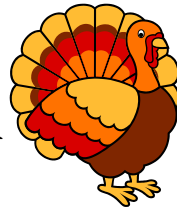




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From The Pastor:

“I Have a Friend Who...”

Many of us know people who don't know much about Jesus, Christianity, the Bible or the Church. From these people I have often heard surprising statements or questions about spiritual topics. I remember once my Aunt Norma said, “all religions are the same”. If that was true then why did I take several World Religion classes to learn about their differences? I have heard people describe the Christian Church as a “social club.” Is that all we are about? They thought so. I have listened to people declare, “Jesus was a mythical character who didn't really walk the earth. He was just a creation of imagination”.

What questions and comments have you heard? Did they surprise you? Are they questions you also have? I need your help. I know some of you would like to tell your pastor what to do, so now is your chance.

What are your non-Christian friends saying or thinking about the Christian faith? I plan on creating a sermon series which will deal with the most popular questions and statements that our friends have made about Christianity. Then we will dig up the real information on the subject. This series entitled “I Have a Friend Who...” would also be the perfect time to invite those who have questions about the Christian faith to attend.

So complete the phrase below and cut it out and either mail it to me, drop it in the offering plate, or email it to me at revstein78@gmail.com. See you on Sunday.

I have a friend who...

Grace and peace,

Fred



“Rethink Church” Message Series

Presented From: Oct 25, 2009

To: Nov. 29, 2009

Jesus founded the Church to carry on his mission; to serve as his hands and voice in the world. He loved broken and lost people. He offered healing and hope and forgiveness. He proclaimed good news of a God who loved prodigal children.

Recent national surveys of young adults reveal a great interest in Jesus, but an antipathy to the church. As one author has put it, "They like Jesus, but not the church." Perhaps this is why, according to one recent poll, only 30% of Americans are in worship on a given weekend.

Perhaps it's time to *Rethink Church*. This five-week series will challenge us to understand and reclaim Jesus' vision for the church; understand why the church matters to God; and seek to become the church Jesus intended.



AN ADVENTURE OF FAITH

By Grover Wallace

Last month we discussed the many promises Our God has made to believers and the promises Jesus made during His short life upon this earth. His teachings, His miracles, His healing of the sick, are a marvelous story of how faith in our Savior will bring good things to Christians. However, of all the promises, He did not promise any of us that our life would be without problems, illnesses or temptations that would test our faith. We closed our article with a question “Do you have the faith to stand on His promises?”

Jesus said to His disciples “...if your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, I repent, forgive him.” His apostles said to the Lord “increase our faith”. He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, be uprooted and planted in the sea, and it will obey you.”

Luke 17:1-6 (NIV)

“He got up, rebuked the winds and said, “Quiet! Be still!” When the winds died down and it was completely calm He said to His disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

Mark 4:39-40 (NIV)

Throughout the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John), Jesus healed many people, raised the dead, performed many miracles, taught about the kingdom of God, and taught by parables. Through these actions, He showed the true ingredients of faith. He showed believers that the way to enter God’s kingdom is by faith and believing that Christ will forgive our sins. Reading and studying the Gospels will show how faith leads to eternal life in the kingdom.

Jesus said if we have faith as small as a mustard seed we can move mountains. We should look at our lives and ask, “How much faith do I have in God?”

I think I have faith in Him. I know that I have enough faith that God has answered many of my prayers. Some He has not answered, but I don’t think it comes from a lack of faith. He has not answered some of my prayers because the time is not right. Sometimes I believe that I have asked for things He knows I do not need or it is not

in the plan God has for my life. I have lost friends and family (including parents and my only brother and sister). I have always prayed to God to heal them, but these prayers were not answered. However, after each of their deaths, I realized that He had relieved each one of pain and suffering; that He had called them to join in the kingdom He has prepared for them because they had faith.

All Christians feel that we have deep faith in our Father. I feel I have deep faith in God, but my faith is smaller than the mustard seed because I can’t heal the sick. But I can help comfort one who is ill. That’s just one of the many things I can do with my faith and His guidance. My faith is also a comfort to me that guides me in my service to God and others. By standing on His promises, our faith will certainly grow!

During the month of September our congregation contributed \$27,555, which brings total contributions for the first seven months to \$206,007 or about 41% of our goal for the giving year (March 1, 2009-Feb.1, 2010). In three months of the current giving year, our monthly contributions to the “An Adventure of Faith” (building fund) have been less than our required mortgage payment of approximately \$28,360. Thanks to the other four months, our average contribution for the first seven months has been \$29,430 or only about \$1,070 more per month than our required mortgage payment. As you can quickly determine, our September contributions were more than \$1,800 less than our mortgage. Had we failed to negotiate a new mortgage rate last year, the seven month giving average would be about \$5,000 less than required.

The current situation could well be a test of our faith, but we should all have faith that economic conditions will improve and we will be able to meet our goal.

“Let no debt remain outstanding except the debt to love one another.”

Romans 13:8 (NIV)

Are you just returning from your “summer place?” Please contact the office and give us your new address right away!



Please continue to recharge and use your Bashas' Community Support Cards and Fry's Gift Cards while shopping at these grocery chains. It doesn't cost you anything extra to use them (you still get the sale prices) and it benefits the church bus fund. Since I'll be back from vacation in November, stop by the Information Desk and see me if you need a new card.

Betty Rolley

Bashas' Shoppers: Don't forget that you have to give the cashier your church identification number anew each season (Sept. 1-April 30) to be attached to your Thank You card. This earns the church an additional 1% at no cost to you. Please do this the next time you shop. Our number is 23886.

