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**From The Pastor:
“Our Greatest Struggles”**

We humans face many difficulties and tragedies. We read of many problems in the newspaper. We see photos of the damage in Japan from earthquakes and the tsunami. We hear about radiation concerns for those

who live next to the damaged nuclear power plants. We watch videos of the struggles in Afghanistan. Yet these are not the problems that deeply affect most of us.



I find that it is the relationships of daily life that cause the most pain and problems. Those who are the closest

to us are the ones who often inflict the most pain. Those we love the most can hurt us deeply. We may find that those who are supposed to love us in fact manipulate and use us for their own purposes. Sometimes families turn to games of manipulation rather than to actions of love. In these situations we can question our self-worth. I think in the midst of such issues the church should be a place where we can come to terms with the feelings and emotions that arise from families and relationships where unhealthy interaction takes place.

During the month of May we will start a new sermon series called “All In the Family”. We will look at how sexuality, conflict, sour grapes, and family roles can impact our lives. I hope you will join me in worship as we try to understand and find healing in the face of family struggles.

Grace and peace,

Fred



All in the Family Sermon Series

May 1 – All in the Family - Power of Sex

May 8 – All in the Family - A Woman is to be Praised

May 15 – All in the Family - Qualities That Help a Marriage Last

May 22 – All in the Family – Love Triumphs Conflict

May 29 – All in the Family - Sour Grapes

Please welcome the following people who joined the church on April 17:

Betty & Richard Gale
Bay & Janet West
Cheryl & Michael O'Donnell
Jack & Connie Behan
Ellamae Sander
Cindy Howard
Linda Boone
Karin Lewis

“Following Jesus, Serving Others”

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.

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE!

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



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



Church Wish List

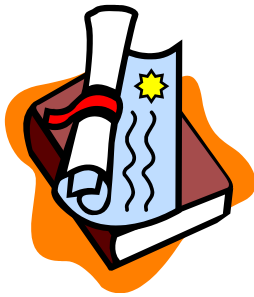
Want to give back to Gold Canyon United Methodist Church beyond your pledge to the General Budget or the Building Fund? Listed below are some items requested by staff and laity that will better enable us to fulfill our mission as a church.

- 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

DONATIONS AND ATTENDANCE

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

March	2009		2010		2011		2010	2011
	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Worship All	Worship All
1st	\$30,791	\$13,664	\$33,114	\$13,434	\$34,414	\$11,307	1836	1865
2nd	19,197	4,972	22,262	4,591	21,107	5,455	1890	1721
3rd	20,763	6,191	18,450	5,435	17,278	4,338	1746	1646
4th	16,719	5,239	20,821	7,112	20,621	9,430	1967	1583
5th	15,707	8,383	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	\$103,177	\$38,449	\$94,647	\$30,572	\$93,420	\$30,530	7439	6815



Scholarship Award Winners

Congratulations are in order for nine recently selected scholarship winners for the 2011-2012 school term. They are: Daniel Bos, Nathaniel Gingrich, Jenny Hawk, Suzanne Jacobson, Scott Moore, Christina Pappalardo, Heather Rodenborg, Nicholas Saathoff and Timothy Steinberg. The recipients met all of the requirements for eligibility and each will receive a \$500 scholarship.

Our church is fortunate to have a member who has established an endowed scholarship fund available to members of GCUMC. Our scholarship committee has recently broadened the program to enable other members to make designated contributions for scholarships. To learn more of the details about GCUMC's scholarship program, please find brochures in the church narthex or check with the church office.

John Wesley's Three Simple Rules

Do No Harm

Do Good

Stay in love with God

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.

Commemorative Mugs!!!!



Wouldn't you like to enjoy your morning coffee or tea or perhaps hot chocolate in an attractive Gold Canyon United Methodist Church Commemorative Mug? Stop by the Information Desk or the office and pick one up for only \$5.00 each.

Your **W.O.W.** team designed the mugs and proceeds will be used to support their outreach mission.

Current UMCOR Emergencies

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

Japan Emergency
Earthquake & Tsunami
UMCOR Advance #3021317

U.S. Disaster Response
Spring Storms
UMCOR Advance #901670

Liberia Emergency
UMCOR Advance #150300

Cote D'Ivoire Crisis
UMCOR Advance #982450

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





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."

May is here already. We have experienced the joy of Easter and new beginnings in Christ. As I tell the children every Sunday, "find your prayer hands" and thank God for the blessings he is raining down upon you. Jeremiah 32:27 says *"Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me?"* As you continue to journey through this year and the joys and struggles it brings may you be reminded to find your prayer hands and surrender to God. May you continue to grow in your walk with Christ and choose to experience His love. Get involved, volunteer your time, join a small group, listen and learn and see how God's love flows through you.

Youth and Children

Camperships Needed – Do you remember attending church camp as a child or even as an adult? Chances are good that the experience changed your life forever. If you would like to offer that experience to a child from this church, please consider donating to the campership fund. The cost for camp is **\$310**. This is considered to be **Rate B**. The middle price is the amount that is spent during the week of camp for your camper to participate. These costs include the food, the people cooking the food, keeping the camp ready for campers, program supplies, and the training, food and lodging for the volunteer leaders.

Any amount to help defray the cost of camp and to ensure that as many children as possible receive the camp experience is looked upon as a huge blessing. Donations may be turned in to the church office or placed in the Sunday offering with a designation of Campership noted on the memo line.

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. You can register online at <http://www.goldcanyonumc.org> by clicking on the Give or Register for an Event tab, or you can register during the week in the church office or between services at the VBS table. Early registration ends May 30. The cost is \$15 per child for the first two children and \$10 for each additional child up to \$50 per family. After May 30, the cost increases by \$5 per child.

Summer Camp at Mingus Mountain – This year's theme is GOT SPIRIT? Campers will explore and learn to find God wherever they look! If you would like to donate to the campership fund contact Alex Houseman in the church office. Registration packets can be downloaded from desertsouthwestconference.org on the Camping and Retreat Ministries page or picked up in the church office. Early registration ends May 14. All children are encouraged to attend. You can make a \$35 deposit by May 14 and pay the balance up to 14 days before the start of camp. After May 14 the price increases by \$25.

