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From The Pastor: “How I Would Live My Life Over”

My wife informs me that several people are working to get even with me at my 50th birthday party in April. I think, however, that my wife is the ring-leader. The youth I work with on Sunday nights think I am over the hill. Many of you think I am a child. Yet at 49 I don't quite qualify for middle age. If I really am middle age, then I would live to be 98. Then I would be older than Hu. So, I recognize that more than half my life is over. I know many of you are thinking, “I wish I was a young 49 again.” Yet middle age is the time to question whether the goals of your life are on track. I know many people who feel they wasted years of their lives. Those thoughts by others keep calling me to remember to focus on the important things of life.

Sister Damien Flood once reminisced about her life by saying:

If I had my life to live over, I'd try to make more mistakes. I would relax. I would limber up. I would be sillier than I have been on this trip. I know of very few things I would take seriously. I would be crazier. I would be less hygienic. I would take more chances. I would take more trips. I would climb more mountains, swim more rivers, watch more sunsets. I would burn more gasoline, eat more ice cream. I'd have more problems, and fewer imaginary ones.

You see I'm one of those persons who live prophylactically, sensibly, sanely, day after day. Oh, I have had my moments and, if I had it to do over again, I'd have more of them. In fact, I'd have nothing else, just moments, one after another instead of living so many years ahead of each day. I have been one of those people who do not go anywhere without a thermometer, a hot water bottle, a raincoat and a parachute. If I had it to do over again, I would go places and do things and travel lighter. I'd ride more merry-go-rounds and pick more daisies.

I don't want to look back at my life and say, “I would do it differently.” I think John Wesley was inspired when he said, “Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.” I believe if we follow John Wesley's advice we would end our life saying, “If I had a chance to do it again, I would do the same things.”

Of course, I might not have teased my wife unmercifully about turning 50 a couple of years ago.

Grace and peace,

Fred

We need your new zip code!! We know all those in Gold Canyon are changing because the church is amongst those changing to 85118. We will change yours automatically, but if you live in another city that is changing, please call the office or drop us a note. Thank you.



John Wesley's Three Simple Rules

Do No Harm

Do Good

Stay in love with God

AN ADVENTURE OF FAITH

By Grover Wallace

As I look back over my life I can remember a lot of goals I set for myself. Many of them were reached and many of them I have either failed to reach or changed my mind and let go by the wayside because of lack of interest. Just as we make New Year's Resolutions, we know that some of those resolutions -losing weight, being on time, and others - we fail to keep for more than a week or two, sometimes only a day or an hour.

In my life I established short term goals, long term goals, and lifetime goals. Even as a senior citizen, I still have the same type of goals, but I have a different view of the goals I set today because of many different circumstances.

In the dictionary/concordance section of my Bible there is no definition of "goal" but in my Webster's Dictionary and Family Word Finder goal is defined as "aim, objective, ambition, purpose, intention, design, end target". However, there are many sections in the Bible that refer to goals of a Christian and true believer in God. Do you have goals set in your Christian life? I think we all have the goal of spending eternity in heaven with our Creator God and our Savior Jesus Christ.

Let's take a look at some of the sections of Bible that relate to goals:

In his letter to the Philippians, Paul outlines a goal that God has for each of His followers.

"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 3:12-14 (NIV)

Like Paul, we have all sinned, but he encourages each Christian to not look backward on the sins

committed and for which we have asked for and received forgiveness. Paul says for each one of us to focus our energies on winning the race because our Savior promises eternal life with Him at the end of the race.

"The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized one Spirit into one body - whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free - and we were all given the one Spirit to drink."

1 Corinthians 12:12-13 (NIV)

Paul is telling the Corinthians that their church is made up of many types of people with differing backgrounds and many gifts and abilities. But just like the people at GCUMC, we all have one thing in common - faith in Christ. Although our personalities, ethnic backgrounds, education, race, or color may be different, our faith in Christ allows us to keep our individual identities while being interested in serving Christ as one.

There are many other examples of God's word related to setting, working toward, and achieving the goals we establish.

There are also a number of verses related to achieving our goals in a manner not pleasing to God. In Genesis 27 there is a prime example of achieving a goal through deceit - the story of Jacob obtaining Isaac's (his father) blessing over Esau, the firstborn son. Jacob's mother, Rebekah, actually devised the plan to wrongly obtain this blessing for Jacob.

In achieving your goals, will God always lead you the quickest route to your objective? No!

