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## From The Pastor: "Are You Stealing From Me?"

The gas pump had just clicked off so I knew the van gas tank was full. I reached over and shut off the pump. I then squeezed the lever in the gas nozzle to make sure all the drops of gas went in the tank rather than all over the car paint as I pulled the handle out. When the last drops drained out I removed the gas nozzle from the car and placed it back on the pump. I approached the cashier window with my credit card to pay for the gas and the older man inside sternly rebuked me, "Are you trying to steal from me?" I was speechless. I couldn't think of anything to say to his highly critical and way off-base accusation. Somehow he thought I was trying to pump gas without paying for it. I was so stunned I never did reply to his wild accusation. But I played his words over and over in my mind as I thought about his rebuke. Evidently he thought my squeezing the handle to drain the nozzle dry was an attempt to steal gas. Of course I knew this was impossible because the pump was off.

As I thought about his words, I also realized that he had to be closely monitoring and watching every person who used his gas pumps to make such a comment. His approach to life was obviously a critical one. He must have constantly worried that everybody was going to steal from him. When I left that gas station I knew I hadn't even thought about stealing anything and I was offended that I had been accused of something I hadn't done. I knew that with that sort of an attitude I didn't want to return to that gas station ever again. I would rather visit any other station than the one who insulted me.

Sometimes I hear that churches are a lot like that gas station I visited. Some Christians make quick judgments and say harsh words that turn people away from church forever. I have spoken to many people who have said they would never go to a church again because somebody mistreated them. I always encourage them to give the church another chance. Remember that person is not the entire church. The church didn't mistreat you. It was a misguided church member who mistreated you. And fortunately that critical soul is not Jesus.

What would it take for our church to make sure that we don't become like that service station? I imagine we would have to operate with generous grace, mercy and love. We would have to choose to be Christ-like. We would have to extend hospitality to all. I pray that each one of us will realize that our actions towards others are the actions of the Church in the world. You and I are the Church. See you on Sunday as the church gathers for worship.

Grace and peace,

*Fred*

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



## AN ADVENTURE OF FAITH

By Grover Wallace

Have you ever thought of all the promises God has made to His faithful followers and the number of covenants He made with the likes of Noah, David, Abraham, and the Israelites in the Old Testament? I decided to take a look and found that the bible is crammed with promises made to the faithful people in our congregation and other faithfuls throughout the world from the beginning of creation. Jesus made many promises to me and you throughout the New Testament Gospels during His life on earth. In the book of Hebrews, Chapters 8 and 9 outline the new covenant in Christ and compares it with the old covenants under Moses. The definition of a covenant in my study bible is a "binding obligation (promise) between two or more parties". Promise is defined as "to pledge or give assurance". For example, under Moses (old covenant) forgiveness had to be earned, while under the new covenant in Christ forgiveness is freely given, which tells us that we have true and complete forgiveness. See Hebrews 9:15-28. Another example is given in Hebrews 8:3-4. Under Moses, people gave gifts and sacrifices by those guilty of sin while under the covenants in Christ, we have self-sacrifice by the guiltless Christ - "*Christ died for you*".

In addition to the many covenants God made with the Israelites throughout the Old Testament, Jesus made a multitude of promises to we who have trust and faith in Him. However, to enjoy these promises of Jesus, we must follow all of the commands with complete faith in our Savior and keep ourselves clean, holy, and do the will of God each day of our lives.

Then Jesus came to the disciples and said "*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me, therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*"

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

Here in Matthew 28, Jesus was with His disciples physically until He was crucified and ascended into heaven. Afterwards He was with them in spirit and He has prom-

ised to be with us through the Holy Spirit to the end of the ages. The commission He gave to His disciples related to "make disciples of all nations". Baptizing and teaching them is a commandment that applies to all Christians today, and His promise to be with us always represents one of His all-encompassing promises to those who have faith, love, trust, and hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. However, we must hold up our end of the bargain to make His promise real. Jesus promises many things to Christians, but we must meet our commitment to reap the rewards - eternal life in heaven.

Jesus said "*I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am.*"

John 14:2-3 (NIV)

Jesus said "*If you love Me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever - the Spirit of truth. I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you.*"

John 14:15-18 (NIV)

"*Come to Me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.*"

Matthew 11:28 (NIV)

Above are just a few other examples of Jesus' promises to us found in the New Testament. John 14:2-3 is a promise that Jesus will prepare us a place in heaven to have an eternal life. John 14:15-18 tells us we will have a new counselor to guide us - the Spirit of truth. And Matthew 11:28 promises each of us comfort when we are weary.

There are many other promises from Christ in the New Testament that should surely be of interest to all. I have no idea why any person would not have faith, hope, trust, and love in our Savior when He has promised so much - including eternal life.

**DO YOU HAVE THE FAITH TO STAND ON HIS PROMISES?**

In August you contributed a total of \$31,059 to our building fund, which represents the largest amount contributed since March, 2009, the first month of our current stewardship campaign. For the first six months, contributions totaled \$178,452 or 35.69% of our goal of \$500,000. Hopefully, the August increase is a sign of better results to come in the future. God bless you all for your commitment to keep our mortgage payments current.

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

Romans 13:8 (NIV)



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

Betty Rolley

**Bashas' Shoppers:** Don't forget that you have to give the cashier your church identification number anew each season (Sept. 1-March 31) to be attached to your Thank You card. This earns the church an additional 1% at no cost to you. Please do this the next time you shop. Our number is **23886**.

**STUFF**

Submitted by Warren Sifferath

Every fall I start stirring in my stuff. There is closet stuff, drawer stuff, attic stuff, and basement stuff. I separate the good stuff from the bad stuff, then I stuff the bad stuff anywhere the stuff is not too crowded until I decide if I will need the bad stuff.