Elementary Camp for youth entering grades 3-6: June 6-11
Deans: Katherine Keller and Rhonda Walkocz

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

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

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

Adults

New home based small group Bible studies continue to be formed. If you are interested in joining a group of eight to ten individuals in exploring and strengthening your faith, contact Alex Houseman in the church office. We are currently studying the *Live Like You Were Dying* series and will soon be forming groups to study *The 5 Love Languages* by Gray Chapman. Studies last between four and six weeks.



Disciple

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

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



Gold Canyon UMC



Wendy Moore, Youth Director

Our Superstar of the Month is **Megan Pappalardo!**



Megan is 13 years old and a 7th grader. She is an active member of the GCUMC Youth Group and she always brings a smile to our group. She has also served her community through Relay for Life.

Her hobbies are:

Reading and playing the flute

Accomplishments:

National Junior Honors Society and playing the flute

Favorite Food:

Cotton Candy and Peanut M&Ms

Congratulations Megan!

Upcoming Events

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – Regular Youth Group

A Parent Meeting for all youth going on the Mission Trip to be announced

Volleyball practice to be announced

NEWS:

Thank you to all who attended the JJ Heller concert. We hope to bring more contemporary Christian music performances to GCUMC in the future.

BECOME A SHAREHOLDER FOR THE 2011 MISSION TRIP

Your Gold Canyon UMC Youth Group will be traveling to Navajo Mtn., Utah July 10th to July 16th to participate in what will be a life changing event. They will be spending the week helping clean-up, paint, build, minister, etc. to the residents of this impoverished community. This week long mission will not only be changing the lives of the residents in the Navajo Mtn. community, but it will change the lives of our youth as well. Your generosity up to this point has been awe inspiring, but we are still in need of some shareholders. A full share is \$400, a half share \$200, and on down the line. The youth of this church thank you so much for your support, without it this Mission Trip would not be possible. If you have any questions, please call Wendy Moore at the church office.

Perspectives:

One of life's greatest mysteries is how the boy who wasn't good enough to marry your daughter can be the father of the smartest grandchild in the world.

“Families are like fudge - mostly sweet with a few nuts.” ~Author Unknown

“To us, family means putting your arms around each other and being there.” ~Barbara Bush



Music Notes



May is here! The desert is in bloom., the weather is warm, life is good! This is a great month to get out and enjoy God's beauty throughout Arizona – from the desert to the mountains.

The Chancel Choir will continue singing through July. Many of you like to sing with us only during the summer, so now is the time to come join us on Thursday evenings at 6:50 pm in the Music Room. If you can sing on pitch and read music, please come join us. We have more fun than we probably should have in church!

Our last *Performing Arts Series* event features our own special cellist, **Shirley Coad** in a celebration of her seventy years of playing the cello! This is an incredible accomplishment! The celebration/concert will be on **Sunday, May 1 at 3:00 pm** in the Sanctuary. Open to everyone, a freewill offering will be received, all of which will go to the Youth Mission Trip this summer. So, come celebrate Shirley and her friends, and bring lots of money for the youth!

Now that tax season is over, if you have some money you don't know what to do with, I sincerely hope you will consider our project to add pipes to our organ. Our decision deadline for Ruffatti's current pipe quote, and Heritage Organs generous offer of a new console is the 10th of this month. If you have any questions or would like to donate a substantial gift, please give me or Pastor Fred a call at the church.

On a personal note, I will finally have surgery to replace my left ankle on May 16. I have lost all the cartilage in it and playing the organ pedals is becoming increasingly painful. If you think about it that day (Monday), please say a prayer that my surgeon does what he needs to do so I can get back to my favorite instrument in my favorite place quickly and as painlessly as possible. Thanks in advance!

I hope we all have a great month in May!

Blessings,

Doug

Douglas J. Benton
Director of Music Ministries

Country Western Welcome

The Country Western service at 5 pm on Sundays continues every week through June 26th.

A potluck dinner will follow the services on May 29th and June 26th. Bring a main dish, side dish or dessert. Tableware and beverages will be provided.

The room will be cool and the welcome is always warm. Bring some friends and introduce them to your church through this unique worship experience.

If you have any questions, call Rev. Bob Deits (480-396-4838) or David Ballard (480-288-9681).





From the Mailbag

To Our Church Family,

Thanks to all who sent cards, prayed and visited Ross during the last several years - especially Hu & Wendy.

We especially want to thank the bus drivers who made it possible for Ross to attend church services for the last two years of his life.

Sincerely,

Arline Hacker

Sue Flitsch, Connie Schuler,

Ronda Michels & Marci Woody



To: Gold Canyon United Methodist Church

We would like to thank Pastor Fred, Doug Benton and all the volunteers involved in the Memorial Service for our Husband and Father, Jim Rein, who passed away on February 15th. It seemed overwhelming at first but Pastor Fred's service was a comfort to us all. God bless all of you.

The Family of Jim Rein



My recent hospital adventure rewarded me with many calls of concern from so many of you for which I want to express my sincere Thanks!

Don Schaefer



The Plakos Family wishes to extend a sincere "Thank You" for the many prayers, cards, calls and visits made by this wonderful congregation both before and after Pete's call back home. We so appreciate the love and kindness of each and every one of you! Pete certainly leaves a lasting impression on all who knew him and will be dearly missed. Special thanks to Fred Steinberg, Hu and Wendy Rhymes, Julius Keller, and Nancy Virden for their "in-home hospice" visits which meant so very much to all of us.

"And, see, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:20

Single United Methodists (SUM)

Cinema Club

The first Sunday of each month, SUM and friends meet at 3 pm at the lower level Food Court at Scottsdale Fashion Square Mall. (The 4-story garage on north side of mall has plenty of free parking.) To find us, look for the Singles Cinema Club's table-top sign. Everyone sees the film of their choice, then returns to the food court to discuss why they loved, loathed or "sorta liked" the film they've just seen.

Bowling Club

Let us Roll Bowl - 12th St. and Dunlap in Phoenix SUM, their families and friends are invited to a fun evening of bowling, the third Sunday of every month. Bowling begins at 5 pm, ending around 7 pm. We play at least 2 games, sometimes 3. Cost is \$2.75 a game plus \$2.75 for shoes.

