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From The Pastor: "Credit for Courage"



A long time ago, I rafted the Ocoee River in Tennessee. We floated down to the most difficult rapid on the trip. Above the rapid we pulled to the shore and the guide said, "You don't have to do this next rapid." He said, "On a 1 to 6 scale this rapid is a 5". A level 6 means you

die. So this rapid was classed "almost dead." Everybody but one couple opted to have the courage and stay in the raft. Do you want to know what happened? I am breathing today so you should know the answer to the question. We swallowed our fears and went for it. And we were glad we had the courage to face the challenge.

Often as we approach Easter we talk about Peter's denial of Jesus. But have you really thought about the courage that preceded his denial? When Jesus predicted all the disciples would desert him, Peter proclaimed, "Even though all become deserters, I will not." When the palace guard arrived to seize Jesus, it was Peter who

drew his sword and cut off the ear of the high priest's servant. When Jesus was captured, Peter alone followed the guards at a distance to see what would happen to Jesus. He even had the courage to enter the courtyard where those who had taken Jesus were standing. These were hardly the acts of a coward.

It was Peter who had the courage to get out of the boat and take steps on the water. What would it take for us to have such courage about our Savior and our faith? How might we live differently if we were courageous? What might our Church do with such courage? I invite you to allow the season of Lent to be a time when you reevaluate your faith. Is there something Christ is calling you to do or to believe? Or maybe Christ is calling you to let go of something that is keeping you from spiritual growth. See you on Sunday.

Grace and peace,

Fred



AS WE CONTINUE WITH THE GLORIOUS STORY BEGUN BY CHRIST'S BIRTH...

Palm Sunday Services March 28

Traditional Services: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am, Praise Service 9:20 am, Country Western Service 5:00 pm

Maundy Thursday Service April 1 at 7:00 pm

Good Friday Service April 2 at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday Services April 4

Communion Sunrise Service at 6:00 am

Continental Breakfast served at 7:15 am

Traditional Services: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am, Praise Service 9:20 am, Country Western Service 5:00 pm



A Note From Bob:

On Sunday, March 14, Gold Canyon UMC will welcome Dr. Gene Lowry to our pulpit. Gene served as Professor of Preaching at St. Paul's School of Theology in Kansas City, MO, for over 30 years. He is in constant demand, not only as a preacher, but as a professional jazz pianist, who has captivated audiences all over the United States with his programs showing the link between jazz and blues music and the Christian faith.

June and I have been privileged to have Gene and his wife, Sarah, as dear, personal friends for almost 20 years. His insights on preaching continue to have a great influence on me.

Gene will preach for our morning services, during which he will also play the piano for us. He will then present a program at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary titled "Jazz and Christianity," accompanied by Dwight Killian, who is recognized as perhaps the best bass player in the Phoenix area. *This is a program you will be glad you attended!*



An ordained UMC minister, Gene's academic preparation includes four degrees, culminating with a doctorate in the philosophy of education from the University of Kansas.

He has been featured in the Great Preachers series on the Odyssey Television Channel. Last year he delivered the Lyman Beecher Lectures on preaching at Yale University - the most prestigious venue for the subject.

He has written 6 books and many journal articles and book chapters on preaching, worship and Biblical study.

I am overjoyed to have Gold Canyon UMC experience this multi-talented preacher and musician.

Peace and joy,

Bob Deits



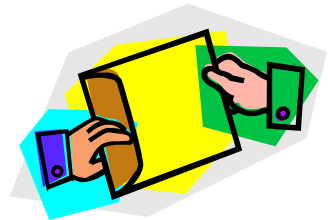
Please continue to recharge and use your Bashas' Community Support Cards and Fry's Gift Cards while shopping at these grocery chains. It doesn't cost you anything extra to use them (you still get the sale prices) and it benefits the church bus fund. See me at the Information Desk or go to the office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

Betty Rolley

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The GCUMC Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the availability of funds to those seeking educational financial aid for the 2010 fall school term. Application and criteria for eligibility forms are available in the church office. The completed application, along with the required supplemental information, should be returned to the church office by March 31, 2010. Applicants will be notified of the Scholarship Committee's decision in writing by May 1, 2010. Brochures are available in the church vestibule with more details about our scholarship program.

Tom Robison
Chairman, Permanent
Endowment Committee



DONATIONS AND ATTENDANCE

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

January	2008		2009		2010		2009	2010
	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Worship All	Worship All
1st	\$20430	\$10694	\$22862	\$10109	\$19792	\$6995	1477	1522
2nd	14593	4302	17944	5592	21906	6866	1808	1603
3rd	16638	8821	13772	4316	22617	4599	1733	1834
4th	17111	9665	16017	4838	17645	3792	1972	1745
5th	—	—	—	—	19413	2715	—	1928
Total	\$68772	\$33482	\$70596	\$24854	\$101373	\$24964	6990	8632



Christian Education...