Thanks to our wonderful church family at Gold Canyon United Methodist Church for your prayers and concern during Martha's mother, Willie Stowe's, hospitalization and death. Our entire family is very appreciative of all your cards and prayers. We really felt your love and the presence of our Lord. Again, THANK YOU!

Martha & Doug Benton and family

Thanks, Jane, for the beautiful flowers you gave in my honor on October 11. They were very much appreciated, but you have many volunteers that are more deserving (including yourself) for their service to God and others. I decided to pass them on to someone in our congregation in a long-term care facility, so you made two people smile that day.

Thanks so much,
Grover Wallace

Please welcome the following New Members who joined our church family on September 27, 2009: Diane and Richard Lockwood.

And Nancy & Tom Jonovich, who joined on October 11, 2009.



Veteran's Day

Don't forget our Annual Celebration of Veterans on Sunday, November 8th at 3:00 pm.

And on November 11, remember to pray for and thank our Military Personnel and their families.



Be sure to check the back of your calendar page for a revised Musical Performance Schedule. An event has been added on Jan. 22, 2010.

DONATIONS AND ATTENDANCE

Sept.	2007		2008		2009		2008	2009
	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Worship All	Worship All
1st	\$13307	\$9370	\$16121	\$10442	\$17189	\$10860	497	490
2nd	10973	5115	8341	2857	12654	9683	567	506
3rd	8583	4365	7752	4490	7567	4302	529	519
4th	8533	4006	7364	6248	9403	2710	851	631
5th	8992	4028	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	50388	26884	39577	24037	46813	27555	2444	2146



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."

Parents of Adult Children (PAC). If you find yourself distressed, disappointed, or dismayed by the situations and decisions of your adult children, consider attending the new Christian Education series just for you. The PAC round tables led by Rev. Fay and Wally Quanstrom will offer encouragement, perspective and support in five sessions of Bible study discussion and prayer beginning Tuesday, November 3rd. The topics for each of the weeks are Discernment, Blessing, Boundaries, Meaning and Healing. Each session will begin with a light supper at 6:30 pm in the Educational Building. All parents of adult children are invited to this time of fellowship, sharing and learning. The series will start Tuesday November 3rd and will conclude on Tuesday December 1st.

Advent Begins Sunday, Nov. 29th If your family or group would like to light the Advent candles this year please sign up in the Narthex at the information booth. A different candle will be lit in each of the Sundays of the Advent Season representing Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, with the final candle being lit in each of the Christmas Eve services on December 24th. During Advent you will be able to follow with a devotional calendar and a devotional booklet. The devotional booklet has a collection of thoughts by the renowned Christian writer, C.S.Lewis. You may pick-up your advent material at a table in the narthex.

The Disciple Study Program: While the 34 week classes are well under way with over 40 students, there are two new sessions of 16 weeks starting very soon. Both Disciple I and Disciple II are now registering folks who would like to study over the shorter period of 16 weeks and extend the class for a two year period. If this has appeal to you please sign-up by writing your name on the interest sheet in the narthex. The Disciple I will begin the second week in December and conclude in the month of April. Thomas and Shirley Feather are teaching Disciple I and Betty Hetherington will be facilitating Disciple II.

Sidewalk Sunday School (Faith and Fun Zone) is a ministry that is very dependent upon dedicated workers. This "fun and faith ministry" is always looking for persons who want to make a spiritual impact upon the lives of the children by helping as a shepherd, the giving of money, or providing snacks. We need qualified drivers both for the truck and the bus, safety personnel for the playground and game leaders. The Fun and Faith Zone program meets at Desert Chapel in A.J. and the times are 10 am till noon each Saturday. God will bless you for your involvement. Please continue to be much in prayer that God will continue to bless this very unusual type of ministry. **NEWS FLASH:** We held our first session on October 17 and 48 students and 24 shepherds attended! New location, new leaders, new program - **THANK GOD!**

FREE - ESTATE PLANNING SEMINARS – **FREE**
NOVEMBER 10TH @ 3:00 p.m.
In the Music Room or
NOVEMBER 24TH @ 7:00 p.m.
in the Koinonia Room

Mark your calendars and plan to attend one of the two Estate Planning Seminars sponsored by the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church Permanent Endowment Fund Committee. The Seminars will be led by our own Michael Sheridan, Esq. *There will be no solicitations.* Learn about tax laws and how they affect your estate plan --- how to avoid the costs and delays of probate --- the basics about Last Wills and Living Trusts --- and much more. Each seminar will be approximately 90 minutes. See you there!



Thanksgiving

**Remember to thank
 God for all His many
 blessings**



Youth Ministries

With Heather Rodenberg

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

Life Hurts, God Heals

Within the next month I will be launching a new support group for youth. This group will be for anyone dealing with addictions, abuse, suicide, cutting, etc. If you know of a youth in this situation, please let them know about the upcoming support group. More information is to come. In the mean time, please pray for these kids and those who will be helping them. Please also reach out to them if you see someone in need. They just need someone to believe in them. If you have any questions, or would like to be part of the team in any way, please contact me by calling the office or emailing me. Thank you.

