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ROADRUNNER

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From The Pastor: "Law of the Harvest"

Marshall Shelley, editor of *Leadership Journal*, wrote once about his father-in-law and his attitude about being thankful for what you have been given.

"My wife's father is a Kansas farmer. He's spent a lifetime raising wheat, corn, milo, beef, and along the way some sheep and chickens. One morning while I followed him around the farm, we talked about the differences between city living and a rural lifestyle.

"Most city folks I know expect each year to be better than the last," he said. "They think it's normal to get an annual raise, to earn more this year than you did last year. As a farmer, I have good years and bad years. It all depends on rain at the right time, dry days for harvest, and no damaging storms. Some years we have more; some years we have less."'

Many of our church members have strong roots in farming. You know all about the "law of the harvest." I am sure you thought there were times when you might not survive those lean years. Yet, I have to admit I have had more the mindset of a city dweller who thinks differently.

I was impressed by the Kansas farmer's attitude. I think he is right. There are lean years and there are years of plenty. And in November we try to remember to give thanks for whatever we have been given. It is also a reminder in those years of plenty to prepare for years of little. This is the goal of the sermon series, 7 Habits of Effective Christians. I hope you are putting into practice some of the spiritual disciplines we have talked about so that your faith might see you through the lean times.

Fred

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

"Following Jesus, Serving Others"

Christian Education

By Katharine Keller

"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."

MINISTRY FAIR COMING SOON!

A ministry fair is an opportunity to highlight and celebrate the ministries of our congregation. God is working through your group, and we want to let the excitement be known and shared by others who may not be aware of all that is being done in the name of Jesus here at Gold Canyon UMC. It will also be a chance for others to volunteer and join your group, now that they know about your ministry and want to become a part of it.

Sunday, November 13 is the big day! Your ministry group will have a table or area in which to display any items or written materials about your group for the entire morning. Please let Katharine Keller know that you would like a table by calling the church office. There will also be forms available in the office for special requests (like electricity, for instance) so we can work out those details. It would be helpful for you to set up your display on the Friday before, or by 7:15am on Sunday so all displays are ready before the 8am worship service. It's also a good idea for someone from your group to stand beside your display throughout the morning to answer questions.

We look forward to making this a fun and exciting event!!

Let's not only celebrate our ministries, but **expand** them as well!

Confirmation

Parents, grandparents or guardians: If you have a student who is currently in the 6th grade, we are preparing to set up this year's Confirmation Class in January. Having talked with a few of the parents, it seems the best time to meet will be on Wednesday afternoons. Please contact Katharine Keller in the church office if your student is going to participate and provide your student's name, your name, email, phone number and address. Exact dates and times are yet to be determined, but Katharine would like to know who will be going through the Confirmation Process and then you will be contacted with further information.

BIBLE BANTER

MEETS EVERY MONDAY, 9:30-10:30 AM
MOUNTAIN BREW COFFEE HOUSE
6832 SOUTH KINGS RANCH RD #5
(NEAR THE NW CORNER OF US 60 AND KINGS RANCH RD)

Join us for coffee and stimulating conversation as we discuss ways we can live as faithful Christians in today's world. Don't forget to bring your Bible and any theological topics of conversation you would like us to explore!! All are welcome!

Christian Education (continued)

WHO'S GOT THE SPIRIT? The Wednesday afternoon kids' group does! The Spirit Club, (originally called U-Can and B.E.A.R.S.), is designed for children in grades 1 – 6, and meets weekly on Wednesday afternoons from 4:30 – 6:00 (with the older children who want to sing in the Angel Choir, switching over to musical instruction at 5:30).

Our format includes prayer, Bible lessons (currently we are studying the fruits of the Spirit), crafts, games and other activities, like a mission project. A light snack is provided each afternoon.

Please contact Katharine in the church office with questions or if you would like to volunteer to help with this important (and fun!) children's ministry. If your child is not already taking advantage of this exciting afternoon, please pray about bringing them, along with any of their friends.

Join us on an Advent Journey...

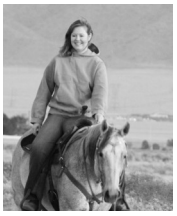
Believe it or not, Advent is right around the corner, and this year, the congregation at Gold Canyon UMC will be "Walking the Road to Bethlehem" with a combination Sermon Series and Advent Study.

Beginning on November 27, the first Sunday of Advent, Pastor Fred Steinberg will introduce each chapter of the journey, leading us through the Holy Land and helping us experience the biblical birth narrative through fresh eyes.

Then, on the Monday evening following each Sunday in Advent, we will further explore the story of the birth of Jesus, drawing on information provided by biblical scholars, historians, theologians, and archaeologists. Through a series of readings, discussions, and video presentations, we will rediscover the true meaning of the Advent season in preparation for the coming of the Christ child that we celebrate on Christmas.

The study is based on the book *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem* by Adam Hamilton, Senior Pastor at the Church of the Resurrection in Kansas. Jody Topping, Pastoral Intern at GCUMC will lead the study on Monday evenings, beginning Monday, November 28. We will begin our study time with a light supper at 6pm. The cost for the study book is $12.50, and a Daily Reflection Guide is also available for $8.00. Those interested in participating in the study should contact Jody at the church office or by email at jody@goldcanyonumc.org.

Gold Canyon UMC Youth



Wendy Moore, Youth Director

Exciting news concerning our Youth Room; it has received an "extreme makeover." We, or I should say our wonderful maintenance man Rick Ceynar painted the whole room, the Hayes family donated a pool table, and we have purchased new furniture. Please stop by and see the changes. We hope our teens will enjoy many hours of fun and fellowship in this room.

Beth Steinberg and I will be traveling to the National Youth Workers Convention in Atlanta, Georgia in November. This is an exciting way to get new ideas and renew our commitment to God and the youth.

A big "Thank You" to those who participated in our youth hike on Oct 23, those who helped with Fall-O-Ween, and those who helped with our "Day of the Cowboy" booth.