First Fridays' Fish Fry

May 6 and June 3 at St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral Byzantine Catholic Church, 8141 N. 16th St., Phoenix. The first Friday of each month, we meet at St. Stephen's for its famed Fish Fry and polka rave. Cost: \$8-\$11. Ask the host to direct you to the SUM table.

Lend a Helping Hand

Volunteers are needed to serve Sunday lunch to 175-200 men, women & kids at UMOM's Homeless Shelter on the Second and Third Sundays of each month in May and June. To prepare food, please be at Cross Roads UMC kitchen by 10 am; to serve, be at church by 11:30 am.

"Cinderella" at Broadway Palm Dinner Theater, June 25

For years, the Valley's Methodist singles have supported Lura Turner Homes, founded by Methodist deaconess Lura Turner. So every year we have a great time at the LTH benefit at Broadway Palm Dinner Theater, 5247 E. Brown Rd., Mesa. Time is 11:45 am, Saturday, June 25. Cost for buffet lunch and show: \$45. For tickets call Max at 602-258-1207 or 602-944-1524.



WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY

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



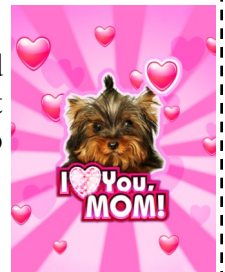
JUST A REMINDER: Please let the Rhymes know or call the office if you are having surgery or are in the hospital, if you wish a visit, or want to be on the Sunday Prayer List. For OUR NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS check the Sunday Bulletin or call the church office.

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, really big month for pet food in the Food Bank. We have bagged pet food twice a week for two weeks, plus at least once a week the other weeks. The Food Bank could not continue with pet food without your generous help. A big thank you to some choir members who have helped a lot. We thank you all.

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



CONGRATULATIONS to the six new STEPHEN MINISTERS (Terri Catt, Gloria Charette, Wendy Christian, Harriette Downing, Mike Paul & Grace Wroeel), who have completed their course work, graduation & commissioning. We also want to thank Marj & Don Tonole. They spent many extra hours training these folks, as well as the time spent in class.

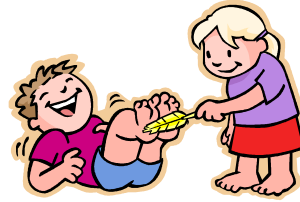
Sympathies: Betty Pittman, Jerry & Ruth Ann Thacker, upon the death of their dear friend, Charles Adams; Kris Laux & the family of Nancy Binting, upon her death; Marlys Bjustrom, upon the death of her husband, Harold; Randy Bowman, upon the death of his wife, Vickie; The Coker family, upon family deaths; Roy & Donna Fuerherm, upon the death of Roy's daughter, Lisa; Ron Walker, upon the death of his cousin, Bob Kell; Doris/John Adamson, Shirley/Tom Feather, upon the death of Doris & Shirley's aunt/great aunt, Jane Lambert; Jerry/Irene Lambert, upon the death of Jerry's mother, Jane Lambert; Shirley Plakos, upon the death of her husband, Pete; The family of Judy Powers, upon her death; John Rardin, upon the death of his wife, Diana; The family of Dick Schutt, upon his death (friend of Jack Viviani); Todd Williams, upon the death of his mother, Doreen; Betty Young, upon the death of her husband, Loren, and the families & friends of the above.

Concerns and/or Continued Prayers: Debbie Adler; Lovitta Aker, Ainsley Alford, Joe Ayarbe, Patti Baker,

Alexa Barrie, Bob Bayne, Nicholas Beatty (Noreen Beatty's grandson), Miriam Beck, Jim Bell, Chris Bisted, Irene Blake (Paul Fillion's sister), Goldie Boleyn (Bev Toppin's mother), Elizabeth Brocher (Louise & Ernie Brocher's granddaughter), Devona Brown, Theresa Brown, Patti Brundle, Stuart Buck, Sandy Campbell, Karen Carnahan, Bob & JoAnn Clark, Helen Clark, Rev. Jerry Clausen, Donna Coker, Janice Conley, Sammy Daugherty, Darell Davis, Rev. Jim Dinkel, Bonnie Eisentraut, Mike Etcheverry, Peter Fillion (Paul Fillion's brother), Pat Garrett (Donna Garrett's brother-in-law), Barb Gasca, Miriam Hanson (Brenda Rahaneotis' sister), Dale Harlan, Betty Harris, Darrell Hiller, Lynn Ikard, Tom Jones, Joan Jorgensen, Barbara Keiper, Roger Kelly, Steve Kinder, Dawson Kopp (Catherine Sullivan's great nephew), Jonal Lartigue, Char Lartigue, Virginia Long, Breadan James Maxwell, Linda Mestek, Judy Monk, Charlotte Montoya (Uni Kincaid's sister), Ron Morrisette, Duane Nelson, Ginny Ohnstad, Jennie Oukada, Jeff Peterson, Lorraine Phillips, Karlie Plas, Dee Plummer, Brenda Rahaneotis, Muriel Reif, Mike Rogers (relative of Joe & Uni Kincaid), Drew Rolley (Bud & Betty Rolley's son), Art Schlee, Annie Smith, Joan Schweger, Tim Stidem, Daryl Stratton, Lori Thompson (Jim/Carolyn Burt's daughter-in-law), Mark Thompson, Anthony Thorburn (Frieda Moffatt's brother), Jerry Tippie, Jay Viviani (Jack Viviani's son), LoRetha Willhite, Hailey Willis (granddaughter of Gloria Willis), Gale Wilson, Garveline Wolfe (Patty

Truckle's aunt), and PRAYERS for the families & caregivers of the above. PRAYERS for requests in the "CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER" boxes & UNSPOKEN REQUESTS. Also, those FOOD BANK CLIENTS who have requested prayers. PRAYERS for our MILITARY personnel (Alejandro Gonzales, Matthew Jacobson & A.J. Skabelund), and their families & those who are in NEED OF EMPLOYMENT. PRAYERS for the families of SIDEWALK MINISTRY. ALL PEOPLE affected by the earthquake & tsunami in Japan. (Reikos' family in Japan)

