



Gold Canyon United Methodist Church

"Following Jesus, Serving Others"



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From The Pastor: "Almost a Fatal Step"

A couple of months ago, I was driving down a neighborhood street when a woman, hidden from my view behind a parked car, stepped out into the road in front of me. I slammed on the brakes and squealed to a stop just ten feet shy of her. What I noticed when I came to a screeching halt was that she was very distracted as she talked on her cell phone. Fortunately I was only going 25 mph and I have quick reflexes.



What was her response to almost getting mowed down by me? She simply stepped back and shrugged her shoulders and kept talking. Not much of a reaction to almost getting killed. The parked van blocked my view of her and she was so distracted that she didn't even bother to see if any traffic was coming.

It's easy to get distracted from the important things in life. Wayne Cordeiro in his book, Doing Church as a Team, writes about a friend of his who was completing a major paper to graduate from college. After sleepless nights and many tiresome trips to the library, he completed his paper and turned it in. Three days later, when each student received his or her paper back there was red writing which said, "Good research. Great illustrations. Wonderful bibliography. Grade: F...Wrong Assignment!" Can you imagine doing all the work only to find out you were doing the wrong work?

I want to get to the end of my life and be able to say, I paid attention to the right things. I wasn't distracted by things of little significance. I didn't major in the minors. What does our Christian discipleship call us to do with our life? What is most important? What is least important? When this article arrives in your mailbox we will be in the middle of a series entitled "I Quit." What do we need to quit so that we might do things more worthy of our time? See you on Sunday!

Grace and peace,

Fred

**Please welcome the following people who
joined the church on October 24:**

Joyce Caughey
Lester & Rev. Ari Shreffler
Bruce & Marjorie Stofferan



WINTER VISITORS

Welcome back!! Please be sure to call us when you return so we can change your address back to that of your winter home.

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE!

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



Who are you?

Would the person(s) holding envelope box #502 please contact the office so that your contributions may be properly recorded? Thank you!

Bos receives AP Scholar Award

In recognition of exceptional performance on Advanced Placement exams, 12 Apache Junction High School students earned AP Scholar Awards for their achievements during the 2009-10 school year. Among them was our own Daniel Bos.

In addition, Daniel also qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by averaging at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and scores of three or higher on four or more total exams. **Congratulations, Daniel!**



The *Scrip*/Bus Fund continues to increase thanks to those of you who recharge and use your Community Support Cards at Bashas' and your Fry's Gift Cards that you have purchased from the church. This **free money** is earned by all of us who participate in the *Scrip* program. It will be used for expenses and maintenance on our current bus in addition to saving toward the purchase of another bus which will be needed in the future.

If you are not familiar with the program using Bashas' Community Support Cards and Fry's Gift Cards, please stop by the *Scrip* section of the Information Center in the east narthex between services or call me at 380-0147 to find out how easy it is to participate and how **you** can help us to grow this fund in the years to come. Best of all, it is **at no cost to you**. The bus parked in front of the church has almost completely been paid for with funds from Bashas' (at 6%) and Fry's (at 3%) of all your purchases.

I have heard some people say, "Well, I spend so little each week that it wouldn't matter." But if many people each spend just a little at these stores, it adds up to a lot. This is **free money** the church can earn when you purchase groceries, meds, etc. (and even gas at Fry's), things we all use every day. Thanks so much. Betty Rolley



DONATIONS AND ATTENDANCE

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

September	2008		2009		2010		2009	2010
	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.		
1st	\$16121	\$10442	\$17189	\$10860	\$16699	\$9771	490	488
2nd	8341	2857	12654	9683	7419	2758	506	461
3rd	7752	4490	7567	4302	13082	3170	519	557
4th	7364	6248	9403	2710	8947	4393	631	582
5th	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	\$39577	\$24037	\$46813	\$27555	\$46147	\$20092	2146	2088



Christian Education

By Alexandra Houseman

The following is a short introduction of our new Director of Christian Education, Alexandra Houseman.

Alex was born and raised in Santa Maria, CA. She and her family moved to Gilbert, AZ in 2005. Alex has been attending St. Andrew UMC since she was a young child and is still a member there. In 2006 she and her family began attending Gilbert First UMC. Alex is a high school science teacher and has been teaching for over 10 years. She and her husband Scott have four children, Alyssa, 11; Evan, 9; Tyler, 7; and Hailey, 4.

Alex comes to Gold Canyon UMC with a Bachelors in Biochemistry and a Masters in Education. She has extensive experience in music and drama as well as educational leadership which she hopes to share in her position as Education Director. She and her family look forward to attending Gold Canyon UMC and getting to know everyone in the church community.