What is the Thanksgiving Holiday really about?

In reference to **"the gracious gifts of the Most High God,"** The President of the United States made a proclamation. **"It has seemed to me fit and proper that they [God's gifts] should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People."** "…I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union."

October 3, 1863 By the President: Abraham Lincoln, Washington, D.C.

We are always interested in new members. The youth group meets every Sunday night in the education building from 6:30-8:30. If you know of any kids 7th through 12th grade who might be interested in sharing the fun and fellowship of our youth group, please pick up a flyer next to the youth bulletin board in the education building or contact Wendy Moore at 480-459-1809 or jeymoore@gmail.com . If you know of any high school graduates who would be interested in fun and fellowship of our young adult group, please contact Wendy or Jed Moore at 480-459-1809 or jeymoore@gmail.com .

Perspectives:

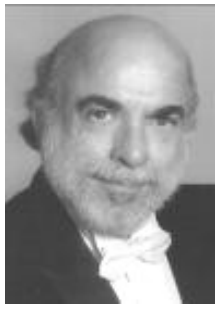
"It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible." **George Washington**

"Almighty and eternal Lord God, the great Creator of heaven and earth, and the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; look down from heaven in pity and compassion upon me Thy servant, who humbly prorate myself before Thee." **George Washington's prayer at Valley Forge**

"The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: 'It connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity." **President Adams, July 4, 1821**

"The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were.... the general principles of Christianity." **-- John Adams in letter to Thomas Jefferson, June 28, 1813**

Music Notes



November – a time to reflect on all that is right with us, and the many, many gifts God has given to us. I hope we all will take time to meditate on God's purpose for us, to study His word and to be open to those special times and experiences that God blesses us with from time to time. Our God is indeed a great God, and gracious beyond measure.

I hope everyone is planning on coming to our annual Celebration of Veterans on Sunday, November 6, at 3:00 PM. We have tried to make this a community-wide event and are getting closer to our goal. This year we are combining choirs from three of our community's churches – Superstition Foothills Baptist Church, under the direction of Doug Stevens, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, directed by Richard Wall, and our Chancel Choir. Together we will sing ***The Battle Hymn***, the Wilhousky arrangement written for, and made famous by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, and Lee Greenwood's famous ***God Bless the U. S. A.*** This is the first time we have combined our three choirs together. We are hoping to do this again this spring and have a Gold Canyon Choral Festival with the three Choirs.

Attention Instrumentalists: We have started rehearsing our Gold Canyon UMC Orchestra, but we need you! If you played an instrument in school, and still have it, dust it off and bring it with you on Wed. evenings from 7:00-8:00 in the Music Room. We will help lead worship for the first time on Sunday, November 20 at the 8:00 and 9:30 Traditional Services. We especially need more saxophones and strings.

Some of you have asked about singing just for the Christmas Concerts, which will be on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 3:00 and 6:30. We have already started rehearsals, but if you can join us by Saturday, November 12, you can still sing with us. Please give me a call if you are interested.

Of course, if you are interested in singing, if you can read music at least a little, and if you can sing on pitch, we invite you to join our **Chancel Choir**. We meet on Thursday evenings from 6:50-8:30. If you have any questions, please call me at the church: 480-982-3776. We would love to have you sing with us! Likewise, if you have handbell experience, I would like to talk with you. Our **Chancel Ringers** (adult handbells) meet on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 in the Sanctuary. It is not too late for kids grades 4-8 to join the **Angel Choir**. We meet on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:15 in the Music Room. Our **Youth Handbell Team** would love to have more youth from Junior High through Senior High. No experience necessary, just have an expectation for some serious fun and challenge. We meet after Angel Choir on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:00. Come see what the fun is all about! Call me at the church.

I hope everyone has a very blessed Thanksgiving. It is good to think, thank, and pray in response for the things and relationships we have in our life. Thanks be to God.

Blessings,

Doug

Director of Music Ministries

Church Wish List

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

- Pave the North Parking Lot - $200,000
- Religious Statue for South Exterior Alcove of Sanctuary
- Playground Equipment
- Pipes for the Electronic Organ
- Stained Glass for upper Sanctuary windows - $105,000 ($3,000 per panel)

Healthy Living

News from the Health and Wellness Ministry of Monica Ortega-Watters and Susan Malloy, Parish Nurses

Greetings! Fall is in the air and it is the season for a variety of changes & events. For most older adults it is the time to make decisions about your healthcare. Please be advised that the dates have changed for you to make those tough decisions regarding Medicare Part A & B plus your Part D Drug benefits.

This Open Enrollment opportunity to change plans began October 15 and ends December 7,2011 NOT December 31, 2011 as in previous years.

Having participated in a teleconference with 7000 Arizonians on October 4th with the guest expert Herb Schultz, Regional Director of the US Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS), I was afforded the information about the new health care law below.

One new coverage area that was effective in 2011 for those with original Medicare is the Preventative/Wellness Benefits that includes a **ONCE** a year Wellness visit with your Primary Care MD **without** the usual COPAY. You must specify with your MD office that is a Preventative/Wellness Office visit. Many Physicians office are NOT aware of this benefit. This gives you the opportunity to discuss whatever you are concerned about with regard to your health and any potential conditions in the future. From talks about cancer, cardiovascular disease, stroke issues, medical nutritional help, and cholesterol issues, this one visit is your chance to talk with your provider.

The new Preventative coverage benefit also includes a screening Mammogram, screening Prostate exam, Screening Bone density study (for both males & females), and Colonscopy screening for colon cancer, just to name a few, **without** a $150.00 COPAY. For full details of the preventative services available, check your *2012 Medicare and You Handbook*, page 3. For folks who have a Medicare Advantage Plan these benefits go into effect January 2012.

If you want to know more about the new Health Care Law you can visit www.healthcare.gov or www.aarp.org

Finally, after years of trying to get the Federal Government to realize that prevention is key to reducing health care costs they are coming to grips with this concept. Hopefully, over time, this will help reduce the tremendous amount of money into the Billions of dollars of costs to treat diabetes, cancer, and cardiovascular disease.

