



JUNE - JULY 2026

FROM OUR HEAD PASTOR



Rev. David J. Harriss, Senior Pastor

DESIGN THINKING

For many churches that I have been appointed to, once June approaches, ministries begin to shut down for the summer months. This summer as I have time to focus on other interests, I plan on approaching the surrounding communities through Design Thinking.

Following our leadership training in mid-April, it was apparent to me that the best way to have a more fruitful and effective church is through an assessment of community needs. *What are the greatest needs of the community?* Design Thinking involves focusing on human needs. By simply asking members of this community, *What do you see as the three greatest needs of the community?* It keeps human need at the center of our inquiries. When a pool of answers becomes large enough, we can compare and contrast the needs of the community, and as a church, attempt to resolve many unmet needs through programs and ministries. By assessing the community needs (not our own needs), we can then create a Goal, Plan, and Systems (GPS Model) to help us resolve many needs in our local neighborhoods.

As an introvert, this process will not be easy for me. I am not good at speaking to strangers that I do not know. However, I believe that if we are going to grow as a congregation, this process could become transformational.

If anyone is interested in *design thinking*, I would love to have others come along with me for community assessments. My plan is to begin these assessments following Annual Conference (June 17th- June 21st, 2026). I want to meet with school principals and vice principals. I want to speak to mayors and council representatives, fire chiefs and police chiefs. I want to meet with people in the surrounding communities whom I do not know right now. If you want to come along for the ride and the assessment, please let me know. I look forward to assessing our community needs with you!

--David J. Harriss

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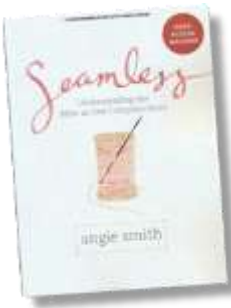
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Pastor Katharine Keller

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

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Katharine will be facilitating a Women's Bible Study titled, "Seamless" on **Wednesday mornings at 10am from June 24th- August 5th.** "Seamless" is a video-based Bible Study that helps us understand the Bible as One Complete Story. Ladies, you love the stories you know, but you aren't sure how they fit together. Or maybe you understand it from an academic perspective, but you can't quite get your heart to care. Or possibly, you've simply done what you could to understand enough to get by in a small group, and you go home feeling like you're behind the curve. Our teacher, Angie Smith, has been where you are and provides an easy-to-understand overview of the whole Bible. It's not too late to sign up — contact Pastor Katharine in the Church Office. Buy your own book.



"UNSTOPPABLE" MESSAGE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH BY UWF



COMMUNITY CLOTHING EXCHANGE

Again this summer there will be a **FREE** clothing exchange at the LDS Church on Ironwood on August 1st. If you have clothing donations, you may bring them to the church **between 7/26—7/30**, marked for Pastor Katharine; and she will deliver them to the sale location on July 31st. You may donate clean, gently used clothes, prom dresses, purses, backpacks, shoes or other accessories. Please no undergarments, swimsuits, or household items. Then if you wish to "shop" for new-to-you items it will be on **August 1 from 8-11 a.m. at 1720 S. Ironwood in Apache Junction.**



EASTER



KIDS KORNER



Carter and Avery Hanson, serving as 9:30am Worship Liturgists

Aiza and Ayan send their balloons skyward in celebration of Ascension Sunday



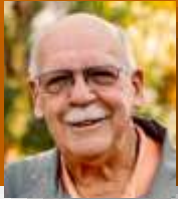
CONGRATULATIONS to the Brigham family!



Jeremy Brigham, Jr. graduated from Arizona State University with a degree in Computer Science on May 11. Following a successful internship, Jeremy accepted a full-time position with Walmart Global Tech in Arkansas and will begin work there in July.

Donald Brigham has been named the Valedictorian and #1 graduating student at Apache Junction High School and spoke at his graduation on May 21.

Congratulations to both Jeremy and Donald on these outstanding accomplishments!



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Rev. Gary Capen, Associate Pastor

