



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

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**From The Pastor:
"Ashes, Wilderness, Water,
Mud and Much More**

A couple of years ago Neil Brogren invited me to hike with him and a hiking group along the ridge trail of the Superstition Mountains. It was to be a 12 hour hike through rugged landscape so we arrived at the trailhead at about 6:00 am. We said goodbye to our drivers and began to ascend into the wilderness. Along this 12 hour, 12 mile journey there were experiences not to be forgotten.



Some of the group watched me tumble down a hillside while taking a picture. I am sure they thought I was a tenderfoot hiker after that fall. They probably wondered about the wisdom of inviting me along.

We saw a gila monster along the way and took numerous pictures. But the biggest reward of the hike was the incredible views of Gold Canyon and Apache Junction from the top of the mountain. We could see for miles and miles. Many miles later we arrived at the Lost Dutchman State Park a little tired and worn. But we had experienced much and learned much. Our bodies might ache but we had experiences we would never forget.

In a similar fashion I invite you to journey with me during the upcoming Lenten Season. We probably won't see a gila monster but we will talk about ashes, wilderness, water, mud, a cave, palms, and an empty tomb. On Ash Wednesday we will launch this trip with a new sermon series entitled "Landscape of Lent." As we travel through the rugged terrain of Lent we will have some experiences that we will never forget. I hope you will join us. And, you might even invite a friend or two to tag along.

Grace and peace,

Fred



Please welcome the following people, who were accepted into church membership on Feb. 20:

- Mylet & Ken Rush
- Sallie Buzzard
- Jim C. Collins
- Jo Glasgow
- Dena & Dennis Sohocki
- Marlene & Curtis Johnson
- Linda & Terry Roberson

ANOTHER WAY TO GIVE THANKS FOR ALL THE LORD HAS DONE FOR US

During the four services we attend on Sunday we see a lot of things happening; however, there is much more to the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church than what we see on Sunday. Under the surface, just like a duck paddling below the water, much is happening. We have the food bank, the trustees who take care of the property, and the many missions of the Church, just to name a few. Another of these is the Endowment Committee. This committee has a significant history in our Church and we are hopeful that it will become even more important. The goal is to encourage capital gifts to the Church by wills, gifts of stock or other appreciated assets, or by setting up a gift annuity. This type of gift must be handled in a professional manner, and we have made arrangements to do this. We partner with the Desert Southwest United Methodist Foundation located in Phoenix; two of our members, Bill Waechter and Tom Robison, are on the board of the DSUMF. The DSUMF holds our accounts in the name of Gold Canyon UMC, and provide professional financial services for us.

The Gold Canyon UMC Permanent Endowment provides ongoing benefit to the Church, but it is not intended to support the Church's operating budget. This latter budget should be and is funded by our tithes and offerings. The Scripture instructs us to, "Take up our cross, daily."

If this Church has meant a lot to you, assisted you or your family in your spiritual growth, and you would like to consider making a lasting gift to the Gold Canyon UMC, we are available to talk with you. You may contact any member of the Endowment Committee:

Bettie Armstrong, Royce Brownfield, Paul Fillion, Howard Flowers, Doran Hays, Tom Robison, Rodger Schiager, Bill Waechter, or Wally Quanstrom.

Wally Quanstrom, Chairman of the GCUMC Endowment Committee. wally.quanstrom@gmail.com

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE!

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



Giving Made Easy with Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)!

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

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
- Stain Glass for upper room windows

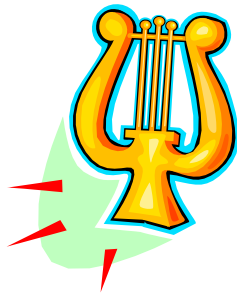
Uncommon Grace Concert

I would like to thank all who attended the “Uncommon Grace” concert in January. A good time was had by all. I would also like to thank all of you who support “Uncommon Grace” in the weekly Praise Service. We could not continue to provide the Lord’s music without your love and support. Also, a great big thank you to the “Uncommon Grace” members: Carol Ballard, Dave Bos, John LaViolette, Jed Moore, Katee Sharp, Mike Wittig, Tim Carpenter and Kathy Weigel. They tirelessly give of themselves week after week providing top quality music. Thank you.

David Ballard

One in the Spirit Concert

Come join “One in the Spirit” on Sunday, April 3rd, for their annual contemporary Country Western Concert. The concert will be held in the Koinonia Room at 5 pm. If you enjoy some of your old time favorites like: “On the Jericho Road”, “O How I Love Jesus”, “Good-by, World, Good-By” and many, many others, this is the concert for you. A free will offering will be received and we ask that you please bring a non-perishable food item for the food bank.



*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all
the earth; break forth into joyous song
and sing praises.*

*Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of
melody.*

*With trumpets and the sound of the
horn make a joyful noise before the
King, the Lord.*

Psalms 98:4-6

VIEW FROM THE PIANO BENCH

By Nancy Virden

When I have a Sunday off and I view the choir from the congregation’s angle (and now even more “up close and personal” with the video on the screen), I realize how much more there is to CHOIR than just great music every Sunday and at concerts. It is a close-knit family in the midst of the body of Christ, the church. We even have a mascot, Gracie (Topbrass Say Goodnight Gracie is her AKC name). Gracie, a Golden Retriever, sits very dignified in her Human’s truck while her owner is at choir rehearsal, 2 ½ hours or so in church on Sunday mornings and at other times. Gracie is definitely your above-average canine.

There are also some crazy ones in our midst who bring lots of laughter – thanks to Sam’s fine example. But we also have our sober times. As we come into the music room, there is a sheet on the table where we list prayer requests and also joys. These are prayed for at the end of our rehearsal time. We have had three specific examples the past few weeks of how the Lord watches over us and helps us through some potential life-threatening times.

Ex. #1: Lester Norton managed to land himself in the hospital with boulder size kidney stones (well, it felt like it) that required blasting. He was back within a week with big smiles at choir rehearsal.

Ex. #2: Our heroine is Gracie who stayed by her human all day pawing him and keeping him company while he was bundled up on the floor going in and out of consciousness with bleeding ulcers, losing a lot of blood. When Gracie got very anxious after not getting outdoors all day, she got Dick Liddicoatt awake so he could crawl to the door and let her out. Gracie immediately ran down to Dick’s good friend 6 doors away showing agitation. Dick managed to phone his friend, saying that he had a problem and the friend called 911. A few days in the hospital, 6 pints of blood and 4 bags of frozen plasma later, Dick returned home to a rejoicing Gracie and he, too was back in choir last Sunday smiling.

Ex. #3: Larry Graham and his wife were to leave on a trip to Egypt three days or so before the riots. After discussion with the leaders of the trip, it was cancelled. They are so thankful as they would have been caught in the middle of it all.

Just before the choir leaves the room to go down to the choir loft, Doug always prays

“... may we be the best we can be in all things.”

And in my heart I sing the Gaither song, “I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God.”

