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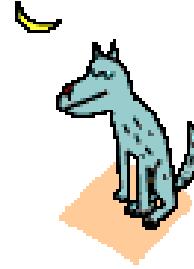
From The Pastor: “Enticing to the View Fence”

While on the Youth Service Project to Artesia, New Mexico I had plenty of time to talk with the youth of our church.

One teenage boy told me of a notice that had circulated through his neighborhood in Gold Canyon East. It warned that “coyotes are enticing small dogs to the view fence.” We laughed at the use of the words “enticing” and “view fence”. It all sounded so sophisticated for coyotes to do.

However, those words were also powerful words of warning. We live in a desert where coyotes and bobcats prey on the small and unsuspecting animals that are not so aware that they are being stalked. The coyotes had evidently learned that they could lure a small dog out away from the house and into the open near the fence line and then kill it. The enticing is real and could end in death. The dogs are often not aware of the threat. I have spoken to many church members who tell me they watch their small dogs closely whenever they are outdoors. Although the dog may not be aware of the predators, their owners are deeply concerned. One woman said she would do battle with any coyote that tried to take her dog.

As I thought of the warning given to dog owners, I couldn't help but think of all the other things in this world that entice us and then trap us. Some of them are more secretive than coyotes. It is easy to drift into some unethical behavior and rationalize our reasons. It is easy to compromise our beliefs to obtain money and prestige. It is easy to make time with God a low priority. It is easy to be overcome by an addiction. God knows these temptations exist in our life but often we forget the risk.



How do we counteract this relentless enticement in our lives? We do so by availing ourselves of spiritual disciplines which keep us connected to God. I find strength and direction through prayer, worship, scripture, study, service, communion, Christian fellowship and accountability to people I respect.

I know dog owners take seriously the risk to their pets. Do we take seriously the risks in our lives? What entices you?

Grace and peace,

Fred



Do you know the most powerful sentence in the world that uses only ten 2 letter words?

If it is to be, it is up to me



AN ADVENTURE OF FAITH

By Grover Wallace

Over the last few years our appeal to the congregation for contributions to build our new sanctuary and pay off the resulting mortgage have been based on our faith in God. If the representatives planning the new facility had not put their faith in God and in the people of our congregation, our new sanctuary would not be a reality today nor would we be able to meet our commitment to make the monthly mortgage payment.

If each individual in our congregation did not have faith and trust in God, the plan presented by our building committee would have most certainly failed. We have not talked much about individual faith in our writings, but we know there are plenty in our congregation who possess and demonstrate a deep and devoted faith in God - maybe some more than others. Only the individual knows how much faith they have in God and many demonstrate their devotion to God every day.

During my sister's illness and subsequent death we had the opportunity to meet a person who showed his faith with exuberance and spirit. You could see his faith in his eyes, in his speech, and his actions. His name was Walter. Walter was 88 years old, full of cancer, very weak, and with little time to live. He was well aware that any day could be his last day on earth. Yet Walter's love, concern for others, and love of life gave him enough energy to do things that I found unthinkable in his condition. He loved to garden and fix lawnmowers for friends, strangers, neighbors, and anyone who showed up with a broken mower. Walter had already planted most of his garden, knowing full well that he would probably never taste the fruits of his labor, but he knew that his family and friends would enjoy the many vegetables his garden would produce.

After he retired as a meat-cutter, Walter needed something to keep him busy so he decided to pick up the hobby of fixing lawnmowers. He placed a sign in his yard that read "mowers repaired" and many people would drop off a lawnmower that they no longer needed. He would fix the mower and put it in his driveway with a "for sale" sign on the handle. Walter was also a fun-loving and mischievous person who would slip out of the house and take a spin in his car when his caretaker (daughter, Bonnie) was in the laundry room or busy elsewhere.

We only saw Walter three times in our lives, but we will never forget him. Our first encounter with him was during our visit to my sister's while she was still living

and suffering with cancer, however she could still get around with a walker and was able to carry on a conversation. One day while we were sitting in her living room, Walter, his daughter, and Wanda, a friend, came to visit. Introduction completed, Walter talked about his condition, my sister's condition, and the effect their cancer had on both of them. Walter was somewhat of a poet, and penned many poems praising God for everything our Savior had blessed him with during his life. He usually set his poems to music and during his visit he sang one of the songs he wrote for my sister entitled "Each Day I Live".

*Each day I live
My thoughts will be
Of all that Christ
Has done for me
I think about his love and care
And meet the day
With faith and prayer
It's not what you have
It's what you give
It's not what you see
It's how you live
These are the things
That build and bless
That lead to human
Happiness
The Christ I love
Is coming soon
It may be morning, night or noon
My lamp is lit
I'll watch and pray
That Jesus Christ
May come today*

His rendition brought a smile to my sister's face and tears to some of us.

Walter told us about his funeral plans, the selection of ministers (3 in all) that he wanted to conduct his services, the three or four musical groups he wanted, and the songs to be sung. It was a real joy for all of us to sit and listen to the stories of his life. Almost all of them, and his happy expression, reminded each of us of his deep faith in our Savior. Before leaving, Walter asked my sister if he could say a prayer. Of course the answer was yes! To see this humble man and his frail body struggle to get down on his knees by my sister's chair, hold her hand and utter a

prayer to God on her behalf and struggle back to his feet was amazing.

