel Worship (KR)

4 May, Mon

9 – 10am Tai Chi (MC-B)

5 May, Tue

All day Cinco de Mayo
9am – 12pm G.C. Garden Club (MC-B)
12 – 2pm MEMORIAL (EB)
3 – 5pm Bells Rehearsal (MR/S)

*The CONTENT DEADLINE for the next Bi-Monthly NEWSLETTER is the 15th OF MAY by 4pm.

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10 May, Sun

All day Mother's Day

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 3 – 5pm Bells Rehearsal (MR/S)

13 May, Wed

8 – 9am Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)
 5 – 6pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)

14 May, Thu

All day Ascension Day
 3 – 5pm GCAC Board Meeting (MC-S)
 6 – 8pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
 7 – 8pm AA (MC-E)

15 May, Fri

9 – 10am Tai Chi (MC-B)
 11am – 1pm CareGivers Support Group (ER)
 5:30 – 6:30pm AA (MC-E)

MAIN CAMPUS

EB = Education Bldg.
 ER = Emmaus Rm
 K = Kitchen
 KR = Koinonia Rm
 MR = Music Rm
 NAR = Noah's Ark Rm
 P = Patio
 S = Sanctuary

SoGR = Sea of Galilee Rm
 WR = Wesley Rm
 YR = Youth Rm

MISSIONS CENTER

MC-B = Barnabas
 MC-E = Esther
 MC-M = Martha
 MC-S = Stephen

16 May, Sat

10am – 12pm MTG: Monthly UWF (MC-E)

17 May, Sun

9 – 10am Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
 9:30 – 10:30am Children's Sunday School (EB)
 9:30 – 10:30am Traditional Worship (S)
 10:30 – 11am Coffee & Fellowship (Patio)
 11am – 12pm Children's Sunday School (EB)
 11am – 12pm Praise Worship (KR)
 11am – 12pm Youth Sunday School (YR)
 12 – 1:30pm Youth Fellowship (YR)
 3 – 4pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
 4 – 5pm Gospel Worship (KR)

18 May, Mon

9 – 10am Tai Chi (MC-B)

19 May, Tue

All day Pinal Co Consolidated Election
 3 – 5pm Bells Rehearsal (MR/S)

20 May, Wed

8 – 9am Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)
 10am – 12pm Superstition Astronomical Lg. (MC-M)
 5 – 6pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)

21 May, Thu

10am – 1pm Lions Club Mtg (MC-M)
 6 – 8pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)
 7 – 8pm AA (MC-E)

22 May, Fri

9 – 10am Tai Chi (MC-B)
 11am – 1pm CareGivers Support Group (ER)
 5:30 – 6:30pm AA (MC-E)

23 May, Sat

8am – 12pm MTG: PEO (MC-B)

24 May, Sun

All day Pentecost

9 – 10am Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
9:30 – 10:30am Children's Sunday School (EB)
9:30 – 10:30am Traditional Worship (S)
10:30 – 11am Coffee & Fellowship (Patio)
11am – 12pm Children's Sunday School (EB)
11am – 12pm Praise Worship (KR)
11am – 12pm Youth Sunday School (YR)
12 – 1:30pm Youth Fellowship (YR)
3 – 4pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
4 – 5pm Gospel Worship (KR)

25 May, Mon

All day Office closed for Holiday

All day Whit Monday

All day Memorial Day

8 – 9:30am Reserved (MR)

9 – 10am Tai Chi (MC-B)

26 May, Tue

9am – 2pm Stitches Unlimited (MC-B)

3 – 5pm Bells Rehearsal (MR/S)

27 May, Wed

8 – 9am Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)

5 – 6pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)

28 May, Thu

9am – 12pm Girls Matter Period (MC-B)

6 – 8pm Choir Rehearsal (MR/S)

7 – 8pm AA (MC-E)

29 May, Fri

9 – 10am Tai Chi (MC-B)

11am – 1pm CareGivers Support Group (ER)

5:30 – 6:30pm AA (MC-E)

30 May, Mon

31 May, Sun

All day Trinity Sunday

9 – 10am Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)

9:30 – 10:30am Children's Sunday School (EB)

9:30 – 10:30am Traditional Worship (S)

10:30 – 11am Coffee & Fellowship (Patio)

11am – 12pm Children's Sunday School (EB)

11am – 12pm Praise Worship (KR)

11am – 12pm Youth Sunday School (YR)

12 – 1:30pm Youth Fellowship (YR)

3 – 4pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)

EASTER LILIES 2026



In Memory of...