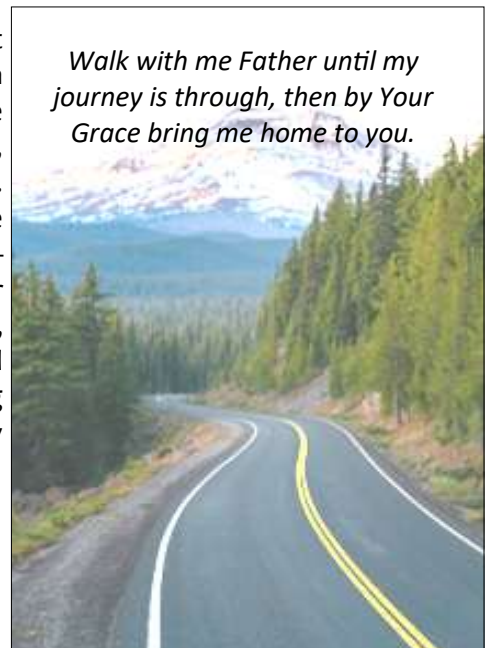


In all these moments, I am reminded that our calling as followers of Christ is not to judge one another, but to meet one another with compassion, mercy, and grace. That truth has been on my heart in a special way as we move toward Pentecost and into the summer season. In my travels, visiting people around the valley at hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities, and in their homes, I am truly blessed. Each time I visit, I am invited into that individual's life. I see people in various degrees of need, and in those needs, I am aware of circumstances that, in many cases, are beyond their control. I'm invited into their lives to share in those moments, those struggles, those times when they are in a very vulnerable state. It would be so easy to look at someone in those moments and say, "Well, what did you do to make God so angry with you that here you are?" There are many who would say that. But our God is not that God, and I am not one who would ever lay blame on someone for their misfortune, whatever it may be. That is not the God I believe in or the God to whom I pledge my life. My God, our God, is one of love, compassion, peace, forgiveness, healing, and above all, grace. Scripture tells us that Christ did not come into this world to condemn the world. No, he came to show us a much better life, a life founded on loving God, our neighbors, and even our enemies as ourselves.

One of the publications I enjoy reading is Sojourners Magazine. Each day, I receive a brief meditation from Sojourners titled "Verse and Voice." A recent edition featured 1 John 4:20, which reads: "Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen." In this passage, "brother" or "sister" refers to anyone, for we are all brothers and sisters created by God. Oswaldo Payá writes as the "Voice of the Day": "The first victory we can claim is that our hearts are free of hatred. Hence, we say to those who persecute us and who try to dominate us: 'You are my brother. I do not hate you, but you are not going to dominate me by fear. I do not wish to impose my truth, nor do I wish you to impose yours on me. We are going to seek the truth together.'" This speaks to me in a way that I believe reflects how Christ would have us act and live. We are to seek unity and oneness in a world that has long been torn between "us and them." We are not "us versus them," and we are not "we're right and they're wrong." We are brothers and sisters who should be looking for common ground, a place where we can speak openly and honestly without anger, vile language, or belittling others. Christ gave us the gift of Grace; we have been forgiven of our sins, and we are to empower that gift of Grace in our daily lives by acts of kindness, love, humility, and patience toward others. To care for the ones whom Christ spent his life lifting up rather than putting down.

As I write this article, we are preparing to celebrate Pentecost, that moment when the power of the Holy Spirit came and filled each one with the gift Christ promised would be with us: to guide us, to help us live as he commanded, to teach as he taught, to love as he loved, to be peacemakers, servants to others, and above all, to offer grace to those whom we meet. This is also the time when we begin planning our summer and all that we hope to enjoy in the months ahead. Whatever you are planning to do—whether it is a family vacation, a trip to the beach, a picnic in the park, or simply a time of relaxing with friends—always carry with you, in your bag, your picnic basket, or your heart, the grace of Jesus Christ. You may find that your time becomes more enjoyable, restful, peaceful, and refreshing when your heart is overflowing with grace. May we be people who carry that grace into every place we go and to every person we meet.

Walk with me Father until my journey is through, then by Your Grace bring me home to you.



God Bless you, *Gary*



YOUTH MINISTRY

Valerie Hammons, Youth Director

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

YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2026



From June **5th through 14th**, The GCUMC Youth are traveling to the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming. The trip is arranged through "Foundations For Nations" — a Christian ministry that brings the Gospel to the Wind River Reservation. They bring the love and hope of Jesus Christ to the Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone tribal members. "Foundations for Nations" has a goal of helping each person to have a personal relationship with God and to be ignited to reach others with the good news about Jesus.

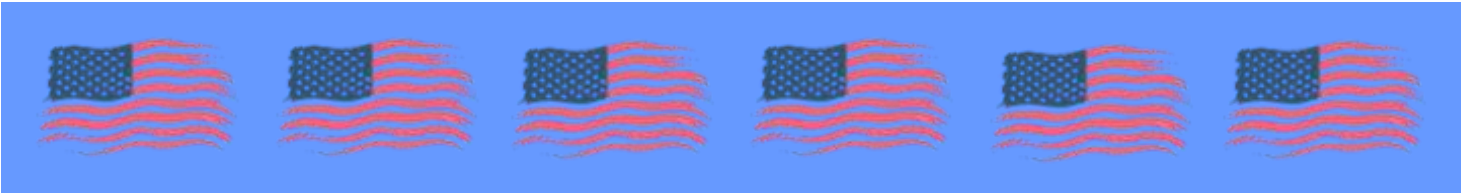
The Gold Canyon UMC Youth will partner with FFN and their creative methods in order to impact the reservation community by working in the food pantry and clothing closet. Our group will be attending church service, both on Sunday and nightly. We will help with food distributions, clothing distributions, construction projects, prison ministries, Vacation Bible School, and will also enjoy a meal with a community family. This will be an amazing trip.

Thank you so much for your generous donations to our upcoming mission trip! Because of your incredible support, we are able to travel, learn and grow towards HIM! Your contribution isn't just about covering travel or supplies; it directly empowers us to serve and make a tangible difference in the community we are visiting —and fosters amazing growth in our own youth! We are so grateful to have your support with us in this work. The youth can't wait to return and share photos and stories of the impact your gift made possible. Thank you again for your generosity and belief in our mission!



Your prayers for the Youth are always appreciated!