When Walter left for home I knew in my heart that I had encountered a faithful, God-fearing servant of our Father in heaven. (I will relate my last two visits with Walter next month.)

“These have come so that your faith - of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire - may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”

1 Peter 1:7-9 (NIV)

During the month of June, 2009 you contributed \$21,363 to “An Adventure in Faith” building fund campaign which brings our total contributions as of June 30 to \$119,532 or 23.91% of our goal for the year. June’s total contributions are the lowest since July, 2008. Our monthly goal is \$41,700. The average giving per month for our stewardship year is \$29,883 or about \$12,000 less than our goal. Our June, 2009 contributing is the second lowest amount contributed since our campaign started in March, 2002. We need an average of approximately \$500,000 per year in order to pay off our mortgage by December, 2016. We missed our goal in 2008 by \$107,875 and the current estimate for 2009 is \$141,404 short of our annual goal. Therefore, our goal of saving \$683,520 in interest over the period from 2008 to 2016 appears somewhat unrealizable unless current economic conditions drastically improve very soon. Please include improvement of the existing economic conditions in your daily prayers.

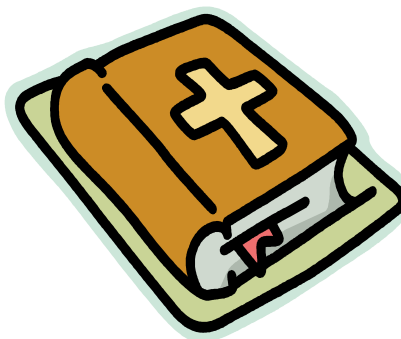
“Let no debt remain outstanding except the continuing debt to love one another.”

Romans 13:8 (NIV)



Have you noticed the great sales on everyday items you buy at Bashas’ and Fry’s? Why not pick up a card for either or both of these stores for yourself and/or for the food bank. You’ll be helping the bus fund at no extra cost to you when you use the Bashas’ Community Support Card or the Fry’s Gift Card. Cards can be purchased for as little as \$20 and are rechargeable at the store.

You may purchase these cards at either the Information Desk in the narthex or in the church office.



Let us remember to pray and read the Bible daily

DONATIONS AND ATTENDANCE

June	2007		2008		2009		2008	2009
	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Worship All	Worship All
1st	17815	12809	15791	9263	15903	10133	569	484
2nd	8172	3596	9263	7049	7598	2658	547	415
3rd	8205	3516	9592	4203	9319	4613	476	609
4th	8178	7302	8079	10259	9612	3960	626	535
5th	—	—	6081	3163	—	—	505	—
Total	42371	27223	48807	33937	42432	21364	2723	2043



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."

The Summer Report: VBS had 89 children registered for this past summer session. The ages were 4-12 with a lot of 3 yr olds coming with their parents for the sing along time each day. On the closing Friday there were 162 who came to the pizza party and listen to the kids present the new songs they had learned during the week of VBS. A special thanks to all the workers who helped make this years VBS the best so far.

We had five children go to summer camp at Mingu Mountain. All reported they had a great time and are eager to return next year. Thanks to all the persons in the church who provided VBS and Camper Scholarships to help a child attend summer camp or VBS this year.

"U Can" Club: Something new has been added for children ages 4-12 on Wed. afternoon. This is a time for games and fun in the Education Building from 4:30 pm until 6:00 pm. This is a time of exploring and learning that God can be found anywhere and in all activities. Children of church families and their friends in the community are welcome. This program is under the direction of Linda and Ron Walker. Also, Dramarama, under the direction of Cecilia O'Brien and Christina Pappalardo, has been working with the children ages 8-12 this summer in providing drama games and classes. The class will meet Tues August 4th from 10:00am to 12:30pm.

Sunday School teachers are needed as full time or regular teachers and substitutes. This need is for the entire Sunday School as we are in the time of vacations and other activities which take the regular teachers away from the normal teaching routine. If you could help out please call the church office and leave your name and phone number. Thanks for your interest and support.

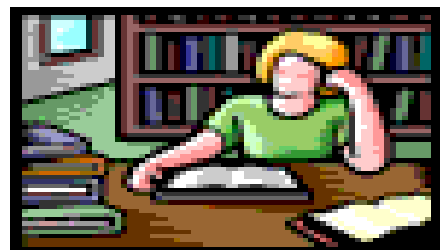
Study Sessions and classes for the summer months and the future are being planned. Should you wish a particular study or would like to develop a study, please contact the education office at the church. We do have available for loan the "Alpha Faith Course". This is a DVD set that gives an introduction to the Christian Faith and allows people to explore the real meaning of life. There are also several other DVD programs which could be used by an individual or small group study.

"Reclaiming the Wesleyan Tradition" which is being taught in a short session will continue through the month of Aug and you are invited to attend each Sunday at 10:45 am in rm. 106 of the Education Building. The class is taught by Suzanne Jacobson. Additional information can be obtained by calling Suzanne at the church office.

