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From The Pastor: "Stained Glass & Meet New D.S."

Two weeks ago we authorized Maureen McGuire Design Associates to build and install three new stained glass windows for the Sanctuary. These three new windows will include



small silhouettes of birds, fish, animals and people throughout the design, to represent the days of creation. The lower portions of these three windows will be glazed with clear glass to enable us to see the reality of God's creation in the view of the Superstition Mountains outside.

The designers are currently drawing up patterns and buying glass to complete the design. We expect the windows to be installed in about four months. We are currently \$10,000 short of the cost of the Windows. If anyone would like to make a donation to the stained glass window fund to help us complete this project just mark any donation "stained glass". Donations may also be made through our website. We are thankful for those people who have committed themselves to see this project completed and we look forward to the spiritual artwork which will grace the Sanctuary.

As of July 1st Rev. Bob Burns was appointed as the new District Superintendent of the Central East District. Rev. Burns has committed himself to meet with all churches in his District during the next several months. I respect him for this commitment to get to know the congregations of the churches in his District. Our congregation is invited to meet with Rev. Burns when he visits our church on August 23rd at 1:00 pm in the Education Building. All are invited to attend this gathering. Our District Superintendent would like to hear about any exciting ministries in our church. The discussion will also include time to share what God is calling us to do. And then lastly he would like us to share what we expect from him. If you are here in August, I hope you will join us.

Grace and peace,

Fred



Retired United Methodist Bishop William W. Dew Jr., a passionate witness for social justice, died July 14 at his home in Elk Grove, Calif. He was 76.

The denomination's Western Jurisdiction elected Dew to the episcopacy in 1988. He served the Portland Area, comprising the Oregon-Idaho Annual (regional) Conference and Alaska Missionary Conference, until 1996. He then served as bishop of the Phoenix Area, comprising the Desert Southwest Conference, until his retirement in 2004.

"Bishop Dew had a very deep commitment to the preservation of the doctrine of the church, believing that it represented the goodness of God's grace," said Bishop Minerva Carcaño, who succeeded Dew as leader of the Phoenix Area. "He was also very committed to the presence of the church in the world. He was a strong, prophetic voice deeply respected in the ecumenical community in this area and in this western region."

Throughout his ministry, friends and colleagues say, he spoke up for those he saw as marginalized by the larger society and challenged fellow United Methodists to be more Christ-like in their ministry to others.

Reprinted from the website umc.org

John Wesley's Three Simple Rules

Do No Harm

Do Good

Stay in love with God

Position Open

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE!

You may now give online a one-time or recurring donation by going to our church website at www.goldcanyonumc.org and select "Click to Give". You will then be guided through the steps to get set up. It's easy!



Director of Christian Education Ministries: Are you a person with a passionate and deep Christian faith who enjoys working with children and adults? Are you excited about building teams and relationships to help children and adults grow as disciples of Jesus Christ? If you are, then being part of the Gold Canyon U.M.C. team may be right for you, as this growing congregation is seeking a gifted and spiritually mature Christian for an established staff position coordinating and leading the children and adult ministry programs. The ideal candidate should evidence a close walk with Jesus, should be comfortable with Methodist theology and should have experience with children and adult ministries. Initiative, teambuilding, organization, love of children and adults, and excellent people skills are necessary for this position. This position is 3/4 time, competitively salaried and, depending on experience and education, includes a package of up to \$39,408.

If interested, applications can be obtained from the office and questions may be directed to Rev. Fred Steinberg.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS FUND

Good news!! We are within \$10,000 of the required funds to complete the installation of the stained glass windows in the upper portion of the three windows to the right of the cross window in the sanctuary. If you haven't seen how this will look when finished, you can view it behind the Information Desk in the east narthex. If you have been undecided whether to contribute to this fund, now is the time. Any small contribution will help us reach the goal so that work can begin soon building and installing this work of art. *For those of you out of town for the summer, you can temporarily contribute to the Stained Glass Fund through e-giving on the website at goldcanyonumc.org. Just look for it under "Special Funds."* If you have any questions, please call the office.



Please continue to recharge and use your Bashas' Community Support Cards and Fry's Gift Cards while shopping at these grocery chains. It doesn't cost you anything extra to use them (you still get the sale prices) and it benefits the church bus fund. Stop by the Information Desk or go to the office during the week if you need a card.

Betty Rolley

DONATIONS AND ATTENDANCE

Let no debt remain outstanding except the continuing debt to love one another... Romans 13:8 (NIV)

June	2008		2009		2010		2009	2010
	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Worship All	Worship All
1st	\$15791	\$92632	\$15903	\$10133	\$15877	\$8819	484	544
2nd	9263	7049	7598	2658	9593	2930	415	546
3rd	9592	4203	9319	4613	11572	7571	609	590
4th	8079	10259	9612	3960	7397	2892	535	536
5th	6081	3163	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	\$48807	\$33937	\$42432	\$21364	\$44439	\$22212	2043	2216



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."

With the ring of the old school bell this month we are reminded that fall, with all the different activities for the family and the church, is just around the corner. During the middle of July we had a wonderful pizza party and happy singing time with the Wednesday kid's clubs. Linda Walker and her co-workers have done an amazing job with the children of the church and outreach to the community. We are looking forward to greater involvement on Wednesdays for the whole church family as fall approaches. Special family gatherings are being planned and as they are announced we hope that you and your entire family will participate. It is hoped that this will become a new ministry and outreach into the community for the church.