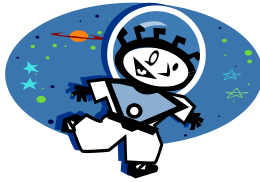
With "Coach" Ellis Falk

"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 IS COMING--SOON and that means VBS and Summer Camps.

Vacation Bible School--June 7th to June 11th.

Parents, please mark your calendars for your children to attend VBS this summer. The theme this year will be Galactic Blast: A Cosmic Adventure Praising God. Come aboard the great starship Galactic Praise to see our awesome universe and our awesome God in a whole new way. Each galactic mission includes a Bible story in the Good News Galaxy, along with science activities at the Orbital Observatory, music at Moons and Tunes, art projects at Cosmic Crafts and a snack at the Astro Bistro. Our VBS is scheduled for mornings from 9:30 to 12:30 pm and is open to children of the church and community from ages 4-12. Early Registration will begin in April and May. Last year there were close to 100 children attending. If you would like to help or need more information please contact Donna Fuerherm, Director, Lauren Collins-Mitchell, music coordinator, or myself, Ellis Falk, at the Church Office.See you there.....invite your friends to the awesome blast off this summer.



Summer Camps at Mingus Mountain It is never too early to start planning to attend one of these great camps this summer. The dates for the camps this year are: Senior High Camp (grades 10-12) June 7-12, Elementary Camp (grades 3-6) June 14-19, Super Camp (grades 3-9) June 28-July 3, Junior High Camp (grades 7-9) July 5-10.



You may register online at www.DESERTSOUTH-WESTCONFERENCE.ORG/CAMPS or call me at the church and I will give you the registration, health and medical forms.

Lenten Series As we proceed through Lent we will continue with a special Lenten Series each Thursday

evening in the Koinonia Room. The presenter is Rev. Fay Quanstrom and the overall theme is "You are God's Garden". A soup and bread meal will be served at 5:30 pm followed by a faith expanding devotional. I hope you will find time to attend at least one or more of these great sessions.



During Holy Week (Mar. 29-Apr.2) the church Sanctuary will be open for personal meditation and prayer 6:00 am until 9:00 am. There will be no special music or speaking during this time, just a time of personal prayer, self reflection and spiritual enrichment. Those who participated in this last year were greatly blessed.

Confirmation Classes Confirmation classes will start Feb. 28 at 5:00 pm. The classes will last about an hour and be over in time for any student to go to Youth Activities on Sunday Night. The proposed dates for the classes are Feb.28, Mar.7, Mar.21, Apr.18, May 2 and May 16. All classes begin at 5:00 pm in the computer room in the Education Building. Confirmation Sunday will be May 23. Any questions, please call me at the church office.

The Christian Education team is in need of part-time or full-time children's Sunday School teachers. If you would be willing to help teach, lead Bible games and memorization, and direct special crafts, please contact Joan Siersma or myself.

Are you able to treat a woman to the Retreat in April? Or could you help a youngster go to camp this summer? If you are able to fund a Scholarship or Campership, we would gladly accept any amount toward these causes. You would just need to make a notation in the memo section of your check as to how it should be directed. You never know, you just might be changing a life for God. Bless you.



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 2010

This year's mission trip will be to Mescalero, New Mexico. Mescalero had a population of around 1,233 during the 2000 census. It is home to the Mescalero Apache reservation. This year we will be participating in a "challenge" workcamp. A challenge workcamp is a bit more difficult and involves building or repairing porches and wheelchair ramps, building or repairing steps, roof repairs, weatherization and other home repairs. We could be building a wheelchair ramp for a disabled widow or fixing a porch for a single mom and her kids.

Because we are participating in a challenge the cost is a bit more than in the past. We need to raise \$15,000 to cover the cost of the trip. This will pay for our transportation, gas, food, lodging, and building supplies for the project. As in the past, we invite you to become a shareholder. This means that you will be invited to our annual shareholder dinner before our trip and our dessert night once we return to hear all about it.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Heather at the church office. And as always, thank you for changing the lives of our youth.

There's something a flock



The youth of Gold Canyon UMC are now proud owners of a flock of Pink Flamingos. These Pink Flamingos are just dying to get out and see the sights of Gold Canyon, Apache Junction and other neighboring towns. But they need help in order to get around. How this works is someone initially calls me (Heather Rodenberg 480-982-3776 or 480-612-1629), and states they would love to give a donation of \$25+ to have a good friend's front lawn flocked with Pink Flamingoes. It will then cost that person who was just flocked \$25+ to move the flock. Heather will come out and get the flock and move them for you. Now there's a way to get around being flocked by those cute little Pink Flamingoes! You can purchase "Flocking Insurance" for a donation of \$50. This insurance will protect you from ever being flocked again or can also protect you in advance. All the proceeds will go to support our mission trip this summer to Mescalero, New Mexico.