The Disciple Program and classes will be offered this fall and winter. However, (something new) there will be a shorter- "eight week" session for those who feel they can't make a commitment to the normal 34 week session. The program will be broken into smaller segments over a longer period of time. The same subject matter will be covered but may take two years to complete the normal 34 week session. Additional information will appear in future newsletters. If you would like to be a "facilitator" for any of the Disciple Classes, please let me know.

Sidewalk Sunday School: The Boys and Girls Club of Apache Junction, where we have met for the past several years is in the process of moving. Therefore the Sidewalk Sunday School may be in need of a new place to meet. Please be in prayer that we will be able to find a new location or work out some agreement with the Boys and Girls Club to lease or rent the current facility. We are very thankful to have had a place to meet these past few years and we would like to see this very important ministry continue. Your prayers are needed.

The Safe Sanctuary Program: In order to maintain the church's good safety record in the area of Child and Youth ministry we are bringing this item to our attention again. On January 16th 2007 the Admin. Council of GCUMC adopted the current church policy for the safety and well being of all children and youth who come under the scope and ministry of the church. All persons who minister to children and/or youth will be asked to update their files. This includes persons who are teachers, volunteers, child care givers and those who are with the Sidewalk Sunday School program. I greatly appreciate your concern and cooperation in this matter as we all want to do our best to ensure the church families that the spiritual, mental, emotional and physical welfare of the children and youth are in good, safe and capable hands. We all regret that this is needed but we live in a time that calls for such action, not only to protect the children and youth but also to protect the Church. The policy and the guidelines that were adopted by the Admin. Council are available for your reading in the church office. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.





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 09



Wow! We had an amazing trip this year. All the youth stated that this was their favorite mission trip. We had 6 first timers that had a BLAST and everyone can't wait until next year. I came back and told Fred, "I am ready to go next week." Thank you for all your support and prayers!



Mission Trip Moment

Amber is one of our students who will be a freshman. This was her first mission trip. She is pictured here with the resident that she helped out in Artesia. Amber and her group went into her house and fixed a hole in the floor of her living room. This hole was preventing her from being able to get around the living room in her wheelchair. They also built her a wheelchair ramp which allowed her to be able to go outside. Amber told me that when they were finished, the resident broke down in tears because of the hope that they had brought to her. Amber was also in tears when she was telling us this story. We were all moved by the work that God was able to do through these youth. Way to go Amber!

Come join us to celebrate the onset of fall at

Fall--ween

When: October 25th from 3:00 to 7:00 pm

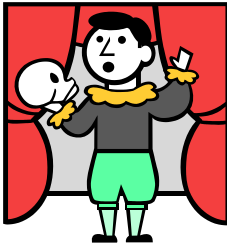
Where: GCUMC campus

What's happening:

- * Parade of costumes with judging for prizes
- * Weenie roasting & marshmallow toasting
- * Hayrides
- * **Houser Gang** concert

There is no cost of admission, however free will donations are always greatly appreciated.

This event is sponsored by your **W.O.W.** hospitality outreach team.



New for the summer—DRAMARAMA

A special summer session of drama and play acting will be going on at the church for children ages 8 thru 12. This class, Drama-101, is "Drama games for children" and will be taught by Cecilia O'Brien and Christina Pappalardo. The day of the last class will be Tuesday, August 4th. Class will run from 10:00 am until 12:30 pm in the education building. No cost for these classes. Encourage your children to attend.

Commemorative Mugs!!!!



Wouldn't you like to enjoy your morning coffee or tea or perhaps hot chocolate in an attractive Gold Canyon United Methodist Church Commemorative Mug? Stop by the Information Desk or the office and pick one up for only \$5.00 each.

Your **W.O.W.** team designed the mugs and proceeds will be used to support their outreach mission.



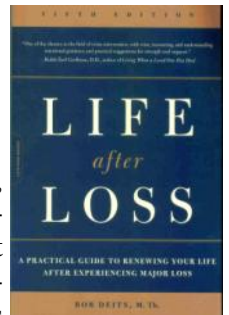
COUNTRY WESTERN WORSHIP & POTLUCKS DATES TO REMEMBER

The summer schedule for our Country Western Worship service runs August and September with services at 5:00 pm on the last Sunday of the month only.

The dates are: August 30 and September 27. A potluck supper will follow each service.

It's a great way to introduce friends and neighbors to Gold Canyon UMC - and a nice break from the ordinary on warm summer days.

5th Edition of *Life after Loss* Available



The 5th edition of Bob Deits' book, *Life after Loss* has been recently published. First released in 1988, the first four editions sold 150,000 copies during the ensuing years. The book has been translated into Spanish, German, French, Chinese, Russian, Hebrew and Greek.

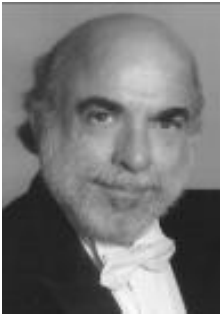
Professionals and lay persons alike have praised its value to people coping with major losses including death, divorce and economic factors such as job loss, foreclosure and bankruptcy.