The Disciple Study Program: This ongoing spiritual enrichment education program will again be offered this fall and throughout the year. It is not too early to start thinking about taking one of the classes offered. **DISCIPLE** These classes are designed to increase your knowledge and understanding of the Bible through reading, study and discussion. The classes this year are: Disciple One: "Becoming Disciples through Bible Study" Disciple Two: "Into the Word and Into the World" Disciple Three: "Remember Who You Are" Disciple Four: "Under the Tree of Life". The dates and times for the classes will be arranged through the teachers and students registered in each class. Right now all classes are TBA. Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex of both buildings.

Adult Education Classes: If you are interested in a specific class or area of study being taught this year, please let Thomas Feather, Suzanne Jacobson or myself know and every attempt will be made to accommodate your request. We are expecting a large variety of classes to be offered this year and hope that one or more will be a growth experience for you on your spiritual journey.

Sunday School Teachers are needed as full time or regular teachers and, of course, substitutes. We are also looking for child care persons who will help in the nursery and at other times throughout the year. There is a need for teachers and volunteers throughout the Sunday School Program as there will be vacations and of course next year is just around the corner. If you can help in any way please get in touch with me at the church office. Thanks for your interest and support.

Vacation Bible School: After many wonderful years of leading the VBS program Donna Fuerherm has decided to "pass the torch" to someone else. Donna has done a great

job in providing direction to the VBS program and we thank her for the guidance she has provided. So...the VBS program for 2011 is looking for a new person to give direction, set the dates, select the theme and oversee all the aspects involved in making this program a continued success. Donna has said she would be interested in being a "consultant" to the program and with her knowledge this will be a great asset. If you are interested in guiding the VBS program this next year, please contact me at the church office.

The Book Mission: This is a new mission and has been under the guidance of Chris Houser. Each week as needy families come to the Food Bank, the family can take home a few new or gently used books for the enjoyment of their children. If you have any children's books at your home we would be glad to have you bring them to the church for this reading mission project. In addition, should you have any easy reading books for adults these can also be donated. We are always amazed by the number of adults who have limited reading skills. You may drop the books off at the church office or in the boxes provided in the narthex of each building.



Sidewalk Ministries: This will be our second year at the Desert Chapel in Apache Junction and we are very thankful that they are sharing their campus with this church for the Sidewalk Ministry Program. We are anticipating the program will start Oct 16th and will be held every Saturday, 10:00am till noon through the month of April, 2011. This past year we had an average of 30 children attending each Saturday. These children are from a variety of religious and economic backgrounds. We need 18-22 adult helpers each week to make this program stable. If you are interested in local mission work with children, this is your opportunity to share the gospel. We need helpers in all areas from bus drivers to food servers. June Welker is the program leader and she would be more than happy to spend time talking with you about this great work.

This past month there were 4 young persons from the Sidewalk Ministries who went to summer camp at Mingus Mountain. One of the young people was chosen to be a cabin assistant. There were also three youth who went with our church youth group on their summer mission. All of these young persons have been attending the Sidewalk mission for several years and are "graduates" of the Sidewalk Ministries Program. Please pray that the Lord will continue to make them bold witnesses. The labor of many years in the Sidewalk Ministry is beginning to bear fruit. Pray for a great harvest. Thank you God for all the different families of this program and for the dedicated workers.



Youth Ministries

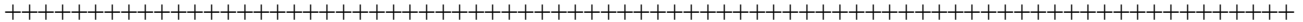
With Wendy Moore

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

Hello, I'm Wendy Moore

I have been married for 22 years and have three children, ages 13, 15 and 17. Since we began attending Gold Canyon UMC 10 years ago I have served as a Sunday School teacher. When my children started school, I volunteered within the Apache Junction Unified School District as a classroom volunteer, PTA officer, and currently serve as the AJUSD School Board President. This position has helped me understand long term and short term planning, educational curriculum, teaching strategies, special needs, Arizona Education Law, organizational and group dynamics, as well as experience handling changes and challenges. I have learned to handle stressful situations and remain focused on achieving success. Between my Governing Board work and my part time position at the Gecko Espresso coffee shop, I interact with a very broad cross section of our community. I enjoy meeting and getting to know new people.

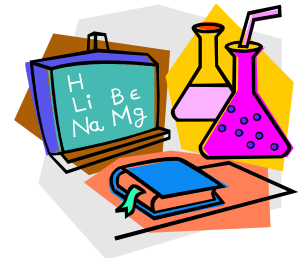
I see the tremendous benefit of the Youth Group at GCUMC, and hope to make it even better. I want to bring Christian education to our youth and help them learn to live these values as they mature into adults. I want to see them have fun in a safe and accepting environment, to learn how to put Christian values to practical application by reaching out to those in need in our society, and to build a strong support system of friends and church family. My goal is that our children form a strong foundation of faith, and take their faith with them as they venture into the world.