When Pharaoh let the people leave Egypt, God led them on a safer route rather than the shorter route through the Philistine country. (Read Exodus 13:17-18.)

Are the goals you set worthy of your devotion, and are they worth working toward and waiting for?

Read the story of Jacob, Laban, Leah, and Rachel in Genesis 29:15-30.

- Other areas related to goals:
- Psalms 97:10 - Aligning you goals with God's
- Numbers 14:5-9 - Don't stop trusting God when you are near your goals
- Matthew 5:19 - Our greatest goal is obedience to God
- James 4:13-16 - Don't leave God out

Question: Do my goals and methods of achievement meet with God's plan?

During the month of May, 2009, you contributed \$30,833 to our "An Adventure of Faith" building fund campaign. The contribution total as of May 31st is \$98,169 or 19.63% of our goal.

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

Romans 13:8 (NIV)



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

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



..choose this day whom you will serve, but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord...

Joshua 24:15

DONATIONS AND ATTENDANCE

May	2007		2008		2009		2008	2009
	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Worship All	Worship All
1st	18662	14378	20198	13288	18334	8967	718	795
2nd	9865	6207	10986	5342	13473	7716	739	776
3rd	14502	9154	11133	4319	9613	3117	627	639
4th	8446	6338	8149	5999	8479	7204	571	565
5th	—	—	—	—	8699	3830	—	606
Total	51475	36077	50466	28948	58597	30833	2655	3381



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."

Summer Camps for Boys and Girls

at Mingus Mountain: While it is late, registration and application forms for the summer camps are still available in the church office. Camp Narnia - Senior High Camp for grades 10-12 (June 29-July 4th), Junior High Camp grades 7-9 (July 6-11) and Super Camp grades 3-9 (July 13-18). Cost for the camp is \$320.00 per camper. This includes the late fee for processing the late application. Some partial scholarships to camp are still available. For more details contact Ellis Falk at the church office.

Bikes in good running order needed. In this tough economic time there are many persons who are looking for bikes and other modes of transportation. Should you have a bike in good running order which could be given to a needy person or family, please contact the church and give your name and phone number so that arrangements could be made to pick up the bike. These bikes will go to the families of the Sidewalk Sunday School or the Genesis project and any other needy family the church comes in contact with. The bike activity is being sponsored by the "Century Community Care Fund" which is a group of concerned folks at GCUMC. Through this community help project we have already given several bikes to needy families. The bikes are used by persons to go to work so they can feed and care for their families. Thanks for your support and let's keep this "Bike Ministry" going.

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

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

Disciple Program will be offered this fall and winter. However, (something new) there will be a shorter "eight week" session for those who feel they can't make a commitment to the normal 34 week agenda. The program will be broken into smaller segments over a longer period of time. The same subject matter will be covered but may take two years to complete rather than 34 successive weeks. Additional information will appear in the next newsletter.

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

Fall Adult Sunday School: In addition to the ongoing 8:00 am Adult Sunday School, which meets in Room 101/102 in the Education Building, Suzanne Jacobson will be offering the 8 week Disciple courses in succession. These classes will meet at 10:45 am in Room 106 of the Education Building.

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



Youth Ministries

With Heather Rodenberg


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

Mission Trip 09

I want to say a big “Thank You” to all those who helped make this year’s mission trip happen. Thank you to those who purchased shares, donated tools, and donated gift cards. As this newsletter is being printed we are currently in Artesia, New Mexico serving. I cannot wait to share the pictures and stories with you when we return. I know that we will be making a big impact in the lives of those we help. Your help provides hope for those who are suffering.

Thank You!






W.O.W.!!!

**EARLY FALL FESTIVAL
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER. 27, 2009 3-7 pm**

There will be a hayride, marshmallow & wienie roast, dunking for apples and various other activities, followed by worship with music by The Housers. Keep your calendars open and watch for more information from your W.O.W. team in the next *Roadrunner*.

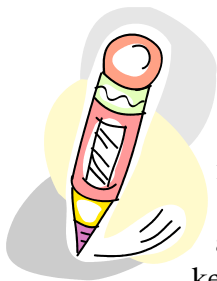



COUNTRY WESTERN WORSHIP & POTLUCK DATES TO REMEMBER

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

The dates are: July 26, August 30 and September 27. A potluck supper will follow each service.

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



Registering Attendance

“Please register your attendance in the red book.” You hear the pastor ask you to do this every Sunday. The Pastor asks this because we are required to keep track of our attendance. Have you ever wondered why this is necessary?

