



**Gold Canyon  
United Methodist Church**  
*"Following Jesus, Serving Others"*

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**From The Pastor:  
"On This Day"**

It is that time of year when many people make resolutions. We will decide to lose weight, clean out the garage, get in shape, or improve our finances. How long will it take to forget the resolutions we make? Maybe we need to make a resolution that we will remember our resolutions. Or, how about taking 2011 one day at a time as Carl Dreizler and Mary Ehemann propose we do?



*On this day...*

I will try to be happy. My happiness is a direct result of my being at peace with myself; what others do or think will not determine my happiness.

*On this day...*

I will accept myself and live to the best of my ability.

*On this day...*

I will make time to pray and meditate on the Scriptures, seeking God and developing my relationship with Him.

*On this day...*

I will say what I mean and mean what I say.

*On this day...*

I will not tackle all my problems at once but live moment to moment at my very best.

*On this day...*

I will live my life being assertive, not aggressive; being humble, not proud; being confident to be exactly who I am.

*On this day...*

I will take care of my physical health. I will exercise my mind, my body, and my spirit.

*On this day...*

I will be kind to those around me. I will be agreeable, finding no fault with others. Nor will I try to improve or regulate others.

*On this day...*

I will remind myself that God has a special place in His heart for me and a special purpose for me to fulfill in this world.

Sure, I plan my schedule weeks in advance. I target the projects I want to accomplish each week. But each day I pray to be open to whatever God sends my way. No two days are alike when you are willing to make the best of each day. When you realize that you have full control over how you handle the events of the day you begin to change how you react. I have learned to try to react with more Christ like love. And our small daily choices of grace and love make all the difference.

Grace and peace,

*Fred*

**Free Concert**

Uncommon Grace will be having their annual concert on Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 pm in the Education Building. Come listen to these fine, talented musicians as they perform your favorite Praise Music. A free will offering will be received and all of the proceeds will benefit the GCUMC Youth Group. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the food bank.

**ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE!**

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



**Who are you?**

Would the person(s) holding envelope box #502 please contact the office so that your contributions may be properly recorded? Thank you!

The *Roadrunner* editor received a page of "Humor from Down East" from church member Clair Walter. You will find some examples scattered throughout this issue.

**A minister from a church down the road spoke at the Rotary Club - didn't charge them a cent - and it was worth it, too!**

**Our minister, in the middle of his sermon, noticed a man who had dozed off. He spoke harshly to the woman who sat next to him, "Lady, wake up that man. Wake him up yourself," she replied. "You put him to sleep."**



A hearty welcome back to all our winter residents who, in addition to year-round attendees of GCUMC, help to keep our bus running by participation in the *Scrip* program. If you shop for groceries at either Bashas' or Fry's (gas, too, at Fry's), we ask you to consider using one of their gift cards *bought from the church* to pay for your purchases. They can be purchased for as little as \$20. If your purchases will cost more than the amount on the card you can reload it at checkout for up to \$500 using your favorite credit card, a check or cash. You get miles on your card and the church earns 6% from Bashas' and 3% from Fry's every time you reload the card. *Best of all, it costs you nothing* to participate. Stop by the Information Desk in the east narthex to find out how you can help us save toward purchasing an additional bus in the near future. Our current bus, which is used to bring people to church and transport the youth to summer work camps and retreats, was obtained through this program which is easy to use and so valuable to the church. Thank you for being a part of this program which brings in \$500 to \$1500 a month!

Betty Rolley



**DONATIONS AND ATTENDANCE**

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

November	2008		2009		2010		2009	2010
	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Worship All	Worship All
<b>1st</b>	\$20447	\$12606	\$17668	\$7985	\$25161	\$11928	933	1111
<b>2nd</b>	14978	7647	19835	18704	16962	6269	1106	1180
<b>3rd</b>	11784	3965	16872	4334	16420	3875	1095	1217
<b>4th</b>	12509	4431	16060	4097	12406	3740	1149	1298
<b>5th</b>	14822	6574	13088	3777	—	—	1301	—
<b>Total</b>	\$74540	\$35222	\$83523	\$38897	\$70949	\$25812	5584	4806



## Christian Education

By Alexandra Houseman

*“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.”*

Did you survive the Christmas season? Did you make your New Year’s Resolutions? Did you reflect on 2010 and decide that 2011 has to be better, that it **MUST** be better? Did you look back and wonder how a whole year passed you by? Did you wonder where God was this whole time? So many things to think about as the New Year starts. So many chances to make things better, to start fresh with a clean slate.

It may be impossible for some to start the New Year with a completely clean slate, but it is not impossible to start anew with your soul. Take this chance to refresh your soul. To reflect on your relationship with God and to listen to the directions He has for your life.

Gold Canyon UMC offers many opportunities for you to do just this. Why not join in, volunteer, or just listen and ponder?

**Disciple Programs:** New classes will be forming for the winter. Be on the lookout for dates and times. If you are interested in being a facilitator, please call the church office to let us know your intent.

**Adult Education Classes:** If you are interested in a specific area of study or are interested in leading an adult Bible Study, please call the church office to let us know. We are looking for more Sunday morning studies as well as new weekday studies to start this winter.

