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From The Pastor:



“Why Not Experiment”

I remember the day when I was asked to preach my first sermon. I was a teenager when Rev. Chuck Hoffman asked if I would like to be one of the three people to given the sermon on a Youth Sunday at First United Methodist Church in Escondido. I said yes. Yet as the Sunday

we were to preach got closer, I began to wonder if I was up to the task. After all I would be trying to interpret the scripture and explain it to people who certainly knew a lot more about the Bible than I did. I look back to that day and know that my sermon was theologically thinner than the paper it was printed on. Yet after the service church members commended me on the great job I had done. I would call those remarks “grace.” Later I was thankful for that experience. I was also thankful for a church that would entrust its worship service to the hands of some youth. They allowed us to experiment with preaching. That experiment planted a seed which germinated later when I felt called to ordained ministry. As a result of my experience, I think the church is called to provide opportunities for people to experiment with their gifts.

Many scriptures tell us we should use our talents and gifts to further God’s ministry in the world. These same scriptures encourage us to discover our gifts. Some of us may have even taken a spiritual gifts inventory to discern our gifts. Yet I know of only a few who have taken the time to logically discover their gifts.

I think a much better way to find your gifts is to experiment. Just jump in. Why not find an area that interests you and volunteer just for a few hours. You could feed the homeless, package food for families, assemble newsletters, maintain the buildings and

grounds, lead a small group, greet people on Sunday mornings, help lead worship, teach a class, supply some cookies, build a Habitat House, keep attendance records...and so much more. Part of being a Christian is finding where God wants you to serve.

Then evaluate the experience. Did the work feel meaningful? Is your emotional energy level higher or lower after the experience? Did you enjoy working with the people who served in that ministry? Do you have enough time to carry out that ministry? If your answer is no then I give you permission to say no so that you might find the right place where God is calling you. Then try a gift experiment in a different area. If the answer is yes, then I know you will feel drawn to serve again and again.

Why not experiment! No gifts inventory needed. No long term commitment needed. But when you find a place where you feel God truly needs you, you will be blessed.

Fred

WINTER I SERVICE HOURS

Start November 2

***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*



FORWARD BY FAITH

By Grover Wallace

Fellow Christians of the congregation of Gold Canyon United Methodist Church, ten months of 2008 are past and we are entering a two month period of Thanksgiving and the celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. These last two months also represent a time of enhanced sharing with those less fortunate and who are in dire need of assistance from our congregation. Activity in many areas of our church will increase this month and end with a very happy celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Our facilities of worship will be appropriately decorated for the celebration of His birth. We have already heard our Pastor call for volunteers to help with the "Hanging of the Green." You will also see much activity centered in the area of collecting turkeys, food and gifts to provide a Christmas for approximately 50 families in the Gold Canyon/Apache Junction vicinity that would otherwise not be able to afford a dinner or gifts for their children. Our wonderful choir will be preparing for the annual Christmas concert and our Christmas Eve services along with our other musical groups. Of course, our regular activities such as Sunday School, regular church services, youth group, children's groups, office activities, special study groups, Sidewalk Sunday School, Genesis Project and Food Bank, Etc. will continue as well. We hope you will be inclined to volunteer for one or more of these special activities by sharing your time, talents and/or your financial support to the regular and special programs over the next two months.

Since the time our forefathers first shared food with our Native Americans and gave thanks together on that special day more than 200 years ago, our nation has celebrated a special day to give "thanks" for our good fortune and success as a country where

some 86% of our residents believe in God. As a nation we are free to worship as we please, free to challenge our nation's leaders, and free to express our opinions on any subject. Our day of Thanksgiving this year will be celebrated on Thursday, November 27, 2008.

*Come let us sing for joy to the Lord;
Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before Him with thanksgiving
And extol Him with music and song*
Psalm 95:1-2 (NIV)

*Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
Come before Him with Joyful songs.
Know that the Lord is God.
It is He who made us, and we are His;
We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.
Enter His gates with thanksgiving
And His courts with praise;
Give thanks to Him and praise His name.
For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;
His faithfulness continues through all generations.*
Psalm 100:1-5 (NIV)

*A generous man will himself be blessed,
For he shares his food with the poor.*
Proverbs 22:9 (NIV)

As we look ahead to November and December, we have the opportunity to participate in two important days—Thanksgiving and Christmas. We have the opportunity to give thanks to our God for everything He has provided for us and to share our blessings with those less fortunate. At this time we here in the United States and in other countries are experiencing some of the worst economic upheaval experienced in generations. Some citizens, including some in our congregation, have been adversely affected by current conditions. Enough to say: "What do I have to be thankful for, my life is very unhappy, and my economical situation is the pits." They may well have good reason to wonder why they should be thankful because they are faced with unemployment, poor economic condi-

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tions, loss of their homes, and other adversities, along with serious illnesses.