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

GCUMC Scholarship Committee

The GCUMC Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the availability of funds to those seeking educational financial aid for the 2011 fall school term. Application forms and criteria for eligibility are available in the Church office. The completed application, along with the required supplemental information, must be received by the Church office no later than March 31, 2011. Applicants will receive written notification of the Scholarship Committee's decision by May 1, 2011. Brochures are available in the Church narthex with additional details.

If anyone in our GCUMC family has a camper trailer or RV that they would be willing to donate, please contact Suzanne in the office at 480-982-3776



DONATIONS AND ATTENDANCE

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

January	2009		2010		2011		2010	2011
	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Worship All	Worship All
1st	\$22862	\$10109	\$19792	\$10109	\$21373	\$8674	1522	1468
2nd	17944	5592	21906	6866	20630	3511	1603	1849
3rd	13772	4316	22617	4599	16193	14269	1834	1845
4th	16017	4838	17645	3792	19300	7802	1745	1821
5th	—	—	19413	2715	17454	6672	1928	2007
Total	\$70596	\$24854	\$101373	\$24964	\$94950	\$40928	8632	8990



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.”

Hello March!! We welcome you with open hearts and open arms. You bring us spring and we are so thankful to marvel at God’s glorious wonders during this beautiful time of year. March brings us many events and many opportunities to get involved, to bless those around us and to receive manifold blessing in return.

February saw the kick-off of our first Home Group Bible Study! Those who participated thoroughly enjoyed and were immensely blessed by the *Live Like You Were Dying* study. You will find more information about upcoming Home Group studies at the Education table between services.

March also has us planning for VBS. VBS will take place June 13th – 17th. The theme this year is *Shake it Up Café – Where Kids Carry Out God’s Recipes*. Jesus calls us to “shake up” our lives and become his followers. The Bible gives us the recipe: be ready for God’s call, give happily to God and to others, believe fully in Jesus as God’s Son, remember Jesus’ life and teaching, and celebrate God forever. *Shake it Up Café* introduces your children to stories of biblical festivals that reveal these ingredients and link the Old Testament and the New Testament to our lives today. Registration will begin in April. You can find out more information or sign up to volunteer at the Education table between services.

Special Events:

A Lenten Study will be starting on March 17. The series is entitled *Lift High the Cross*. This is a 5-week session led by Rev. Fay Quanstrom and Jody Topping. There are two times available for those who wish to partake of this time of study and reflection. Classes will be Thursday at 9:30 am in the Choir Room or Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Koinonia Room.

The Women’s Retreat will be April 1-3 at Living Water Retreat Center. The theme is *WonderFull World –Where Women Explore God’s Love and Wonder*. While at the retreat, women will journey to all 7 continents where they will discover the vastness of God’s love. They will find biblically-based answers to their own “wonder,” like “I wonder where God is when life is hard” or “I wonder if I can make a difference.” Look for more information and sign-up between services. Contact the church if you have questions. Jody Topping, our pastoral intern, will be the guest speaker. This will be a WonderFull opportunity to get away from the world and reconnect with yourself, with your sisters in Christ and with our WonderFull God.

Confirmation Classes will begin on March 20 from 5:30pm-6:30pm and will be offered for those youth 6th grade and up. The class will be led by Jody Topping, Pastoral Intern and Alex Houseman, Education Director. The class will meet for seven

weeks and will emphasize how we live as Christians and what it means to be a United Methodist. Upon completion of the course the youth will be invited to pledge membership in the United Methodist Church. Please contact the church if you would like to take part in this confirmation class.

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

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study meets at 8:00 am in the Sea of Galilee room in the Education Building. This quarter the class will be covering the Epistles, Gospels and Revelation with the theme of We Worship God. All adults are welcome to attend. Come on a regular basis or just drop in when you can.

Living the Questions 2.0 This is a video series that introduces some of the difficult questions faced by Christians today. The class meets in Room 106 in the Education Building at 9:30 am.

Men Seeking Brotherhood meets on Thursday at 10 am in Room 106. They are currently reading *Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren. Please contact Gary Park at 209-629-3593 for more information.

Tuesday Night Men’s Bible Study & Fellowship meets at 7:00 pm in Room 101/102 in the Education Building. Contact Albert Brown for more information on this evening fellowship opportunity.

Youth and Children:

Summer Camp at Mingus Mountain – It’s time to start planning!! We are hoping to take a bus full of kids this year. If you would like to donate to the campership fund contact Alex Houseman at the church office.

Elementary Camp for youth entering grades 3-6: June 6-11

Senior High Camp for youth entering grades 9-12: July 4-9

Junior High Camp for youth entering grades 7-9: July 11-16

U-Can and B.E.A.R.S Club meets Wednesday at 4:30 pm 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.

Sidewalk Ministries: Our Sidewalk Ministries program has continued to grow and minister to many, many children and families throughout the east valley. If you are interested in serving with this amazing program in any way, please contact June Welker or Sandra Caldwell. Sidewalk meets at Desert Chapel UMC in Apache Junction on Saturday at 9:30 am.



Gold Canyon UMC



Wendy Moore, Youth Director

Our Superstar of the Month is JJ Hayes!



Congratulations JJ

JJ is 18 years old and a 12th grader at Apache Junction High School. He has been an active member of the GCUMC Youth Group for 6 years, and he has served on 5 mission trips. He is a nice guy who makes us smile.

Hobbies:

Music and songwriting

Accomplishments:

Performed at the ASU concert hall

Favorite Food:

Enchilada Casserole

Favorite Movie:

The Goonies

Favorite Musical Group:

Green Day

Upcoming Events

March 6 Youth Group
 March 12 All Church Baseball Game
 March 13 Youth Group
 March 20 Youth Group
 March 27 Youth Group



News:

A big "Thank You!" to all Youth who helped and supported the Gold Canyon Arts Festival which was held outside our church. There were many compliments on the service of David, JJ, Caleb, and Charlie.

Thank you to Uncommon Grace for donating offering moneys from their concert in February. Money given will go to sponsor youth for the mission trip.

An All-Church Baseball Game will be held in the North parking lot on March 12, starting at 3:00 pm. Come see your favorite "All Stars" play. Cheer for a good cause and enjoy the fun!

We are fundraising for our 2011 Mission Trip to Navajo Mountain, Utah July 10 -16. If you are 14 years and older, you are eligible to go. It is an experience you don't want to miss. We appreciate the help of our shareholders. Without you, our trips would not be possible. It costs \$400 for each youth to go on the mission trip.

Perspectives:

Why do lovers hold hands?

"They want to make sure their rings don't fall off because they paid good money for them"

Dave, age 8

What is the role of good looks in love?

"Beauty is skin deep. But how rich you are can last a long time."

Christine, age 9

How can you tell if two people are married?

"You might have to guess based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids."

Derrick, age 8



Music Notes



March is here with the promise of Spring, beautiful desert flowers, sweet smell of citrus blossoms (until the allergies begin!), and new growth. This is one of my favorite times of the year. I hope you all have a chance to get out into the desert and experience God's great, cyclical masterpiece!

