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From the Pastor: “Risks & Rewards of Serving”

I am a privileged pastor and husband. I have been blessed with a wife who is supportive and willing to jump into church work to serve others. She is willing to

sleep on school classroom floors in order to work side by side with the youth as they repair homes. She is willing to put up with considerable discomfort in order to help others. Every year she travels with the youth group on their service project. This month let Beth tell you how serving has affected her. Beth writes.....

It's coming up to that time of year again when I look forward with trepidation, a little fear, excitement and hope for the youth mission trip! I never know what kind of work we will be doing which is scary for me, because I am the biggest klutz. I have slipped and fallen on a roof while putting tar paper down, almost sawed part of my shoe off and sat down on a cement block which tipped over so that I fell flat on my back. I also wonder each year what the youth will be like that are assigned to my work crew. Sometimes we really click as a group, and sometimes we don't. When we don't, I pray a lot (especially that the week will pass very quickly).

Last year, I had the privilege of working with youth from our own church. It was a great experience for me to really get to know our own kids and form a bond with them. At times, they made me laugh until I cried. During the week, I learned for the very first time how to bowl with some senior citizens at a retirement center as we played on a “Wii” video game system. It was humiliating to be beaten by these dear sweet

“grandmas,” but competing with them was a real hoot!

One of the most memorable experiences from last year's trip was a worship service on our last night there. We, the adults were given the opportunity to wash the feet of the youth from our church, and then we prayed for each one of these teenagers. It was a very humbling experience and a profoundly emotional evening. I was filled with such incredible love for all of those teens and felt the Holy Spirit so strongly that night in that place.

I am so thankful for these young people and the adult chaperones who give up 10 days of their vacation or take time off from their jobs each summer to go help others less fortunate. They are not paid to do this work. In fact, each youth has to pay \$100 to go on the trip (the total cost for each person is \$400.00). The remainder of the funds are raised by donations and fundraisers. So I want to say a HUGE thank-you for all of you that have become shareholders and given these youth and adults the opportunity to be a part of something so special. We are still raising money for this summer's mission trip to New Mexico so if you would like to help out, we will GLADLY accept any donations!

With deepest gratitude and much love,

Beth Steinberg





AN ADVENTURE OF FAITH

By Grover Wallace

"...I was a stranger and you invited me in..."

Matthew 25:35 (NIV)

On Sunday, March 29 at the 9:30 am service, Pastor Fred introduced the Rev. Dr. Tom Forgrave to our congregation. Rev. Forgrave, a retired minister and winter resident from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, had requested an opportunity to speak briefly to our congregation. In his remarks, Rev. Forgrave expressed his appreciation for our congregation's friendly acceptance, warmth, love, and kindness on behalf of all the winter residents that attend Gold Canyon United Methodist Church and become an active part of our church family during the winter months.

After the service I had an opportunity to meet Rev. Forgrave briefly in the narthex and express appreciation for his kind and thoughtful remarks concerning the congregation and activities of GCUMC. I hope others in the congregation had the same opportunity. We should all be proud and thankful for the kind words from Rev. Forgrave.

Local permanent residents call them snowbirds, snow bunnies, winter visitors or winter residents and, on occasion, some unkind remarks are made about people that come to our area to live during the cold winter months up north and other parts of the U.S. and Canada. I prefer to call this group "winter residents". Why? Because that's exactly what they are - residents of our community for 4-6 months of the year. Many winter residents own homes and other properties and pay property taxes on an annual basis just like permanent residents. By paying taxes, lot rent for RVs, purchases of goods and services, and contributing time, talents, and money to local organizations, winter residents contribute much to our area and the Arizona economy.

Where do our winter residents come from? They come from almost every state of the union and provinces in

Canada. How do we know where their permanent residences are located? During the summer months our church mails more than 400 copies of the "Roadrunner", our monthly newsletter, to out of state and Canadian addresses. Many winter residents are members of other faiths but choose to attend GCUMC during their stay in Arizona. This year we had a winter resident from Idaho who recently became a permanent resident of Gold Canyon and a member of our church. Mary Ann Warren was our former director of music ministries and a very active member in our church activities. You know, some of our permanent residents and members choose to relocate to other areas during the months when the temperatures here are 110° or above. Wonder if they are called "heat bunnies" by the local residents up north?

First and foremost, our winter residents deserve our friendship, love and respect because they are Christians who **choose** to attend Gold Canyon Methodist Church to worship God. How do you think winter residents participate in the activities of GCUMC?

—We have a few retired ministers who attend our services during the winter months. As you are aware, they are willing to preach from the pulpit when Pastor Fred is absent. We have a retired minister, Fay Quanstrom, who conducted the Lenten Devotions during the recent Lenten period.

—Some serve on permanent committees like the administrative council, permanent endowment committee, staff parish relations and other committees.

—Winter residents make monetary contributions to our church General Budget, Building Fund as well as the Food Bank and Christmas program to feed and provide gifts for those in need.

—Winter residents can also be found participating in the Chancel Choir and other music ministries, Bible study classes, worship activities, Sunday School, United Methodist Women, Youth Group, education programs, feeding the homeless, Food Bank, Nogales clinic program, "Roadrunner", Sidewalk Sunday School, and just about every other activity at GCUMC.

We are grateful to our winter residents for their active role at Gold Canyon United Methodist Church. May Gold bless you and watch over you during the summer months and may He grant you a safe return to our community in the Fall

Thanks to Rev. Dr. Tom Forgrave for his kind comments.