If we consider the overall situation, we can be thankful to God for our lives and the things we have such as our family and the love of God and our friends. Those that have, should be thankful and willing to share with those that do not have.

Hopefully, all of us can find reasons to be thankful for the blessings God has bestowed upon us. Where else in this world do citizens have the freedoms we enjoy in the United States.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THIS THANKSGIVING AND MAY WE SEE IMPROVEMENT IN EVERY FACET OF OUR LIVES.

During the first six months of our stewardship year, we have contributed \$210,834.00 to the Forward by Faith campaign for 2008. This represents 42.17% of our annual goal of \$500,000.00. At six months, we are \$81,066.00 short of that goal. Our monthly contributions to this fund have averaged \$30,119.00 which is about \$11,581.00 short of the monthly goal. Is this a disappointment? Sure!

There is still a possibility that we can reach our goal by the end of February, 2009, but it won't be easy. During the month of September, 2008, contributions totaled \$24,037.00.

Even though we are short of our goal at this time, we can give our god thanks for the total contributed to our current campaign.

Each week, we see more of our winter residents at Sunday Services.
We welcome your return.

Who We Worship With: Making New Friends
Will not be featured this month. Please send your suggestions to Suzanne for next month!

We at GCUMC are blessed to have so many wonderful and talented people joining together in worship. There are so many of us, it's difficult to get to know one another. If you know of someone you'd like to see profiled in the RoadRunner, please contact Suzanne in the church office at 480-982-3776 for guidelines.

DONATIONS
&
ATTENDANCE

On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn...

1 Galatians 16:2

September								
	2006		2007		2008		2007	2008
	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Worship All	Worship All
1st	\$14837	\$10070	\$13307	\$9370	\$16121	\$10442	443	497
2nd	\$10524	\$5112	\$10973	\$5115	\$8341	\$2857	500	567
3rd	\$8127	\$4069	\$8583	\$4365	\$7752	\$4490	448	529
4th	\$6176	\$7271	\$8533	\$4006	\$7364	\$6248	548	851
5th	—	—	\$8992	\$4028	—	—	682	—
Total	\$39663	\$26521	\$50388	\$26884	\$39577	\$24037	2621	2444



Caught in the act! October's 3rd Saturday Coffee House Turns Up Surprises!

The night looked like it was going to be a "bust." The days on the calendar went by without much notice and it was suddenly the 3rd Saturday. Schedules were packed, time was at a premium and there we were with no music prepared, no poetry picked. Coffee made, cookies set out, a few of the regulars gathered to chat, expecting to close down early for lack of artistic talents to share. Little did we know that a MySpace invite would bring in new talent and, hopefully, new regulars to our little Open Mic Night. We welcomed Leo and Charlotte Mapoc and friends. Leo entertained us with his original Christian and secular rock. Charlotte and friends Barb, and added harmonies. Our own Betty Hetherington and David Ballard joined in for a short "jam session" on two versions of *Amazing Grace*—traditional and a rendition set to the tune of Odetta's *House of the Rising Sun*. What a surprise THAT was!



David Ballard and Betty Hetherington back up Leo Magpoc on his original tune, *Dreary Day*

**Come to the next
3rd Saturday Coffee House & Open Mic !**
Sponsored by the 10:50 am Praise Worship

7:00 pm in the Koinonia Room
November 15th, 2008

Come share your talents! Musicians, writers, poets, playwrights, artists! Bring your works (secular and/or spiritual) to share over coffee or tea. This monthly event is open to the public – bring your friends! Call Suzanne at the church for more information.
480-982-3776.



Betty Hetherington tickles the ivories to the *Amazing Grace* sing-a-long

Healthy Living

By Susan Malloy, RN

Wow! Summer is over and Fall is in the air ... I know most of us are ready for a change even if its just a few degrees. Please DO remember to get a Flu Shot and if its been 5 years ...to get a Pneumonia shot as well. The Flu season is to be rather severe. So be prepared.

Other interesting news. Sonora Quest is now taking appointments. Go to Sonora Quest.com and look for sign in area. Give yourself a user name and passwaord and then go to appointment calendar. As soon as you get your Docotrs order even if it its not yet due go in and make your appointment.... write it down on your calendar and your lab slip and those extra long ..waits will be a thing of the past this winter. There is a Sonora Quest Lab in Apache Junction on Southern just west of Ironwood on the Northside of the road or travel down US 60 to Crismon and go North to the New Mountain Vista Hospital turn East on Hampton to the far East side of the hospital there is a separate building where there is a Sonoroa Quest Lab (its not very well know yet) so wait time is pretty good there. Also, You can go to different locations if you have other errands in a different part of town but you must schedule it there to get in quickly otherwise expect a wait.