I also want to bring to your attention that if you have the misfortune of hitting the Part D "donut hole" with regard to your prescription drugs before the end of the year for 2011, you should only be paying 50% of the cost of brand name drugs. There is a 7% discount going up to 14% in 2012 for Generics. So be sure you check with your pharmacists about this. If you have concerns and do not feel you have gotten your prescriptions at that amount of discount while in the donut hole you can call DHHS 1-800-432-4040 and get assistance in making that happen with your Pharmacist. If you are an AARP member, you can call 1-866-389-5649, email them at azaarp@aarp.org or go to the website www.aarp.org.

If you are keeping your current policies for both Medicare and Part D then you need to do nothing. If you wish to change to a different plan this must be completed by December 7, 2011.Don't let the time slip away and wait too long to dig into the information so you can get the plan you want. "He who hesitates is lost".

For "Newbies" into the Medicare system –ask questions, get help, and even if you do not use many/ any medications, start the Plan D Drug plan as you will be penalized later if you don't. Don't you just love our Federal government? Oh that is for a later article.

If I can be of any help to you feel free to call me at 480-390-1496.

Blessings of Health & Wellness,
Susan Malloy RN BSN

Grief Support meets on Wednesdays at 9am in the Sea of Galilee Room. Please email Laurie Christy for more information at Lchristy20@yahoo.com

Mingus Mountain United Methodist Camp Needs

Mingus Mountain Camp is one of our Conference's beautiful venues that invites children, youth, and adults to experience God's creation in a fresh and inspirational way. Mingus needs our help in securing certain "big ticket" and less expensive items in order to continue offering a safe and superb camp. A list of items needed is available in the church office. If you feel led to donate to the camp, please make your check out to DSW Conference and memo it Mingus wish list. You may send it directly to the Conference Office at this address: *Desert Southwest Conference, c/o Camping Director, 1550 E. Meadowbrook Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85014* or you may put it in Katharine Keller's mail slot. Questions about the list may be directed to Katharine, who serves on the Conference Camping Board. Thank you for supporting Mingus Camp.

SCRIP/BUS FUND

The *Scrip*/Bus Fund continues to increase thanks to those of you who continue to 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, located in the east narthex between services. You may 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	2009		2010		2011		2010	2011
	General	Building	General	Building	General	Building	Worship All	Worship All
1st	$17189	$10860	$16699	$9771	$$15223	$10215	488	492
2nd	12654	9683	7419	2758	10503	3581	461	530
3rd	7567	4302	13082	3170	11610	5361	557	539
4th	9403	2710	8947	4393	9658	3020	582	640
5th	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____
Total	$46813	$27555	$46147	$20092	$46994	$22176	2088	2201

WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY

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

*****CONGRATULATIONS*****
to Suzanne Jacobson & Bill Cherry on their recent marriage

CHANGE IN E-MAIL: Please go back to our old e-mail address: **whsadier@earthlink.net**

JUST A REMINDER: Please let the Rhymes know or call the church office if you **WANT A NAME REMOVED FROM THE ROADRUNNER or SUNDAY PRAYER LIST** or are having surgery or are in the hospital, if you wish a visit or want to be on the Sunday Prayer List.

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FROM THE SADIE RHYMES' MISSION 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 to all of you who have donated PET FOOD or money for Pet food. Sadie thanks you bunches and we do also. Thanks to Jolene & Michael Agnew again. They are purchasing and bagging dog food once a month. A BIG THANKS to Margaret & Robert Baker, Les & Marlene Kimball & Rose Pino for helping bag food. Thank you all so much. It really helps us.

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

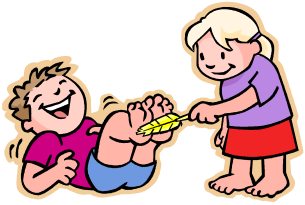
WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY

Sympathies: Pat Allan, upon the death of her husband, Andy; Jack Becker, upon the death of his brother, Dick; Rev. Dr. Bob Burns, upon the death of his mother, Georgette; JoAnn Clark, upon the death of her husband, Bob (Warren); Andy Gharavi, upon the death of his nephew, Farideh; Jan Helquist upon the death of her husband, Alan; Tammy Holland, upon the death of her grandmother; Bill & Freda Moffatt, upon the death of their son, Dale; Rose & Sandy Pino, upon the death of their cousin, Eric Morales; Kay Porcupile upon the death of Marion; Jerry & Ruth Ann Thacker & Bill Zahn (Thacker's son-in-law), upon the death of Bill's grandmother, Flo Zahn; Jim & Bev Toppin, upon the death of Bev's mother, Goldie Boleyn; Carol Warner; upon the death of her husband, Robert; Mary Ann Warren, upon the death of her son-in-law, Steve; and the families & friends of the above.

Concerns and/or Continued Prayers: Joey Baker, Mark Baker (Patti Baker's son), Nicholas Ball, Jerry Batien, Andy Bergstedt, Cathy Bird, Jim Bradford, Karen Brown, Shirley Brown, Joan Carns, Gloria Charette, Jim Collins, Kathe Connelly, Bev Criswell, Norma Cummins (Catherine Sullivan's sister), Jane Cutler (Margaret Colmer's sister), JoAnn Ervin, Mike Fisher (Rose & Sandy Pino's uncle), Dale Fitzpatrick, Lilly Frost (Tammy Holland's mother-in-law), Linda Granger, Donna & Mark Hartzfield & her mother, Pollyanna Gray, Dee Hopps, Neal Houtcooper, Ann Humphreys, Suzanne Jameson, Mariol Knapp, Gerry Legg, Rick Lockwood, Sue Malloy, Will Matthews, Judy Monk, Briana Morgan, George Morley, Cliff Morton, Randi Olson, Ron Olson (Randi's brother), Jennie Oukada, Noreen Panshall, Steve Parker, Phil Parnham (Bev Stout's sister), Catarina Pascual, Dick & Linda Powers, Sandy Reisch, Darrell Ritsch, Joe Robison (Tom Robison's father), Cassandra Smith, Jim Serrine, Debbie Steedy, Gary Stemple, Anna Stewart, Pat Suddarth, Rose Marie Tallman, VICTIMS of the Reno AIR DISASTER, Jim Watters, Larry Welker, Linda Whaley, Michael Woodhead, and PRAYERS for the families & caregivers of the above. PRAYERS for requests in the "CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER" boxes & UNSPOKEN REQUESTS. Also, those FOOD BANK CLIENTS who have requested prayers. PRAYERS for our MILITARY personnel (Chris Everett, & Matthew Jacobson, Johnathan Knowles, Jacob Manbeck, Myles