CELEBRATING **250 YEARS** OF INDEPENDENCE IN THE U.S.A.

At two recent staff meetings, the staff and I discussed ways in which we could celebrate 250 years of independence this coming July 4th, 2026. We looked at the promotion of 2 numbers: 250 and 1776. 250 is the number of years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence, signed July 4th, 1776. 1776 was, of course, the year in which the original document was signed.

We discussed items such as 5, 10, 20 people giving \$250.00 to children’s ministry, youth ministry, or missions, or another ministry. We also discussed giving \$17.76 toward a ministry. We consented and concluded that more people could give \$17.76 to a ministry than those who could offer \$250.00 toward a ministry, event, or activity. In the end, we decided to promote parishioners offering \$17.76 toward the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund in celebration of July 4th, 2026. With the celebration of 250 years of independence, we will be promoting gifts of \$17.76 toward the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund during the month of June 2026. The Pastor’s Discretionary Fund supports people who are in financial need with their utility bills, rent, and other costs

As we celebrate 250 years of independence in the U.S.A., I am grateful to live in a country which has many rights, including the right to vote. I am also grateful for US Citizens that have hearts of generosity toward God’s Kingdom. Allow me say in advance, “Thank you” for your continued support of the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund. This is a vital fund and ministry which assists so many people in financial need. Happy Independence Day everyone!

Yours in Christ, --Pastor David J. Harriss



PRAYERREQUEST

...please send prayer requests to
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 or call the Church Office

Watch live and archived worship services and events at:



- <http://goldcanyonumc.org/watch-worship-services-live/>
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MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Ian Classe, Director of Music Ministries

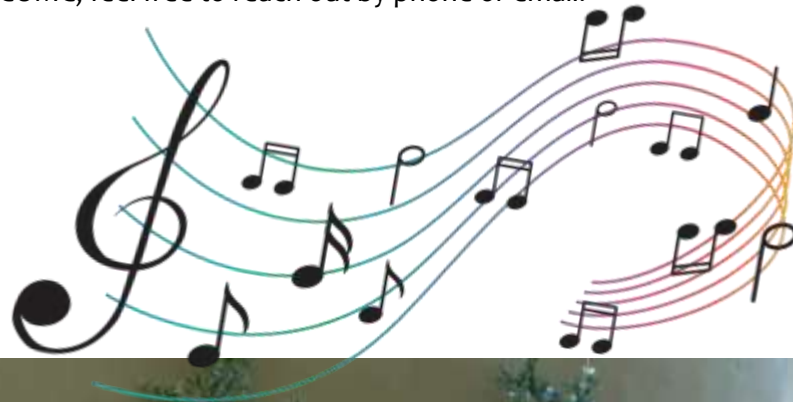


Summer is here: temperatures are up; the number of things to do outside is down. Much of the music ministry is enjoying a well-earned hiatus to recharge for the upcoming fall season. There will still be some participants this summer singing, playing, and providing music for worship and beyond. Maybe you could be one of them? If you're interested in participating in solos, small ensembles, playing instruments or the like during the summer season, please reach out to me by phone or email.

The upcoming fall/winter season will be the 25th anniversary of concerts at Gold Canyon UMC with the 25th Annual Christmas Concert on December 12, 2026. Choir and participants will start working on the Christmas music right at the beginning of the season in September this year since we're going to try and make this year's concert the best it's ever been. We've already got several groups scheduled for concerts and are working on filling out the rest of the season. If you have any particular interests, be sure to let me know before the fall. If you're interested in participating in the big 25 Christmas program, stay tuned as we get closer to fall for more information.

As well as being the big 25 for Gold Canyon UMC concerts, this year is also the big 250 for the United States of America. The church will be recognizing this special anniversary this summer and there might be some music to match. I hope you have an enjoyable and productive summer. As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or comments about music here at GCUMC, feel free to reach out by phone or email.

Peace and best regards, *Ian*





CARING CORNER

Kim Shroyer

LESSONS FROM OUR SCARS

I recently heard this said on a TV show – *“Being completely covered in scars is evidence of a life fully lived.”* There’s a lot of meaning to be taken from that statement. But I think the most important may be that scars are inevitable, both inside and out. We will not get through this life without hurts, pains, fears, defeat or betrayal...because we are all human and suffer from the same plight, imperfection.

There was a movie back in the 70’s starring John Travolta, titled *The Boy in the Plastic Bubble*. The boy had a severe immune deficiency and had to live in a bubble, or risk immediate disease and death. Based on a combination of true stories, sometimes this extreme approach has been used in order to save someone’s life. But for the most part, in our world and for the mass majority of us, living in a bubble is not an option. Thus, the scars.

Over these past couple of months, I’ve thought about the scars people carry, and have seen or heard of many examples around me:

- ◇ A veteran suffering from obvious physical wounds as well as the unseen PTSD yet starting a veteran’s support group to help others with their past trauma.
- ◇ An alcoholic who’s been successful in recovery and is now a sponsor/mentor to others with the same addiction.
- ◇ A 3-year-old little boy born with many birth defects and disorders (esophageal atresia, severe autism, muscular dystrophy), yet who is happy, smiling and laughing and brings joy to everyone around him.
- ◇ Someone who has walked through unimaginable grief themselves yet finds the strength and courage to lead a grief support group to help others.