Also in the same general location of Mountain Vista Hospital (Crismon & Hampton) The **Tri City Cardiology** group is having a GRAND OPENING on November 10, 2008 for their new **Coumadin Clinic** at 10238 E. Hampton Ave Suite 401 Mesa, AZ If you are a patient of theirs you can transfer to the new Clinic Location by calling 480-505-5220. It saves time and gas as its about 5-7 miles closer than their Baywood Clinic.

Look for a upcoming article on Preventing and Reversing Cardiovascular Disease. I recently had the opportunity to hear Dr Harry Elwardt ND PHD speak in Mesa. He is the Author of the book LET'S STOP THE NUMBER #1 KILLER OF AMERICANS TODAY *A Natural Approach to Preventing & Reversing Heart Disease. A wonderful Christian man who is a Naturopathic Doctor, Master Herbalist and Certified Nutrition Counselor. The Scientific Research is there to support his recommendations. So being looking for the article next month. Have a great Thanksgiving.*

Blessings of Health & Wellness, Susan



Time to enter GCUMC's Bashas' number again!

By Betty Rolley

For those of you who shop at Bashas', please ask them to attach the church's number, #23886, to your blue 'Thank You' card, the one that gets you the sale prices. This will earn the church 1% of all your purchases from September 1 through March 31 (up to \$5,000 ~ doubled from last year) ** You only have to do this once each year beginning in September. This program is separate and in addition to the rechargeable gift cards.

If your rechargeable Bashas' Community Support Card (the one that earns the church 6% each time you use it) is wearing out, you can pick up a new one at the Information Table in the east narthex after church. **It doesn't cost you anything extra to use.** We also have Fry's Gift Cards which are rechargeable that can be used not only for groceries but also for gas. This card earns 3%. These funds are used to pay off the bus loan and cover expenses.

In checking the Bashas.com/charity website (which you can also access), as of the end of September we had already earned \$81 because 63 of you already attached the church's number (23886) during September. Thanks so much for your support.

Free Praise Concert!

Saturday, November 1st

7 pm

Education Building

"Uncommon Grace," with Special guest Bill Moseley, will present some of your favorite contemporary Christian music. A free will offering will be taken. Please bring a non-perishable item for the food bank.



"Uncommon Grace"

f-l Jed Moore, David Ballard, Mike Wittig b-l Dave Bos, Marc O'Brien, Carol Ballard, John LaViolette

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.

- Hurricane Response**
- Hurricanes 2008**
- UMCOR Advance #3019695**
- Haiti Hurricane Response**
- Haiti Emergency**
- UMCOR Advance #481325**
- Georgia Conflict**
- Georgia Emergency**
- UMCOR Advance #250305**

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

COUNTRY WESTERN SERVICE NEWS

Our Country Western worship service takes place every Sunday at 5 PM in the Koinonia Building.

One In the Spirit provides the music on all except the last Sunday of the month. The Houser's and Gang perform their unique cowboy style southern gospel on the last Sunday.

It's a good old foot-stomping, hand-clapping celebration that is guaranteed to lift your spirits and send you out feeling good.

Bob Deits is the "country preacher" for the services.





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."

Numbers, Numbers, Numbers – What do they mean?

5 11 54 81 271 – These are not numbers that a quarterback would use to call a play in a football game but rather numbers of persons that have been touched by God's shepherds, servants and teachers through service in the area of Christian Education in one week during October. These numbers represent actual children, youth and adults who have come under the influence of the educational programs of the church. Worship services are not included in these totals. Some of these numbers are not large but when the total is seen for the week, the month and they year, one should be filled with great joy regarding this ministry. Yet our work and service is never done. Jesus called us "to follow Him" and then to "Go Tell" all persons about His love for them. As members in the Community of Faith, this is our calling, our challenge and our mission.

The numbers which I used earlier shrink to insignificance in comparison to the greatest numbers the world has ever heard, ever seen, ever used, or ever recorded. 3-1-6 --- Yes that is JOHN 3:16. These words and numbers stand alone. No other numbers come close. In this single verse these words and numbers become the Plan of Salvation for all mankind. Let us continue to share the Good News of the Gospel through our Sunday School and group studies. ...speaking of group studies,

Our good friend Rev. Rosemary Anderson has kindly accepted an invitation from the Christian Education Committee to present a six week course, "The Cup of Our Life," written by Joyce Rupp. Many of you may have taken this personal spiritual growth study in the past. Our spiritual life is a journey. Please bring a special cup to the class and let God fill the cup with a new growth experience. The class will start Monday, November 3 at 6:30 pm in the Koinonia Room. The class is open to men as well as ladies. Books will be available at the first session. Sign up sheets are in the narthex.