Those of you who came to *Isabelle Demers* concert know what an incredible musician she is – truly one of the finest organists in the world, and I don't say that lightly! I have booked her again for next year, and at the same fee, though her fee went up substantially! She really enjoys our Rodgers organ, and told me (and the audience) that this is one of the finest digital instruments she has ever played or heard! High praise from this world class organist. She will perform next year on Sunday, February 19th. This will be an opportunity for everyone to experience the true meaning of extreme giftedness! I am so glad she came this year and is willing and wanting to return.

A lot of exciting and new things are happening here at church this month. First, we begin rehearsals with our newest ensemble, the *GCUMC Instrumental Ensemble* (for lack of a better name!). We have just purchased the Celebration Hymnal scored for full band/orchestra/handbells, which has most of the traditional hymns and a lot of newer contemporary Christian songs and choruses – all fully orchestrated. If you currently play any string, woodwind or brass instrument, including guitar, keyboard, etc., and are at least in 6th grade (no upper age limit!), can read music, and would like to make a "joyful noise", please join us in the Music Room (use the doors on the north side of the Sanctuary) for our first rehearsal on **Wednesday, March 16 at 7:15 pm**. I know some students will be on Spring Break that week, and that's okay, just come the following week. Together, let's make some beautiful music!

Our *Spring Concert* will be on **Friday, March 4 at 7:30 pm**. Featured will be the Chancel Choir, Chancel Ringers, Angel Choir, Agape Brass, Timpani, Harp and Flute. The second half of the program will be the famous *Requiem by Gabriel Fauré*. Unlike the Requiems written by Mozart, Verdi and others, who focused more on death and a vengeful, wrathful God, Fauré focuses more on resurrection and a loving God. We are all very excited about this program and we know how incredibly meaningful and profound the experience will be for those who come. We hope you will invite your family, friends and neighbors to this event. I promise your soul will be cleansed and renewed.

Our next event will feature the very popular *Keyboard Excursions* on **Sunday, March 20, at 3:00 pm**. This is the piano/organ duo of *Joel Raney* (who has written most of the piano/organ duets that Doug and Linda/Nancy have played) and *Jane Holstein* (editor for Hope Publishing Co.). This is the third time they have performed for us and will again play some brand new music. Our fantastic **3-manual Rodgers Trillium 967 Organ** and one-of-a-kind **9'3" Petrof Mistral Concert Grand Piano** blend so well together that this duet of great musicians produce an incredible experience for all who come. You won't want to miss this one!

Both concerts are open to the public at no charge; a free will offering will be received. These programs are a great way to introduce your friends and neighbors to our church. We ask everyone to please bring at least one non-perishable food item per person for the GCUMC Food Bank. In the month of January, the Food Bank helped 1266 people – just in that one month! The need is very great, and we thank you for your donations!

If you enjoy singing, can sing on pitch and read music, we invite you to join the **Chancel Choir**. We are always looking for new voices! Rehearsals are on **Thursdays at 6:50 pm in the Music Room**. The **Angel Choir (grades 4-8)** would also like to add some new voices. The Angel Choir meets on **Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in the Music Room**. Just "come on down" and join us!

Blessings to all,

Doug

Douglas J. Benton
Director of Music Ministries



WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY



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

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

FROM THE SADIE RHYMES MEMORIAL CORNER

A big thank you to all the volunteers who have worked in the food bank and given many hours 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 big month for pet food. Again thanks to our veterinarian, Dr. Munion, for donating pet food this month. Also, thanks to all of you who have donated PET FOOD/\$\$ this month. Please keep the Al Brown family in your prayers. Their puppy has been in the Doggie Hospital. The Disciple IV Class is donating pet food and money for pet food to start a "Pet Food Ministry" added to the existing Food Bank in Rev. Rosemary Anderson's church, Primera Iglesia UMC in Phoenix.



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

Sympathies: Bob Bennett, upon the death of his wife, Lois; The family of Bob Carter; upon his death; Bonnie Dalman, upon the death of her husband, Orville; Jim & Suzanne Jameson, upon the death of their son, Scott; Rev. Ken Morrison, upon the death of his baby granddaughter; Jerry & Ruth Ann Thacker, upon the death of Jerry's mother; Marge Van Dusseldorp, upon the death of her husband, Wilbur and the families & friends of the above.

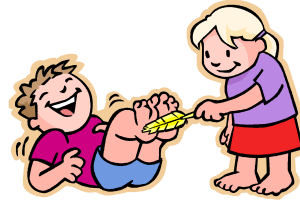
TO ALL WHO WERE AFFECTED BY THE SHOOTING IN TUCSON, we send our PRAYERS.

Sympathies to those families/friends who lost loved ones and PRAYERS for complete recovery for those who were injured. PRAYERS also for the young man who did the shooting and also for his family.

Concerns and/or Continued Prayers: Jill Albanese, Chris Bisted, Harold Bjustrom, Goldie Boleyn (Bev Toppin's mother), Marge Bos (Dave Bos' mother), Victor Braatz, Devona Brown, Esther Ann Brown, Sheila Camp, Trudy Carpenter, Michelle Cassella, Dave Coomes (Viviani's son-in-law), Jane Parker-Conrad, Carol Crosswhite, Florence Cruzen, Ritchie Eriksen, Joyce Giger, Sandy Govert, Dave Hahn, Don

Hammond, Joe Hart, Rita Hawkins, Louise Hays, Lloyd Hetherington, Darrell Hiller, Dee Hopps, Shirley Jennings, Tom Jones, Joan Jorgensen, Larry Keiselhorst, Bob Kell (Ron Walker's cousin), Billie Kern, Dee Keyser, Lorraine Kirby (Michelle Dunlavy's mother), Dick Liddicott, Gary Loutzenheiser, Diane Manfre, Colin Mattoon, Lynn Mattoon, Bob McCreddie, Ann McFarland (Ann Brogren's sister), Huston McPherson (Rev. David McPherson's son), Keith Miller, Rob Milstead (Peggy & Steve Kinder's son), Bev Mitchell, Bonny Nielsen, Lester Norton, Stan Okinaka, Kinlee Olson, Ben Orr, Robyn Page, Lauri Rausch, Jeanne Rogers, Rose Rosenberg, Don Schaefer, Sylvia Severide, Marilyn Smith, Donella Sparks, Marina Straight, Jim Toppin, Verdugo family, Kermit Vollmar, Judy Walsh, Hoy Washburn, Breanna West & twin daughters, Hailey & Riley, Neil Williams, Erma Windsor, Loren Young, Pat Zirjacks and PRAYERS for the families (CAREGIVERS) of the above. PRAYERS for requests in the "CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER" boxes & UNSPOKEN REQUESTS. Also, those FOOD BANK CLIENTS who have requested prayer. PRAYERS for our MILITARY personnel and their families & those who are in NEED OF EMPLOYMENT. PRAYERS for our SIDEWALK MINISTRY families.