*Living the Questions 2.0* will be starting Wednesday, January 19. This is a video series that introduces some of the difficult questions faced by Christians today.

We are also looking to start a Christian History class and a Current Events class on Sunday mornings.

**U-Can and Bears Club:** Our Wednesday night program continues to minister to the children of this church but is open to all children in the community. Please encourage any child you know to attend this fun evening where they are able to learn of God’s love outside of the traditional Sunday church setting. If you are interested in getting involved in our Wednesday night children’s ministry, please let me know.

**Sidewalk Ministries:** Our Sidewalk Ministries program has continued to grow and minister to many, many children and families throughout the valley. Several of the children who attend on Saturday also attend our Wednesday night program. So, yes, we are making a difference in the life of a

child. If you are interested in serving this amazing program in any way, please contact June Welker or Sandra Caldwell.

**Help Wanted:** Do you have a love for the littlest children in our church? If so, we need you. We are looking for a few good women (or men) to volunteer to help in the nursery once or twice a month on Sunday morning. If you are interested, please call the church office and let us know.

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## The Inheritance

With Beth Moore

Ladies Bible Study

January 26-March 23

You know her. She is passionate about women knowing and loving the Word of God. I’m talking about your favorite Christian speaker and Bible Study author, Beth Moore. She wants you to know He chose you! You are His heir! Come discover what just might happen if we really took hold of our beautiful inheritance. In contemporary language, Psalms 16:5-6 from The Message says:

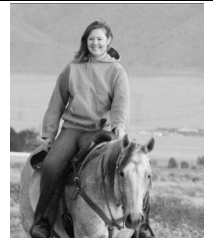
My choice is you God, first and only.  
And now I find I’m your choice!  
You set me up with a house and yard.  
And then you made me your heir!

Beth’s studies are for women of all ages, races and denominations. So invite a friend and join us for this nine week lecture series on the study of inheritance throughout God’s word. Her lecture series is a new format, and there is no homework. Session one begins at 10:00 am on Wednesday, January 26th followed by a salad luncheon in the Koinonia Room. The Inheritance Listening Guides (\$6) and Heiress Note Pads (\$2) will be available for you to purchase. All sessions thereafter will be Wednesday mornings from 9-11 am.

Sign-up sheets are posted in both buildings. If you have any questions with which we can help, please call Diana Linton, 480-229-0706, Shirley Feather, 480-374-4478, or Diane Heinauer, 480-671-0822.

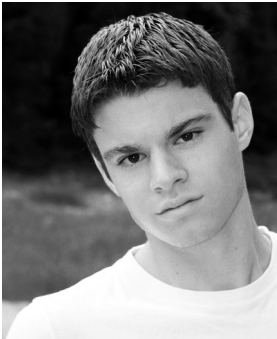


# Gold Canyon UMC



Wendy Moore, Youth Director

## Our Superstar of the Month is Scott Moore !



Scott is 17 years old and a 12<sup>th</sup> grader at Apache Junction High School. Scott has been an active member of the GCUMC Youth Group for over 5 years, and has served on five mission trips! Scott is on the baseball team and the Academic Decathlon team at school. He enjoys Disneyland, camping, volleyball, and golf.  
Accomplishments: State Academic Decathlon - first place of 187 in Interview.  
Favorite food: Crispy shrimp tacos  
Favorite movie: Harry Potter 7  
He is our Youth Superstar of the month.  
**Congratulations Scott!**

### Upcoming Events

Jan 2 Youth Group  
Jan 9 Youth Group  
Jan 16 Artist Night  
Jan 23 Youth Group  
Jan 29 Shareholder's Dinner  
Jan 30 Youth Group

#### News:

A big "Thank You!" to the Youth Servers who supported All Church Conference.

Christmas Caroling was so much fun. Thank you to adult volunteers – especially Lauren Collins-Mitchell for leading our singing.

During November and December, the Youth Group volunteered for two food packing events at Feed My Starving Children, a Christian non-profit organization that provides food to starving children worldwide. Coordinators make the entire process educational and fun, playing music and keeping the energy level high. Working with other volunteer groups from the area, during the two sessions, our teams packed enough meals to feed 100 children for a year! This is a unique and direct way to serve children throughout the world who struggle to find food.

Go to our Facebook site – Gold Canyon UMC Youth and "Like" us. Please share this with your friends. Share your favorite photos and quotes.

**We are beginning to plan for the 2011 Mission Trip to Navajo Mountain, Utah on July 10 -16. Hope you have marked those dates on your calendars. If you are 14 years and older, you are eligible to go. It is an experience you don't want to miss.**

#### Quote of the month:

"Here is a test to find whether your mission on earth is finished: If you're alive, it isn't."  
~ Richard Bach ~



## Music Notes



I hope everyone had a very blessed Christmas. Now that we are in the New Year (though I'm writing this before our Christmas Concert!), I hope we reflect on all the incredible blessings God has given to us this past year. Among my resolutions for this new year, I am including working hard to live a Christ-like life, to do a random act of kindness to a stranger every day, and to work hard, with God's help, to be the best that I can be in all things.