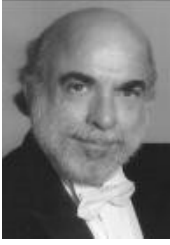
A farewell note from Heather



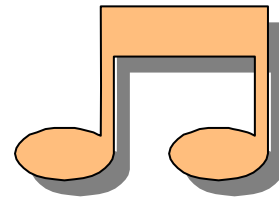
Thank you to all who donated to the mission trip through funds and tools. You truly are helping shape the lives of the youth that went and those we served. Please feel free to stop and talk with the kids who went. I am sure they will be able to tell you tons of stories from the trip. On a personal note, I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve. This week with the youth was a great way for me to end my time spent with them. It has been an amazing experience to watch them grow over the last 5 years. Not only has the mission trip changed their lives, but mine also. No one can go on a trip like this and not be changed. Thank you.



It's Back to School Time ~ Have a Great Year!!



Music Notes



First, congratulations to our fabulous soprano soloist, **Cynthia Hoff**, who won the Talent Contest for Desert Southwest Conference, and sang at the Friday night dinner during Annual Conference. She was “fantastic” according to my brother, Pastor at Eloy UMC, and all others I spoke with. Again, congratulations, Cindy! Thank you for representing our church Music Ministries so well!

I have just returned from the best convention I have ever attended ~ the National Convention of the American Guild of Organists in Washington, D. C. This was over the 4th of July, though, unfortunately, I was not able to see the fireworks ~ either on the Mall or on TV! But the music was nothing short of spectacular, and the organs housed in their various spaces were incredible! High points were the opening concert at the National Cathedral with the Cathedral Choral Society, National Gallery Orchestra, and **Scott Dettra**, organist, playing the huge 4-manual (keyboards), 189-rank (sets of pipes, each set either 61 pipes - keyboard, or 32 pipes – pedal) instrument! Also, the United States Naval Academy Chapel at Annapolis, MD, with **David Higgs** on the console of the 5-manual beast of an organ! This instrument has 5,783 pipes and an additional 15,688 “equivalent pipes” (electronic). Amazing instrument and performer! Finally, our closing concert was at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception with the Choir of the Basilica and the Washington Chorus with **Renée Anne Louprette** and **David Briggs** on the twin 4-manual consoles of the 172-rank organ. What a beautiful space!!!

The most memorable concerts were performed by **Paul Jacobs** and **Isabelle Demers**. Paul is Chair of the Organ Department of the Julliard School in New York. His program was incredibly well played, and all from memory. He performed with the Phoenix Symphony last year and will perform the incredible Joseph Jongen “*Symphony Concertante*” this year with the Phoenix Symphony in February. **Isabelle Demers**, a relative newcomer, played a furiously exciting program with an immediate standing ovation – also from memory, and did a workshop on Reger chorales, again, from memory! I was so impressed with her, I have booked her on **February 13, 2011**, as part of our *Performing Arts Series*! Mark this date now! I promise that you will be as blown away by her as we all were!!! She is a doctoral student of Paul Jacobs, and I wanted to book her while she is still “affordable!”

I will be taking a bona fide “road trip” vacation this month for the first time since I was a kid vacationing with my family, driving to Rochester, MN, to visit with my daughter and son-in-law. Both work at Mayo Clinic - Regina is a neurosurgeon in her third year of residency, and Mark is a neurophysiologist researching epilepsy (yeah, I’m a proud papa!). I will hopefully be able to visit some choir members along the way and see some of God’s great beauty. I can’t tell you how excited I am about this trip!



Finally, I want to express my deep appreciation to the **Chancel Choir** for their tremendous dedication, love and musicianship this past year. The Choir has especially shown themselves to be willing to go well beyond the “extra mile” in providing musical leadership to all the traditional services, as well as being a very fun and forgiving group to work with. Thanks also to the **Chancel Ringers** for their willingness to try new things and to be the best they can be! When you see any of these great people, please thank them for their outstanding service to our church!

The Chancel Choir has the month of August off, but we will begin rehearsals again on Thursday, Sept. 2nd at 7:00 pm (please come early to register), and sing during the Sept. 12th services. If you are interested in sharing your talents with us, I encourage you to join us! You do not have to be great, just be able to read music and sing on pitch. We do not have auditions, so please just come and join us. We have a lot of great plans for the choir this year! Next month we will have a listing of the Music Ministry schedule as well as the Performing Arts Series lineup. I hope you will all take advantage of the opportunities available.

In the meantime, prayers for safe travels for all who are coming and going this month.

Blessings,

Doug

Douglas Benton,
Director of Music Ministries

WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY



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

ATTENTION: If you want to contact the Rhymes and you don't have our CELL number, please contact the church office. CALL US, please, with immediate needs, as we don't check our e-mail every day.

FROM THE SADIE RHYMES MEMORIAL CORNER



A big thank you to all the volunteers who have worked in the food bank and given many hours to helping folks, dogs and cats with food. Of course there wouldn't be a Food Bank without all of you and the community who donate so much. Thank you to Jeff Downing, Dan Gray and Rush Tucker who head up this project.

Dan Gray has been watching out for the animals for so long now that when they are low on food he calls us and "bow wows" or "meows" to let us know we need to get more food for the furry ones!!!!