Still in Need of Prayers: Charlie & Joan Acker, Charles Adams (Betty), John & Doris Adamson, Dick & Eleanor Armstrong, Patti Baker, Bob & Ruth Bennett, Nancy Binting (Kris Laux's friend), Marvin Boles & Ginny Ohnstad, Kay Bottomley (Mike Vagnier's mother), Lyle Brewer, Dr. Brad & Arlaine Bryant, Jim Burden & Marilyn Horkey, Jim & Carolyn Burt, Shirley & Frank Campbell, Don & Arlene Catt, Karen & Bob Chandler, Bill & Joyce Curtis, Rev. Bob & June Deits, Chuck Dickinson, Darrell & Laura Dinges, Adelyne Douglass, Rhonda Dropik (Jim & Marcia Ritenour's daughter), Elaine Finck, Danna & Andy Gharavi, Ardeena Gillette, Alejandro Gonzales, Bill & Louise Green, Ross & Arline Hacker, Jim & Kyle Hoggatt (Jim & Carolyn Burt's son-in-law/grandson), Rich Haraldson, Ro Heinauer (Diane Heinauer's mother-in-law), Wade & Cindy Hoff, Neil & Melva Houtcooper, Ginny & Joe Johnson, Noel Jones (Linda & Morgan Jones' grandson), Gladys Kay (Jane Hayes' Mom), Mel & Mary Kilbo, Jane Lambert, Cheryl Lang, Thelma Lang (Pete 'n Kay Johnson's mother), Bob & Juana Mahlandt, Sue & Michael Malloy, Bryan McGann (Jeanette Lunstead's son), Larry & Pat McMann, Wilbur McMann, Hedy Moore (Jed Moore's Mom), Eileen Petticrew (Keith Petticrew's mother), Pete & Shirley Plakos, Lois Poteet (Barb Oldham's sister), Calvin Quinn, Lynn Revis, Paul Rhymes (Hu Rhymes' brother-**THANKS FOR ALL YOUR PRAYERS**), Brian Sanders (Brenda Rahaneotis' nephew), Virgil & Rose Scantlin, Sandy & Richard Schutt (Wendy Rhymes' sister & brother-in-law), Connie & Dave Snyder, Rick & Sue Sutter, Bobbie Talbot, Marilyn Thomas, Lillian Thomas (Bill & Mary Thomas' mother), Gordon & Patty Truckle, Marven & Wanda Tufte, Don Van Buskirk, Jim & Charlene Van Slooten & Floy Kilbourn-their daughter, Ray and Nancy Villeneuve, Jack & Nancy Virden, Rita & Michael Vitalich, Mary Gay Wenger (Diane Heinauer's mother), Delza Wilson (Jayne Urbach's mother), Chong Ho Yi (Friend of Lovena Warren), Don & Pat Zirjacks and the families of the above.



“LAUGH A LITTLE” with Hu

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

FEARLESS STEWARDSHIP

Two men were shipwrecked on a desert island, one a church member and the other was not. The minute they arrived on the island, the non-member began screaming and yelling, “We’re going to die! There’s no food! No water! We’re going to die!”

The church member was calmly propped against a palm tree, which drove the other guy crazy.

“Don’t you understand? We’re going to die! What’s wrong with you?”

“YOU don’t understand,” said the church member, “I make a hundred thousand dollars a week.”

“What difference does that make?” asked the non member, “We’re on a desert island. We’re going to die.”

The church member simply smiled and said, “You just don’t get it. I make \$100,000 a week, AND I TITHE. MY PASTOR WILL FIND ME!”

COUGH IT UP

Mother: “Quick, Henry, call the doctor, Johnny just swallowed a nickel.”

Father: “I think we ought to send for the minister. He can get money out of anybody.”

Memorials

Jill Brewer - GCUMC stained glass fund



Healthy Living

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Just 11 years ago NBC television personality Katie Couric underwent a colonoscopy live on national television, in the spirit of raising awareness about a cancer that people do not like to talk about. Even with her willingness to forego embarrassment ONLY about 50% of Americans are getting adequate screening for colon cancer each year. We Americans act like ostriches and bury our heads in the sand until it's too late. Then we want everything done to spare our lives. Prevention is more cost-effective than getting the bad news and then having to deal with all that treatment entails.

Becoming your own health advocate is more important than ever as we watch our healthcare options change and become more costly. So Please Don't Wait Until it's Too Late! Make an appointment with your primary care physician to discuss his/her recommendation for whom to go to or feel free to ask for referrals from the Parish Nurse. Many folks wait too long when they could have had polyps, that were benign, removed but now face the ugly word CANCER. By the time you actually have identifiable symptoms like blood in the stool, abdominal cramping, and changes in bowel habits, it could be too late to save your life. This is the harsh reality of waiting too long to be proactive. When caught early enough, colon cancer can have a 90% cure rate.

Risk Factors that are associated with colorectal cancer include men and women age 50 or older and, for some with family history, age 40. The link between diet - such as a diet high in red meat (beef, lamb or liver) and processed meats such as hot dogs and luncheon meats, increase your risk. Also associated links: being overweight, sedentary lifestyles, even night-shift work can increase your risk. Although obesity raises the risk of colon cancer for both men and women, the link seems to be stronger for men. Smokers and heavy alcohol users are also more likely to develop and die from colorectal cancer. Other increased risk factors include: having Type 2 Diabetes (which also tends to have a less favorable prognosis after diagnosis), family or personal history. If you or your family members have a history of polyps or cancer of any kind your risk goes up. People with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) need to be checked more frequently. While this type of cancer can affect any of us, "the Jewish people of Eastern European heritage" have one of the highest colorectal cancer risks of any ethnic

group in the world. African Americans have the highest colorectal cancer incidence and mortality rates of all racial groups in the United States. The reason for this is not yet understood.

The actual preparation for a colonoscopy takes a couple of days of drinking clear liquids prior to the exam. You will be given a prescription for laxatives, - be sure to follow all the directions carefully. Plan no extracurricular activities for that day. During the exam you will be given a sedating medication through an IV line. A flexible scope will be inserted into the colon allowing the doctor to view your entire colon on a video screen. Any polyps that are detected can be removed during the procedure. A colonoscopy usually takes less than 30 minutes. A short recovery period follows to assure you can be alert, drink water, and stand up. You will want to have someone drive you to the exam and drive you home. Take the rest of the day of the exam to relax, nap, rehydrate and enjoy healthy, nourishing food. You will be able to return to your regular activities/work the next day.

The idea of having a colonoscopy may not be on your "Bucket List" but it will allow you to enjoy your life to the fullest by being able to (hopefully) get a clean bill of health or at least treat a problem early. Most people say scheduling their appointment for this test is the toughest part but if you delay it, the risks outweigh your fears.

Counting on you to do the right thing...Take care of your body, God's Temple. If you wish to discuss preventive measures with your parish nurse feel free to contact me or go to www.preventcancer.org.

Blessings of health and wellness to you,

Susan Malloy





International Missions

"The world is my parish." – John Wesley

On February 19th, the 3rd Annual International Missions Dinner/Program was held. The highlights of the evening included presentations from Lisa Armstrong of Fellow Man International mission in Honduras which provides us with Green Parrot Coffee, and updates on projects we support in China and Thailand. Additionally this year, we were blessed to have David Enerson, one of our own church members, report about his participation on a recent mission trip to Malawi.

