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From The Pastor: "Any Requests?"



During the 2008 Summer Youth Service Project in Grand Junction, Colorado, we held a BBQ night for the residents of a mobile home park. We also invited people from many of the places where we worked during the week. Hamburgers and hot dogs were cooked and served while

people played football and volleyball. Then a D.J. played songs while people sang along. I never would have expected Heather Rodenborg, Beth Steinberg, and Dr. Val Sheridan to sing Karaoke together. They were entertaining as they tried to sound like Tina Turner. There were many song requests that evening. Some good and some just fell flat. But it was nice to be able to request the music that we sang.

What if we allowed requests for Sunday morning? No, I don't mean karaoke. What if you could request a sermon or a series? I am giving you the opportunity to submit ideas for sermons. It's not that I don't have enough of my own ideas, but I would like to know where you need to grow spiritually. What issues do you struggle with? Where does God touch your life? Where are you wrestling with God? Are there scriptures that you just don't understand or are there scriptures we just haven't read recently? This is your chance to let me know. I can't guarantee I will use every idea but I certainly will try to blend your ideas with other ideas.

During August and September I will take your ideas and blend them with some of mine and create our preaching schedule for the fall, winter and spring.

Wouldn't it be great to hear your sermon idea come alive one Sunday morning? Of course you will have to attend to hear it. You can send your ideas directly to me through my email revstein@pipeline.com or via snail mail at the church. I hope to hear from you and see you on Sunday.

Grace and Peace,

Fred

COUNTRY WESTERN SUMMER SCHEDULE

During August and September, the 5 PM Country Western Service will be offered only on the last Sunday of the month. The dates are: August 31st, and September 28th.

Each service will be followed by a potluck dinner.

Please mark the dates on your calendar and come join us for a foot-stomping, hand-clapping celebration of God's Good News—and bring a friend.

Beginning with the first Sunday of October, the service will again be offered weekly.

Thanks to all of you who have supported this unique worship service! We look forward to greeting you with a big "Howdy Pardners!" the next time you come.



Bob Deits and David Ballard



FORWARD BY FAITH

By Grover Wallace

“Do you pray to God every day for the many things you desire and think you need to make you happy and satisfied while you live a short time on this earth? Do you get upset with God when your prayers go unanswered because He fails to react to your requests for material comforts? Do your prayers always include a “get well” request for friends, family members, fellow Christians and neighbors? Do you pray for peace and unity in this world? Do you pray for those who are hungry, homeless, victims of wars, disasters—both natural and manmade, those who are destitute, and the millions of children who are sick, hungry and dying of various epidemics and calamities? I would venture to say that most of us include all of the above, along with asking God for forgiveness of our sins in our daily prayers.

Failure of God to answer our prayers at the moment or at a given and specific time may be very discouraging and disappointing to each of us. In some instances, when we pray for an ill friend or loved one, prayer may not be answered and often our faith in God is shaken. We must remember that for each of us, our days upon this earth are numbered and when our time is up—God takes us into His Kingdom. However, we all know that prayer is powerful and God will answer each one of our requests should it be His will. We have all experienced instances when God has answered our prayers at some given time He has chosen—not necessarily on our schedule.

As we pray each day, we spend a lot of time asking God to do things we feel are important to us or others. HOW MUCH TIME IN OUR DAILY DEVOTIONS DO WE SPEND THANKING AND PRAISING GOD FOR THE MANY BLESSINGS

HE HAS BESTOWED UPON OURSELVES AND OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, OR FOR ALL OF OUR PRAYERS HE HAS ANSWERED?

Throughout the Bible, both the old and new testaments, there are a multitude of examples of praising and thanking our God for blessings. For example, there are numerous verses in the Book of Proverbs that begin or include “Blessed is the man.” I like to refer to the Book of Proverbs, mostly written by Solomon, as a Book of one-liners, to teach us wisdom to live a Christian life with high morals. For example,

“Blessed is the man who always fears the Lord, but he who hardens his heart falls into trouble.”

Proverbs 28:14 (NIV)

“The Blessing of the Lord brings wealth, and he adds no trouble to it.”

Proverbs 10:22(NIV)

“Praise the Lord!

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in His commands.”

Psalms 112:1 (NIV)

Likewise, the Book of Psalms contains many examples of praising and thanking God for blessings and recognizing and worshipping God for His love, His forgiving, His patience and for everything He does. Psalm 145, along with Psalms 8, 19, 30, 34, 65, 84, 96, 100, 136, 145 and 150 are examples of praise for God’s blessings.

“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord, Praise the Lord.”

Psalms 150:6 (NIV)

Of course, we can be thankful and praise God for His blessings through prayer, song, kindness, faith, love, helping others, Christian attitudes and sharing. Just a few ways we can demonstrate to others that our God has blessed us. If, each day, we count and remember each blessing God has bestowed upon us in just one day, we will be encouraged to praise God in all the ways mentioned.

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In the congregation of Gold Canyon United Methodist Church, we find a multitude of Christians who are willing to show their appreciation to God by demonstrating their love, faith, kindness, support and sharing of their time, talents and finances in support of God's work and programs seen at work in our church. We hope every person in our church actively supports these programs to spread God's word.

During the month of June, our congregation contributed \$33,937 to our building fund. As of June 30, 2008, or for the first four months of this stewardship year, your contributions totaled \$133,214.00 or 26.64% of our annual goal. The average monthly contribution was \$33,304.00, somewhat less than our objective of \$41,700.00 per month. However, I feel confident that we will reach our goal of \$500,000.00 for the period of March 1, 2008 through February, 2009.