One reason is that first time guests are sent a lovely hand written thank you card for attending. We love to let them know how much their visit was appreciated. Without a fully completed attendance form, we don't know where to send the note!

Another reason is that we want to know when one begins worshipping with us regularly. If an individual has come to services three or more times, they are no longer considered visitors, but are now Constituents. At that point, we add their information to the mailing list to receive the *Roadrunner* Newsletter.

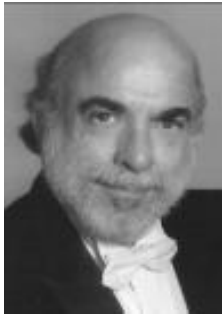
Another important reason is to keep up with those who are regularly attending services. I've heard it rumored that people think perhaps we're “keeping tabs on them,” which in a small way might be true - but in a good way. You see, if you are a Full Member of Gold

Canyon United Methodist Church, we are required to submit your name for removal if you have not attended worship for two sequential years. If you haven't filled out the attendance form, and if for some reason we don't “have a face to go with the name,” it is possible to be placed on that list erroneously. With so many attending GCUMC, it's impossible for us to know everyone intimately, no matter how much we would love to say we do.

It's important that the attendance form be completed legibly, preferably printed to avoid misreading. Couples should enter both first names, rather than something like “John and Mrs. Doe.” Addresses should include space, lot or apartment numbers if applicable. That way, we avoid having mail returned to us as “undeliverable as addressed.”

Each week, a team of wonderful volunteers meet to sort and record attendance forms. It is a task that they take joy in doing. However, it can often be difficult as they struggle with unique handwriting, children's penmanship and creative abbreviations.

So, next time you're asked to complete the attendance form, remember that this is an important administrative requirement. You can be a great help to us by completing the registration. Thank you!



Music Notes



I have just returned from teaching at the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers (AGEHR), Area XI (AZ, CO, NM, UT, WY) *Youth Handbell Camp* in beautiful Glorieta, NM. Even though none of our youth could go this year due to conflicts, I was committed and thankful to get out of the heat for a few days. Many of the youth who participated two years ago when our youth were there kept in touch and were very disappointed and sorry our kids couldn't participate this year. We had 24 kids who spent Wed – Sat rehearsing music they had never seen before, attending workshops, experiencing a solo ringer in concert, plus optional activities like horseback riding, paintball, and even a great zip-line! Though I didn't do these extra activities, it was fun watching!

I hope many of you were able to take advantage of the free **John Scott** concert in *Grady Gammage Memorial Auditorium* on the ASU campus in June. This was the final event of our American Guild of Organists (AGO), Region IX Organ Festival – *Phoenix Rising*. This was also the final event of the **International Year of the Organ**, during which I am very proud to say our church had two events listed in *The American Organist*, our international journal. I was Chair of the Exhibits Committee which also placed me on the Steering Committee for the Festival. In spite of the economy, this event went very well and everyone – over 250 people from the western states, Australia, Singapore, and HI – experienced some fabulous organ music by the best organists in the world, participated in many workshops to further our craft as organists and musicians, and even went to **Organ Stop Pizza** for some great food and hear **Lew Williams**. You might recall Lew played for us in our Sanctuary in October for the *International Year of the Organ - Organ Spectacular*, also in November for the *Celebration of Veterans* and again in March when our church attendees went to Organ Stop Pizza for lunch and a special program by Lew. **Fred Swann**, who played for us in our Sanctuary last

March as part of the *International Year of the Organ*, gave a stunning Hymn Festival and an outstanding workshop on accompanying. Additionally, we had a special event for young piano/organ students - *Pedals, Pipes and Pizza*, who were given lessons and allowed to play some of the large instruments in Phoenix, culminating at the Organ Stop Pizza with Lew Williams. We all learned new things and fellowshiped with colleagues and friends old and new. This was a fabulous experience and the fact that it was held at the incredible Arizona Biltmore Resort and Spa certainly added to the experience!

This month, I will participate in the AGEHR National Seminar in Tucson. This will be another event where I can further develop my craft as a handbell musician and fellowship with friends new and old. I am hoping to bring one of the finest handbell soloists in the world, Ruben Mendoza, to Gold Canyon next year to ring a concert for us. He is the headline solo performer this year. I have known him for many years and look forward to him sharing his incredible talent with our congregation and community next year as part of our *Performing Arts Series*.

I hope during this summer all of you have the opportunity to hear some great music – choir, organ, bells, praise bands, orchestra, whatever. If not a human set of instruments, then at least I hope we will allow God to surround us with His unique music and rhythm of nature, which can be found anywhere!

