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## From The Pastor: “Sorry...Reserved”

In early March Beth and I attended the Catalyst West Coast Conference in California. The Conference was held at a large church with a worship space for about 5,000. We had arrived one hour early and were standing



close to the doors so we could find a great seat up close to the stage. When the doors opened we walked in to find that seat after seat on the main floor was reserved with church names on them. Many churches had reserved anywhere from eight to forty seats. As we walked further and further

away from the stage, we discovered that every seat on the bottom floor was reserved. We then walked up stairs into the elevated seats further out to discover that about 6 rows up from the main floor were also reserved. When we finally found seats that were unreserved we were at least 200' away from the stage. Our reaction to all those reserved seats was to think we weren't really wanted. We were just two people who didn't feel all that welcomed from the start. The preferential treatment of people who were "in the know" left those first time guests with a cold unwelcome feeling.

Now in the summer we don't have a problem with having enough seats in our church. But we must always look at our church from the perspective of a first time guest. Do we welcome new people? Do we break away from our longtime friends to talk to somebody who has never visited our church before? Do we actually watch for people who are trying to find a new church home? There is an excellent book titled Just Walk Across the Room by Bill Hybels which talks about our reluctance to break off conversation with close friends in order to

meet somebody new. We focus on friends and accidentally overlook visitors. How can we change this tendency? All it would take is a commitment to look for just one new person every Sunday to greet and get to know.

I raise this issue in July because many families with children move during the summer. This way their children are able to start a new school at the beginning of the school year. As a result many families will also seek out a new church home during the summer months.

I pray we never become a church that focuses on the preferential treatment of its members over Christ-like hospitality to the stranger. I hope you will join me in welcoming the first time guests who might visit in the coming months.

Grace and peace,

*Fred*

**Please welcome the following new members and confirmands who joined our church on June 12:**

Tammy Holland  
Sandra Novak  
Jody Topping

Anne Anderson  
Nick Kinzel  
Ian Jacobson

**Donations for Student Financial Assistance**

Have you ever considered financially helping a student to advance their education and/or career training but weren't sure how to go about finding qualified applicants? If so, GCUMC can now be of assistance. A new scholarship program has been established to help students, young and not so young, with their financial needs. There are established criteria that must be met before a potential recipient may receive any available funds. Brochures describing the criteria, along with more details about the program, are available in the "Information Rack" found in the church narthex.



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 \$1,500 a month.

Betty Rolley



**ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE!**

You may give online a one-time or recurring donation by logging on 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!



**Church Wish List**

Want to give back to Gold Canyon United Methodist Church beyond your pledge to the General Budget or the Building Fund? Listed below are some items requested by staff and laity that will better enable us to fulfill our mission as a church.

- Pave the North Parking Lot
- Religious Statue for South Exterior Alcove of Sanctuary Building
- Pipes for the Electronic Organ
- Stained Glass for upper Sanctuary windows

**DONATIONS AND ATTENDANCE**

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

May	2009		2010		2011		2010	2011
	General	Building	General	Building	General	Building	Worship All	Worship All
<b>1st</b>	\$18,334	\$8,967	\$16,234	\$8,420	\$16,309	\$11,167	784	790
<b>2nd</b>	13,473	7,716	17,184	8,637	15,795	6,353	778	751
<b>3rd</b>	9,613	3,117	10,679	3,768	9,051	4,207	651	700
<b>4th</b>	8,479	7,204	11,889	4,192	11,623	4,302	648	633
<b>5th</b>	8,699	3,830	7,095	4,025	8,629	2,030	557	570
<b>Total</b>	\$58,597	\$30,833	\$63,081	\$29,042	\$61,407	\$28,059	3418	3444



## 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."*

**July seems to be a time when the church can relax and take a breather. However, this is actually opposite of what needs to be done. During the summer months we need just as many volunteers and leaders as we do during the rest of the year. I would especially like to thank all those who volunteered to make our 2011 Vacation Bible School a huge success. We had 66 children learning about the love of Jesus and the ingredients the Bible gives us for the recipe of life. I must say that it was an amazing experience for all involved. The joy on the children's faces each day was tremendous.**

**If you would like to share your love of Jesus with the children and/or with the adults in this church, we need you. Do you feel the Holy Spirit working on you, encouraging you to step out of your comfort zone? Maybe He is calling you to step into a position of leadership or to open your home up for a Bible study. The path may not be easy but the reward is eternal!**

**A Special Thank You** to all those who donated to the campership fund. This year seven children from the church went to elementary camp at Mingus Mountain. While there they learned to find the Holy Spirit within themselves and the world around them. They also learned all about the fruits of the spirit. If you have a hard time remembering what they are, ask me to teach the song we learned at camp. We will also be sending three youth from our Sidewalk Ministries to camp this month. One to junior high camp and two to senior high camp. I can tell you from personal experience that church camp has the power to transform lives and bring children and youth into a powerful relationship with Christ.