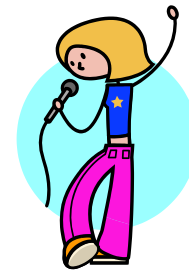
MAY GOD'S BLESSING OF HAPPINESS AND GOOD HEALTH SHOWER UPON YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

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

Romans 13:8



DONATIONS
&
ATTENDANCE



Third Saturday Coffee House & Open Mic
Sponsored by the 10:50 am Praise Worship and the Fuel 4 YALL Group
7:00 pm in the Koinonia Room

Come share your talents! Musicians, writers, poets, playwrights, artists! Bring your works (secular and/or spiritual) to share over coffee or tea. This monthly event is open to the public – bring your friends! Call Suzanne at the church for more information 480-982-3776.



It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice, for the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

Psalm 112:5-6

April	2006		2007		2008		2007	2008
	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Worship All	Worship All
1st	17226	9667	17815	12809	15791	9263	530	569
2nd	8738	5289	8172	3596	9263	7049	470	547
3rd	7106	4402	8205	3516	9592	4203	473	476
4th	6646	5392	8178	7302	8079	10259	501	626
5th	—	—	—	—	6081	3163	—	505
Total	39716	24750	42371	27223	48807	33937	1974	2723

International Missions

"The world is my parish." –John Wesley)

By Jackie Douglass

We on the International Missions Committee are aware that there are multiple worthy causes throughout the world. One goal of the committee is to share a variety of projects with you, and to offer you opportunities to become involved in a range of ways. Last month we shared information with you about a mission in Chile, and the possibility of a mission trip to Chile in the near future. More information will be forthcoming to you regarding this opportunity.

Realizing that not everyone can go and do, however, we also want to offer you opportunities to get involved with other worthy projects. One project with which I have personal knowledge and experience is After The Wave. After The Wave is a Thailand based non-profit charity originally established by teachers and associates at the International School Bangkok after the 2004 tsunami. The goal is to help the disadvantaged students at the Bang Sak School receive all necessary support for improving their lives by furthering their education. The Bang Sak School is located in the province of Phang-nga in the southern part of Thailand that was completely destroyed during the tsunami of 2004. Many of the students have lost family members and have been reduced to poverty. The International School of Bangkok supported the rebuilding of the Bang Sak School in the aftermath of the tsunami. The children's future will be improved by attending this school.

The primary aim is to provide essentials for students including: shoes, clothes, school supplies, toiletries.

Additional special projects include the provision of dental and medical care, including surgery in Bangkok for tsunami related injuries and birth defects.

Christianity is a "Hands On" Experience!

Please gather after the 9:30 and 10:50 services for refreshments and fellowship. Come to the Country Service and stay around for the potluck! Take a class, join a mission, volunteer, reach out in faith...come on, We dare ya!



There are two options for involvement with After The Wave:

1. Educational Sponsor

Your donation to this fund will allow one student to receive support for an entire educational year. School personnel will be assigned as mentors for your sponsored child. The cost to sponsor a child:

Grade 1-6 7,500 baht (approximately \$250.00)

Grade 7-9 10,000 baht (approximately \$330.00)

Grade 10-12 12,000 baht (approximately \$400.00)

2. Special Projects

Your one-time donation to this fund will be used for emergency or medical situations; these cases will be determined by the project manager in Ban Sak. In the past they have included reconstructive surgery in Bangkok for severe birth defects and emergency dental care.

If you choose to become an Educational Sponsor, a child will be assigned to you and you will receive information about your child within two months of your donation. You will also receive a yearly letter from your sponsored child. The hope is for Educational Sponsors to choose to support the child on a yearly basis until he or she has completed secondary school.

If you are interested in supporting this project in either of the above two manners, please contact Jackie Douglass (jackied.coaz@gmail.com) for contribution information. Contributions made to After The Wave are tax-deductible, and 100% of your donation will go directly to the support of your student.

Current UMCOR Emergencies

To donate to UMCOR on behalf of the following emergencies, please write your check to GCUMC and write "UMCOR Advance ##### (fill in the appropriate number)" on the memo line. 100% of your donation will go to those affected by the emergency.

**China Earthquake
International Disaster Response
UMCOR Advance #982450**

**Myanmar Disaster
UMCOR Advance #3019674
Myanmar Emergency Page**

**US Spring Storms
Domestic Disaster Response
UMCOR Advance #901670**

For more ways to help, or to donate online, go to:
<http://new.gb-gm-umc.org/umcor/>

Who We Worship With: Making New Friends

We at GCUMC are blessed to have so many wonderful and talented people joining together in worship. There are so many of us, it's difficult to get to know one another. This month, we are continuing the introduction of interesting people you just might sit next to some Sunday. While it will be impossible to introduce everyone in such a large congregation, we thought it would be fun to try! If you know of someone you'd like to see profiled in the RoadRunner, please contact Suzanne in the church office at 480-982-3776 for guidelines.

Bud and Betty Rolley met while Christmas caroling with a church group at Northwestern University outside of Chicago, Illinois. They married in 1954, the year Bud was drafted into the Army. They began raising their family while Bud continued in night school and worked as an electronics engineer with both Motorola and GTE. After the children were all in school, Betty went back to work as a personnel secretary with IBM. Bud and Betty each received retirement packages in 1987 so they headed to Arizona in their motor home to visit friends who had moved out here. They liked the weather and the area enough to purchase a park model two years later while also moving their permanent home from the Chicago area to Lake of the Ozarks, MO. In 1999 after a lot of boating and traveling they decided to make Arizona their fulltime home and moved into Las Palmas Grand in Mesa.