Blessings, and safe travels for all!

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: Hu & Wendy Rhymes DO NOT have a home phone. If you want to contact them and you don't have their CELL number, please contact the church office. CALL US, please, with immediate needs, as we don't check our e-mail every day.

SADIE RHYMES MEMORIAL



GIRL SCOUT TROUP 1450 at Peralta Elementary School chose our church's FOOD BANK as a project for spending some of their profits from the sale of Girl Scout cookies this year. We were privileged to meet some of the troop members, their leader, Cathy Erdody and Jill Oliver who attends GGUMC. The girls decided to use 10% of their profits and they each chose items to buy for the Food Bank. They also purchased a large bag of dog food and a large bag of cat food because they were told about the Sadie Memorial. What a wonderful learning experience for the girls and our Food Bank recipients, both people and their furry friends. THANK YOU SO MUCH G.S. Troop 1450.

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

Joys: Congratulations to all of our graduates.

Sympathies: Judy Halverson, upon the death of her husband, Burt; Ginny Johnson, upon the death of her brother, Ron Newburn; Edd LeMar, upon the death of his wife, Sharon; Arlene McNeece & Mickey Wellner, upon the death of Arlene's husband, Lloyd & Mickey's father; Wendy Moore upon the death of her grandmother, Emily Sutherland; The family of Ed Nelson, upon his death; Rose Scantlin, upon the death of her nephew, Anthony Anechiarco; Grover Wallace & Dave Traugh, upon the death of Grover's sister & Dave's wife, Nancy; and the families & friends of the above.

Concerns and/or Continued Prayers: Charlie Acker, Barbara Baker, David Baker, Jackie Battle, Nancy Bergstedt, Chris Bisted, Gary Blackmore, Ralph Bos (Dave Bos' father), Tom Bottomley (Mike Vagnier's stepfather), Kelsey Brown, Arlaine Bryant, Juli Bryant, Ida Buckner, Channan Cassella, J.W. Cheney, Mark Cleary, Eileen Cook, Arline Courtney (Rose Scantlin's sister), Maryan Cox, Linda Coyne (Ruth Ann Thacker's sister), Cris Criswell, Joyce Curtis, June Deits, Mae Fairbanks, Edward Fite, Kenneth Green, Sandy Govert, Jan Guerrero, Lavon Guist, Jennifer Hendricks, Dennis Heil, Neil Houtcooper, Noel Jones (Linda & Morgan Jones' grandson), Thelma Lang (Pete 'n Kay Johnson's mother), Dean Mansdorfer, Debbie Marrow, Merle Matzke, Trista Mobbs, Mary Moore, Bill Nielsen, Law-

rence Oliver, Evelyn Otto, Bob Pappalardo, Melissa Parsley (Jack Virden's niece), Leona Pearson, Eileen Petticrew, Brenda Rahaneotis, Maria Remaley (Mary Thomas' mother), Ellen Roberson, Bruce Rudolph, Anne Santos, Shirley Savchenko, Joyce Scharringhausen, Jim Serrine, Kristie Sidely (Rose Scantlin's niece), Helen Thacker (Jerry Thacker's mother), Helen Tschiggfrie, Jim Toppin, Midge Towel, Ray Villeneuve, Evelyn Wigle, Sandy Wosick, Tyler Williams, Karen Winter, Jerry Wolcott, LeRoy Wolter, Linda Worthington, Trudy Zelezic in MI, and PRAYERS for the families (CAREGIVERS) of the above. PRAYERS for requests in the "CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER" boxes and those FOOD BANK CLIENTS who have requested prayer. PRAYERS for our MILITARY Personnel and their families.

Joys-but Still in Need of Prayers: Dick & Eleanor Armstrong, Tom & Dee Ashe, Dorothy & Joey Baker, Jan Berry (Myra & John Berry's daughter-in-law), Irene & Junior Blake (Paul Fillion's sister & brother-in-law), Jenny & Bob Burgi, Terry & Ruth Burris, Jim & Carolyn Burt, Imo Jean & Bob Carpenter, Bob Carter & family, Eleanor Chesney, Pat Colmer (Sharyn Bennet's mother), Bob & Marcia Cole, Ellie Conger, Carol & Jason Crosswhite, Bill & Joyce Curtis, Lorraine Davidson, Rev. Bob & June Deits, Chuck Dickinson, Ed & Joy Fite, Fred & Jerri French, Andy & Danna Gharavi,



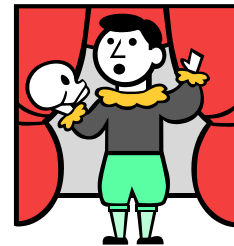
“LAUGH A LITTLE” with Hu

UNANSWERED PRAYER

The preacher’s five year old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head before starting his sermon. One day, she asked him why he did this. “Well, Honey,” he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his message, “I’m asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon.” “Then how come he doesn’t answer it?” she asked.