Strange), those in harm's way & those suffering from PTSD & other maladies as a result of their military service & their families. Also, those who are POOR or HOMELESS & IN NEED OF EMPLOYMENT. PRAYERS for the families of SIDEWALK MINISTRY. ALL FOLKS AFFECTED by the recent storms & heat everywhere. CONCERN for Lisa Buscher who has just finished her mission Bolivia, but will soon be going to Peru (Daughter of Jeff/Jane Hayes).

Still in Need of Prayers: John & Doris Adamson, Andy & Pat Allan, Richard & Eleanor Armstrong, Tom & Dee Ashe, Dorothy Baker & family, Bob & Ruth Bennett, Doug & Martha Benton, Irene Blake (Paul Fillion's sister),), Marge Bos (Dave Bos' mother), Kay Bottomley (Mike Vagnier's mother), Lyle Brewer, Dr. Brad & Arlaine Bryant & Julie Bryant-Holver, Martha Burkinshaw, Jim & Carolyn Burt, Sandy Campbell, Leon & Linda Schafle-Castonia, Bruce Caszatt (Siersmas), Don & Arlene Catt, Karen Chandler, JoAnn Clark, Rev. Bob & June Deits, Chuck Dickinson, Laura Dinges, Rev. Jim & Eve Dinkel, Adelyne Douglass, Janet Fillion (Paul & Joyce Fillion's daughter-in-law), Peter Fillion (Paul Fillion's brother), Dale & Inge Fitzpatrick, Sue & Dave Flitsch, Danna & Andy Gharavi, Ardeena Gillette, Bill Green, Arline Hacker, Gail Harshburg, Gaylord Hart & kids, Kathy & Paul Fabish, Kerby Harms (Roger & Shirley Coad's grandson), Jan Helquist, Neil & Melva Houtcooper, Ginny & Joe Johnson, Gladys Kay (Jane Hayes' Mom), Mel & Mary Kilbo, Thelma Lang (Pete 'n Kay Johnson's mother), Bob & Juana Mahlandt, Sue & Michael Malloy, Bryan McGann (Jeanette Lunstead's son), Corine McGinley (Diane Kissner's sister), Larry & Pat McMann, Wilbur McMann, Linda & Mike Mestek, Bill & Freda Moffatt, Judy Monk, Hedy Moore (Jed Moore's mother), Ron Morrissette, Mary Nelson, Ramona Orr (Kris Laux's mother), Don & Diane Parker, Shirley Plakos, Calvin Quinn, Brenda Rahaneotis, Lynn Revis, Eleanor Rhymes (Hu Rhymes' sister-in-law), Jim & Marcia Ritenour, Peter Ritsch, David & Judy Robertson, Virgil & Rose Scantlin, Sandy Schutt (Wendy Rhymes' sister), Kathy & Jim Serrine, Gary & Sharon Stemple, Rick & Sue Sutter, Marilyn Thomas, Lillian Thomas (Bill & Mary Thomas' mother), Kenneth Tippie (Jerry & Peggy Tippie's son), Gordon & Patty Truckle, Marven & Wanda Tufte, Jim & Charlene Van Slooten & Floy Kilbourn-their daughter, Ray and Nancy Villeneuve, Jack & Nancy Virden, Rita & Michael Vitalich, Mary Ann Warren, Doug & Barbara Wilder (Joan Wilder-Siersma's parents), Delza Wilson (Jayne Urbach's mother), Pat Zirjacks and the families of the above.



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"LAUGH A LITTLE" with Hu

YOU DON'T STOP LAUGHING
BECAUSE YOU GROW OLD,
YOU GROW OLD BECAUSE
YOU STOP LAUGHING.

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SINGING WHILE YOU WORK

A certain doctor wondered why his practice was decreasing in numbers. He consulted a physician friend who agreed to spend a few days in the office and observe his methods. After an hour his friend had the answer. "Wilbur, you'll have to stop humming NEARER MY GOD TO THEE when writing out a prescription.

BACK SEAT CHRISTIANS

A bus driver went to a church for the first time and sat in the first row. After his sermon, the pastor went to the man and asked him why he sat in the front row alone.
"Well," the driver said, "I just sat up here to see what you did to make everyone move to the back."

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A NOTE FROM SANDRA SCHUTT (Wendy Rhymes' sister in FL):

"Thank you for all of your prayers and love over the years of Richard's illness. He is with God and is at peace.
God Bless you, Sandra Schutt & family"

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DESIGNATED GIFTS
FROM MEMORIAL/FUNERAL SERVICES

Alan Helquist-----GCUMC
Olive Hart-----GCUMC FOOD BANK
Bob Clark-----Hospice of the Valley

International Missions

"The world is my parish." – John Wesley

"...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."

Our efforts to assist people around the world take many forms. The International Missions team continues to provide an opportunity to help through our sales of Fair Trade Coffee. When you purchase Green Parrot Coffee, you are assisting Fellow Man International in Honduras. When you purchase Equal Exchange coffee, tea and cocoa, you are helping farmers from various countries. Details of the Equal Exchange organization, taken directly from their website follow:

Equal Exchange currently works with small farmer organizations in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the United States. Our trading partners are small farmer co-operatives - businesses owned and governed democratically by the farmers themselves. Decisions are made within the co-op, on their terms.