### **Sunday School Teachers Needed**

We need a few good women AND men who are interested in teaching adult and children's Sunday School classes. We are currently in need of a 10:50 am children's teacher as well as other adults who are interested

in teaching adult classes on not only Sundays but during the week as well. If you are interested, please pick up a volunteer application in the church office. We are also in need of substitute teachers for the children's classes.

### **Nursery Substitutes Needed**

If you enjoy working with the smallest members of our congregation, we need you. We are looking for Sunday morning nursery substitutes as well as people who can work special events and Sunday nights for the 5:00 pm service. Please pick up a volunteer application in the church office.

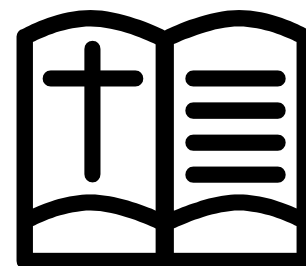
**U-Can and B.E.A.R.S Club** continues to meet Wednesday at 4:30 in the Education Building. All youth ages 5-12 are welcome to attend. Please encourage any child you know to attend this fun evening where they are able to learn of God's love outside of the traditional Sunday church setting. Contact Linda Walker for more information.

## DISCIPLE

### **Disciple**

DISCIPLE is a program of disciplined Bible study aimed at developing strong Christian leaders. It focuses on the disciple as learner, believer, follower, proclaimer, and servant while providing the fellowship of a small group for study, prayer, preparation, support, and servanthood.

If you are interested in taking this step in your faith journey, please register between services at the Education table or with Alex Houseman in the church office. We will be forming new groups to start in the fall.





# Gold Canyon UMC



Wendy Moore, Youth Director

Our Superstar of the Month is Kathryn Moore!



Kathryn is 14 years old, and a Freshman at Apache Junction High School. School activities she has participated in include Cheerleading, Track, Camp Invention volunteer, and National Jr. Honor Society. She is an active member of the GCUMC Youth Group, and plays on the youth volleyball team.

Hobbies are:

Dance and Volleyball

Accomplishments:

National Junior Honors Society, Dept. of The Interior Duck Stamp artwork 1<sup>st</sup> place in Arizona

Favorite Food:

French Fries & Red Velvet Cake

**Congratulations Kathryn**

### Upcoming Events:

Volleyball - Every Wednesday except July 13

July 3 - Regular Youth Group

July 4 - Booth at AJ community Fireworks show

July 10 - No Youth Group

July 9-16 - Mission Trip

July 17 - Regular Youth Group (game night)

July 24, 31 - Regular Youth Group



### NEWS:

- The Beach/Disneyland trip was a blast! Thank you to all the adult volunteers who came See our facebook page for pictures.
- Thank you to all who are supporting our mission trip. All shares have been paid for by generous members of our church family. Your gifts are changing lives.
- Thank you to all who are participating in the July 4 community fireworks event.
- Look for future announcements on Fall events. Anybody game for more rock climbing?? We hope you are having a safe, fun, and happy Summer.

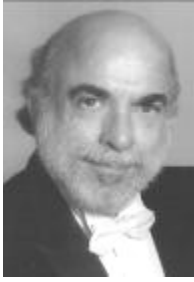
### **Perspectives:**

“Since you get more joy out of giving joy to others, you should put a good deal of thought into the happiness that you are able to give.”

- Eleanor Roosevelt

“Grief can take care of itself, but to get the full value of joy, you must have somebody to divide it with.”

- Mark Twain



## Music Notes



I am writing this two days before my ankle replacement surgery, but I'm not thinking about that! I'm thinking instead about my recovery, sitting on my Laz-y-boy with my left foot elevated above my heart, with a chocolate chip cookie in one hand, the clicker (TV remote) in the other, and my doting wife waiting on me hand and foot! Well, I suppose the reality will be somewhat different!

I am so thankful to be working with the staff and congregation of Gold Canyon UMC! This church is filled with some of the most caring, dedicated, and talented people that I have ever experienced. While I'm recuperating, Linda Jones will be playing the organ (she is truly becoming a very fine organist!) and directing the Choir. Nancy Virden will be playing piano and accompanying the Choir. Cindy Hoff will direct the Choir for two weeks while Nancy is visiting her family. I really appreciate these three great musicians sharing their talents while I'm recovering.

The Choir will continue singing through the month of July. If you would like to sing along with us, you can sing on pitch and read music at least a little, please join us on Thursday nights at 7:00 pm in the Music Room. Are you a Soprano? Alto? Tenor? Bass? Yes, we need you!!!

We have finalized our *Performing Arts Series* schedule. I have included a copy of all the Events and Performances Schedule for 2011-2012 elsewhere in this newsletter. Between the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church *Performing Arts Series* and the Gold Canyon Arts Council's *Canyon Sounds*, which are performed at our church, this will indeed be a spectacular season of great and varied music!

In closing, I thank the many of you who have sent cards and offered prayers on my behalf. This is the first time I have had surgery, outside of wisdom teeth. I know your prayers will help me in the healing process. I am so very thankful to be a member of this loving congregation! Thank you all!