They wonder how they ever had time to work since they are both involved in their neighborhood and GCUMC which they began attending in 1994 in the school. Bud teaches computer classes and is a Trustee at church; Betty is the *Scrip* Lady raising funds for the church bus. Bud has thoroughly enjoyed singing in the choir for the past 12+ years. They both have been on the Administrative Counsel for several years and were involved in communion set-up (Betty baked the bread when the attendance was lower) and the making and seasonal changing of the banners in what is now the Koinonia Room.

The Rolleys' four sons and four grandchildren are spread out geographically all over the U.S. but all get together every few years. Bud and Betty enjoy spending five weeks at the end of each summer in Branson, Missouri but are always happy to return home to Arizona and GCUMC.



Bashas'

fry's

The youth have returned home safely from their mission trip but I wonder how much had to be spent on gasoline for the church bus to get them there and back??? Did you know that by re-charging your Bashas' Community Support Card and/or Fry's Gift Card that you purchased from the church you are not only helping to finish paying off the bus loan (only \$5,000 remaining) but you are covering the cost of operating the bus for many projects in the church? And, it doesn't cost YOU anything. Thanks for your continued support!





Christian Education...

With "Coach" Ellis Falk

"Our mission is to bring the love of Christ and His teachings to learners of all ages on their spiritual journey, that they be transformed and thus positively affect our local and global communities."

Living in a New Faith Zone

Ring Ring...Ding Dong-Ding Dong...School bells will ring this month. For some—all too soon. For parents—not soon enough. The teachers will all say "welcome to your new class." You will meet new friends. You will have new books and hopefully learn new things. Perhaps, even have new rooms or a new school. "New" and change are a part of every day and everybody's life. None of us would want the "same old thing" or "same way" day after day. Enjoy the new...grow in the new and let God show you a new and happy and joyful life.

"New" however does not stop with school. "New" is waiting for you to be active, as in new friends, and in new happenings at church and in Sunday school. "New" wants and expects YOU to do something...NEW." A new attitude, a new smile, a new happiness, a new joy. Invite new friends or old friends to church programs and to Sunday School. How "New" gets things done will depend a lot on you. Let's all dare to be different in a new way. New is good. I am convinced God loves new...as in THE NEW TESTAMENT. Let's all live in a new faith zone, expecting great things for our church, our Sunday School and ourselves this next year.

I am new to this position at the church. In the next few weeks and months I will be sharing with you some ways in which we as a church can take a new look and approach at some of the programs in all areas of Christian Education. I very much look forward to working with all of God's children, both young and older. Please share your ideas with me as we all push toward the goal that God has for each of us and the church and Sunday School.

Let us all remember and "look unto Jesus the author and the finisher of our faith" and of our works and our goals and our life and our Christian Education Program at Gold Canyon United Methodist Church.

As each of our students, no matter what the age, start the new school year, May the God of Peace, Love Grace, Strength, Understanding and all Knowledge be with each student returning to the classroom this fall.

Ellis Falk

Fuel 4 Y.A.L.L.
(Young Adults Living Life)
NEW TIME
Meeting 12:30 pm Every Sunday!
Room 101/102

This group is for ages 18 (out of high school) through 30. We meet at 12:30, right after the Praise Worship fellowship in the education building. Feel free to come join us. We do group builders and are going to be starting a Bible study. If you have kids and need child care please let us know and we can provide. Don't miss out on the fun. See you there!

The email address for group is:

gcumcyoungadultgroup@hotmail.com.

Other ways to connect with the Fuel 4 Y.A.L.L. are:
www.myspace.com/GCUMCYOUNGADULTGROUP
 and

www.7villages.com/gcumcyoungadultvillage

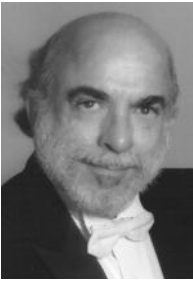
National Sidewalk Conference

September 19-21, 2008

Best Western Inn

Gold Canyon, Az.

This will be a time of renewal, sharing and networking. The keynote speaker is Heather Wilson. There will be several meaningful workshops. On Saturday evening we will host an ice cream and cake social at our church in Gold Canyon. We will also be entertained by The Housers. More information will be coming. There is a fee for attending. Please contact Barb Oldham at 480-789-1431.



Music Notes

August – when “Zonies” go to San Diego, “flatlanders” go to the mountains, and “bellmasters” (handbell directors) go to the National Handbell

Seminar. This year, it is being held in Orlando, FL, which, in August, is right up there with Phoenix in July – the place to be *FROM*, not the place to *GO TO!* The National Seminar, sponsored by the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, Inc., immediately follows the International Handbell Symposium, which brings thousands of handbell ringers from the USA, England, Australia, Canada, Japan and Korea, and features pretty much the best of the best bell choirs in the world. The Symposium Final Concert is the Opening Concert for the National Seminar, so we will at least get to experience this. Also, this allows me to see many friends I’ve made over the years from other countries. So, I am really looking forward to this event!