Dr. Howard Clinebell, Jr., a world-renowned author and counselor, called it "the best book ever written in the field of loss and grief".

Bob has been working with people after a major loss for thirty years. He is a frequent speaker for seminars, workshops and conferences. In October, 2008, he was the keynote speaker for the World Burn Congress in Raleigh, NC, attended by more than 600 burn survivors.

Bob says, "The economic losses people are going through are no less stressful and challenging than the death of a loved one, going through a divorce or losing a body part to surgery. They turn our lives upside down as everything that makes life normal is wiped out. The appropriate response, as with other major losses, is grief. The task of grief recovery is to create a new normal that makes life work again."

Autographed copies of *Life after Loss* are available in the church office. The \$15.95 price with no sales tax (Bob pays it) remains the same as before. You can view more information on the web site www.lifeafterlossonline.com.



Music Notes



I have just come from one of the best, most inspiring conferences I've ever participated in, the Region IX (AZ, NV, CA, HI, Australia, Singapore) American Guild of Organists Festival: *Phoenix Rising*, at the Arizona Biltmore. Since I was on the Steering Committee for this event (Chair of Exhibits Committee), Martha and I stayed in a cottage (not too shabby!!!) for the same price as a regular hotel room! We even had our own patio, which was a great place to read at night before going to bed.

Highlights experienced included the Opening Service at All-Saints Episcopal Church in Phoenix, preceded by an extended Prelude, which included one of the most difficult pieces ever written for organ, "Fantasy and Fugue on 'Ad nos, ad salutarem undam'" by Franz Liszt, played by one of the best organists in Arizona, Sue Westendorf. Absolutely blew everyone away!!! Dame Gillian Weir, one of the finest organists in the world, performed at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Phoenix. This is the big downtown church that was destroyed by fire several years ago, then rebuilt adding a huge, new 4-manual (keyboard) organ with 71 ranks (sets) of pipes in a nearly perfect acoustic, all of which she put to excellent use. Truly outstanding!

Several of you joined members of our Choir at the outstanding free concert by John Scott in Grady Gammage Auditorium on the ASU Campus. Again, one of the finest concert organists in the world played a dazzling program! This organ, a masterpiece of Aeolian-Skinner Pipe Organ Builders, who defined the American School of organ building, is, unfortunately, not used very much at all anymore since Gammage has become a "roadhouse", hosting traveling productions, instead of a Concert Hall, as it was designed to be by Frank Lloyd Wright. In fact, this was the first full public organ solo concert in Gammage since 1984! This concert brought back a lot of great memories for me as I was the third person to publicly perform in it (after Alexander Schreiner, Mormon Tabernacle Organist, and Virgil Fox) while in high school. I was also the first Organ Performance Major at ASU and first student to accompany the 330 voice Choral Union and 80 piece

ASU Symphony Orchestra in *Messiah*. My practice time was after whatever performance in Gammage finished (11:00 pm?) until 8:00 am as many days as I wanted! I really became a "night owl" in those years!

My favorite performance, though, was at Organ Stop Pizza (Yeah! Seriously!) with our friend Lew Williams, also one of the finest organists in the country, who regularly plays for us in our *Celebration of Veterans* program, and who performed a fabulous classical organ concert for us on our Rodgers Organ for the *International Year of the Organ – Organ Spectacular* last October. In addition to several well-known theater organ works, he also performed some absolutely incredible and dazzling classical pieces – from memory – on the OSP organ, the largest Wurlitzer Theater Organ in the world! He was perhaps the biggest hit of the entire conference! If you haven't heard Lew play yet, catch him on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Organ Stop Pizza. (Tell him Doug sent you, and he'll probably say, "Uh, who?!?" :)

Doug

Douglas Benton, Director of
Music Ministries

John Wesley's Three Simple

Rules

Do No Harm

Do Good

Stay in love with God

WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY



By Hu & Wendy Rhymes, with a little help from Hattie, Muffin (& Sadie, too)

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. CALL US, please, with immediate needs, as we don't check our e-mail every day.

SADIE RHYMES MEMORIAL



A few weeks ago we were told by a Food Bank worker that a family came in with their dog for people food and dog food. The Mom immediately opened the dog food and her dog gobbled up a portion of the food. The little girl saw a bag of cookies and with big eyes asked if she could have one NOW. What a blessing for this family to have our Food Bank available.

Love, Hu, Wendy, Hattie, Muffin and Sadie too!!!

Sympathies: Bob Carpenter, upon the death of his wife, Imogene & Cheryl & Wes Carpenter, upon the death of their sister-in-law; Bob Cole, upon the death of his wife, Marcia; Arne Eisentraut, upon the death of his cousin, Lori Vanderberg; Dawn Harvey, upon the death of her father; Abe & Ruth Rikli, upon the death of their daughter, Mary; The Sutters, upon the death of Jim Dye; Dave Thomas, upon the death of his mother, Carolyn Roderick; and the families & friends of the above.