Blessings,

*Doug*

Douglas J. Benton  
Director of Music Ministries



We wish to thank Doug for another great year of musical leadership. We'll all be praying for you and wishing you a speedy recovery! God's blessings be upon you, our dear friend.

## 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 church office if you **WANT A NAME REMOVED FROM THE ROADRUNNER or SUNDAY PRAYER LIST** or 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 to helping folks, dogs and cats with food. Of course there wouldn't be a Food Bank without all of you and the community who donate so much. Thank you to Jeff Downing, Dan Gray and Rush Tucker who head up this project.**

It has been another really big month for pet food. Thanks again to Jolene & Michael Agnew. They are purchasing and bagging dog food once a month. We walked into the food bank on a Monday morning and discovered they had just given out the last bag of dog food. Amazingly, we were carrying in 22 gallon bags full of dog food! The volunteers in the food bank said it was a "God Thing." We know they were right! THANKS to others who have donated pet food or \$ for pet food. Sadie thanks you bunches and we do also.



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

**Sympathies:** The family of Dwight Brooks, upon his death; Joyce Curtis, upon the death of her husband, Bill; Dixie D'Olive, upon the death of Dave D'Olive; Ray Lehnen, upon the death of his wife; Shirley Matthews, upon the death of her mother, Mildred Richards; The family of Dallas Merrill, upon his death; Tom Neill, upon the death of his son; Rosamond Osman, upon the death of her husband, Rev. Herb Osman (retired pastor); The family of Lois Poteet, upon her death (Barb Oldham's sister); Carol Small, upon the death of her son, Chris (Ron Walker's cousin); and the families & friends of the above.

**Concerns and/or Continued Prayers:** Pat Alsup, Scott Arehart & family, JoAnn Armbruster, Dorothy Baker, Joey Baker, Doug Benton, Chris Bisted, Marge Bos (Dave Bos' mother), Elva Bradley, Dwight Brooks, Julie Bryant (Bryant's daughter), Walter Danison, Jack & Judy Davis, Darrell Dinges, Jack Elms, Ann Frondal, Joyce Giger, Don Hammond, Andy Hankins, Shirley Jennings, Mel Jorgensen, Jill Kerr (Gary Stemple's sister), Nadine Lambert (Bill Edwards' sister), Earl Marifjeren, June McPherson, Dorothy Mendricks (Joan Wilder-Siersma's aunt), Duane Nelson, Buck Nielson, Jennie Oukada, Karlie Plas, Tammy Preidis (Sue & Michael Malloy's daughter), Marilyn Purvis, Hayley Reichert, Bob Rulon (Lorraine Phillips brother-in-law),

Mikey Sheridan, Sharee Sifferath, Glen Smith, Marilyn Smith, Ella Stephans, Catherine Sullivan, Manny & Robbie Young, 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 prayers. PRAYERS for our MILITARY personnel (Alejandro Gonzales, Matthew Jacobson & A.J. Skabelund), and their families & those who are POOR & in NEED OF EMPLOYMENT. PRAYERS for the families of SIDEWALK MINISTRY. ALL FOLKS AFFECTED by the recent storms everywhere.

**Still in Need of Prayers:** John & Doris Adamson, Andy & Pat Allan, Richard & Eleanor Armstrong, Tom & Dee Ashe, Bob & Ruth Bennett, Irene Blake (Paul Fillion's sister), Goldie Boleyn (Bev Toppin's mother), Martha Burkinshaw, Kay Bottomley (Mike Vagnier's mother), Lyle Brewer, Dr. Brad & Arlaine Bryant, Jim Burden & Marilyn Horkey, Martha Burkinshaw, Jim & Carolyn Burt, Sandy Campbell, Don & Arlene Catt, Karen Chandler, Carol Crosswhite, Rev. Bob & June Deits, Chuck Dickinson, Darrell & Laura Dinges, Rev. Jim & Eve Dinkel, Adelyne Douglass, Bonnie & Arne Eisen-traut, Janet Fillion (Paul & Joyce Fillion's daughter-in-law), Peter Fillion (Paul Fillion's brother), Elaine Finck,