Training programs for women in Guatemala, an ecotourism project in Nicaragua, new classrooms in El Salvador - these are all examples of the initiatives that co-ops have taken in their own communities with the income and support of Equal Exchange and other Fair Trade organizations. These farmer co-ops help keep rural communities healthy and strong, and keep local cultures vibrant.

Why do we think it's important to partner with farmer co-operatives?

After over 25 years of working with small-scale growers in rural areas around the world we believe more strongly than ever that farmer co-ops are one of the best tools yet devised to address the long-standing economic, commercial, environmental, even political problems commonly found in the country-side of developing countries. This is because farmer co-ops can:

- **Provide the strength of numbers.** *For example, whereas one farmer, earning maybe $500/year, could never buy a truck or build a warehouse or processing mill, a thousand farmers working together can do all that and more. By combining their resources and energies, previously isolated farmers can become the owners of a substantial enterprise that enables them to take more control over their economic lives, strengthen their position in the marketplace, and increase their options.*
- **Enable farmers to gain organic certification and access to the global organic market.** *A single small-farmer cannot afford to pay $2,000+ or more annually for organic certification, but when that cost is shared it becomes quite viable. In fact, most of the world's organic coffee and cocoa today is grown and exported by small farmer co-operatives.*
- **Help farmers improve their quality.** *A co-op can have the resources to train members of the community in quality control and to build the testing labs required to ensure consistently high quality. This, too, would be out of the reach of one small farmer.*
- **Level the local political landscape.** *Traditionally, in rural areas in developing countries a few powerful land-holding families, merchants or foreign corporations dominate local politics and it is hard for farmers or farm workers to get the attention and assistance of their own governments. We've seen this change considerably when the farmers organize themselves and - over time - build their co-operatives into significant enterprises. Governors and other officials who previously ignored the farmers begin to visit the communities, listen to the farmers requests, and even compete for their votes. The public services provided to the community begin to improve, and so on.*

It is heartening to know that simply by buying a bag of coffee, you are supporting the hard work and improving the quality of life for a small farmer and his or her family somewhere in the world.

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UMCOR
United Methodist Committee on Relief

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.

Horn of Africa Crisis (Somalia)
UMCOR Advance #982450

Japan Emergency Earthquake & Tsunami ~UMCOR Advance #3021317

Liberia Emergency ~ UMCOR Advance #150300

Cote D'Ivoire Crisis ~ UMCOR Advance #982450

U.S. Disaster Response ~ Spring Storms

UMCOR Advance #3021326

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

John Wesley's Three Simple Rules
Do No Harm
Do Good
Stay in love with God

Thinking Theologically

By Jody Topping, Pastoral Intern

On October 10, we held our first *Bible Banter* at the coffee house down the street. Ten of us gathered that morning to enjoy coffee and a lively conversation about what it means to be strong in the Lord. The biblical text we discussed was Joshua 1:1-9, in which God instructs Joshua, the appointed leader of the Israelites after Moses' death, to send the troops into the Promised Land. "Be strong and courageous" God says to Joshua. "Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."(v.9, NIV)

When was the last time you were afraid or discouraged? For me, it was just last week! As I looked at my calendar and realized how much I had to do in just a few short weeks to submit my application to the Board of Ordained Ministry, when I looked at my growing "to do" list and saw how much had not yet gotten done, I became afraid and discouraged. And usually when I'm afraid and discouraged, my brain shuts down and I don't know where to begin. I forget that there is a higher power on which I can rely. I forget that God is with me. I forget that "I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13, NLT). And most of all, I forget to pray.

During that first *Bible Banter*, we talked about what it meant to be strong and courageous. What I came away with was this: Even though I know in my heart that God is always with me, sometimes I forget in my head. So I need constant reminders that no matter what the journey or the circumstances, God is always with me.

I think I'm going to write myself a note and tape it to my bathroom mirror that says "God is with you, just like Joshua. Be strong and courageous." Perhaps I'll get on my knees and pray. Or maybe I'll just head down to the coffee shop for another round of *Bible Banter* with my friends from the GCUMC neighborhood. Will you join us?

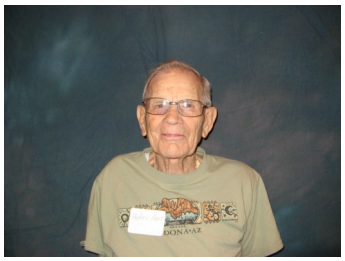
Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding (Proverbs 3:5a)

NEW MEMBERS

Let's welcome the newest "card carrying" members of Gold Canyon United Methodist Church.

Barb & Will Rodgers

Blanche & Wayne Fritz



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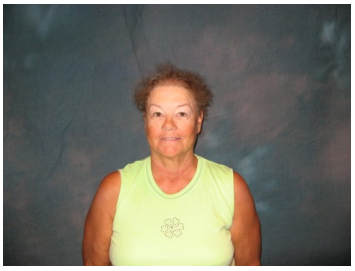
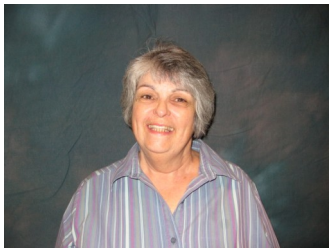
Kathy & Paul Fabish

Marilyn & Gene Kellough



Sally Pepin



Vi Rohn

Watch your calendar for the next **Coffee With the Pastor** (New Member Inquiry). We invite those who are thinking about making Gold Canyon U.M.C. their new church home to attend the next Coffee with the Pastor gathering During the gathering, led by Pastor Fred, we will take a look at our church's ministry and the history of the United Methodist Church. Once we announce the date, if you are interested in attending, no reservations are needed. If you need child care, please contact the office so we can provide a child care worker. Come be a part of Gold Canyon U.M.C.'s ministry! We would love to have you join us!