"Night of Hope"

Come and join us for our 2nd annual "Night of Hope" on March 27th at 5:00 pm. The evening will be filled with dancing, refreshments, encouragement, and stories of hope. The music will be from the 50s all the way up to current hits. We want to be the hope of God to those in our community. This event is being sponsored by our Youth Group with the proceeds going to help fund our mission trip this summer to Mescalero, New Mexico. Not only will you be a part of bringing hope to our community, but you will also be bringing hope to the community of Mescalero. The cost is \$5.00 and tickets may be purchased by calling the church office.

Donate to Youth Mission Trip.

We need a total of 38 shares.

1 Share = \$400

½ Share = \$200

¼ Share = \$100

**Please mark Youth
Mission
when donating.**





Music Notes

I hope all of you have enjoyed our great weather, even the rain, these past couple of months. I can't wait to see what God does with the desert this month! I'll bet there will be a rainbow of color all across the desert floor for us to enjoy!

We have started a new *Praise Choir* under the direction of *Cari Eastman*. They meet in the Koinonia Room on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Also, we have a *Mens Chorus* directed by *John Nuss* that meets on Monday mornings in the Koinonia Room at 9:00 am. If you are interested in something different, come check out one of these two groups.

We have some great musical events for you this month. First, our *12th Annual Spring Choral Concert* will be presented on Sunday, March 7th at 3:00 pm, and will feature the 80-voice *Chancel Choir*, *Chancel Ringers*, *Youth Handbell Team*, *Agape Brass Quintet*, piano, organ and timpani. *Don Engbrecht* will sing a special arrangement of *The Holy City* and of special interest will be a presentation of *The Passion of the Christ*, a special collection of anthems with narration. Get to the church early for a good seat! Doors open at 2:15 pm.

Next, we present *Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Lowry*, piano, with *Dwight Killian*, bass, in a recital of blues/jazz on Sunday, March 14 at 3:00 pm. Gene served as Professor of Preaching for over 30 years at Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, MO. Ordained a United Methodist minister, Gene's academic preparation includes four degrees, culminating with a doctorate in the philosophy of education from the University of Kansas. He was Senior Scholar in Residence at Drew University School of Theology fall 2003 and fall 2004. In the spring of 1999 he was a guest professor at Princeton Theological seminary. Gene's keyboard lecture/concerts relating jazz and Christianity have resulted in four recordings in the blues/jazz mode. Dwight Killian is revered as one of the finest jazz bassists in the country. This will be a very special afternoon of great music!

Sunday, March 21 at 3:00 pm, we will have internationally acclaimed Handbell Soloist, *Ruben Mendoza* performing for us. Ruben began his handbell career in 1978 with the *Knights of the Bell Table* at St. Genevieve Catholic Church in Los Angeles, CA. He has rung and taught at several events of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers (AGEHR), was a member of Campanile Handbell Ensemble and rang ten years with Sonos Handbell Ensemble in the San Francisco Bay Area. With Sonos, Ruben toured all over the United States, three tours in Japan, performed on *A Prairie Home Companion*, rang with the San Francisco Symphony Chorus, San Francisco Chamber Orchestra, San Jose Symphony, Oakland Symphony, Napa Valley Symphony, Kronos String Quartet and San Jose Taiko. Most recently, he was the featured soloist for the AGEHR National Seminar in Tucson last summer. You won't believe what one man can do with a set of handbells! You don't want to miss this one!

All three of these concerts are open to the public at no charge as a free will offering will be received. Everyone is asked to please bring at least one non-perishable food item per person for the GCUMC Food Bank. This is a great opportunity for you to invite your family, friends and neighbors to our church for a great musical experience in one of the finest acoustic spaces in Arizona. Maybe they would then like to come with you to worship on Sunday!

The *Gold Canyon Arts Council* presents *The Washington Saxophone Quartet* (WSaxQ) on Friday, March 26 at 7:30 pm. The members of the Washington Saxophone Quartet are saxophone geniuses who play cool jazz, a bit of swing and maybe some blues. Then again, if you close your eyes, you might think there is a string quartet playing Bach on stage or a master of the keyboard evoking the rich harmonies of an organ prelude. You've probably never heard the sax played this way. For more than thirty years, WSaxQ has performed recitals, informal concerts, and master classes in the United States, the Caribbean, and China, and on radio and television worldwide. The ensemble taps into a rich repertoire, from early music to newly commissioned works, and draws on a wealth of experience to reach listeners of every age and background. Tickets at the door are \$25.00, but look for a discount coupon for Gold Canyon UMC members in your Worship Bulletin on the Sunday before this concert. Discount coupons are only good at Canyon Rose Storage, just north of the church on Kings Ranch Road, until noon on the 26th. The GC Arts Council requests that everyone please bring a non-perishable food item for the GCUMC Food Bank to their concerts.

We have formed a group of people who will be creating a 5-year vision of our Music Ministries. I ask you to pray for us as we dream outside the box to make our Music Ministries as creative and effective as possible. We hope to create a "heart connection" in the worship of our God and Christ, in the music education of our people, and continued outreach through our Performing Arts Series and other programs. We will share with you our thoughts as we go forward. If you have some ideas, please share those with us.