During the month of March, 2009, the first month of our stewardship year, your contributions to our Build-

ing Fund totaled \$38,449.00, which is 7.69% of our target of \$500,000.00 per year needed to pay off our mortgage early and save a substantial amount of interest over the life of the loan.

As of April 1 pledges to our 2009 General Budget of \$446,579.00 and 2009 General Building Fund of \$315,228.00 have been returned.

May God bless you for your financial and personal commitment to Gold Canyon United Methodist Church.

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

"...she... put in everything - all she had..."

Mark 12:44



COUNTRY WESTERN NEWS

Here's good news for all you fans of the Country Western Service: **THE MONTHLY POTLUCKS RESUME ON APRIL 26th!**

Bring a main dish if possible (we always need more), or a vegetable, salad or dessert.

The Housers will be providing the music. There will be a potluck on the last Sunday of each month throughout the summer. Weekly country services will run through June, then monthly for July, August and September.

We hope to see you soon, pardner !

*Bob Deits
David Ballard*



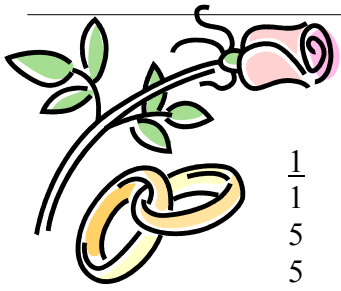
SCRIP Fund

By Betty Rolley

Year-round Residents: Don't forget we sell Scrip throughout the year at the Information Desk in the narthex and in the office. Let's continue to earn *free money* all summer long!

DONATIONS & ATTENDANCE

January	2007		2008		2009		2008	2009
	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Worship All	Worship All
1st	\$24544	\$16699	\$28829	\$16004	\$30791	\$13664	1551	1788
2nd	\$16916	\$4252	\$18084	\$7688	\$19197	\$4972	1732	1883
3rd	\$15927	\$6398	\$18841	\$7284	\$20763	\$6191	1740	1717
4th	\$12378	\$5106	\$22756	\$5395	\$16719	\$5239	2240	1701
5th	_____	_____	\$12248	\$5541	\$15707	\$8383	1466	1683
Total	\$69765	\$32455	\$100758	\$41912	\$103177	\$38449	8729	8772



May Anniversaries

1	Neil & Ann Brogren	20	Wilbur & Marjorie Van Duesseldorp
1	Herb & Doris Kingery	21	William & Sandra Butterbrodt
5	Craig & Jill Saathoff	22	Al & Diane Rasumssen
5	Joyce & Joe Schenck	23	Doug & Martha Benton
8	Bob & Marian Bonestell	23	Darrell & Laura Dinges
9	Don & Arlene Catt	27	Marc & Cecilia O'Brien
9	Jack & Judy Donovan	30	Charles & Marilyn Jungman
10	Pat & Judy Campbell	31	Paul & Delores Cecil
14	Gerald & Peggy Tippie		
15	Stan & Retha Oolman		
17	Ron & Linda Borders		
18	Edgar & Linda Newkirk		
18	Lloyd & Vi Potter		
19	Thomas & Mary Lynn Preiss		

May Birthdays



1	Mildred Moore	9	Livgard, Mae	21	Jerry Hunt
1	Jacqueline Johnson	9	Susan Fitzgerald	22	Faye Nord
1	Janice Heyse	10	Carol Dage	23	Bob Crowe
1	Jennie Oukada	10	George Schuler	23	Lynda Kessler
1	Adam Kalik	11	John Henderson	23	Michael Sheridan, Jr.
1	Allison Cantrell	12	Shirley Matthews	24	Jean Alton
1	Nathan Cantrell	13	Eleanor Conger	24	Larry Arehart
2	Victoria Mullins	13	Patricia Renfer	24	Joanne Burriss
2	Kelly Gingrich	14	Shirley Taylor	24	Margie Bird
2	Erica Reichert	14	Richard Svoboda	25	Marian Bonestell
3	Virginia Ponder	15	Peggy Dowrick	25	Bev Criswell
3	Don Parker	15	Joyce Gingrich	25	Allison Elaine Bracht
3	Renee Gauthier	15	Maureen Morton	26	Jack Berglund
4	Ruth Rikli	16	John Phillips	26	Marilyn Horkey
4	Ronald Beason	16	Lois Gerst	26	Chris Houser
5	Ione Nelson	16	Lorna Hartman	26	Mark Kessler
5	Darrell Titus	16	Gerald Tippie	28	Judy Ferguson
5	Debra Ireland	16	Charlie Olson	28	Roy Pape
6	Lois Davis	16	Robert Swails	29	Peggy Buck
6	Roy Pearson	17	Gary Hunter	29	Mavis Fuher
7	Pat Osbakken	18	Arlene Catt	29	Patti Girardi
7	Mary Hollingsworth	18	Laura Dinges	29	Brett McNamee
8	Margaret Baker	19	Naomi Kyle	29	Andrea Pape
8	Alice Myers	19	Dylan Kessler	30	Violet Reiners
8	Donald DeWinter	20	Harvey Holbrook	30	Katie Petticrew
8	Valerie Sheridan	20	Marc O'Brien	31	Nina Pennington
9	Joyce Shafer	20	Joe Guerrero	31	Duane Vorseth
9	Donna Schiager	21	Barry Peebles		



Christian Education...

