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From The Pastor: "Loopholes"



The story is told that W.C. Fields was once observed on a movie set reading a Bible. Surprised to be caught in the act, he covered his embarrassment by saying, "I'm looking for loopholes." I am unsure if this story actually happened but it certainly has a ring of truth to it. Why do we read the Bible? Or perhaps the question should be, Do you read the Bible?



Several major spiritual growth surveys have determined that new Christians need different methods to help their spiritual growth than do long time Christians who are mature in their faith.

If you would like more information on one such survey check out these books: Reveal: Where Are You? or Follow Me: What's Next For You? by Greg Hawkins & Cally Parkinson.

The surveys have also shown that there is one method that helps new Christians and mature Christians grow spiritually. Reading and studying the Bible was shown through strong results to help every Christian become stronger in their faith. If you feel frozen in your faith then maybe a good first step is to create a plan of study through the Bible. We would certainly like to be of support in this endeavor.

During the next couple of weeks we will be launching several new Disciple Bible Study classes. I would highly recommend Disciple I because in the 34 weeks you read 80% of the Bible and more importantly you understand it. After you take Disciple I, you could take other Disciple classes which go into greater detail in selected books of the Bible.

The fall is a great time of year to make a strong commitment to grow spiritually. Signup sheets for Disciple Classes are on the bulletin boards in both buildings. You can also directly contact the facilitators for more information. For your convenience I am listing below our current offering of Disciple Classes which are starting now.

Disciple I: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

Facilitated by Duane Vorseth, 480-983-2110

Date will be determined by registrants

Disciple II: Into the Word Into the World

Facilitated by Shirley & Tom Feather, 480-374-4478

Starts Sunday, Oct. 3

Disciple IV: Under the Tree of Life

Facilitated by Hu & Wendy Rhymes 602-882-8212 & Don & Marge Tonole

Date will be determined by registrants

This class generally meets Sunday afternoons

Grace and peace,

Please welcome the following new members who joined the church on August 29:

- Alice Plale
- Eldon & Flo Junkermeier
- Richard & Julie Krull
- Don & Mary Marin
- William & Trudy Ramer



ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE!

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



Single's Retreat

The 30th United Methodist Single's Retreat "Touched by Grace" will be held October 8-10, 2010 at Camp Mingus. Reverend Tom Wick is the guest speaker and will lead workshops on God's grace. On Saturday there will be a celebration of the 30th anniversary for the conference's singles retreat and Max McQueen's 30th year as retreat dean. Cost is \$111 per person. The final deadline is October 5, 2010.

For more information and registration call CrossRoads UMC at 602-944-1524 or Max McQueen at 602-258-1207.

Who are you?

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



Please continue to recharge and use your Basha's Community Support Cards and Fry's Gift Cards while shopping at these grocery chains. It doesn't cost you anything extra to use them and it benefits the church bus fund. Stop by the Information Desk or go to the office during the week if you need a card.

Come Join the Fun!

Our Desert Southwest Conference is sponsoring a "2010 Dad & Me Retreat" on October 15-17. Mingus Mountain Camp will be hosting its second annual Dad -n-Me camp. This camp will be a time and space set apart for kids to do positive, outdoor activities with their fathers. Cost for Dad plus one child is \$125, Dad plus 2 children is \$150. Register by calling the Desert Southwest Annual Conference Camping Office at 800-229-8622, Ext. 215. Brochures available at the Information Desk in the Narthex.

IT IS TIME TO TELL BASHA'S THAT YOU WOULD LIKE OUR CHURCH NUMBER ATTACHED TO YOUR THANK YOU CARD. NEXT TIME YOU GO IN PLEASE GIVE THEM THIS NUMBER: 23886

DONATIONS AND ATTENDANCE

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

August	2008		2009		2010		2009	2010
	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Worship All	Worship All
1st	\$30326	\$13046	\$13306	\$5987	\$13267	\$7472	463	440
2nd	9008	5922	11260	14521	9134	12588	467	409
3rd	7697	6384	8395	4080	10082	2886	467	409
4th	8006	4450	12108	4073	7741	2779	497	452
5th	7693	4347	6784	2398	8763	2773	593	534
Total	\$62730	\$34148	\$51853	\$31059	\$48987	\$28498	2487	2244



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."

Great "BIG" News comes to you from the 10:50 am Sunday School Class. Joan and Andy Siersma are the new leaders of the class and "BIG" things are taking place. They are inviting all children to come join the class for upbeat contemporary children's Christian music as well as lesson plans involving activities and crafts that teach Christian values. Something New... Something BIG ...and Something exciting will be yours at the 10:50 am class. All children are welcome... Bring a friend.. See you there.

DISCIPLE

The Disciple Study Program: This ongoing spiritual enrichment program will be offered again this fall and throughout the year. It is not too early to start thinking about taking one of the offered classes. These classes are designed to increase your knowledge and understanding of the Bible through reading, study and discussion. The classes this year are:

- + Disciple One: "Becoming Disciples through Bible Study";
- + Disciple Two: "Into the Word and Into the World"
- + Disciple Three: "Remember Who You Are"
- + Disciple Four: "Under the Tree of Life".

The dates and times for the classes will be arranged through the facilitators and students registered in each class. Right now all classes are TBA. Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex of both buildings.

Adult Education Classes: If you are interested in a specific class or area of study this year please let Thomas Feather, Suzanne Jacobson or me know and every attempt will be made to accommodate your request. We are expecting a large variety of classes to be offered this year and hope that one or more will be a growth experience for you on your spiritual journey.