As I look forward to new possibilities at Gold Canyon UMC, I am reminded that there are many opportunities already in place for you, the congregation, to get involved. Did you know that there are already several adult Bible study classes in place and we are looking to start more? Do you want to see more adult Sunday school options? Together we can make that happen. Are you interested in teaching, volunteering, mentoring, creating, or sharing your talents? Just let me know. I look forward to hearing all the ideas the members of this church have. You can reach me at alex.houseman@hotmail.com.

Thank you so much for the wonderful picture that was presented to me on my last Sunday. It is hanging in a very prominent place in our home and reminds me of the great times I had with all the children of the church and community. Each one, though sometimes trying, is a very precious jewel in the Kingdom of God and who knows how they may all turn out? Only God knows. Thanks again for all the support you gave me these past several months, and may the Lord bless each of you as you continue to do His work in the church.

Ellis Falk



Have you ever thought of Microlending?

Kiva empowers individuals to lend to an entrepreneur across the globe. By combining microfinance with the internet, Kiva is creating a global community of people connected through lending.

Kiva was born of the following beliefs:

- People are by nature generous, and will help others if given the opportunity to do so in a transparent, accountable way.
- The poor are highly motivated and can be very successful when given an opportunity.
- By connecting people we can create relationships beyond financial transactions, and build a global community expressing support and encouragement of one another.

As the saying goes, “Give a man a fish, feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, feed him for a lifetime.” With Kiva, by giving a person a loan you are teaching them to become self-sufficient, so they don’t have to keep asking for help.

Kiva allows you to make small loans to entrepreneurs on five continents, leveraging just \$25 to change a life.

As Bill Clinton says in his book *Giving: How Each of us can Change the World*: “Nicholas Kristof described his own experience as a Kiva lender. He loaned \$25 each to a TV repair shop owner and a baker in Afghanistan. The baker had received \$425 from a total of seven American lenders, enough to open a second bakery. The TV repairman had also opened a second shop. Between them they had created six new jobs and, in the process, increased the chances that Afghanistan can succeed in building a moderate Muslim democracy in the face of the Taliban’s efforts to undo it.”

A few of us at GCUMC have formed a team of lenders and we invite you to join us. As Heather Rodenburg says “I think Kiva is a great organization. From the \$100 I lent 2 years ago, I have given 12 loans which is a lot for that amount of money. That’s helping 12 people. You can’t even buy dinner for 12 people for \$100!” If you are interested in joining us, go to Kiva.org to set up an account and click on “Community”. On that page search for our church and then click “join”. If you have any questions about microlending or using the Kiva website, you can call Kathy Serrine at 480-310-2280.



Gold Canyon UMC Youth



Wendy Moore, Youth Director

Our Superstar of the Month is Charlie Olson!



Charlie is 15 years old and a sophomore at Apache Junction High School. He has been an active member of the GCUMC Youth Group for over 2 years, and has completed two mission trips; one to Artesia, NM and one to Mescalero, NM. He competes on the swim team at school, and enjoys hanging out with his friends.

Favorite food: Cheeseburgers

Favorite movie: 300.

Congratulations Charlie!!!!

Upcoming Events

November 13 - Feed My Starving Children
November 14 - Youth Group 6:30 - 8:30 pm
November 20 - Shareholders Breakfast
November 21 - Youth Group 6:30 - 8:30 pm
November 28 - Youth Group 6:30 - 8:30 pm

On Saturday, November 13, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm, we will take 7 youth and 3 adults to serve at Feed My Starving Children in Tempe. If you are interested in preparing food packages for children around the world, please let Wendy know.

Wendy thanks the church for sending her to the Annual National Youth Workers Convention. She is energized & has even more ideas for our youth.

Go to our Facebook site: Gold Canyon UMC Youth and “Like” us. Please tell your friends. Let’s get some conversations going.

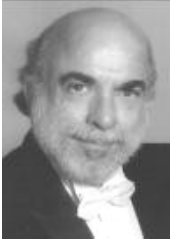
A big thank you to Nathaniel Gingrich, and those who helped, for his Eagle Scout project at the church

Our 2011 Mission Trip will be to Navajo Mountain, Utah on July 10-16. Mark your calendars!

Quote of the month:

“Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all.”

- *Dale Carnegie*



Music Notes



I am writing this after returning from a fantastic Leadership Institute at *The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection* in Kansas City, one of the largest churches in our denomination. I learned a lot, picked up some great suggestions and have become re-inspired to begin an instrumental program here at *Gold Canyon UMC*. I am really excited about this! It will be an intergenerational group that will begin hopefully right after the first of the year. If you play an instrument, watch for further information about this!