With "Coach" Ellis Falk

"Our mission is to bring the love of Christ and His teachings to learners of all ages on their spiritual journey, that they be transformed and thus positively affect our local and global communities."

Summer Camps for Boys and Girls at Mingus Mountain: Registration and application forms for summer camps are available in the church office. Camps include Rock Camp, grades 4-9 (June 1-6) Elementary Camp Grades 3-6 (June 8-13)with Katherine Keller as the camp leader. Camp Narnia for grades 4-7(June 15-20), Senior High Camp for grades 10-12(June 29-July 4th),Junior High Camp grades 7-9 (July 6-11) and Super Camp grades 3-9 (July 13-18) Cost for the camp is \$295 if registration is completed by May 15th and \$350 thereafter. Some scholarships to camp are available. For more details contact Ellis Falk at the church office.

Vacation Bible School: Next month is the time for vacation Bible school. This years theme is CAMP EDGE- "Experience and Discover God Everywhere". But now is the time to prepare and set the times and dates firmly in our minds. VBS will begin Monday, June 15th and run through Friday June 20th. Our VBS will be in the morning only and is open to all children of the community and the church from ages 4 and older. We can use more youth and adults who are interested in being helpers in VBS this year. During the month of May a "supplies tree" will be in the narthex for those who may not be able to physically help but would like to share with the supplies, food items and the cost of VBS. All gifts will be deeply appreciated and put to good use. Thanks for your kind support. The cost of this year's VBS is \$10.00 per child with not more than \$20.00 for the entire family. A limited number of scholarships are available. Check with the church office.

The 2009 Confirmation Class will be joining the Church on Mothers Day, May 10th. The membership of the church looks forward to the youth of this class joining the church and welcome them into fellowship.

Let us all pray that God will bless them and make them a special blessing to the church.

Bikes in good running order needed. In this tough economic time there are many persons who are looking for bicycles and other modes of transportation. Should you have a bike in good running order which could be given to a needy person or family, please contact the church and give your name and phone number so that arrangements could be made to pick up the bike. These bikes will go to the families of the Sidewalk Sunday School or the Genesis project and any other needy family the church comes in contact with. Thanks for your support.

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

Promotion Sunday: Along with Pentecost Sunday (May 31st), children in the Sunday School who have reached the age of promotion will be going through the ceremony of being promoted from one class level to the next. This is an exciting time in their lives and we pray that God will bless each child who is moving to their new Sunday School Class. Promotion time will take place in the 9:30 and 10:50 worship service.



NOTICE:

We need your Email Address!

Please email it to us at:

goldcanyonumc@mindspring.com



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 2009

On June 11th our church will be sending 25 people to Artesia, New Mexico. There will be 6 adults and 19 senior high kids. I come to you with a heavy heart at this time and ask for your help. The cost for the mission trip alone is \$10,000. This cost covers for food, building supplies, housing and programming during the week. Currently we are short by \$5,500. Please consider becoming a shareholder for the mission trip. We are also looking for donations of tools or gift cards to Home Depot or Lowes. Our project this summer will involve home remodeling and building. Please check the Sunday morning bulletin for a list of needed items.

I would like you to visualize something. Picture your home and what it would be like with no recent maintenance, paint peeling, windows broken, and stairs broken. Now, picture yourself in a wheelchair or another family member in a wheelchair with no wheelchair ramp on your house. These are the people in Artesia, New Mexico. They need hope that someone cares about them. They need help from someone that is willing to help. Now picture 400 people coming to the rescue. This is what happens during a work camp. People from all over the US come together to bring hope and help to those in need. Windows are repaired, stairs are built, wheelchair ramps

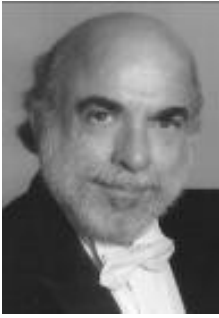
are added to their home, and the word of God is brought like a light into a very dark place. Help be that light, help bring that hope, and help change the world.



GRADUATES!

We need your information! Where are you graduating from? Where are you going after high school (or college)? What are your dreams and aspirations? Send us your information and a digital photo to Heather at gcumcyouth@earthlink.net before May 10th.





Music Notes

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I want to say yet again, what a fantastic **Chancel Choir** we are blessed with here in Gold Canyon! The com-

mitment level of this extraordinary group of people is truly remarkable! While they were not thrilled with the concept of a third service at which to sing, it was decided that indeed we would have a third service and the choir would sing and they did! Some in the choir decided that maybe several of them should stay and help with congregational singing, and they did. They didn't complain, they just did what God gave them to do! I have never been with a group of people with the kind of dedication and commitment demonstrated by our choir!

The **Chancel Ringers** have been equal in dedication and commitment. In bells, no one can be absent, because that is like removing those keys from a piano and still trying to make music! These folks always show up, or make sure a substitute is there in their place! Most importantly, they are sensitive not only to the music, but to each other – a true *team* in every sense of the word, not always easy to do, but they do it and do it well!

Of course, the incredible accompaniments and solo work of **Linda Jones** and **Nancy Virden** – from my standpoint, just plain “WOW!” and “THANKS!” Music is such a team effort and not very often does a music team work together as well as ours does. I know I sound like a broken record, but I still feel like I've died and gone to heaven at this church!