ROGER BUTZ from the Vorseth Family
JERRY BUTTERFIELD from May Butterfield
MICHAEL BUTTERFIELD from Mary Butterfield
LEE & FOSTER COLLINS from Lauren Collins-Mitchell
FAMILY & FRIENDS from Sue & Phil Kench
CAROL ANN GORDON from Anonymous
VIVIAN & LAVON GUIST from Myron Sherry
CID M. COPLEY SR. from Jessica, Nicole, Emmaline,
Dottie, & Cid Jr.
Sister NANCY MCGORON from Mary Dudley
OUR FAMILY from Doug & Lynn Edney
Mother, JIMMIE & Father, BOB from Roberta Breuklander
JOSEPH PEREZ from Catherine Perez
DON ROLLER from Jan Roller
RHONDA RITENOUR DROPIK from Marcia Ritenour
CHUCK SEAVER from Jane Seaver
MICHAEL SIEGFORTH from Janice Martin

In Honor of...

JENNY BURGI from Bob Burgi
JIM & SUSAN GUNN from Judy Simmel & Willie Campbell
CINDY OSBURN from Catherine Perez, sister
CANDY POLYAK from Catherine Perez, sister



WE CELEBRATE WITH YOU!

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!

April Birthdays!

Epler, Mary (Peggy) 04/01
Gersonde, Jeff 04/01
Kraft, Rebecca (Becky) 04/01
Steinberg, Fred 04/01
Dybwad, Gay 04/02
Schoeff, Rose 04/03
Marifjeren, Lorna 04/04
Kinder, Elizabeth 04/04
Carlson, Brian 04/04
Parkison, Richard (Rick) 04/04
Rolf, Vernon (Vern) 04/05
Fratt, Robert (Bob) 04/05
Cunningham, Mona 04/05
Wachter, Sharon 04/08
Dulaney, Janet 04/08
Harbaugh, Janice (Jan) 04/08
Campbell, Frank 04/10
Glasgow, Joan (Jo) 04/11
Lester, Yvonne 04/12
Cooke, Teresa 04/13
Killorn, Erlice (Bid) 04/15
Deitch, David 04/15
DeMar, Margaret 04/15
Togstad, Keith 04/16
Digerness, Nancy 04/16
Polyak, Candace 04/17
Oehlers, Tamara (Tami) 04/17
Weber, Mary 04/17
Barks, Tucker 04/17
Svoboda, Beverly (Bev) 04/18
Evans, Dennis 04/18
Revis, Lynn 04/18
Lester, James (Jim) 04/21
Crane, Linda 04/21
Warren, Harry 04/22
Whitmore, Sandra (Sandi) 04/22
Singer, Byron 04/23

Hanshaw, Judith Ann (Judy) 04/24
Ellis, Caren 04/25
Enevold, Connie 04/25
McNutt, Deborah 04/25
Williams, Barbara 04/26
Bos, Colette 04/26
Witucky, Michelle 04/26
Arquisch, Duri 04/27
Bennett, Sharyn 04/27
Strachota, Janell 04/27
Morawa, Hannah 04/27
Fitzgerald, Gracie 04/27
Krstyen, Michelle 04/28
McDaniel, Marilyn 04/28
Steckley, JoAnn 04/28
Holmes, Dean 04/29
Downing, John (Jeff) 04/29
Kench, Phillip (Phil) 04/29
Bjorklund, Alice 04/30
Nunn, Kevin 04/30

April Anniversaries!