Organ 101: Several of you have asked where the “orchestra” came from during my Music for Mediation on July 13. The “orchestra” lives in a little box that is attached to the underside of the bottom keyboard (Choir Manual) of the organ console. This little box is called MIDI, or Musical Instrument Digital Interface. Many years ago, most all of the world’s electronic sound manufacturers got together and determined an agreed upon format for electronic sound synthesis which included 128 standard sounds. The idea being, no matter what MIDI instrument you have generating sounds or receiving sounds, the sounds would all be the same and work the same way regardless of manufacturer. In other words, a Grand Piano sound (which is sound #1) would be the same from a Sony keyboard or Sanyo, or whatever. Our Rodgers 967 has a MIDI sound module that has the same 128 sounds, with many, many,

many more – around 3000 sounds with the various modifications available! So, that’s where my “orchestra” lives. You will hear more from my orchestra (MIDI) in the following months. Fortunately, my orchestra doesn’t require food, water or remuneration! 😊

The **Chancel Choir** is getting a much deserved rest this month. I can’t tell you what a blessing this choir is to me every week! I have never worked with a more dedicated group of people in the 45 years I’ve been a professional church musician! Even with no tenors, some of the altos just decided to sing the tenor part. Somehow this

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choir, through the grace of God, has always been balanced! Again, my tremendous thanks to all who have sung with us this year, especially those who sang with us during the summer. Again, thanks to **Linda Jones** and **Nancy Virden**, our incredible accompanists and two of the best pianists in church work, our “super substitute”, **Marty Robison** who can sing, play and direct, and to **Dottie House**, the best Music Librarian anywhere! Finally, my thanks to our outstanding Choir Council this past year: **Carol Lineback**, President, and section leaders **Sue Mott** (soprano), **Mary**

Catherine Myers (alto), **Joel Hurley** (tenor), and **Bud Rolley** (bass).

Many of you have asked about singing with us in the fall. We will have our first rehearsal on Thursday night, August 28, at 7:00 PM, and will sing for the first time on Sunday, September 7. If you can read music, sing on pitch, enjoy making music for the Lord and our congregation, and like to have fun, please come join us. We would love to have you!



Blessings,

Doug

Douglas J. Benton
Director of Music Ministries



Youth Ministries

With Heather Rodenberg

Sunday School 9:30 am in the Education Building
 Youth Fellowship 6:30 pm Sundays in the Education Building

Mission Trip 2008 Grand Junction, Colorado

Wow! What a trip. We took 19 kids and 6 adults to Grand Junction Colorado for a week. For me this was my first mission trip. It was also a first for a few of the kids. I am so proud of the work that the kids did during the week. There were rough patches but they made it through. Our kids served throughout the community at homeless shelters, feeding the homeless, working with the elderly and even remodeling a trailer for a family to get off the streets. Our Youth ROCK!! They have the love in Jesus in their hearts and it shows.



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This is a picture of the trailer after it was cleared out by a group of kids.



Nathaniel Playing With A Local Child From Grand Junction.

When we weren't helping in the community, we adults were acting like kids!





WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY

By Hu & Wendy Rhymes, with a little help from Sadie and Hattie

ATTENTION: Hu & Wendy Rhymes DO NOT have a home phone. If you want to contact them and you don't have their CELL number, please contact the church office.

Sympathies: Genevieve Bricker, upon the death of her daughter; George Butler, upon the death of Toni Butler; Bill Coxton, upon the death of his wife, Harriett; Paul and Joyce Fillion, upon the death of Paul's sister, Ilene Covill; The family of Shirley France, upon her death; Joyce Kerkstra, upon the death of her sister, Darlene Purcell; Beth O'Hara, upon the death of her husband, Bob; Sam Phelps, upon the death of his wife, Betty (Darrell Keast's sister); The family of Devon Shantz, upon his death and the families & friends of the above.

Concerns and/or Continued Prayers: Leslie Anzelmo, Barbara Baker, Deb Barnes, Hannah Basques, Dick Baugher, Jill Bills, Marian Bonestell, Genevieve Bricker, Bryant family, Marge Buckner, Dee Burleson, Joanne Burris, Bob Chandler, Joycelyn Christianson, Laurie Christy, Pat Collmer (Sharyn Bennett's mom), Margaret Colmer, June Deits, Marie Fetcenko's mom, Mary, Ed Fite, Sue Galliard, Danna Gharavi, David Gillette, Eva Gilmate (Violet Reiner's mom), Sharron Gingrich, Ginny Johnson, Dick Heinauer (Wayne Heinauer's dad), Bob Hockabout, Humble family, Nikki Jones, Marie Martin, Tim McAdams, Tammy McBride, Linda Mestek, Minatree family, Sue Mott, Billie Norton, Evelyn Otto, Jean Paulston, Mary Pickard, Mason Pospeshil, Jim Preidis, Brenda Rahaneotis, Jean Richter, Jane Rogers, Debbie Rycraft (Dixie Coules' daughter), Linda Sebring (Barb Sebring's sister-in-law), Jim Serrine, Don Shaefer, Barb Shedden, Ella Stephens, Helen Strickler, Michelle Tackett & mom, Judy, Nancy Traugh, Mellinie Turner, George Whiteside and PRAYERS for the families (CAREGIVERS) of the above. PRAYERS for requests in the "CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER" boxes and those FOOD BANK CLIENTS who have requested prayer. PRAYERS for our MILITARY Personnel and their families.