Still in Need of Prayers: Charlie & Joan Acker, John & Doris Adamson, Dick & Eleanor Armstrong, Tom & Dee Ashe, Bob & Ruth Bennett, Marvin Boles & Ginny Ohnstad, Kay Bottomley (Mike Vagnier's mother), Lyle Brewer, Dr. Brad & Arlaine Bryant, Jim Burden & Marilyn Horkey, Jim & Carolyn Burt, Grace Byers (Monty & Gary Gingrich's mother), Shirley & Frank Campbell, Don & Arlene Catt, Karen Chandler, Carol Crosswhite, Bill & Joyce Curtis, Rev. Bob & June Deits, Chuck Dickinson, Darrell & Laura Dinges, Rev. Jim & Eve Dinkel, Adelyne Douglass, Elaine Finck, Danna & Andy Gharavi, Ardeena Gillette, Patti Girardi, Bill & Louise Green, Arline Hacker, Michael & Debbie Hale, Jim & Kyle Hoggatt (Jim & Carolyn Burt's son-in-law/grandson), Rich Haraldson, Ro Heinauer (Diane Heinauer's mother-in-law), Wade & Cindy Hoff, Neil & Melva Houtcooper, Bob & Lou Johnson, Ginny & Joe Johnson, Noel Jones (Linda & Morgan Jones' grandson), Gladys Kay (Jane Hayes' Mom), Mel & Mary Kilbo, Emil & Myrtle Krecji, 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 mother), Don & Diane Parker, Eileen Petticrew (Keith Petticrew's mother), Shirley Plakos, Lois Poteet (Barb Oldham's sister), Calvin Quinn, Lynn Revis, Paul & Eleanor Rhymes (Hu Rhymes' brother-THANKS FOR ALL YOUR PRAYERS), Marv Richter, Jim & Marcia Ritenour, David & Judy Robertson, Joe & Rose Rosenberg, Brian Sanders (Brenda Rahaneotis' nephew), Virgil & Rose Scantlin, Sandy & Richard Schutt (Wendy Rhymes' sister & brother-in-law), Connie & Dave Snyder, Rick & Sue Sutter, Sharon Szymanski (Victor & Lorraine Phillips' daughter), Bobbie Talbot, Marilyn Thomas, Lillian Thomas (Bill & Mary Thomas' mother), Jim & Bev Toppin, 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), Dorothy Wolter, Chong Ho Yi (Friend of Lovena Warren), Betty Young, 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

OLD TESTAMENT Q'S & A'S

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the Bank of the Nile & drew out a little prophet.

Q. How did Adam & Eve feel when expelled from the Garden of Eden?

A. They were really put out.

Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why they no longer lived in Eden?

A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.

FACES

Watching a Sunday School pupil making faces at the kids around him, the teacher, Ms. Betsy, stopped the lesson and said, "When I was your age I was told that if I made ugly faces, my face would freeze that way."

Little Bobby looked up and replied innocently, "Well, Ms. Betsy, you can't say you weren't warned."



Make time to pray everyday

SISTER SEMINARIANS



By Heather Rodenburg

Hello church family. Well it's May and I want to jump for joy!! On May 9th, I will have my last final of my first year. I can't believe it! It's been a journey, that's for sure. I am also excited that I get to come back and visit for a bit. On May 25th, I have to go before the District Committee of Ordained Ministry for reapproval for candidacy. While I am back, I hope I get a chance to visit with you. I could also use your prayers during this time. On the 26th, I will be driving back to Dallas with a U-Haul and the rest of my things. I could use prayers for safe travels.

Well you're probably wondering what I learned this first year. I can say, a LOT! There has been a lot of academic work and deep theological reading. I have enjoyed and dreaded it. But out of everything, the most important lesson I can say I learned is about community. God calls us to live in community with our family, our church, and our neighbors. When we live in community with one another lives are healed, people receive care, and the love of Jesus is being spread.



Community within the church is important and accomplished in a few ways. One of the most important things I have learned and experienced is community through small groups. One small group that I am involved with has 4 women plus myself. We range in age from 25 to 39. We meet each week for lunch and bible study at different restaurants around the Dallas area. In our group, we hold each other accountable regarding our prayer life, bible study, and personal relationships. Not only has our friendship grown, but our faith and trust with each other has grown. We are also in the process of planning our own little retreat to a Christian Ashram where we will spend three days in prayer.

I am also in the process of implementing this model of small groups at the church where I am working. Studies have shown when you have a small core group of people that are held accountable to each other and their church they develop in their faith and discipleship.

However, the greatest impact that small groups are having is within their community. Part of the responsibility of the small group is to fulfill what Jesus calls us all to do and that is to make disciples. Groups are out in their community serving together and helping their neighborhoods through Christian discipleship. Some examples are block parties,, picnics at local parks, backyard bbq's, and even creating community gardens. This type of discipleship is called "Holistic Evangelism." These people are loving their neighbors through a non-invasive approach that promotes peace and healing. An example of this is my friend Clay. He and his wife purposefully moved into a neighborhood of drug dealers. (You don't have to be this extreme.) They have gotten to know their neighbors and the dealers in their area and open their home to them. Change is happening in an amazing way in this community. It's a great testament to relationships and community development.

Our world, and especially the younger generations, is starting to disconnect and live in a virtual world. You could literally live in a world without human contact due to Facebook, Twitter, the internet, etc. Even churches meet for worship services online. With all these ways to "connect" there is still a disconnection. Youth and young adults crave relationships, authentic relationships, and that's what is being lost in the virtual world. Small groups that are mixed racially, economically, and socially is one of the ways this need for authentic relationships can be fulfilled. So go out and start a small group and be accountable to each other, God, and the church. As one of my professors recently told me, "Say 'Yes' to God and don't look back" to which I will because God will be right there with me, guiding and equipping me.

I could go on and on but I would love to save some for when I come back. So please, when you see me ask me questions about anything because I would love to have a conversation with each of you.

Until next time, may you feel the love and presence of Jesus and may the Holy Spirit move with you.

Heather

By Jody Topping

The Spring Quarter is buzzing by and soon we'll all be preparing for the summer! Although most students take the summer off, mine is shaping up to be very busy, with summer school classes, Senior High Church Camp, UMW Schools of Missions...and of course my Internship here at Gold Canyon UMC!