Concerns and/or Continued Prayers: Charlie Acker, Lexie Azertsy, David Baker, The Robert Baker family, Lenden Bartlett, Olivia Barnett, Lida Blazer, Alex Bondarook, Ralph Bos (Dave Bos' father), Tom Bottomley (Mike Vagnier's stepfather), Grace Byers (Gary & Monty Gingrich's mother), Ida Buckner, Pat Calihan, Pat Campbell, Vivian Chancy, Mark Cleary, Art Collins, Linda Coyne (Ruth Ann Thacker's sister), Cris Criswell, Amy Donez, Nathan Egar, Mae Fairbanks, Edward Fite, Roy Fuerherm, Catherine Fallon, Julius Gordon (grandson of Carol & John LaViolette), Katie Grosz, Jan Guerrero, Audrey Harrington, Shirley Hodges, Linda Hoggatt, Neil Houtcouper, Donna Hurley, Noel Jones (Linda & Morgan Jones' grandson), Sandy Jones, Connie & Rick Keeling, Duane Larrew, Donna Lax, Barb McAfee, Marjorie McCormick (Roger Coad's sister), Jerry Muratore, Dianne Nyman, Josie Ownbey (Robert Baker's sister-in-law), Eileen Petticrew, Victor Phillips, Mike Pittman, Thomas Preiss, Bruce

Randolph, Violet Reiners, Ellen Roberson, Jackie Runda, Susan Saraski, Joyce Scharringhausen, Muriel Steinberg (Rev. Fred Steinberg's mother), Steve & Jennifer Terry, Betty Tittman, Matty Tlusty (great granddaughter of the Eisentrauts), Jim & Bev Toppin, Ray Villeneuve, Judy Walsh, Karen Winter, Paula Wirth, Trudy Zelezic (Dot Zelezic's daughter) 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.

Still in Need of Prayers: Dick & Eleanor Armstrong, Tom & Dee Ashe, Barbara, Dorothy & Joey Baker, Jan Berry (Myra & John Berry's daughter-in-law), Irene & Junior Blake (Paul Filion's sister & brother-in-law), Jenny & Bob Burgi, Terry & Ruth Burris, Jim & Carolyn Burt, Bob Carpenter, Bob Carter & family, Eleanor Chesney, Pat Colmer (Sharyn Bennet's mother), Bob Cole, Ellie Conger, Carol & Jason Crosswhite, Bill & Joyce Curtis, Lorraine Davidson, Rev. Bob & June Deits, Chuck Dickinson, Ed & Joy Fite, Fred & Jerri French, Andy & Danna Gharavi, David & Ardeena Gillette, Lavon Guist, Ross & Arline Hacker, Judy Halverson, Viola Hammond (Don Hammond's Mom), Rich & Sheila Haraldson, Lorna Hartman, Rita Hawkins, Beth Hayes (Jeff Hayes' mother), Gladys Kay

MIND MENDERS SUPPORT GROUP

...meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday at 10:00 am in the Education Building. Mind Menders is a support group for caregivers of Alzheimers and other dementia disease patients. Come join us on the 2nd and 4th Fridays each month. *Contact Jeanette Lunstead at 480-671-9888 or the church office for more information.*

Healthy Living

The position of Parish Nurse is currently vacant. If you, or someone you know, would be willing to take on this rewarding challenge, please call the Church Office at 480-982-3776.



The Grief Support Group lead by Laurie Christy will not be meeting for the summer as normally scheduled.

Laurie will be glad to meet with anyone who contacts her by phone at 480-671-5768 or by email at Lchristy20@yahoo.com when needed. We will resume a regular schedule again in the fall.

Cancer Support Group



Meets each Wednesday at 10:00 am (note new time) in Room 101-102. This active group provides spiritual support, love, friendship and a helping hand to cancer patients, caregivers and their families. For further information, contact Tom or Dee Ashe at 480-924-5483 or 480-650-6765 (cell) or by email at dee.ashe@yahoo.com

Every Christian is constantly invited to overcome his neighbor's fear by entering into it with him, and to find in the fellowship of suffering the way to freedom.

Henri J.M. Nouwen



The deadline for ordering altar flowers is at noon Wednesday for the following



STEPHEN MINISTRY®

? INSTANT REPAIR ?

For any real grief or deep trouble there is no "instant repair". A Stephen Minister, nevertheless, can get the door to the repair shop open, turn on the lights, clear the work table, and will then work hard to get you fixed - NOT 'fix' you but GET YOU FIXED! 'Fixing', of course, is God's work and He comes to the shop regularly!

A Stephen Minister cannot, and will not, try to force you to accept the parts from his or her bin, but will try to fashion a caring relationship with you - a relationship into which God can enter and cure the misery which grips you.

If you try the repair bench of a Stephen Minister, you will, but not instantly, reach a point where you can look to the future and make a new life free of the wretchedness which has you in a basket. THANKS BE TO GOD!

If you are feel broken call the office for referral to a Stephen Minister.

Clowning For Christ
By Herb Grills

That Sunday morning when Rev. Fred took the risk and had "Herbie" visit with us during the regular morning services, Herbie came down the stairs to Linda playing Circus Music and the chant of "Herbie, Herbie". He arrived somewhat anxious and trying not to show it. I wish you could have observed the faces of some members of the congregation: SHOCK!! SURPRISE!! DISBELIEF!! not to mention a few SMILES. (Now Herbie and Chantelle are greeted with warm recognition, acceptance and sometimes polite applause.)