If you are new to GCUMC, we offer lots of opportunities for you to become involved in our church family. Music is no exception. If you can sing on pitch, read music and be willing to share your voice with us, we encourage you to join the **Chancel Choir**. We meet on Thursday evenings from 6:50 pm to 8:30 pm. Come and join this very special group of caring, fun-loving and musical people! We would love to have you!

If you have kids, we have a very fine children's choir – the **Angel Choir**, for kids from Grade 4 – 8, and our **Youth Handbell Team** for Junior high and Senior High youth. The Angel Choir meets on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:00 pm in the Choir Room, and the Youth Handbell Team meets on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 pm. For more information, call me at the church.

This month we offer three great musical events. The first one is our own **Uncommon Grace**, our excellent Praise Team that leads the music for our 10:50 Praise Services. They will perform a concert of contemporary Christian music on **Saturday, January 15 at 5:00 pm in the Koinonia Room**.

Back by popular demand is the incredible voice of **George Dyer** who sang for us last year to a crowd of nearly 1,000 people! He has been called "one of the greatest of all tenors, living or dead!" If you were here last year, you know what an experience George gives his audience! If you weren't, you have probably heard of him. If you like Josh Groban, Andrea Bocelli or Luciano Pavarotti, you will love George Dyer! He will perform for us on **Friday evening, January 21 at 7:30 pm**. Don't be sorry you missed him – be here!

The last group needs no introduction to our church! The incredible **Legacy Quartet** is back again with their unique

vocal blend and arrangements. They will perform for us on **Sunday, January 30 at 3:00 pm**. Primarily, they are a Southern Gospel men's quartet, but they are also so much more! If you haven't seen them, you certainly should! They are indeed a blessing to all who experience them. They are truly one of the finest men's quartets I have ever heard. Come early for the Legacy Quartet, as the Sanctuary fills up quickly when they are here!

All concerts are open to the public at no charge. A free will offering will be received. We do ask that everyone please bring at least one non-perishable food item per person for the GCUMC Food Bank. These concerts are excellent opportunities to invite family, friends and neighbors to join you at our church for some great and moving music!

God's blessings to all this New Year.

## Doug

Douglas J. Benton,  
Director of Music Ministries

**Of course Murphy's Law hits us all sometimes - consider this sign in front of the church:**

**SERMON  
SUNDAY EVENING**

**"Do you know what hell is?"  
Come hear our new organist**



## WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY



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

**JUST A REMINDER:** Please let the Rhymes know or call the office if you are having surgery or are in the hospital, if you wish a visit, or want to be on the Sunday Prayer List. For OUR NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS check the Sunday Bulletin or call the church office.

### 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 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.**



It has been another big month for pet food. Again thanks to Lolly, our veterinarian, Dr. Munion, Jolene & Michael for bringing in Pet Food this month. We know there are others who have donated food or money to the Sadie Mission but we don't know who you are (Thanks Jeff for naming it "MISSION" in last month's R.R.). Thanks also to Ron Walker who is feeding homeless folks' pets. He is getting help from a family attending the 5:00 pm service. Thanks to the 3 of you. MAGGIE, Lovena & Harry Warren's dog, has been very sick again. She had eye surgery & has Cushing's Disease. She needs our prayers.

**Sympathies:** The family of Dixie Bebbler, upon her death; John & Darlene Bos, upon the death of their son, Michael (Dave & Collete Bos' nephew); Lyle Brewer, upon the death of his wife, Jill; The family of Mark Husak, upon his death; Marilyn Thomas, upon the death of her husband, Gene; Ron & Linda Walker, upon the death of Ron's aunt, Ruby Woodall; The family of Dr. Edna Weekly, upon her death (Suzanne Jacobson's son, Ian's, principal) and the families & friends of the above.

**Concerns and/or Continued Prayers:** Kenneth Amendt, Lois Bennett, Gary Blom, Beuford Bridenstein, Odelle Calon, Michelle Cassella, Dave Coomes, Jeff Downing, Theresa Dunphy, Tim Fitzpatrick, Claudia Freeman (Ron Walker's cousin), John Gaither, Patty Girardi, Alejandro Gonzales (Linda Crane's nephew), Lynn Hazzard (Lois Sunderland's daughter), Mary Hollingsworth, Rhonda Huffman, Nathan Hutcheson, Marty Jacobs, Barbara Jacobson (Suzanne Jacobson's mother), Joe Johnson, Tom Jones, Barbara Kieper, Robin Knight, Butch Lackey, David Lewis, Judy Longfellow, Kristy Mackey, David McAfee (Bill & Barb McAfee's son), Jim McFarlane, Connie Marion, Shirley Martocci, Ronnie Morrissette, Sharon

Mulligan, Jerry Muratore, Kinlee Olsen (Tom Jones' great granddaughter), Myrtle Krejci, Don Parker, Mary Picard, Delores Peterson, Karlie Plas, John Rowe, Reggie Scorzetti, Aubrey Sharp, Michael Simon (Bill & Sharyn Bennett's brother-in-law), Chuck Slafter, Maxine Slagel, Don Smith, Dave Snyder, Don Sperling, Rein Stradling, Lee Van Sant, Doris Sorensen, Lori Thompson, Maddie Tlusty (Arne & Bonnie Eisentraut's great granddaughter), Jacqueline Twiss, Verdugo Family, Jenny Voss, Greg Warren, June Welker, Annie Wilkerson, Jack Workman, Chong Ho Yi, John Zsitvay 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. PRAYERS for our SIDEWALK MINISTRY families.