The "Church Lady?" Hardly! Women and the UMC

From your local representative for the Commission on the Status and Role of Women (COSROW), Suzanne Jacobson. COSROW aims to ensure that the church benefits from the wisdom, life experience, and perspectives of women.



Billie Fidlin, Director of Outreach Ministries Desert Southwest Conference*

Billie came to the Desert Southwest Conference in 1999, to establish Sidewalk Sunday School ministries throughout the Conference. Since that time, Billie has become the Director of Outreach Ministries, and staffs the areas of Church & Society, Religion & Race, AIDS Task Force, Sidewalk Ministries, Children & Poverty, COSROW, Evangelism and Conference Board of Global Ministries. She also works closely with immigration, Church to Church, revitalization and UMVIM. In 2004, Billie served as a lay delegate to general conference.

Billie spent her childhood in Port Huron, Michigan. Her undergraduate degree is from Western Michigan University in Vocal Music and Education; continued graduate work has been with Claremont School of Theology. Named the Distinguished Evangelist of 2004 for recognition of her work in street evangelism, she continues to champion the methodology known as Sidewalk, both at the conference and national levels. She is currently a trustee of the Foundation for Evangelism, Lake Junaluska, NC. Billie has two sons, Christopher, who resides in the Washington, DC area, and Justin, who lives in the Phoenix area.

Sidewalk Sunday School

Wow! Have we started with a bang! In two weeks of Sidewalk, we have brought the Word of God to 84 beautiful children. We have had Bible stories, games, object lessons, prayer time and great lunches. Many of the children were with us last year. However, we have picked up many new kids. Their ages range from 2 years to a girl who will be graduation from high school in December. Once again we need you. We need someone to make our posters with our weekly Bible verse. We need truck drivers and we need Shepherds. We invite you to join us on Saturday mornings at the boys and Girls Club in Apache Junction at 10:30 am. Call the office if you have a free Saturday, or call me at 480-671-0728.

Barbara Oldham



Youth Ministries

With Heather Rodenberg

Sunday School 9:30 am in the Education Building
Youth Fellowship 6:30 pm Sundays in the Education Building



Our youth bought a goat for a family. A goat provides a constant food source for a family. Congratulations Guys and Girls.

My beloved friends,
let us continue to **LOVE** each other
since **LOVE** comes from God.
Everyone who **LOVES** is born of God
and experiences a relationship with God.

-1 John 4:7



**Support the 2009
Youth Mission Trip—
become a shareholder!**

1 Share = \$400
½ Share = \$200
¼ Share = \$100
Please mark Youth
Mission when donating.

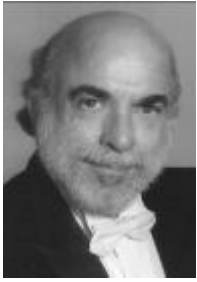


*Any Size donation
is appreciated*



Join Us for Youth Group
2nd – No Sunday & No Youth Group
9th - 5pm Dave Ramsey Youth Study
6:30-8:30pm Youth Group
16th - 5pm Dave Ramsey Youth Study
6:30-8:30pm Youth Group
23rd - 5pm Dave Ramsey Youth Study
6:30-8:30pm Youth Group
30th - 5pm Dave Ramsey Youth Study
6:30-8:30pm Youth Group

Big Thanks to those that helped make brownies for the people at the Genesis Project. And thanks to those that served at the Genesis Project on October 8th.



Music Notes

I am writing this in the middle of October and it's hard to believe we are finally through with triple-digit weather! "95-degrees? Why, that's sweater-weather, for us!" I'm not sure what idiot said that!

This month we focus on the blessings God has given us. We are truly blessed to be able to live - for a short time or full time - in this beautiful place. What a blessing to be able to worship in our beautiful new Sanctuary and worship with the closeness and intimacy of the Koinonia Room. What a blessing to be able to worship our Lord in the style that speaks to us – Traditional, Praise and/or Country/Western! God has truly blessed us in this place at this time!

Our *Performing Arts Series* continues this month with a concert by our excellent Praise Team, **Uncommon Grace**, led by Associate Director of Music, **David Ballard** on Saturday, November 1, at 7:00 PM in the Koinonia Room. This concert is free (there will be a free will offering) and open to the public. We ask that everyone please bring a non-perishable food item (there is a list of needs in the Sunday bulletin) per person for our Food Bank. This is an excellent opportunity to bring family, friends and neighbors to our church to hear some great music and experience the great fellowship for which our church is known.