When the Lord calls me home, my children will want the good stuff, but the bad stuff, stuffed wherever there is room among all the other stuff, will be stuffed in bags and taken to the dump where all the other people's stuff has been taken.

Whenever we have company they always bring bags and bags of stuff. When I visit my son, he always moves his stuff so I will have room for my stuff. My daughter-in-law always clears a drawer of her stuff so I will have room for my stuff. Their stuff and my stuff..it would be so much easier to use their stuff and leave my stuff at home, with the rest of my stuff.

This fall I had an extra closet built so I would have a place for all the stuff too good to throw away and too bad to keep with my good stuff. You may not have this problem, but I seem to spend a lot of time with stuff...food stuff, cleaning stuff, medicine stuff, clothes stuff, and outside stuff. What ever would life be like if we didn't have all this stuff? Well, our lives are filled with stuff...good stuff, bad stuff, little stuff, big stuff, useful stuff, junk stuff, and everybody else's stuff. Now when we leave all our stuff and go to heaven, whatever happens to our stuff won't matter. We will still have the good stuff God has prepared for us in heaven.

Anonymous Author

(The typist of this article wore out the "f" key because even Sifferath has two "f's !!!!)

**DONATIONS AND ATTENDANCE**

August	2007		2008		2009		2008	2009
	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Worship All	Worship All
1st	\$14109	\$10054	\$30326	\$13046	\$13306	\$5987	471	463
2nd	8204	3991	9008	5922	11260	14521	502	467
3rd	7675	3222	7697	6384	8395	4080	528	467
4th	7721	3923	8006	4450	12108	4073	466	497
5th	—	—	7693	4347	6784	2398	546	593
<b>Total</b>	<b>37709</b>	<b>21190</b>	<b>62730</b>	<b>34148</b>	<b>51853</b>	<b>31059</b>	<b>2513</b>	<b>2487</b>



## Christian Education...

With "Coach" Ellis Falk

*"Our mission is to bring the love of Christ and His teachings to learners of all ages on their spiritual journey, that they be transformed and thus positively affect our local and global communities."*

**The "U CAN CLUB"** which got started in the summer will continue this fall and through the winter for all children ages 4-12. The meeting takes place on Wed. afternoon from 4:00pm until 5:30pm. This is a time of games, fun, crafts, activities, singing and Bible stories for the children. This also is a time of exploring and learning about God and that He can be found anywhere and in all activities. This activity is for the children of the church and their friends in the community. Invite your friends to this exciting time of fun and fellowship. The "U Can" children have been split into two groups by age level. The BEARS, which stands for "Believing Everyone Adds Real Strength", is for the older group and is led by Joan Wilder-Siersma. Both creative learning sessions are under the direction of Linda Walker and if you would like to be involved or have any questions please give Linda a call. All the children are lovingly led in singing and music by Betty Hetherington and the crafts are under the direction of Sandra Caldwell.

**Study Sessions and classes.** Should you wish a particular study or would like to develop a study, please contact the educational office at the church. We do have available for loan the "Alpha Faith Course". This is a DVD set that gives an introduction to the Christian Faith and lets people explore the real meaning of life. There are also several other DVD programs which could be for the individual or a small group study.

**Coming in November... For Parents of Adult Children (PAC).** If you are the parent of adult children struggling with issues related to them—their relationships, unemployment, debt, or other issues—you are invited to a series of round table supper time discussions beginning Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and continuing on the 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Room 101-102 of the Educational Building. The weekly topics will be discernment, blessing, boundaries, meaning and healing. The discussion session will be led by Rev. Fay and Wally Quanstrom.

## DISCIPLE

**The Disciple Program and classes** will be offered this fall and winter. A portion of the program will be broken into smaller segments over a longer period of time. The same subject matter will be covered but will take two years to complete the normal 34 week session. Additional information will appear in the Sunday Bulletin. If you would like to

be a "facilitator" for any of the Disciple Classes, please let me know. Classes offered this fall and winter include the following: Disciple 1- Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study- facilitators are Shirley and Thomas Feather. This is a 34 week learning session and is the beginning class for all the Disciple programs. Should there be interest, Thomas and Shirley are going to teach a split Disciple One which will start later in the fall and run for two years. This program will be 17 weeks each year. Disciple 2-Into the Word, Into the World. Disciple 3-Remembering Who We Are- facilitators of one class are Neil and Melva Houtcooper and the split year course is taught by Hu and Wendy Rhymes. Disciple 4- Under the Tree of Life. Disciple 5-Jesus in the Gospels.

**Sidewalk Sunday School** will begin Sat. Oct 17<sup>th</sup> at the Desert Chapel UMC. Please watch the Sunday Bulletin for further announcements. The current plans call for the S3 program to run each Sat from the 17<sup>th</sup> of Oct. until the end of April. The ministry is very dependent on a secure place to meet with the children and upon dedicated workers. This fun and faith zone ministry is always looking for persons who want to make a spiritual impact upon the lives of the children by helping as a shepherd, the giving of money or providing snacks. God will bless you for your involvement. Please be very much in prayer that God will continue to bless this very unusual ministry.

**The Safe Sanctuary Program:** In order to maintain the church's good safety record in the area of Child and Youth ministry we are bringing this item to your attention again. On January 16, 2007 the Admin. Council of GCUMC adopted the current church policy for the safety and well being of all children and youth who come under the scope and ministry of the church. All persons who minister to children and/or youth will be asked to update their files. This includes persons who are teachers, volunteers, child care givers and those who are Shepherds with the Sidewalk Sunday School program. I greatly appreciate your concern and cooperation in this matter as we all want to do our best to assure the church families that the spiritual, mental, emotional and physical welfare of the children and youth are in good, safe and capable hands. We all regret that this is needed but we live in a time that calls for such action, not only to protect the children and youth but also to protect the Church. The policy and the guidelines that were adopted by the Admin. Council are available for your reading and review in the church office. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



# Youth Ministries

*With Heather Rodenberg*

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

## Up and Coming in October

2<sup>nd</sup> Paintball @ Tempe paintball - \$30 6-10 pm.