**Still in Need of Prayers:** Charlie & Joan Acker, Charles Adams (Betty), John & Doris Adamson, Dick & Eleanor Armstrong, Patti Baker, Bob & Ruth Bennett, Nancy Binting (Kris Laux's friend), Marvin Boles & Ginny Ohnstad, Kay Bottomley (Mike Vagnier's

mother), Lyle Brewer, Dr. Brad & Arlaine Bryant, Jim & Carolyn Burt, Don & Arlene Catt, Bill & Joyce Curtis, Rev. Bob & June Deits, Chuck Dickinson, Darrell & Laura Dinges, Adelyne Douglass, Rhonda Dropik (Jim & Marcia Ritenour's daughter), Elaine Finck, Danna & Andy Gharavi, Ardeena Gillette, Bill & Louise Green, Ross & Arline Hacker, Jim & Kyle Hoggatt (Jim & Carolyn Burt's son-in-law/grandson), Rich Haraldson, Ro Heinauer (Diane Heinauer's mother-in-law), Wade & Cindy Hoff, Neil & Melva Houtcooper, Ginny & Joe Johnson, Noel Jones (Linda & Morgan Jones' grandson), Gladys Kay (Jane Hayes' Mom), Mel & Mary Kilbo, Jane Lambert, Cheryl Lang, Thelma Lang (Pete 'n Kay Johnson's mother), Bob & Juana Mahlandt, Sue & Michael Malloy, Bryan McCann (Jeanette Lunstead's son), Larry & Pat McMann, Wilbur McMann, Hedy Moore (Jed Moore's Mom), Eileen Petticrew (Keith Petticrew's mother), Pete & Shirley Plakos, Lois Poteet (Barb Oldham's sister), Betty Preston, Calvin Quinn, Dick Richards, Lynn Revis, Paul Rhymes (Hu Rhymes' brother-**THANKS FOR ALL YOUR PRAYERS**), Brian Sanders (Brenda Rahaneotis' nephew), Virgil & Rose Scantlin, Gordon Schaefer (Don Schaefer's brother), Scott & Linda Schaefer (Don Schaefer's nephew/wife), Connie & Dave Snyder, Rick & Sue Sutter, Bobbie Talbot, Helen Thacker, (Jerry Thacker's mother), Marilyn Thomas, Lillian Thomas (Bill & Mary Thomas' mother), Gordon & Patty Truckle, Marven & Wanda Tufte, Don Van Buskirk, Jim & Charlene Van Slooten & Floy Kilbourn-their daughter, Ray and Nancy Villeneuve, Jack & Nancy Virden, Rita & Michael Vitalich, Les & Mary Gay Wenger (Diane Heinauer's parents), Delza Wilson (Jayne Urbach's mother), Dorothy Wolter 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**

**OVERDRAWN**


Newly married pastor: “Honey, I just got a notice from the bank saying I'm overdrawn.”  
Newlywed wife says: “Try some other bank. They can't all be overdrawn.”

**A BELATED CHRISTMAS GIFT  
CHRISTMAS NUTS**

A pastor got this note accompanying a box of Christmas goodies, addressed to him & his wife, from an elderly woman.  
Dear Pastor,  
Knowing that you do not eat sweets, I'm sending the candy to your wife and---and nuts to you!

**SMART LITTLE GIRL**

A little girl sat on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would reach up and touch his wrinkled cheek. Then she'd touch her own cheek thoughtfully. Finally she spoke, “Grandpa, did God make you?”  
“Yes, sweetheart,” he answered. “God made me a long time ago.”  
“Did God make me, too?” she asked.  
“Yes, indeed, honey,” he answered.  
“God made you just a little while ago.”  
She touched his face again, and then her own.  
“He's getting better at it, isn't He?” she asked.

	<b>MEMORIALS</b>	
	<p><b>GENE THOMAS ~ GCUMC Music Designated Fund</b> Or Hospice Inspiris in Phoenix</p>	

**Have you ever seen Pastor Fred's “IN” Basket for bills that's on his desk ? It is labeled: “Due unto others”**

# Healthy Living

Happy New Year! Are you wondering where 2010 went? Have you felt the flurry of things to do, places to go and people to see consume you? January of the New Year gives us the time to reflect, pray for guidance and wisdom and then plan ahead for the coming year. Which I assume will be just as busy and challenging as this past year has been!

Be sure to take a few moments daily to catch your breath and be mindful of what are truly the most important things you want to accomplish on a daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly basis. Write them down and then set up some goals to help you reach them and assist you in having your best year yet. This is a great project whether you are 21 or 85. Also learn to be flexible ~ life does get in the way of our best laid plans.