Sunday School Teachers are needed as full time or regular teachers and of course substitutes. We are also looking for child care persons who will help in the Sunday nursery and at other times throughout the year. If you are interested and can help in any way please get in touch with the church office. Thanks for your interest .

The Book Mission: This mission, under the guidance of Chris Houser, has become a treasured spot for the children as they come to the Food Bank with their parents. The children now know where the books are kept and are eager to go to the spot and trade or get new books. If you have any children's books at your home we would be happy to have you bring them to the church for this mission distribution project. This can be a very rewarding donation. In addition, should you have any easy reading books for adults, these can also be donated to the project. We are amazed by the number of adults who have great difficulty with reading skills. You may drop the books off at the church office or in the boxes provided in the Narthex of each building.

Sidewalk Ministries: A new year of Sidewalk Ministries at Desert Chapel in Apache Junction is fast approaching. We are very thankful that Desert Chapel is sharing their campus with our church for this Sidewalk Ministry. We are anticipating the program will start Oct 16th and will be held every Saturday, 10:00 am until noon through the month of April, 2011. The children we minister to are from a variety of religious and economic backgrounds. Some have church backgrounds but many do not. This becomes a wonderful opportunity to tell the stories of the Bible and share the gospel with them. This past year Bibles were donated by the Adult Sunday School class at Gold Canyon and each family or children within the family were given a Bible.

Each week the program needs 18-25 adult helpers to make this a stable and meaningful project. If you are interested in local mission work with children, this is your opportunity. We need helpers in all areas from bus drivers and truck drivers to food servers, craft persons and of course singers and story tellers. If you are interested in providing a cash donation or food for the lite meal on Saturday please contact Sandra Caldwell. The program leader is June Welker and she would be more than happy to spend time talking with you about this great ministry. Talk with June or Sandra at the Sidewalk Ministry table after the morning service on any Sunday





Gold Canyon UMC Youth



Wendy Moore, Youth Director

Our Superstar of the Month is **Christian Ordiway!**



Christian is 17 years old and a junior at Apache Junction High School. He serves in our church whenever he is asked. Christian has been an active member of the GCUMC Youth Group for several years, and has completed four mission trips in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, Grand Junction, CO, Artesia, NM and Mescalero, NM. He enjoys playing basketball and hanging out with his friends.

Congratulations Christian!!!!

Upcoming Events:

- 10/3 No Youth Group (Wendy will be at the National Youth Worker's Convention)
- 10/10 Game Night – 6:30 to 8:30 pm

News:

A great time was had by all at our Annual Summer's End Pool Party. We had 35 kids and 10 adults join in the fun of Human Chess (organized by Sean Sheridan and won by Sir Caleb Shroyer), Ping Pong, Swimming, a Pie eating contest, and grilled burgers. See the photos on our facebook page...

Yes, we now have our own facebook site! --Gold Canyon UMC Youth-- Please tell your friends. Feel free to post discussions and your photos from our events.

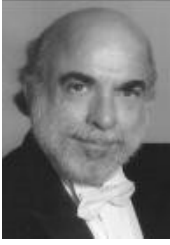
Our 2011 Mission Trip will be to Navajo Mountain, Utah on July 10-16. Mark your calendars!

Other: Send Wendy your favorite cookie recipes (e-mail jeymoore@gmail.com).

Quote of the month:

“God loves you, whether you like it or not.”

Anonymous



Music Notes



I had one of the best vacations I have ever had! It was great to experience first hand, up close and personal, many of the places I had only visited via pictures. Enroute to Rochester, MN to visit my daughter Regina and son-in-law Mark, I went through central Colorado, up through Leadville, the highest altitude (10,200 ft) of any incorporated town in the country, through IA, visiting friends in Des Moines then on to Pella, IA. This is a Dutch town with the biggest, functioning windmill in the USA, brought over from the Netherlands. Amazing to see how this works! Yes, it grinds flour everyday! They also have a Klokkenspel (clock) with 147 bells which ring to animated scenes. Fascinating – especially for a “bell” person!

Then I spent several days with Regina and Mark, visited *First Presbyterian Church*, which has a beautiful Casavant pipe organ played by a very good friend of mine, **Lee Af-dahl**. We also visited a rehearsal of the **Twin Cities Bronze**, a very fine community handbell choir that I arranged the Prelude for from Grieg’s *Holberg Suite*. I got to play the Mayo Clinic Bösendorfer piano which my daughter videoed for Martha, since she couldn’t come with me. I played *MacArthur Park*, which is Martha’s favorite piece. Anyone interested in seeing if I can play piano, or play something besides Bach, can see it on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=AUvsNRC4Zy8 or search: *Benton Mayo* and it will come up.

On the way home, I went through the Badlands of SD, the obligatory Wall Drug (great donuts!!!) then to the Black Hills, visiting Mt. Rushmore, which really must be seen live to appreciate! Then on to experience Close Encounters of the Third Kind – Devil’s Tower. It really does look like a weird sculpting of mashed potatoes! I visited **Bill and Carol Lineback** in Casper, WY, had a great dinner, then came home by way of the Navajo Nation via Hwy 191 to I-40 to Holbrook, down to Lakeside, then home. Great trip!!!