Winter visitors have started to arrive and the **Chancel Choir** is growing! We are always looking for people who can sing on pitch, read music and want to share their talents with us and our congregation. If you are one of these people, you are more than welcome to come join us on **Thursday evenings at 6:50 pm**. We do not audition, we just have a great time singing together, having fellowship with each other and leading our congregation in worship. We have more fun than a “church group” probably should have! Come check us out!

Likewise, we have our **Angel Choir** (grades 4-8) which meets right after **B.E.A.R.S.** on **Wednesdays at 5:30 pm** in the Music Room, **Youth Handbell Team** that meets right after Angel Choir on **Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 pm** in the Music Room. If you are interested in either of these groups, come and check us out. New singers and ringers are always welcome!

If you are an experienced handbell ringer, we could use you in the **Chancel Ringers** which meets in the Sanctuary on Tuesday evenings from **6:30-8:00 pm**. You would be welcome, indeed!

If you are in Gold Canyon on November 7, please remember to come to our **6th Annual Celebration of Veterans** program at **3:00 pm**. This is our annual event to thank those who are serving or have served our country, and to remember all those who have died in service for our country. This a community event, free and open to the public. We will have lots of great music by **George Staerkel** from *Barleen's Arizona Opry*, the **Agape Brass Quintet**, and our own **Chancel Choir**. After the program, we will have the very moving “Retirement of the Flags” Ceremony followed by free hot dogs. A free will offering will be received and checks should be made payable to **Carl Hayden VA Medical Center** and write on the “memo” line **GPF #9914** so it gets to the right department. All funds will be used exclu-

sively for the personal needs of returning veterans here in Central Arizona. We also ask everyone to please bring at least one non-perishable food item for the *GCUMC Food Bank*. We look forward to seeing you here to support our troops!

November, of course, is a time when we are filled with thanks to God for all the many, many blessings He has given to each of us, none the least of which is living in this great country, this great town of Gold Canyon and being a part of this great church. I hope each of us has a meaningful Thanksgiving!

Blessings to each and to all,

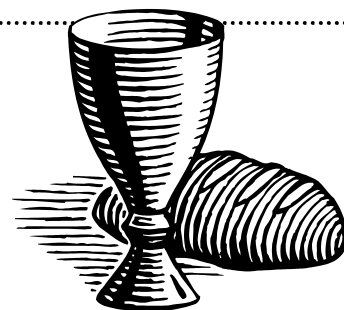
Doug

Douglas J. Benton
Director of Music Ministries

The *Roadrunner* staff loves receiving notes such as the following. We know we have many wonderful, loving people involved in so many varied ministries of the church, but we like to share this news with all.

We'd like to send a special thank you to Sandra and Jerry Caldwell - they faithfully bring us communion each month which means so much to both of us. We still feel connected to GCUMChurch even if we can't attend.

Bob & Ruth Bennett



WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY



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

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

FROM THE SADIE RHYMES MEMORIAL CORNER

A big thank you to all the volunteers who have worked in the food bank and given many hours to helping folks, dogs and cats with food. Of course there wouldn't be a Food Bank without all of you and the community who donate so much. Thank you to Jeff Downing, Dan Gray and Rush Tucker who head up this project.



Thanks so much to the family who donated money to "Sadie's Mission." What a wonderful way to honor Sadie, not only with the money to help feed other pets, but to call it "her mission." We also thank so many others who have donated \$\$ and pet food. We are amazed at how many families ask for pet food so their furry friends can eat. One day, half of the folks needed pet food. Also, again thanks to our veterinarian, Dr. Munion, for another contribution. We would like to remember another pet, KESS. Kess was a therapy dog at Banner Baywood and Banner Heart Hospitals for 7 years. She brought joy to hundreds of sick folks. Her parents, Joyce & Fred Scharinghausen miss her so much.

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Nathaniel Gingrich, upon completing his EAGLE SCOUT project.

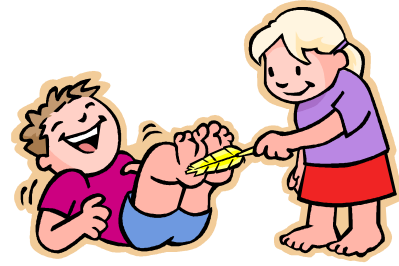
Sympathies: Jeanette Lunstead & the family of Carol Conklin, upon her death; The family of Bob Cook, upon his death; Ron & Linda Walker, upon the death of Ron's aunt, Ruby Woodall; the family of Dorothy Zelezic, upon her death; and all the families & friends of the above.