These are just a handful of the millions of examples walking this earth daily, people scar-filled from the troubles life can bring. Sometimes those scars come from something that happens *“to us”*, and sometimes they come from our own ill choices. Either way, it’s being resilient enough to learn and squeeze wisdom from what those scars represent, using them for the

good of others, that’s most important. After all, who else do you know who had scars which represented something pretty amazing? Nope, not a trick question, of course it’s Jesus. His scars were not his fault, but they are by far the most significant representation of the meaning scars can convey.

Jesus Christ dying on the cross for our sins gave us the eternal gifts of grace and mercy. Yet, it was clearly a horrible experience that Christ in human form had to go through. That grace and mercy remind me of a song by country artist Ira Dean titled *Somethin’ Bout a Sunday*. My favorite lyrics go like this, *“Somethin’ bout a Sunday makes a man feel like someday he can change, Amazing grace was written for a guy like me, a walking, talking train wreck on two feet...”*

Yes, we are all very much *walking, talking train wrecks on two feet!* So how do we get through this life as we build more scar tissue? I recently read a BGEA devotional on the power of prayer - *“We also need to remember that with God nothing is impossible. No task is too arduous, no problem too difficult, no burden too heavy for Him. Do not, however, put your will above His. Do not insist on your way. And don’t expect an immediate answer to come in exactly the way, the place, and the manner that you are seeking. Rather, learn to pray as Jesus Himself prayed: Not My will, but Yours, be done.”* This is the key starting point!

If the meaning of your scars eludes you, 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.

“Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.” ~ [Luke 22:42, NLT]



LOCAL AND GLOBAL MISSIONS & MINISTRIES



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

COSTA RICA TRIP

If you have not already mentioned to Pastor Katharine that you wish to join the team going to Rice and Beans **January 9-16, 2027**, she would like to know by the end of July. We have to have the administrative money in by the first of September. Then each participant will need to write a check for \$770 for room and board. Pastor has not yet decided on the exact flight to San Jose - kind of waiting to see if airfares will go down. It will be important that we all go on the same flight, so please do not book on your own.

STITCHES UNLIMITED



Your donated quilting items make a difference! Sometimes people do spring cleaning in the spring, sometimes in the summer or other times of the year. From your donations, this spring the Stitches Unlimited group created nearly 50 quilts for donation! Twenty-five quilts will go to Quilts Beyond Borders, a charity providing quilts to children in underserved areas of the world or other organizations in the southwest region; Fifteen will go to House of Refuge, where families/residents arrive with few or no personal belongings but can begin to rebuild their lives. The last 10 will go to various organizations in the valley for those in need. If you're not involved yet, you're welcome to join the group - 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, let us know and we'll bring a confident-beginner quilt kit to you. For more information contact nanci.mahar@gmail.com or cjenevold@gmail.com

GIRLS MATTER PERIOD

Girls Matter Period workshops continue throughout the year in the Mission Center. Please refer to the Worship Bulletin calendar for meeting times.

Our mission continues to grow in ways we never imagined just three years ago. Recently, Girls Matter Period began a partnership with International Children's Fund (ICF), a Wisconsin-based nonprofit that has served children and families in poverty for more than 50 years.

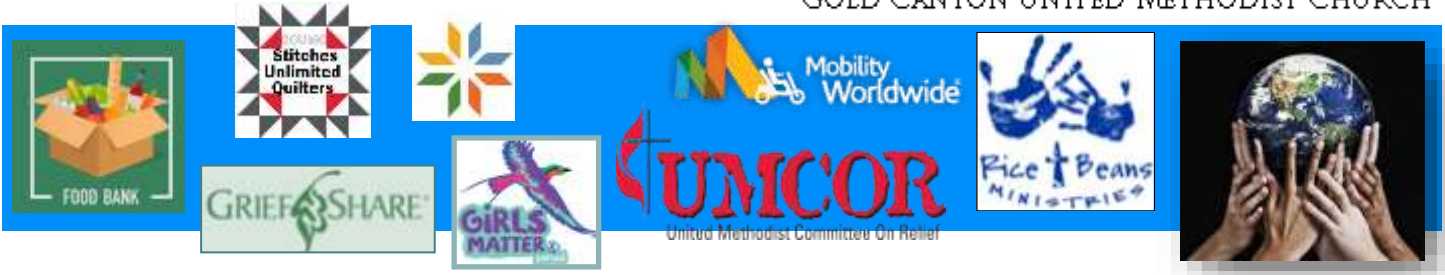
ICF partners with indigenous pastors and community leaders in rural villages throughout Liberia, Uganda, Kenya, Pakistan, India, and Ghana, providing food, water, education, and other vital support services. While ICF recognized the need for reusable menstrual hygiene products, they had not previously partnered with an organization providing them. Through this new partnership, Girls Matter Period is now helping meet that important need.

This month, GMP will deliver 600 Personal Packs to ICF in Neenah, Wisconsin. From there, ICF's established network will transport the kits to girls in need, while local leaders in each country provide education alongside the distributions. The need continues to be great, and we will be looking for those who can help transport kits to Wisconsin in the months ahead.