At the program, information was shared to help broaden our understanding of the missions we support, which we'll now share with you. Of special note at the end of each section is a report of how your gifts and contributions have helped support these very worthy missions and projects.

"Did You Know?"

In Malawi, most of our United Methodist churches are in rural villages; thirty nine new churches were established during the past 12 months.

Potable water is a life and death matter in Malawi; cholera and dysentery result in a huge number of deaths especially among children under five.

In many villages the women have to walk from 2 to 5 kilometers to get water and carry it back to their home; carrying the heavy pails of water on their heads does serious damage to the spine.

[The money raised from our Christmas Eve offering made it possible to build a well in a village in Malawi.]

After The Wave (ATW) is a Thailand based non-profit charity established after the 2004 tsunami by students, teachers and associates at the International School Bangkok and now run by a network of education professionals, volunteers, alumni, and community leaders located in Bang Sak, Thailand.

The primary aim is to provide essential needs for students including shoes, clothes, school supplies and toiletries.

Additional special projects include providing dental and medical care

[Gold Canyon UMC contributed \$1,000 to After The Wave last year to assist with medical treatment for one of the students.]

Fellow Man International is a non-profit, NGO dedicated to the service of the poor in Honduras. The mission includes:

An Agriculture Project -A majority of the produce from this project helps support a grade school lunch program.

A Medical Clinic - Provides medical care for all regardless of ability to pay and provides for the medical needs of a population of over 120,000 impoverished people living in the remote mountains of Northwestern Honduras.

A Trade Store - The project's grocery store eliminates the need for travel to the valley below, selling basic necessities for only ten percent above cost.

Green Parrot Coffee - Created to achieve several very important objectives:

Increase the coffee field worker's income from below subsistence wages to actual living wages.

Provide direct access to the consumer market for conscientious coffee farm owners who produce high quality green coffee and who are willing to participate in profit-sharing programs for their field workers.

[Gold Canyon UMC contributed \$250 to Fellow Man International in December, and continues to support the mission through the sale of Green Parrot Coffee.]

The Wangshi Church is located in the middle center of Wangshi Town in China and was started in 1990 by Christian people in Wangshi Village meeting in a house of one of the members; eventually about 20 meeting points were established in the 23 villages of Wangshi Town.

The new church building, which holds 1,000 people, allows these small groups to gather together in worship and celebration.

[Gold Canyon UMC contributed \$1,000 to assist the Wangshi Church in their building effort.]

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

W.O.W. Corner

The next big event for W.O.W. will be *Spring Fling!!* on Saturday, April 9. We need lots of volunteers to serve food, monitor the dunk tank and bouncy houses, and do general set-up and clean-up. Our next planning meeting will be Mon., March 7 at 6:00 pm. We need **your** involvement to make this event a big success for the church and the community. Please attend and let us know some of your great ideas or call Ron Walker at any time if you can help.

We will again, as we did last year, serve our Church the Easter Sunrise Continental Breakfast. So we will need helpers to set up and serve our members. Be a part of this beautiful custom.

To those volunteers who have been with us through so many other events, we want you to know how much we appreciate your service.



Easter Lilies

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 complete the order blank below and include the \$10.00 payment for each flower ordered. The form, along with payment, may be mailed to Gary Stemple, 8295 E. Sweet Acacia Dr, Gold Canyon, AZ 85118; placed in the offering plate; or dropped off at the office. Please make all checks payable to the church and note "Easter lily" in the memo section. 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.

Please order an Easter lily in Memory of _____

Please order an Easter lily in Honor of _____

Total amount attached: \$ _____

Your Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Last date to order is April 10.



(The History Committee is going to periodically tell us the story of how GCUMC got to where it is today)

Wonderful Blessings

Our first worship service was held on January 8, 1989 with approximately 65 in attendance. Many of these were well wishers from Velda Rose UMC in Mesa and Desert Chapel UMC in Apache Junction. We met in the Gold Canyon Elementary School Cafetorium with Pastor Jim Woods leading the service. Our consecration date when Gold Canyon Fellowship became an official congregation of the Desert Southwest United Methodist Church was on Pentecost Sunday afternoon in 1989 with 19 charter members.

From these small beginnings our church has been blessed and has grown to an attendance of 1,849 on January 9, 2011. We praise and thank the Lord for His continued blessing.

Update on Habitat for Humanity – Winter 2011 Project

We, along with several other churches in the east valley Superstition Coalition, will soon be starting our build of a new home for the Stults family in Apache Junction. Karen Stults and her 5 children currently live in a small 3 bedroom apartment in a high-crime, noisy neighborhood. She is very excited to have the opportunity to offer her children a safe and stable place to live. Karen currently attends school as a full time student as well as working part time to support her family. Her children Zachary (14), Cameryn, (13), Nathan (10), Adelina, (4) and Isabella (1) are doing well in school and daycare and looking forward to their new home.

Gold Canyon will be working on building her house on March 5th, March 19th, and April 16th, teamed with another church each of those days. We need more volunteers for those days both to help build and to help serve lunch to the work crew. No experience is necessary, tools are provided, and the volunteer house leaders will teach you what you need to know. It's fun and rewarding, so please consider joining us.

Joe and Maureen Morton
602-284-2826
MoandJoeM@aol.com





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

Cancer Support Group

.....meets each Wednesday at 10:00 am in Room 101-102. This active group provides spiritual support, love, friendship and a helping hand to cancer patients, caregivers and their families. For further information, contact Tom or Dee Ashe at 480-924-5483 or 480-650-6765 (cell) or by email at dee.ashe@yahoo.com



MIND MENDERS SUPPORT GROUP

...meets on the 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.



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Are you or someone you care about in a CRISIS?? If disease, severe injury, terminal or serious illness, or distressing circumstance face you, then an overwhelming “turning point for better or worse” may grip you. This can be emotionally destabilizing, up-ending, a ripping apart experience, leaving you drained, confused, angry, unable to think or act - or all of the above - and without hope!!

Talking with and listening to a Stephen Minister can lead to a resolution of your problems. God, the GREAT care-giver becomes involved. Talking about your problem gets God in the picture and opens up secular remedies that you might not otherwise have considered or thought of. If you are in this BOWL OF SOUP, call the office for a referral to a Stephen Minister or our Pastor. Both can and will help!

To: Gold Canyon United Methodist Church

GCUMC has been such an important part of Carol's and my life in so many ways - worship “family” and also custodian the last seven years. Now it's time to “really” retire again and take vacation trips - “have truly free time back in our lives”.

I want to thank all the wonderful people who have helped me over the years in so many ways. John & Myra Berry, Charlie Lang, Paul Fillion and Jill Bills to name a few - oh, and Suzanne Jacobson. Now it's my turn to be a volunteer!

I want to thank you also for my Iphone gift card. My phone is getting lots of use now.