Concerns and/or Continued Prayers: Andy Allan, Dick Becker (Jack Becker's brother), David Billeter, Chris Bisted, Verlene Blake, Janet Coleman, Faye Conteras, Cris Criswell, Millie D'Amore (Jerry Muratore's sister), John Ehlers (Addie Muratore's brother), Jo Ervin, Joanne Fish, Matt Fix, Joe Guerrero, Bill Halliman (Ellie Conger's son-in-law), Michael Hamerski, Chuck Hardman, Lorna Hartman, Louise Hawman (Carol Ballard's mother), Dee Hopps, Rhonda Huffman, Wes Ingram, Barb Jacobson, Joe Johnson, Tom Jones, John Kerr, Chin Siang-Koh, Pat Latrip, Barb Latta, Cheryl Liles, Diana Linton, Betty Lundberg, Troy Matthews, Barb McAfee, Sally Metcalf, The Minatree Family, Sharon Mulligan, Polly Munden, Traci Muster (Jim & Suzanne Jameson's daughter), Bill Nielsen, Katie Park, Don Parker, Pete

Peterson, Judy Pierce, Rev. Francis Rath, Brian Sanders (Brenda Rahaneotis' nephew), Gordon Schaefer (Don Schaefer's brother), Scott & Linda Schaefer (Don Schaefer's nephew/wife), Frank Schnieringer, Doug Shilo, Chuck Slafter, Don Smith, Marina Straigh, Peggy Tippie, Verdugo family, Gary White, Judee Yerion, Dorothy Yerrick, John Zsitvay, and PRAYERS for the families (CAREGIVERS) of the above. PRAYERS for requests in the "CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER" boxes & UNSPOKEN REQUESTS. Also, those FOOD BANK CLIENTS who have requested prayer. PRAYERS for our MILITARY personnel and their families & those who are in NEED OF EMPLOYMENT.

Still in Need of Prayers: Charlie & Joan Acker, Charles Adams (Betty), John & Doris Adamson, Florence Allen, Dick & Eleanor Armstrong, Tom & Dee Ashe, Patti Baker, Bob & Ruth Bennett, Robert & Ina Benz, Nancy Binting, Vince & Linda Bock, Marvin Boles & Ginny Ohnstad, Kay Bottomley (Mike Vagner's mother), Jill & Lyle Brewer, Dr. Brad & Arlaine Bryant, Jenny & Bob Burgi, Terry & Ruth Burris, Jim &

Carolyn Burt, Bob Carpenter, Bob Carter & family, Don & Arlene Catt, Eleanor Chesney, Cris & Bev Criswell, Bill & Joyce Curtis, Kitty Davis, Rev. Bob & June Deits, Chuck Dickinson, Darrell & Laura Dinges, Marietta Doan, Adelyne Douglass, Rhonda Dropik (Jim & Marcia Ritenour's daughter), Joyce & Paul Fillion, Elaine Finck, Ted & Joy Fite, Dale & Inge Fitzpatrick, Jerri French, Danna & Andy Gharavi, Ardeena Gillette, Bill & Louise Green, Ross & Arline Hacker, Jim & Kyle Haggatt (Jim & Carolyn Burt's son-in-law/grandson), Viola Hammond (Don Hammond's Mom), Rich Haraldson, Rita Hawkins, Beth Hayes (Jeff Hayes' mother), Ro Heinauer (Diane Heinauer's mother-in-law), Judy Hjartarson, Wade & Cindy Hoff, Neil & Melva Houtcooper, Ginny & Joe Johnson, Ben Hodges (in Afghanistan), Noel Jones (Linda & Morgan Jones' grandson), Radine Jordan (Grace Wrobel's daughter), Gladys Kay (Jane Hayes' Mom), Mel & Mary Kilbo, Steve & Peggy Kinder, Paul & Polly Knowlton, Roxie & Gene Kruschek, Jane Lambert, Cheryl Lang, Thelma Lang (Pete 'n Kay Johnson's mother), Carol Lindemann, Bob & Juana Mahlandt, Shirley Matzke, Bryan McCann (Jeanette Lunstead's son), Larry & Pat McMann, Wilbur McMann, David Christopher Mitchell (Afghanistan), Hedy Moore (Jed Moore's Mom), Jerry & Addie Muratore, Monica Nuss (John & Kathy Nuss' daughter-in-law in TX), Dr. Brett Purcell (in Iraq), Eileen Petticrew (Keith Petticrew's mother), Pete & Shirley Plakos, Lois Poteet (Barb Oldham's sister), Betty Preston, Calvin Quinn, Lynn Revis, Paul Rhymes (Hu Rhymes' brother), Marvin Richter, Virgil & Rose Scantlin, Thomas Self (Marilyn Pearson's brother-in-law), Connie & Dave Snyder, Rick & Sue Sutter, Bobbie Talbot, Helen Thacker, (Jerry Thacker's mother), Gene & Marilyn Thomas, Ken & Lorraine Tippie (Jerry & Peggy Tippie's son & daughter-in-law), Lillian Thomas (Bill & Mary Thomas' mother), Gordon & Patty Truckle, Marven & Wanda Tufte, Jim & Charlene Van Slooten & Floy Kilbourn-their daughter, Ray and Nancy Villeneuve, Jack & Nancy Virden, Rita & Michael Vitalich, Les & Mary Gay Wenger (Diane Heinauer's parents), Dorothy Wolter, Helen Zimmerman & son, Dane and the families of the above.