One of the classes I'm taking this quarter is called Mission & Evangelism in Contemporary Context. In addition to our usual online responses to questions posed by the instructors, we're also experimenting with different types of social media (like Facebook, Twitter, and blogging) so we can all feel comfortable with these technologies as we share our faith journeys with others out in cyberspace. As online students, you would think everyone in my class would feel very comfortable with the technology—but they're not!! Many of my classmates are struggling, not only with the technology itself, but also with ethical standards having to do with what we should and should not share as theological students and (for some of us) as future pastors. Some of the discussions have been quite enlightening and pertinent to our futures, and many of us (myself included) are prayerfully considering not only how to use social media with members of our faith community, but how we can use these media to reach out to those who might otherwise be unchurched. As followers of Jesus, we are given the task of making disciples - what we know as The Great Commission. Social media sites like Facebook,



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Sister Seminarians, cont.



Twitter and blogs are great ways for us to reach out to those who have not yet witnessed God's grace and love - but they can also be sources of inappropriate discussions and hurtful responses.

As one who uses social media frequently, I try to be mindful that some of my Facebook friends and Twitter followers are not interested in some of the same things I'm interested in, but I also don't want to miss an opportunity to share the love and hope that Jesus brings to my life every day...so it's a bit of a balancing act! I don't know that I will ever know fully what God's will is for me as I engage with others through cyberspace...but I do know God wants me to continue to reach out to other people and spread the good news of God's love, whether on the church campus, in a coffee shop, through a blog, or on Facebook! Social media sites are a great way to share our faith with others... and they are also a great way of just staying in touch!!

So, if you haven't "friended" me on Facebook, or become one of my Twitter "followers," I invite you to join me in cyberspace!! I have no doubt the Holy Spirit will be with us as we engage in theological discussions, family updates, and all around fun stuff!

By Suzanne Jacobson

"And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these...if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will God not much more clothe you?" ~ Matthew 6:28—29, 30

A few years ago, in the early part of my discernment process, I was seeing a life coach and spiritual director to help me discover what I was being called to do with my life. One of the techniques used by these professionals is called guided visualization. During one session, my director asked me to visualize myself going into the future and meeting my future self. I was to imagine that I asked my future self if she had anything important to tell me. When the session was over, not only did I feel refreshed as if I had rested, but I also had the strong sense that I was to "discover the meaning of the iris". This enigmatic thought stayed with me, and when a lone purple iris bloomed outside my home the first summer I lived there, I was reminded of it. What could it mean? The puzzle remained in the back of my mind, resurfacing whenever I saw the beautiful iris. Until recently, the only thing I knew about this bulb plant is that in Greek mythology, Iris is the goddess of the rainbow. I figured that unless I was Dorothy of Kansas, this had little to do with my "message from the future."

One Sunday, after the Praise Worship, I sat in the narthex of the Education Building for over an hour and a half in conversation with Carol and Jason Crosswhite. Carol is a retired botanist, whose favorite flower is - you guessed it - the iris. As a hobby,

Carol works with old-world irises, creating hybrids with the garden variety irises that are more familiar to us. That day, I learned that at one time, a certain strain of irises grew over the Middle East like prairie grass. It was a particularly beautiful species of iris, and grew prolifically over Israel and Lebanon. These aril irises are the old-world variety that Carol works with. Botanists believe that the aril iris was once known as the "lily of the field."



As Carol shared this fascinating story with me, I was struck with the certainty that here I had found "the meaning of the iris!" It came so quick and sure that I had to share it with her immediately. I am convinced that I have been assured that I have come home! The iris represents the long heritage of my Judeo-Christian culture. I belong in the church in some capacity, and I belonged in it even before I was aware of it. Perhaps more importantly, I have been assured - as we all have been assured - that God will care for me; clothe me, feed me, and comfort me. This is the assurance we have all been given by Christ. Jesus said, "...shall not God not much more clothe you?" Yes...I have found the meaning of the iris. Am I not the lily of the field? Are not we all?

There is another metaphor in the work that Carol does as well - the modern variety iris is like the Christian, who is grafted by faith to the promise of God to the Hebrews - the old-world lily of the field. The purpose of hybridization is to create sturdier, more adaptable stock and richer variations. The older variety no longer grows prolifically in its natural environment. It is at risk of extinction. Isn't that just like people? We can become set in our ways, resistant to adaptation and vulnerable in the face of change. When we are open to new ideas and find ways to incorporate new discoveries into our vision for the world, we become something new. As we learn to adapt to changes in the world and in our lives, we become more fully who God means for us to be. As I have adapted to my changing world, I have gained strength in its diversity. A new and powerful faith has emerged as I have felt the Presence of the Holy Spirit in the movement of my life. As I have allowed my spirit to become infused with the Holy Spirit, I have begun to learn what faith really means. Yes, God has clothed me - not only in the garments of my physical existence, but in the very Image of God's Self.



The "Sister Seminarians" will now be taking a well deserved Summer Break.

We'll connect with them again soon.

Healthy Living

PALLIATIVE CARE “IT’S NOT WHAT YOU THINK!”

This past week Judy Watters, RN and I attended a Palliative Care conference in Gilbert, AZ. It was very informative and enlightening. The Catholic Healthcare West not - for - profit system consists of more than 43 hospitals and medical centers in Arizona, California, and Nevada. CHW Mercy Gilbert Hospital and Chandler Hospital have started a program to begin to address the group of consumers known as “baby boomers” who are aging and will be demanding good healthcare through and at the end of life. The Palliative Care Program started in all of the CHW hospitals in 2004. It was noted by graph that there has been a continuous increase in Palliative care referrals since its inception. The numbers have increased from 675 in 2005 to 2,968 in 2010. They anticipate a continual increase due to the large number of the aging “boomer” population wanting personalized disease - oriented care to start long before they would need Hospice care.

There is much that can be accomplished in the years prior to a terminal diagnosis. Suffice it to say being eligible for palliative care requires a person have an acute or chronic life threatening illness and may still be seeking curative treatments. Those who need Non-pain Symptom Management can be helped under the Palliative Care model as well as those with Chronic pain issues. Examples would include stroke victims, heart disease-CHF, respiratory diseases like COPD, etc. This is much different than those who are given a 6 month or less prognosis, abandoning curative treatment and referred to Hospice care. Education of family and caregivers is also provided in this program to assist in caring for the person and understanding their disease process and symptom management.