GCUMC - you are the best and it's been an honor “keeping you clean” for so many years. I do find, though, that church services really can be enjoyed more fully when I'm not having to check bathrooms between services, etc. Ha.

Prayers that God will always bless this wonderful church.

John LaViolette

Jan. 25, 2011

To everyone at GCUMC:

Thank you all so much for the prayers, love and support you have given to me and my family during my recent illness. I am recovering and expect to be home soon for a few weeks before heading to surgery, so hopefully I'll be back in church for a while.

It has meant so much to me to know that you've held me in your thoughts and prayers. I know it has made a tangible difference in my recovery. How wonderful it is to be part of such a caring church family.

With love and gratitude,
Carol Crosswhite

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.

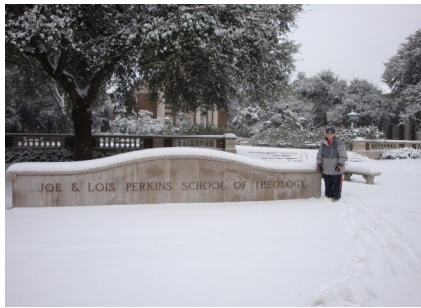
Henri J.M. Nouwen, in
Out of Solitude

SISTER SEMINARIANS



By Heather Rodenburg

So far the start to this month has been pretty crazy. We weren't even 2 weeks into the new semester when we got a week off school because of the weather. We had an ice storm that shut down the state and then two days later 7 inches of snow. Now I know most of you are from the northern part of the country and 7 inches of snow is nothing. But it's a bit different in Texas. They don't have snow plows or trucks to clear away the snow or to put salt on the roads. I have to say the morning that we woke up to 7 inches of snow was a pretty exciting morning. It had been awhile since I had been around snow and it was fun to play in it like a child again.



One of the things that I had forgotten was how bright the snow can be when the sun reflects off of it. I had forgotten how the sun shines off the white of the snow and can blind you at times and even give you a sunburn. I

think that this is a good image for everyone to remember. Here's why: When we are forgiven for our sins, we become a new creation in Christ. The color associated with baptism and resurrection is white. We are to be Christ-like in our life and reflect God to those around us. You could say that we are the snow and Christ, who is the Son of God, is the sun in the sky. Like the snow reflecting the light of the sun, we are to reflect the light of Christ. When we reflect the love and light of Christ, the people around us are changed and warmed with the love of Christ as the children of God. Not only are the lives of those around us changed, but our lives are also changed. It's pretty amazing how God works! May you be the snow that reflects the light of the sun to those around you and may you feel the warmth of Jesus' love while warming the lives of those in your life.

By Jody Topping

My how time flies! It seems like only yesterday I was beginning a new quarter at Iliff and now I'm more than halfway through!! My classes are all very interesting and relevant, and my classmates are absolutely wonderful people who truly enjoy learning. One class I'm taking is a study of the Book of Numbers, and while most people think that Numbers is a boring book, it's actually quite fascinating once you get past all the census-taking in the first couple of chapters. The text covers the story of the Israelite's journey after their release from captivity in Egypt, from Mt. Sinai through the wilderness on their way to the Promised Land.

Along the way the reader encounters stories about magic, family conflict, prophecy, spies and a talking donkey (!), but most of all there's lots and lots of drama! The people of Israel spend lots of time whining and complaining, and even though God gives the Israelites all they need in order to survive, they never seem to be satisfied. As I've been reading these stories and thinking about how the people of Israel behaved on their journey, it reminds me of the way we sometimes behave on our own journey called life. I'll be the first to admit that I haven't always been satisfied with the gifts God has given me during my life, and most of the time when I'm not satisfied, I whine and complain just like the Israelites. But when I am grateful to God for all that God has given me, and when I have faith that God will continue to help me meet my needs, God's gifts come to me in great abundance, just like manna in the desert. It's taken me a long time to realize this...but then again, it took the Israelites 40 years of wandering through the wilderness to figure it out as well, so I think there's hope for me!



On another note, I'm so excited to share that I am now officially a Pastoral Intern here at Gold Canyon UMC! I'm so grateful to Pastor Fred, the Staff/Parish Relations Committee, and the Administrative Council for offering me this opportunity, which will not only help me with the skills I'll need as a full-time pastor, but will also help meet the final requirements for my Masters of Divinity Degree from Iliff. I will be spending 15 hours a week (in addition to my time in the office as Administrative Associate) honing my preaching skills, providing pastoral care, teaching confirmation and adult Sunday School classes, and visiting various committee meetings and other group activities. I'm so excited about serving this church in my new role, and look forward to getting to know you all in the coming months.

By Suzanne Jacobson

March is Women's History Month, and since I'm the GCUMC representative for the Commission on the Status and Role of Women in the Church, I thought it would be a good idea for me to share a few things that I've learned this semester about some of the early Church Mothers. We often hear about the "Church Fathers" – men such as Augustine, Jerome, and Anselm. However, these men were not alone in advancing the cause of Christ in the early church. I recently learned a lot about Paula, Eustochium, Paula the Younger, Melania and Melania the Younger.

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Sister Seminarians, cont.

These 4th Century women, were contemporaries and friends of Jerome and were quite influential in the church in their own rights.



Paula, sometimes referred to as Saint Paula, was a wealthy Roman matron. Widowed at 33, she denounced the world and began a life of good works and hospitality. She left her youngest, her son, Troxotius, in the care of the phalanx of servants. She married her one daughter to a Roman senator, two died as young adults, and her eldest daughter Eustochium moved with Paula to the East.

Everything we know of Paula is from Jerome, because although she wrote much, women's writings weren't really preserved at the time. According to Jerome, in a letter he wrote to Eustochium, Paula gave to others to the detriment of her own health. She founded a monastery in Bethlehem, and basically "bankrolled" Jerome and other penitents.

Paula the Younger was this Paula's granddaughter, though they never met one another. At the age of four, this child of Saint Paula's son Toxotius, the younger Paula was sent from Rome to Bethlehem to grow up under the tutelage of her aunt Eustochium. When Eustochium died in AD 419, Paula the Younger inherited leadership of the monastery where she was raised.

Melania the Elder was older than Paula. She was widowed at 22, left with 3 children. Two of the children died. After this, she became involved in the ascetic community in Rome, and devoted herself to "mortification and good works." Her son was given to a guardian when he became old enough for education, and she became great enough for Jerome to call her "the new Thecla." (Thecla was a female coworker of the Apostle Paul's, whom he also called an "Apostle.") Melania went into the desert to visit with hermits.

Melania the Younger was the first Melania's granddaughter. She never wanted to marry, but did so because it was expected of her. She wanted to live in that marriage without consummating it. Of course her husband wanted sons. So, she gave birth to a girl and then a boy. Once they had their son, the couple stopped procreating. Sadly, both children died. After the deaths of their children, Melania and her husband went on pilgrimage. The couple used Melania's financial resources to build many churches and monasteries in Jerusalem. She was an extremely ascetic person, cutting down her food intake to once per week so that she could suffer as Christ did and give more of her financial blessings to others. Basically, she, like Paula the Elder, funded many monks and nuns. Eventually, Melania the Younger was exclusively in charge of the churches and monasteries.