TIME TO PRAY

A pastor asked a little boy if he said his prayers every night. “Yes sir,” the boy replied. “And, do you always say them in the morning, too?” the pastor asked. “No sir,” the boy replied. “I ain’t scared in the daytime.”



New for the summer—DRAMARAMA

A special summer session of drama and play acting will be conducted at the church for children ages 8 thru 12. This class, Drama-101, is “Drama games for children” and will be taught by Cecilia O’Brien and Christina Pappalardo. The classes will be held Tuesdays June 30th, July 7th and 28th, and August 4th. All classes will run from 10:00 am until 12:30 pm in the education building. There is no cost for these classes. - please encourage your children to attend.

“U-Can” Club

Children ages 4 - 12 are invited to come join the fun beginning June 24, 2009 for music, games and other activities that demonstrate that God can be found anywhere in anything. The fun begins at 4:30 pm and will continue until 6:00 pm with light snacks provided.

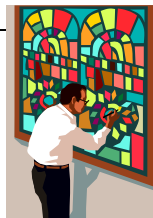
Adults interested in being a part of this new venture to encourage our youth to become more aware of God’s love should call Ron Walker at 671-3881.

David & Ardeena Gillette, Ross & Arline Hacker, Viola Hammond (Don Hammond’s Mom), Rich & Sheila Haraldson, Lorna Hartman, Beth Hayes (Jeff Hayes’ mother), Gladys Kay (Jane Hayes’ Mom), Mel & Mary Kilbo, Steve & Peggy Kinder, Paul & Polly Knowlton, Roxie & Gene Kruschek, Naomi Kyle, Jane Lambert, Cheryl Lang, Carol & Bill Lindemann, Pauline Lymons, Bob & Juana Mahlandt, Michael & Susan Malloy, Shirley Matzke, Bryan McCann (Jeanette Lunstead’s son), Larry & Pat McMann, Wilbur McMann, Hedy Moore (Jed Moore’s Mom), Lorraine & Victor Phillips, Marvin & Jean Richter, Mickey & Bob Rosenstein, Rick & Sue Sutter, Bill & Bobbie Talbot, Carl & Helen Thacker, (Jerry Thacker’s parents), Lillian Thomas & Maria Remaley (Bill & Mary Thomas’ mothers), Bev & Jim Toppin, Marven & Wanda Tufte, Ray and Nancy Villeneuve, Mary Ann Warren, LeRoy & Dorothy Wolter, Dot Zelezic and the families of the above.

Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.

James 5:14

If you are sick, injured, or facing surgery, your church family cares and wants to pray for you. Please let us know in the church office so we can put you on our prayer list or email prayer chain. We will pray aloud for you on Sunday. The power of prayer can work miracles.



DESIGNATED GIFTS FROM MEMORIAL-FUNERAL SERVICES

Bill Hawkins—GCUMC Scholarship Fund

NEWS FLASH FROM VBS

The VBS that just finished had **89** students enrolled. A very special thanks to all the leaders, helpers and providers who made this past VBS such a great and truly wonderful success.

NOTICE: We need your Email Address! Please email it to us at: goldcanyonumc@mindspring.com

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. *Contact Jeanette Lunstead at 480-671-9888 or the church office for more information.*

Healthy Living

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



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

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

Cancer Support Group



Meets each Wednesday at 10:30 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

Grief does have another side....Grieving is a tedious, unpleasant, and lonely process earmarked by immense pain. But you can celebrate the new optimism and perspective on life that grieving can bring. Grieving is a journey through a frightening land in order for you to discover a new life with some exciting possibilities on the other side of grief.

Susan J. Zonnebelt-Smeenge and Robert C. DeVries



The deadline for ordering altar flowers is noon Wednesday for the following Sunday. Cost is \$30.00



STEPHEN MINISTRY®

GOD'S LOVE

When someone dies, the loss to survivors is real, it is terribly painful, it is inescapable, all hope is gone, and the condition is suffering and totally black.