I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who so graciously volunteered to provide Special Music for us in August: **Catherine Sullivan & Verna Hamilton**, the **Men’s Chorus** directed by **John Nuss**; **Gary Ackerson**; the Terrific Trio of **Inge Fitzpatrick**, **Donna Gale** and **Donna Graves**; **John & Kathy Nuss** (singing and horn); **Kathy Nuss** with **Catherine Sullivan**; **Alice Plale**, and, on the first Sunday of September, **Bay West**. Thank you to all of you for sharing your talents with us! Of course, thanks also to **Linda Jones**, who not only played piano but substituted on the organ while I was gone, and **Nancy Virden**

who plays piano for us so incredibly well. I understand they played a pretty cool Piano/Organ duet!

Jenni Burgi came up with a great idea which I want to challenge other groups in the church to consider. Her idea is to have the Chancel Choir bring food for the GCUMC Food Bank once per month – we decided the third Sunday of the month. There is a list of needs in the Sunday bulletin. While the Food Bank always needs food, this time of year is critical! I hope other groups in the church will consider doing this as well as the Chancel Choir. Thanks, Jenni!

Elsewhere in this issue is a complete listing of the events and performances here in our church for 2010-2011. Please post it on your refrigerator, calendar, desk, whatever. I think you will find that this year there are a lot of wonderful opportunities to indulge yourself in great music and great experiences.

I thank God everyday that He has put me here at this time and this place with this congregation. I’m not sure that it is possible to get better than this! What an incredibly fun, exciting, spiritually fulfilling place this is!

Blessings to all!

Doug

Douglas J. Benton
Director of Music Ministries

Hey Parents! Do your kids like to make a joyful noise? Uncommon Grace is inviting all children to come and join the band with musical instruments (provided) on Sunday, October 10th at 10:50 am. Please come and join us!

Calling All Guitarists! Do you play acoustic guitar? Please call David Ballard at 480-288-9681.



10:50 am Praise Service: Uncommon Grace will be providing a “softer” sound on Sunday, October 31st. The members of Uncommon Grace, along with some special guests, will be getting out their acoustic guitars and providing the music. Please come and hear this unique sound as we praise and worship the Lord.

WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY



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

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

FROM THE SADIE RHYMES MEMORIAL CORNER

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



Please keep Lovena/Harry Warren & "Maggie" & Joy/Ted Fite & "Nellie" & Jeanette Lunstead, her daughter's family & "Mo" in your prayers. Maggie, Nellie & Mo have been very sick dogs. Also keep Heidi Jacobson/Suzanne & family, upon the loss of Heidi's cat, "Starbucks"; Laura/Darrell Dinges upon the loss of their dog, "Jake"; Dan & Kris Laux & girls, upon the loss of their dog, "Babes". All of these pets are family members. Thank you Dan & Kris for your contribution to the Sadie Fund for pet food as a "Memorial to Babes". Bless you greatly.

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

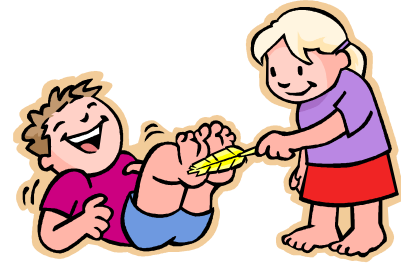
Sympathies: The family of Barbara Boggs, upon her death; The family of Alex Bondarook, upon his death; The Cutlip family, upon the death of their son; Bonnie/Arne Eisentraut & the family of Jerry Cernik, upon his death; Rich Haraldson, upon the death of his wife, Sheila; Ro, Di & Wayne Heinauer, upon the death of Dick, Ro's husband & Wayne's father; Darrell Keast, upon the death of his mother-in-law, Maxine Norris (Anna Mae's mother); Carol Lindemann, upon the death of her husband, Bill; Muriel Mercer, upon the death of her husband, Bert; The family of Pam Olsson, upon her death; Nancy Schottler, upon the death of her brother; Rev. David & wife Kim Summers, upon the death of their daughter, Danielle Pritchard; Derrick Thomas, upon the death of 4 of his friends in an auto accident and the families of these friends; Jerry & Ruth Ann Thacker, upon the death of their great-nephew, Justin and the families & friends of the above.

Concerns and/or Continued Prayers: John Adamson, Rev. Rosemary Anderson, Nancy Binting, Bob Blair, Verlene Blake, Harlan Brown, Toby Clement, Cris Criswell, Carol Conklin (Jeanette Lunstead's friend), Faye Conteras, Robin Corey (Joy Fite's daughter), Rev. Bob Deits, Jordyn DeLaTorre, Darrell Dinges, Jim Dinkel, Jean Eister, Dale Fitzpatrick, Jim

& Kyle Haggatt (Jim & Carolyn Burt's son-in-law/grandson), Louise Hawman (Carol Ballard's mother), Rosemarie Heatherly, Rebecca Hethcox, Audrey Holger, Kara Holt, Radine Jordan (Grace Wrobel's daughter), Nadine Lambert, Tom Laird, Pat Lantrip, Bob Mahlandt, Chuck McKim, Glen & Helen Miller, Marilyn Morgan, Bob Parke, Dr. John Phillips, Alice Povec, Betty Prather, Paul Rhymes (Hu Rhymes' brother), Dick Richards, Paul Roberts, Doug Shilo, Chuck & Marcia Slafter, Jack Smith, Catherine Sullivan, Dean Taylor, Derrick Thomas, Gene Thomas, Michael Vitalich, Bonnie Wilson, Dave & Mary Wilson, Jen Wilson and PRAYERS for the families (CAREGIVERS) of the above. PRAYERS for requests in the "CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER" boxes & UNSPOKEN REQUESTS. Also, those FOOD BANK CLIENTS who have requested prayer. PRAYERS for our MILITARY personnel and their families & those who are in NEED OF EMPLOYMENT.