Referrals for such care can be made by anyone and does not need a physician’s order. Even the patient’s family may self refer. The key to effective palliative care is to provide a safe way for the individual to manage his/her illness and symptoms that could create the need to go to the ER and perhaps be admitted. The goal is to keep folks out of the hospitals if at all possible due to a variety of reasons including, but not limited to, contracting an infection like MRSA or C. DIFF.

Communication is crucial with your chosen power of attorney, family, and physicians about your Advance Directives-including Health Care Power of Attorney, Living Will, Pre-hospital Medical Care Directive, and Mental Health Power of Attorney. These topics are not pleasant but very necessary so please do not put off taking care of this. It was highly recommended that anyone at 18 years or older should make it a point to complete the advance directives. None of us have assurance for tomorrow and having your wishes in place can be a real peace of mind for your loved ones. If you should need help with this, please contact your Parish Nurses. They can assist in preparing these and will be happy to explain what it

all means.

I hope this information is helpful and you can tuck it away for future reference.

God’s blessings of Health & Wellness,

Susan Malloy, RN, BSN



Anyone care to be a Camp Assistant?

This year, all Mingus Mountain Camp Cabin Assistants (CA) are required to attend a training session to best prepare them for their responsibilities as a CA. The final date for this training is May 7, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Paradise Valley UMC (4455 East Lincoln Drive, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253).

2011 Cabin Assistant Applications are available on the Conference website at desertsouthwestconference.org/churchmembers/campinyouth/camp_forms/. They will also be available at the conclusion of the training. Please forward all RSVP's, questions, and final applications to Joshua Warner at joshualwarner@gmail.com.

Church Bus Drivers Needed

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





International Missions

"The world is my parish." – John Wesley



2012 Mission Work Trip

The International Missions Committee is pleased to announce that the 2012 Mission Work Trip destination is The Latin American Bible University, San Jose, Costa Rica, February 10-21, 2012. UMC missionary Becky Harrell serves on the staff of this interdenominational school, which trains pastors and lay workers in Central America.

Eight spaces are available for men and women with building trades skills, as well as supporting help, to work on construction of student and faculty housing. We'll stay on campus while we're working, visit the Quetzal Education and Research Center in the cloud forest, choose an additional sight-seeing destination such as a coffee plantation or museum, and spend one night at a historic San Jose hotel.

The approximate cost, including round trip airfare (Phx to San Jose, non-stop), building materials, room and board, in-country transportation and sightseeing is \$2000 per person. If interested, make sure your passport is in order.

We encourage you to pray about participating in this faith-building mission adventure.

You can access a brochure with more details at unibiblica.net/workstudy.htm

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



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

Cancer Support Group

.....meets each Wednesday at 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



INTERESTING FACT

Helen Keller's parents were deeply devoted Christians who desperately wanted her to know about God. The Kellers contacted the great preacher, Phillip Brooks, and asked him to tutor Helen in the faith. Dr. Brooks reported, though she had never heard a word from the outside world about a Supreme Being, she responded, "I have been wishing for quite a while that someone would teach me about Him. For I have been thinking about Him for a long time." Deep within her heart, God had instinctively put the desire for the eternal. John reminds us that He is "*the true light that gives light to every man.*" (John 1:9)

Excerpted from the book:
*God has Never Failed Me,
But He's Sure Scared me to Death a Few Times*

There is no situation so chaotic that God cannot, from that situation, create something that is surprisingly good. He did it at creation. He did it at the cross. He is doing it today.

Handley C.G. Moule
Anglican bishop and author

MIND MENDERS SUPPORT GROUP

....meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday each month at 10:00 am in the Education Building. Mind Menders is a support group for caregivers of Alzheimers and other dementia disease patients. Come join us. *Contact Jeanette Lunstead at 480-671-9888 or the church office for more information.*



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY®**

HEAR ME! HEAR ME!!

A Care Receiver Protests!!

When you as Stephen Minister come to "help" me, please DO NOT:

- tell me you KNOW how I feel.
- tell me what I need to do.
- tell me I'm wrong.
- rush me. You don't know where I'm going.
- take my burden from me.

I want you to:

- call me and let me know I exist.
- tell me you are here and that you care.
- let me tell you how I feel.
- let me express my anger and hopelessness - let me cry if I need to!
- ask me if I want to be touched with a hug or prayer. Let me decide. When I say "NO", accept it. When I say "YES" do it.
- hear me, not only with your ears, but also with your eyes, touch, and your heart.
- be human and let me feel your humanness. Be honest with me.

I need to trust you. Please care for me and let God cure me. Doing these things will let us both grow. When I'm healed and whole again you must let me go.

WE DO! WE WILL! ABIDE WITH US!

Call the office for a referral.

W.O.W. Corner

A special thanks to all who helped with preparing for the Spring Fling which the Spring Rains cancelled! We have decided that it is getting too late, we couldn't work it in around Easter so we will just plan for a better year next year.

Also, thanks to all who gave of their time and donations of muffins, juice, etc. for the Easter Sunrise Breakfast. We couldn't do it without all your help.

See all of you at the May **W.O.W.** meeting on Monday, May 2nd at 6 pm in the Education Building.

Thanks again to each involved.

Ron Walker



Winter Residents!

It might be time to change your address for the summer. If you will be returning to a "cooler climate" for the summer, don't forget to call the office to let us know. That way, you can continue receiving statements, other church announcements and especially your copy of the *Roadrunner*! Also, if you'd like to read your *Roadrunner* online, just give us your email address and we will inform you when it is on the website each month.

Greetings!