24<sup>th</sup> Rock and Roll Paint-a-thon



25<sup>th</sup> 2pm Fall-O-Ween in the Church parking lot.  
(No youth group)

## Gold Canyon United Methodist Church Food Bank

The Gold Canyon United Methodist Church's Food Bank is a mission that was created to serve the needs of the people in our local community. We are open from 8:30 AM until noon, Monday through Friday. We have an all volunteer staff which currently numbers 38 people. The volunteers commit to daily shifts as their schedules allow.



Some times we have special volunteers such as the Girl Scout Troop 1450 from Peralta Trails Elementary School. Their volunteer effort this summer began by first learning about good nutrition and how to shop wisely. They then donated a majority of their cookie sales profit and went shopping for the food bank. The scouts took it one step further and worked food bank shifts. They checked expiration dates, stocked shelves, packed bags and helped clients take the bags to their cars. All the food bank recipients couldn't help but smile when these young ladies went the extra mile to help them. They were energetic and have a wonderful grasp of what it means to serve their community.

The Food Bank depends on donations from church members, local service organizations and businesses, and the Gold Canyon community. This effort helps us to be successful with our ministry. Another opportunity to donate has been created with the support of the many concerts and community activities that take place at the church. Instead of charging admission, in most cases a donation to the food bank is requested. This effort really helps us maintain our inventory needs. We encourage your attendance at all of our concerts.


With today's economy and unemployment situation our needs are drastically increasing. We serve Gold Canyon, Apache Junction, Superior, Mesa, Queen Valley, Queen Creek and others. At present over 475 families are assisted by this ministry. We provide assistance to the homeless as well, packing special items that are easy to transport and open.

Although our resources are limited, we try to meet the needs of our clients and consider their dogs and cats, too. We gratefully accept donations from the public of any (in date) canned or dry food products. We also need paper products, personal hygiene items, cleaning products and diapers. We thank all who support us and allow us to serve.

*Jeff Downing and Dan Gray - Managers*

# Fall ween

Have you felt a slight change in the air? Fall is coming so it's time to

mark your calendar and get prepared for the *Fall  ween* festival on October 25<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 7:00 pm on the church campus. Check out the list of fun, exciting activities for kids of all ages below:

- Costume Parade with Judging for Prizes
- Dunking for Apples
- Face Painting
- Fishing for Prizes
- Hayrides

Then, to finish off the day, there'll be a Country Western Service featuring a foot stomping performance by *The Houser Gang* followed by marshmallow toasting & weenie roasting.

Although donations of any amount will be appreciated, there is **no** charge for this event. So, come one, come all and bring your family and friends for a fun filled kick-off to fall!



## We need your help!

In order to make our first Fall-O-ween event a big success, we need all the creative ideas or help that you can provide. We also need to borrow the following items (as props only—condition is not a concern):

- ◆ Horse-drawn wagons (wagon only)
- ◆ Baled hay or straw
- ◆ Galvanized washtubs and buckets
- ◆ Troughs
- ◆ Pumpkins
- ◆ Indian corn
- ◆ Corn stalks



We also need volunteers to make cowboy beans, cole slaw, or potato salad. The date, again, is October 25, and if you can help in any capacity whatsoever, we urge you to call the office at 480-982-3776 or Ron Walker at 480-671-3881. Thank you!

## 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.

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES SINGLE UNITED METHODISTS

Oct. 9-11: Annual Fall Retreat at Mingus Mountain. Cost is \$101. For more information and registration, visit [www.desertsouthwestconference.org/singles](http://www.desertsouthwestconference.org/singles)

May 21-30, 2010: Scenic Alpine Tour of Germany and Austria including the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. Cost is \$4,790 p.p., dbl. occupancy + air taxes and fees of approx. \$150. For more information, contact DeDe at Sabino Cruise & Travel at 623-388-3403. **Married couples are also invited to attend.**

### Ongoing Events

Cinema Club at Fashion Square Mall in Scottsdale

Sunday Brunch Bunch at Paradise Bakery at Biltmore Fashion Park in Scottsdale

First Friday Fish Fry

Saturday Supper Social

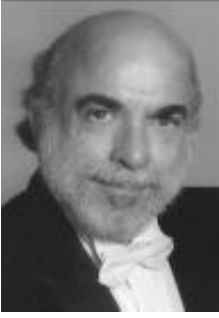
Bowling Club

Outreach Ministries

For questions about any of the above activities, contact Max McQueen, singles representative for the Desert Southwest Conference. Max can be reached at 602-258-1207 or 602-944-1524.

*Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

*Philippians 4:6-7*



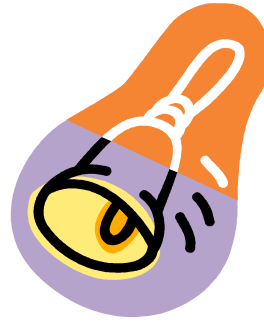
## Music Notes

I am writing this while remembering my good friend **David R. Davidson**. He was Director of Music Ministries and the Arts at Highland Park United Methodist Church, Dallas, Chorus Master of the Dallas Symphony Chorale, and former President of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers (AGEHR). He died recently after fighting cancer for well over a year. I met him in 1983 at the AGEHR National Festival in Berkeley, CA, where he was the Massed Choir Director, and my MOO Ringers (from Mt Of Olives Lutheran Church, Phoenix) were participants in the Concert Choir Seminar at that event. He impressed me greatly with his incredible musicianship and his very encouraging, enabling words from the podium. David taught me a lot about people as well as music. He was loved by thousands of musicians worldwide who were able to experience him in chorale music, handbell music and orchestral music. Truly an incredible gift from God! He was a great musician, a great man, a great mentor and a great friend! I miss him, but will never forget him!