As a caregiver and care manager myself, I have found that it is important to give myself some respite breaks and to look to those who have “forged the trails” in this arena of caregiving so I don’t spend my time and energy “re-inventing the wheel”. In one such organization, the Alzheimers Association has partnered with other area agencies to provide a FREE Caregivers Workshop. So if you find yourself or someone you know in the throes of this changing season of life, I encourage you to set a plan to get the details written about in the following column and sign up to attend. Reach out to someone who may be able to help you with caregiving while you utilize this valuable resource. I can guarantee you will be glad you did.

Please feel free to call me if you have questions about this series of workshops at 480-390-1496. To register call Mindy at the Alzheimers Association at 602-528-0545. Get enrolled ASAP as the workshops will fill up quickly.

Blessings of health and wellness to you,  
Susan Malloy



## Free Caregiver Workshops Through the CarePRO Program

Are you a family caregiver residing in Arizona and do you help care for someone with dementia or memory loss? Do you provide an average of four hours of care or supervision per day for that individual? Do you find caring for your loved one increasingly demanding of your time and energy?

If so, CarePRO (Care Partners Reaching Out) may be able to help you. Through our free workshops, you will learn:

- About dementia and its impact
- How to manage your frustration, irritation, and stress
- How to communicate with your loved one
- How to take better care of your own health

In addition, respite and transportation assistance may be available to help caregivers attend the workshops.

This project is a partnership of the Alzheimer’s Association Desert Southwest Chapter, Area Agency on Aging, the Department of Economic Security’s Division of Aging & Adult Services, and Arizona State University’s School of Nursing and Health Innovation.

For more information, please call Mindy at the Alzheimer’s Association Desert Southwest Chapter at 602-528-0545. You can also check out our website at [www.alz.org/dsw/inmycommunity19976.asp](http://www.alz.org/dsw/inmycommunity19976.asp)

Call now to get more information and to start the enrollment process. Workshops start in January in Avondale, East Mesa, Phoenix, and Rio Verde.

## Cruise to Sites Along Paul’s Second and Third Missionary Journeys

Depart November 5, 2011 for a Mediterranean Cruise aboard the 2009 Costa Pacifica with day trips to many sites along Paul’s Second and Third Missionary Journeys. Start your eleven day adventure in Italy with stops in Greece, Turkey, Northern Israel and Egypt (The Pyramids). Dr. Robert G. Tuttle - author, pastor and seminary professor - will offer evening lectures related to the sites we will visit. This trip is organized by Educational Opportunities, the leader in affordable Christian pilgrimages since 1974. Prices starting at \$2,398, depending upon your departure city. For more information and a brochure, please contact Glenn or Karen Shields at 480-671-9980.







## International Missions

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

Save the date! Saturday, February 19th has been reserved for our 3rd annual International Missions Dinner & Program. The event will begin at 5:00 pm. All of the projects we have been supporting will be reviewed, but we will highlight the work that has been happening in China. Through the wonders of technology, using a live video link, we will actually visit China during the evening. In keeping with the theme, Chinese food will be served. Watch the bulletin for further details.

Remember, too, fair trade coffee is available for purchase between Sunday morning services in the refreshments area. In addition, we have gift contribution carts with which you can make a donation to any and all of our international missions in the name of a family member or friend. The proceeds of these sales go directly to support our various international missions. Don't miss the opportunity to serve people around the world and to involve friends and family in these very important and valuable Christian efforts.

If you would like more information about our international missions endeavors or if you would like to become a member of the International Missions team, please contact:

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### 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

Chile Emergency  
UMCOR Advance #3021178

Pakistan Flash Floods  
UMCOR Advance #982450

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



*"...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**

*Happy New Year!* Once again the W.O.W. Team, along with other volunteers from the congregation, created a beautiful Christmas atmosphere throughout the church campus. It took just a few hours, lots of coffee and doughnuts and of course, laughs to accomplish. Please join us on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am as we dismantle and pack away the decorations ~ we could really use your help and, it's a lot of fun.

The Christmas Choral Concert and Christmas Eve Services drew huge crowds and were a great success as always. The W.O.W. Team dressed in costume for the concert and Christmas Eve services greeting, ushering and generally providing a warm welcome to all who attended.

W.O.W. Team members dedicate a lot of time to this Hospitality Mission and provide a wonderful representation of our church family. THANK YOU one and all!!!! Additional volunteers are needed and welcome as we plan for 2011 events ~ please consider joining us.

Giving Made Easy with Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)!

For your convenience, you can make donations to Gold Canyon UMC via electronic transfer. Your authorization for a specified amount of money is automatically transferred from your checking or savings account directly into the church account. You can also specify how frequently you want the money to be transferred (i.e. weekly, every two weeks, once a month) and there is no cost to you for this transaction! The church will issue you a donation statement for your records and your bank statements will provide you with a record of transfer as additional verification of your contribution. The EFT program yields many significant benefits for our church and makes life much easier for you...and it gives you the satisfaction of giving to God first. We encourage you to consider making your gifts by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Forms are available at in the church office

**SIDEWALK MINISTRY**

Jesus said, "Let the children come to Me", and that is what we do at Sidewalk Ministry, formerly known as Sidewalk Sunday School. Our 2010 program reached as many as 70 children with God's love and acceptance. Our children come eager to sing, hear Bible stories, make crafts, play games and sports, and then eat lunch before returning home. What a joy it was to see them learn about Advent and the reason for the season with God's gift of hope, peace, joy and love as shown through the birth of Jesus.