In addition to the best accompanists, we also have the best Music Librarian there is in **Dottie House**! She truly is extraordinary, and really keeps me organized – no small feat! Also, our **Choir Council**, functions very well together under the great leadership of **Carol Lineback**, president, who helps keep me organized in other ways! Our Section Leaders, **Sue Mott**/Soprano, **Mary Catherine Myers**/Alto, **Gary Ackerson**/Tenor, and **Bud Rolley**/Bass, do a great job of keeping in touch with their sections so we can pray for those hurting, sick, traveling, or those who are well and are having a great time! My profound thanks to you all!

This month we have two performances for you. First, the **Scottsdale Christian Academy Chorale**, directed by **Rachel Stoddard** (church member **Pete & Shirley Plakos'** daughter!) returns to sing for us on Sunday, May 3rd at 3:00 pm, as our final event of the 2008-2009 *Performing Arts Series*. This exceptional choir of high school students has sung in Carnegie Hall, toured in Europe and elsewhere. I heard them again at the Arizona Music Educators Association Conference and immediately booked Rachel! There will be no charge for this concert, we will receive a free will offering. We request, however, that everyone please bring at least one non-

perishable food item per person for the GCUMC Food Bank. There is a list of needed items every week in your worship folders. Please come and bring your family, friends and neighbors to this exceptional concert! You, and they, will certainly be glad you did!

Finally, the **San Tan Chorale**, a unique choir of around 80 singers from all over the east valley, will present a concert on Sunday, May 17th at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10, but, for hosting them, our church members will receive a \$2.00 discount – look for the coupon in your worship folder on the 17th! The concert is titled: *Global Notes* and will include a collection of folk songs from around the world. Of particular interest, our very own **Sue Mott** sings with this group! Please don't forget to bring a non-perishable food item per person for the GCUMC Food Bank.

Many of you have talked to me about singing with the “Summer Choir”. We do not really have a “Summer Choir” as the Chancel Choir sings from September through July. Having said that, if you are interested in singing, can read music and “carry a tune” in something other than a “handbag”, we definitely invite you to join us whenever you can. The Chancel Choir sings at both the 8:00 and 9:30 am Traditional Services. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. If you have any questions, just give me a call or come up to the organ after one of the services. Please come and share your gifts with us in Music Ministry! You will be blessed, and so will we!

Blessings to all, especially those who might be traveling to cooler climates, though I really don't know why one would want to leave beautiful Gold Canyon!

Doug

Douglas J. Benton
Director of Music Ministries



WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY



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

ATTENTION: Hu & Wendy Rhymes DO NOT have a home phone. If you want to contact them and you don't have their CELL number, please contact the church office.

SADIE RHYMES MEMORIAL

Donations of food for folks and pets for the FOOD BANK are always needed and welcome. We check every few days in the Food Bank to see if there is a need to replenish pet food. When we checked this last time, the first four folks asked for pet food. One family had an old dog that couldn't chew and needed canned food. The food bank had it, so the dog would not go hungry. Sadie is smiling! Thank you all, Hu, Wendy, Hattie and Muffin

Sympathies: Marilynn Falk, upon the death of her sister, Helen Oshiro; Diane Heath, upon the death of her brother, James Mitchell; The family of Dale Larson, upon his death; The family of Bob Rapp, upon his death (Jerri Manbeck's uncle); The family of Bernadine Van Meter, upon her death and the families & friends of the above.

Concerns and/or Continued Prayers:) Charles Adams, Vi Atherton, Irban Aumann, David Baker, Michael Beebe, Harold Bjustrom, Tom Bottomley (Mike Vagnier's stepfather), Rowan (Royce & Barbara Brownfield's granddaughter), Dr. Brad Bryant, Terry Burris, Paul Butler, Cheyenne Casellas, Ponice Croson, Joyce Curtis, Lisa Dirkman, Mariette Doan, Kent Douglas, Bill Drake, Wendy Ellsworth, Kayla Eriksen (Ritchie & Norm Eriksen's granddaughter), Elizabeth Figueroa, Edward Fite, Fred French, Herb Galliard, Lavon Guist, Don Hammond, Sam & Barb Jordan, Maxine Harder, Zac Hardesty, Jan Harris, Bill Hawkins, Al Hernandez, Mary Hollingsworth, Lynn Howell, Tina Ingram, Lavonne Kanis, Brian Kerwin, Steve Kinder, Georgia Kirkpatrick, Ron Kirkpatrick, Katherine Klein, John Knopik, Wayne Knopp, Phyllis Krebs, Betty Kremer, John LaViolette, Nels Lee, Sharon LeMar, Myron Lenning (Heather Rodenborg's grandfather), Helen Michael (Micki Holcomb's mother), Sharron Gingrich & Michelle Shaw's grandmother), Lloyd McNeece, Mary Moore, Josh Mullinex, Addie Muratore, Bob Musick (Margaret Colmer's brother), Ron Newburn (Gin Johnson's brother), Tommy Orr, Lois Poteet (Barb Oldham's sister), Larry Purcell, Ellen Roberson, Jeanine Roe,

Joanne Rogers, Jane & Sherman Rogers, Betty Rolley, Mickie & Bob Rosenstein, Don Rush, Randall Shepherd (Emmagene Turner's son), Mary Sieler, Truman Strand, Bill Talbot, Peggy Tippie, Donna Toole, Brenda Van Amburg, Tim Van Tassel, Ray Villeneuve, Stan Weeks, Tyler Williams, Verla Whitaker (Ione Nelson's sister), Leroy Wolter, Linda Zimmerseheid and PRAYERS for the families (CAREGIVERS) of the above. PRAYERS for requests in the "CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER" boxes and those FOOD BANK CLIENTS who have requested prayer. PRAYERS for our MILITARY Personnel and their families.