“LAUGH A LITTLE” with Hu

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

THE CHURCH BOARD

“There will be a meeting of the board immediately following this service,” announced the pastor. After the benediction the group gathered for the called meeting. They all were shocked when a visitor who had never attended their church before joined them. “My friend,” asked the pastor, “Did you understand that this is a meeting of the board?” “Yes,” said the visitor, “and after your sermon today, I’m about as bored as you can get!”

NO DISRESPECT IMPLIED

Pastor Smith had a long session in his dentist's chair, having all of his teeth pulled and a set of dentures installed, and was back in his pulpit the following Sunday. The first Sunday he preached only ten minutes. The second Sunday he preached twenty minutes. But on the third Sunday he preached for an hour and one half. When some members asked about the time variations, he responded: “The first Sunday, my gums were so sore it hurt to talk. The second Sunday, my dentures were hurting a lot. The third Sunday, I accidentally grabbed my wife's dentures----- and I couldn't stop talking!”

**DESIGNATED GIFTS FROM
MEMORIAL/FUNERAL SERVICES**



Sheila Haraldson

GCUMC Food Bank



**Let us all remember to be
Thankful for our
Many Blessings on
Thursday, Nov. 25**

Healthy Living

By Monica Ortega-Watters, RN, BSN

DID YOU KNOW?

Medical Care:

Banner Desert Medical Center in Mesa now has a Multi-disciplinary Breast Care Clinic. The Multidisciplinary Breast Cancer Clinic at Banner Desert Cancer Center provides cancer patients an opportunity to see three physician specialists and other oncology experts in one visit, without ever leaving the convenience of our Mesa office.

In one appointment, patients will see:

- A dedicated breast cancer surgeon
- A radiation oncologist
- A medical oncologist
- Specialty nurses and support staff, such as a cancer care coordinator, a genetic counselor and oncology counselors

The clinic is designed to help:

- Any person with newly diagnosed breast cancer
- Past patients with new concerns
- Self or physician referred patients

For further information please contact the Cancer Care Coordinator at 480- 412-8754

Donations Needed:

Consider donating blood today

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.

More than 38,000 blood donations are needed every day.

One out of every 10 people admitted to a hospital needs blood.

The blood used in an emergency is already on the shelves before the event occurs.

More than 1 million new people are diagnosed with cancer each year. Many of them will need blood, sometimes daily, during their chemotherapy treatment.

For further information please contact United Blood Services at 1-877-448-4483

Public Health:

What is influenza (also called flu)?

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting a flu vaccine each year.

Symptoms of flu: People who have the flu often feel some or all of these symptoms:

Fever or feeling feverish/chills

Cough

Sore throat

Runny or stuffy nose

Muscle or body aches

Headaches

Fatigue (very tired)

Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.

How the flu is spread

Most experts believe that flu viruses spread mainly by droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze or talk. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby. Less often, a person might also get flu by touching a surface or object that has flu virus on it and then touching their own mouth, eyes or nose.

Prevent the flu by

Getting your flu shot.

Wash your hands often.

Stay home from work or school if you're not feeling well.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.

Get plenty of rest, eat right and drink plenty of fluids.

Deciding if you or your family member should get the seasonal flu vaccine is a personal decision. Contact your health care provider to determine if the vaccine is right for you. If I can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to call me. The church office will provide you with my phone number.

Blessings,

Monica





International Missions

"The world is my parish." – John Wesley

The International Missions Team continues to support various projects around the world by selling fair trade coffee and other products.

Green Parrot Coffee is a project that developed out of an existing project in Honduras, Fellow Man International (FMI). Fellow Man International is dedicated to the service of the poor in Honduras and it is their mission to "share love and hope through works with those who are impoverished both in body and spirit". Their active mission includes the Green Parrot Coffee project as well as work in other critical areas.

Other consumable products offered are from Equal Exchange. Since 1986, Equal Exchange, a worker-owned cooperative, has worked with small farmer cooperatives in Latin America, Africa, Asia and the U.S., building just trading relationships based on trust, fair prices, affordable credit and environmental sustainability. Equal Exchange's Interfaith Program partners with faith-based relief, development and human rights organizations and works with communities of faith as they learn about and promote Fair Trade. People of faith are living out their values through their consumer choices, and farming communities are providing for their families, greening our planet and building a better future.