Important Dates in November

1st 6:30 – 8:30pm Youth Group
8th Youth Service (All youth will be helping with Sunday morning so there will not be youth group Sunday evening.)
15th 6:30 – 8:30pm Youth Group
22nd 6:30 – 8:30pm Youth Group
29th 6:30 – 8:30pm Youth Group

JOIN THE YOUTH TEAM

Looking for help with the following:

Food Team

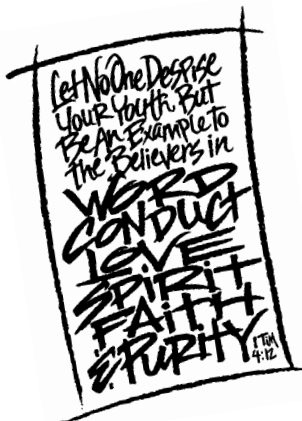
Sunday School Team

Youth Group Team

Life Hurts, God Heals Team

Help shape the lives of the Youth of our church and join the team.

Contact Heather for more information.



Parents


Please visit the sign-up board in the education building to help out with youth group. Also, keep an eye out for information on up and coming bible studies on money and sex.



Youth Service

On the 8th, the youth will be leading worship service. Please come and hear what they have to say. You will be blown away by their stories from the mission trip!

W.O.W. Corner

Hope you all enjoyed the transition into fall at *Fall*  *ween*
 ~ it was a beautiful day and a great opportunity to be with family and friends for an afternoon of fun.

A special thanks to all who shared ideas, gave of their time, provided props and worked diligently to make the event a success.

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 "Family Life" has been incorporated into **W.O.W.** and several events are being planned. First, an afternoon Christmas performance at Broadway Palm titled "*A Country Christmas*" on December 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have suggestions of things you would like to do with a group, please contact Ron Walker, **W.O.W.** Team Leader at 671-3881. More information regarding these events will be posted in Sunday bulletins and upcoming newsletters.

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 With the cooler weather we are once again greeting outside the church buildings. We would like to have more volunteers so that returning winter residents as well as continuing attendees feel welcome in our church family. We want to expand the golf cart service of bringing those with difficulty walking from the parking lot to the church entrances. Do you have a cart to loan for a couple of hours Sunday morning and evening for this worthwhile service? Let Ron know.

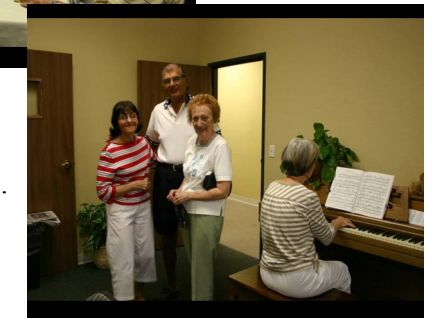
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 Please stop by the Information Desk and purchase your coffee mugs. They would be unique as Christmas gifts and the proceeds help support outreach missions functions.

## 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.

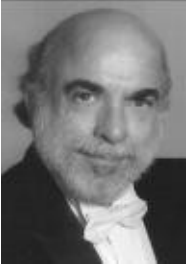


## Praise Concert

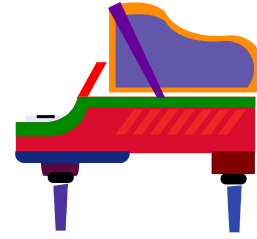
Have you seen Uncommon Grace lately? Do you know who the members are? Have you heard their latest praise music? Come and join Uncommon Grace and their concert on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm in the Koinonia Room. The free will offering will be given to the Youth Group of the church to support their upcoming mission trip. Please bring a can of food for the food bank.



Come join us!  
 All are welcome.  
 Tuesdays 10 am  
 to 1 pm in room  
 101/102 of the  
 Education Bldg.



## Music Notes



November - a month of thanks for the many blessings God gives us: good weather (finally, summer is over!), beautiful scenery, vivid colors, beautiful music, beautiful sunsets, beautiful [fill in the blank]. Thank you, God!

The Chancel Choir and Chancel Ringers are beginning to work on our Christmas Concert music. If you would like to sing in the Christmas Concert but can't commit to regular Sunday services, feel free to join us on Saturdays 9:30-noon through November 21<sup>st</sup>, the Saturday before Thanksgiving. If you have handbell experience and would like to ring with us, give me a call at the church (480-982-3776). The Chancel Ringers rehearse on Tuesday evenings 7:00 - 8:30 pm. If you would like to add your voice to the Chancel Choir on Sunday mornings, we rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7:00- 8:30 pm. New members are always welcome! If you have any questions about any of our groups, please let me know.

We have started a new choir for **grades 4-8, The Angel Choir**, open to all kids who want to learn music, learn how to sing and learn how to ring Choirchimes. We meet on **Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30**, right after B.E.A.R.S., in the Music Room. **Parents** you may drop your kids off at B.E.A.R.S. in the Koinonia Room (Education Bldg) at 4:30 then pick up your kids at the north door to the Sanctuary at 6:30. The Angel Choir is taught by **Kathy Nuss**, a Music Education Specialist, and myself. If you have any questions, give me a call. We hope to see your kids on Wednesdays!!!

Our **Performing Arts Series** begins with a concert by the very talented vocalist and pianist, **Mary Hollan**, on Sunday, **November 1, 2009 at 3:00 pm** in the Sanctuary. Mary has successfully performed all across America, sharing her music in a variety of settings. She is a talented recording artist who



performs contemporary and traditional gospel music along with original songs and children's music. An active participant in musical theater, Mary starred in the recent production of Eugene Anderson's original musical, "The Wager". Her love for Christ shines in her words and songs which deliver a message of empowerment, encouragement and gratitude. Mary's

program will also include some Broadway songs sung in her own, inimitable style. Mary is on the web at [www.maryhollan.com](http://www.maryhollan.com). Come and experience a unique blend of music from a lot of genres performed by a fabulous musician!