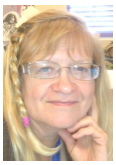
Sister Seminarians

HEATHER RODENBORG

As I write this I am in the midst of mid-terms and family heartache. These last few weeks have brought about a lot of stress and grief. On the 1st, my great aunt passed away from a head trauma that she sustained at her house. She had been to our church a few times to hear me preach and had always been an encouragement to me. I also found out two days ago that my grandfather has been diagnosed with cancer. He is not going to pursue treatment. As he said, he's 89 years old and has lived a long life. During this time, prayer has become an ever bigger part of my life. I have also been looking for the blessings among the pain. I just recently preached a sermon where I referred to a book by Henri J. M. Nouwen called *Life of the Beloved*, in which he talks about looking for the blessing during the pain and using our pain as a way to bless others. It's not always easy to remember that during the moments in life where we are struggling with pain, God is there. A lot of the times we feel like God abandoned us. However, it is during our pain that God draws closer to us and reminds us that we are His beloved child and He will comfort us. I hope that this little reminder can be a comfort to you as it has been to me.

Peace, Heather

SUZANNE CHERRY



As the kids say these days, "I'm not gonna lie." This semester is a tough one for me—the commute is long, and I'm getting tired. Tough or not, though, I am still loving all the wonderful things I'm learning. I'm not just learning in class, either. My internship with Rev. Rosemary Anderson at Primera Iglesia in Phoenix is a "hands on" training in service. Every Saturday, I I run the food & clothing bank for the homeless and the working poor, many of whom do not speak English. Not all of those who volunteer speak English, either. I also do children's sermons, teach Sunday School, and offer one-on-one prayers on Sunday mornings. My Spanish is pretty poor—but we manage to not only communicate, but become friends. I feel blessed to be a part of this struggling community. Primera Iglesia needs help with some housekeeping items. If you have a special heart for this inner city church, please consider helping with paper towels, toilet tissue, dish and hand soap and other cleaning supplies. There is also always a need for bottled water , chips, bread and sandwich meat to add to the lunches for the homeless in the neighborhood.

Each day, I thank God for all of you, for your support and for your prayers. ~Blessings, Suzanne

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Sister Seminarians (continued)

JODY TOPPING

I recently made my last trip to attend class at Iliff School of Theology in Denver, which was both a sad and a joyful time for me. It was joyful because I'm coming close to the end of my degree program and will be graduating in June...but it was also sad because it was the last time I'll be seeing most of my classmates and friends. As much as I'll miss seeing them, though, I know they will continue to be an important part of my life and we will continue to communicate with each other by email, through Facebook, and in whatever other electronic media we can find! So as I'm prone to say these days, it's all good!

This last class I'm taking is called *Congregations,* and in it, I'm learning a lot about what makes up a successful congregation, and what causes other congregations to decline and no longer exist. We've been reading lots of case studies on congregations throughout the country that have been successful and those that have not, and by the time the course is over, I will begin gathering data about Gold Canyon UMC and the surrounding community that will hopefully be of value to the pastors and staff at GCUMC. So if you catch me asking people in the congregation a lot of questions, you'll know why!

My internship here at the church is going very well. I was privileged to be invited to attend the Church of the Resurrection Leadership Institute with Pastor Fred and several others from the church, where I learned a lot about preaching, teaching, evangelism, and worship. I'm also doing a fair amount of pastoral care, and leading bible studies and adult study classes. All in all, my experience here has been very valuable, and I know it will help me tremendously when I have my own congregation.

The Fall Quarter ends the week before Thanksgiving, after which I'll be enjoying a long, six-week break! As we prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday, I'd like to take this time to tell you how thankful I am to be a part of the GCUMC family. It's a joy and a privilege to be worshiping with you on Sundays, and to be working with those of you who come into the office during the week. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Pastoral Intern, and I look forward to maintaining our friendships in the future. God bless you all.

Update on Habitat for Humanity Winter 2012 Project

We are looking forward to participating in building a new home with a family in the East Valley this winter as part of our membership in the Superstition Coalition of churches in the East Valley.

Habitat homes give families the opportunity to have a stable, safe place they can live for the long term. These families have often been moving from place to place, from one tiny, cramped apartment or trailer in a bad neighborhood to another, which is especially difficult on the children.

But this special opportunity does not come easy. Families are put through a rigorous education program; learning how to budget their money, make low cost repairs, and what to watch out for in the maintenance of their new home. There is the sweat equity too, which means they must complete 400 hours of work on the actual build of their home. All this hard work results in a better understanding of what it takes to be a homeowner. These hard working, deserving families are able to achieve their dream of a new, affordable home that they actually own.

We are excited about our opportunity to be part of this special ministry again. We are looking for volunteers to work on a couple of Saturdays in the January-March time frame, and also for volunteers to prepare and deliver lunch to the work crew on those days. We are really in need of about 20 generous donors who would be willing to contribute $100 toward our goal of $5000. Of course gifts in any amount will be greatly appreciated. Please mark your check memo for Habitat for Humanity, or make your contribution online at www.goldcanyonumc.org.

We will keep you posted as plans develop. Thanks so much for your ongoing support of this ministry.

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Jane Hayes, Volunteer Coordinator

GCUMC

982-3776

Volunteers Do Make A Difference

NOVEMBER

Inspirational Values

OPTIMISM

I Love to Acknowledge the Optimism of our GCUMC Volunteers!

Every week, I send a name to the office staff to include as our Volunteer of the Week. I realize that many of you are not in attendance (especially during the months April-January). So, it is with pleasure that I list the names of our Volunteers of the Week during this Thanksgiving month:
Shirley Feathers, Harlan (Gus) Madsen, Nancy Trout, Jack Workman, Lorna Marifjeren, Tom Feathers, Laverne Workman, Vern Forrest, Carol Wion, Andy Siersma, Kathe Connelly, Don Parker, Wendy Christian, Bob Adair, Jill Bills, Tom Brannon, Diane Kissner, June Welker, Bruce Klingaman, Marlene Barton, Tom Wiff, Jeanette Lundstead, Gail Crawford, Joyce Gingrich, Dianne Parker, Dick Richards, Suzanne Jameson, Pete Peterson, Gen Friesen, John LaViolette, Mary Seabright, Harry Warren, Jason Crosswhite, Faye Nord, Gary Gingrich, Sandra Caldwell, Bob Crow, Carol Johnson, and Ray Callihan.