Finally, I want to publicly say again (I can't say it enough!) how much I appreciate the incredible work the Chancel Choir does week in and week out – three services each Sunday; how great it is to work with the incredibly talented pianists *Linda Jones*, *Nancy Virden*, *Marty Robison* and *Carol Ballard*! What a wealth of talent they have! Thanks also for my great right hand, Music Librarian *Dottie House*, who keeps the choir - and me - organized! And, to our great Choir Council led by President *Carol Lineback* and Section Leaders *Sue Mott* - soprano, *Mary Catherine Myers* - alto, *Gary Ackerson* - tenor, and *Bud Rolley* - bass. Thank you all for your tremendous efforts and your great music!

Blessings,

Douglas J. Benton, Director of Music Ministries

WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY



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

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

SADIE RHYMES MEMORIAL



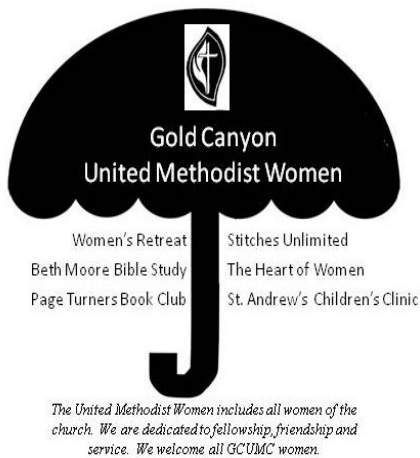
Again, we thank all of you who are donating Pet Food to the Food Bank. We just finished bagging cat food from a 36 pound bag into gallon size bags for the hungry kitties. George Dyer was in the office a few days before singing in church and at the Friday night concert. We were carrying a large bag of dog food out of the food bank to take home and bag. One of you donated that bag. He said, "Let me carry that for you". It saved our backs to have that help. Hu told him the story of the Sadie Memorial. We found out later that he also has a schnauzer-westie. We, of course, thought that was special, plus he has a **wonderful** tenor voice.

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

Sympathies: Margaret Baker, upon the death of her sister; Ron Calvin, upon the death of his sister, Geraldine Berggren; Ardeena Gillette, Debbie & Danny, upon the death of David; Bob Ingram & the family of Dr. J. Christopher Reynolds, upon his death; Bette May, upon the death of her husband, Art; Felicia Smithey, upon the death of her husband; The families of Rev. Clinton Rabb (head of the Mission Volunteers of the General Board of Global Ministries) & Rev. Sam Dixon (executive in charge of UMCOR), upon the death of both of them in Haiti; The family of Lt. Eric Shuhandler, upon his death and the families & friends of the above.

Concerns and/or Continued Prayers: Rose Anderson, Jack Becker, Nancy Binting, Cathy Bird, Marv Boles, Marian Bonestell, Jill Brewer, Betty Brigson, Duane Brown, Connie Brownell (Jerry Muratore's sister), Ida Buckner, Russ Caughey, Chuck Greco, Lorrene Davis, Darrell Dinges, Rev. Jim Dinkle, Marietta Doan, Janel Downing (Harriette & Jeff Downing's daughter), Rhonda Dropik (Jim & Marcia Ritenour's daughter), Kelly Fans, Audrey Harrington, Rich Hawk (Betty Fenske's son), Jane Hayes, Pam Hensley, Mary Ann Hicks, Harvey Hilliker, Bill Housemann, Neil Houtcooper, Glenn Jayne, Ken Jebelien, Mary Lou Johnson, Rev. Dr. Jim Jones, Connie & Rick Keeling, Norma Kraninc, Gary Krohn, Roger Liebmann, Mary Love Lintoedt, Bob Lofgren (Chris Houser's father), Chris Madding,

Jim Mann, Beverly Michaelis (Jerri Manbeck's sister), Jane Miller, Lauren Collins-Mitchell, Peggy Morrison, Chris Nuss (Kathy & John Nuss's son), Barb Oldham, Ron Olson, Anthony Padilla, Bea Parnham, Marilyn Pearson, Jim Preidis (Sue Malloy's son-in-law), Lois Poteet (Barb Oldham's sister), Thomas Preiss, Darin Purcell, Sharon Ragland (Our District Superintendent), Peter Rahaneotis, Laurie Reiter, Lynn Revis, Debbie Rycraft (John & Dixie Coules' daughter), Thomas Self (Marilyn Pearson's brother-in-law), Jim Serine, Jake Shiner, Bill Seivert, Nancy Smith (Robert Baker's daughter), Carol Somerville (Mary Catherine Myers sister-in-law), Barry Sparks, Chuck Stock (Pat & Judy Campbell's brother-in-law), Jack Thornburn (Freda Moffitt's brother), Maynard Tweed, Charlene Van Slooten, Gene Wagner (Larry Wagner's brother), Betty Wilcox (Bob Bonestell's sister), Doug Wilder (Joan Wilder-Siersma's father), Paula Wirth, Karen Yurchak and PRAYERS for the families (CAREGIVERS) of the above. PRAYERS for the folks in Haiti who have lost loved ones, been injured, lost homes & prayers for those who are sending funds, food/supplies & are volunteering in Haiti. 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.