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

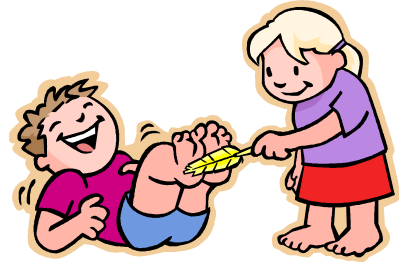
Sympathies: Kitty Davis, upon the death of her husband, Charlie; The family of Jerry Laczniack, upon his death (Ron Walker's friend); Beth Piazza, upon the death of her husband (Beth is Bob & Pam Ingram's niece); Jerry & Ruth Ann Thacker, upon the death of Jerry's father, Carl; Nancy Villeneuve, upon the death of her sister, Lucy and the families & friends of the above.

Concerns and/or Continued Prayers: Vince Bock, Alex Bondarook, Frank Borrer, Kay Bottomley (Mike Vagnier's mother), Mary Bradford, Jerry Byrd, Julie Byrd, Bob Carnahan, Gloria Charette, Joey Baker, Carol Conklin (Jeanette Lunstead's friend), Faye Conteras, James Curlett, Jack DeWerff, Cari Eastman, Joe Eubanks, Paul Fillion, Leo Gerst, Mailia Goforth (Shirley Coad's niece), Jim Haggatt (Jim & Carolyn Burt's son-in-law), Terri Hearn, Alan Helquist, Lavonne Hoover, Carol Johnson, Mary Lou Johnson, Richard Keeler, JC Kinney, John Kirkpatrick, Tom Leird, Esther Lombardi, Norma McKim, Judy Monk, Claudine Nielsen, Kinley Olsen, Marilyn Peterson, Lisa Reed (Doug Benton's niece), Scott Rehak, Bob Reisch, Heather Rhoton & twins, Max & Blakeley, Paul Rhymes (Hu Rhymes' brother), Greg Ryan & family, Dr. James Sanders (a professor of Suzanne Jacobson's), Gordon Schaefer

(Don Schaefer's brother), Ross Siersma (Andy Siersma's brother), Randall Smith, Donella Sparks, Shirley Taylor, Gordon Truckle, Emmagene Turner, The Verdugo Family, Michael Vitalich, John Vorseth (Sue & Duane Vorseth's son), Ralph Woodard (Joyce Curtis' brother), and PRAYERS for the families (CAREGIVERS) of the above. PRAYERS for requests in the "CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER" boxes & UNSPOKEN REQUESTS. Also, those FOOD BANK CLIENTS who have requested prayer. PRAYERS for our MILITARY personnel and their families & those who are in NEED OF EMPLOYMENT.

Still in Need of Prayers: Charlie & Joan Acker, Charles Adams (Betty), Florence Allen, Dick & Eleanor Armstrong, Tom & Dee Ashe, Patti Baker, Bob & Ruth Bennett, Marvin Boles, Jill & Lyle Brewer, Dr. Brad & Arlaine Bryant, Jenny & Bob Burgi, Terry & Ruth Burris, Jim & Carolyn Burt, Bob Carpenter, Bob Carter & family, Eleanor Chesney, Bill & Joyce Curtis, Rev. Bob & June Deits, Chuck Dickinson, Darrell & Laura Dinges, Marietta Doan, Rhonda Dropik (Jim & Marcia Ritenour's daughter), Joyce & Paul Fillion, Elaine Finck, Ted & Joy Fite, Jerri French, Danna & Andy Gharavi, Ardeena Gillette, Bill & Louise Green, Ross & Arline Hacker, Viola Hammond (Don Hammond's Mom), Rich & Sheila Haraldson, Rita Hawkins, Beth Hayes (Jeff Hayes' mother),

Judy Hjartarson, Wade & Cindy Hoff, Neil & Melva Houtcooper, Ginny & Joe Johnson, Ro & Dick Heinauer (Diane Heinauer's parents-in-law), Ben Hodges (in Afghanistan), Noel Jones (Linda & Morgan Jones' grandson), Gladys Kay (Jane Hayes' Mom), Mel & Mary Kilbo, Steve & Peggy Kinder, Paul & Polly Knowlton, Roxie & Gene Kruschek, Jane Lambert, Cheryl Lang, Thelma Lang (Pete 'n Kay Johnson's mother), Carol & Bill Lindemann, Bob & Juana Mahlandt, Shirley Matzke, Bryan McCann (Jeanette Lunstead's son), Larry & Pat McMann, Wilbur McMann, David Christopher Mitchell (Afghanistan), Hedy Moore (Jed Moore's Mom), Jerry & Addie Muratore, Chris Nuss (John & Kathy Nuss's son), Monica Nuss (John & Kathy Nuss' daughter-in-law), Amy & Eric Olson, Dr. Brett Purcell (in Iraq), Eileen & George Petticrew (Keith Petticrew's parents), Pete & Shirley Plakos, Lois Poteet (Barb Oldham's sister), Betty Preston, Calvin Quinn, Lynn Revis, Marvin Richter, Virgil & Rose Scantlin, Thomas Self (Marilyn Pearson's brother-in-law), Rick & Sue Sutter, Bobbie Talbot, Helen Thacker, (Jerry Thacker's mother), Ken & Lorraine Tippie (Jerry & Peggy Tippie's son & daughter-in-law), Lillian Thomas (Bill & Mary Thomas' mother), Marven & Wanda Tufte, Jim & Charlene Van Slooten & Floy Kilbourn-their daughter, Ray and Nancy Villeneuve, Les & Mary Gay Wenger (Diane Heinauer's parents), Dorothy Wolter, Dot Zelezic, Helen Zimmerman & son, Dane and the families of the above.