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

Jim & Carolyn Burt, Bob Carpenter, Bob Carter & family, Eleanor Chesney, Bill & Joyce Curtis, Kitty Davis, Rev. Bob & June Deits, Chuck Dickinson, Darrell & Laura Dinges, Marietta Doan, Rhonda Dropik (Jim & Marcia Ritenour's daughter), Joyce & Paul Fillion, Elaine Finck, Ted & Joy Fite (Ted is HOME after more than 1 & ½ years in & out of hospitals, rehabs & nursing homes-YEA, Ted!), Jerri French, Danna & Andy Gharavi, Ardeena Gillette, Bill & Louise Green, Ross & Arline Hacker, Viola Hammond (Don Hammond's Mom), Rich Haraldson, Rita Hawkins, Beth Hayes (Jeff Hayes' mother), Ro Heinauer (Diane Heinauer's mother-in-law), Judy Hjartarson, Wade & Cindy Hoff, Neil & Melva Houtcooper, Ginny & Joe Johnson, Ben Hodges (in Afghanistan), Noel Jones (Linda & Morgan Jones' grandson), Gladys Kay (Jane Hayes' Mom), Mel & Mary Kilbo, Steve & Peggy Kinder, Paul & Polly Knowlton, Roxie & Gene Kruschek, Jane Lambert, Cheryl Lang, Thelma Lang (Pete 'n Kay Johnson's mother), Carol Lindemann, Bob & Juana Mahlandt, Shirley Matzke, Bryan McCann (Jeanette Lunstead's son), Larry & Pat McMann, Wilbur McMann, David Christopher Mitchell (Afghanistan), Hedy Moore (Jed Moore's Mom), Jerry & Addie Muratore, Chris Nuss (John & Kathy Nuss's son in AZ), Monica Nuss (John & Kathy Nuss' daughter-in-law in TX), Dr. Brett Purcell (in Iraq), Eileen Petticrew (Keith Petticrew's mother), Pete & Shirley Plakos, Lois Poteet (Barb Oldham's sister), Betty Preston, Calvin Quinn, Scott Rehak, Lynn Revis, Marvin Richter, Virgil & Rose Scantlin, Thomas Self (Marilyn Pearson's brother-in-law), Connie & Dave Snyder, Rick & Sue Sutter, Bobbie Talbot, Helen Thacker, (Jerry Thacker's mother), Ken & Lorraine Tippie (Jerry & Peggy Tippie's son & daughter-in-law), Lillian Thomas (Bill & Mary Thomas' mother), Gordon & Patty Truckle, Marvin & Wanda Tufte, Jim & Charlene Van Slooten & Floy Kilbourn-their daughter, Ray and Nancy Villeneuve, Jack & Nancy Virden, Rita & Michael Vitalich, Les & Mary Gay Wenger (Diane Heinauer's parents), Dorothy Wolter, Dot Zelezic, Helen Zimmerman & son, Dane and the families of the above.



“LAUGH A LITTLE” with Hu

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

MELLOW

The church baritone soloist was delighted when one of the members spoke to him after the service and said, “You have a very mellow voice”. When he got home, he went directly to his dictionary and discovered the meaning of “mellow.” He read, “Mellow: overripe and almost rotten.”

NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

High soprano Karen Phillips once sang in the choir, but for several services she was in the congregation and not in the choir loft. When asked why she no longer sang, she explained, “One Sunday when I was home sick with a cold, several folks asked if the organ had been repaired”.

A Service of Remembrance

Sponsored by
United Methodist Women
And
Stephen Ministry

A meaningful and reverent Service of Remembrance, as special as the one you wish to remember, will be held Wednesday, November 17th at 7:00 pm in the Koinonia Room. Reverend Fred Steinberg will officiate the memorial service. Whether you have lost someone recently, or if you still bear the pain of loss from years past, the purpose of this service is to draw us all into hope for the future. You do not have to be a church member to participate in this service. So, if you know someone going through a difficult time due to loss, please invite them to attend. To honor the memory of your loved one, their names will be read aloud, and family and friends will be invited to light a candle of remembrance. This will be a time of reflection, a time of prayer, and a time to find comfort. If you wish to have the name of your loved one read, please call and give that information to the church office 480-982-3776.

DESIGNATED GIFTS FROM MEMORIAL/FUNERAL SERVICES



BERT MERCER ~ Hospice of the Sunrise Shore, 109
N Second Ave, Alpena, MI 49707

BILL LINDEMANN ~ Gold Canyon Arts Council
c/o Rose Canyon Storage, 6405 S Kings Ranch Road,
Gold Canyon, AZ 85118

Healthy Living

By Monica Ortega-Watters, RN, BSN

Everything is turning pink

Celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month October 1 – 31. Breast cancer is the most prevalent form of cancer in women. Over 200,000 new cases are diagnosed every year and over 40,000 women die from breast cancer-related complications. An estimated 207,090 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to occur among women in the U.S. during 2010. About 1,970 new cases of breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in men in the U.S. in 2010. Breast cancer is second only to lung cancer in cancer deaths among women in the U.S.

Are you at risk?