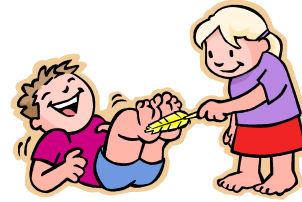
Danna & Andy Gharavi, Ardeena Gillette, Patti Girardi, Bill & Louise Green, Arline Hacker, Michael & Debbie Hale, Miriam Hanson (Brenda Rahaneotis' sister), Olive & Gaylord Hart & Kathy & Paul, their kids, Gary & Sara Hinman, Kerby Harms (Roger & Shirley Coad's grandson), Beth Hayes (Jeff Hayes' mother), 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, Bob & Lou Johnson, Ginny & Joe Johnson, Noel Jones (Linda & Morgan Jones' grandson), Gladys Kay (Jane Hayes' Mom), Mel & Mary Kilbo, Steve & Peggy Kinder, Amy Koneck (Dorothy Baker's granddaughter), Cheryl Lang, Thelma Lang (Pete 'n Kay Johnson's mother), Bob & Juana Mahlandt, Sue & Michael Malloy, Bryan McGann (Jeanette Lunstead's son), Corine McGinley (Diane Kissner's sister), Larry & Pat McMann, Wilbur McMann, Linda & Mike Mestek, Judy Monk, Charlotte Montoya (Uni Kincaid's sister), Hedy Moore (Jed Moore's mother), Ron Morrissette, Duane & Mary Nelson, Don & Diane Parker, Eileen Petticrew (Keith Petticrew's mother), Shirley Plakos, Calvin Quinn, Brenda & Pete Rahaneotis, Lynn Revis, Paul & Eleanor Rhymes (Hu Rhymes' brother-THANKS FOR ALL YOUR PRAYERS), Marv Richter, Jim & Marcia Ritenour, David & Judy Robertson, Brian Sanders (Brenda Rahaneotis' nephew), Virgil & Rose Scantlin, Sandy & Richard Schutt (Wendy Rhymes' sister & brother-in-law), Ari Shreffler, Rick & Sue Sutter, Sharon Szymanski (Victor & Lorraine Phillips' daughter), Bobbie Talbot, Marilyn Thomas, Lillian Thomas (Bill & Mary Thomas' mother), Kenneth Tippie (Jerry & Peggy Tippie's son), Jim & Bev Toppin, Gordon & Patty Truckle, Marven & Wanda Tufte, Jim & Charlene Van Slooten & Floy Kilbourn-their daughter, Ray and Nancy Villeneuve, Jack & Nancy Virden, Rita & Michael Vitalich, Mary Gay Wenger (Diane Heinauer's mother), Doug Wilder (Joan Wilder-Siersma's father), Delza Wilson (Jayne Urbach's mother), Dorothy Wolter, Chong Ho Yi (Friend of Lovena Warren), Betty Young, Don & Pat Zirjacks and the families of the above.

**JOYS:**

Brent & Amy Dodge & 2 children, who survived the tornado in Joplin, Missouri, but lost their home & cars (friends of Tuckers)

Pat & Butch Lackey live near Joplin and weren't hurt.

Taylor Wehle became an aunt.



**“LAUGH A LITTLE” with Hu**

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

DEAR PASTOR

“I'm sorry I can't put more money in the plate, but my father didn't give me a raise in my allowance. Could you have a sermon about a raise in a kid's allowance?”  
Patty, Age 10

“Please say in your sermon, that Peter Peterson has been a good boy all week, and that he ought to have a bigger allowance. I am Peter Peterson.”  
Pete, Age 9

“My father ought to be a minister. Everyday he gives us a sermon about money.”  
Robert, Age 11

“I liked your sermon where you said that good health is more important than money, but I still want a raise in my allowance.”  
Eleanor, Age 12

**DESIGNATED GIFTS  
FROM MEMORIAL/FUNERAL  
SERVICES**

MARV BOLES  
GCUMC Food Bank (Pet & People Food)

GRACE BYERS  
GCUMC Stained Glass Window Fund

**2011 – 2012 Events and Performances  
at Gold Canyon United Methodist Church**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
10/30/11	Sun	3 - 6 pm	<b>Fall-O-Ween</b> , our annual Fall Community event
11/6/11	Sun	3:00 pm	<b>Celebration of Veterans</b>
11/18/11	Fri	7:30 pm	* <b>Mask Messenger</b> return engagement
12/11/11	Sat	3:00 pm	<b>10<sup>th</sup> Annual Choral Christmas Concert</b>
12/11/11	Sat	6:30 pm	<b>10<sup>th</sup> Annual Choral Christmas Concert</b>
12/18/11	Sun	3:00 pm	* <b>Tucson Boys Chorus!</b>
12/24/11	Fri	4:00 pm	<b>Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Service</b>
12/24/11	Fri	6 & 8 pm	<b>Christmas Eve Candlelight Services with Choir</b>
12/24/11	Fri	11:00 pm	<b>Christmas Eve Communion Candlelight Service</b>
1/13/12	Fri	7:30 pm	<b>George Dyer</b> , Tenor soloist from Branson, MO
1/14/12	Sat	3:00 pm	<b>George Dyer</b> , Tenor soloist from Branson, MO
1/20/12	Fri	7:30 pm	* <b>Jeffrey Siegel</b> , pianist: <i>Keyboard Conversations</i>
1/21/12	Sat	5:00 pm	<b>Uncommon Grace</b> our Praise Team (Koinonia Rm)
1/28/12	Sat	9:00-4:00	<b>Canyon Arts Festival</b> Arts, crafts, music and food
1/29/12	Sun	3:00 pm	<b>Legacy Quartet</b> , men's southern gospel quartet
2/12/12	Sun	3:00 pm	<b>Thomas Sheeley</b> , Classical Guitar (NAU)
2/24/12	Fri	7:30 pm	* <b>Borealis Wind Quintet</b>
2/26/12	Sun	5:00 pm	<b>The Houser Gang</b> , Country/Western Concert
3/4/12	Sun	3:00 pm	<b>Spring Concert</b>
3/9/12	Fri	7:30 pm	* <b>American Chamber Players</b>
3/18/12	Sun	3:00 pm	<b>Isabelle Demers</b> , Organist, return engagement!
3/25/12	Fri	5:00 pm	<b>Choral Festival</b>
4/5/12	Thu	7:00 pm	<b>Maundy Thursday Service</b> with Communion
4/6/12	Fri	7:00 pm	<b>Good Friday Service</b> with Choir
4/8/12	Sun	6:00 am	<b>Easter Sunrise Service</b> w/Communion
4/8/12	Sun	8:00, 9:30	<b>Easter Festival Services</b> w/Choir, Bells, Brass
4/14/12	Sat	12-3 pm	<b>Spring Fling</b> , our annual Spring Community event
4/15/12	Sun	5:00 pm	<b>One in the Spirit</b> (Koinonia Room)
4/22/12	Sun	3:00 pm	<b>Svyati Duo</b> : Organ and Cello from Great Britain
5/20/12	Sun	3:00 pm	* <b>San Tan Choral &amp; Orchestra</b>