The vision for the ministry is "That Gold Canyon United Methodist Church support the Sidewalk Ministry, either through prayer, financial support, or active ministry." We are eager to see what opportunities the new year will bring as we continue this ministry in 2011, and invite you to be a part of this program. If you have two hours one or two Saturdays a month, would be willing to make brownies, cupcakes, or cookies, or help with financial support, we need you. Come help us teach the children, for through them families are reached, communities impacted, and cities learn about the gift of hope, peace, joy and love we have in Jesus.

If you would like to be a part of Sidewalk Ministry please contact June Welker at 480-986-0129 or zalj@cox.net.

**WINTER RESIDENTS**

**Welcome back!! Please be sure to call us when you return so we can change your address back to that of your winter home.**

**Also, would the following people let us know when you return - we have your name tags in the office:**

**Mary Ann Atkinson  
Robert Mason  
Diane Peterson**



The Grief Support Group meets Wednesdays at 9:00 am in the Sea of Galilee Room. Please contact Laurie Christy at 480-518-3786 or Lchristy20@yahoo.com for more information

**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



**MIND MENDERS SUPPORT GROUP**

...meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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  
MINISTRY®**

**Our Ways**

**Saying thank you is not enough.**

I can't tell you how much I appreciate the love, prayers and cards from so many of you dear folks at GCUMC. I know we all miss the wonderful love and life of Dr. John Phillips.

Thank you,  
Gen Friesen

**Stephen Ministry Training**

At the first of the year, we are planning to begin a training class for those who feel God's call to become Stephen Ministers. If you want to learn more about this high-commitment, high-reward ministry, please contact Don or Marjorie Tonole (480-671-9951) or any Stephen Minister. We are eager to visit with you as we make preparations for our training.

**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.

Stephen Ministers are trained to reach out in response to your pain, grief, trouble, anxiety, discomfort and/or disability in caring ways.

We are trained to ease the "fear of tears". Tears are always proper because they are helpful and healing and because they reduce tensions. The tears of a Stephen Minister, along with yours, show both compassion and love; they serve to establish a common, caring ground for the relationship.

We provide practical aid. Picking up the mail, watering plants, brewing tea or coffee, stopping at the store, bringing bulletins or newsletters from the church are all helpful and keep a care-receiver in sync and in touch with everyday affairs of life.

Sometimes prayer is difficult when a person struggles with a serious illness. Prayer for acceptance of terminal illness and for courage to cope with the consequences of radical treatment is a gift that continues to give. These persons, however, want and need prayer - not so much for healing but for their health, their holistic health, the wellness of heart, soul, mind and body.

PLEASE, if you are troubled, in pain or discomfort, call the church office for help the Stephen Minister way.

The kindness of sensitive listening is the precise touch that can heal painful wounds.

*James E. Sullivan, in  
The Good Listener*

# SISTER SEMINARIANS



By Heather Rodenburg

Hello Church family and friends!

I am writing this after finishing my first big final of seminary. I made it through the first day with a few more left this week. This morning, while waiting to start our final, a few of us were talking about the biblical relevance of finals. That's the thing with seminary, you really do start to find the theological and biblical relevance of everything, and I mean everything. The conversation that we were having had to do with how there were no written finals in the bible. We produced a very good argument about how we shouldn't have to take the final due to the fact that it wasn't biblically based. When it comes to the bible, the disciples were never asked to write a 15 page paper or take a 20 question essay test! The tests that they took were



verbal or done within the moment through their actions with Jesus and those around them. We presented this argument to our Professor, however, she didn't go along with it and we still ended up having to take the exam.

This moment stuck with me and I started reflecting on it. The argument and thought that we had was valid; however, it wasn't applica-

ble for the test we were about to take. We, as Christians, are not given a written exam. Our "exam" has to do with our actions and words. The question that we are asked is "Are you living as part of the body of Christ?" Are we in community like the disciples? Are we feeding the hungry? Are we helping the poor? Are we loving our neighbors? Are we spreading the glorious news of what Jesus has done for us? I think that these questions are much harder to answer honestly than why the Medieval Western Church uses unleavened bread in the Eucharist when the Eastern Church uses leavened bread. Answering these questions with a "yes" mean more than any letter grade. These questions lead to change in the world, in our community, in our church, in our families, and in our hearts. I lay this question before you: how are you living as part of the body of Christ?

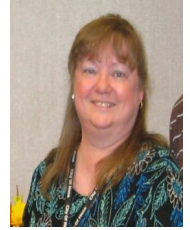
P.S. Don't worry, I am still studying hard and taking all my required tests. However, I do approach them with a new found appreciation.

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By Jody Topping

In May of 2010, I was honored as one of 11 women selected to receive the Georgia Harkness Scholarship from the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church. The scholarship is offered to women over age 35 who are in seminary preparing for ordained ministry as elders in the United Methodist Church, and who have a passion for social justice. As scholarship recipients, we were invited to attend the Georgia Harkness Global Leadership Development program during the week after Thanksgiving in Oklahoma City, OK, where we met with clergywomen from the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference (OIMC) to learn about

their experiences as pastors for their Native American community. We spent four days with the women and their Conference Superintendent, Rev. Dr. David Wilson learning about the history of the OIMC, their past and present struggles as an Indian Missionary Conference, and to learn more about Native American history and culture. The experience was incredibly moving and informative.