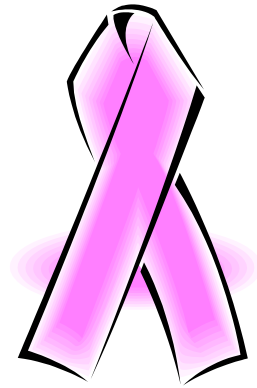
Breast cancer occurs nearly 100 times more often in women than in men.
A majority of cases occur after age 50.
Having a close relative, such as a mother or sister with breast cancer, increases your risk.
Menstrual periods that begin early in life.
Menopause that begins later in life.

Lifestyle-related risk factors:

Smoking
Not having children, or having your first child after age 30
Use of oral contraceptives
Obesity and a high-fat diet
Physical inactivity
Alcohol use

Environmental risk factors:

Exposure to pesticides or other chemicals is currently being examined as a possible risk factor



Prevention: Early detection is the key to surviving breast cancer.

At age 20: Perform breast self-exams and look for any signs of change.
Age 20 to 39: Schedule a clinical breast exam every three years.
Age 40: Have a baseline mammogram and annual clinical breast exams.
Age 40 to 49: Have a mammogram every one to two years.
Ages 50 and older: Have a mammogram every year.

Future

According to recent reports issued by the National Cancer Institute, the rate of breast cancer-related death has steadily declined over the last decade and a half. Experts believe that breast cancer-related deaths will continue to decline and life expectancy of breast cancer patients will climb as awareness of the disease is heightened and treatment methods improve and are made more easily accessible.

Blessings,
Monica



International Missions

"The world is my parish." – John Wesley

As the summer wanes and we sense the approaching cooler climes of fall, members and frequent guests of GCUMC begin to trickle back to Arizona. In recognition of the return of friends from around the country, we will begin selling fair trade coffee, tea and cocoa between worship services on Sundays.

The proceeds of our coffee, tea and cocoa sales help sustain our contributions to the international projects we have chosen to support in Chile, China and Thailand. Please look for members of the International Missions Team on Sundays starting in October.

We have identified missions to support in the countries listed above; however, in the face of disasters around the world, along with ongoing crises in many countries, we encourage you to check the UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) website, www.umcor.com, for other ways in which you can support the aid efforts of the United Methodist Church.

A recent update from UMCOR describes their current status in three areas:

Pakistan: New Woes as Floodwaters Recede

As floodwaters recede in Pakistan, challenges presented by disease, economic loss, and the return to devastated homes, farms, and livelihoods emerge on an unprecedented scale. United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon refers to the still unfolding emergency in Pakistan as a "slow-motion tsunami".

While aid trickles in, observers say that "the worst is yet to come." The Pakistani government expects that 30 percent of all agricultural land will be affected by the disaster, economic damages will reach \$43 billion, and the crisis will spur massive unemployment and double-digit inflation up to 20 percent.

More than half a million cases of acute diarrhea have been reported, and the potential for illness and disease to continue to spread remains great in the flood's aftermath.

In Pakistan, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is supporting the relief efforts of partners Church World Service, GlobalMedic, Muslim Aid, and, through the ACT Alliance, Norwegian Church Aid and the Church of Pakistan.

Your help is urgently needed. Give to **International Disaster Response, UMCOR Advance #982450**, and earmark your check for Pakistan Emergency.

Relief Supplies: Cleaning Buckets Needed

Spring and summer storms in the US South and Midwest have nearly depleted the UMCOR Relief Supply Network of cleaning buckets. The buckets contain items such as bleach, disinfectant soap, and latex gloves that help those affected by floods or hurricanes tackle the overwhelming task of cleanup.

The UMCOR Relief Supply Network includes depots in six locations: Eastbrook Mission Barn, New Castle, PA; MERCI, Goldsboro, NC; Mission Response Center, Terrell, NC; UMCOR Sager Brown, Baldwin, LA; UMCOR West, Salt Lake City, UT; and Midwest Mission Distribution Center, Chatham, IL.

Cleaning buckets and other relief supplies may be shipped to any depot in the UMCOR Relief Supply Network. To support UMCOR's relief supply ministry, please give to **Material Resources, UMCOR Advance #901440**.

Haiti: UMCOR to Oversee School Construction

UMCOR staff, Rev. Gesner Paul of Église Méthodiste d'Haiti (EMH, Methodist Church of Haiti), and delegates from the Methodist Church in Ireland visited last week the site at Corail, Haiti, where nine UMCOR-supported transitional school buildings will be built in time for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

UMCOR has proactively partnered with the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) to directly implement this component of the project by designing and constructing the schools at Corail, while UMCOR will monitor over-all project implementation.


EMH's Rev. Paul blessed the site with a prayer for the future schools, the labor of those involved in the construction, and the success of UMCOR in its work in Haiti. To support UMCOR's relief and recovery work in Haiti, please give to **Haiti Emergency, UMCOR Advance #418325**.

There are so many ways to support people and projects, both in the United States and around the world. At times the problems may seem overwhelming; during these times, remember the power in simply saying a prayer for those who are hungry, displaced, sick or in poverty because of natural and human-made disasters, and for the workers who minister to them.

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



W.O.W. Corner

The second annual *Fall*  *ween* event will take place on October 24th from 3:00 – 7:00 pm throughout the church campus. The activities and events from last year will be repeated with some fun and festive additions. There will be a



stage with continuous performances, an opportunity to have your picture taken for free,



costume judging and games for all ages along with great food



served by the youth of the church. So please mark your calendars for this date and come join in the fun. Please contact Ron Walker if you'd like to help or have any questions.