The Melanias and the Paulas were related to one another, and according to Jerome, Paula the Elder had a particularly efficacious heritage (probably romanticized, as he included Agamemnon among her father's forebears). Also, these women, being wealthy, were highly educated. However, although they gave advice and prayer on behalf of men and women alike, they could only teach women and their writings were not preserved. Hence, we only know about them in light of what the Church Fathers wanted to tell about them.

If you'd like to know more, I recommend *In Her Words* by Amy Oden and *Women of Spirit: Female Leadership in the Jewish and Christian Traditions*, edited by Rosemary Ruether and Eleanor McLaughlin. Section Two, which is where some of this information came from, is "Mothers of the Church: Ascetic Women in the Late Patristic Age" by Rosemary Ruether.

Domestic Violence Response Conference 2011**Sun Lakes United Methodist Church****Saturday, April 2, 2011 8:30 - 3:00**

On Saturday, April 2nd,
voices will no longer be silent.

On Saturday, April 2nd,
your heart will be touched, your knowledge will expand.

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Please join us for the 2nd Domestic Violence
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Featured Topics Include:

Victim Testimony

Cultural Awareness & Response Among Ethnic Groups
Verbal Abuse

Other Forms of Abuse

Church Response to Victims & Perpetrators
Cultural Awareness Panel Discussion & Q&A

Cost: \$20 - covers lunch & materials

Register Online at:

www.desertsouthwestconference.org/dvconference

Location:

Sun Lakes United Methodist Church

9248 E. Riggs Road

Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

480-895-8766

Questions?

billie@desertsw.org 602-266-6956 X221

Our own Suzanne Jacobson will be a featured speaker

March Birthdays



Bettie Armstrong	1	Bobbie VanderRoest	7	Doris Cecil	13	Jhustise Aguilar	21
Barbara Brownfield	1	Mike Weaver	7	Jim Potter	13	William Bennett	21
Doris Miller	1	Marjorie Finley	8	Carolyn Schlager	13	Bailey Kimble	21
Stan Oolman	1	Inge Fitzpatrick	8	Peg Wilson	13	Ann Rasmussen	21
Art Schlee	1	James Fleck	8	June Deits	14	Paul Fillion	22
Frank McMahan	2	Flo Junkermeier	8	Charles Lang	14	Lori Bachler-Palmer	23
Shirley Bobier	3	Bob Norin	8	Bill Shafer	14	Monty Gingrich	23
Brodie Broderson	3	Ron Walker	8	Loren Riley	15	Hope Minatree	23
David Enerson	4	Richard Kinder	9	Noreen Beatty	16	James Morganegg	23
Hailey Houseman	4	Marva Masters	9	Patrick Hughes	16	Gordon Gavin	24
Johnny Minatree	4	Mark Bird	10	Marilyn Pearson	16	James Primeau	25
Kathryn Moore	4	Dorothy Bose	10	Pat Shroyer	16	Alyssa Schenck	25
Claudine Nielsen	4	Richard Ervin	10	Arline Hacker	17	Gary Mueller	26
Pete Peterson	4	John Lane	10	Elizabeth Miller	17	Wendy Rhymes	26
Peggie Tippie	4	Mary Catherine Myers	10	Suzanne Jacobson	18	Velma Carlson	27
Nancy Bilensky	5	Brenda Patterson	10	Julie Krull	18	Barbara Sebring	27
Lavoyce Nolan	5	Charlene Van Slooten	10	Jack Richter	18	Neil Johnson	28
Maxine Slagle	5	Erin Keenan	11	Beth Steinberg	18	Dean Mansdorfer	29
Arne Eisentraut	6	Don Leach	11	Gloria Sheridan	19	Ted Fite	30
Ellis Falk	6	Dorothy Warren	11	John Toner	19	Richard Oldham	30
Sandy Pino	6	John Allensworth	12	Jenna Hunt	20	Jennifer Adams	31
Mary Virginia Waldorf	6	Nancy Bradshaw	12	Cecilia O'Brien	20	Joy Fite	31
Henrietta Johnson	7	Casey Reid	12	Timothy Steinberg	20	Nellie Moore	31
Jonathon Sheridan	7	Joan Carns	13				



March Anniversaries

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

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.



Volunteer Services

VOLUNTEERS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Jane Hayes, Volunteer Coordinator
982-3776

Inspirational Values

I am continuing with **H** on this month's Inspirational Values:

Helping Others:

Thank you. So many of you have gone out of the way to be sure you bring socks/shoes for the inner-city church which Rev. Rosemary Anderson leads.

I've also seen some big smiles from those who have been doing citrus picking.

Honesty

How many times have you been asked your opinion about a sensitive situation in which you know it could damage your relationship with the other person? I sure have!!

When you have a situation like that consider this quote: "There are times that when truth and kindness conflict, one ought to choose kindness, especially when a little honesty is better than a lot."

Leroy Jack Syrop

HOPE

I have been introduced to a website you may have an interest in: www.caringbridge.org. This website is known as a connection point for family and friends when health matters most; especially during a significant health challenge. Enjoy the video "What is Caring Bridge?" to learn more.



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.**

<u>Job</u>	<u>Mins. per week</u>
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Hospitality/Coffee Server	30+
Shut in Meals	75
Sound Booth	90
Greeter	40
Bake cookies	60

Name _____

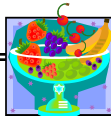
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Phone _____

Looking for a side-by-side refrigerator for our kitchen/storage closet. If you would like to donate one or know of a GOOD USED one, please call the office or leave a note for Jane.



COOKIE LOVERS!



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

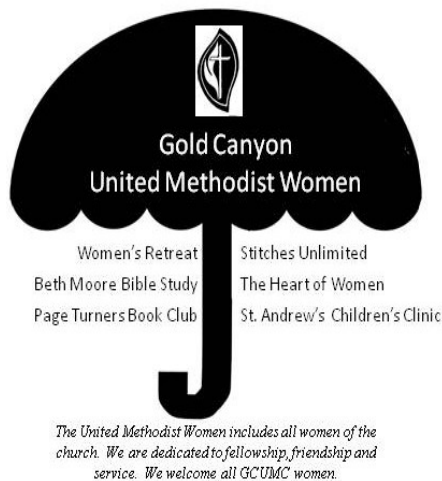
Roadrunner Email

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): _____

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



United Methodist Women

The Gold Canyon United Methodist Women's unit will be having a **"One Day Book Sale"** on Sunday, March 13th in the front of the education building after all services. The sale of these used books will benefit the Apache Junction School District. There will be plastic bins placed in the church narthex and in the education building for your donations. We will be accepting donations of your used books for the next several weeks.

The Gold Canyon Women's unit would like to thank Dr. Chad Wilson for meeting with us to identify specific needs for our local mission project this year.