My name is Jennifer Lazbin. I'm on the board of the Wesley Foundation at ASU. We are looking for alumni that participated in ASU Wesley over the years. If you attended ASU Wesley would you please Email me with your contact information? My Email address is jlazbin@q.com. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Jennifer Lazbin



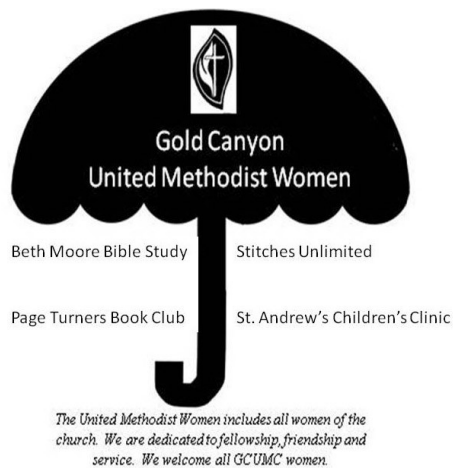
Christmas 1992 at Gold Canyon UMC

In 1992, we decided that our Christmas program would feature a live nativity. Some of our male members constructed a makeshift stable, complete with a manger. Others located some hay bales that were strewn across the stage in the Gold Canyon Elementary School multi-purpose room. Karen Carlson made some costumes for the children. Not only were Mary, Joseph, the angels, and the shepherds nicely attired, but we even had cute little sheep costumes for the youngest of our children, who would enjoy crawling on all fours. The only non-living being in our play was Baby Jesus Himself, but we had a lifelike doll to fit that need; however, Tom and Sue Lullo had another suggestion. Their son Loren, who is now 18, had just been born that November, and it was thought that Loren might be able to play the part of Baby Jesus. Mary would carry Loren and place him in the manger; however, the doll was kept as a backup.

The night of the program, Loren was very docile, so Sue bundled him up tightly and placed him in Mary's arms. Tom was waiting backstage, just in case help might be needed during the pageant. The procession began and everything was going off without a hitch until someone noticed that the Baby Jesus doll was occupying the manger, and the tiny bed would not hold both a real baby and a fake one! Immediately seeing the problem, Tom, ever the watchful father, casually reached from behind the manger, grabbed the doll, and tossed him behind the curtain, making room for Loren. It's hard to say how many people in the congregation noticed this baby-toss, but those who did will chuckle about it still.



(It's Christmas in May!)



Thank you!!!

Thank you for your book donations, and to everyone who shopped the book sale. The book sale was a monumental success, and all proceeds will be used to support missions. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Calendar

There are no UMW Meetings in the Summer
School of Christian Mission July 21-24
East Central District Meeting October 8

School of Christian Mission 2011

"All Things Made New"

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

Rev. 21 3b-5a NRSV

Studies for 2011:

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

Geographic Study: Haiti

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

Where and When

Phoenix Hilton/East Mesa
 July 21-24, 2011

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

Women's Retreat a Huge Success

On April 1-3, 43 women met at the Living Water Retreat center to experience God's Wonder Full World. While there the ladies traveled to all seven continents and learned of God's promises for their lives. They also learned of the woman from the Bible, whom they decided to name Faith, who believed that if she was able to just touch the hem of Jesus' robe she would be healed. AND SHE WAS. There was much positive feedback about the experience with many saying, "I thought the program was great", "Well done", "Everything was great", "The focus on a woman of faith was inspiring", "The package was great", "I loved the whole thing. It was fun, inspiring, inspirational, insightful."

Retreat Participants of 2011

A special thank you to all the women who contributed to our children's book fund. We were able to purchase 57 books for the Food Bank book baskets. Hope you enjoyed the Friday evening game.

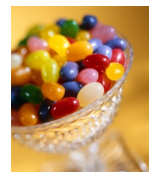
VBS Needs Bistro Tables

This year we will have a "café" theme for VBS. We are looking for 10 bistro tables to use for decorating. If you have one on your patio or porch that we could use for the second week in June, please give Chris Houser a call at 480-671-0174. We can pick up and return them for you. Thanks!



A Message from Alex Houseman

A Special Thank You to all those who donated time and/or supplies for the Easter Egg-Stravaganza party. Your support helped to make this a successful event enjoyed by all who attended.



May Birthdays



Allison Cantrell	1	Mary Hollingsworth	7	Peggy Dowrick	15	Michael Sheridan Jr.	23
Nathan Cantrell	1	Pat Osbakken	7	Joyce Gingrich	15	Jean Alton	24
Jan Heyse	1	Margaret Baker	8	Maureen Morton	15	Larry Arehart	24
Jacqueline Johnson	1	Donald Dewinter	8	Lois Gerst	16	Margie Bird	24
Adam Kalik	1	Alice Myers	8	Lorna Hartman	16	Joanne Burris	24
Mildred Moore	1	Valerie Sheridan	8	Charlie Olson	16	Marian Bonestell	25
Jennie Oukada	1	Susan Fitzgerald	9	Robert Swails	16	Bev Criswell	25
Mary Seabright	1	Mae Livgard	9	Gerald Tippie	16	Jack Berglund	26
Betsy Wood	1	Donna Schiager	9	Joan Wilder-Siersma	16	Marilyn Horkey	26
Kelly Gingrich	2	Joyce Shafer	9	Gary Hunter	17	Chris Houser	26
Victoria Mullins	2	Carol Dage	10	Arlene Catt	18	Mark Kessler	26
Erica Reichert	2	Phalen Schuler	10	Laura Dinges	18	Roy Pape	28
Keith Alford	3	Jo Alford	11	Ryan Wood	18	Peggy Buck	29
Renee Gauthier	3	John Henderson	11	Dylan Kessler	19	Mavis Fuher	29
Don Parker	3	Gloria Spears	11	Joe Guerrero	20	Patti Girardi	29
Helen Stoner	3	Charles Whittier	11	Marc O'Brien	20	Brett McNamee	29
Ronald Beason	4	Shirley Matthews	12	Eve Dinkel	21	Andrea Pape	29
Ruth Rikli	4	Eleanor Conger	13	Jerry Hunt	21	Lucy Weiland	29
Debra Ireland	5	Carmen Nordell	13	Barry Peebles	21	Bob Ancell	30
Ione Nelson	5	Patricia Renfer	13	Delna Mulhair	22	Katie Petticrew	30
Darrell Tilus	5	Wes Carpenter	14	Faye Nord	22	Violet Reiners	30
Lois Davis	6	Richard Svoboda	14	Bob Crow	23	Nina Pennington	31
Roy Pearson	6	Shirley Taylor	14	Lynda Kessler	23	Duane Vorseth	31