Additionally, through November and December we have products from the Thai Craft Organization. Thai Craft items include handicraft products from village communities all over Thailand. This organization also uses the principles and practices of fair trade, adding strict quality control.

Coffee and other products are on sale each Sunday between worship services. As we approach the holiday season, remember your friends and family with the gift of fair trade coffee, tea, cocoa and handicrafts.

" Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:28-31

Current UMCOR Emergencies

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

Haiti Emergency
International Disaster Response
UMCOR Advance #418325

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

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



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

W.O.W. Corner

Hope you all enjoyed the transition into fall at our second annual **Fall-ween** ~ it was a wonderful Arizona day and a great opportunity to be with family and friends for an afternoon of fun, food and entertainment.

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

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With the onset of 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. Will you help?

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The holidays are fast approaching with plans for events well underway. First will be the "Hangin' of the Green" (generally on the Friday after Thanksgiving - watch the bulletin for specific date and time) when we decorate the whole church campus. The team will be dressing in Dickens Period costumes to greet attendees at both of the Christmas Choral Concerts on December 11th. Then, at the Christmas Eve services, we will be dressing in Biblical period costume to greet and perform usher duties.



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Won't you join us at the next meeting on November 1st at 6:00 pm in the Education Building to see what it's all about and how **YOU** can become part of this fun outreach mission?

### 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.

**St. Andrew's - Alive and Healing**

Thank you congregation, community, friends from all over the country and our Canadian friends for all your donations! In addition, a special thanks to our own Stitches Unlimited for the wonderful supply of quilts and the beautiful cloth bags for the toiletry kits. The first question from the Clinic - "Could we save them for Christmas?"

Our trip went well. We were surprised that our favorite rest area had re-opened. Also it was a beautiful, cool day.

The following donations were taken:

11 large cans formula  
11 small cans formula  
3 large boxes diapers  
6 pkgs. diapers  
2 strollers  
2 blenders  
2 electrolyte drinks  
4 pkgs. vitamins  
45 afghans  
242 toiletry kits  
3 bags baby clothing  
22 knitted hats  
16 dolls  
250 cloth bags for toiletry kits  
35 lap blankets  
86 quilts  
7 tee shirts  
19 pr. baby socks  
6 knitted baby blankets  
3 hats, 6 sweaters, 6 booties  
Children's books  
2 boxes baby wipes  
1 box small toy cars  
Therapy balls, tennis balls, baseballs  
12 Izzy dolls  
2 neck rings  
1 lg. bag baby bottles, nipples  
250 stuffed animals



### Community Sleep Lecture

REM Medical is a full service, multi-specialty sleep center. We diagnose and treat the entire range of sleep problems at accredited centers across the valley. REM's mission is to enable people to live more productive, happy and healthy lives...starting with a better night's sleep.

Dr. Robert Gunnink will be giving an educational sleep lecture to our community on Nov. 4 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Education Building. He will be covering a number of sleep disorders and treatment options available. There will be a question and answer session following the lecture.



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

### Cancer Support Group

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



### IS FOOD A PROBLEM FOR YOU?

Do you eat when you're not hungry?  
Do you go on eating binges for no apparent reason?  
Is your weight affecting the way you live your life?

GCUMC now has meetings of Overeaters Anonymous at 7:00 pm on Thursday evenings in the Education Building. All are welcome. There are no dues, no fees, no weigh-ins and no diets. It is simply a Fellowship. If you have any questions, please call Linda at 480-984-8553.

### 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 17th at 7:00 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 of remembrance. 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.

### 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.



# STEPHEN MINISTRY®

### CHALLENGES OF PREGNANCY

A common complaint among mothers-to-be is WORRY. Most worry whether their babies will be normal and whether they and their babies will come through delivery safely. More women worry about their figures than their health during pregnancy. The challenge is not to worry too much; the majority of pregnancies are successful and end in the birth of healthy, normal babies.

Real challenges arise from birth tragedies, miscarriages, ectopic pregnancy, birth defects or illness, addiction, perinatal death, and post-partum depression.

Parents facing these and other challenges of childbirth will need special help in dealing with them. Also, parents-to-be who struggle through the dangers of a high-risk pregnancy may welcome a listening ear and the caring support of a Stephen Minister.

Even parents whose pregnancy, labor and delivery progress uneventfully and who find themselves parents of a perfectly normal baby may find pregnancy and childbirth to be a crisis. Stephen Ministers can help resolve the crises so the parents find greater wholeness rather than brokenness.

If you need help in alleviating worry or meeting challenges in any situation, please call the church office for the help of a Stephen Minister.

No exercise is better for the human heart than reaching down and lifting another up.

John Huntsman, Sr.