A **Mother/Daughter/Friend Luncheon** is being planned for Saturday, April 16th in the education building. There will be a speaker from the Hope Women's Center in Apache Junction who will come and talk about the needs of the Center. Details about the Spring Luncheon will be announced soon. Watch for it in your Sunday bulletin.

Remember Desert Diners?

Desert Diners is a fellowship of 8-12 people whose names were drawn out of a hat to take turns hosting dinner at their homes (or, by agreement, at a restaurant) for the pure enjoyment of getting to know others in the church. You don't need to live here all year, as it's possible for all people to have a turn during just the winter months. This table fellowship did not get any new groups going this year simply due to the lack of a coordinator. If you could find the time to volunteer to get some new groups going (and, perhaps, even a singles group) please call the church office and let us know. It's a great way to get to know other members of your church!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry of GCUMC is one year old! Since January of 2010, ten ladies of our church have knitted or crocheted shawls of every color and shape. We have delivered or mailed 52 shawls in this past year! That is an average of one per week. Considering we mostly work in the winter, we are proud of our accomplishment.

A Prayer shawl is a hand knitted shawl or afghan made of soft yarn, given to men or women. It can be used as a shawl, a wrap, a covering, or any way the recipient wishes to use it. Some people wear them when they pray or read the Bible. Some people use them when they take a nap. Others wrap themselves in them when they need comfort. A prayer shawl is the adult version of the Blankie we had as children! A prayer shawl is to bring comfort to people of our church who are seriously ill or to those who have lost an immediate family member. We have also given a shawl to a newly married couple.

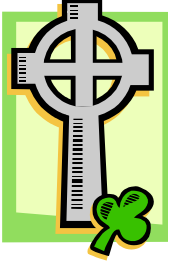

Our shawls are delivered by our members, and occasionally are mailed to recipients who live out of state. We also thank Karen and Jeff Brown for doing much of the delivery and visitation for our group.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the first and third Thursday mornings from 10:00 - 12:00 in rooms 101-102. We have a short meeting where we discuss the workings of our group, exchange new patterns, and decide who should receive shawls. We work on our projects, visit, get to know one another, share our lives, and at the end, we lay our hands on the shawls and pray for the persons who will be receiving them.

If anyone is interested in joining this group, please come to our meeting or call Nancy Miller 480-882-3226 or email her at fnmiller61@msn.com. Monetary donations to this ministry may be left at the church office.



GCUMC Calendar March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Key OA=Overeater's Anonymous AA=Alcoholic's Anonymous WOW=Witness our Wonder (Events & Outreach Planning) K Rm=Koinonia Room Sanc=Sanctuary SofG=Sea of Galilee Room Ed.=Education Building</p>		<p>1 8:15 am Hiking Group 9 am Yoga-K Rm 10 am Community Grounds - Rm 101/102 10:15 Yoga-K Rm 1:15 Disciple 3-Rm 101/102 6 pm One in the Spirit Rehearsal-K Rm 6:30 pm Chancel Ringers 7 pm Beth Moore - @Feathers 7 pm Men's Study-Rm 101/102</p>	<p>2 9 am Beth Moore-Ed Bldg 9 am Grief Support - TBA 10 am Cancer Support - 4:30 pm U-Can & Bears Clubs- Ed. Bldg. 5:30 pm Angel Choir-K Rm 6 pm Youth Handbells-Sanc. 6 pm Disciple 1-K Rm. 6 pm Yoga-Sanc. Narthex</p>	<p>3 9 am Yoga-K Rm 10 am Prayer Shawl Ministry- Rm 101/102 10 am Men Seeking Brotherhood - Rm 106 10:15 am Yoga-K Rm 6:30 pm Women's Retreat Planning-Rm 101/102 6 pm Chancel Choir Dress Rehearsal-Sanctuary</p>	<p>4 8:30 am Citrus Gleaners 10 am GC Mom's Club- 101/102 5:30 pm AA-SofG 7:30 pm Spring Concert - Sanctuary</p>	<p>5 8 am Men's Breakfast @ Red Sage 10 am Sidewalk Sunday School @ Desert Chapel</p>
<p>6 8 am Adult Sun. School-SofG 8 am Traditional-Sanc. 9:30 am Traditional-Sanc. 9:30 am Adult Study - Rm 106 10:50 am Praise-K Rm 12:30 pm Disciple 4-Tonole's 5 pm Country Worship-K Rm 5:30 pm Disciple 2- Feather's 6:30 pm Youth-Ed Bldg.</p>	<p>7 8:30 am Stephen Min Tng-Rm 101/102 1 pm Disciple 1-Rm 101/102 3:00 pm Stephen Min.-SofG Rm 5:30 pm Disc. 1(2nd half) -Feathers 6 pm WOW Meeting-K Rm 6 pm Yoga-Sanc. Narthex 6:30 pm Boy Scouts - Rm 106 7 pm Admin. Council-Music Rm 7 pm Al-Anon - Rm 105</p>	<p>8 8:15 am Hiking Group 9 am Yoga-K Rm 10 am Community Grounds - Rm 101/102 10:15 Yoga-K Rm 1:15 Disciple 3-Rm 101/102 6 pm One in the Spirit Rehearsal-K Rm 6:30 pm Perm. Endowment Comm. - Fred's Office 6:30 pm Chancel Ringers 7 pm Beth Moore - @Feathers 7 pm Men's Study-Rm 101/102</p>	<p>9 9 am Beth Moore-Ed Bldg 9 am Grief Support - TBA 10 am Cancer Support - Room 101/102 4:30 pm U-Can & Bears Clubs- Ed. Bldg. 5:30 pm Angel Choir-K Rm 6 pm Youth Handbells-Sanc. 6 pm Disciple 1-K Rm. 6 pm Yoga-Sanc. Narthex 7 pm Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary</p>	<p>10 9 am Yoga-K Rm 9 am Stitches Unlimited - Rm 101/102 10 am Men Seeking Brotherhood - Rm 106 10:15 am Yoga-K Rm 7 pm Chancel Choir-Sanctuary</p>	<p>11 8:30 am Citrus Gleaners 10 am Mindmenders - Rm 101/102 5:30 pm AA-SofG</p>	<p>12 9 am BUS to Sidewalk Sunday School @ Desert Chapel 3 pm All Church Baseball Game-North Parking Lot</p>
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

***8:00 AM—Traditional Worship**

***9:30 AM—Traditional Worship
 In the Sanctuary**

***10:50 AM—PRAISE Service
 In the Koinonia Room
 Music led by *Uncommon Grace***

**Childcare Provided*

5:00 PM—Country Western Service

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
 SCHEDULE**

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

- ✝ 8:00 AM ~ Adult Sunday School
Meets in Room 101/102
- ✝ 9:30 AM ~ Children's Sunday School
Pick up in Room 101/102
- ✝ 9:30 AM ~ Youth Sunday School
- ✝ 9:30 AM ~ Adult Study
- ✝ 10:50 AM ~ Children's Sunday School
- ✝ 11:00 AM ~ Adult Sunday School

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