“LAUGH A LITTLE” with Hu

YOU DON'T STOP LAUGHING BECAUSE
YOU GROW OLD
YOU GROW OLD BECAUSE YOU STOP
LAUGHING

VOLUNTEERS, PLEASE STAND

The pastor wasn't quite sure how to come up with money for church repairs. Furthermore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick, and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play. Impatiently, the pastor handed him a copy of the service and stated, “But you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances”.

During the service, the minister paused and said, “Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty: The roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected, and we need an additional \$4,000. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up”. At that moment, the substitute organist played THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER. And that is how the substitute became the regular organist.

THE CHRISTIAN HOME

After the baptism of his baby brother in church, little Johnny sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him 3 times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, “That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, but I want to stay with you and mom.”

DESIGNATED GIFTS FROM MEMORIAL/FUNERAL SERVICES

We are unaware of any gifts at this time



Dear Members of Gold Canyon United Methodist Church,

We want to thank you so much for the support that you gave us as we passed through Apache Junction in May. Your prayers, financial contributions, and words of encouragement made it possible for us to finish our trip successfully 2 weeks ago. The financial contributions that you made are soon going to make a huge change in the lives of the children in Medellin, Colombia. You truly encompass the message in Matthew 25:37-40, "Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'" We would like to especially thank Rev. Steinberg and Rev. Deits for giving our cause special attention during your Sunday services. We cannot express how thankful we are for that opportunity.

The Break the Cycle crew thanks everyone for helping us “Break the Cycle!” God Bless

Healthy Living

By Monica Ortega-Watters, RN, BSN

This month, let's work on our brain health by having a little fun with a word game. Word games, crossword puzzles, playing bridge and other complex games are good ways to fight off dementia. Maybe you'll recognize these words as they were taken from previous columns that have appeared on this page.



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International Missions

"The world is my parish." – John Wesley

Since the earthquake that devastated Haiti in January of this year, many of you have expressed interest in going to Haiti to assist with recovery efforts. We will continue to pursue this as an option, however, given the volume of interest worldwide, the time frame will have to be in the future as you will read in the report below. If you have a desire to be involved in a Volunteers in Missions team to Haiti, please e-mail Jackie Douglass at jackied.coaz@gmail.com so that we can assess the level of interest.

A UMNS Report By Linda Bloom*

So many United Methodist Volunteer in Mission teams are signing up for work in Haiti that a request already has been made for 2012.

Through its Haiti Response Plan, the church is now rotating teams into the country to assist with earthquake recovery. "I've got weeks that are too full," said Susan Meister, the U.S.-based coordinator. "The response has just been tremendous."

Space remains for additional teams this year, she added. So far, 107 teams, including ecumenical teams, have been scheduled for 2010.

In April, directors of the United Methodist Committee on Relief approved a \$565,000 grant to support the pilot phase of a volunteer team project sponsored with the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries. The next month, jurisdictional coordinators for United Methodist Volunteers in Mission led three work teams to Haiti composed of people who would eventually lead their own teams.

Meister is coordinating with the Rev. Mike Willis, the volunteer management coordinator based at the Methodist Guest House in Port-au-Prince. Doug Nagle is serving in Haiti as the finance and hospitality coordinator.

Leaders of the volunteer teams have United Methodist Volunteers in Mission training, along with previous experience in Haiti, Meister said. No children under the age of 16 are allowed on the teams and youth ages 16 or 17 must be accompanied by a parent.

"The teams that have come back say it's physically exhausting and emotionally grueling," she noted.

Limited to 10 members

Most teams will spend seven to nine days in Haiti. The size of each team is limited to 10 people, who must all arrive and depart at the same time.

On a typical schedule, a team would arrive in Haiti on a Monday, stay at the guest house overnight, be driven to a remote work location for a few days, return for an overnight at the guest house and fly home the next day.

Scheduling is complicated by housing and transportation arrangements. "Usually, there is a pretty significant delay between when people request dates and when we can respond to them," Meister explained. "Our goal right now is to have five projects open at a time in the field."

Besides paying their own expenses, teams contribute \$3,500 each, to which matching funds are added. The total is sent to Haiti to pay for workers and supplies. "One of the major goals of this grant was to employ Haitians at a ratio of 2 to 1," she said. "We take that very seriously."

Meister, who did communications work for UMCOR after Hurricane Katrina, noted that this is a different type of volunteer experience. Volunteers in Haiti will witness a higher level of hunger and poverty, face language and transportation issues, endure oppressive heat and manage with a lack of infrastructure.

"Haiti was in a difficult spot before the earthquake," she added. "Now, the rubble is just everywhere. They don't have any place to put it."

Some team placements are available for the rest of 2010. January and February of 2011 are essentially closed, Meister said, with 31 teams scheduled and several more pending. Twenty-five teams are awaiting confirmation on dates in March through July of 2011.

More information is available in a newsletter at www.umvimhaiti.org.


*Bloom is a United Methodist News Service writer based in New York.