Joys-but Still in Need of Prayers: Dick & Eleanor Armstrong, Tom & Dee Ashe, Barbara, Dorothy & Joey Baker, Jan Berry (Myra & John Berry's daughter-in-law), Sgt. Steven Bise in Iraq (Jackie Bise's nephew), Irene & Junior Blake (Paul Fillion's sister & brother-in-law), Robert Boehm, SSgt. John Briggs in Guam, Jenny & Bob Burgi, Jim & Carolyn Burt, Donna Campbell (Pat & Judy Campbell's daughter), Sgt. Jeff Carroll (Harriette & Jeff Downing's nephew), Bob Carter & family, Eleanor Chesney, Pat Colmer (Sharyn Bennett's mother), Craig Cmar (Marines), Bob & Marcia Cole, Ellie Conger, Carol & Jason Crosswhite, Jenny & Bob Crow, Lorraine Davidson, Chuck Dickinson, Virginia Faris (Suzanne Meier's mother) & Harold & Suzanne Meier, Ed Favia, (Army), Nancy Favia (Air Force Reserve), Andy & Danna Gharavi, David & Ardeena Gillette, Ross & Arline Hacker, Viola Hammond (Don Hammond's Mom, Rich & Sheila Haraldson, Lorna Hartman, Beth



**“ LAUGH A LITTLE”
with Pastor Hu**

JUST CHECKING

A five year old said grace at a family dinner one night. “Dear God, we give you thanks for these pancakes.” When he had finished the prayer, his parents asked him why he thanked God for pancakes when they were having chicken. He smiled and said, “I thought I’d see if God was paying attention tonight.”

E-MAIL ERROR

A business man from Illinois left the streets of Chicago for a vacation in Arizona. His wife was planning to meet him there the next day. When he reached his hotel, he decided to send his wife a quick e-mail.

Unfortunately, when typing her address, he missed one letter, and his note was directed instead to an elderly preacher’s wife whose husband had passed away only the day before. When the grieving widow checked her e-mail, she took one look at the monitor, then screamed and fell to the floor in a dead faint.

At the sound, her family rushed into the room and saw this note on the screen: “Dearest wife, Just got checked in. Everything prepared for your arrival tomorrow. P.S. Sure is hot down here.”

Hayes (Jeff Hayes’ mother), Amanda Hendersen in Iraq, Jim Hibbing, Chris Huston in Iraq (Ken Miller’s grandson), Henry Kamimski, Gladys Kay (Jane Hayes’ Mom), Mel & Mary Kilbo, Naomi Kyle, Jane Lambert, Cheryl Lang, Carol & Bill Lindemann, Pauline Lymons, Bob & Juana Mahlandt, Michael & Susan Malloy, Sally Marvaino (Suzanne Jacobson’s sister), Todd Matzke in Iraq, Bryan McCann (Jeanette Lunstead’s son), Larry & Pat McMann, Wilbur McMann, Hedy Moore (Jed Moore’s Mom), Lorraine & Victor Phillips, Ione Pierce, Sylvia & Calvin Quinn, Icey Revis (Lynn Revis’ mother-in-law), Marvin & Jean Richter, Virgil & Rose Scantlin, Gloria Spears, Steve & Fran Strickler, Emily Sutherland (Wendy Moore’s grandmother), Rick & Sue Sutter, Audrey & Gregg Taran, Carl & Helen Thacker, (Jerry Thacker’s parents), Lillian Thomas & Maria Remaley (Bill & Mary Thomas’ mother), Bev & Jim Toppin, Nancy Traugh (Grover Wallace’s sister), Marven & Wanda Tufte, Ray and Nancy Villeneuve, Mary Ann Warren, Lucy Weiland, Dot Zelezic and the families of the above.



**DESIGNATED GIFTS
FROM MEMORIAL-
FUNERAL
SERVICES**

None that we are aware of this month.



Thank you so much for the cards you have sent, and the monthly newsletters, which we enjoy reading. Most of all, thanks so much for all your prayers. I greatly appreciate them and that’s why I’m still here, because of prayers.



A Friend in Christ,
Nancy Traugh
“Grover Wallace’s Sister”

*Let us
remember to pray
daily*

Healthy Living

The gift of good health...

By Susan Malloy, RN

Dear Readers:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind support of the Parish Nurse Program I started here at Gold Canyon UMC some nine years ago. It has been a privilege to serve you in this capacity and I have made many friends and walked down some difficult paths with many of you. I give all Glory to God for His guiding and directing me into this wonderful avocation to assist you in the search for Wellness.

However, the time has come for me to retire from my volunteer position as your Parish Nurse. I prayed and asked God to help me make this difficult decision. I have not taken this decision lightly and feel strongly that God has answered my prayers. My personal and family health issues are continuing to require me to take this much needed sabbatical. Perhaps if it is God's will, I will be back. If not, my prayer is that He will touch the heart of someone who has the passion and ability to serve Christ through assisting you all on your continued path to wellness.

I trust each of you will respect my decision, understand how difficult this is for me and trust that God has a plan for me and you.

God's blessings of health and wellness to each of you.

Susan Malloy

MIND MENDERS SUPPORT GROUP

Meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday
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 on the 2nd and 4th Fridays each month. We meet in the education building at 10:00 am.