The Chancel Choir, Chancel Ringers and the Youth Handbell Team are in full swing. The **Chancel Choir** meets on Thursday evenings 6:50 PM to 8:30 PM. All who wish to share their voices in song for the Lord and our church, can read music, and carry a tune in something other than a basket, are certainly invited to join us! The **Chancel Ringers** is our adult handbell choir. We meet on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. If you have handbell experience and would like to join us, please give me a call or email me at [music@GoldCanyonUMC.org](mailto:music@GoldCanyonUMC.org). We would love to have you join us. The **Youth Handbell Team** is for all Junior and Senior high youth. We meet on Wed. at 7:00 PM. All youth are invited to come and learn what the fun is all about! You do not have to read music to join.

This month, we are beginning a **new choir for grades 4 through 6**. We will begin on Wednesday, October 7 at 5:30 PM in the Music Room. **Kathy Nuss** will be the director and I'll be there to help (or hinder!). This will be the first step in what I sincerely hope will become a fully graded music program for our church! For now, until we perhaps come up with a different name, we will call this the **Angel Choir**. I hope to see all 4th-6th graders then!

Our **Performing Arts Series** begins on **November 1** with what will be a moving and exciting concert by **Mary Hollan**, a vocalist/pianist from Goodyear, Arizona, who has performed across America sharing her music in a variety of settings. A talented recording artist, Mary performs contempo-



Mary Hollan

rary and traditional gospel music along with original songs and children's music. Her love for Christ shines in her words and songs which deliver a message of empowerment, encouragement and gratitude. Additionally, she will sing some Broadway songs in her own, inimitable style. You can see her on the web at [www.maryhollan.com](http://www.maryhollan.com). As always, this concert is open to the public at no charge as we will take a free will offering. We do ask everyone to please bring a non-perishable food item per person for the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church Food Bank. There is a listing of Food Bank needs in the Worship Bulletin each week.

### SAVE DATES:

- **Sunday, November 8 at 3:00 PM** for our fourth annual **Celebration of Veterans** program;
- **Saturday, December 12 at 3:00 PM and 6:30 PM** for our eighth annual **Choral Christmas Concert** featuring the Choir, Bells, Brass, Timpani, Harp, Organ and Piano;
- **Sunday, March 7 at 3:00 PM** for our twelfth annual **Choral Spring Concert** featuring the Choir, Bells, Brass, Timpani, Organ and Piano.

A complete listing of all performances at our church – both our own *Performing Arts Series*, and the Gold Canyon Arts Council's *Canyon Sounds Series* – can be found elsewhere in this issue of the *Roadrunner*. I would suggest cutting out the schedule (after reading the entire *Roadrunner*, of course!) and putting it where you can find it easily. We have copies of this schedule also at the Information Booth in the Sanctuary. Please remember to bring something for the Food Bank to *all* performances! There is a list of needs in each weekly Worship Bulletin. This looks to be a great year of great performances! We are all very blessed to be in Gold Canyon at this time!

Blessings to all,

*Doug*

Douglas Benton  
Director of Music Ministries

## WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY



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

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

### SADIE RHYMES MEMORIAL



We want to thank Jolene Guist-Agnew for her hard work in getting contributions for the Food Bank. Some of the monetary donations were for PET Food. She did NOT participate in the \$100 that was given a few months ago, and later decided to buy 100 gold coins and give them to folks who made donations in memory of both of her parents who recently passed away within a few months of each other. What a blessing our Food Bank is for so many folks and their pets.

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

**Sympathies:** Sharyn Bennett, upon the death of her mother, Pat Colmer; Tyler Burkett & family, upon the death of Tyler's brother, Calvin; The family of Mike Cooney, upon his death; Judi Davidson, upon the death of her husband, David (David was a good friend of Doug Benton); The family of Ben Maser, upon his death; Leonard Kraft, upon the death of his wife, Gerene; Paul Lindenfelser, upon the death of his sister; Dave Loseke & Karen Burns, upon the death of his wife & her sister, Susie; Shirley & Brent Matzke, upon the death of her husband & Brent's Dad, Merle; Tina Pino, upon the death of her fiancé; Roy & Andrea Pape, upon the death of their nephew, and the families & friends of the above.

**Concerns and/or Continued Prayers:** Charlie Acker, Carol Alexander (Donna Gale's sister-in-law), Nancy Arbuckle, Patti Baker, Colin Ball (Margaret Ball's grandson), Alex Bandavok, John Barnum, Stacey Bennett, Nancy Binting, Cathy Bird, Vincent Bock, Barbara Boggs, Ralph Bos (Dave Bos' father), Ben Bravo, Ida Buckner, Michael Byrd, Karen Carnahan, Rob Colby (Beth Steinberg's brother), Art Collins, Steven Cordova, Grace Crawford, Patricia Davis, Adelyne Douglass, Bill Dowel, Darla & David Eddy, Sheryl Eufinger, May Fairbanks, Donna Gale, Ellen Gutknecht, Dave Hahn, Mary Jane Hall, Lee Hamner, Clarence Hodges, Sue Holliman (Ellie Conger's daughter), Judy Humbert, Roger Hunt, John Jeeters, Noel Jones (Linda & Morgan Jones' grandson), Tara Houser