Although I would love to share my thoughts and feelings about the entire four days I was in Oklahoma City, I know that would take up way too much space in this newsletter, so I'll share one experience that was and is near and dear to my heart. On our first full day, our group drove to Clinton, OK (about an hour and a half outside of Oklahoma City) where we met with a young Native American clergywoman named Jennifer. Although she is still trying to discern exactly what ministry God is calling her to embrace, she has spent the last several years offering a children's ministry in Clinton, OK. Twice each week, children are invited to come and engage in a variety of activities, including crafts, bible stories, prayer time, drama, and more. Through her ministry, Jennifer offers these children a lot of love and hope for a better world.

Sound familiar? Those of you who know about the Sidewalk Ministry know how important it is to help children realize how beautiful and valuable they are, regardless of the color of their skin or the language that they speak. The tragedy involving Jennifer's situation is that she has very little funding for this ministry and often has to pay for supplies and snacks out of her own pocket, which for a young clergywoman in a Conference that is already economically depressed, is not easy. As one who cherishes children's ministries, I hope to find a way to help provide funding to Jennifer's ministry in the OIMC...but in the meantime, I urge us all to pray for Jennifer and people like her who have dedicated their lives to do the work of Jesus Christ with underprivileged children here on earth, no matter what the sacrifice.

May God continue to bless us all, Jody

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By Suzanne Jacobson

*"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." ~ Jeremiah 29:11*

As we enter into a new year, it is with a sense of hope. Leaving behind a year of struggles, we all hope that the New Year will bring with it new joys and new prosperity. We see ourselves on the brink of some new promise. Certainly, as a semi-

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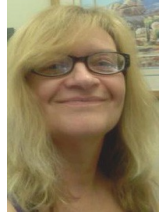


nary student and a mom, I seek fulfillment of this promise that God gave to Jeremiah. I take it as my own. I know that God has my best interest in mind as my life unfolds. Being in the midst of my own life and my own troubles, I cannot see what good might be blossoming. It is only in looking into the past that I might be able to envision the future.

The prophets looked to the tales of their people – the recitals – as reference points for their messages. By reminding the Hebrews that they had made a promise to God and then broke it – time and again – the prophets built a platform from which to preach their messages. Each prophet had their own purpose in speaking. From their vantage point, God had a different purpose for each of them, dependent upon the times in which they served. The prophets had a unique perspective on the traditions as well as on the time in which they lived. Likewise, we have our own unique way of seeing how our lives are affected by our experiences and our traditions. We discover who God means for us to be best by being “grounded in scripture, informed by Christian tradition, enlivened by experience and tested by reason” (The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church).

I have been a wanderer throughout my life, both spiritually and physically. I find comfort in knowing that I am not alone. It was in the state of homelessness and alienation that the Hebrew people found themselves and built an identity. We are all wanderers in this world. For myself, I continue to wander. If everything goes right, I will be taking a week long class in United Methodist Evangelism right here in Arizona. However, I will once more be driving from Arizona to California – on a weekly basis. Having survived one semester making the weekly trek, I look forward now to the Spring 2011 semester with anticipation. I am excited to be taking a class in Theology for Social Justice with Dr. Monica Coleman, a Christian History course with Dr. Rosemary Radford Reuther and a class in Contemplative Prayer every Tuesday.

As thrilling as these opportunities for learning are to me, they are not the most wonderful thing about my quest to discover who God wants me to be and where God wants me to serve. The best part of all, for me, is the support I get from all of you. Because, you see, I believe it’s all about relationship – our relationships with ourselves, with God, and with one another. I believe that God wants us to work toward healing the broken relationships in this world. Certainly, that’s what Jesus did, in his life and through his death and resurrection. I can only pray that I can be a positive part of God’s healing process. With your help, I come a little closer every day. You are part of God’s plan for my future of hope. Thank you – and God Bless You!



## LOOK WHAT’S HAPPENING AT ST. ANDREWS

### Ivan Gets a Thumb!

Ivan was born with 5 fingers and no thumb on either hand. Dr. Michelle James, who performed the surgery, visited the Clinic recently to do a follow up exam, checking on his new thumb. He is learning to write, brush his teeth, and comb his hair.

### Elizabeth! Lovely Elizabeth!

In 2004 Elizabeth was fitted with an eye prosthesis to fill her empty eye socket. Elizabeth was the Clinic’s first prosthesis patient. Today six patients are on the waiting list for eye surgeries

*From the Clinic Newsletter*

Our Clinic Day is fast approaching. Clinic days are long for little ones. Some travel days to reach the Clinic. Lines start forming at 7:00 am. By the time we see them they have had many full days. With that in mind, and the economy as it is, we are submitting the Clinic’s Wish List and will take those items on our March 3rd visit.