Joys-but Still in Need of Prayers:

Dick & Eleanor Armstrong, Barbara, Dorothy & Joey Baker, Irene & Junior Blake (Paul Fillion's sister & brother-in-law), Robert Boehm, SSgt. John Briggs in Guam, Bob Brummitt, Sgt. Jeff Carroll in Iraq (Harriette & Jeff Downing's nephew), Bob & Darleene Carter, Paul Casper, Carlos Chapman, Laurie & Ted Christy, Mark & Donna Cleary, Craig Cmar (Marines), Bob & Marcia Cole, Weldon & Ellie Conger, Cliff & Lorraine Davidson, Chuck Dickinson, Norm & Ritchie Eriksen, Ed Favia,

(Army), Nancy Favia (Air Force Reserve), Ross & Arline Hacker, Viola Hammond (Don Hammond's Mom), Rich & Sheila Haraldson, George & Beth Hayes (Jeff Hayes' parents), Amanda Hendersen in Iraq, Audrey & Jim Hibbing, Chris Huston in Iraq (Ken Miller's grandson), Henry Kaminski, Gladys Kay (Jane Hayes' Mom), Mel & Mary Kilbo, Naomi Kyle, Jane Lambert, Cheryl Lang, Carol & Bill Lindemann, Earl & Eleanor Lindsay, Robert & Pauline Lymons, Michael & Susan Malloy, Sally Marvaino (Suzanne Jacobson's sister), Major Brian Martin in Afghanistan, Shirley & Merle Matzke, Todd Matzke in Iraq, Bryan McCann (Jeanette Lunstead's son), Neal McGough in Afghanistan, Larry & Pat McMann, Wilbur McMann, Liz Midgaugh, Lloyd & Arlene McNeece, Hedy Moore (Jed Moore's Mom), John Phillips, Sylvia & Calvin Quinn, Ione Pierce, Icey Revis (Lynn Revis' mother-in-law), Bud & Betty Rolley, Shirley Schnuit (Nancy Petticrew's Mom), Emily Sutherland (Wendy Moore's grandmother), Ken & Audrey Taran, Carl & Helen Thacker, (Jerry Thacker's parents), Lillian Thomas (Bill Thomas' mother), Bev & Jim Toppin, Marven & Wanda Tufte, Ray and Nancy Villeneuve, Lucy Weiland, Dick Wilcox, Dot Zelezic and the families of the above.

DESIGNATED GIFTS FROM MEMORIAL-FUNERAL SERVICES

We are not aware of any for July.

**Let us
remember
to pray
daily**





“ LAUGH A LITTLE” with Hu

Money Travels

A well-worn one dollar bill and similarly distressed twenty dollar bill arrive at the Federal Reserve Bank to be retired. The twenty reminisces about its travels all over the country. “I’ve had a pretty good life,” it proclaims, “I’ve been to Las Vegas, Atlantic City, performances on Broadway, the best restaurants in NY, even a cruise to the Caribbean.” “Wow!” said the one dollar bill. “You’ve really had an exciting life!” “So tell me,” says the twenty, “Where have you been throughout your lifetime?” The one dollar bill replies, “Oh,

I’ve been to the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Lutheran Church....” “Tell me,” the twenty dollar bill interrupts, “What is a church?”

Budget Trouble

The deacon ran into the pastor’s office and exclaimed excitedly, “Pastor, I have terrible news to report! Burglars must have broken in last night. They stole ninety thousand dollars worth of pledges.”

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Mind Menders

Approximately six (6) years ago, a group of people began gathering to share and find and give support as they were dealing with Alzheimer’s and other forms of dementia. Continuing to today, this support comes from the listening and sharing of ‘stories’ about loved ones. It is very common to hear the frustration, helplessness and the questions with no answer - ‘why me’ or ‘why her’? It is also common to hear laughter and chuckles as we have learned to live with this illness. The power of this sharing and of support-giving is strong and ever present in the group.

The group currently consists of those who have lost their loved ones to Alzheimer’s but still want and need to share with the group. Others are relating to their loved one’s who are in a care facility. Some members are still in the ‘care-giving’ role and need to know that they are not alone and that what they feel is understood and respected. We also have members who are dealing with parents who live at a distance and they find help and comfort by listening and sharing.

The group is open and welcoming to anyone who is dealing with Alzheimer’s or other forms of dementia. It is important to note that what is said in our meetings, stays in our meetings. If you are experiencing any of the issues mentioned above, please come by to see if we can be of support to you!

The power of sharing and listening is truly God working within us!

Mind Menders meets the second and fourth Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Education Building

Jeanette Dunstead Lynn Revis Carlos Chapman
 Nancy Bilensky Ruth Ann Thacker Jerry Thacker
 Richard Armstrong Carol Lindemann Kathy Dickinson
 Ken Dickinson Robert E. Rhymes Jane Pierce
 Dick Wilcox Wendy S. Rhymes Larry McMann

If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.
1 Corinthians 12:26

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GRIEF, A LONG HAUL

Most people will have at least one grief-causing episode in their live. Grief always begins with a loss which begins a process of recovery, usually from the death of a loved one.

Such a loss is real. It is shocking. Its permanence challenges the sufferer to rejoin the human race.

The griever's intense, seemingly irretrievable, pain needs to be relieved. Sometimes denial, healthy for a time, will block the pain. However, grief is usually protracted, with a duration quite beyond the special attention of our congregation, the cards, phone calls and visits of condolence, invitations to lunch, casseroles for the freezer, etc.

This is the gap filled by a listening, caring Stephen Minister. Once everyone else has forgotten the griever's pain and assumes it has passed, the Stephen Minister is still there, caring, listening non-judgmentally and helping the griever understand that he or she is not alone, that God cares, and that the grief process can run its course for as long as it takes.