"...We will strive to be a church that serves our community and the world, realizing and sharing the satisfying and abundant life Christ brings to all people."

W.O.W. Corner

Well, here we are in the heat of the summer but that doesn't mean that your W.O.W. Team is on vacation. Quite the contrary! The pool party last month was enjoyed by all who attended and was a welcome relief from the heat. And, to add to the summer fun, the first pizza party was held on the 7th with more than 25 children and parents from the U Can Club in attendance. Tummies were filled and camaraderie abounded. We hope to expand this to an all church event on a monthly basis later this year.

And, just so the team doesn't get bored, plans are underway for the second annual *Fall*  *ween* scheduled for October 31st with the Houser Gang and many other fun events to entertain you, your friends and your family.

Would you join other members of our congregation once a week for a dinner hosted by a different group each week with activities following the meal? We could include a suggested donation from each participant to benefit one or more of our mission projects.

Finally, did you enjoy our efforts to make Christmas Eve "alive" last year? If so, let us know as we are hoping to duplicate and improve on our program from last year.

As always, we want to hear from you with ideas and suggestions for events, programs, etc. that would interest you. Please call Ron Walker or the church office to let us know what you're thinking and possibly join this worthwhile mission team.

Your W.O.W. Team is featured in the summer issue of *Transformation* ~ Ministry Magazine of The Desert Southwest Conference. If you would like to read the article or have a copy of the magazine, they are available at the Information Desk.

COUNTRY WESTERN SERVICE

Get ready to break out your western clothes and practice your best "Yee-Haw!"

The 2010-2011 season of the Country Western service at Gold Canyon UMC begins again on a weekly basis on Sunday, September 26th at 5:00 pm.

The Housers and *One In the Spirit* will again be providing the hand-clapping, toe-tapping music.

There will be special occasions, including another Fall-O-Ween celebration. (Remember last year's outdoor gathering featuring the Housers, a real live Circuit Riding preacher who arrived on the back of a donkey and preached from a buggy ~ while his wife literally "rode shotgun" ~ all followed by hot dogs and other goodies?) Who knows what Ron Walker will cook up this time?



You can look forward to another Country Western Concert by the Housers...and another by *One In the Spirit*.

In the meantime, warm up your western jeans and genes by coming to the only country western service in August on August 29th at 5:00 pm. The Housers will play and a potluck dinner will follow.

We look forward to seeing you often and being able to greet you with a hearty, "Welcome pardners!"

Bob Deits and David Ballard

Current UMCOR Emergencies

To donate to UMCOR on behalf of the following emergency, 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.

Haiti Emergency
International Disaster Response
UMCOR Advance #418325

U.S. Disaster Response
Spring Storms
UMCOR Advance #901670

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





The Grief Support Group meets as needed. Please contact Laurie Christy at 480-671-5768 or by email at Lchristy20@yahoo.com, to schedule a meeting.

Cancer Support Group

.....meets each Wednesday at 10:00 am 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



Moms & Kids Playgroup

This is a fellowship group for moms with young children to meet with other moms from our church and for our kids to play together. For more information, contact Katie Parks at 256-652-0117, or email her at Katdawg2003@gmail.com.



Dear Friends,

I've put off writing this letter of thanks, mostly because I couldn't come up with adequate words of thanks and appreciation for all the wonderful acts of kindness, love, help of all kinds, prayers, cards, food, even financial support. So many people have done so many things with such love, I truly feel like a member of this big wonderful body of God ~ family. I recently read a passage that explains it in simple words: Romans 12:3-18. Rather than take up the space here, I hope each of you will take the time to read it ~ it describes YOU!!

Thank you for your love, prayers and all you've done, and still do, not just for Dave and I, but you do it for everyone.

Lovingly,
Ardeena Gillette

MIND MENDERS SUPPORT GROUP

....meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday each month 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. Contact Jeanette Lunstead at 480-671-9888 or the church office for more information.



**STEPHEN
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I shall look at the world through tears. Perhaps I shall see things that dry-eyed I could not see.

Nicholas Wolterstorff, quoted in
All Will Be Well: A Gathering of Healing Prayers

Tears and Prayer

Has something "shot you down"~ destroyed you? Do you need a really good friend at a really bad time? Try a Stephen Minister. And are you loathe to cry about it? A Stephen Minister can ease your fears of tears. Tears are helpful and tears are healing. They reduce tensions which hurtful things always create. Wonderful comfort can grow from a held hand and a box of tissues ~ let them go! You don't have to say a word.

In a time of tears a Stephen Minister will pray ~ pray for your holistic health ~ for your wellness of heart, soul, mind and body. Let a Stephen Minister scatter a few prayers around for you. God will hear them ~ He will listen! The healing results are rewarding.

Ask for a referral if you are troubled.



HELP US HELP THEM

Our October 7th visit to St. Andrews Children's Clinic is fast approaching. A recent phone call expressed their "Wish List" needs as follows: diapers, disposable bibs, Enfamil, Pediasure, umbrella strollers, lap robes, and baby clothing. We also collect toiletry kit items and small stuffed animals we hand out on arrival.

If you have not experienced our caravan to the Children's Clinic we invite you to join us.

Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin boards in the Sanctuary and Education building. Containers for donations are also located in both buildings.