In addition, our partners in Iowa, Minnesota and Idaho will continue receiving kits for their own outreach efforts. **In August, Paula Blessman will be taking a team of people to Limpopo, South Africa to distribute over 2,000 kits. If you are interested in going to Limpopo, contact us soon because they are currently planning transportation for this effort.**



We are grateful for the many volunteers and donors whose generosity continues to make this mission possible. Together, we are bringing dignity, hope, and practical support to girls around the world.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The United Women in Faith were very busy in Late March and April.

March 29th was our Spring Priceless Bake Sale. It was very successful — raising \$947.20 for our local mission *Homeless Youth Connection*, and \$2,236.80 for our UWF *Global Missions*. Thanks to all who helped make it a great success.



Easter Sunday Breakfast went very well this year. We always have fun preparing for it.

On April 9th the Unstoppable Women in Faith presented United Women in Faith Sunday. We all enjoyed planning for it and participating in it. It was really fun to share our history with our congregation — Looking forward to doing it again next year.

This summer our special events coordinator Carol Johnson is planning some interesting field trips with lunch to follow. All women are invited to attend. Check your weekly bulletin for more information. You may contact Carol at caroljohnsonaz@yahoo.com



We have fun together!

- The reading program will continue to meet June, July and August at **10am in the Missions Center**. Contact Jane Hansgaard at hansgaard@msn.com with any questions.
- Our monthly meetings will resume **September 19, 2026**. Have a Great Summer — see you in September. We have some great programs planned.



FOOD BANK

It's that time of year when the snowbirds leave the area and the food bank benefits from their "pantry clean-outs." This is typically the beginning of a long dry spell for donations (both food and monetary) until their return in the fall and the ensuing holiday season of giving. Nearly all of our neighbor clients live in the area full time, so in order to maintain the normal amount of food we distribute, it becomes necessary to purchase some food in the summer. Please consider making a regular, on-going monetary (tax deductible) contribution to the food bank – tell your friends as well, please. Happenings since the the last Roadrunner article:

- In the past month, we have received a notable donation from the local Rotary Club, for which we are extremely thankful!
- One of our volunteers (Jean Dixon) headed up a blanket drive for Genesis Project. This was very successful – Jean collected at least 3 full car trunks.
- We are thrilled to have realtors from Weichert Realty (across the street from the food bank) partner with us every other week for the bagging of donated food. This is a great aid to us and they love helping out in the community – truly a win-win situation!

In closing we thought you might enjoy some photos of just some of those who love working at the food bank!





PASTORAL CARE

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



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Caring for others in the GCUMC fellowship of believers is shared by 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.

Celebrating the Lives of:

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

Joe Brooks
 John Carlson
 Valerie Garcia
 Jim Hartman
 Teresa Horvet

Ruthie Johnson
 Karl Krass
 Tom Kuhn
 Mike & Sue Malloy
 Corky Reed

NEW SERMON SERIES

He Said That??? ***Contentious Words from Jesus Christ***

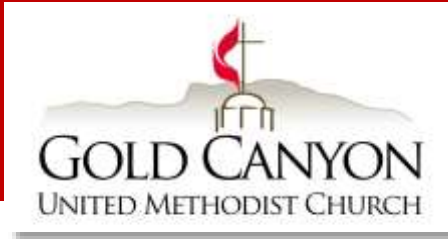
June 28th – Matthew 10:32-36

July 5th – Mark 10:34-38

July 12th – Luke 14:25-33

When we think of Jesus Christ, we obviously think of someone who was caring, kind, and loving toward humanity. However, Jesus also spoke out about injustices, mistreatments, and discriminations. Following Annual Conference, 2026, David Harriss will begin a 3-week sermon series entitled, He Said That? referencing a few contentious words which Jesus openly stated to differing populations.





JUNE & JULY CALENDARS

(Calendar is subject to change;

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

1 Jun, Mon

9am-12 VBC (Church campus) (Day 1/5)
9 – 10am Tai Chi (MC-B)

2 Jun, Tue

9am-12 VBC (Church campus) (Day 2/5)
9am – 12pm G.C. Garden Club (MC-B)

3 Jun, Wed

9am-12 VBC (Church campus) (Day 3/5)
8 – 9am Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)
10am – 12pm Superstition Astronomical Lg. (MC-M)
10am – 12pm UWF Reading Program (MC-B/Patio)
5 – 6pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)

4 Jun, Thu

9am-12 VBC (Church campus) (Day 4/5)
7 – 8pm AA (MC-E)

5 Jun, Fri

9am-12 VBC (Church campus) (Day 5/5)
All day Youth Mission Trip (WY) (Day 1/10)
9 – 10am Tai Chi (MC-B)
11am – 1pm CareGivers Support Group (MC-E)
5:30 – 6:30pm AA (MC-E)

6 Jun, Sat

All day Youth Mission Trip (WY) (Day 2/10)