Share your grief with a Stephen Minister. Just call the church office for information and/or a referral.



LETTERS



By Susan Malloy, RN

Dear Friends,
Just a note of sincere appreciation for the wonderful care and compassion that was provided while my wife, Eleanor, was 9 weeks in Mountain Vista and Promise Hospitals. She is improving but still can't walk. We would like to thank both pastors, Wendy, Sherry Blankenship, her son and daughter. You were wonderful and we will continue to be grateful.

Earl and Eleanor Lindsay

In order to take time to care for my husband, Michael and the many other tasks that I have on my plate these days, I feel that I must renew my sabbatical until Fall. Thank you all for your continued prayer. We do appreciate your care and concern for us. Don't forget that you can reach me at momalloy02@msn.com.

Change for Change Update

By Bill Moseley
YAY GOD!!!! GCUMC has contributed \$2,935.60 since starting this ministry in 2007! Way to go brothers and sisters in Christ!!

Serving HIM, :)
Bill

“Let us for each other care,
Each the other's burdens bear
To thy church the pattern give,
Show how true believers live”

Charles Wesley, “Jesus, Lord, we look to thee”
Methodist 1889 Hymnal # 562

The "Church Lady?" Hardly! Women and the UMC

From your local representative for the Commission on the Status and Role of Women (COSROW), Suzanne Jacobson.
COSROW aims to ensure that the church benefits from the wisdom, life experience, and perspectives of women.

Sarah Gwynne Wesley

Sarah Gwynne, the daughter of a Marmaduke Gwynne, a wealthy Welsh squire who had been converted to Methodism by Howell Harris, married Charles Wesley when she was 23 and Charles 40. John Wesley officiated at the wedding. The marriage was a happy one. There is no doubt that Charles loved Sarah. The entry to his journal on their wedding day reads: *Sat., April 8th. "Sweet day! so cool, so calm, so bright, The bridal of the earth and sky." Not a cloud was to be seen from morning till night. I rose at four; spent three hours and an half in prayer, or singing, with my brother, with Sally, with Beck. And led MY SALLY to church. Her father, sisters, Lady Rudd, Grace Bowen, Betty Williams, and, I think, Billy Tucker, and Mr. James, were all the persons present. At the church-door I thought of the prophecy of a jealous friend, "that if we were even at the church-door to be married, she was sure, by revelation, that we could get no." We both smiled at the remembrance. We got farther. Mr. Gwynne gave her to me (under God): my brother joined our hands. It was a most solemn season of love! Never had I more of the divine presence at the sacrament. My brother gave out the following hymn: -- "Come, thou everlasting Lord, By our trembling hearts adored; Come, thou heaven-descended Guest, Bidden to the marriage-feast! "Sweetly in the midst appear, With thy chosen followers here; Grant us the peculiar grace, Show to all thy glorious face. "Now the veil of sin withdraw, Fill our souls with sacred awe,-- Awe that dares not speak or move, Reverence of humble love. "Love that doth its Lord descry, Ever intimately nigh, Hears whom it exults to see, Feels the present Deity. "Let on us thy Spirit rest, Dwell in each devoted breast; Thou with thy disciples sit, Thou thy works of grace repeat. "Now the ancient wonder show, Manifest thy power below; All our thoughts exalt, refine, Turn the water into wine. "Stop the hurrying spirit's haste, Change the soul's ignoble taste; Nature into grace improve, Earthly into heavenly love. "Raise our hearts to things on high, To our Bridegroom in the sky; Heaven our hope and highest aim, Mystic marriage of the Lamb. "O might each obtain is share Of the pure enjoyments there; Now, in rapturous surprise, Drink the wine of Paradise; "Own, amidst the rich repast, Thou hast given the best at last; Wine that cheers the host above, The best wine of perfect love!" He then prayed over us in strong faith. We walked back to the house, and joined again in prayer.*

Charles and Sarah had eight children, five of whom died in infancy. Only the youngest three, Charles, Jr. (1757-1834), Sarah (1759-1828), and Samuel (1766-1837) grew to adulthood and survived their parents. The children, like both Charles and Sarah, were known for their musical talent. Sarah accompanied John and Charles on their evangelistic journeys throughout Britain, until Charles ceased to travel in 1765. Sarah lived to the age of 96 years old, and astonished people with her beautiful singing voice at age 80 and perhaps beyond. A Rev. Francis Fortescue wrote in his diary of her, that Mrs. Wesley, "who is upwards of eighty years of age, sung, to our great astonishment, two of Handel's songs most delightfully-- 'He shall feed His flock,' etc. and 'If God be with us,' etc. A part of the company staid supper, and we did not return till near 2." Sarah Wesley was a constant support throughout her husband's ministry. She died in London, December 28, 1822, and is buried near her husband in Marylebone Chapel Cemetery.

Information gleaned from: <http://gbgm-umc.org/umw/wesley/>, <http://www.sola-scriptura.ca/charles-wesley-1707-1788>, and http://wesley.nnu.edu/charles_wesley/journal/index.htm

United Methodist Women



The United Methodist Women includes all women of the church. We are dedicated to fellowship, friendship and service. We welcome all GCUMC women.

UMW Meeting Schedule

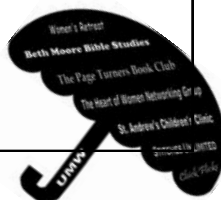
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No meetings June-July-August

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The next Unit Meeting will be Saturday, September 13th at 9:45 a.m. at which time we will assemble St. Andrews kits Room 101/102 Education Building

Have a Wonderful Summer!