We are also planning for the Christmas season. The *W.O.W.* Team will greet you at services on Christmas Eve in Dickens period costume, there will be a live nativity and other attractions to help us all remember the *real* meaning of Christmas. Although *W.O.W.* and the youth will join forces for this event, we will still need your help with these activities as well as for golf cart assistance in the parking lot.

As always, we need volunteers to help us carry out your ideas. Individual participation in these activities is both fun and rewarding. Come join us and have a lot of fun!




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.

U Can & B.E.A.R.S. Outreach Mission Project

Would you like to help bring joy and comfort to an individual confined at Merrill Gardens? Well, for \$6.00 you can! The **U Can & B.E.A.R.S.** clubs are purchasing "comfy critters"  for those residing at Merrill Gardens. It has been demonstrated that lower blood pressure and less depression are evident when a confined individual has a cuddly stuffed animal to hold and caress. Please make your checks payable to the church and note "comfy critters" or the club name and they'll take it from there. What a great opportunity for the children of our church to reach out to those who may be without much family or many friends visiting on a regular basis. Thank you for supporting this outreach mission!

Women Veterans

Our Gold Canyon community magazine, *The Ledger*, is soliciting stories of women who participated in war efforts both directly with the military and on the home front. If there are any Riveting Rosies or WASPs out there, they want to hear from you! Stories and photos should be submitted to editor@goldcanyonledger.com prior to October 10th for inclusion in the special veterans issue in November, 2010. (If you need help with computer use to submit your story or photo, contact the church office.)

THE PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting is Monday, October 25th at 2:00 pm at Diana Linton's home, 4366 S. Avenida De Angeles 480-229-0706. We are reading *Half Broke Horses*, by the author of *The Glass Castle*, Jeannette Walls. This time, she brings us the story of her grandmother, who along with her husband ran a large ranch in Arizona. Pick up the book today. It's a short read ~ and then join us for light refreshments and the review.



The Grief Support Group meets as needed. Please contact Laurie Christy at 480-671-5768 or by email at Lchristy20@yahoo.com, to schedule a meeting.

Cancer Support Group

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



IS FOOD A PROBLEM FOR YOU?

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

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

Junior and Cadet Girl Scouts

Girls grades 4-7 are welcome to join in the scouting program. They will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month in the Education Building.



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 Alzheimers and other dementia disease patients. Come join us. Contact Jeanette Lunstead at 480-671-9888 or the church office for more information.



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PAIN

Make the pain go away! You are soon over the pain from a hammer blow to the thumb, missing the nail head. But maybe you fall and break a rib or ribs. Maybe your knees are riddled with arthritis. Maybe you need, and cannot afford, a knee or hip replacement. The pain resulting from each of these wrinkles, or other trauma, can be overwhelming, is not easily relieved, or **may not go away!**

Talking with a Stephen Minister about your pain will give you a measure of control over it. You do not need to, and should not, suffer pain in silence. Talking will help bear the pain. At the very least you will know you are not alone and isolated in uncommon discomfort. Remember the curing God connection. If you suffer from any degree of chronic pain, seek or call the office for a referral. Talking to a Stephen Minister will help

No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing He will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

When people are in pain, it's especially important to surround them with healing love.

David A. Paap

SISTER SEMINARIANS

It is unusual for our church to have two candidates for ordination at the same time. Since you may be interested in the progress of Suzanne Jacobson and Heather Rodenborg, we will be hearing about their experiences monthly as they each work toward their Master's Degrees in Divinity.



Well hello GCUMC family!! First, I greatly miss you all and send love and hugs. Now I bet you are all wondering about my first few weeks. It has been an experience to say the least. Following is a list of 10 of my top experiences:

1. Tornado. Yes, that is correct. On September 8th, we had 6, yes 6, tornadoes go through the Dallas area. I would just like to say that no one warned me ahead of time about tornadoes in Texas. One touched down about a block from campus housing. Thankfully everyone is ok but there was damage around us.
2. Tropical storms. There is nothing tropical about them. I was never warned of these showing up either.
3. Arizona does have a dry heat! I have walked outside the last 2 days and my glasses have fogged up. Crazy!
4. Mexican food is called "Tex-mex".
5. People in Dallas are very nice and will talk with you for a long time. I met a random person at Starbucks today and we talked for about 30 minutes. If you are stopped on the road, people will pull over to make sure you're ok. (Even when you have Arizona plates.)
6. I learned the meaning of the word "Anthropomorphic". Try saying that three times in a row.
7. If you tell one person you're a Minnesota Vikings fan, the whole town knows about it and it's the first thing that they will bring up in conversation. They have been very sympathetic towards me and have tried to convert me. I told them I will stand my ground and forever bleed purple and gold. Purple pride!
8. God is the most important thing in people's lives and football is number 2..
9. The saying is very much true "Wherever two or more Methodists gather, there will be a potluck". Every gathering I have attended with Methodists has involved food.
10. God works in amazing ways in our lives. My first week here I was very homesick and missed you all a lot. I walked to the post office to get my mail and received a package with cards in it from our youth. That package and those cards brought me much joy and love. I also received a letter from a church member who has made it her mission to write to me each week. Those small envelopes have brought me so much joy.

This is just a small list of all the things that I have experienced. I truly can say that I am learning a lot. I do miss you a lot and think about you all the time. Until next month, may the peace and love of Christ be with you all.