7 Jun, Sun

All day Youth Mission Trip (WY) (Day 3/10)
9 – 10am Praise Band Rehearsal (KR)
9:30 – 10:30am Traditional Worship (S)
10:30 – 11am Coffee & Fellowship (Patio)
11am – 12pm Praise Worship (KR)
3 – 4pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
4 – 5pm Gospel Worship (KR)

8 Jun, Mon

All day Youth Mission Trip (WY) (Day 4/10)
9 – 10am Tai Chi (MC-B)

9 Jun, Tue

All day Youth Mission Trip (WY) (Day 5/10)
9am – 2pm Stitches Unlimited Quilters (MC-B&Patio)

10am – 12pm MTG: UWFaith Leadership Team (MC-S)
1 – 4pm Card Makers (ER)

10 Jun, Wed

All day Youth Mission Trip (WY) (Day 6/10)
8 – 9am Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)
5 – 6pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)

11 Jun, Thu

All day Youth Mission Trip (WY) (Day 7/10)
7 – 8pm AA (MC-E)

12 Jun, Fri

All day Youth Mission Trip (WY) (Day 8/10)
9 – 10am Tai Chi (MC-B)
11am – 1pm CareGivers Support Group (ER)
5:30 – 6:30pm AA (MC-E)

13 Jun, Sat

All day Youth Mission Trip (WY) (Day 9/10)

14 Jun, Sun

All day Youth Mission Trip (WY) (Day 10/10)
All day Flag Day
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)
3 – 4pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)
4 – 5pm Gospel Worship (KR)

15 Jun, Mon

9 – 10am Tai Chi (MC-B)

16 Jun, Tue —

17 Jun, Wed

All day Annual Conference (offsite) (Day 1/5)
8 – 9am Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)
10am – 12pm Superstition Astronomical Lg. (MC-M)
5 – 6pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)

18 Jun, Thu

All day Annual Conference (offsite) (Day 2/5)

7 – 8pm AA (MC-E)

19 Jun, Fri

All day Annual Conference (offsite) (Day 3/5)
 All day OFFICE CLOSED for Holiday
 All day Juneteenth
 9 – 10am Tai Chi (MC-B)
 11am – 1pm CareGivers Support Group (ER)
 5:30 – 6:30pm AA (MC-E)

20 Jun, Sat

All day Annual Conference (offsite) (Day 4/5)
 10am – 12pm MTG: Monthly UWF (MC-E)

21 Jun, Sun

All day Annual Conference (offsite) (Day 5/5)
 All day Father's Day 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)

22 Jun, Mon

9 – 10am Tai Chi (MC-B)

23 Jun, Tue —

24 Jun, Wed

8 – 9am Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)
 10 – 11am "Seamless" Bible Study (MC-E)
 5 – 6pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)

25 Jun, Thu

9am – 12pm Girls Matter Period (MC-B)
 7 – 8pm AA (MC-E)

26 Jun, Fri

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

27 Jun, Sat —

28 Jun, 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)

29 Jun, Mon

8 – 9:30am Reserved (MR)
 9 – 10am Tai Chi (MC-B)

30 Jun, Tue —

1 Jul, Wed

8 – 9am Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)
 10am – 12pm Superstition Astronomical Lg. (MC-M)
 10am – 12pm UWF Reading Program (MC-B/Patio)
 10 – 11am "Seamless" Bible Study (MC-E)
 5 – 6pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)

2 Jul, Thu

7 – 8pm
 AA (MC-E)

3 Jul, Fri

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

4 Jul, Sat

All day Independence Day

5 Jul, Sun

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 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)

6 Jul, Mon

All day
 9 – 10am Tai Chi (MC-B)

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

7 Jul, Tue

8 – 9:30am Reserved (MR)
 9am – 12pm G.C. Garden Club (MC-B)
 6:30 – 8pm MTG: Finance Committee (MC-B)

8 Jul, Wed

8 – 9am Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)
 10 – 11am "Seamless" Bible Study (MC-E)
 5 – 6pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)

9 Jul, Thu

7 – 8pm AA (MC-E)

10 Jul, Fri

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

11 Jul, Sat —

12 Jul, 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 Jul, Mon

9 – 10am Tai Chi (MC-B)

14 Jul, Tue

9am – 2pm Stitches Unlimited Quilters (MC-B&Patio)
 10am – 12pm MTG: UWFaith Leadership Team (MC-S)
 1 – 4pm Card Makers (ER)
 6:30 – 8pm MTG: Administrative Council (MC-B)

15 Jul, Wed

8 – 9am Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)
 10am – 12pm Superstition Astronomical Lg. (MC-M)
 10 – 11am "Seamless" Bible Study (MC-E)
 5 – 6pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)

16 Jul, Thu

7 – 8pm AA (MC-E)

17 Jul, Fri

9 – 10am Tai Chi (MC-B)

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

11am – 1pm CareGivers Support Group (ER)
 5:30 – 6:30pm AA (MC-E)

18 Jul, Sat

10am – 12pm MTG: Monthly UWF (MC-E)

19 Jul, 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 Jul, Mon

9 – 10am Tai Chi (MC-B)

21 Jul, Tue

All day Pinal Co Consolidated Election
 6 – 7:30pm MTG: Trustees (MC-B)

22 Jul, Wed

8 – 9am Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)
 10 – 11am "Seamless" Bible Study (MC-E)
 5 – 6pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)

23 Jul, Thu

9am – 12pm Girls Matter Period (MC-B)
 6 – 8pm MTG: Missions Committee (MC-B)
 7 – 8pm AA (MC-E)

24 Jul, Fri

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

25 Jul, Sat —



WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Please be sure introduce yourselves!