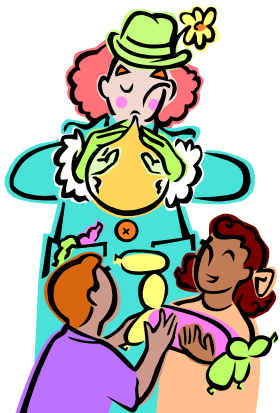
So what is Clown Ministry anyway?
Consider what the Scriptures say about Ministry.
Ministry is:

- sharing the good news of Christ (Mark 16:15, Matthew 4:19)
- encouraging and strengthening those already serving Christ. (Hebrews 10:24, Ephesians 4:11.12)
- meeting the needs of people in Jesus' name (Mark 9:14)

If we look at a Christian clown, we can see that he can be an effective facilitator for Christ in many areas. He may witness, educate, visit the sick, the lonely ... bring hope and cheer to the downhearted. Just his appearance brings a smile to most faces. He helps bring about that merry heart which "doeth good like medicine." (Proverbs 17:22.) He is a reminder that God cares for and loves us.

Because of his "make believability" people open their hearts to him. They listen to his message, and learn along with him. He is a servant and willing to be laughed at. (Please) He gives a smile or a hug or a gentle touch or a balloon or a sticker or a laugh or yes, a teardrop all in Jesus' name, reminding us that Jesus loves us.

"Life is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift to Him"



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

ST. ANDREW'S CHILDREN'S CLINIC

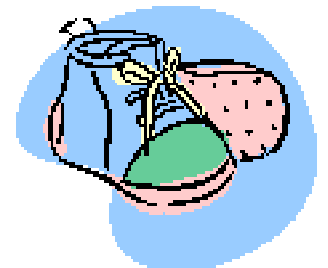
St. Andrew's Children's Clinic is now in its 36th year of providing medical services to children.

Our fall trip to the Clinic of Love is scheduled for Thursday, October 1. We will be touring the clinic and delivering Wish List items.

Sign-up sheets are posted and donation boxes are in the Narthex and Education building.

WISH LIST

- Pediasure
- Milk of Magnesia—small containers
- Disposable bibs
- Disposable diapers
- Children's vitamins with iron
- Enfamil
- Baby wipes





International Missions

"The world is my parish." – John Wesley

By John Paddison

Jean and I returned home after our two month stay in Shenyang, China. During that time we again visited the Chinese Christian Church in Wangshi to deliver Gold Canyon United Methodist Church's greeting, well wishes, prayers, and much-needed contributions to the people there. Once more the kindness of GCUMC deeply moved the members of the congregation there, who are still struggling to complete the main sanctuary of their church. Presently, the education wing has been completed and is being used for the weekly services. Much has been accomplished, but much more still needs to be done. I hope that the members of our church will continue to keep these fellow Christians in our thoughts and prayers in the coming months and years. To see the Christian movement growing in China is, for us, a great spiritual motivation. As part of the International Missions Committee, we look forward to sharing our experiences with the members of our church.



Wangshi Church June, 2008



Wangshi Church May, 2009



Wangshi Church unfinished sanctuary



Chinese Christian Church service in Educ. Bldg.

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.