You will want to mark your calendars now for our 7th **Annual Choral Christmas Concerts, Saturday, December 13 at 3:00 PM and 6:30 PM.** In addition to our fabulous **Chancel Choir** and **Chancel Ringers**, we will have the **Agape Brass**, **Youth Handbell Team**, Timpani, Organ, Piano (the two best accompanists ever – **Linda Jones and Nancy Virden**), Cellist **Shirley Coad**, Oboeist **Diane Sauerbrunn**, and Harpist **Jill Pack**, who played for us last spring. Soloist with the Choir include **Don Engbrecht**, **Deater O'Neill**, **Marty Robison**, and **Mary Lynn Preiss**. As you know, the Sanctuary fills up quickly so you will want to come early. The doors will open at 2:15 for the 3:00 concert, and 5:45 for the 6:30 concert. No charge as we will take a free will offering. These concerts are one of the best Gold Canyon Christmas traditions we have and is are

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another great opportunity to bring family and friends to experience the grace and blessings our Lord has given us. Again, we ask everyone to please bring a non-perishable food item per person for our Food Bank.

As we approach Thanksgiving, I sincerely hope each of us remember all the blessings our Lord has given – and continues to give – to each of us. I also hope those of us who are parents with younger children give our kids the opportunity to express their thanks to God for the blessings they have and those things they are thankful for.

May God continue to bless each of us.

Doug

Douglas J. Benton
Director of Music Ministries





WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY

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

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

Many of you are aware that Wendy and Rev. Hu's 15 year old schnauzer, Sadie, died on Pastor Hu's 85th birthday, September 23, 2008. Several families have agreed that a fitting memorial to Sadie would be donating pet food to our food bank. Our food bank volunteers have informed us that one in four families who receive rations from our food bank also request that food for their pet(s) be included with their order. If you would like to participate in this endeavor, either by purchasing pet food, or by a cash donation, please designate your gift in memory of Sadie Rhymes. We are overwhelmed by your outpouring of love with hugs, cards, e-mails and the Sadie Memorial.

We thank you with our love, Hu, Wendy and Hattie

Sympathies: Doug Benton, upon the death of his cousin, Sharon Pribbenow; Margaret & Jerry Colmer, upon the death of Paul (Cap) Casper; The family of Peggy Cousins, upon her death; Katherine & Julius Keller, upon the death of Katharine's infant grandson, Johnny Alvarado; Monica & Scott Waters, upon the death of Monica's mother, Greta Poland; Keith & Nancy Petticrew, upon the death of Nancy's Mom, Shirley Schnuit and the families & friends of the above.

Concerns and/or Continued Prayers: Wanda Alsup, David Baker, Colleen Bishop (Bob Deit's cousin), Bud Brennan, Duane Brown, Dr. Brad Bryant, Bob Burgi, Grace Byers (Monty Gingrich's mom), Diane Calcaterra, Sharon Clark (Fred Steinberg's sister), Rev. Rob Colby (Beth Steinberg's brother), Jenny Crow, , Nathaniel Delaney, Don DeMoss, Marian Denton, Darrell Dinges, Jackie Douglass, Betty Fenske, Lewis Gilbert (Jan Daniel's brother), Ardeena & David Gillette, Leo Gerst, Rowan Grace (Royce & Barbara Brownfield's grandchild), Bill Haines, Leonard Hansen, Carlie Hoffman, Tina Ingram, Dora Lou Keast, Ardell Kelly, John LaViolette, Larry Long, Virginia Marvel, Tammy McBride, Judy Monk, Bob Myers, Claudine Nielsen, Frank Norris, Dan Orr, Helen O'Shirro (Marilynn Falk's sister), Kristin Pachero, George Parris, Mary Phelps, Norm Podrazick, Lynn Poole (Jan Daniel's sister), Lowell (Hap) Reiners, Ed Roberts, Louann Rodenborg & Myron Lenning (Heather Rodenborg's mom & grandfather), Bob & Mickie Rosenstein, Vaughn Smill, John Spencer, Mark Steinberg (Fred Steinberg's dad), Ella Stephens, Nancy Surrstrom, Rick Sutter, Jerry Thacker, Kasey Thompson, Midge Towell, Nancy Traugh, Kristene Valario, Bruce Yerrick, Dick Wagner and PRAYERS for the families (CAREGIVERS) of the above. PRAYERS for re-