\* Indicates a ticketed event for a fee, sponsored by the Gold Canyon Arts Council, *Canyon Sounds* or *San Tan Chorale*. All other concerts are sponsored by Gold Canyon United Methodist Church *Performing Arts Series* and are open to the public at no charge, though a free will offering will be received. We ask that everyone please bring at least one non-perishable food item per person for the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church Food Bank.

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## International Missions

"The world is my parish." – John Wesley

Coffee: As the days heat up, the demand for hot coffee decreases; therefore we will postpone coffee sales on Sundays through the first half of October. Coffee sales on Sundays will resume on October 16. However, for the diehard coffee drinkers, both Green Parrot and Equal Exchange coffee may be purchased from the church office during regular working hours throughout the summer. Equal Exchange tea is also available. Cash is preferred if making purchases through the office: \$12.00 per pound of Green Parrot, \$10.00 per bag of Equal Exchange, and \$8.00 per box of tea.



Mission Trip Reminder: If you are interested in participating in a mission trip, the next group from GCUMC will volunteer in Costa Rica, February 10 - 21st, 2012. The approximate cost for the trip, including airfare, campus housing, and in-country transportation is \$2,000. We already have six GCUMC members committed to this experience with room for 2-14 more! We hope you will prayerfully consider joining this group for an in-action/hands-on experience of sharing God's love and work with the people of Costa Rica. The deadline for reserving your space on this mission trip is November 1, 2011. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Fay Quanstrom.

### 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.

Japan Emergency  
Earthquake & Tsunami  
UMCOR Advance #3021317

U.S. Disaster Response  
Spring Storms  
UMCOR Advance #3021326

Liberia Emergency  
UMCOR Advance #150300

Cote D'Ivoire Crisis  
UMCOR Advance #982450

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



*"...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."*



Grief Support Meetings for the summer will be on-call as needed as of May 1, 2011. Please call or email Laurie Christy for information. Lchristy20@yahoo.com or 480-518-3786.

### Cancer Support Group

.....meets each Wednesday at 11:00 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 deeashe7580@gmail.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®

**Got Crisis?**

Spiritual needs abound in the lives of us humans - especially those of us who are thrust into crisis situations. Notwithstanding, most of us habitually suppress our spiritual needs. As a result, when crisis strikes we are further crippled! A Stephen Minister will take time to listen, to understand and to discuss how you feel in your crisis. A Stephen Minister will help you gain new insight into your spirituality and your relationship with God as you struggle with your crisis situation. **You unload - Stephen Minister Listens!**

If your supply of hope and faith is running low, call the office or check the box for a Stephen Minister in the red attendance books.

### Church Bus Drivers Needed

Drivers and Assistant Drivers for the GCUMC church bus are needed for Sunday mornings. If you are interested in helping transport those who are unable to drive so they can attend worship on Sunday mornings, contact John Paddison.



### Kids in Church

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys".

A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus was sitting here, He would say 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait'". Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus".

One particular four year old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

When we honestly ask ourselves which persons in our lives mean the most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving advice, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a warm and tender hand. The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing, not curing, not healing and face with us the reality of our powerlessness, that is a friend who cares.