Next, is our **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Veterans** on Sunday, **November 8, at 3:00 pm** This program is free and open to the entire community. Featured will be Major **Bryan Martyn**, USAF (retired) and a County Supervisor, music by **Mary Lynn Preiss** and our **Chancel Choir**, **Retirement of the Flags Ceremony** by our **Boy Scouts**, and **free hot dogs and beverages!** We will take a free will offering for the **Returning Warriors Fund** we established with our first event. Checks should be made payable to: **Carl Hayden Medical Center** with **GPF #9914** written in the memo section of the check. Please do not make the check payable to the church. We hope you will come, bring your family and your friends to this moving program and be part of our celebration!

Also this month, the **Gold Canyon Arts Council**, whose **Canyon Sounds** programs are presented in our Sanctuary due to our great acoustics, is presenting Classical Guitarist **Brad Richter** on Friday night, **November 13 at 7:30 pm**. This is a ticketed event for a fee of \$25.00 at the door. However, look for a discount coupon in the Sunday bulletin on November 8 that will allow our church members to purchase a ticket with this coupon for \$18.00 (\$7.00 discount) if taken to Canyon Rose Storage. It is 2 blocks north of the church and tickets are available during business hours until Friday at 3:00 pm. This truly is a win-win situation for both our church members and the Gold Canyon Arts Council!

We ask everyone who attend *any* of the programs and concerts presented at our church to please bring at least one non-perishable food item per person for the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church Food Bank. The need is very great, and the Food Bank is almost bare! Please bring what you can. There is a list of needs in Sunday's bulletin.

A lot going on this month! But then that's the sign of a growing, vibrant church!

On a personal note, Martha and I thank you for the incredible number of cards, well wishes and prayers after Martha's mom's passing into eternal life with Christ. Martha, her sisters and families were very moved by the number of cards received! We all felt your prayers during this trying time. Thank you *very* much! What a wonderful, supportive family we have here at Gold Canyon United Methodist Church!

Blessings to all,

*Doug*

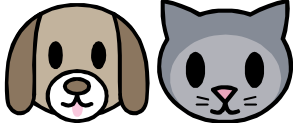
Douglas Benton, Director of Music Ministries

## WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY



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

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



### SADIE RHYMES MEMORIAL

It is hard for us to believe that our SADIE has been in doggy heaven, Rainbow Bridge or where ever she is for over a year now. Thank you so much to the folks who started this memorial so that many pets have food and that Sadie is not forgotten.

We were in **Costco** one day (what a surprise!) when we met a couple with two of the biggest bags of dog food **Costco** sells. They said they were taking them to the GCUMC food bank because they know we bag the food in gallon bags. They also had a couple of boxes of gallon bags. So we said to load it in our car as we take the bags home and bag the food so many animals can enjoy it. Hattie & Muffin love it when they see the big bags. They are hoping a few morsels will fall on the floor. Thanks, you two, and many others, including our veterinarian, Amy Munion, who are donating pet food. What a blessing our Food Bank is for so many folks and their pets.

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

**Sympathies:** Martha & Doug Benton, upon the death of Martha's mother, Willie Stowe; Marge Bos, David & Colette Bos, upon the death of Marge's husband & Dave's dad, Ralph; Karen Chandler, upon the death of her father, Myron Lutz; Chuck Maisters, upon the death of his wife, Jeanie; Lauren Collins-Mitchell, upon the death of her aunt, Marjorie Jackson; Dean Pearson, upon the death of his wife; The family of Glen Stratton, upon his death; Linda Wilson, upon the death of her husband, Evan; and the families & friends of the above.

**Concerns and/or Continued Prayers:** Charlie Acker, Florence Allen, George Apronte, Nancy Arbuckle, Carol Bailey, Patti Baker, Colin Ball (Margaret Ball's grandson), LuAnn Barlow (Rick Sutter's daughter), Nancy Binting, Cathy Bird, Joan Bird, Vincent Bock, Barbara Boggs, Alicia Boland, Sharon Bouvee, Doris Braatz (Arne Eisentraut's mother), Connie Brownell (Jerry Muratore's sister), Ida Buckner, Grace Byers (Monty & Gary Gingrich's mother), Michael Byrd, Christopher Caminiti, Pat Campbell, Arlo Clemensen, Rob Colby (Beth Steinberg's brother), Art Collins, Eileen Cook, Kenneth Cook, Steven Cordova, Cris Criswell, Janet Daniels, Patricia Davis, Bryan DeBrie, Ken Dickinson, Bill Dow, Jeff Downing, Harriette Downing, Mae Fairbanks, Catherine Fallon, Renee Gauthier, Patti Girardi, Ellen Gutknecht, Lee Hamner, Sue Hallinan (Ellie Con-