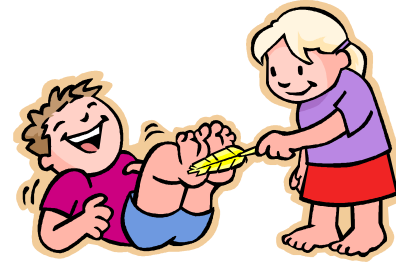
Jones, Marilyn Jungman, Jean Kaminski, Connie & Rick Keeling, Barbara Kite, Jennel Knepshield, Janice Knowles, Jonal Lartiguq, John LaViolette, Ann McMann (Larry McMann's mother), Dean Mansdorfer, Betty Minatree (Michelle Cassella's sister), Melissa Minatree, Joyce & Darwin Mixer, Cliff Morton, Dick Peterson, Thomas Preiss, Bruce Randolph, Vivian Remaley, Ellen Roberson, Cindi Rolley (Bud & Betty Rolley's daughter-in-law), Pat Ryan, Debbie Rycraft (John & Dixie Coules' daughter), Eric Samuels, Rose Scantlin, Joyce Schenck, Linda Schmidt, Jane Seaver, Chris Somerville, Breanna Teland, Lori Thompson (Carolyn & Jim Burt's daughter), Alice Tiedge, Ken & Lorraine Tippie (Jerry & Peggy Tippie's son), Matty Tlusty (great granddaughter of the Eisentrauts), Marilyn Thomas, Les Wenger (Diane Heinauer's father), Paula Wirth, Trudy Zelezic (Dot Zelezic's daughter), Chris Ziegler and PRAYERS for the families (CAREGIVERS) of the above. PRAYERS for requests in the "CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER" boxes & UNSPOKEN REQUESTS. Also, those FOOD BANK CLIENTS who have requested prayer. PRAYERS for our MILITARY Personnel and their families.

**Still in Need of Prayers:** Charlie & Joan Acker, Dick & Eleanor Armstrong, Tom & Dee Ashe, David Baker, Dorothy & Joey Baker, Bob & Ruth Bennett, Jan Berry (Myra & John Berry's daughter-in-law), Irene & Junior Blake (Paul Fillion's

sister & brother-in-law), Jenny & Bob Burgi, Terry & Ruth Burris, Jim & Carolyn Burt, Bob Carpenter, Bob Carter & family, Mark & Donna Cleary, Bob Cole, Ellie Conger, Carol & Jason Crosswhite, Bill & Joyce Curtis, Lorraine Davidson, Rev. Bob & June Deits, Chuck Dickinson, Ted & Joy Fite, Fred & Jerri French, Andy & Danna Gharavi, David & Ardeena Gillette, Ross & Arline Hacker, Judy Halvorsen, Viola Hammond (Don Hammond's Mom), Rich & Sheila Haraldson, Lorna Hartman, Rita Hawkins, Beth Hayes (Jeff Hayes' mother), Gladys Kay (Jane Hayes' Mom), Dick Heinauer (Diane Heinauer's father-in-law), Mel & Mary Kilbo, Steve & Peggy Kinder, Paul & Polly Knowlton, Roxie & Gene Kruschek, Naomi Kyle, Jane Lambert, Cheryl Lang, Thelma Lang (Pete 'n Kay Johnson's mother), Carol & Bill Lindemann, Pauline Lymons, Bob & Juana Mahlandt, Michael & Susan Malloy, Dean & Nyla Mansdorfer, Shirley & Brent Matzke, Bryan McCann (Jeanette Lunstead's son), Larry & Pat McMann, Wilbur McMann, Mary Moore, Hedy Moore (Jed Moore's Mom), Lorraine & Victor Phillips, Marvin & Jean Richter, Joanne Rogers, Mickey & Bob Rosenstein, Rick & Sue Sutter, Bill & Bobbie Talbot, Carl & Helen Thacker, (Jerry Thacker's parents), Lillian Thomas & Maria Remaley (Bill & Mary Thomas' mothers), Bev & Jim Toppin, Marven & Wanda Tufte, Ray and Nancy Villeneuve, Bill & Nancy Waechter, Mary Ann Warren, LeRoy & Dorothy Wolter, Dot Zelezic and the families of the above.

**Joys:** Congratulations to Gary & Joyce Gingrich, upon the birth of their twin grandsons, Tyce & Kaiden

Congratulations to Monica Ortega-Watters, GCUMC's new Parish Nurse



## “LAUGH A LITTLE” with Hu

### CHURCH NURSERY SIGN

1 Corinthians 15:51: “We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed.”

### SLIP OF THE TONGUE

A new pastor was about to conduct his first wedding and was worried sick. An elderly preacher gave him some advice, “If you lose your place in the ceremony book, start quoting scriptures until you find your place.”

The wedding day came. Sure enough, the young man forgot where he was in the ritual. Unfortunately, the only verse he could think of was, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do”.

### SPELLING 101

Layman: Pastor, why did you fire your secretary?

Pastor: She couldn't spell. She kept asking me how to spell about every other word while she took dictation.

Layman: I suppose you couldn't stand the interruptions.

Pastor: No, it wasn't that. I just didn't have time to look up all those words.

### BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

You all know how hard we have worked over the years to earn the funds to buy the church bus. Recently, we have actually had to turn down some Sunday riders because we had no one to drive the bus to pick them up. There are no special license requirements and we hope to rotate the schedule enough so that you should not have to drive more than once every six weeks. This would be for the 9:30 service. If you would be able to help out, please call the church office to leave your name and the bus manager will call you to schedule a very short training session.