Henri J.M. Nouwen, in  
*Out of Solitude*

*Vacation Bible School  
June 13 -17*



*The enthusiastic kids*



*The irreplaceable volunteers*



*The artistic setting*

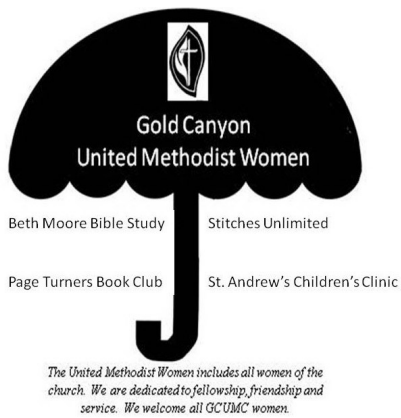


*The yummy snacks*



*The fun crafts*

Our thanks to Roy Fuerherm for the photography



## School of Christian Mission 2011 "All Things Made New"

**"And God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new!"**  
**Rev. 21 3b-5a NRSV**

Studies for 2011:

Spiritual growth: Coming out on the side of Grace: Forgiveness & Reconciliation

Geographic Study: Haiti

Social Issue: Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity

### Where and When

Phoenix Hilton/East Mesa  
July 21-24, 2011

Registration will begin this month. If you are interested in attending, please call Diana Linton 480-229-0706.

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### **Back to School - but it's just July!!**

The 2011 "Back to School Drive" begins August 1. Our collectibles for the Wesley Center are much appreciated, especially in these difficult times.

You are encouraged to collect any items you think a school age child might use, plus the usual pens, pencils, paper, notebooks, backpacks, rulers, erasers, crayons and spiral notebooks.

Containers will be in both buildings starting August 1.

### **A Note from our Pastoral Intern**

Well folks, summer has arrived in Gold Canyon, AZ! Although the summer season didn't officially start until June 20<sup>th</sup>, our temperatures here in the Phoenix area started to rise at the beginning of June, and those of us who are year-round residents have been looking for ways to beat the heat! And even though many are enjoying summer vacations and free time around their pools, as your Pastoral Intern my schedule has remained quite busy - and I'm loving every minute!

In addition to taking summer classes through Iliff School of Theology, I've been spending quite a bit of time getting to know those individuals and families who have been on our prayer list for the last several months. Pastor Hu and Wendy Rhymes have graciously allowed me to tag-along with them on some of their pastoral care visits so I can increase my experience in this area of ministry. I've also been helping Pastor Fred with a few projects here and there around the church - things that I might be faced with should I be appointed as a senior pastor at some point in the future. I make it a point to attend as many of the worship services as I can on Sundays, including the Country/Western service, where Rev. Bob Deits has asked me to help with serving communion. I've been invited by Youth Director Wendy Moore to attend the youth group meetings on Sunday nights (and have been cheering them on as they play in the UMC summer volleyball league), and was also asked to team teach our confirmation classes with Education Director Alex Houseman. In the coming months, I'm looking forward to leading some adult bible studies, planning additional worship opportunities, and continuing to be an active participant in the life of this church. Being your pastoral intern so far has been a wonderful and rewarding experience—and I know that in the coming months as I continue doing more around the church, I will not only get to know all of you even better, but will gain valuable experience that will be put to good use when I'm appointed to my own church.

As many of you know, the church where I've been a member for the last 18 years - Los Arcos UMC in Scottsdale - voted at the beginning of the year to close its doors. They held their last worship service on June 6. Most of the Los Arcos members will transfer to Scottsdale UMC when the closure is approved at our Annual Conference meeting at the end of June. I decided to transfer my membership to Gold Canyon UMC, and officially joined on June 12, 2011. Many of you have already welcomed me with open arms, and I feel very blessed, not only to be your pastoral intern, but to also be a member (at least for the time being) of such an active and vital congregation. Thank you for allowing me to serve you as your pastoral intern. As my internship responsibilities increase, I look forward to joining you in ministry, and I thank God every day for bringing me to Gold Canyon UMC. May God continue to bless us all as we work toward establishing God's kingdom here on earth.

Blessings,  
Jody Topping



# Volunteer Services

## VOLUNTEERS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Jane Hayes, Volunteer Coordinator  
982-3776

### July Inspirational Values

#### Listening

Are you as guilty of multi-tasking as I am? I know I will not **really listen** to another person as well when I am preoccupied with a computer, television, cooking, or other task. We all have an agenda of things we want to accomplish in an orderly fashion, but that can also mean we have not given another person our full attention.

Let's all **try** to give our family and friends the best listening when they are trying to tell us something they want to share with us!

#### Live Life

Just last week I found myself sitting in a chair without a real purpose other than to **live life**.

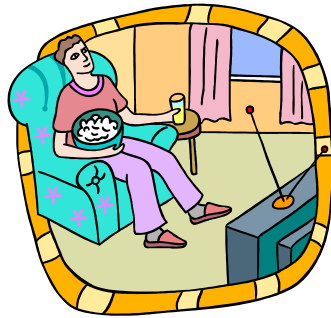
Do you have a list of tasks you want to complete like me? I found just taking a break from the tasks I could be completing gave me more motivation the next day to complete it. So, give yourself a break and watch tv or a movie, read a book or magazine, call a friend, and **SMILE!**

### Fantastic Volunteers

Our almost 70 children at VBS were well taken care of in June. Thanks to our **wonderful volunteers**, we had an adult for every 2 children. Thank you.