ger's daughter), Betty Hammond, Jeannette Hardman, Audrey Harrington, Serenity Harvey (Sue Sutter's granddaughter), Nora Heilman, Judy Humbert, John Jeeters, Thomas Jonovich, Noel Jones (Linda & Morgan Jones' grandson), Connie & Rick Keeling, Virginia Ketcham, Beverly LaMont, John LaViolette, Jonal Lartigue, Kayte Morton (Joe Morton's mother), Robert McNutt (Debbie Primeau's father), Addie Muratore, Betty Nunez, Linda Parker, Don Pentecost, Dick Peterson, George Petticrew, (Keith Petticrew's father), Ben Preidis (Michael & Sue Malloy's grandson), Laurie Reiter, Barbara Roback, Ellen Roberson, Debbie Rycraft (John & Dixie Coules' daughter), Yvonne Savage, Rose Scantlin, Sgt. Anthony (Tony) Senecal, Clarion Severson & Ken Severson (relatives of Mary Ann Atkinson's sister), Karen Shaver, Joel Siegel, Margaret Smith, Steven Smith (Addie Muratore's nephew), Chris Somerville, Agnes Switzer, Megan Tambke, Kenneth Thacker (Jerry Thacker's uncle), Marilyn Thomas, Lori Thompson (Carolyn & Jim Burt's daughter), Rae Tienen, Matty Tlusty (great granddaughter of the Eisentrauts), T.J. Trainer, Debbie & Allie Vigil, Teresa Wade, Sandy Wilson, Paula Wirth, Grace Wroebel, Trudy Zelezic (Dot Zelezic's daughter), and PRAYERS for the families (CAREGIVERS) of the above. PRAYERS for requests in the

“CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER” boxes & UNSPOKEN REQUESTS. Also, those FOOD BANK CLIENTS who have requested prayer. PRAYERS for our MILITARY Personnel and their families.

**Still in Need of Prayers:** Charlie & Joan Acker, Janice & Andy Anderson, Dick & Eleanor Armstrong, Tom & Dee Ashe, David Baker, Dorothy & Joey Baker, Jeff Barnhart, Jan Berry (Myra & John Berry’s daughter-in-law), Jenny & Bob Burgi, Terry & Ruth Burris, Jim & Carolyn Burt, Bob Carpenter, Bob Carter & family, Mark & Donna Cleary, Ellie Conger, Bill & Joyce Curtis, Rev. Bob & June Deits, Chuck Dickinson, Ted & Joy Fite, Fred & Jerri French, David & Ardeena Gillette, Ross & Arline Hacker, Viola Hammond (Don Hammond’s Mom), Rich & Sheila Haraldson, Rita Hawkins, Beth Hayes (Jeff Hayes’ mother), Gladys Kay (Jane Hayes’ Mom), Ro & Dick Heinauer (Diane Heinauer’s parents-in-law), Mel & Mary Kilbo, Steve & Peggy Kinder, Paul & Polly Knowlton, Roxie & Gene Kruschek, Naomi Kyle, Jane Lambert, Thelma Lang (Pete ‘n Kay Johnson’s mother), Carol & Bill Lindemann, Bob & Juana Mahlandt, Michael & Susan Malloy, Dean & Nyla Mansdorfer, Shirley & Brent Matzke, Bryan McCann (Jeanette Lunstead’s son), Larry & Pat McMann, Wilbur McMann, Burt & Muriel Mercer, Mary Moore, Hedy Moore (Jed Moore’s Mom), Eileen & George Petticrew, Lorraine & Victor Phillips, Marvin & Jean Richter, Joanne Rogers, Mickey & Bob Rosenstein, Rick & Sue Sutter, Bill & Bobbie Talbot, Carl & Helen Thacker, (Jerry Thacker’s parents), Ken & Lorraine Tippie (Jerry & Peggy Tippie’s son), Lillian Thomas & Maria Remaley (Bill & Mary Thomas’ mothers), Bev & Jim Toppin, Marven & Wanda Tufte, Ray and Nancy Villeneuve, Bill & Nancy Waechter, Les & Mary Gay Wenger (Diane Heinauer’s parents), LeRoy & Dorothy Wolter, Dot Zelezic and the families of the above.

**Joys:** Several young men in our church are candidates for Eagle Scout ranking. We congratulate them & their Scout Master, Dr. Brad Bryant.



## “LAUGH A LITTLE” with Hu

### HALT!

When a traffic cop pulled over Pastor Johnson for speeding, the minister reminded the officer, “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.” The cop handed the minister the ticket and quoted, “Go thou and sin no more.”

### WALKING OUT

“I hope you didn’t take it personally, Reverend,” an embarrassed woman said after the church service, “when my husband walked out during your sermon.” “I did find it rather disconcerting,” the preacher replied.

“It is not a reflection on you, sir,” insisted the churchgoer. “Ralph has been walking in his sleep ever since he was a child.”

### John Wesley’s Three Simple Rules

Do No Harm

Do Good

Stay in love with God

### DESIGNATED GIFTS FROM MEMORIAL/FUNERAL SERVICES

Willie Stowe (Martha Benton’s mother)  
Aldersgate UMC

### BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

There are no special license requirements and we hope to rotate the schedule enough so that you should not have to drive more than once every six weeks. This would be for the 9:30 service. If you would be able to help out, please call the church office to leave your name and the bus manager will call you to schedule a very short training session.

**NOTICE:** We need your Email Address! Please email it to us at: [goldcanyonumc@mindspring.com](mailto:goldcanyonumc@mindspring.com)

**MIND MENDERS SUPPORT GROUP**

...meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.*

*But Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible."*



*Matthew 19:26*



Laurie will be glad to meet with anyone who contacts her by phone at 480-671-5768 or by email at [Lchristy20@yahoo.com](mailto:Lchristy20@yahoo.com)

when needed. We will resume a regular schedule again this month. Watch the bulletin for information about day and time.

Why do you affect me so? I think it is because in the deep empty places of my soul I find a companion in you. You speak an understanding I have not met before. You sense my agonies and help me carry them a little way. You give no quick answers or do-it-yourself helps. Only that that the Lord calls compassion.

Dona Hoffman

**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](mailto:dee.ashe@yahoo.com)



**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY®**

**GOD'S GRACE IN PAIN**

Spiritual pain is often a greater candidate for care and attention than the pain of physical injury. A bloody nose is an obvious hurt; the lack of God's activity in one's life is not as discernable.