**“The Purse Driven Life”
Women’s Retreat April 16-18
Speaker: Gayle Young**

Exciting stuff!!!

We have a new venue for 2010. We will be driving an easy drive just two hours north of Phoenix to Living Water Retreat in Cornville, AZ. It is a 30 acre oasis along Oak Creek, a very peaceful setting in which to experience the natural beauty of God’s creation. You can take a stroll along the creek or a tree lined pond, or sit in the serene prayer garden, your choice. They provide home-cooked meals and desserts, ladies. And the best part of all is you can pack light, because they provide sheets, blankets, pillows and bath linens for each guest.

We will be featuring a guest speaker for the retreat this year, Gayle Young from Ponca City, Oklahoma. Gayle has been married to husband John for forty years. She has two grown children, Marcy and Charlie, and a grandson, Jace. Gayle has worked as the Women’s and Children’s Minister at First Baptist Church, Ponca City, Oklahoma since 1993. Before that she was an elementary school counselor for 7 years, and before that a stay-at-home mom. She has a Bachelors Degree in Speech and English, and a Masters Degree in Guidance and Counseling. Her Love: Bible Study and sharing it with women and children. Just a note: Gayle is my dear friend who has been loaning our church the Beth Moore Bible Studies every year for 8 years now. Aren’t we blessed she is coming to us?!! I don’t know who is more excited, me or her!!!

Registration forms will be available in the church office and at the Information Desk. Cost for the weekend is \$115 which includes meals, lodging, and programming, etc. A limited number of scholarships will be available. A \$45 Deposit will hold your reservation, and the balance is due April 1st in the church office. If you need further details about the weekend, please call Diana Linton at 229-0706.



Did you have a favorite book as a child?

When clients come for assistance to the food bank, they are told to select one new book for each child in their family. If you’d like to support our book ministry, we always need new books. Reading Levels range from baby board books and toddler picture books to high school novels.

We’d love to share your favorite books with these needy children and teens.

When money is tight at home for food, we know parents aren’t able to buy books. Research shows that children who have books in their homes not only are better readers but do better in school through all grade levels.

Books may be dropped at the office or left on the lobby table in the education building. (Gently used – almost new books are welcomed, too!) If you have any questions or donation suggestions call Chris Houser at 480-671-0174.

A huge thank you to all who have donated so far. We’re always short on board books and have loved the Nancy Drew starter series and the Roald Dahl collection.

Adam and Eve were Vegetarians

In Genesis 1:29 (KJV), God says to Adam and Eve:

Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed and every tree, in which is the fruit yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

It was not until after the Flood that people were permitted by God to kill animals for food.

In Genesis 9:3 (KJV)

Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.

Source: *Why Are There No Cats in The Bible?*

Healthy Living

By Monica Ortega-Watters, RN

Be Sun Smart

Now that Arizona is experiencing the weather we all like, I thought this would be a good time to discuss sun safety tips. It doesn't take much time in the sun before we can damage our skin. Living in Arizona we must all be mindful of this. Below is a list of helpful reminders.

- **Generously apply a broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen** with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 30 or more to all exposed skin. "Broad-spectrum" provides protection from both ultraviolet A (UVA) and ultraviolet B (UVB) rays. Reapply approximately every two hours, even on cloudy days, and after swimming or sweating.
- **Wear protective clothing**, such as a long-sleeved shirt, pants, a wide-brimmed hat, and sunglasses, where possible.
- **Seek shade** when appropriate. Remember that the sun's rays are strongest between 10 am and 4 pm. If your shadow appears to be shorter than you are, seek shade.
- **Protect children** from sun exposure. Be sure to play in the shade, use protective clothing, and apply sunscreen.
- **Use extra caution near water** because it reflects and intensifies the damaging rays of the sun, which can increase your chances of sunburn.
- **Get vitamin D safely** through a healthy diet that may include vitamin supplements. Don't *seek* the sun.
- **Avoid tanning beds.** Ultraviolet light from the sun and tanning beds can cause skin cancer and wrinkling. If you want to look like you've been in the sun, consider using a sunless self-tanning product, but continue to use sunscreen with it.
- **Check your birthday suit on your birthday.** If you notice anything changing, growing, or bleeding on your skin, see a dermatologist. Skin cancer is very treatable when caught early.

Look for information to be posted regarding Blood Pressure Screenings that will be taking place on the 3rd Sunday of every month. Our first screening will take place on Sunday March 21, 2010.

Blessings,
Monica



Why would eight retired men and women leave their comfortable everyday routines to travel thirty plus hours over thousands of miles from home? To follow the guiding of the Holy Spirit? To experience culture shock? To work long hours in a hot, noisy, sawdust-filled area involving skilled and manual labor? To discover new foods, surroundings, adventures and friends? To learn to laugh at jokes as well as to share hymns and devotions in spite of language differences? To receive more than we gave? To learn to appreciate so much in the USA that is taken for granted?