quests 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: John & Doris Adamson, Leslie Anzelmo, Dick & Eleanor Armstrong, Barbara, Dorothy & Joey Baker, 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, Bob Brummitt, Sgt. Jeff Carroll (Harriette & Jeff Downing's nephew), Bob Carter & family, Bob & Eleanor Chesney, Mark & Donna Cleary, Craig Cmar (Marines), Bob & Marcia Cole, Weldon & Ellie Conger, Frank, Carol & Jason Crosswhite Cliff & Lorraine Davidson, Chuck Dickinson, Ed Favia, (Army), Nancy Favia (Air Force Reserve), Dale & Inge Fitzpatrick, Andy & Danna Gharavi, Ross & Arline Hacker, Viola Hammond (Don Hammond's Mom, Rich & Sheila Haraldson, Lorna & Jim Hartman, George & Beth Hayes (Jeff Hayes' parents), Ro & Dick Heinauer (Wayne Heinauer's parents), Amanda Hendersen in Iraq, Jim Hibbing, Chris Huston in Iraq (Ken Miller's grandson), Joe & Ginny Johnson, Henry Kaminski, Gladys Kay (Jane Hayes' Mom), Mel & Mary Kilbo, Naomi Kyle, Jane Lambert, Cheryl Lang, Carol & Bill Lindemann, Earl & Eleanor Lindsay, Robert & Pauline Lymons, Michael & Susan Malloy, Sally Marvaino (Suzanne Jacobson's sister), Major Brian Martin in Afghanistan, Shirley & Merle Matzke, Todd Matzke in Iraq, Bryan McCann (Jeanette Lunstead's son), Neal McGough in Afghanistan, Larry & Pat McMann,

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November

Birthdays

Gladys Kay	1	Ward McCleary	12	Joyce Mixer	21
Joel Hurley,	1	Judy Hjartarson	12	Sandra Mueller	21
Teri Lukas,	1	Gene Thomas	13	Retha Oolman	21
LuAnn Holec,	2	Clarence Hodges	13	Floy Kilbourn	21
Doug Benton,	3	Joe Schen,	13	Glen Bargman	22
Betty Hammond	4	Michael Adams,	14	Bill Talbot	22
Edward Easter,	5	Austin, Linda	14	Jack Barrett	23
Grace Love,	5	Loren Lullo,	14	Janice Anderson,	23
Shirley Matzke,	5	Kade Owen,	14	MarthaBenton,	23
Marilyn Thomas	5	Alyce Ancell	14	Robert Myers,	23
Betty Rolley	5	Kody Sawyer	15	David Moore,	24
Marge Hodgins	7	Larry Simonson	16	Jayne Urbach	24
Nancy Villeneuve	7	Debbie Hellyer	16	Ranford Warren	24
Bud Goodrich	8	Calvin Quinn	17	Cheryl Farney,	25
Marlene Morrison	9	Dave Hahn,	17	Jim Griffith,	25
William Curtis	6	Dottie House	17	Brenda Rahaneotis,	25
Hayes, JJ	6	Sue Vorseth	17	Tom Ashe	25
Cheryl Hall,	9	Rodney Wood	17	Gene Crawford	26
Richard Haraldson	9	Marlene Edwards,	18	Alice Hick	26
Betty Jensen	9	Michael Sheridan	18	Agnes O'Byrne	26
Betty Fenske	10	Orville Slagle	19	Kessler, Caitlin	27
Lu Johnson	10	Ron Borders,	20	John LaViolette,	27
Patricia Fleck	11	Heddy Moore	20	Carma Kostecka,	29
Delbert Anderson	12	Wally Quanstrom	20	Mary Ann Atkinson,	30
Mark Brooks	12	Steve Kinder	21		

Anniversaries

William & Rita Hawkins	4	Charles & Sheryl Verrall	22
Roy & Andrea Pape	6	Hu & Wendy Rhymes	22
Paul & Bobbie Ryan	9	Reg & Diane Head	25
Jeff & Jane Hayes	12	Peter & Carol Johnson	25
Ira & Susan Kenyon	12	Ron & Nancy Trout	25
James & Deborah Primeau	12	Steve & LuAnn Holec	29
Bill & Carole Lindemann,	15	George & Marilyn Larson	29
Pat & Kim Shroyer	17	Abed & Karen Mogharbel	29
William & Helen Curtis	18	Harvey & Sonia Holbrook	30
Herbert & Jennifer Adams	20	Michael & Betty Humphrey	30





United Methodist Women of Gold Canyon UMC

The United Methodist Women includes all women of the church. We are dedicated to fellowship, friendship and service. We welcome all GCUMC women.



UMW Meeting Schedule
Executive Board Meeting
Monday, October 6th at 9 am
Education Building



*And we must extinguish the candle,
put out the light and
relight it; Forever must quench,
forever relight the flame.*

--T. S. Elliott

Remaining 2008 UMW Calendar Events

The Page Turners Book Club

(Reading *The Cape Ann*, by Faith Sullivan)

@ Melva Houtcooper's 480-354-4012

November 1, Heart of Women, 11 a.m., Education Bldg.