We appreciate your time and talents every week. Thank you.

If you would like to spend a few minutes volunteering each month, give me a call. I will try to find an area you specifically enjoy. (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 help with one or more of the following, ***complete and place this form in the collection plate, take it to the information table, or send it to the church office.***

Time	***Job***
30 + min.	***Hospitality***
75 min.	***Shut-in Meals***
40 min.	***Greeter***
60 min.	***Bake Cookies***
240 min.	***Office Receptionist***

Name _____

Phone _____

Phone _____

***Roadrunner* Email**

Would you consider 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: _____
Email Address:
_____

Name: _____
Email address:
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Do you wish to continue to receive hard copy Roadrunners as well? ___Yes ___No

November Celebrations

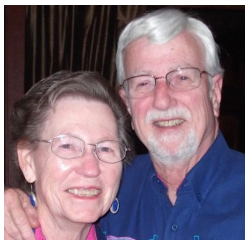
Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

David & Lucy Kidwell	3
Paul Roberts & Margaret Ball	3
Roy &Andrea Pape	6
Jeff & Jane Hayes	12
James & Deborah Primeau	12
Pat & Kim Shroyer	17
William & Helen Curtis	18
Herbert & Jennifer Adams	20
Rev. Hubert & Wendy Rhymes	22
Rodger & Joanne Burris	24
Ron & Nancy Trout	25
Peter & Carol Johnson	25
George & Marilyn Larson	29
Neil & Judy Johnson	29
Abed & Dr. Karen Mogharbel	29
Steve & LuAnn Holec	29
Michael & Elizabeth (Betty)	30
Bruce & Sue Berg	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.



A Note From Bob...

For the first time, I am co-author of a children's book, soon to be published.

The book is titled, "*When Grandma Forgets*" and is meant to help children cope with a family member who has Alzheimer's Disease. The primary author is Maryann Makekau, who has a series of what she calls "*Little Pink Books*" for children dealing with serious topics such as cancer and parents being deployed to war.

Maryann contacted me with a request to write an endorsement of her book, "*When Mother's Cancer Doesn't Go Away*." In the course of our conversations, we decided to do a book together about Alzheimer's.

Here is an excerpt from my dedication page in the book:

"I first saw the effects of Alzheimer's disease up close and personal in the person of my wife's father, Ira Meeks. I had known Ira since I was 14 years old and became his daughter's boyfriend. Ira was a rugged outdoorsman, a skilled hunter and the driver of an 18 wheel truck, piled high with hay. He taught me how to shoot a high-powered rifle, took me on hunting trips where we camped out under the stars and let me drive his great truck. Then, he changed. First, he would only stay in his own neighborhood, then his own backyard. In time, he had to be confined to a memory care facility. He lost all dignity and we lost him to the forest of confusion that is Alzheimer's.

Fifteen years after his death, my wife, June, began to show signs of memory loss. It was our grown children who urged me to have her memory tested. It turned out she did, indeed, have the beginnings of memory impairment. Over the past 7 years, it has progressed to a full diagnosis of Alzheimer's. Our grandchildren and great grandchildren now have a grandma who forgets

June has always been my hero as she conquered many of life's greatest challenges. This fight is the toughest of all. I am in awe of her awareness, even of being unaware, and her determination to not give in."

Peace and joy,

Bob Deits

W.O.W. Corner

We hope you all enjoyed the transition into fall at our third annual Fall ween ~ it was a wonderful Arizona day and a great opportunity to welcome the community to share with our church family and friends for an afternoon of fun, food and entertainment.

A special thanks to all who shared ideas, gave of their time, provided food 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 returning winter residents as well as continuing attendees and visitors feel welcome in our church family. Will you help? Call the office or Ron Walker at 480-671-3881.

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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 10th. 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 Tuesday, 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. They also make great gifts!

Your W.O.W. team designed the mugs and proceeds will be used to support their outreach mission.
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A Word of Thanks...

Kathy and I would like to thank everyone for their calls, emails, cards and prayers following my recent illness. We especially wish to thank Hu & Wendy for their devotion to both of us. The surgeon said "God just didn't want you up there yet" and we feel it was because so many people were praying for us!

Sincerely,
Jim Serrine

"The greatest consolation in a time of despair is the knowledge that God has worked in our lives. Until we reach that stage (and none of us is there until a time of trial, until God has rescued us), the best thing that can happen to us is to have loving, Christian friends in whose lives God has worked. Through their loyalty (to us and to God), they will hang in there with us and give us the assurance that our God is a God who works, even in the most hopeless situations."

William Kinnaird, in
The Promise of Hope

STEPHEN MINISTRY®

OLD DUDE

Think you are one? Old Dude? Are you noticing "signs" of aging? Your retirement? Friends and people you know "checking out," "getting planted?" Hospitalized with a broken bone or some other ailment? Family pressuring you to move into a long-term care facility? Fight going out of you?

If you are preoccupied with any or all of these conditions or situations, you most probably suffer from some depression and wonder where your world went. Not a good thing. Really bad thing. Needs some resolving!!!

Enter a Stephen Minister who is trained to be helpful and sensitive to this "aging" evolvement which we all face eventually. Through two-way conversations and prayer, your prayers and/or theirs, a Stephen Minister will join you on any plateau of pain, frustration, loss of dignity or sense of worth upon which you find yourself AND you will know you are not alone in this unhappy juncture of your life.

Are the "signs" getting you down? Call the office for a Stephen Minister to help!

MIND MENDERS SUPPORT GROUP

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

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

…..meets each Wednesday at 11:00 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 deeashe7580@gmail.com.