The aim of spiritual care is to help people realize that God, our awesome creator, loves all of mankind. The real activity in spiritual care is God's activity - God's love!

Stephen Ministers are spiritual caregivers. They engage a process which always observes and respects boundaries in the life of a care receiver who may, for some very palpable reason, feel that God is not around.

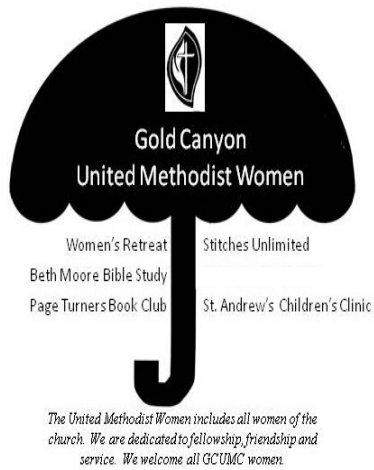
The job of a Stephen Minister is not to dominate your life by forcing God into it. God is already in your life. The task is to unblock the free flow of God's grace through conduits He has provided such as the Bible, worship, prayer, confession and forgiveness, the sacraments, and the fabulous, breath-taking gift of Jesus.

If you have a hurt that doesn't bleed or visibly bruise, please call the office for a referral to the care of a Stephen Minister.

The Stephen Ministry sends out a series of four booklets over the course of a year to people who are mourning the loss of a loved one. The booklets cover such subjects as "A Time to Grieve", "Experiencing Grief", "Finding Hope and Healing" and "Rebuilding and Remembering". The people we send these to seem to find them to be a helpful tool as we occasionally receive notes like the following:

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the four books on grieving that you have sent to me. They are excellent! I'm still having a hard time believing all that has happened. According to the books, that's okay. Hope to see you this winter. Thank you for your kindness and caring.



### 2009-10 UMW Calendar of Events

- Nov. 9 9am Gold Canyon Executive Board Meeting  
 Nov. 14 9:45am Gold Canyon UMW Unit Meeting  
 Nov. 15 UMW Sunday  
 Nov. 18 7pm Remembrance Service  
 Nov. 23 2pm The Page Turners Book Club  
 (Reading The Last Lecture, by Randy Pausch @ Diana Linton's 480-229-0706)  
 Jan. 24, 2010 District Annual Leadership Training Event, Velda Rose UMC

## A Service Of Remembrance

Sponsored by  
 United Methodist Women  
 And  
 Stephen Ministry



A meaningful and reverent Service of Remembrance, as special as the one you wish to remember, will be held Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm 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 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

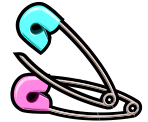
## St. Andrew's Trip

Dear Friends,

God gave you a listening heart and you gave to those in need. Thank you, and the children seeking help thank you.

The following donations were taken on our Fall visit to the Clinic:

- 4 blenders  
 17 large cans of Enfamil/Similac  
 26 small cans of Enfamil/Similac  
 8 six packs of Ensure  
 \$500 in donations  
 1 pk. Onesies  
 40 dozen diapers  
 4 diaper bags  
 14 children's books in Spanish  
 1 child's wheelchair  
 74 quilts  
 53 afghans  
 4 fleece afghans  
 12 Izzy dolls  
 2 pkg. baby wipes  
 300 toiletry kits  
 1 big box of hand-made wooden cars  
 Tennis balls for exercising  
 9 pr. knitted booties  
 11 sweaters  
 26 knitted hats  
 1 box disposable bibs (500)  
 50 hand-made cloth balls  
 7 tube pillows  
 Sunglasses & regular glasses  
 Hundreds of stuffed animals & toys



Please note: If you are mailing a contribution to St. Andrew's Clinic, please check their self-addressed envelope. The correct address should read:

St. Andrew's Children's Clinic  
 P.O. Box 67  
 Green Valley, AZ 85622





## International Missions

*"The world is my parish." – John Wesley*

After a long, hot summer, the International Missions Committee met this last week to review our work from this past year and to plan for the coming year. We are happy to report that, with your support, we have been able to further GCUMC international outreach projects greatly. The following is a brief report on the church's and the committee's accomplishments:

1. Nine members of GCUMC have made a commitment to the Chile work trip in January, 2010. The work team will be assisting on a project in the Northern District of the Methodist Church in Chile, in the coastal city of Iquique, at a Methodist school. The International Missions Committee hopes to be able to continue contributing to the trip in order to help offset the overall costs.
2. In December \$1000 in GCUMC donations will be given to further the efforts of the "After the Wave" Project, which provides educational and medical support for the children in Thailand who were orphaned by the tsunami of 2004.
3. This summer Pastor Wu Jin and the congregation at the Chinese Christian Church, in Haichung, China, gratefully accepted the \$1000 donated by the caring members of GCUMC for the continued construction of the Wangshi sanctuary.
4. The International Missions Committee continues to sell Green Parrott Coffee each Sunday. The sale of the coffee is part of Fellow Man International of

Honduras, a non-profit organization that directly benefits from the sale of the coffee. Green Parrott Coffee was created with only one thing in mind: social justice for the Honduran coffee plantation worker

The goal of our committee in the coming year includes further supporting our existing projects. In addition, we would like to expand our efforts in supporting the St. Andrews Project in Mexico and the United Methodist Seminary in the Congo.