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



Wednesdays at 3:00 pm, Room 101/102

Led by Laurie Christy
Gold Canyon UMC offers Grief Support for those who need someone to talk with. Grief isn't

always about death – we all need help at times talking about and understanding our feelings. Anything that may cause sadness in your life is an issue for grief support. Sometimes it is death or divorce or, it could be the fears of relocation or a new job. We are here to listen when you need to talk. For information, contact Laurie Christy at 480-671-5768 or Lchristy20@yahoo.com.



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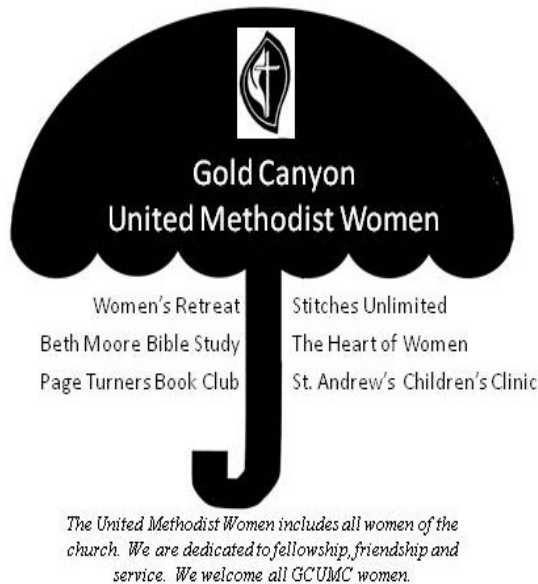
And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him.

Romans 8:28a

Don't be overwhelmed by or afraid of your FEELINGS if you are suffering the trauma of a loss or injury of some sort. Your usual inclination in a loss circumstance is to push your FEELINGS down, escape from them, try to avoid the hurt. WON'T WORK!!! Just like a bad cut or broken bone needs CARE, so do hurts from the death of a loved one, loss of a job, marital and financial destruction, alcoholism and drug addiction, or some other ruinous exigency. FEELINGS MUST OUT!

Stephen Ministers are trained to caringly deal with these FEELINGS and they recognize that you are not responsible for the way you FEEL, AND they know that bottled FEELINGS can produce negative consequences. Get with a Stephen Minister if you are troubled! Express your FEELINGS!!! Get in control with the unobtrusive help of a Stephen Minister.





**2009 School of Christian Mission
July 23-26, 2009**

The Theme for the 2009 School of Christian Mission is **“Together at the Table.”** As Christians, we are reminded of the significance of the table not only in our own lives, but in Jesus’ life and ministry. All along his journey, Jesus broke bread and shared wine providing a means of grace for all who would believe.

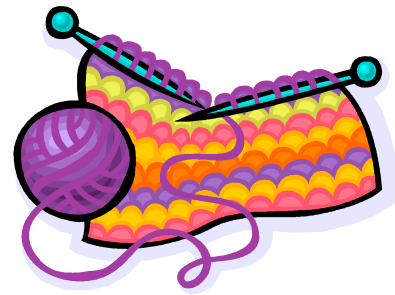
We will repeat the very popular study on **Native American Survival** this year.

Our Spiritual Growth study will be **Food and Faith**. Our relationships with food are complex and individual. The study explores how food can become a companion, a comforter, an enemy, and even an addiction.

The Beauty and Courage of Sudan: Why a Dream of Peace is Possible is the title of our geographic Mission Study for 2009 and 2010. We will explore an overview of history that began in bible times; learn about the country’s main ethnicities, religions and languages; touch on points and possible causes for the wars; and discuss the way Sudanese women are contributing to the peace process and to the culture as a whole.

The site for the school is Grand Canyon University in Phoenix. The campus is beautiful and peaceful; and it has a beautiful new pool!

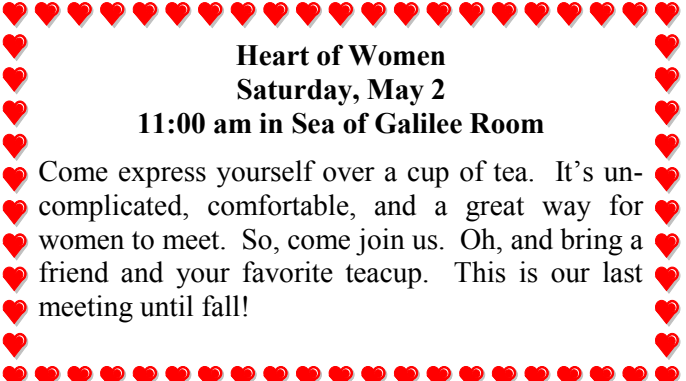
Registration will begin in June. If you have any questions, or are interested in attending, please call Diana Linton at 480-229-0706.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

On March 30th, a group of ladies met to form a Prayer Shawl Ministry for Gold Canyon UMC. We will meet again in the fall when we return to Arizona and, will donate shawls and lap robes that have been crocheted and knitted to be given to people needing comfort. This would include those who are very ill or grieving, those who are battling cancer and those who are dealing with other problems. The recipients will be determined by the pastors but can be delivered by Stephen Ministers and others.

The group blessed the shawls that were donated that day, a total of nine, by laying their hands on the shawls and each saying prayers for the people who will be receiving them. Since all the participants at this time are winter visitors, we will continue to work on shawls at our summer homes and bring them when we return. If anyone is interested in more information about this wonderful and caring ministry, please email Nancy Miller at fnmiller@iowatelecom.net for more information. We welcome anyone who likes to crochet or knit to come to our group. Watch the RoadRunner for more info about our meetings.