Blenders  
Breakfast drinks (powder or can)  
Disposable bibs  
Disposable diapers (esp. newborn)  
Receiving blankets  
Toiletry kits  
Umbrella strollers (available at Wal-Mart)  
Hearing aids (used) and batteries  
Milk of Magnesia  
Pediasure  
Powdered milk  
Prune juice (small cans only-Bashas’ will order for you)  
Vitamins, children’s chewable

If you wish to make a monetary donation, mail to:

St. Andrew’s Children’s Clinic

P.O. Box 67

Green Valley, AZ 85622-9975

If you want it to go to a specific need, please designate.

Thank you so much for your continued support of this mission work.

Gail Crawford  
Alyce Ancell  
Phyllis Gray

# January Birthdays



Kay Bennett	1	Pat Calihan	8	Sharon Larson	19	Edith Viviani	23
Marjorie Kimball	1	Channan Cassella	8	Amanda Mitchell	19	Matthew Anderson	24
Doris Kingery	1	Troy Matthews	11	Nancy Trout	19	Abed Mogharbel	24
Nancy Virden	1	Nicholas Saathoff	11	Sheldon Wion	19	Tim Carpenter	25
Sheila Zieglowsky	1	Gloria Charette	12	Marvin Boles	20	Herb Grills	25
Brikel Aguilar	2	David Osborn	12	Bob Bonestell	20	Jim Ritenour	25
Marietta Doan	2	Charlie Palmer	12	Louise Broadley	20	Jaci Allensworth	26
Nancy Russell	3	Gary Palmer	13	Shelby Olson	20	Phyllis Gray	26
Bob Chandler	4	Myra Berry	14	Jim Burt	21	Gene Johnson	26
Sonja Holbrook	4	Karen Mogharbel	15	Rita Hawkins	21	Gail Yoder	26
Ron Van Englehoven	4	Kathryn Hughes	16	LeRoy Johnson	21	Art Gibbs	27
Don Wilson	4	Kay Johnson	16	Sharan Norin	21	Patti Baker	29
Robin Alton	5	Peggy Williamson	16	Jerry Keyser	22	Shirley Feather	30
Ruth Clymer	5	Troy Gingrich	17	Rich Krull	22	Linda Schow	30
Ron Logan	5	Ian Jacobson	17	Shirley McMahan	22	Terry Bose	31
Lloyd Potter	5	Lowell Reiners	18	Justin Ballard	23	Cheryl Carpenter	31
Brenda Oldham	6	Lauren Collins-Mitchell	19	Rachel Barnes	23	Linda Kewell	31
Dave Patterson	6	Julie Johnson	19	Darrell Dinges	23		



# January Anniversaries

Helen & Howard Flowers	6	Kathy & Jim Serrine	17	Rosalie & Joe Eubanks	24
Michelle & Robert Pappalardo	9	Carol & David Ballard	18	Jayne & Vern Rolf	25
Beth & Rev. Fred Steinberg	9	Ginny & Joe Johnson	19	Judy & Jim Watters	28
Norma & Donald Gaulke	10	Bonnie & Mike Weaver	19	Shirley & Roger Coad	29
Darlene & Gene Huffman	15	Mary & Melvin Kilbo	20	Neta & Ward McCleary	31

*If your name isn't on this list (or you know of someone who should be), please call the church office with the information. We truly don't mean to leave anyone out.*



## VOLUNTEERS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

*Jane Hayes, Volunteer Coordinator*  
982-3776

I am continuing with the letters **F and G** this month to encourage Inspirational Values.

### Friendship

I am so fortunate to have so many GCUMC friends. I value you and all you are willing to do for our church family and surrounding neighborhoods. I have met so many exceptional people, but would like to meet more of you. Please introduce yourself to me sometime in January.

### Generosity

Thank you all for your participation this past Christmas Mission. Our 36 families truly appreciate your generosity! 123 children had a much better Christmas because of **you**. The special way you respond in gathering food, gifts, cash donations, turkeys, wrapping paper, stuffed animals, hats, books, baked goods, and Fry's or Bashas' gift cards is amazing to coordinate.

### Random Acts of Kindness for 2011:

#### At the Market

When you are in the checkout and see someone with a full cart, help them unload it.

Help someone trying to get something on a shelf that is out of reach and you are tall enough to get it for them.

Offer to help someone putting their groceries in their car.

Let someone go ahead of you in the checkout line.

If you see someone struggling at the self checkout lines (that can be so frustrating!), see if you can be of help.



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
Hospitality/Coffee Server	30+
Shut in Meals	75
Sound Booth	90
Greeter	40
Bake cookies	60
Office Receptionist	240

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

#### 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**

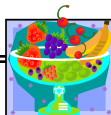
Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address:  
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Do you wish to continue to receive hard copy Roadrunners as well? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No



### COOKIE LOVERS!



Our Hospitality Team is in need of 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!



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Associate Director of Music	David Ballard
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Office Manager	Nancy Virden
Administrative Associate	Suzanne B. Jacobson
Volunteer Coordinator	Jody Topping
Parish Nurse	Jane Hayes
Nursery Care Giver	Monica Ortega-Watters
Facility Care Taker	Devona Brown
	Open

**Addressee or Current Resident**

**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**

**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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