With the approach of the holiday season, it isn't too early to begin thinking about holiday shopping, and the idea of giving a donation to an international project in honor of a loved one might be just the perfect gift! Beginning in October and continuing through the holiday season, we will have donation cards available indicating your gift to international missions in the name of someone special. These cards will be available for you to present to the loved one in whose name the donation was made.

If you would like more information on any of these vital outreach projects, or you would like to become a member of the international missions team, please contact

Jackie Douglass ([jackied.coaz@gmail.com](mailto:jackied.coaz@gmail.com)),

Nona Larson ([enonal@msn.com](mailto:enonal@msn.com)),

John Paddison ([johnpaddison@yahoo.com](mailto:johnpaddison@yahoo.com)),

or Jean Paddison ([azjean@yahoo.com](mailto:azjean@yahoo.com)).

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

### Current UMCOR Emergencies

To donate to UMCOR on behalf of the following 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.

#### **South Pacific Earthquake & Tsunamis**

International Disaster Response  
UMCOR Advance #982450

#### **Philippines Emergency**

UMCOR Advance #240235

#### **Indonesia Emergency**

UMCOR Advance #217400

For more ways to help, or to donate online, go to:

<http://new.gb-gm-umc.org/umcor/>



# Healthy Living

By Monica Ortega-Watters, RN

Unsure of what my first health article should consist of, I thought about the upcoming holidays. They will be here before we know it and what came to my mind was food preparation safety.

The most common of the 250 foodborne infections are Salmonella and E Coli. Salmonella is spread to humans from a variety of different foods of animal origin and causes diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps, while E Coli is spread through contaminated foods and drinking water. E Coli causes severe bloody diarrhea and painful abdominal cramping without much fever. Treatment depends on the symptoms and will vary for everyone. Illnesses that are primarily diarrhea can lead to dehydration which may require an intravenous fluid replacement if a person is unable to keep fluids down. If diarrhea occurs without blood or a temperature an antidiarrheal can be used.

Consult your doctor:

- \* When a temperature is over 101.5 orally.
- \* When there is blood in your stools.
- \* When prolonged vomiting prevents you from keeping liquids down.
- \* If you have signs of dehydration, which are a dry mouth, dizzy when standing up and decrease in urination.
- \* If a diarrhea illness lasts more than 3 days.

Food is always an important part of all holiday gatherings so here are a few tips to keep you and your family healthy this holiday season:

**Clean:** Wash hands and food contact surfaces often. Bacteria can spread throughout the kitchen and get onto cutting boards, knives, sponges, and counter tops.

**Separate:** Don't cross-contaminate--don't let bacteria spread from one food product to another. This is especially true for raw meat, poultry and seafood. Keep these foods and their juices away from ready-to-eat foods.

**Cook:** Cook to proper temperatures. Foods are properly cooked when they are heated for a long enough time and at a high enough temperature to kill the harmful bacteria that cause foodborne illness.

**Chill:** Refrigerate promptly. Refrigerating foods quickly keeps most harmful bacteria from growing and multiplying. Refrigerators should be set at 40 F and the freezer at 0 F, and the accuracy of the settings should be checked occasionally with a thermometer.

Further information may be accessed from the website [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

Blessings, Monica

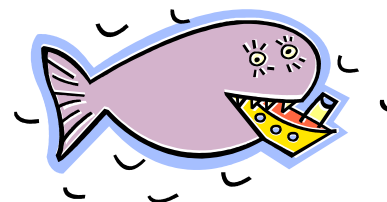
## UMOM Walk for Homeless Families

The pictures below are of a few of our congregants who are not only Living Healthy, but also raising money for a good cause. On September 19 a small team of people from GCUMC walked in the First Annual Walk for UMOM (United Methodist Outreach Ministry). This team raised over \$800 for the cause! Thanks to these members and let's try to get more of us involved next year to see if we can improve on this impressive contribution and help the homeless.



**Way to go Team!!**

Did anyone guess the correct answer to the "Who Am I"? Puzzle that was in last month's edition of *The Roadrunner*? The answer is: whale. Don't feel bad if you didn't get it - we had to cheat and use the Internet!