United Methodist Women
FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

United Methodist Women of Gold Canyon
UMW will have a Unit Meeting
Saturday, November 12
9:45 a.m. Room 101/102
in the Education Building
We hope you will join us!

Thank You!

Ladies, those of you who attended the Women's Retreat in April will remember our **Wonder Full World** Africa project. We cut out patterns and ribbon for colorful cosmetic bags, and while doing so asked ourselves the question "I wonder if I can make a difference?" We tried to imagine the African culture and what it would be like to be a woman living in Africa. Big thanks go out to Melva Houtcooper and Alyce Ancell who then took the bags home and sewed them together. One hundred twelve bags were returned to me. I pressed them, and mailed them to my son-in law who purchased some small items from The Dollar Store to put in the bags and took them with him to Africa this summer. In a text message received from him just a few weeks ago, he said he had passed the bags out at a pastors meeting in Africa, and the women were so excited they were screaming. Those little cosmetic bags didn't seem like much to us, but they mean a lot to them. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of God's people!

Diana Linton

STITCHES UNLIMITED...
...meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 9am in Room 101/102. Contact Melva Houtcooper for more information.

A Service of Remembrance

Sponsored by
United Methodist Women and
Stephen Ministry

A meaningful and reverent Remembrance Service is being planned for Wednesday, November 16th at 7 p.m. in the Koinonia Room. Reverend Fred Steinberg will officiate the memorial service. Whether you have lost someone recently, or if you still bear the pain of loss from years past, the purpose of this service is to draw us all into hope for the future. You do not have to be a church member to participate in this service. So, if you know someone going through a difficult time due to a loss, please invite them to attend. To honor the memory of your loved one, their names will be read aloud, and family and friends will be invited to light a candle. This will be a time of reflection, prayer, and comfort. If you wish to have the name of your loved one read, please call and give that information to the church office at 480-982-3776.

St. Andrew's Update

A big thank you to all—whether in prayers, "Wish List" items or coins gathered for supplies for these children. We appreciate your loyalty to this ministry.

What a day weather-wise! What looked ominous at 6:30 am turned into a beautiful, albeit windy, day. 60—70 degree temps in October!

Eight of us made the trip and the three drivers managed to pack and deliver all the contributions. The newcomers toured the facility, handed out the stuffed animals and Power Rangers, played with the children and then enjoyed lunch with the other visitors.

"Wish List" and "Our List" Items included:

220 cloth toiletry bags	33 quilts
220 toiletry kits	9 flannel blankets
6 large bottles prune juice	8 crocheted afghans
54 cans prune juice	9 lap robes
Two 900 count baby wipes	1 pillow
13 large pack baby wipes	11 knit scarves
151 cans Similac formula	1 pair knot slippers
36 diapers	3 pair gloves
200 tennis balls	18 small Christmas socks
19 pair children's socks	11 large Christmas socks
24 pair infant socks	2 large boxes powdered milk

One year supply multivitamins for 4 children
4 containers Benefiber
$100.12 check (Collection jar on Information Desk)
300+ stuffed animals & Power Rangers

The change collected by the Children's Sunday School classes enabled us to purchase the prune juices and toothbrushes for the toiletry kits.

GCUMC Calendar November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8 am Yoga—K Rm 9:15 am Slow Yoga—K Rm 10 am Community Grnds—101/102 10:30 am Chair Yoga—K Rm 1 pm Disciple 1—101/102 1:30pm Disciple IV—SofG 6 pm One/Spirit —K Rm 6 pm SPRC—Fred's Office 6:30pm Adult Bells—Sanc	2 11am Cancer Support—101/102 4:30 pm Spirit Club—Educ 5 pm Disciple II—101/102 5:30 pm Angel Choir—Music 6 pm Youth Handbells—Sanc 7 pm Orchestra—Music	3 8 am Yoga—K Rm 9:15 am Slow Yoga—K Rm 10:30 am Chair Yoga—K Rm 1 pm Survey/World Religions—101/102 7 pm Choir Rehearsal — Music Rm	4 10 am GC Mom's Club—101/102 5:30 pm AA—SofG	5 8 am Men's Breakfast @ Red Sage 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal—Sanc. 10 am Sidewalk Ministries—Avalon Elementary 12 Noon—Choir Luncheon—Ed. Bldg.
6 8 am Adult Sun. Schl-SofG 8 am Traditional-Sanc. 9:30 am Traditional-Sanc. 10:50 am Praise-KRm 1 pm Surv/World Rel.—101/102 3 pm Celebration of Veterans—Sanc. 5 pm CW -KRm 6:30 pm Youth—Educ	7 9:30 am Bible Banter Mtn Brew Coffee House 6 pm WOW Mtg—KRm 4 pm Stephen Ministry—SofG 5:30 pm Disciple 3—Feather Home 6:30 pm Finance Comm—Fred's Office 7 pm Al-Anon—101/102	8 8 am Yoga—K Rm 9:15 am Slow Yoga—K Rm 10 am Comm. Grnds—101/102 10:30 am Chair Yoga—K Rm 1 pm Disciple 1—101/102 1:30pm Disciple IV—SofG 6 pm One in the Spirit Rehearsal—K Rm 6:30pm Adult Bells—Sanc	9 9 am Stitches Unlimited—Rm 101/102 11am Cancer Support—101/102 4:30 pm Spirit Club—Educ 5 pm Disciple II—101/102 5:30 pm Angel Choir—Music 6 pm Youth Handbells—Sanc 7 pm Orchestra—Music	10 8 am Yoga—K Rm 9:15 am Slow Yoga—K Rm 10:30 am Chair Yoga—K Rm 11 am Louise Green Memorial ~ Sanc. 1 pm Survey/World Religions—101/102 7 pm Choir Rehearsal — Music Rm	11 10 am Mind Menders—101/102 5:30 pm AA—SofG	12 9:45 am UMW Meeting—Rm 101/102 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal—Sanc. 10 am Sidewalk Ministries—Avalon Elementary
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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**
- **10:50 AM ~ Children's Sunday School**

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