Heart of Women
Saturday, May 2
11:00 am in Sea of Galilee Room
 Come express yourself over a cup of tea. It's un-complicated, comfortable, and a great way for women to meet. So, come join us. Oh, and bring a friend and your favorite teacup. This is our last meeting until fall!



Inaugural *Spring Fling* ~ A Success Story

On a perfect spring day, scores of individuals flocked to Gold Canyon United Methodist Church for an afternoon of fun, socializing and sharing community spirit. Many local businesses set up tables along with various church ministries to promote awareness of their existence. Senior Pastor Fred Steinberg joined the fun by subjecting himself to the dunk tank. It was especially exciting to see so many children on the campus as they enjoyed face painting, balloon creations, bouncy house and petting zoo. The “older” kids were delighted with the antique/classic cars and custom motorcycles. There were dogs everywhere as families brought their beloved pet to be blessed by Rev Hu Rhymes. There was plenty to eat and drink lovingly served by the youth and volunteers. Although not expected to be a fund raising

event, generous attendee donations contributed nearly \$1,150.00 to support the youth mission trip to Artesia, NM.

The event was organized and sponsored by the *W.O.W.* Hospitality Team under the skillful leadership of Ron Walker.



Thanks are in Order

The Praise continues for the great success of our first Spring Fling. I want to thank all the many people who made this such a success. Without all of your devotion this could never have happened. The Sheriff estimated that around 500 to 700 people attended. Watch out for NEXT YEAR! God bless each of you for your help

~Ron Walker

International Missions

"The world is my parish." – John Wesley

By Jackie Douglass

Does It Really Matter Where You Buy Your Coffee?

Stepping forward on Feb. 1st to accept Pastor Fred's challenge of "going on an adventure with God" was an exciting "risk"! After worship that day, I met with the International Missions Team and was not too surprised to find out that 2 other members of this team (Ruthmary Anderson and Nona Larson) had also stepped forward to be a part of this adventure.

In mid-February the International Missions Team met again and our discussion turned to how the three of us might combine our \$100 dollar bills and create a joint venture. We eventually decided to invest in Free Trade coffee with the idea of supporting an existing mission in Honduras, with additional support going to the three international projects our Team had already decided to assist.

Our project purchases coffee from "Green Parrott Coffee", which is part of Fellow Man International of Honduras, a non-profit organization that directly benefits from the sale of Green Parrott Coffee. Green Parrott Coffee was created with only one thing in mind; social justice for the Honduran coffee plantation worker. The daily wage of a field laborer in Honduras is only \$3.20. This is not a living wage. Green Parrott Coffee helps people in Honduras by: providing a way for them to make a living wage, allowing them to take part in profit sharing, helping to eliminate child labor, supporting education and promoting community development. Fellow Man International also operates a full service medical clinic and agricultural project in Honduras.

So, the answer to the above question is, "Yes, it does matter where you buy your coffee!" Proceeds from the sales of Green Parrott coffee helps support Fellow Man International as well as the other international projects we support: a Christian church in Wanghsi, China; After The Wave project in Thailand; a church and school in Chile.

Our goal is to make this an ongoing project at GCUMC; we will be selling coffee on Sundays and will pursue other venues in which to sell the coffee in the future. If you would like to purchase Green Parrott Coffee, look for it between services on Sundays, or contact Jackie Douglass (jackied.coaz@gmail.com); Ruthmary Anderson (don101mary@msn.com), or Nona Larson (enonal@msn.com).

Reminder! Great Opportunity to serve God's people! Service Project to Chile

- Project is in the Northern District of the Methodist Church in Chile in the coastal city of Iquique at a Methodist school
- Help build pews for the Methodist church in Antofagasta working alongside the members of that congregation under the leadership of John and Janice Cogswell; John and Janice were with us in early March as presenters both in worship and at our International Missions Program.
- The dates of the trip are January 1-17, 2010; **\$200.00 deposit is due May 15, 2009**
- Total cost is \$2,700 inclusive of materials, travel, accommoda-

tions and meals

- There is an option for an extended stay at the conclusion of the service project

For more details and a registration form, please contact Ruthmary Anderson (don101mary@msn.com) or Jackie Douglass (jackied.coaz@gmail.com). Registration forms are also available on the information table.

If you are unable to go, you may contribute to our international projects at any time by indicating, "International Missions" on the envelopes in the pews or in the memo section of your check. If you would like your donation to be used for a specific project, indicate Africa, Chile, China, St. Andrews or Thailand on your envelope or check

- **The St. Andrews Project in Mexico**
- **The United Methodist Seminary and other projects in the Congo**
- **A new Christian congregation and church in China**
- **Educational and medical support of children in Thailand orphaned by the tsunami of 2004**

AFTER THE WAVE

by Jackie Douglass , International Missions Chair– jackied.coaz@gmail.com)

Having spent 16 years living and working in Thailand I had multiple opportunities to be involved in several outreach/ community service projects, both through the International Church I attended, and through the school where I worked. These experiences ranged from visiting an orphanage to play with the children to working side by side with students and homeowners on a Habitat for Humanity project in Northern Thailand. The human connections made from these experiences are embedded in my heart; the simple act of holding a child to offer a nurturing touch and working to build a small block home for a family previously living in a straw and old corrugated metal lean-to humbled me beyond words.