Any questions, call
Alyce Ansell 983-2510
Gail Crawford 671-3697

Let's Walk to Help Homeless Families on September 25th

It's time to begin putting together our team for the UMOM 2nd Annual Walk for Homeless Families. Last year, a small group representing our church, including young people, took to the streets to raise funds for the UMOM New Day Centers sheltering programs. We'd like to make the GCUMC Team truly represent our church. **Our deadline to preregister at the rate of \$20 per person (\$15 per student) is September 1.** If you would like to be on the GCUMC Team you may bring or mail your check made out to GCUMC, with the note "UMOM Walk" on the memo line, along with the information below, to the office. We will then give/mail you your pledge sheets so you can begin to raise funds for this very important United Methodist program. If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne in the office at 480-982-3776.

Please also send us your: **Name, Address, Phone, Email and (Adult S, M, L, XL, XXL; Child S, M, L).**



MEN'S RENEWAL RETREAT

It'll be Fall before you know it!

And it'll be time for the Desert Southwest Conference Men's Renewal Retreat at Prescott, Arizona. The theme this year is "All the King's Men" and is being led by Craig Smith of The Shepherd Project, Castle Rock, Colorado. The dates are Friday through Sunday, October 1-3, 2010 at the United Christian Youth Camp in Prescott, AZ.

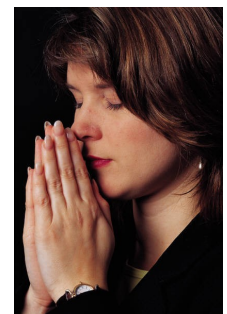
This retreat is for ALL THE MEN of the church and their friends (13 years of age and older). Young men ages 13 through 18 will only pay 1/2 the regular cost for cabin & 5 meals ~ but will need someone 21 or older to be responsible for them while attending camp.

We're asking that everyone be pre-registered AND online registration is now possible at www.desertsouthwestconference.org/umm. An early registration discount is available.

Please notice that there is also a place to enter a tax-deductible donation if you cannot attend ~ this helps offset the automatic camperships that are being offered to young men.

If you have any questions regarding this upcoming retreat, please feel free to contact Paul Simonsen, Retreat Registrar, at 623-412-2725 or paulsimonsen@msn.com.


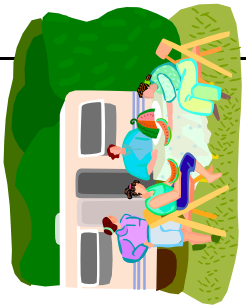
Let us remember to pray and read the bible daily



Would the person(s) who are using Giving Envelopes marked number 502 please call the office.

480-982-3776

GCUUMC Calendar August 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 8 am Adult Sunday School 8 am Traditional 9:30 am Traditional 9:30 am Adult Study—Rm 106 10:50 am Praise (K Rm) 4:30 pm Youth to Volleyball Dance</p>	<p>2 6 pm WOW Meeting - K Rm. 7 pm Al-Anon - Rm 101/102</p>	<p>3 10 am Community Grounds - Rm 101/102 6 pm One in the Spirit</p>	<p>4 10 am Cancer Group - Rm 101/102 4 pm Handbell Quartet 4:30 pm U-Can & Bears Clubs-Ed. Bldg.</p>	<p>5 7 pm Lectio Divina—K Rm</p>	<p>6 10 am GC Mom's Club—Rm 101/102 5:30 pm AA-SoFG</p>	<p>7 8 am -Men's Breakfast at Red Sage</p>
<p>8 8 am Adult Sunday School 8 am Traditional 9:30 am Traditional 9:30 am Adult Study—Rm 106 10:50 am Praise (K Rm) 6:30 pm Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>9 7 pm Al-Anon - Rm 101/102</p>	<p>10 10 am Community Grounds - Rm 101/102 6 pm One in the Spirit</p>	<p>11 10 am Cancer Group - Rm 101/102 4 pm Handbell Quartet 4:30 pm U-Can & Bears Clubs-Ed. Bldg.</p>	<p>12 10 am Stitches Unlimited_Rm 101/102 7 pm Lectio Divina—K Rm</p> 	<p>13 10 am Mindmenders—Rm 101/102 5:30 pm AA-SoFG</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 8 am Adult Sunday School 8 am Traditional 9:30 am Traditional 9:30 am Adult Study—Rm 106 10:50 am Praise (K Rm) 6:30 pm Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>16 7 pm Al-Anon - Rm 101/102</p>	<p>17 10 am Community Grounds - Rm 101/102 6 pm One in the Spirit</p>	<p>18 10 am Cancer Support - Room 101/102 4 pm Handbell Quartet 4:30 pm U-Can & Bears Clubs-Ed. Bldg.</p>	<p>19 7 pm Lectio Divina—K Rm.</p>	<p>20 5:30 pm AA-SoFG</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 8 am Adult Sunday School 8 am Traditional 9:30 am Traditional 9:30 am Adult Study—Rm 106 10:50 am Praise (K Rm) 6:30 pm Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>23 1 pm All Church Meeting w/D.S., Rev. Bob Burris—Educ. Bldg. 6:30 pm Coffee w/Pastor—Music Rm. 7 pm Al-Anon - Rm 101/102. 6:30 pm Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>24 10 am Community Grounds - Rm 101/102 6 pm Staff Parish Mtg.—Fred's Office 6 pm One in the Spirit</p>	<p>25 8 am-Newsletter Assembly 10 am Cancer Support - Room 101/102 4 pm Handbell Quartet 4:30 pm U-Can & Bears Clubs-Ed. Bldg.</p>	<p>26 10 am Stitches Unlimited 7 pm Lectio Divina—K Rm</p>	<p>27 10 am Mindmenders—Rm 101/102 5:30 pm AA-SoFG</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 8 am Adult Sunday School 8 am Traditional 9:30 am Traditional 9:30 am Adult Study—Rm 106 10:50 am Praise (K Rm) 5 pm CW Service 6:30 pm Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>30 7 pm Admin. Council—Music Rm. 7 pm Al-Anon - Rm 101/102</p>	<p>31 10 am Community Grounds - Rm 101/102 6 pm One in the Spirit</p>				