November 3, UMW Executive Board Meeting, 9 am,
Education Bldg.

November 8, UMW Unit Meeting, 9:45 am

Guest Speaker, Tom Kollenborn, Local Historian

December 6, Heart of Women, 11 a/m, Education Bldg.

November 19, Remembrance Service, 7 pm, Sanctuary

December 8, UMW Executive Board Meeting, 9 am,
Education Bldg.

December 13, UMW Unit Meeting, 9:45 am

Tea with Mrs. Claus & Cookie Exchange

Hiking the Superstitions **With Tom Kollenborn**

Hiking is enjoyable for all ages and abilities. You don't have to worry about your route finding skills, because local educator, historian and our guide, Tom Kollenborn, will set a comfortable pace and give his authoritative presentation and slide show on the great Superstitions. Besides it's lore and the lure of gold, what else might you find at the top of Superstition Mountain? Come armchair hike with us on Saturday, November 8th at 9:45 a.m. in the Education Building. Where else can you relax with a cup of coffee and climb to the top of a rugged mountain; the mountain you regard with wonder every Sunday morning? Invite your family, your friends, your neighbors, your hiking buddies (men and women alike) to come experience the unspoiled, undeveloped places in this beautiful mountain area. This event is sponsored by Gold Canyon United Methodist Women.



LEST WE FORGET **A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**

A meaningful and reverent Remembrance Service, as special as the one you wish to remember, is being planned for Wednesday, November 19th at 7 p.m. in the Koinonia Room. Reverend Fred Steinberg will officiate the memorial service. Whether you have lost someone recently, or if you still bear the pain of loss from years past, the purpose of this service is to draw us all into hope for the future. You do not have to be a church member to participate in this service. So, if you know someone going through a difficult time due to a loss, please invite them to attend. To honor the memory of your loved one, their names will be read aloud, and family and friends will be invited to light a candle remembering. This will be a time of reflection, a time of prayer, and a time to find comfort. If you wish to have the name of your loved one read, please call and give that information to the church office 480-982-3776.

St. Andrew's Visit

Dear Friends of the Clinic,

We made our Fall visit to the Children's Clinic on October 2nd. Our visit went well. They were glad to see us and eager to help distribute our donations to their various departments. They asked, and we concurred, that the quilts, along with the larger stuffed animals could be kept as gifts for Christmas.

Our team gave out the smaller stuffed toys and the toiletry kits. They are hoping we will bring more in March to use on Mother's Day. Of course we said yes. Those are the ones we pack into those beautiful cloth bags made by Stitches Unlimited and Friends.

Our first-timers toured the facility and we all enjoyed our lunch together. Mark you calendars, as we have lots to accomplish before our March 5 visit.

Thank you. Your time, energy, donations and prayers are so appreciated!

See next page for a list of what we took down to Nogales with us!

Continued from UMW Page:

**YOUR DONATIONS TO ST. ANDREW'S CHILDREN'S CLINIC
OCTOBER 2008**

Disposable bibs:	1500	Flip flops
Diapers	8 pkgs	Vitamins
Tennis shoes	4 pair	Baby powder
Baby bottles & sippy cups	1 dozen	Milk of magnesia
Make-up bags	14	Evaporated milk
Juices	16 containers	Peanut butter
Pediasure	8 containers	Knit slippers & sweaters
Baby food	2 boxes	Big boxes of tennis balls (exercisers)
Blender	1	
Stuffed animals	100+	
Afghans	19	
Quilts	50	
Lap robes	4	
Fleece blankets	4	
Toiletry kits	240	



**Let us
remember to
pray daily**



A special thank you to Hu, Wendy and Fred, and for the calls, cards and hospital visits during my recent problems. Once again I've seen the power of prayer in my life.

Marian Denton

God's Burden

A burden, even a small one, when carried alone and in isolation can destroy us, but a burden when carried as part of God's burden can lead us to new life. That is the great mystery of our faith.

Henri Nouwen



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IN THE BEGINNING when the bad thing pulls you under, hopefully your care needs will become known and a Stephen Leader will introduce you to a Stephen Minister. At your first meeting you and your Stephen Minister will or may be a little formal with each other. In subsequent meetings, however, you will begin to discuss the gamut of your difficulties—all in complete confidence. Talking about your troubles will be surprisingly therapeutic. Your Stephen Minister will work very hard to build a warm relationship with you.