The most heart wrenching experience came, though, when the tsunami hit Southeast Asia in December 2004. This natural

disaster was overwhelming to thousands of people in the region. The tsunami touched many lives within the International School Bangkok (ISB) community both directly and indirectly. One teacher from our school and his wife incurred devastating injuries that took months of recovery, but worse than that, their 6 year old twins perished in the tsunami. Other staff members and community members lost family members as well.

As a result of the personal loss felt by the ISB community, as well as feeling the toll the tsunami took on the local communities in the south of Thailand, ISB responded by establishing a Tsunami Relief project. The ISB community and Alumni Association raised nearly \$1 million over the course of a few months. This money was designated to help rebuild Bang Sak School in the Khao Lak district of the Phang-nga province in the southern part of Thailand, an area devastated by the tsunami and also the area where the beloved twins, Job and Maria, were lost.

The school has been rebuilt, in large part due to the financial efforts of the ISB Tsunami Relief Project. Along with the financial support, several work teams comprised of adults and students have traveled to the school over the past 5 years to provide direct service. During the initial trips to the Bang Sak School in Khao Lak, it became apparent that hundreds of students were in need of support to be able to attend school. Many of the children lost family members in the tsunami and have been reduced to poverty.

Subsequently, several ISB teachers and community members established AFTER THE WAVE . The goal of the project is to help the disadvantaged students at the Bang Sak School receive all necessary support for improving their lives by furthering their education. The primary aim is to provide essentials for students including shoes, clothes, school supplies, toiletries. Additional special projects include the provision of dental and medical care, including surgery in Bangkok for tsunami related injuries and birth defects.

To date, simply by word of mouth to friends and others in the international community, AFTER THE WAVE has sponsors for 85 of the 700 students in need. Educational sponsors receive a student profile and a yearly letter from the sponsored child. The hope is that those choosing to become educational sponsors will choose to maintain the sponsorship year-to-year until the student graduates from high school.

I feel strongly that God has guided me and traveled with me throughout my life influencing where I lived, what I did, and even the people with whom I interacted. Living in Thailand for as long as I did created for me, a feeling of having two homes. While in Thailand, I always felt connected to my family and church home at GCUMC even though separated by thousands of miles. Now, living in Arizona, I continue to feel connected to the people in Thailand. Supporting AFTER THE WAVE allows me to stay connected on a deeper level and feels like an extension of God's guidance, once again guiding my efforts and helping to extend God's love throughout the world. I feel blessed that the International Missions Team of GCUMC has been able to bring this project to the attention of our congregation and subsequently raise a few dollars for these children. My continued hope is that some of you will feel moved to support a child in his or her educational pursuits. Ask me how!

Current UMCOR Emergencies

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

Red River Floods

Domestic Disaster Response
UMCOR Advance #901670

Zimbabwe Crisis

Zimbabwe Emergency
UMCOR Advance #199456

Kenya Famine

International Disaster Response, Kenya
UMCOR Advance #982450

Spring Storms

Domestic Disaster Response
UMCOR Advance #901670

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





Volunteers Do Make a Difference

GCUMC
982-3776

Jane Hayes, Volunteer Coordinator

Wednesday Wonders Score !

Our Wednesday Wonders have done a sensational job this year for our church family.

So many different repairs were accomplished which are beneficial to all of us.

Our family also wished to acknowledge the many individuals who offer their time for "Community Service."

Many of our Winter visitors who have donated time as volunteers to our Custodian, John LaViolette will be leaving and he could use some more assistance until they return.

Maybe your club could volunteer to vacuum, dust, or choose a bathroom to do each month???

To our Generous Anonymous Donors Thank YOU!

We are so fortunate to have so many generous, thoughtful people everyday who drop by a check for the youth group mission trip, stained glass window fund, a new commercial refrigerator for the kitchen, foodbank, assistance for needy individuals, cars, beds, furniture, clothing, and much more.

We love your spirit.

Should anyone have an upright frost-free freezer, we could sure use one in the Education Building. Our small, chest deep freezer is straining to keep up with the demand.

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

1. Custodian Helper
2. Information Table
3. Office Assistant
4. W.O.W. Team
5. Gift Card for Food Bank

Name _____

Phone _____

The Monthly Gift of Sharing:

Buy a gift card for Bashas or Fry's and donate it to the FoodBank !

God Bless.

Road Runner Email

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

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name (s): _____

Email Address:

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





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Volunteer Coordinator	Jane Hayes
Parish Nurse	Sue Malloy
Nursery Care Giver	Susan Kenyon
Facility Care Taker	John LaViolette



SPRING SERVICE HOURS

***8:00 AM—Traditional Worship**

***9:30 AM—Traditional Worship**

In the Sanctuary

***10:50 AM—PRAISE**

Service

In the Koinonia Room

Music led by *Uncommon Grace*

**Childcare Provided*

5:00 PM—Country Western Service

Music led by

One in the Spirit

On the Last Sunday of the Month

Music will be led by *The Housers*

Come Worship and Stay for the Potluck!

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

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

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

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

✝ 9:30 AM ~ Youth Sunday School

✝ 10:50 AM ~
Children's Sunday School
Pick Up in Classrooms

Monthly Newsletter Deadline: 10th of the Month
 Weekly Bulletin Insert Deadline: **Noon** on Wednesday
 Flower Order Deadline: **Noon** on Wednesday
 Please note that flowers are \$30.00