Christian caring - BELIEVE IT - can help! Through Christian care, a survivor can better grasp the role of suffering in life and more realistically handle this loss that befalls everyone sometime because of our humanness.

We rely on God for this result. Christian caring is the process which promotes the result. It is born in Christian HOPE that comes from and rests securely in God's love. A Stephen Minister engages the process which is intimately involved with the healing result. The pain, hurt, anger, and reality of death may not be totally removed but the survivor is able to examine suffering and assimilate it from a more mature perspective, with the comfort of God's love along the way.

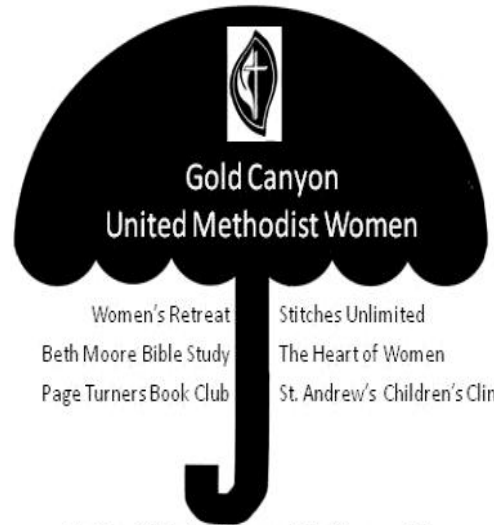
Stephen Ministers are good listeners. They can pray with you or apart from you but about you and your particular hurt or difficulty. Call the church office for a referral.



To the Members and Friends of Gold Canyon United Methodist Church:

Thank you for your meaningful cards, expressions of sympathy and prayers during this difficult time. It has meant so much to us.

Our love, thoughts and prayers are with all of you—
The Family of Kent Douglass



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

ST. ANDREW'S UPDATE

We are counting on your continued support of the toiletry kits. Keep those combs, shampoos, toothbrushes, toothpastes, and soaps on your "save" list. Thanks!



Ellen Roberson wants all to know that she is now settled in her new home in California and is so appreciative of all the love and prayers she received from GCUMC while she was here. She is receiving chemotherapy for her cancer and, so far, is doing very well.

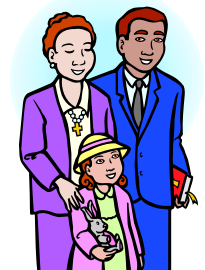
Thank you, the loving congregation of GCUMC, for the cards, phone calls, and personal condolences we received upon the death of my sister, Nancy (Wallace) Traugh. We also thank our church for the many comforting messages sent to her over the 14 months she bravely fought pancreatic cancer.



God Bless you All,
Ann & Grover Wallace

**Please welcome the following New Members who joined our church family
May 31, 2009**

**Ruth Rosetti
Patty Truckle**



"Be the change you wish to see in the world"
Gandhi

I Am Seeking Employment – I am seeking employment in the accounting field, i.e. payroll, purchasing, receiving, and end of period adjustments for the service and merchandising industries. I am proficient in QuickBooks, Word, Excel and Powerpoint. If you know of a job opportunity, I would appreciate any information.

Thank you. David Ballard 480-288-9681



International Missions

"The world is my parish." - John Wesley
By Mary Anderson

The International Missions team is thrilled to have nine members of GCUMC committed to participating in the work trip to Chile in January, 2010! The work team will be assisting on a project in the Northern District of the Methodist Church in Chile in the coastal city of Iquique at a Methodist school.

The goal of this team is to build pews for the Methodist church in Antofagasta while working alongside the members of that congregation. While the work team members will pay for the cost of their trip, meals and accommodations, we are hoping to raise the money needed to buy the materials necessary for the work team to reach their goal. Each team member has the responsibility of contributing \$500 for materials; therefore we are hoping to raise a total of \$4,500 by Thanksgiving! There are a variety of ways in which you can help:

- ✚ "Buy" a portion of a pew for \$100 (one full board)
- ✚ "Buy" a half-board for \$50
- ✚ Donate \$5 for varnish, glue or paint brushes
- ✚ Donate any amount at any time in the church offering by designating "Chile work team" on your envelope or check

We hope you will prayerfully consider this request as our church continues to grow in our response to needs around the world.



Current UMCOR Emergencies

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

Pakistan Crisis

International Disaster Response
UMCOR Advance #982450

Zimbabwe Crisis

Zimbabwe Emergency
UMCOR Advance #199456

Eagle Scout Projects Underway Need Your Support

Three of our Life Scouts in Troop 640, chartered to Gold Canyon United Methodist Church have received initial approval for their Eagle Scout projects from the Church Trustees and they could use your financial assistance to complete them.