*SISTER SEMINARIANS*

It is unusual for our church to have two candidates for ordination at the same time, Heather Rodenberg and Suzanne Jacobson. Now we are blessed in that our new Administrative Associate, Jody Topping, is also working towards her Master's in Divinity. As they are all going about their schooling in different ways, we will hear from each of them about their experiences in Seminary.

*Heather Rodenberg*



It was so good to be back for a visit. I have been really homesick and this helped. I can't wait to see you all again when Christmas comes. Things have been busy. We just had midterms and finals are 6 weeks away. Seminary is a lot of work. Today I spent 10 hours in the library working on my Intro to Theology class. There is always more work to be done than hours in the day. It's a good thing I enjoy what I am learning.

Some of the things that I am learning are building upon the faith that I already had, while others are setting out to challenge my faith. I was told by a friend, who is also a Pastor, that seminary will challenge your beliefs. He made the following comment to me that I repeat to myself every day, "Remember, everything in the Bible is true, some of it actually happened." Recently we have been learning about the story of Moses in the Old Testament. The books that have been written by theologians say that historically there is nothing to prove that it took place. When I heard this, it rocked my world a bit. But I told myself that even if the facts aren't true, the truth of God taking care of his people is true.. The truth that God does provide and care for his people is a very important truth.

Lastly, I must also say thank you for the cards and care packages for my birthday. I shared with my fellow students and they were thankful. They all said that they wished they could be a part of our church so that they would receive cards in the mail. It is so nice to get mail and email from back home. It always seems to come at the right time, when I need it most. So thank you all.

Until next month, may the peace of Christ be with you.

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*Jody Topping*

Greetings to all at GCUMC! Allow me to introduce myself: My name is Jody Topping and I'm the newest member of your church office team. I recently retired from the City of Mesa so I can devote more of my time to ministry and my studies at Iliff School of Theology. I'm very excited to be working part time in the office at GCUMC. About 5 or 6 years ago, I began to feel called by God to be more involved in ministry, but I ignored it and kept doing the things I was doing: working full time, caring for my family, volunteering at Los Arcos UMC in Scottsdale, and leading my Girl Scout troop... until I couldn't say "no" any longer. That's when I answered the call to become an Elder in the United Methodist Church. Two years ago I started working on my Masters of Divinity Degree at Claremont School of Theology (yes, Suzanne and I started at the same time!!), then transferred to Iliff School of Theology this past summer to join their Journey Program, which allows me to take classes online. If all goes well, I'll graduate with my MDiv in about a year and a half. I've also been a Certified Ministry Candidate for two years with the Desert Southwest Conference and am looking forward to Ordination at some point in the future. To say this has been an interesting ride is an understatement! The classes I've taken at both Claremont and Iliff have been so incredibly

enlightening, the people I've met along this journey have been fascinating and supportive, and most of all, I feel the presence of the Holy Spirit working through me every single day! It's an amazing feeling...one that I'm thrilled to be able to share with you from time to time!

On a personal note, my husband of 30 years and I have two wonderful young adult children as well as two very active dogs. We live in Tempe and worship at Los Arcos UMC in Scottsdale where David is the Director of Music and I am the Director of Sidewalk Ministries. I'm also a Certified Lay Speaker in the Desert Southwest Conference and enjoy providing pulpit supply for vacationing pastors from time to time. I'm really looking forward to getting to know all the wonderful folks at GCUMC. I feel very blessed to be a part of your church family. God bless.

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*Suzanne Jacobson*

This semester has been filled with new experiences for me! I am privileged to take my classes with excellent professors who **love** what they do. Dr. Gregory J. Riley, my professor in the New Testament class *Paul and the Pauline School* has convinced me that the Paul I thought I knew – the judgmental misogynist – was not a woman-hater after all! In reality,



Paul was the most dedicated of Apostles. He spent a lot of his time and money making his case for Christ based on Jesus' teachings against detractors of every ilk. During his time, there were false prophets using the Gospel to make money, promising riches and material blessings to their followers,

just as there are today. Paul himself took no money from his churches. While he declared that he had the **right** to make a living through his preaching, as Peter and the other Apostles did, Paul chose to make a living by his trade and to share the Gospel free, even as Christ freely gave of himself. He wrote to the Corinthians that "...if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel." Why did he do this? He answered this question himself when he said, "For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ...I have become all things to all people that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings." Wow. Who of us could be so resilient, so dedicated, and so eloquent? If you haven't read Paul's letters lately, I recommend that you do. Approach them with new eyes. Like me, you might be left wishing that more of them had survived!

(Scripture from 1 Corinthians 9:17-23, NRSV)



# ROMANS 12: 6 – 8

*We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.*

If your gift is serving, then why not consider signing up as a GREETER for one of the Sunday services. With the busy season coming, we have a need for lots of greeters. It only takes about 40 minutes of your time, and can be done before or after the service you attend. It's a chance to make a great first impression on visitors, who are much more likely to return if they have had a good first experience in our church.