## DESIGNATED GIFTS FROM MEMORIAL/FUNERAL SERVICES

Merle Matske: GCUMC or Hospice of the Valley

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

**MIND MENDERS SUPPORT GROUP**

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



**NEW!  
CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP**

A new group is starting for caregivers and care managers of those with chronic illnesses such as heart disease, diabetes, stroke, Parkinson's, MS and other chronic illnesses. Included would be parents, spouses, adult children and other family members or friends, many of whom need support in this challenging endeavor. If interested, please call Sue Malloy at 480-982-6809 and leave your name and phone number.



**The Grief Support Group led by Laurie Christy will not be meeting for the summer as normally scheduled.**

Laurie will be glad to meet with anyone who contacts her by phone at 480-671-5768 or by email at [Lchristy20@yahoo.com](mailto:Lchristy20@yahoo.com) when needed. We will resume a regular schedule again in November. The time this year will be 4:00 on Wednesdays.

The first service that one owes to others in the fellowship consists in listening to them. Just as love of God begins with listening to His word, so the beginning of love for the brethren is learning to listen to them.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

**Cancer Support Group**

**October is breast cancer awareness month**

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



**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY®**

**DON'T BE ALONE**

When death claims a loved one, emptiness takes over. We feel suddenly ALONE! We are separated from others, from family, many times from God, from life, from the business of living - comfort is gone. We know where to go for help but the journey there was not meant to be a solo one.

In our isolation, we need to talk about our loved one, about our relationship with him or her. ENTER a Stephen Minister who is a trained, unobtrusive listener. Once everyone else has forgotten our pain, assuming the pain is surely behind us, the Stephen Minister is still there, caring, listening non-judgmentally, helping us understand that we cannot be alone, that healing God is with us always and that our grief can take as long as it needs to take.

Call a Stephen Minister for comfort on the way back!

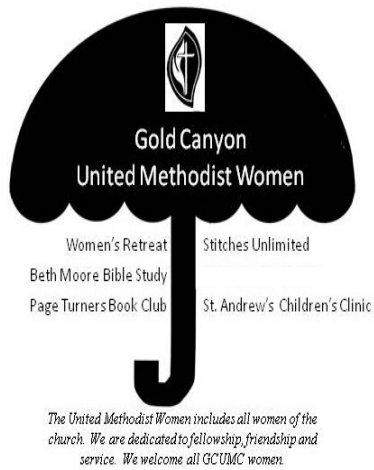


The deadline for ordering altar flowers is noon Wednesday for the following Sunday. Cost is \$30.00



**John Wesley's Three Simple Rules**

- Do No Harm
- Do Good
- Stay in love with God



### **2009-10 UMW Calendar of Events**

- Oct. 10 Annual Meeting, Sun Lakes UMC
- Oct. 19 9am Gold Canyon Executive Board Meeting
- Oct. 24 9:45am Gold Canyon UMW Unit Meeting
- Oct. 24 Conference Annual Meeting,  
Calvary UMC, Phoenix
- Nov. 9 9am Gold Canyon Executive Board Meeting
- Nov. 14 9:45am Gold Canyon UMW Unit Meeting
- Nov. 15 UMW Sunday
- Nov. 18 7pm Remembrance Service
- Nov. 23 2pm The Page Turners Book Club
- Jan. 24, 2010 District Annual Leadership Training Event,  
Velda Rose UMC

### **Central East District**

#### **Annual Meeting**

**Saturday, October 10, 2009**

**9:00 am-3:00 pm**

**Cost including lunch \$12**

**Sun Lakes United Methodist Church**

**9248 E. Riggs Rd., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248**

### ***"Publish Glad Tidings Through Song"***

***...keynote speaker...***

***"Clair Hart"***

**Western Jurisdiction Leadership Team**

**Hands on Offering: Children's Books new and gently used for UMOM**

**This promises to be an exciting day. . .a bit out of the ordinary**

**Contact Diana Linton 480-229-0706 for Registration information**

### **"A PORTRAIT OF SUDAN"**

**Presented By**

**One of the "Lost Boys" of Sudan  
From the AZ Lost Boys Center**

**UMW Unit Meeting**

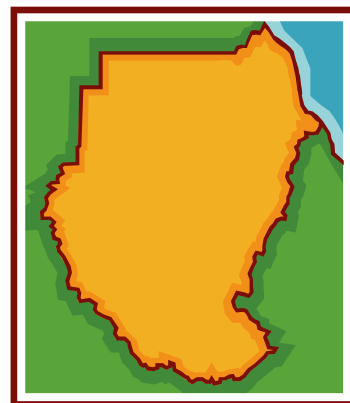
**Saturday, October 24, 2009**

At Christian School of Mission this Summer, "The Beauty and Courage of Sudan," was one of our mission studies. It was the most fascinating mission study I have ever attended.

Sudan is such a vast country. It is the largest in Africa, and encompasses an area the size of the United States east of the Mississippi River. It is as complex as any country can be. It is geographically, ethnically, and politically diverse. There is much conflict, people are displaced, and there is widespread poverty. Did you know water is a precious resource in Sudan? Did you know 75 percent of the population is Muslim and 5 percent is Christian? Peace in Sudan has proved elusive. Is there hope for Sudan?

Come hear the unique story told by one Lost Boy about his country that has been at war for the past 50 years. It is a story of perseverance, and how he became a casualty of that war. Many of these children witnessed the unthinkable. Many were orphaned at very young ages and fled hundreds of miles to safety with nothing but the clothes on their backs for days, months, sometimes even longer. What is their hope now, both as individuals and for their people?

You won't want to miss this remarkable young speaker who exudes the beauty and courage of Sudan.





## International Missions

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

The Green Parrot Coffee, of which many of you have become fond, 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. A brief summary of their work follows.