Love,
Heather Rodenborg

Having just completed my third weekly trip to Claremont for classes, I can tell you honestly that it's not easy. It's a long drive to make alone. Still, I have to tell you – I don't regret it for a moment! I have three classes, all on Tuesday. This semester, I am taking courses in "Paul & Pauline Theology," "Systematic Theology" (this is basically a study of all the different ways Christianity has been viewed historically so that we may discover exactly how we think about God), and "Teaching Contemplative Practices."

That last one is all about teaching ways to pray and to contemplate one's relationship with God and to discern where God may be leading them in their lives and in their relationships. God calls us all, you see. Call isn't something restricted to those who are drawn to the ordained ministry; God calls us ALL to become everything God intends for us to be, and the closer we come to fulfilling God's desire for us, the closer we are to God. Contemplative practices, such as prayer, meditation, journaling, labyrinth walking and many others may be done alone or in a group setting. Those who are called to help others enter into this conscious conversation with God are often called Spiritual Directors or Spiritual Formation leaders. They are also Pastors, Education Directors, small group leaders, and sometimes simply friends who gather together to make a conscious effort to consider the state of their souls and help one another to grow in Christ. John Wesley emulated the New Testament writers when he called this growth "Sanctification." Paul wrote to the Corinthians that "He (God) is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption." (1 Cor 1:30). Spiritual Formation is dear to my heart. No matter where I end up, whether it be as an ordained Elder, a Deacon, a preacher or a teacher or even some vocation I have not yet discovered, I am certain I will be working with others in the area of their own spiritual development.

In the meantime, I try to balance my life as your Church Office Manager, as a mother, and as a student by including some form of contemplative practice. When I am on the Claremont Campus, I often take a few moments to sit quietly with God in one of my favorite places – the Biblical Garden. I sometimes quietly walk the labyrinth. Sometimes, I just sit by the fountain, listening to the water and feeling the Presence of God. God is always accessible through the Spirit. Sometimes, though, I find it necessary to sit down, shut up, and listen.

Momentary prayer

Breathed in the Presence of God

Releases the heart

Senryu © 16 September 2010 by Suzanne Jacobson

Gold Canyon United Methodist Church Performing Arts Series 2010-2011

Sunday, November 7, 2010, 3:00 pm: *Celebration of Veterans* An annual event to thank those who are serving or have served our country, and to remember all those who have died in service for our country.

Saturday, December 11, 2010, 3:00 pm & 6:30 pm: *9th Annual Christmas Concert* featuring the Chancel Choir, Chancel Ringers, Agape Brass, Harp, Organ, Piano, and Timpani. Come early!!! Doors open at 2:00 and 5:30 pm respectively. These are our most popular events.

Friday, January 21, 2011, 7:30 pm: *George Dyer* This is a return engagement after his very popular concert last year! He is the incredible tenor from Branson, MO who packed the Sanctuary last year.

Sunday, January 30, 2011, 3:00 pm: *The Legacy Quartet* This is their fifth year to sing for us. They are one of the finest Southern Gospel Men's Quartets in the country! Again, come early for this one!

Sunday, February 13, 2011, 3:00 pm: *Isabelle Demers, Organist* She is an organist who I have mentioned before and is one of the youngest organists to be invited to perform for a National Convention of the American Guild of Organists She performed her two concerts from memory, and performed all the examples of her workshop, which I took, from memory! Do not miss this one! You will be very sorry if you do! She is truly exceptional!

Sunday, February 20, 2011, 3:00 pm: *Thomas Pandolfi, Pianist* will play our 9'3" Petrof *Mistral* Concert Grand Piano. The program will include music of Liszt (1811), Chopin (1810) and Schumann (1810), celebrating the 200th anniversary of their births.

Sunday, February 27, 2011, 5:00 pm: *The Houser Gang* featuring the very popular Houser family and friends in a concert of great Country/Western music. Come early for this popular program!

Friday, March 4, 2011, 7:30 pm: *13th Annual Spring Concert* featuring the Chancel Choir, Chancel Ringers, Agape Brass, and Timpani. Also at this concert, we will perform the very moving *Requiem* by *Gabriel Fauré* with the Chancel Choir, Harp, Timpani and guest Organist, *Mark Ramsey*. This is another one you don't want to miss!

Sunday, March 20, 2011, 3:00 pm: *Keyboard Excursions* Back by popular demand, this is the concert that includes the incredible playing of *Joel Raney*, Piano, and *Jane Holstein*, Organ. Joel has written most of the organ/piano works that you have heard Doug and Linda, or Linda and Nancy play, sometimes with handbells and choir. Come early!

Sunday, April 3, 2011, 5:00 pm: *One In the Spirit* – the group that leads music for our Country/Western Service on Sundays at 5:00 pm. This performance will be held in the Koinonia Room.

Sunday, May 1, 2011, 3:00 pm: *Shirley Coad – 50 Years of Playing the Cello!* a celebration of our fabulous Cellist, Shirley Coad, with lots of friends. Come join the party!

These concerts are open to the public at no charge, as we want everyone to be able to come without the concern of "affordability". A free will offering will be accepted to support our Performing Arts Series, which does not have a budget and must be self-sustaining. Doors will open 45 minutes prior to concert time, except where noted. All are welcome! Please invite your family, friends and neighbors!