May Anniversaries

Ann & Neil Brogren	1	Retha & Stan Oolman	15	Reta & Bill Wilson	23
Doris & Herb Kingery	1	Linda & Ron Borders	17	Cecelia & Mark O'Brien	27
Judy & Dave Robertson	4	Marlene & Curtis Johnson	17	Marge & Bruce Stofferan	27
Linda & Nick Weidner	4	Linda & Edgar Newkirk	18	Cheryl & Wes Carpenter	28
Jill & Craig Saathoff	5	Vi & Lloyd Potter	18	June & Lawrence Welker	28
Marian & Bob Bonestell	8	Mary Lynn & Thomas Preiss	19	Cynthia & Wade Hoff	30
Arlene & Don Catt	9	Sandra & William Butterbrodt	21	Marilyn & Charles Jungman	30
Judy & Jack Donovan	9	Diane & Al Rasmussen	22	Dolores & Paul Cecil	31
Judy & Pat Campbell	10	Martha & Doug Benton	23	Eve & Jim Dinkel	31
Wendy & Jed Moore	14	Laura & Darrell Dinges	23	Karen & Todd Williams	31
Peggy & Gerald Tippie	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

Integrity

Have you had a chance to view the television series on Sunday evening on ABC network called *Secret Millionaire*? I have found it to be very worthwhile.

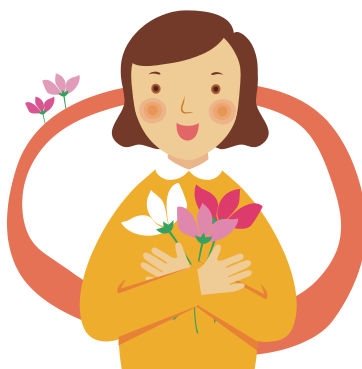
This series features some of America's wealthiest people who, for one week, leave behind their lavish lifestyles, sprawling mansions, and luxury jets, concealing their true identities and go to live and volunteer in some of the most impoverished and dangerous communities in America. The secret millionaire's mission is to discover the unsung heroes of America - deserving individuals who continually sacrifice everything to help those in need. Give it a try.

Laughter

I can think of no one better to get me to laugh than **Hu Rhymes**. He always has a line to just crack me up. If you are one of those jokers, send your wits of wisdom to me. I will be happy to include a couple next month in the *Roadrunner*.

PLEASE HELP!

We need a summer volunteer to stop by the office on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons to do a simple task: Cleaning the Hearing Assists. You could do this on your own schedule and it requires less than an hour. **Caryl Lang** graciously took up this job after **Patti Baker** asked for a volunteer. Please call the office if you can help out until Caryl returns next Fall.



**Don't forget Mother's Day
on May 8th!**



Do you have the time? No, I don't mean your watch! Please look over this list of volunteer needs. If you can assist with one or more of the following, **complete and place this form in the collection plate, at the Information Desk or church office.**

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

Roadrunner Email

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

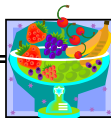
Name (s): _____

Email Address:

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




COOKIE LOVERS!



Our Hospitality Team is in need of cookies, breads or fruit to continue serving after the 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 designated "Kitchen Fund" to the collection plate. Thank you!

GCUMC Calendar May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>8 am Adult Sun. School-SofG</p> <p>8 am Traditional-Sanc.</p> <p>9:30 am Traditional-Sanc.</p> <p>10:50 am Praise-K Rm</p> <p>5 pm Country Worship-K Rm</p> <p>5:00 pm Confirmation Class—Rm. 105</p> <p>5:30 pm Disciple 2—Feather's</p> <p>6:30 pm Youth—Ed Bldg.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1 pm Disciple 1—Rm 101/102</p> <p>3:00 pm Stephen Min.—SofG Rm</p> <p>6 pm WOW Meeting—K Rm</p> <p>7 pm Al-Anon ~ Rm 101-102</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9 am Yoga—K Rm</p> <p>10 am Community Grounds ~ Rm 101/102</p> <p>10:15 Yoga—K Rm</p> <p>6 pm One in the Spirit Rehearsal-K Rm</p> <p>6:30 pm Chancel Ringers</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9 am Grief Support ~ SofG Rm</p> <p>11 am Cancer Support ~ Room 101/102</p> <p>12 pm Food Bank Cooking Class—Kitchen, K Rm</p> <p>4:30 pm U-Can & Bears Clubs- Ed. Bldg.</p> <p>5:30 pm Angel Choir—K Rm</p> <p>6 pm Youth Hand-bells-Sanc.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9 am Yoga—K Rm</p> <p>10 am Prayer Shawl Ministry- Rm 101/102</p> <p>10:15 am Yoga—K Rm</p> <p>7 pm Chancel Choir—Sanctuary</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10 am GC Mom's Club-101/102</p> <p>5:30 pm AA-SofG</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8 am Men's Breakfast @ Red Sage</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8 am Adult Sun. School-SofG</p> <p>8 am Traditional-Sanc.</p> <p>9:30 am Traditional-Sanc.</p> <p>10:50 am Praise-K Rm</p> <p>5 pm Country Worship-K Rm</p> <p>5:00 pm Confirmation Class—Rm. 105</p> <p>5:30 pm Disciple 2—Feather's</p> <p>6:30 pm Youth—Ed Bldg.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1 pm Disciple 1—Rm 101/102</p> <p>37 pm Al-Anon ~ Rm 101-102</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9 am Yoga—K Rm</p> <p>10 am Community Grounds ~ Rm 101/102</p> <p>10:15 Yoga—K Rm</p> <p>6 pm One in the Spirit Rehearsal-K Rm</p> <p>6:30 pm Chancel Ringers</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9 am Grief Support ~ SofG Rm</p> <p>11 am Cancer Support ~ Room 101/102</p> <p>12 pm Food Bank Cooking Class—Kitchen, K Rm</p> <p>4:30 pm U-Can & Bears Clubs- Ed. Bldg.</p> <p>5:30 pm Angel Choir—K Rm</p> <p>6 pm Youth Hand-bells-Sanc.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9 am Yoga—K Rm</p> <p>10 am Stitches Unlimited-Rm 101/102</p> <p>10:15 am Yoga—K Rm</p> <p>7 pm Chancel Choir—Sanctuary</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10 am Mindmenders ~ Rm 101/102</p> <p>5:30 pm AA-SofG</p>	<p>14</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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