26 Jul, 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)

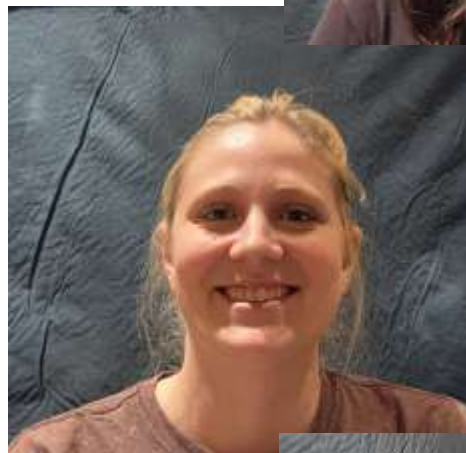
Grace Tomaszewski



27 Jul, Mon

- 9 – 10am Tai Chi (MC-B)

Rebekkah Guzman



28 Jul, Tue

- 9am – 2pm Stitches Unlimited (MC-B)

29 Jul, Wed

- 8 – 9am Dinosaur Mtn Networking (MC-E)
- 10am – 12pm Superstition Astronomical Lg. (MC-M)
- 10 – 11am "Seamless" Bible Study (MC-E)
- 5 – 6pm Gospel Band Rehearsal (KR)

Monique Callis
&
James Haley



30 Jul, Thu

- 7 – 8pm AA (MC-E)

31 Jul, Fri

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





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!

June Birthdays!

Larson, Marilyn 06/01
Schlee, Barbara (Barb) 06/01
Martin, Charlotte 06/02
Thacker, Ruth Ann 06/03
Greenlee, Kay 06/04
Hill, John 06/04
Colehour, Sharon 06/04
Lindemann, Carole 06/05
Burriss, Ruth 06/06
Ramacher, Donald (Don) 06/06
Brigham, Jeremy 06/06
Formento, Kathy 06/07
Kice, Art 06/07
Williams, Karen 06/07
Webster, Donald (Don) 06/08
Butterfield, Mary 06/08
Moorberg, Mikeo 6/08
Williams, Todd 06/08
Karr, Michael (Mike) 06/09
Abbott, David 06/09
Hughes, Virginia Lee (Lee) 06/10
Kachelmeyer, Carol 06/11
Noe, Mary Beth 06/11
Olson, Renee 06/11
Parsons, Jean 06/12
Sweeney, Dan 06/12
Van Susseldorp, Marge 06/13
Schneider, Phyllis 06/13
Johnson, Shirley 06/14
Streit, Robert 06/14
Carlozzi, Emiddio (Mid) 06/15
Anderson, Theresa (Teri) 06/15
Leiman, Lori 06/16
Pitman, Pamela (Pam) 06/16
Erickson, Tressa 06/16
Elieff, Helen 06/17
Larson, George 06/19
Snyder, Lorraine (Lorrie) 06/19
Abbott, Janice (Jan) 06
Schlemper, Eli 06/19
Adams, Hunter 06/20
Ceynar, Rick 06/21
Dunn, Carol 06/22

Paone, Ellen 06/22
Jurgens, Donna 06/22
Ewing, Ruth 06/23
Collins, James (Jim) 06/23
Ryan-Hick, Pam 06/23
Fonger, Curt 06/25
Igo, Bill 06/27
Keller, Julius 06/27
Sandness, Paul 06/27
Scott, Ardith (Ardie) 06/28
Hayes, Jeff 06/28
Hansen, Kathy 06/28
Brigham, Danielle 06/28
Hammons, Valerie 06/29
Larson, Nona 06/30

Mueller, Sandy & Gary 06/06
Nichols, Sam & Rex 06/25
Oehlers, Tami & Ed 06/05
Oxley, Gene & Vicki 06/05
Parson, Barb & Ron 06/05
Parsons Laura & Terry 06/12
Rowley, Cheryl & Roger 06/30
Scharringhausen, Fred & Joyce 06/24
Schneider, Bob & Phyllis 06/22
Scott, Jay & Peggy 06/09
Shaughnessy, Julie & Mike 06/22
Sisson, Tony & Pam 06/08
Tonole, Don & Marjorie 06/24
Tucker, Paula & Rush 06/01
Webster, Don & Sharon 06/16
Wion, Carol & Sheldon 06/15

June Anniversaries!