"You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little."

Luke 7:45-47



The Heart of Women Saturday, August 2 11:00 am Education Building

By Jane Rogers

Join us as we get together to share and to lift each other up. Remember to bring your favorite tea cup! The Heart of Women is a safe and nurturing place to gather with other women for friendship, support, inspiration, prayer and respite. All women of GCUMC and the neighboring community are invited. Please bring your female friends who could use an hour away from the hectic pace of daily living.

Find inspirational sayings, poems, lyrics, and messages at the Heart of Women website at:

www.myspace.com/heartofwomen1

AUGUST

Gold Canyon United Methodist Church

Anniversaries

Joe & Rose Rosenberg	1	Beth & Don Anderson	19	Tom & Marty Robison	25
Robert & Mary Catherine Myers	1	Kent & Adelyne Douglass	20	Gene & Marilyn Thomas	26
Melodie & Bruce Frankel	3	James & Patricia Fleck	20	Pete & Kay Johnson	26
Lewis & Doris Stichter	4	Jim & Veronica Griffith	20	LeRoy & Sharon Johnson	26
Keith & Nancy Petticrew	4	Bob & Iva Peverly	21	Alyce & Bob Ancell	27
Brian & Lisa Cascaden	4	Don & Peg Wilson	21	Adrian & Pam Hick	27
Lynn & Ilene Tabor	5	Gordon & Audrey Hulett	22	Richard & Marlene Hoffman	28
Thomas & Rose Pease	5	Ray & Jan Heyse	22	Bill & Angie Fyfe	28
Daniel & Phyllis Gray	8	Rick & Cynthia Reichert	22	Patrick & Anne McGinness	29
John & Carol Ann LaViolette	12	Kekoa & Heather Fox	22	Max & Sylvia Schuerman	29
Sandy & David Billeter	12	Richard & Beverly Svoboda	23	Lyle & Jill Brewer	29
Roger & Donna Schiager	13	Alan & Jan Helquist	23	Darrell & Nancy Tilus	29
Charles & Marjorie Finley	14	Rick & Cheryl Hall	23	Barry & Lois Peebles	30
Wally & Fay Quanstrom	14	James & Beth Cowles	23	Doran & Louise Hays	30
William & Kathryn Hughes	16	Michael & Valerie Sheridan	24	Earl & Lorna Marifjeren	30
Linda & Morgan Jones	18	Mike & Barb Vagnier	24	Virgil & Rose Scantlin	30
Art & Joan Gibbs	18	Bob & Nancy Russell	25	James & Suzanne Jameson	31
Paul & Pat Renfer	19	Chuck & Norma McKim	25		

Birthdays

Duane Larrew	1	Bill Ramsey	9	Sandra Butterbrodt	17	Jan Hahn	23
Norma Frary	1	Evelyn Laich	9	Ione Pierce	18	Ann Brogren	24
Richard Stanford	1	Pete Johnson	9	Kletia Phillips	18	Diane Rasmussen	24
Wanda Tufte	1	Wendy Moore	9	Harold Greene	18	Erik Carlson	25
Robert Mahlandt	1	Paul Renfer	10	Bill Edwards	18	Steven Boyd	25
Dan Sawyer	1	Norman Livgard	10	Shirley Hulcher	18	Bob Sheridan	25
Kathy Nuss	1	Melissa Enos	10	Carol Wagner	18	Wayne Carns	25
David Ballard	1	Stephen Hughes	10	Adrian Hick	18	Donna Fuerherm	25
Doris Laver	2	Barbara Wilke	11	Janet Jahn	19	Willa Ficarra	25
Claudia Morris	2	E.G. Criswell	11	John Nuss	19	Karen Winter	25
Barb Vagnier	2	Jo Ann Ervin	12	Rick Hall	19	Bette Wiff	26
Margie Starr	3	Jane Hayes	12	Chris Fitzgerald	20	Chuck Hardman	26
LaVerne Colby	4	Tom Wiff	13	Tara Houser	20	Melissa Wood	26
Sherrill Ofstedahl	4	Claire Callahan	13	Sara Bos	20	Janice Miller	27
Shirley Hodges	4	Markee Adams	14	Darrell Stoner	21	Gene Huffman	28
Linda Walker	4	Weldon Conger	14	Alyce Super	22	Vi Potter	28
Karen Carlson	4	Ruth Bennett	14	June Welker	22	Betty Clemensen	28
Russ Ensey	5	Jerri French	14	John Linton	22	James Zieglowsky	28
Roy Fuerherm	5	David Pearce	14	Bob Sherman	22	Carolyn Burt	29
Darwin Mixer	6	Roger Miller	15	Deanna DeVries	22	Lou Ann Christie	29
Neil Houtcooper	6	Donald Cline	16	Sharron Gingrich	22	Brian Cascaden	29
Dick Barnes	6	Donna Hurley	16	Mike Vagnier	22	Gary Saurbrunn	29
LeRoy Storley	6	Virginia Kimble	16	Linda Jones	23	Marlene Hoffman	31
Pat Pandajis	6	Joan Butler	17	Kent Douglass	23	Marven Tufte	31
Joe Johnson	7	Charles Acker	17	Earl Marifjeren	23	Norma Tambke	31
Lindsey Hall	7	Joan Acker	17	Terry Steinkruger	23	Glenn Johnson	31
Ryan Schenck	8	Judy Atkinson	17	Barbara Osborn	23	James Toppin	31