The center of their work is a clinic that offers comprehensive medical care, dentistry, an agricultural project and also supports the area's educational development. Along with the medical care that is provided, the clinic provides preventive medical attention and health education in order to help the community take control of its own health. The clinic has one full-time doctor who provides daily medical attention to patients who make their way to the clinic, and also travels to the more than 18 villages in the surrounding area. Participating in the midwife training program, FMI offers a monthly lunch, educational materials and birthing supplies to the forty midwives in the area. In the dental department, FMI has a full-time dentist who gives full service at the clinic and travels to 14 elementary schools to teach the principles of proper dental care, and applies fluoride treatment to the children's teeth. In 2008 alone, 8,383 patients received medical care, 2,559 people received dental care and 2,012 children received fluoride treatments.

Along with medical services provided by FMI to the children in the area, educational services are enhanced. FMI partners with churches and organizations to provide school

uniforms and school supplies for students without adequate resources. FMI also assists in donating food for school lunches, an important meal for many of the students who have little or no other meals during difficult economic times. FMI also provides for one full-time teacher at one of the schools. They are currently involved in construction of a new building which will house two classrooms with indoor bathrooms to accommodate growing enrollment (an outgrowth of FMI's involvement).

Fellow Man International's agriculture project has a goal to provide nourishment to the hungry in the area. The project's food production includes eggs, chicken and pork along with fruits and vegetables for family gardens. The project also has a trade store with staff that is responsible for pricing products people bring in to exchange for food produced by the project. In 2008, the project produced over 3,000 lbs of chicken, 1,600 lbs of pork and 5,000 lbs of vegetables!

Fellow Man International survives on the donations and support of United Methodist churches and other sponsors in the US. Their efforts are certainly in line with their mission of "sharing love and hope". Your purchase of Green Parrot Coffee assists FMI in their endeavor. Thank you for your support of this project, and remember you may buy the coffee on Sunday mornings between services or by contacting:

Jackie Douglass (jackied.coaz@gmail.com),  
Ruthmary Anderson (don101mary@msn.com ), or  
Nona Larson (enonal@msn.com ).

### Current UMCOR Emergencies

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

#### **Pakistan Crisis**

International Disaster Response  
UMCOR Advance #982450

#### **Zimbabwe Crisis**

Zimbabwe Emergency  
UMCOR Advance #199456

#### **Kenya Famine**

International Disaster Response, Kenya  
UMCOR Advance #982450

#### **Hurricanes**

Hurricanes 2009  
UMCOR Advance #3021002

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



# Healthy Living

It is my pleasure to introduce to you our new Faith Community Nurse, Monica Ortega-Watters. Below you will find her short bio. She will be officially starting on Oct. 1, 2009. I am so excited to be "passing the torch" to someone who has the same passion and caring about nursing and being God's servant in this capacity. I will be mentoring her in the next few months and getting her acquainted with other Faith Community Nurses and resources in the East Valley. I trust that all of you will give the same warm reception and caring support that you have given me for the past nine years.



God's blessings of health & wellness to you all,  
Susan

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Monica Ortega-Watters. My husband Scott and I, along with our 2 sons, Daniel and Brian, moved to Arizona from Waterloo, Iowa in 2002.

I have been an RN for 19 years. My work background includes pediatrics, school nursing, public health nursing, and, since moving to Arizona, I have been working at Banner Desert Medical Center as a manager on a 36 bed inpatient adult Oncology unit. Along with working full time, I am currently attending Grand Canyon University to complete my Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

My husband Scott retired from John Deere in Waterloo, Iowa and currently runs his own handyman business. Our oldest son Daniel graduated from ASU and is currently working in Chicago as a Club Pro at a private golf course. We just found out that he proposed to his girlfriend, Megan, and our family is looking forward to their wedding next August. Our youngest son Brian works in Phoenix in the computer business and will be returning to college. I must include our family cat, Rico, who is very social; he greets everyone at our front door.

I look forward to getting to know church members and visitors while providing assistance with healthy life choices, preventive health care information and support with acute or chronic illness. I feel very fortunate and blessed that I have this opportunity to share my knowledge of health care with this church's ministry.

Blessings,  
Monica



## BANNER BAYWOOD Medical Center

### A Helpful Guide to Your Emergency Room Visit

Emergency Room Patient Drop off is located on the East side of the Emergency Room Department. Parking for Main Hospital is on the West side.

**Emergency Department** phone number is  
**480-321-4200**

**Hospital's Main Number is**  
**480-321-2000**

Admitting- 480-321-4545

Gift Shop-Flower Orders 480-321-4610

If you need to go to the **Emergency Room** either by car or Ambulance, here are some things you need to bring with you. (If you are having symptoms of either a heart attack or stroke DO NOT Drive yourself or have someone else drive you --- CALL 911 and let the paramedics come as they have the equipment available STAT/ASAP if it is needed.) Timing is critical to a positive outcome.

#### What you Need to bring:

- \* Your past medical and surgical history (prepare this ahead of time to have ready for MD appts. as well (if you want help-call for assistance by your Faith Community Nurse)

- \*Your Current medication list: Name of drug, dosage and reason you take it

- \*Contact information for your family/primary care doctor/specialist-Phone numbers

- \* Legal or power of attorney paperwork (If you do not have this done yet contact your Faith Community Nurse for more info)

- \*Insurance cards

- \*Book or other materials (Ex: Crossword or Word find book) to occupy yourself between evaluations & while waiting for results

#### ATTENTION Seasonal FLU SHOT RECEIVERS:

Please go ahead and get your Flu Shots ASAP. If you are still in your home state go ahead and get them there NOW. Besides Walgreens \$24.99 and CVA, Your Gold Canyon Urgent Care can give you your REGULAR FLU SHOT. Their fees are \$20.00 if you do not use your Insurance for a Urgent Care visit which could then be \$40.00 or higher--Ph# 480-982-3691