Why would eight retired Gold Canyon United Methodists go to Chile to help build new church pews (bancas nuevo)? Come find out at the International Missions banquet!! (See next page for info.)

Submitted by Randi Olson, Chile team member





International Missions

"The world is my parish." – John Wesley

The GCUMC International Missions Team is pleased to announce our 2nd Annual "People around the World" Program and Dinner. Please be sure to mark your calendars with the following event information.

When: Saturday, March 13, 2010, 5:00 pm.

Where: Gold Canyon United Methodist Church

What: Chili Supper - \$5.00 per person (tickets on sale between Sunday services)

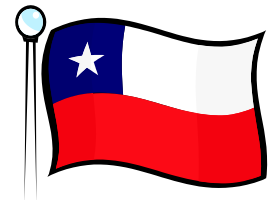
Who: Chile Work Team Members and Members of the International Missions Team

The highlight of the evening will be a photo presentation and personal reflections by the Chile Work Team on their recent trip to Iquique, Chile. Team members said of the trip, "This was a once-in-a-lifetime adventure and the people there were so wonderful to work with. The members of the work group look forward to this opportunity to share our experiences with the other people of our congregation." During the evening we will also have updates on other international mission projects supported by GCUMC. In addition, a "Silent Auction" will be conducted with 100% of the proceeds going to support international missions. (Note: if you would like to contribute an item for the silent auction, please contact us.)

Tickets for this exciting event will be on sale at the International Missions Green Parrot Coffee table, between Sunday morning services, from February 14 to March 7.

Don't miss this unique opportunity for good food and fellowship, and to also to serve fellow Christians around the world.

If you would like more information on the dinner or any of our outreach projects, or if you would like to become a member of the international missions team, please contact Jackie Douglass (jackied.coaz@gmail.com), Nona Larson (enonal@msn.com), John Paddison (johnpaddison@yahoo.com), or Jean Paddison (azjean@yahoo.com).



This is where Chile is located on the South American continent. It's flag resembles that of Texas.

"...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."

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

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



W.O.W. Corner

W.O.W. team members are gearing up for events on the schedule for the next few months ~ wouldn't YOU like to join in the fun and fellowship of the W.O.W. team? Give Ron Walker a call at 480-671-3881 if you'd like to participate.

Palm Sunday is March 28th and we'll be participating in the services that day wearing robes and carrying palm fronds to celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Easter Sunday, April 4th we will be serving a continental breakfast after the Sunrise Service. Information on how you can help will be in the April RoadRunner and in future bulletins.

Then, on April 10th **SPRING FLING** will make a return engagement with entertainment for young and old alike. Events include: "Bouncy House"; vehicles displayed by the Corvair Club; Barber Shop Quartet; Superstition Search & Rescue; Sanctuary building tours; dunk tank with Pastor Fred; fire truck on display; various games for the younger attendees; AND, food booths including Root Beer Floats. This promises to be a fun day for all. Plans are well underway and your suggestions are encouraged and welcome.



We have a lot of fun and would love to have you join us ~ call Ron or simply attend the next meeting on March 1st at 6:00 pm in the Education Building. See you there!

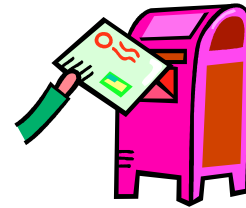


Commemorative Mugs!!!!



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.



LETTERS FROM FRIENDS

I want to thank the church for your prayers. My son had a safe return from Iraq. Keep us in your prayers. We also want to thank the workers at your food bank. They are always a blessing.

A Grateful Friend

Dear Friends,

Dorothy and I will be leaving this Sunday (Feb. 14) so I can pursue some new treatments in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. We couldn't leave, however, without thanking Pastor Fred, Hu and Wendy Rhymes, members of the choir, and all the folks whose prayers and good wishes have sustained us through these rather trying times. We will certainly miss all the friendships we have developed and it is our hope that through the grace of God we will be able to return.

Thank you all,
Leroy Wolter

Do you know how you get Holy Water?
Boil the hell out of it!!!!

Volunteers are needed to help pick citrus for the United Food Bank every Friday morning through the month of March. Meet at the church at 8:30 am if you would like to car-pool. If you have any questions, please call Terry Parsons at 480-982-6578.



Dear GCUMC Members & Friends,

Lyle and I thank you so much for your calls, cards, prayers, food, visits and concern before, during and after my surgery and recovery.

A big, big "Thank You" to Rev. Hu and Wendy for their visits and prayers.

All were very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Jill Brewer



Laurie Christy 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. The group meets

every Wednesday at 4:00 pm in the Education Building.

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



Update on Habitat for Humanity – Fall Project

Unfortunately, we have been unable to participate in a Habitat for Humanity project this winter. We hoped to be able to rehabilitate an existing home in Apache Junction, but so far Habitat has not been able to find a veteran family to qualify for this opportunity.