August 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3-9:30 am Traditional 10:50 am Praise 6:15 pm ~ Wesley~ Music Rm.	4-6:30 pm Stephen Min. Peer Spv.~Rm 101/102	5	6-5 pm Youth ~ Bus to Volleyball 7 pm Uncommon Grace Rehearsal	7	1-10 am GC Moms~Educ Bldg. 5:30 pm AA~SofG Rm	2 11 am Heart of Women~Rm 101/102
10-9:30 am Traditional 10:50 am Praise 6:15pm ~ Wesley~ Music Rm.	11	12	13-7 pm Uncommon Grace Rehearsal	14	6-10 am Mind-Menders~Rm 101/102 5:30 pm AA ~ Rm 103	9 5 pm Teen Center
17-9:30 am Traditional 10:50 am Praise 6 pm ~ Wesley~ Music Rm. 6:30 pm Youth	18-6:00 pm Pastor's Class ~ Music Rm. 6:30 pm Stephen Min. Peer Spv.~Rm 101/102	19	20-7 pm Admin Council~Music Rm 7 pm Uncommon Grace Rehearsal	21	22-10 am Mind-Menders~Rm 101/102 5:30 pm AA ~ Rm 103	23
24-9:30 am Traditional 10:50 am Praise 6 pm ~ Wesley~ Music Rm. 6:30 pm Youth	25	26	27 Newsletter Team	28-7 pm Chancel Choir	29-5:30 pm AA ~ Rm 103	30
31-9:30 am Traditional 10:50 am Praise 5 pm CW Service & POT LUCK 6:30 pm Youth						



Jane Hayes, Volunteer Coordinator

GCUMC
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Volunteers Do Make a Difference

Volunteering with your family or a small group of friends

Can you find a way to spend time with your children or small group of friends that is free, fun, rewarding and helpful to others?

Volunteering... gives you a way to teach the values of kindness, compassion, tolerance, responsibility, and good citizenship. All of us benefit from opportunities to interact with people of other backgrounds, be it age, class,

or race. We all can see better ways to put our own problems in perspective when we see what others struggle with.

In less than one hour, you and your family or group could write several get well cards, pick up trash, vacuum several rooms,

serve cookies and drinks, buy a bag of groceries for the Food Bank, drive a fellow church member to the doctor, or be a greeter at GCUMC.

Sure, you're busy. Yes, life seems too full for another commitment. Begin small and have fun. Before long you will have a great habit.



***Circle one or more of these options to and place the form in the collection plate on Sunday, or drop by the office! Thanks.*

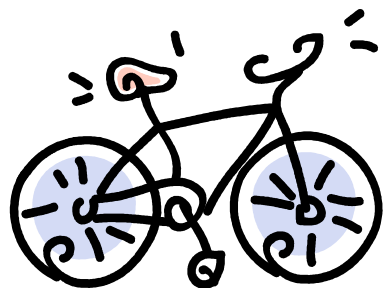


Volunteers of the Month For July

Michael Sheridan
Carol Kachelmeyer
Don Engbrecht
Nancy Arbuckle



Seamstress Needed! We are working on a Teen Clothing Mission in cooperation with Project Help. Can you sew on buttons? Repair seams? Very little skill needed. Work on your own time and location. Please call Jane if you are willing to pass on some love to needy teens.



Are you a bicycle angel?

As Christmas approaches we would like to offer bicycles again to our Christmas Mission families, but need someone to overtake this area. Contact Jane if you would like to assist with this.

- 1. Custodial Assistant
- 1. Information Table
- 1. Office Assistant
- 2. Hospitality Team
- 1. Greeter
- 2. Funeral Dishes
- 3. Sunday School

✚ Name _____

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Monthly Newsletter Deadline: 15th of the Month
 Weekly Bulletin Insert Deadline: Noon on Wednesday
 Flower Order Deadline: Noon on Wednesday
 Please note that flowers are now \$30.00

GCUMC Staff

Senior Pastor	Fred A. Steinberg
Minister of Pastoral Care	Hu Rhymes
Associate Pastor, East Mesa New Church Start	Julius Keller
Associate Pastor	Bob Deits
Director of Education	Ellis Falk
Director of Music Ministries	Douglas J. Benton
Associate Director of Music	David Ballard
Director of Youth Ministries	Heather Rodenburg
Pianists	Carol Ballard, Linda Jones, Marty Robison
Office Manager	Nancy Virden
Administrative Associate	Suzanne B. Jacobson
Volunteer Coordinator	Margaret Ball
Parish Nurse	Jane Hayes
Nursery Care Giver	Sue Malloy
Facility Care Takers	Susan Kenyon John LaViolette



SUMMER SERVICE HOURS

***9:30 AM—Traditional Worship
 In the Sanctuary**

***10:50 AM—PRAISE
 Service
 In the Koinonia Room
 Music led by *Uncommon Grace***

**5:00 PM—Country Western Service
 In the Koinonia Room**

LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH!
There will be a potluck after the service.
 ~with Music led by *The Housers*~
***Childcare Provided**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
 SCHEDULE**

*All Children's Sunday Schools begin in the
 Worship Service with their families. Children
 are led to their classrooms after the Children's
 Sermon.*

✠ **8:15AM ~ Adult Sunday School
 Meets in Room 101**

✠ **9:30 AM ~
 Children's Sunday School
 Meet in Classrooms**

✠ **9:30 AM ~ Youth Sunday School**

✠ **10:50 AM ~
 Children's Sunday School
 Meet in Classrooms**