Fill out the form below and put it in the collection plate (or basket as you enter) next Sunday.

NAME(s): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SERVICE PREFERENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR ROUND RESIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

IF SEASONAL: WHAT MONTHS GONE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_



**IF YOU ALREADY VOLUNTEER PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM SO WE CAN UPDATE THE FILES**

Any questions call the church office 982-3776

*Copy the example set  
by Jesus*



*Love your neighbor*



*It's fun!*



*Meet the members of your  
church family!*



# November Birthdays



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



# November Anniversaries

|                              |    |                          |    |                          |    |
|------------------------------|----|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|----|
| Margaret Ball & Paul Roberts | 3  | Kim & Pay Shroyer        | 17 | LuAnn & Steve Holec      | 29 |
| Lucy & David Kidwell         | 3  | Helen & William Curtis   | 18 | Judy & Neil Johnson      | 29 |
| Andrea & Roy Pape            | 6  | Jennifer & Herbert Adams | 20 | Marilyn & George Larson  | 29 |
| Bobbie & Paul Ryan           | 9  | Wendy & Rev. Hu Rhymes   | 22 | Karen & Abed Mogharbel   | 29 |
| Jane & Jeff Hayes            | 12 | Joanne & Rodger Burris   | 24 | Sue & Bruce Berg         | 30 |
| Susan & Ira Kenyon           | 12 | Carol & Peter Johnson    | 25 | Sonja & Harvey Holbrook  | 30 |
| Deborah & James Primeau      | 12 | Nancy & Ron Trout        | 25 | Betty & Michael Humphrey | 30 |

*If your name isn't on this list (or you know of someone who should be), please call the church office with the information. We truly don't mean to leave anyone out.*



## VOLUNTEERS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**Jane Hayes, Volunteer Coordinator**  
**982-3776**

### Christmas Mission Volunteers

For two months, our church family is highly involved with our Christmas Mission Project.

Beginning in October, our commitment starts with contacting the local Project Help and Sidewalk Sunday School to obtain approximately 50 local families needing assistance for Christmas. Our assistance is confidential to these deserving families.

Once we receive the family's commitment to participate in our Mission, we ask for their input for the children concerning their sizes for a shirt, pants, and shoes, plus two gifts on their "Wish List". With each child's information, Jane makes 5 individual tags for each child to hang on the trees. In addition, a gift card is purchased for each adult. If you or a group you belong to wish to adopt a whole family, let Jane know your personal requests ASAP.

**Tags** will be available on the Mission Trees November 28.

**Unwrapped gifts** are to be purchased and returned to church **No Later than Dec. 12**. Cash donations can be designated for Christmas Families and can be made at any time.

**Wrapping Party December 17th** from 3:00-6:30 pm. Bring scissors and tape.

**Turkeys!** If you would like to donate a turkey, please keep it in your freezer until Dec. 17th. We will be distributing food and gifts to our adopted families at that time. The Apache Junction Food Bank would love them if you need to donate before that.

**Homemade Goodies** are so appreciated by our families ~ especially cookies and pies. Bring baked goods for Christmas families to the kitchen or office on Dec. 17th.

**Bashas' Scrip** is also so appreciated by our families. We would like to give each family \$20. You can purchase this any Sunday. Make your donation in the collection plate or Scrip table with Betty Rolley.

**Pray** for the Missions team at this busy time of the year, especially Jane Hayes, who has much to do. We really need a halo for everyone in the church because you all do so much!!

I apologize that I cannot possibly list everyone here who has participated in the Christmas Mission, but several volunteers have done exceptional things with shopping, sorting, delivery, speaking Spanish, or trimming the four trees during the past two years.

Please consider joining this group or one of our many active and successful volunteer groups by calling 982-3776.



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

| <b>Job</b>                                 | <b>Mins. per week</b> |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Foodbank (Mon. - Fri.)<br>8:30 am-12:00 pm | 210                   |
| Hospitality/Coffee Server                  | 30+                   |
| Shut in Meals                              | 75                    |
| Sound Booth                                | 90                    |
| Greeter                                    | 40                    |
| Bake cookies                               | 60                    |
| Transportation to dr. appts.               | 60 +                  |
| Assist custodian                           | 60 +                  |
| Office Receptionist                        | 240                   |

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Roadrunner Email

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

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

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

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





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**GCUMC Staff**

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

**Addressee or Current Resident**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**\*8:00 AM—Traditional Worship**

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

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

*\*Childcare Provided*

**5:00 PM—Country Western Service**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
 SCHEDULE**

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

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

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