Of course, many others of you had items to donate for VBS that were gladly used by everyone. One young boy in the group I was teaching told me how much he enjoyed making the apron at craft time, whereas another's favorite activity was music.

The talents of our church family are wide and varied. We are truly blessed!



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 Desk or church office.**

Job	Mins. per week
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Hospitality/Coffee Server	30+
Shut in Meals	75
Transportation to doctor	90
Greeter	40
Bake cookies	60

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Lost & Found

Have you ever lost something and it may have been while you were at church? There is a Lost and Found box in the Church office that contains things like keys, jewelry, sunglasses, umbrellas, etc. If you think your item may be with us, stop by the office.



### Roadrunner Email

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

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

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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



# July Birthdays

Cheyenne Cassella	1	Dee Gates	9	Charles Jungman	16	Brighton Boyd	22
Shirley Krapek	1	Mary Kilbo	9	Ernie McMurry	16	Bob Burgi	22
Donald Osgood	1	Caryl Lang	9	Jenny Crow	17	Jeanne Paddison	22
Dixie Coules	2	Sue Mott	9	Ritchie Ericksen	17	Nancy Arbuckle	23
Connie Dauenhauer	2	Joyce Curtis	10	Melanie Frankel	17	Linda Brinkman	23
Alan Kinzel	2	Doris Ferrante	10	Wesley Kapler	17	Marge Stofferan	23
Bobbie Ryan	2	Jeannette Lunstead	10	Pailey Owen	17	Marjorie Tonole	23
Albert Brown	4	Keith Pettigrew	10	Terry Parsons	17	Scott Houseman	24
Chuck McKim	4	Vivian Schreiner	10	Lois Peebles	17	William Butterbrodt	25
Catherine Sullivan	4	Lawrence Welker	10	John Berry	18	Beverly Toppin	25
Linda Weidner	4	Steven Crane	13	Louise Green	18	Audrey Hulett	26
James Cowles	5	Nancy Pettigrew	13	Mary Lynn Preiss	18	Gordon Truckle	26
Bob Johnson	5	Betty Russell-Smeaton	13	Jerry Thacker	18	Carol Ballard	26
Bill Nielsen	5	Ted Christy	14	Jill Bills	19	Trudy Ramer	27
Debbie Adler	6	Janice Guerrero	14	Linda Boone	19	Sharee Sifferath	28
Sue Berg	6	Joann Wylie	14	Rod Hall	19	Rae Tianen	28
Marilynn Falk	6	Doris Barnes	15	Mary Thomas	19	Jackie Lewis	29
Christopher Bybee	7	Gail Crawford	15	Helen Curtis	21	Francisco DeLeon	30
Donna Hodges	7	Ella Mae Sander	15	Donald Gaulke	21	Elgin Morris	30
Robin Toner	7	Beau Steenbock	15	Tyler Houseman	21	Patsy Arehart	31
Lyle Brewer	8	Scott Callahan	16	Jeff Krstyen	21	Angela DeLeon	31
Dorothy McMurry	8	Dick Gale	16	Monica Ortega-Watters	21	Marlene Johnson	31
Herbert Adams	9	William Hughes	16	Carolyn Wozniak	21	Charlie Mitchell	31
Don Catt	9						

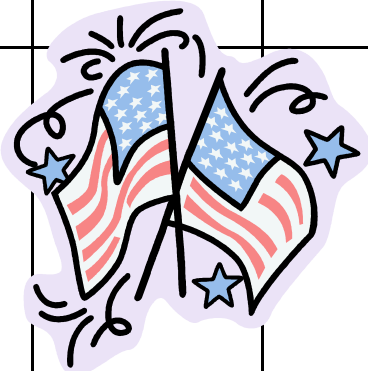
# July Anniversaries



Nyla & Dean Mansdorfer	2	Rebecca & Ronald Beason	9	Sharon & Gary Stemple	21
Lauren Collins- & Charlie Mitchell	4	LaDonna & Herschuel Howell	10	Brenda & Dave Patterson	22
Sharan & Bob Norin	4	Jerri & Rich Manbeck	10	Heather & Matt Rhoton	24
Cherie & Carl Madzey	5	Gloria & Bob Sheridan	10	Delores & Lester Norton	28
Jeannette & Chuck Hardman	6	Barbara & Glenn Hardesty	11	Jo Glasgow & Jim Collins	30
Kathleen & William King	6	Laurie & Ted Christy	14	Gail & Gene Crawford	30
Norma & Jim Tambke	6	Joy & Ted Fite	14	Grace & Bruce Love	30
Mary Faith & Dick Van Noy	6	Sharron & Monty Gingrich	18	Maureen & Joe Morton	30
Donna & Wes Hodges	7	Nancy & Thomas Jonovich	18	Anita & Larry Raffurty	30
Mylet & Ken Rush	7	Gale & Robert Adair	20	Ingrid & Don Schaefer	30
Donna & Ronald Jurgens	8	Alexandra & Scott Houseman	21	Renee & Carter Olson	31
Jean & Robin Alton	9				