Your Stephen Minister does not attempt to push or rush you through grief or other crisis, but focuses on this "process" in which God participates to produce an ultimate healing "result." In the setting of distinctive care, you can be freed of the pain of your difficulty and at the same time develop a fine spiritual feeling about all things — God's marvelous cure.

If the bottom has dropped off, please call the office for a referral to Stephen Ministry.

Grief Support Group

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 to. 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.

Living Water Very Much Alive!

For all of our supporters and interested parties we want to give you the newest update about the exciting momentum at Living Water in Gilbert. At our most recent Baptism Bash at the Kellers' house there were nine candidates baptized in the pool. 95 supportive church members and family joined in the celebration and fellowship dinner afterwards.

We are rejoicing in the 32 new partners received into our congregation in October; attendance at the partnership gatherings was strong. In addition, we are excited to say that we are continuing to reach those in the immediate community around the elementary school where we meet; our average attendance is around 75 at present.

More good news is that the children's ministry is growing - we are now in two classrooms instead of one! Eleven children attended a Bible Instruction class; their new knowledge is leading their parents to delve deeper into the Word. We are always grateful for the divine intuitive nature of children!

We are currently studying spiritual gifts with a group of folks, and hope to do that on a regular basis so that everyone will know where they fit best in the body of Christ.

We have had a number of summer fellowship events, namely an evening trip to the zoo and an afternoon of bowling. The women went on their first retreat in Globe, and the men are anticipating some get-togethers as well.

Our outreach locally has been to consistently embrace Canyon State Academy. A handful of young men and their supervisor come every Sunday to help us set up for worship, assist in the classrooms, and tear down at the end. Living Water members are now regularly attending their Friday football games, so the student athletes and their coaches have truly become family. In fact, two of the baptism candidates were a student and the Director of Independent Living at CSA. It continues to be a mutual blessing. The other outreach is with Open Arms Care Center in Gilbert; like the food pantry at Gold Canyon, we supply them monthly with various food items and toiletries.

We are in the process of organizing a medical team to join others from the District and minister to the folks in Agua Prieta, Mexico at the end of March.

We couldn't begin to tell you about all the lives that are being transformed in so many ways. We give God all the glory for how the Spirit is moving through the people at Living Water. Thank you for your continued support and please visit us any Sunday at 10 am at Highland Park Elementary School, 230 N. Cole. Also, look us up on the web: livingwaterum.org!





Volunteers Do Make a Difference

GCUMC
982-3776

Jane Hayes, Volunteer Coordinator

Mark your calendars NOW!

For those of you who would like to share your time as a volunteer / food donations with the less fortunate or lonely this Thanksgiving, Our community has two locations that are serving dinner for Thanksgiving this year:

Desert Chapel United Methodist Church (982-2259) will be having a

worship on Thanksgiving at 10:00 A.M. followed by a meal served between 11:30-2:00. Call for specifics.

The Salvation Army (605 E. Broadway 982-4110) will be serving "Takeout" Thanksgiving dinners for residents living in Apache Junction East of Ellsworth



to Gold Canyon also on November 24th and 25th. Canned goods and turkeys are needed during the week prior to the 24th. Call if you are interested in volunteering.

**Volunteers of the Month
For October**
Sandy Butterbrodt
Ray Calihan
Joyce Schenk
Cris Criswell



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

Christmas Mission Starts Now! We have a BIG JOB AHEAD ; prayers needed.

I am beginning interviews and applications of needy families each Wednesday in November.

Our "Mission Angel Trees" will be up beginning November 25th.

Write these dates down for future reference:

Nov. 25-Dec.14-Tags ready for you to purchase gifts, Bashes gift cards, or

make donations for our families.

Dec. 14-5:00 P.M.

Last chance to donate! Return all unwrapped gifts with tags attached to trees.

Dec. 15—Sorting gifts

Dec. 19—Wrapping Party: Drop off home baked goodies and/or turkeys

Dec. 20 —Pickup/Delivery



1. Custodial Assistant
2. Information Table
3. Office Assistant
4. Hospitality Team
5. Greeter
6. Funeral Dishes
7. Sunday School

Name _____

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Facility Care Takers	John LaViolette

Monthly Newsletter Deadline: 15th of the Month
 Weekly Bulletin Insert Deadline: Noon on Wednesday
 Flower Order Deadline: Noon on Wednesday
 Please note that flowers are now \$30.00



8 am Traditional Service Starts November 21

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE
All Children's Sunday Schools begin in the Worship Service with their families. Children are led to their classrooms after the Children's Sermon.

✝ 8:15AM ~ Adult Sunday School
 Meets in Room 101/102

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

✝ 9:30 AM ~ Youth Sunday School

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

WINTER I 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*