So, we are looking forward to being part of building a new home again next fall, as our church coalition has done for the last several years. The build site will be in Apache Junction. It will begin in September and last for about 15 weeks. We know this is early for our winter visitors to participate, but some of the other churches in our coalition have more year-round members and will be able to shoulder the load for the first few weeks until we have more people.

We would like to encourage you to make a financial gift to this worthwhile effort before you go home for the summer. We have raised \$1400 so far, and hope to raise at least \$5000 by September. Any amount would be appreciated. Please note "Habitat for Humanity" in the memo of your check. If you would like to be added to our list of volunteers, please call or email us.

We will keep you posted as plans develop. Thanks so much for your ongoing support of this ministry.

Joe and Maureen Morton
602-284-2826
MoandJoeM@aol.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. Come join us. Contact Jeanette Lunstead at 480-671-9888 or the church office for more information.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY®**

We know prayers of faith are offered today. We see people healed. Sometimes the miracles are obscured by modern technology, but nonetheless, they are God-given miracles.

Betty Groth Syverson, in
Bible Readings for Caregivers

GOT THE "FLU"?

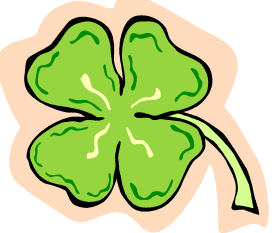
You're down with something and IT AIN'T the flu! Well, maybe flu of some sort. Could something lurk kind of hidden and covered up or loom large and noisy in your past that makes you question your humanness, crops up unwilling in your thoughts, worries you; something which you know affects your relationship with others, something that hurts and constantly festers, some door that won't close??

Whatever it is or may be, getting it out and showing it to or discussing it with some trustworthy person can really help. Engage the confidential and cleansing help of a Stephen Minister. Call the office for a referral. Do it!!!

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.
In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight your paths.*

Proverbs 3:5-6

GCUMC Calendar March 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>7</p> <p>8 am Adult Sunday School 8 am Traditional 9:30 am Praise (K Rm) 11 am <i>The Journey</i> 11 am Traditional 12:30 pm Disciple 3 1 pm FPU - K Rm 3 pm Spring Concert 5 pm CW Service 6:30 pm Crossfire</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9 am Men's Choir - K Rm 10 am Job Seekers - Rm 101/102 5:30 pm Pastoral Care - Rm 101/102 6 pm WOW Meeting - K Rm 6:30 pm Stephen Ministers - SofG Rm 7 pm Admin. Council-Music Rm. 7 pm AI-Anon - Rm 101/102</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10 am Community Grounds - Rm 101/102 10 am Living & Dying--SofG Rm 6 pm Life Hurts, God Heals- Educ. Bldg. 6 pm One in the Spirit 7 pm Adult Bells</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9 am Beth Moore--Educ Bld 10 am Cancer Support - Music Rm 11:45 Movie <i>Mattinee</i>--K Rm. 4 pm Grief Support - K Rm 4:30 pm U-Can & Bears Clubs- Ed. Bldg. 5:30 pm Angel Choir 6 pm Disciple 1--Rm101/102 6:30 pm Praise Choir 7 pm Youth Handbells</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10 am Prayer Shawl Ministry - Rm 101/102 5:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper 6:30 pm Esther Study--SofG 7 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10 am GC Mom's Club- Rm 101/102 5:30 pm AA-SofG 6:30 pm Boy Scouts- Rm. 101/102</p>	<p>6</p> <p>-Men's Breakfast at Reed Sage 9:30 am Sidewalk Ministries @ Desert Chapel 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal 3 pm FRED'S 50th BIRTHDAY PARTY--Koinonia Rm.</p>	
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March Birthdays



Bettie Armstrong	1	Mike Weaver	7	Joan Carns	13	Timothy Steinberg	20
Barbara Brownfield	1	Marjorie Finley	8	Dolores Cecil	13	Jhustise Aguilar	21
Doris Miller	1	Inge Fitzpatrick	8	Carolyn Schlager	13	William Bennett	21
Stan Oolman	1	James Fleck	8	Peg Wilson	13	Baylee Kimble	21
Art Schlee	1	Bob Norin	8	June Deits	14	Ann Rasmussen	21
Delwyn Warkenthien	1	Ron Walker	8	Charles Lang	14	Paul Fillion	22
Frank McMahan	2	Richard Kinder	9	Bill Shafer	14	Lori Bachler-Palmer	23
Shirley Bobier	3	Marva Masters	9	Loren Riley	15	Monty Gingrich	23
Brodie Broderon	3	Shirley Bobier	10	Noreen Beatty	16	James Morganegg	23
Kathryn Moore	4	Nancy Bradshaw	10	Patrick Hughes	16	James Primeau	25
Claudine Nielsen	4	Richard Ervin	10	Marilyn Pearson	16	Alyssa Schenck	25
Pete Peterson	4	John Lane	10	Maxine Slagle	16	Gary Mueller	26
Peggy Tippie	4	Mary Catherine Myers	10	Arline Hacker	17	Wendy Rhymes	26
Nancy Bilensky	5	Brenda Patterson	10	Elizabeth Miller	17	Velma Carlson	27
Lavoyce Nolan	5	Charlene VanSlooten	10	Suzanne Jacobson	18	Barbara Sebring	27
Maxine Slagle	5	Erin Keenan	11	Julie Krull	18	Neil Johnson	28
Arne Eisentraut	6	Don Leach	11	Jack Richter	18	Dean Mansdorfer	29
Ellis Falk	6	Dorothy Warren	11	Beth Steinberg	18	Ted Fite	30
Mary Virginia Waldorf	6	Verla Whiteaker	11	Gloria Sheridan	19	Richard Oldham	30
Henrietta Johnson	7	John Allensworth	12	John Toner	19	Jennifer Adams	31
Jonathon Sheridan	7	Nancy Bradshaw	12	Jenna Hunt	20	Joy Fite	31
Bobbie VanderRoest	7	Casey Reid	12	Cecilia O'Brien	20	Nellie Moore	31