*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.*

# GCUMC Calendar July 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Key</b> OA=Overeater's Anonymous                      AA=Alcoholic's Anonymous                      WOW=Witness our Wonder (Events &amp; Outreach Planning)                      K Rm=Koinonia Room                      Sanc=Sanctuary                      SofG=Sea of Galilee Room                      Ed.=Education Building</p>					<p>1                      10 am GC Mom's Club-101/102                      5:30 pm AA-SofG</p>	<p>2                      8 am Men's Breakfast @ Red Sage</p>
<p>3                      8 am Adult Sun. School-SofG                      8 am Traditional-Sanc.                      9:30 am Traditional-Sanc.                      10:50 am Praise-K Rm                      6:30 pm Youth --Ed. Bldg.</p>	<p>4  <b>HOLIDAY INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>                       7 pm Al-Anon--Rm 101/102</p>	<p>5                      10 am Community Grounds - Rm 101/102</p>	<p>6                      11 am Cancer Support - Room 101/102                      4:30 pm U-Can &amp; Bears Clubs- Ed. Bldg.                      5 pm Youth to Volleyball</p>	<p>7                      YOUTH MISSION TRIP                      3 pm Bell Quartet--Choir Rm                      7 pm Chancel Choir--Sanctuary</p>	<p>8                      YOUTH MISSION TRIP                      10 am Mindmenders - Rm 101/102                      5:30 pm AA-SofG</p>	<p>9                      YOUTH MISSION TRIP</p>
<p>10                      YOUTH MISSION TRIP                      8 am Adult Sun. School-SofG                      8 am Traditional-Sanc.                      9:30 am Traditional-Sanc.                      10:50 am Praise-K Rm</p>	<p>11                      YOUTH MISSION TRIP                      7 pm Al-Anon - Rm 101-102</p>	<p>12                      YOUTH MISSION TRIP                      10 am Community Grounds-Place Rm 101/102</p>	<p>13                      YOUTH MISSION TRIP                      11 am Cancer Support - Room 101/102                      4:30 pm U-Can &amp; Bears Clubs- Ed. Bldg.</p>	<p>14                      YOUTH MISSION TRIP                      3 pm Bell Quartet-- Choir Rm.                      7 pm Chancel Choir--Sanctuary</p>	<p>15                      YOUTH MISSION TRIP                      5:30 pm AA-SofG</p>	<p>16                      YOUTH MISSION TRIP</p>
<p>17                      8 am Adult Sun. School-SofG                      8 am Traditional-Sanc.                      9:30 am Traditional-Sanc.                      10:50 am Praise-K Rm                      6:30 pm Youth--Ed Bldg.</p>	<p>18                      7 pm Al-Anon - Rm 101-102</p>	<p>19                      10 am Community Grounds - Rm 101/102</p>	<p>20                      8 am Newsletter Team--Music Rm.                      11 am Cancer Support - Room 101/102                      4:30 pm U-Can &amp; Bears Clubs- Ed. Bldg.                      5 pm Youth to Volleyball</p>	<p>21                      3 pm Bell Quartet--Choir Rm.                      7 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>22                      10 am Mindmenders--Rm 101/102                      5:30 pm AA-SofG</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24                      8 am Adult Sun. School-SofG                      8 am Traditional-Sanc.                      9:30 am Traditional-Sanc.                      10:50 am Praise-K Rm                      6:30 pm Youth--Ed Bldg.</p>	<p>25                      7 pm Al-Anon - Rm 101-102</p>	<p>26                      10 am Community Grounds - Rm 101/102                      6 pm Houser Gang Rehearsal -K Rm</p>	<p>27                      8 am Newsletter Team                      11 am Cancer Support - Room 101/102                      4:30 pm U-Can &amp; Bears Clubs- Ed. Bldg.                      5 pm Youth to Volleyball</p>	<p>28                      3 pm Bell Quartet--Choir Rm.                      7 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>29                      5:30 pm AA-SofG</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31                      8 am Adult Sun. School-SofG                      8 am Traditional-Sanc.                      9:30 am Traditional-Sanc.                      10:50 am Praise-K Rm                      5 pm Country Worship-K Rm                      6:30 pm Youth--Ed Bldg.</p>						



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Senior Pastor	Fred A. Steinberg
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Associate Pastor	Bob Deits
Pastoral Intern/Administrative Associate	Jody Topping
Director of Education	Alexandra Houseman
Director of Music Ministries	Douglas J. Benton
Associate Director of Music	David Ballard
Director of Youth Ministries	Wendy Moore
Pianists	Carol Ballard
	Linda Jones
	Marty Robison
	Nancy Virden
Office Manager	Suzanne B. Jacobson
Volunteer Coordinator	Jane Hayes
Parish Nurse	Monica Ortega-Watters
Nursery Care Giver	Devona Brown
Facility Care Taker	Rick Ceynar

**Addressee or Current Resident**

[Empty dotted box for address or current resident information]

**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  
 On the Last Sunday of the month ONLY**

**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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