Jimmy Olson has undertaken the project of rebuilding the two water release ducts at the South end of the South parking lot. The project was completed on Saturday, June 6 at the last step in completing his requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout. The project consisted of removing the existing rock from the runoff channels and then covering the area with Geotextile fabric and then covering the fabric with river rock.

Sean Sheridan will plan to put a formal walkway across the open area between the entrance to the Educational building over to the East Parking lot. The plan is to match the new walkway that was recently constructed along the Eastern property line and provide a safe and comfortable pathway for parishioners to cross the property.

Nathaniel Gingrich will plan to enhance the Volley Ball Court by placing a cement block retaining wall along the Western edge of the Court. This will help to prevent the out of bounds balls from rolling down into the drainage right of way while playing games.

If you would like to assist these young men in our church sponsored Boy Scout Troop with any of these projects, please place your check in the offering plate, marked "Boy Scout Projects". Your assistance will be greatly appreciated by the Scouts who are all doing projects that will improve the usefulness of our Church property.

For additional information, feel free to contact Dr. Brad Bryant, Scoutmaster, at 480.275.5693 or via email at bsadrbrad@cox.net.

Kenya Famine

International Disaster Response, Kenya
UMCOR Advance #982450



Hurricanes

Hurricanes 2009
UMCOR Advance #3021002

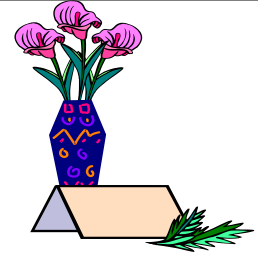
For more ways to help, or to donate online, go to:
<http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/>



GCU MC Calendar July 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Remember to Pray Daily		1 10:30 am Cancer Support ~ Room 101/102 7 pm UG	2 6:30 pm Financial Peace University ~ K Room 7 pm Chancel Choir	3 Office Closed in Honor of Independence Day 10 am GC Mom's Club -Rm 101/102 5:30 pm AA-SofG	4 Independence Day 
5 8 am Adult Sunday School 8 am <i>Traditional</i> 8:30 am UG Rehearsal 9:30 am Traditional 10:45 Wesley Class 10:50 am Praise 5:00 CW Service 6:30 pm Youth Group	6 10 am Job Seekers ~ Rm 106 6 pm Hospitality Outreach Team ~ K Rm	7 10 am Dramarama— Youth Room 6 pm One in the Spirit	8 10:30 am Cancer Support ~ Room 101/102 4:30 pm U-Can Club~ Ed. Bldg. 5:00 pm Youth Bus to Volleyball	9 10:00 Stitches Unlimited ~ Rm 101/102 6:30 pm Financial Peace University ~ K Room 7 pm Chancel Choir	10 10 am Mind Menders 101/102 5:30 pm AA-SofG	11 5 pm Teen Center
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JULY ANNIVERSARIES



Dean & Nyla Mansdorfer	2	Ronald & Donna Jurgens	8	Monty & Sharron Gingrich	18
Bruce & Grace Love	3	Robin & Jean Alton	9	Dave & Brenda Patterson	22
Charlie & Lauren Mitchell	4	Ronald & Rebecca Beason	9	David & Jennifer Pearce	22
Bob & Sharan Norin	4	Lucas & Jerri Manbeck	10	Robert & Nicole Nanny	28
Carl & Cherie Madzey	5	Bob & Gloria Sheridan	10	Lester & Delores Norton	28
Chuck & Jeannette Hardman	6	Grover & Ann Wallace	12	Gene & Gail Crawford	30
William & Kathleen King	6	Ted & Laurie Christy	14	Joe & Maureen Morton	30
Jim & Norma Tambke	6	Ted & Joy Fite	14	Larry & Anita Raffurty	30
Dick & Mary Faith Van Noy	6	Joe & Janice Guerrero	14	Don & Ingrid Schaefer	30
Wes & Donna Hodges	7	Marvin & Jean Richter	14	Carter & Renee Olson	31