March Anniversaries

Linda & Steven Crane	5	Roxie & Gene Kruschek	18
Gwen & Marvin Murcek	5	Joan & Andy Siersma	19
Robin & Paul Toner	8	Coral & Harold Greene	21
Ruth & Abe Rikli	9	Diane & Gary Sauerbrunn	21
Betty Lou & Gary Hunter	11	Melva & Neil Houtcooper	23
Dorothy & Ernie McMurry	12	Becky & Rod Reid	26
Jean & Larry Graham	13	Shirley & Mark Johnson	30
Charlene & James Van Slooten	14	Dorothy & Ranford Warren	30
June & Rev. Bob Deits	15	Lovena & Harry Warren	30
Willa & Joe Ficarra	15	Maxine & Orville Slagle	31
Calvin & Sylvia Quinn	16	Linda & Don Webber	31
Marjorie & Wesley Kappler	18		



Volunteers Do Make a Difference

Jane Hayes, Volunteer Coordinator
982-3776

March Ideas

Have you wished you had choices to make each day to make a difference? Check out the daily calendar with simple ideas at www.actsofkindness.org for more information.

Also, I found an alphabetized list of all those wonderful Inspirational Values we need more of. You'll find that at www.values.com. I'm starting with A this month.

Achievement

Consider the church members who made a commitment to travel to Chile and made differences in other's lives. Give some praise to:

- Jane DeRemer
- Randi Olson
- Faye & Wally Quanstrom
- Joyce & Fred Scharringhausen
- Lovena & Harry Warren

Ambition

Grace Markert has found her calling in volunteering to host the 11:00 Coffee Hospitality. I'm sure she would be surprised should you stop by to thank her for her efforts.

Appreciation

We all benefit from some lovely ladies who spent many hours with our church the first week of February. These ladies prepared the weekly bulletins, including the commitment cards and health insert, as well as two complete sets of envelopes with commitment cards and quarterly giving statements for mailings. Please recognize:

- Bette Armstrong
- Wendy Christian
- Marie Fetcenko
- Grace Markert
- Nellie Moore
- Sharon Purcell
- Karen Winter



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

1. Greeters for special Holy Week services
2. Continental Easter Breakfast: juice, muffins, rolls, or cash donation
3. Office Assistant
4. Coffee Team
5. Custodial Assistant
6. Shut-in Meal

Name _____

Phone _____

Easter is just around the corner. Now is the time to order lilies for this year. If you wish to order an Easter lily or lilies, please fill out the attached order blank and include the \$10.00 payment for each flower ordered. The form, along with the payment, may be mailed to Gary Stemple, 8295 E. Sweet Acacia Dr., Gold Canyon, AZ 85118-6998; placed in the offering plate; or put in Gary's box in the office. Please make all checks payable to the church and mark it "Easter lily." The Easter Lilies will be placed in the Sanctuary and the Koinonia Room for your enjoyment on Easter Sunday. You may take your lilies home **after** the Sunday services.

EASTER LILY ORDER BLANK

Please order an Easter lily in Memory of

Please order an Easter lily in Honor of

Total amount attached: \$ _____

Your name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Please call Gary or Sharon Stemple, 671-4307, if you have questions.

Roadrunner Email

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

Name (s): _____

Email Address: _____

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



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	John LaViolette

Addressee or Current Resident

[Empty dotted box for addressee or current resident information]

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

***8:00 AM—Traditional Worship**
***9:30 AM—Traditional Worship**
***11:00 AM—Traditional Worship**
In the Sanctuary

***9:20 AM—PRAISE Service**
In the Koinonia Room
Music led by *Uncommon Grace*
**Childcare Provided*

5:00 PM—Country Western Service
Every Sunday from
October through June

**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

✝ 11:00 AM ~ *The Journey* Adult Sunday School
 Meets in Room 101/102

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