#### See below--Appointments are preferred: MUST GET PRESCRIPTION FROM YOUR PRIMARY CARE/FAMILY PHYSICIAN

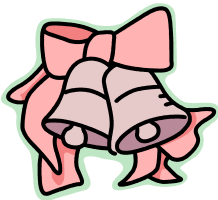
Walgreens in Gold Canyon	480-288-7208
Walgreens at Idaho /Apache Trail	480-288-1271
Walgreens at Meridian	480-986-1387

PER CDC People over the age of 65 will not need to worry about getting the SWINE FLU (H1N1) Vaccine...See November Newsletter for ways to build/support your Immune System.  
Susan Malloy RN BSN

# October Birthdays



Royce Brownfield	1	Bonnie Becker	9	Rosalie Eubanks	14	Barbara Eckhardt	23
Christopher Cascaden	2	Lillian Calihan	9	Roger Schiager	14	Eleanor Neumann	23
Linda Webber	2	Kevin Druding	9	Tyler Wolfskill	14	Sean Sheridan	23
Glenn Hulcher	3	Don Webber	9	Karen Carnahan	16	Paul Ryan	24
Thomas Pease	3	Jenelu Burgi	10	Gordon Lofgren	17	Rush Tucker	24
Les Whiteaker	3	John Ewing	10	Linda Lofgren	17	Barbara Boggs	25
Heidi Jacobson	4	Peter Johnson	10	Bob Carnahan	18	Jeromy Mogharbel	25
Dr. James Jones	4	Allison O'Brien	10	Lester Norton	18	Bill Myers	25
Jack Becker	5	Ross Hacker	11	Bobbi Aasheim	19	Dick Van Noy	25
Jason Crosswhite	5	Lizzi Steenbock	11	Judith Oakes	19	Kateland Williams	25
Jaclyn Douglass	5	Tracy Callahan	12	Max Schuerman	19	George Hutnak	26
Elizabeth Cowles	6	Juliette Decke	12	Paul Butler	20	Jane Campbell	27
Joan Gibbs	6	Craig Larson	12	Cheryl Liles	20	Janet Daniels	27
Al Rasmussen	6	Angie Wolfskill	12	Ted Ofstedahl	20	Maxine Kitson	27
Joanne Rogers	6	Rebecca Beason	13	Taylor Rath	20	RoseMarie Tallman	27
Caleb Schow	6	Linda Borders	13	Debbie Rowland	20	Erin Brinkman	28
Helena Van Englehoven	6	Lisa Cascaden	13	William Thomas	20	Jack Viviani	28
Charles Finley	7	Donna Graves	13	Michael Adams	21	Kekoa Fox	29
Pam Lux	7	Lloyd Hetherington	13	Juanita Elms	21	Leland Jensen	29
Ellen Palmer	7	Timmy Keenan	13	Joyce Fillion	21	Doris McKinney	29
Carol Wion	7	Fred Miller	13	Erik Olson	21	Doran Hays	30
Adelyne Douglass	8	Gene Miller	13	Jack Christie	22	Norman Eriksen	31
Jack Elms	8	Craig Saathoff	13	Dave Flitsch	22	Linda Newkirk	31
Betty Lou Hunter	8	Krista Durr	14	Sue Flitsch	22	Diane Sauerbrunn	31
Kay Batt	9						



# October Anniversaries

Adie & Gerry Muratore	3	Jo Ann & Richard Ervin	16
Lavoyce & Calder Nolan	5	Carol & Hap Howard	16
Sarah & James Swails	5	Sherrie & Ted Ofstedahl	18
Ruth & Robert Bennett	6	Mary Ann & Don Wing	21
Shirley & Lowell Matthews	8	Shirley & Clarence Hodges	24
Ellie & Pete Marzahl	10	Alice & Bill Myers	24
Georgia & Douglas Richardson	10	Marlene & Bill Edwards	25
Debbie & Phil Rowland	11	Beverly & Bob Hart	26
Ruth & Donald Dewinter	12	Jenna & Jerry Hunt	27
Donna & Mark Koppenhoefer	12	Angela & Francisco DeLeon	28
Victoria & Thomas Mullins	12	Jaci & John Allensworth	29
Carolyn & Jim Burt	15	Renee & LeRoy Storley	29
Donna & Roy Fuerherm	15	Patty & Gordon Truckle	29
Muriel & Bert Mercer	15		





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**GCUMC Staff**

Senior Pastor	Fred A. Steinberg
Minister of Pastoral Care	Hu Rhymes
Associate Pastor	Bob Deits
Director of Education	Ellis Falk
Director of Music Ministries	Douglas J. Benton
Associate Director of Music	David Ballard
Director of Youth Ministries	Heather Rodenberg
Pianists	Carol Ballard, Linda Jones, Marty Robison
Office Manager	Nancy Virden
Administrative Associate	Suzanne B. Jacobson
Volunteer Coordinator	Margaret Ball
Parish Nurse	Jane Hayes
Nursery Care Giver	Vacant
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**  
**Music will be led by *The Housers***  
***See Inside for information on a special event on the last Sunday in October!!***

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

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

- ✚ 8:00 AM ~ Adult Sunday School  
Meets in Room 101/102
- ✚ 9:30 AM ~ Children's Sunday School  
Pick Up in Room 101/102
- ✚ 9:30 AM ~ Youth Sunday School
- ✚ 10:45 AM ~ Adult Sunday School  
Meets in Room 106
- ✚ 10:50 AM ~ Children's Sunday School  
Pick up in Classrooms

Monthly Newsletter Deadline: 10th of the Month  
 Weekly Bulletin Insert Deadline: **Noon** on Wednesday  
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 Please note that flowers are \$30.00