Alford, Jo & Keith 06/11
Anderson, Dean & Teri 06/12
Arquisch, Duri & Rosemary 06/06
Atkinson, Judy & Bill 06/11
Boldt, Gary & Kathy 06/15
Bos, Colette & David 06/25
Breuklander, Paul & Bobbie 06/05
Burriss, Ruth & Terry 06/11
Creel, Cherie & William 06/10
Engbrecht, Don & Jackie 06/24
Ewing, John & Ruth 06/13
Falk, Ellis & Marilyn 06/06
Fransen, Jim & Yolanda 06/22
Fye, Ben & Carol 06/11
Giddings, Pat & John 06/17
Graves, Donna & Bob 06/07
Hill, John & Nancy 06/25
Hughes, Doug & Lee 06/01
Jacobsen, Elaine & Ken 06/22
Kinder, Elizabeth & Dick 06/03
Kraft, Randy & Becky 06/19
Lang, Caryl & Charlie 06/12
Leachman, Cheryl & Jay 06/07
Lester, Jim & Yvonne 06/22
McDaniel, Marilyn & Steve 06/12
Messmer, Patti & Dick 06/18
Miller, Janeane & Roger 06/10
Moore, Nellie & Dick 06/17

July Birthdays!

Nichols, Rex 07/01
Fassbender, Nancy 07/01
Gladson, Chong 07/02
Williams, Helen 07/02
Campbell, Donna 07/04
Brown, Albert 07/04
Falk, Marilyn 07/06
Anderson, Edythe (Cooki) 07/06
Bliss, Joy 07/07
Loughridge, Mitzi 07/07
Lang, Caryl 07/09
Adams, Herbert 07/09
Welker, Lawrence (Larry) 07/10
Carpenter, Steffany 07/10
Williams, Jay 07/12
Johnson, Richard 07/12
Crane, Steven 07/13
Formento, Russell (Russ) 07/14
Chamley, Gail 07/14
Plaski, Tammy 07/14
Sander, Ellamae 07/15
McClure, Joyce 07/15
Berlund, Paula 07/15
Keeler, Ron 07/16
Kurtenbach, Roger 07/16
Hardcastle, April 07/16
Parsons, Terry 07/17

Gloss, James (Jim) 07/17
 Thacker, Jerry 07/18
 Martindale, Ginger 07/18
 Colehour, Frederick (Ted) 07/19
 Thomas, Mary 07/19
 Lampsas, Tamara 07/19
 MacCallum, Cindy 07/20
 Schlemper, Jane 07/20
 Gaulke, Donald 07/21
 Ortega-Watters, Monica 07/21
 Burgi, Robert (Bob) 07/22
 McLeod, Dennis 07/22
 Tonole, Marjorie 07/23
 Stofferan, Marjorie (Marge) 07/23
 Cajowski, Barbara 07/23
 Burford, Michael 07/24
 Ballard, Carol 07/24
 Toppin, Beverly 07/25
 Hulett, Audrey 07/26
 Ramer, Waltraud (Trudy) 07/27
 Lampsas, Roy 07/27
 Singer, Ashley 07/27
 Tianen, Rachel (Rae) 07/28
 Skillman, Lillian (Lolly) 07/28
 Sifferath, Sharee 07/28
 Cleary, Morgan 07/29
 Fisher, Judith (Judy) 07/29
 Anderson, Dean 07/29
 Edney, Lynn 07/29
 Clise, Lorelei 07/30
 Maetzold, Marjorie (Marge) 07/31
 Johnson, Marlene 07/31
 Mitchell, Charlie 07/31
 Winkler, Sarah 07/31

July Anniversaries!

Abbott, Jan & Dave 07/14
 Broz, Linda & Neil, Dean 07/23
 Capen, Gary & Dian 07/06
 Clem, Gary & Sue 07/04
 Collins, Jim & Glasgow, Joan 07/30
 Crawford, Gene & Gail 07/30
 Dulaney, Steve & Janet 07/22
 Evans, Dennis & Kristina 07/15
 Igo, Bill & Betty 07/13
 Jurgens, Ronald & Donna 07/08
 Karr, Mike & Janet 07/11
 King, Bill & Kathy 07/06
 Kitchens, Chery & Lee 07/03
 LeQuire, Steve & Kosanke, Karen 07/22
 LeRoy, Randy & Debbie 07/21
 Maetzold, Keith & Marge 07/08
 Manbeck, Jerri & Rich 07/10
 McClure, Bob & Joyce 07/02
 Merrick, Jim & LaViao 07/08
 Mitchell, Charlie & Collins-Mitchell, Lauren 07/04
 Olson, Renee & Carter 07/31
 Pepin, Sally & Jeff 07/06
 Raffurty, Larry & Anita 07/30
 Toole, John & Donna 07/19
 Weidner, Harold & Gloria 07/05



CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE

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

- Romans 13:8 (NIV)

	2023			2024			2025			2026		
	General Fund \$	Building Fund \$	Avg wkly Attend.	General Fund \$	FH Bldg. Fund \$	Avg wkly Attend.	General Fund \$	FH Bldg. Fund \$	Avg wkly Attend.	General Fund \$	FH Bldg. Fund \$	Avg wkly Attend.
MAR	159,309	42,339	1,920	136,473	29,400	1,876	126,936	20,173	1,048	129,911	6,322	1,275
APR	131,281	42,327	1,847	128,813	15,632	1,645	73,642	58,387	1,646	73,795	4,592	1,189

Please note when requesting IRA donations be sent directly to the church , please ask your brokerage to include your name either on the check or on the stub. We sometimes receive checks with no identification— and due to privacy laws, are unable to ascertain who should be acknowledged.



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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