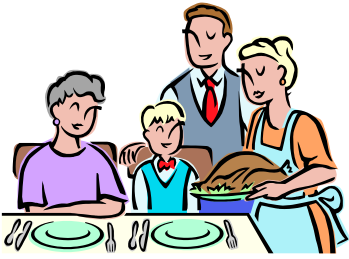
# November Birthdays

|                  |   |                   |    |                  |    |                     |    |
|------------------|---|-------------------|----|------------------|----|---------------------|----|
| Joel Hurley      | 1 | Richard Haraldson | 9  | Debbie Hellyer   | 16 | Janice Anderson     | 23 |
| Gladys Kay       | 1 | Betty Jensen      | 9  | Judy Johnson     | 16 | Martha Benton       | 23 |
| Teri Lukas       | 1 | Marlene Morrison  | 9  | Michelle Shaw    | 16 | Robert Myers        | 23 |
| LuAnn Holec      | 2 | Betty Fenske      | 10 | Dave Hahn        | 17 | David Moore         | 24 |
| Richard Moore    | 2 | Lu Johnson        | 10 | Dottie House     | 17 | Jayne Urbach        | 24 |
| Laura Wright     | 2 | Patricia Zirjacks | 10 | Calvin Quinn     | 17 | Ranford Warren      | 24 |
| Doug Benton      | 3 | Patricia Fleck    | 11 | Sue Vorseth      | 17 | Tom Ashe            | 25 |
| Lucah Pape       | 3 | Andy Anderson     | 12 | Rodney Wood      | 17 | Adam Cascaden       | 25 |
| Betty Hammond    | 4 | Mark Brooks       | 12 | Marlene Edwards  | 18 | Cheryl Farney       | 25 |
| Mary Ann Wing    | 4 | Judy Hjartarson   | 12 | Michael Sheridan | 18 | Jim Griffith        | 25 |
| Matthew Barrick  | 5 | Ward McCleary     | 12 | Orville Slagle   | 19 | Brenda Rahaneotis   | 25 |
| Edward Easter    | 5 | Hazel Sams        | 12 | Ron Borders      | 20 | Ruth Rosetti        | 25 |
| Grace Love       | 5 | Clarence Hodges   | 13 | Heddy Moore      | 20 | Gene Crawford       | 26 |
| Shirley Matzke   | 5 | Gene Thomas       | 13 | Wally Quanstrom  | 20 | Alice Hick          | 26 |
| Betty Rolley     | 5 | Maggie Toner      | 13 | Floy Kilbourn    | 21 | Agnes O'Byrne       | 26 |
| William Curtis   | 6 | Michael Adams     | 14 | Steve Kinder     | 21 | Caitlin Kessler     | 27 |
| JJ Hayes         | 6 | Alyce Ancell      | 14 | Joyce Mixer      | 21 | John LaViolette     | 27 |
| Marge Hodgins    | 7 | Linda Austin      | 14 | Sandra Mueller   | 21 | Rev. Nolan Williams | 27 |
| Nancy Villeneuve | 7 | Loren Lullo       | 14 | Retha Oolman     | 21 | Lynne Confer        | 29 |
| Brad Daniels     | 8 | Kade Owen         | 14 | Mike Paul        | 21 | Carma Kostecka      | 29 |
| Bud Goodrich     | 8 | Kody Sawyer       | 15 | Glenn Bargman    | 22 | Mary Ann Atkinson   | 30 |
| Cheryl Hall      | 9 | Marilyn Thomas    | 15 | Bill Talbot      | 22 |                     |    |



# November Anniversaries

|                          |    |                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|----|
| Andrea & Roy Pape        | 6  | Joanne & Rodger Burris   | 24 |
| Bobbie & Paul Ryan       | 9  | Diane & Reg Head         | 25 |
| Jane & Jeff Hayes        | 12 | Carol & Peter Johnson    | 25 |
| Susan & Ira Kenyon       | 12 | Nancy & Ron Trout        | 25 |
| Deborah & James Primeau  | 12 | LuAnn & Steve Holec      | 29 |
| Carole & Bill Lindemann  | 15 | Judy & Neil Johnson      | 29 |
| Helen & William Curtis   | 18 | Marilyn & George Larson  | 29 |
| Jennifer & Herbert Adams | 20 | Karen & Abed Mogharbel   | 29 |
| Wendy & Hu Rhymes        | 22 | Sonja & Harvey Holbrook  | 30 |
| Sheryl & Charles Verrall | 22 | Betty & Michael Humphrey | 30 |



# Volunteers Do Make a Difference

GCUMC  
982-3776

Jane Hayes, Volunteer Coordinator

We do not have an annual Thanksgiving Drive at our church, but please consider other worthy organizations for your donations and service. As I receive specifics, I will pass them on to you with Sunday announcements.

As Christmas approaches this year, PLEASE keep Jane and our Annual Christmas Mission in your prayers. We REALLY NEED for EVERYONE to take an active part to be successful, so please consider this your personal invitation to become a part of this worthy mission. Needs list is below. I have been receiving referrals for deserving families since October. Personal interviews are being held weekly at church.

Keep these needs on your "To Do List"

1. November 29, the First Sunday of Advent, tags will be available on our trees.
2. Empty shoe boxes by December 13th.
3. Bashas' gift cards for \$20 will be available for purchase.
4. Cash/check donations by December 13th and we will shop for YOU!
5. "Christmas in a Bag" will be available and filled bags are due back to the church by December 13th.
6. Baked goodies due by December 18th.
7. Frozen turkeys due on December 18th.
8. Wrapping Party is December 18th at 3:00 pm. (Scissors and tape required)

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

1. Custodian Helper
2. Homebound
3. Office Assistant
4. Sunday Morning
5. Gift Card for Food Bank
6. Greeter
7. Liturgist
8. Bus driver
9. Sidewalk Sunday School Helpers

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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## COOKIE LOVERS!

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

**Roadrunner Email**

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

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to continue to receive hard copy Roadrunners as well? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No



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**GCUMC Staff**

|                              |                                                 |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Senior Pastor                | Fred A. Steinberg                               |
| Minister of Pastoral Care    | Hu Rhymes                                       |
| Associate Pastor             | Bob Deits                                       |
| Director of Education        | Ellis Falk                                      |
| Director of Music Ministries | Douglas J. Benton                               |
| Associate Director of Music  | David Ballard                                   |
| Director of Youth Ministries | Heather Rodenberg                               |
| Pianists                     | Carol Ballard,<br>Linda Jones,<br>Marty Robison |
| Office Manager               | Nancy Virden                                    |
| Administrative Associate     | Suzanne B. Jacobson                             |
| Volunteer Coordinator        | Margaret Ball                                   |
| Parish Nurse                 | Jane Hayes                                      |
| Nursery Care Giver           | Monica Ortega-Watters                           |
| Facility Care Taker          | Susan Kenyon                                    |
|                              | John LaViolette                                 |

**Addressee or Current Resident**

[Empty dotted box for address]

**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**  
**Every Sunday from**  
**October through May**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

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

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

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