August Birthdays

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

August Anniversaries



Diane & Jack Berglund	1	Delna & Bob Mulhair	17	Lynne & Terry Confer	26
Mary Catherine & Robert Myers	1	Joan & Art Gibbs	18	Kay & Pete Johnson	26
Rose & Joe Rosenberg	1	Elizabeth & Don Anderson	19	Sharon & LeRoy Johnson	26
Melodie & Bruce Frankel	3	Patricia & Paul Renfer	19	Marilyn & Gene Thomas	26
Sharon & Craig Larson	3	Patricia & James Fleck	20	Alyce & Bob Ancell	27
Lisa & Brian Cascaden	4	Veronica & Jim Griffith	20	Pam Ryan-Hick & Adrian Hick	27
Nancy & Keith Petticrew	4	Peg & Don Wilson	21	Shirley & Thomas Feather	28
Doris & Lewis Stichter	4	Jan & Ray Heyse	22	Angie & Bill Fyfe	28
Ilene & Gerald Tabor	5	Audrey & Gordon Hulett	22	Marlene & Richard Hoffman	28
Phyllis & Dan Gray	8	Elizabeth & James Cowles	23	Jill & Lyle Brewer	29
Caroline Wozniak & Bud Goodrich	10	Cheryl & Rick Hall	23	Anne & Pat McGinness	29
Linda & Morgan Jones	11	Jan & Alan Helquist	23	Nancy & Darrell Tilus	29
Sandy & David Billeter	12	Beverly & Richard Svoboda	23	Louise & Doran Hays	30
Uni & Joe Kincaid	13	Valerie & Michael Sheridan	24	Lorna & Earl Marifjeren	30
Carol & John LaViolette	13	Barb & Mike Vagnier	24	Shirley & Mike McMahan	30
Donna & Roger Schiager	13	Norma & Chuck McKim	25	Lois & Barry Peebles	30
Marjorie & Charles Finley	14	Marty & Tom Robison	25	Rose & Virgil Scantlin	30
Fay & Wally Quanstrom	14	Nancy & Bob Russell	25	Suzanne & James Jameson	31
Kathryn & William Hughes	16				



VOLUNTEERS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Jane Hayes, Volunteer Coordinator
982-3776

I am continuing with the letter **C** this month to encourage Inspirational Values.

COURAGE

Living life everyday takes courage: Simply putting our feet on the floor to get the day started can be difficult. Even more amazing is opening a car door parked in the sun for 3-4 hours or more! Take the first step each day and you'll feel better for it.

COURTESY

Collect toothbrushes and toothpaste to donate to Genesis Project along with Styrofoam plates, bowls, plastic silverware and cases of bottled water.

And now onto the **Ds**.

DEDICATION

We are so fortunate to have our earnest *Roadrunner* Newsletter Crew who spend time each month writing, editing, publishing, and assembling our monthly newsletter for bulk mailing.

Thanks to the following who do such a wonderful job for all of us:

Kathy Serrine
Georgia Kirkpatrick
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If you are ready to help the Assembly Team, phone the office or drop a note in the collection plate.



Do you have the time? No, I don't mean your watch! Please look over this list of volunteer needs. If you can assist with one or more of the following, **complete and place this form in the collection plate, at the information table or church office.**

Job	Mins. per week
Foodbank (Mon. - Fri.) 8:30 am--12:00 pm	210
Substitute/Sunday School Teacher	75
Substitute/Child Care	75
Sound Booth	90
Greeter	40
Bake cookies	60
Transportation to dr. appts.	60 +
Assist custodian	60 +
Sidewalk Sunday School	150

Name _____

Phone _____

COOKIE LOVERS!

Our Hospitality Team badly needs cookies, breads or fruit to continue serving after 8:00 and 9:30 services. We will accept cookies anytime during the week in the office or on Sunday in the kitchen. OR we will do the shopping for you. With \$5 donations we can purchase baked goods in quantity to have on hand. You can contribute by donating funds on Sunday at the tables on the patio or adding a check for "Kitchen Fund" to the collection plate. Thank you!

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



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Addressee or Current Resident

[Empty dotted box for address]

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

***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
 Last Sunday of the month only
 Potluck follows**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
 SCHEDULE**

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
- ✝ 9:30 AM ~ Adult Study
- ✝ 10:50 AM ~ Children's Sunday School
- ✝ 11:00 AM ~ Adult Sunday School

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