Pakistan Crisis

International Disaster Response
UMCOR Advance #982450

Zimbabwe Crisis

Zimbabwe Emergency
UMCOR Advance #199456

Kenya Famine

International Disaster Response, Kenya
UMCOR Advance #982450


Hurricanes

Hurricanes 2009
UMCOR Advance #3021002

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



GCUMC Calendar August 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 8 am Adult Sunday School</p> <p>8 am <i>Traditional</i></p> <p>8:30 am UG Rehearsal</p> <p>9:30 am Traditional</p> <p>10:45 Wesley Class</p> <p>10:50 am Praise</p> <p>6:30 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>3 10 am Job Seekers ~ Rm 101/102 & Sof G</p> <p>6 pm Hospitality Outreach Team ~ K Rm</p>	<p>4 10 am Dramarama— Youth Room</p> <p>6 pm One in the Spirit</p>	<p>5 10 am Cancer Support ~ Room 101/102</p> <p>4:30 pm U-Can Club~ Ed. Bldg.</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 12 am GC Moms — Rm 101/102</p> <p>5:30 pm AA-SofG</p>	<p>1 8 am -Men's Breakfast at Red Sage</p>
<p>9 8 am Adult Sunday School</p> <p>8 am <i>Traditional</i></p> <p>8:30 am UG Rehearsal</p> <p>9:30 am Traditional</p> <p>10:45 Wesley Class</p> <p>10:50 am Praise</p> <p>6:30 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>10 10 am Job Seekers ~ Rm 101/102 & Sof G</p> <p>6:30 pm Coffee with the Pastor</p>	<p>11 6 pm One in the Spirit</p>	<p>12 10 am Cancer Support ~ Room 101/102</p> <p>4:30 pm U-Can Club~ Ed. Bldg.</p>	<p>13 10:am Stitches Unlimited ~ Rm 101/102</p>	<p>14 10 am Mind Menders 101/102</p> <p>5:30 pm AA-SofG</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 8 am Adult Sunday School</p> <p>8 am <i>Traditional</i></p> <p>8:30 am UG Rehearsal</p> <p>9:30 am Traditional</p> <p>10:45 Wesley Class</p> <p>10:50 am Praise</p> <p>6:30 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>17 10 am Job Seekers ~ Rm 101/102 & Sof G</p>	<p>18 6 pm One in the Spirit</p> <p>7 pm Administrative Council Mtg.—Music Room</p>	<p>19 10 am Cancer Support ~ Room 101/102</p> <p>4:30 pm U-Can Club~ Ed. Bldg.</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 5:30 pm AA-SofG</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 8 am Adult Sunday School</p> <p>8 am <i>Traditional</i></p> <p>8:30 am UG Rehearsal</p> <p>9:30 am Traditional</p> <p>10:45 Wesley Class</p> <p>10:50 am Praise</p> <p>6:30 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>24 10 am Job Seekers ~ Rm 101/102 & Sof G</p>	<p>25 6 pm One in the Spirit</p> <p>6 pm Trustee's Mtg— Pastor Fred's Office</p>	<p>26 8 am Newsletter Team</p> <p>10 am Cancer Support ~ Room 101/102</p> <p>4:30 pm U-Can Club~ Ed. Bldg.</p>	<p>27 10 am Stitches Unlimited ~ Rm 101/102</p>	<p>28 10 am Mind Menders – 101/102</p> <p>5:30 pm AA-SofG</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 8 am Adult Sunday School</p> <p>8 am <i>Traditional</i></p> <p>8:30 am UG Rehearsal</p> <p>9:30 am Traditional</p> <p>10:45 Wesley Class</p> <p>10:50 am Praise</p> <p>5:00 CW Service & Pot-luck</p> <p>6:30 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>31 10 am Job Seekers ~ Rm 101/102 & Sof G</p>					



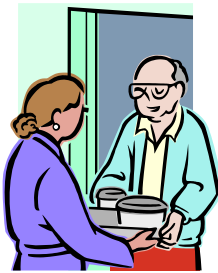
August Birthdays

David Ballard	1	Stephen Hughes	10	Shirley Hulcher	18	Chuck Hardman	26
Carol Crosswhite	1	Norman Livgard	10	Ione Pierce	18	Melissa Wood	26
Duane Larrew	1	Paul Renfer	10	Rick Hall	19	Jan Miller	27
Robert Mahlandt	1	Cris Criswell	11	John Nuss	19	Bette Wiff	27
Kathy Nuss	1	Ingrid Schaefer	11	Sara Bos	20	Betty Clemensen	28
Dan Sawyer	1	Barbara Wilke	11	Chris Fitzgerald	20	Gene Huffman	28
Wanda Tufte	1	Jo Ann Ervin	12	Tara Houser Jones	20	Vi Potter	28
Doris Laver	2	Jane Hayes	12	Rachael Dixon	21	James Zieglowsky	28
Claudia Morris	2	Don Schaefer	12	Roy Wright	21	Carolyn Burt	29
Barb Vagnier	2	Erika Brinkman	13	Sharron Gingrich	22	Brian Cascaden	29
Shirley Hodges	4	Claire Callahan	13	Bob Deits	22	Karen Centers	29
Sherrie Ofstedahl	4	Tom Wiff	13	John Linton	22	Lou Ann Christie	29
Linda Walker	4	Markee Adams	14	Mike Vagnier	22	Gary Sauerbrunn	29
Roy Fuerherm	5	Ruth Bennett	14	June Welker	22	Tavious Aguilar	31
Dick Barnes	6	Jerri French	14	Jan Hahn	23	Marlene Hoffman	31
Neil Houtcooper	6	David Pearce	14	Linda Jones	23	Robert Jacobsen	31
Darwin Mixer	6	Roger Miller	15	Earl Marifjeren	23	Glenn Johnson	31
Pat Pandajis	6	Donald Cline	16	Barb Osborn	23	Norma Tambke	31
LeRoy Storley	6	Donna Hurley	16	Jim Taylor	23	James Toppin	31
Ashton Fitzgerald	7	Virginia Kimble	16	Ann Brogren	24	Sandy Williams	31
Joe Johnson	7	Charles Acker	17	Diane Rasmussen	24		
Skylar Saathoff	7	Higinio Aguilar	17	Steven Boyd	25		
Lindsey Hall	8	Judy Atkinson	17	Wayne Carns	25		
Ryan Schenck	8	Joan Butler	17	Willa Ficarra	25		
Pete Johnson	9	Sandra Butterbrodt	17	Donna Fuerherm	25		
Evelyn Laich	9	Bill Edwards	18	Mark Johnson	25		
Wendy Moore	9	Harold Greene	18	Bob Sheridan	25		
Bill Ramsey	9	Adrian Hick	18	Karen Winter	25		