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Lela Westerfield	1	Coral Greene	10	Mary Lynn Priess	18
Donald Osgood	1	Lawrence Welker	10	Jill Bills	19
Shirley Krapek	1	Jeanette Lunstead	10	Mary Thomas	19
Cheyenne Cassella	1	Vivian Schreiner	10	Rod Hall	19
Dixie Coules	2	Keith Petticrew	10	Diane Head	20
Connie Moran	2	Betty Russell-Smeaton	13	Donald Gaulke	21
Bobbie Ryan	2	Steven Crane	13	Helen Curtis	21
Alan Kinzel	2	Nancy Petticrew	13	Roger Farney	21
Linda Weidner	4	JoAnn Wylie	14	Jeff Krstyen	21
Brian Pearce	4	Ted Christy	14	Bob Burgi	22
Bill Nielsen	5	Fred French	15	Jeanne Paddison	22
Bob Johnson	5	Doris Barnes	15	Nancy Arbuckle	23
James Cowles	5	Gail Crawford	15	Marjorie Tonole	23
Marilynn Falk	6	Beau Steenbock	15	Linda Brinkman	23
Debbie Adler	6	Ernie McMurry	16	William Butterbrodt	25
Rose Pease	7	Charles Jungman	16	Beverly Toppin	25
Donna Hodges	7	William Hughes	16	Audrey Hulett	26
Robin Toner	7	Wesley Kappler	17	Gordon Truckle	26
Christopher Bybee	7	Jenny Crow	17	Pete Marzahl	27
Dorothy McMurry	8	Lois Peebles	17	Carol Ballard	27
Lyle Brewer	8	Terry Parsons	17	Rae Tianen	28
Dee Gates	9	Ritchie Eriksen	17	Jackie Lewis	29
Don Catt	9	Melodie Frankel	17	Elgin Morris	30
Mary Kilbo	9	Pailey Owen	17	Francisco DeLeon	30
Caryl Lang	9	Louise Green	18	Patsy Arehart	31
Herbert Adams	9	John Berry	18	Charlie Mitchell	31
Doris Ferrante	10	Jerry Thacker	18	Nancy Sawyer	31
Joyce Curtis	10	Donna Koppenhoefer	18	Angela DeLeon	31



Volunteers Do Make a Difference

GCUMC
982-3776

Jane Hayes, Volunteer Coordinator

Did any of you read the meditation from The Upper Room on June 3, 2009? In case you didn't, I want to share it with you. It sounds a little like life in Gold Canyon!

More Than Money

When I arrived in the city where I now live, I saw a beautiful place where many people vacation. To show God how I appreciated being able to live in such a city, I have managed a Christian organization that meets the needs of almost five hundred impoverished children.

Recently, I was surprised when a skeptical friend expressed doubt that I would work for free. The friend thought I am crazy to work without pay.

While meditating on what my friend had said, I received a call from my mother, who is 82, lucid, and healthy. She told me how beautiful Sunday worship had been. When we hung up, the phone rang again. My six-year-old grandson, filling my heart with joy, asked if we could go to the beach that week. Of course I said we could.

I don't work for money, but I am rich. My mother's good health, a hug from my grandson, the beauty of the city, a walk on the cool sand on summer mornings, a family dinner, laughter in the living room - what blessings!

They are immeasurable, and more valuable than anything money can buy.

Prayer: God of abundance, thank you for your grace. How great are all the blessings that fill our lives! Amen

Thought for the day: How do I show my gratitude for God's blessings?

—Orlando Lima Coutinho
(Santa Catarina, Brazil)

Let us remember our gratitude for God's blessings every day!



To All of our Wonderful Year-round Residents:

Now that we are going to continue the 8:00 service, we are very much in need of additional greeters, liturgists, and hospitality staff. Also, the Food Bank, Office, and Custodian have lost many of their winter volunteers. If you can help out in any of these areas, even if it is only for a week, please call the church office and leave your name.

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

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

Name _____

Phone _____

The Monthly Gift of Sharing:

Buy a Bashas or Fry's gift card at the Information Desk or from the office and donate it to the FoodBank !

Road Runner Email

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

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name (s): _____

Email Address:

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



COOKIE LOVERS UNITE!!!

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



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Nursery Care Giver	Susan Kenyon
Facility Care Taker	John LaViolette



SUMMER SERVICE HOURS

***8:00 AM—Traditional Worship**

***9:30 AM—Traditional Worship**

In the Sanctuary

***10:50 AM—PRAISE Service**

In the Koinonia Room

Music led by *Uncommon Grace*

**Childcare Provided*

5:00 PM—Country Western Service

On the Last Sunday of the Month Only

For the months of July, Aug., Sept.

Music will be led by *The Housers*

Come Worship and Stay for the

Potluck!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
 SCHEDULE**

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

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

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

† 9:30 AM ~ Youth Sunday School

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

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

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