October Birthdays



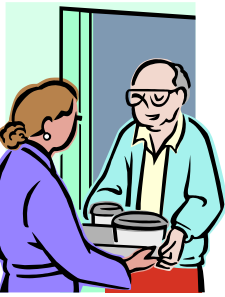
Royce Brownfield	1	Bonnie Becker	9	Rosalie Eubanks	14	Barbara Eckhardt	23
Christopher Cascaden	2	Lillian Calihan	9	Thomas Jonovich	14	Eleanor Neumann	23
Linda Webber	2	Kevin Druding	9	Roger Schiager	14	Sean Sheridan	23
Glenn Hulcher	3	Don Webber	9	Tyler Wolfskill	14	Paul Ryan	24
Thomas Pease	3	Jenelu Burgi	10	Joan Pautvein	15	Rush Tucker	24
Judy Walters	3	Nellie DePoy	10	Karen Carnahan	16	Barbara Boggs	25
Les Whiteaker	3	John Ewing	10	Doug Korver	17	Carol Korver	25
Heidi Jacobson	4	Peter Johnson	10	Norma McKim	17	Jeromy Mogharbel	25
Jack Becker	5	Allison O'Brien	10	Bob Carnahan	18	Bill Myers	25
Jason Crosswhite	5	Ross Hacker	11	Lester Norton	18	Dick VanNoy	25
Jaclyn Douglass	5	Lizzi Steenbock	11	Bobbi Aasheim	19	Kateland Williams	25
Elizabeth Cowles	6	Tracy Callahan	12	Judith Oakes	19	George Hutnak	26
Joan Gibbs	6	Marilyn Cogswell	12	Paul Butler	20	Jane Campbell	27
Al Rasmussen	6	Craig Larson	12	Cheryl Liles	20	Janet Daniels	27
Joanne Rogers	6	Angie Wolfskill	12	Ted Ofstedahl	20	Maxine Kitson	27
Caleb Schow	6	Rebecca Beason	13	Debbie Rowland	20	RoseMarie Tallman	27
Helena VanEnglhoven	6	Linda Borders	13	William Thomas	20	Erin Brinkman	28
Charles Finley	7	Lisa Cascaden	13	Michael Adams	21	Erik Olson	28
Pam Lux	7	Donna Graves	13	Juanita Elms	21	Jack Viviani	28
Ellen Palmer	7	Lloyd Hetherington	13	Joyce Fillion	21	Doris McKinney	29
Carol Wion	7	Timmy Keenan	13	Ariella Brown	22	Doran Hays	30
Adelyne Douglass	8	Fred Miller	13	Carl Charette	22	Norman Eriksen	31
Jack Elms	8	Gene Miller	13	Dave Flitsch	22	Linda Newkirk	31
Betty Lou Hunter	8	Craig Saathoff	13	Sue Flitsch	22	Diane Sauerbrunn	31
Kay Batt	9	Warren Sifferath	13				



October Anniversaries

Colleen & Daniel Hoerter	2	Ruth & Donald Dewinter	12	Alice & Bill Myers	24
Adie & Gerard Muratore	3	Victoria & Thomas Mullins	12	Bill & Marlene Edwards	25
Lavoyce & Calder Nolan	5	Sharee & Warren Sifferath	13	Beverly & Bob Hart	26
Sarah & James Swails	5	Carolyn & Jim Burt	15	Jenna & Jerry Hunt	27
Ruth & Robert Bennett	6	Donna & Roy Fuerherm	15	Angela & Francisco DeLeon	28
Shirley & Lowell Matthews	8	Jo Ann & Richard Ervin	16	Jaci & John Allensworth	29
Ellie & Pete Marzahl	10	Sherrie & Ted Ofstedahl	18	Renee & LeRoy Storley	29
Georgia & Douglas Richardson	10	Mary Ann & Don Wing	21	Patty & Gordon Truckle	29
Debbie & Phil Rowland	11	Shirley & Clarence Hodges	24		

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



VOLUNTEERS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Jane Hayes, Volunteer Coordinator
982-3776

I am continuing with the letters **E and F** this month to encourage Inspirational Values.

EXCELLENCE

Haven't we been so fortunate to be the recipients of the **wonderful** leadership of Ellis Falk? Please spend a few moments to send an e-mail or card to this wonderful, thoughtful, and conscientious man of God.

FORESIGHT

My past experience with the Christmas Mission gives me the vision to know how very busy I will be come October-December. Traditionally we serve about 50 families. I will need your prayers and help again this year.

November is a stressful time with interviews, 200+ tags to make, and 3 Mission trees to set up before Thanksgiving, but December 12 - 18 takes the prize. Get involved this year!

If you are willing to assist in any capacity, please e-mail me or leave a phone message or note at the office.

FORGIVENESS

This inspirational value led me to a Google search. I found several bible

references, poetry, books, web-sites, Course in Miracles, and videos.

I encourage you to do this search as well. Let me know what you found that was helpful to you!

I especially liked the forgiveness videos titled *Forgiveness and the Freedom of Letting Go* uploaded by butterflygris - 4 min. on June 12, 2007 on www.youtube.com.



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

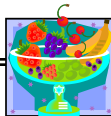
<u>Job</u>	<u>Mins. per week</u>
Foodbank (Mon. - Fri.) 8:30 am-12:00 pm	210
Hospitality/Coffee Server	30+
Shut in Meals	75
Sound Booth	90
Greeter	40
Bake cookies	60
Transportation to dr. appts.	60 +
Assist custodian	60 +
Office Receptionist	240

Name _____

Phone _____



COOKIE LOVERS!



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

Roadrunner Email

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

Name (s): _____

Email Address: _____

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



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Addressee or Current Resident

[Empty dotted box for addressee information]

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

***8:00 AM—Traditional Worship**

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

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

**Childcare Provided*

5:00 PM—Country Western Service

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
 SCHEDULE**

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

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

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