August Anniversaries

Diane & Jack Berglund	1	Patricia & James Fleck	20	Pam & Adrian Hick	27
Mary Catherine & Robert Myers	1	Veronica & Jim Griffith	20	Shirley & Thomas Feather	28
Rose & Joe Rosenberg	1	Peg & Don Wilson	21	Angie & Bill Fyfe	28
Melodie & Bruce Frankel	3	Jan & Ray Heyse	22	Marlene & Richard Hoffman	28
Lisa & Brian Cascaden	4	Audrey & Gordon Hulett	22	Jill & Lyle Brewer	29
Nancy & Keith Petticrew	4	Cynthia & Rick Reichert	22	Anne & Patrick McGinness	29
Rose & Thomas Pease	5	Elizabeth & James Cowles	23	Sylvia & Max Schuerman	29
Ilene & Gerald Tabor	5	Cheryl & Rick Hall	23	Nancy & Darrell Tilus	29
Phyllis & Dan Gray	8	Jan & Alan Helquist	23	Louise & Doran Hays	30
Linda & Morgan Jones	11	Beverly & Richard Svoboda	23	Lorna & Earl Marifjeren	30
Sandy & David Billeter	12	Valerie & Michael Sheridan	24	Shirley & Mike McMahon	30
Carol & John LaViolette	12	Barb & Mike Vagnier	24	Lois & Barry Peebles	30
Donna & Roger Schiager	13	Marty & Tom Robison	25	Rose & Virgil Scantlin	30
Marjorie & Charles Finley	14	Nancy & Bob Russell	25	Suzanne & James Jameson	31
Fay & Wally Quanstrom	14	Lynne & Terry Confer	26		
Kathryn & Patrick Hughes	16	Kay & Pete Johnson	26		
Joan & Art Gibbs	18	Sharon & LeRoy Johnson	26		
Elizabeth & Don Anderson	19	Marilyn & Gene Thomas	26		
Patricia & Paul Renfer	19	Alyce & Bob Ancell	27		





Volunteers Do Make a Difference

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Jane Hayes, Volunteer Coordinator

I'm so PROUD of you!

Hand in hand, our church family reaches out to each other and so many others *each* and *every day*.

Here are a few tips from the website www.acts of kindness.org. to help ourselves:

Silence---what a beautiful word! Take an hour for yourself everyday. Exercise your body and mind. You will thank yourself.

The average human often ACCEPTS what does not last, what feels good for the moment or a period of time, often has many regrets and ends up spending a large period of their time or even their whole life thinking “maybe tomorrow”; and put things off for another day, all along either ignoring or not believing they can achieve.

Question: *Is it possible people are more concerned with what they don't have vs. what they have? . . . or they feel like failures?*

“YOU ARE NOT A FAILURE”; YOU HAVE ONLY FAILED TO UNDERSTAND YOUR DEEP INNER MOTIVATION, REASONS AND PURPOSE.

Visit this website for ideas and articles of all kinds to help you decide where your next step might be in becoming more fulfilled.

Consider:

- 1) Make a gift for someone.
- 2) Say something nice about someone you don't like.
- 3) Help someone carry a load.
- 4) Write an encouraging note to a friend.
- 5) Collect goods for a deserving group of choice.

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

1. Custodian Helper
2. Homebound
3. Office Assistant
4. Sunday Morning
5. Gift Card for Food Bank
6. Greeter
7. Liturgist

Name _____

Phone _____

The Monthly Gift of Sharing:

Buy a gift card for Bashas or Fry's and donate it to the FoodBank !
God Bless.

Roadrunner Email

Would you mind receiving your *Roadrunner* and event announcements by email? If so, please fill out the information below, tear it off and drop it in the collection plate or send it in to the church office.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name (s): _____

Email Address:

Do you wish to continue to receive hard copy Roadrunners as well? Yes No



COOKIE LOVERS UNITE!!!

Our Hospitality Team is not receiving enough baked goods to continue serving our 8:00 and 9:30 services. **Please** contribute to our Hospitality Area by donating funds on Sunday at the tables on the patio or adding a check for “Kitchen Fund” to the collection plate. Our weekly “Cookie Cards” cost \$10-\$15. With \$5 donations we can purchase baked goods in quantity to have on hand. Of course, we will always accept cookies anytime during the week or on Sunday in the kitchen.



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Facility Care Taker	John LaViolette

Addressee or Current Resident

[Empty dotted box for addressee or current resident information]

SUMMER SERVICE HOURS

***8:00 AM—Traditional Worship**

***9:30 AM—Traditional Worship**

In the Sanctuary

***10:50 AM—PRAISE Service**

In the Koinonia Room

Music led by *Uncommon Grace*

**Childcare Provided*

5:00 PM—Country Western Service

On the Last Sunday of the Month Only

For the months of Aug. & Sept.

Music will be led by *The Housers*

Come Worship and Stay for the

Potluck!

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

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

✝ 8:00 AM ~ Adult Sunday School
 Meets in Room 101/102

✝ 9:30 AM ~ Children's Sunday School
 Pick Up in Room 101/102

✝ 9:30 AM ~ Youth Sunday School

✝ 10:45 AM ~ Adult Sunday School
 Meets in Room 106

✝ 10:50 AM ~ Children's Sunday School
 Pick up in Classrooms

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