Daigle, Bob & Sharon 04/04
Nelson, Lee & Joni 04/07
Nelson, Jack & Marcia 04/07
McCauley, Don & Kay 04/08
Kench, Phil & Sue 04/10
Wiff, Bette & Tom 04/11
Kennedy, Barbara & Tom 04/13
Lampsas, Roy & Tamara 04/15
Elek, Deane & Tim 04/17
Fitzgerald, Chris & Susan 04/18
Rewerts, Jerry & Glass, Carol 04/20
Mintert, Frank & Zenith 04/20
Eddy, Barry & Janice 04/21
Daniels, Brad & Jan 04/27
Mahar, Nanci & Rob 04/29
Watters, Scott & Ortega-Watters, Monica 04/30
Thacker, Jerry & Ruth Ann 04/30

May Birthdays!

Kench, Suzanne (Sue) 05/01
Mullins, Victoria 05/02
Perez, Catherine 05/02
Gunn, James (Jim) 05/03
Paone, Albert 05/03
Alford, Robert (Keith) 05/03
Voorhees, Deborah (Deb) 05/03
Larson, Joyce 05/05
Kness, Deanna (Dee) 05/05
Steckley, Leonard 05/06
Forest, Betty 05/06
Campbell, Sandra (Sandy) 05/06
Rowley, Cheryl 05/07
Weidner, Harold 05/08
Speidel, Mark 05/08
Rowe, Ella Mae 05/09
Fitzgerald, Susan 05/09
Luse, Carol 05/10
Schuler, George (Phalen) 05/10
Rohrbach, Linda 05/10
Giddings, John 05/10
Shaughnessy, Mike 05/11
Alford, Joletha (Jo) 05/11
Hughes, Doug 05/11
Barber, Ann 05/12
Matthews, Shirley 05/12
Carpenter, Wesley (Wes) 05/14
Andreyka, Janice 05/14
Braatz, Patrick 05/14
Miller, Geraldine (Geri) 05/15
Morton, Maureen 05/15



Hanson, Shawn 05/15
 Hartman, Lorna 05/16
 Wirtz, Catherine 05/16
 Engbrecht, Donald (Don) 05/17
 Hunter, Gary 05/17
 Heppner, Ronald 05/18
 Davenport, Mary Ann 05/19
 Togstad, Pamela 05/19
 Edney, William (Doug) 05/19
 Heft, Louis R (Bob) 05/20
 Graham, Claudia 05/20
 Woode, John 05/21
 Weidner, Gloria 05/22
 Mulhair, Delna 05/22
 Twa, Preston (Jack) 05/23
 Arehart, Larry 05/24
 Burris, Joanne 05/24
 Kennedy, Thomas (Tom) 05/24
 Kosanke, Karen 05/24
 Nefzer, Kathleen (Kathy) 05/24
 Barks, Chloe 05/24
 Voorhees, Steve 05/25
 Greenlee, William (Bill) 05/26
 Nichols, Nancy (Sam) 05/26
 Houser, Christine (Chris) 05/26
 Otterstein, Karen 05/27
 Storbakken, Linda 05/28
 Fuher, Mavis 05/29
 Eddy, Janice 05/29
 Ancell, Bob 05/30
 Workman, Janice 05/30
 Vorseth, Duane 05/31



*May
Anniversaries!*

Brogren, Ann & Neil 05/01
 Formento, Kathy & Russ 05/04
 Noe, Jim & Mary Beth 05/05
 Turner, George & Lisa 05/08
 Cloud, Jeanne & Pautzke, Donavon 05/17
 Luther, Jeff & Mavis 05/17
 Snyder, Lorrie & Toby 05/20
 Rasmussen, Al & Diane 05/22
 Welker, June & Larry 05/28
 Witucky, Michelle & TJ 05/29
 Miller, John & Ameda 05/31
 Williams, Karen & Todd 05/31

STAY IN THE KNOW!

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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)

	2023			2024			2025			2026		
	General	Building	Attend-	General	FH Bldg.	Attend-	General	FH Bldg.	Attend-	General	FH Bldg.	Attend-
JAN	178,777	16,931	10,787	125,714	16,818	9,681	93,949	6,991	5,375	83,731	6,647	5,747
FEB	150,706	326,051	10,257	178,694	55,568	7,510	106,240	19,461	4,353	182,101	6,674	3,964

Please note when requesting IRA donations be sent directly to the church from your financial institution, please be sure to request they include your name either on the check or on the stub. We often receive checks with no identification and due to privacy laws, we are unable to ascertain who should be provided an acknowledgement.



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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