



Gold Canyon United Methodist Church

**Office address:**

6640 S. Kings Ranch Road

Gold Canyon, AZ 85218

Phone: (480) 982-3776

Fred Steinberg, Senior Pastor

Church E-Mail:

Goldcanyonumc@mindspring.com

Revstein@pipeline.com

Prayer Chain: msmallloy02@msn.org

Web site: www.goldcanyonumc.org

Vol. 21

September 2008

NO. 9

From The Pastor:**“Can you name...”**

Years ago in his book titled Soul Tsunami, Dr. Leonard Sweet described a Jay Leno “man-on-the-street” interview. One day Jay Leno asked questions about the Bible. “Can you name one of the Ten Commandments?” he asked two college-age women. One replied,

“Freedom of speech?” Leno then asked the student: “Complete this sentence: Let he who is without sin...” “Have a good time” was her response. Leno then turned to a young man and asked, “Who, according to the Bible, was eaten by a whale?” The confident answer was “Pinocchio.”

The interaction between Jay Leno and people on the street is hilarious until you really think of the implications. How much do we Christians know about the Bible ourselves? Results of spiritual growth inventories show that one of the best ways to grow spiritually is through interaction with the Bible. If you feel frozen in your spiritual growth, I encourage you to enroll in one of our Disciple Classes launching in September.

I highly recommend participating in the 34 week Disciple 1 Class. During the year you will read 80% of the Bible and understand it. This happens through daily scheduled readings, Bible scholars who are brought to the class via DVD and great class sessions during which you discuss the new information you have learned.

I know if you make a commitment to complete the class you will be blessed with an understanding of who God calls you to be. September is the only time these classes are open for enrollment. By the way, can you name any of the Ten Commandments?

Grace and Peace,

Fred

DISCIPLE

Disciple Classes will be starting sometime in September! Watch your bulletin inserts for the start dates and sign up information. If you haven't taken a *Disciple* Class before, you must start with *Disciple 1*—after that, you may take any of the others in any order. *Disciple 1* will be offered on Sunday nights at 6:30 pm in the Music Room beginning September 28. The class will be facilitated by Suzanne Jacobson, Lay Speaker and seminary student. This will be Suzanne's second year leading *Disciple 1*. In addition to *Disciple*, Suzanne has led small group studies on Advent, parenting and ways of thinking about God as well as Sunday School for children and youth. The actual start date for *Disciple 1* and other *Disciple* classes will be announced soon.

Disciple 1 helped me to appreciate and understand the Old Testament better and to learn how much it ties in to the New Testament. The class is small enough so you feel like you can open up to the people in it and they, in turn, can share their questions with you. We prayed for each other each week and really bonded as a group.

Kathy Serrine

Disciple 1, 2007-2008



FORWARD BY FAITH

By Grover Wallace

Last month we mentioned ways we could give thanks and praise God for the many blessings He bestows upon us on any given day. When we mention giving God thanks and praise in our daily devotions through verbal praise, we also consider a number of other methods in which we could give Him thanks that include helping others, sharing our kindness, faith, love, Christian attitude, and our worldly possessions with others and particularly those in need. There are those who are in need of love, prayers, kindness, an encouraging word, and an opportunity to discuss their problems with someone that will listen and lend them support and comfort. We also have a multitude of people right here in our community that are homeless, lonely, out of work, hungry and in need of food, clothing and shelter. If you are doubtful of what we are saying, you may want to visit the church when we have a number of families visit our food bank seeking food and/or assistance, or visit Desert Chapel United Methodist Church in Apache Junction about noon on Monday through Friday and observe the number of homeless and hungry (including small children and infants) that come to share the food that volunteers from various churches, including GCUMC have prepared for them. Some days, additional volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve the food. Or, you may want to travel to Nogales, Arizona with the group from our church that provides supplies for treatment of infants and children permitted to cross the border to the United States to receive treatment. Or, go to Sidewalk Sunday School with our church group.

There is a multitude of ways you can give God thanks and praise for your many blessings by sharing your time, talents and wealth throughout our church and in the surrounding community. Give it a try. Even the smallest thing you do or give is accepted by our Savior as a token of thanks and praise.

“The service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the Gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you.”

II Corinthians 9:12-1

In the preceding passage from what was really Paul’s fourth letter to the Corinthians, he is telling them the results of sharing with those who are in need. By sharing they are not only helping others but expressing thanks to God, and because of their sharing, the recipients of their generosity will remember them in their prayers. When I was working with our group that prepares food for the hungry and homeless at Desert Chapel, I remember the “thank you” and the “God Bless You” when we would hand them a plate of hot food or a bottle of cold water. Thus, Paul’s message above still applies today. The recipient of your love, kindness, time, help, faith, support and finances will remember you when they pray, praise and thank God.

Here it is, the beginning of September, 2008 and sometime in October (before Halloween and certainly before Thanksgiving), you will notice very clearly that our local merchants will have their stores stocked with Christmas merchandise and the local newspapers and television stations will be publishing advertisements urging you and I to bring our money and credit cards to the various establishments to do our Christmas shopping. We will be flooded with these advertisements daily. You may want to go through newspapers at your outside recycle bin and keep your TV remote in your hand with a finger on the mute button.

On a more serious note, these ads will remind us all that we will, in a short time, be celebrating the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The time of the year that our congregation shares with more than fifty families by providing them with a Christmas dinner with all the traditional side dishes and desserts. We will also provide a multitude of kids with gifts of clothing and other gifts they desire. So, we should all keep in mind that an opportunity to share in one of the biggest sharing events of the year at our

Continued

Continued from previous page

church is almost upon us.

“A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.”

Proverbs 22:9 (NIV)

During the month of July, you contributed \$19,435.00 to our building fund to help pay off our mortgage. As of July 31, or for the first five months of our annual stewardship year, your contributions totaled \$152,649.00 or 30.53% of our annual objective. The monthly average contributions have been \$30,530.00, which is more than \$11,000.00 less than our objective of \$41,700.00 per month. Looking back at my records, July 2008 contributions are the lowest of any month since we began our building fund campaign in March of 2002. It is the first time monthly contributions have been less than \$20,000.00. In July 2007 we gave \$32,068.00, or \$12,633.00 more than the same month in 2008. At the current average, our total contributions for the annual period (March 2008 through February 2009) will total approximately \$366,360.00, or \$133,640.00 less than our annual objective. The net result would push our efforts to pay off our mortgage far beyond the end of 2016.

Thanks for your efforts in helping to reach our goal to have a “mortgage burning” in January 2017 or sooner. May God Bless You!

“Let no debt remain outstanding except the continuing debt to love one another...” Romans 13:8

**Grace According to John Wesley
Means of Grace**

Works of Piety:

- Prayer
- Searching the Scriptures
- Holy Communion
- Fasting
- Christian Community
- Healthy Living

Works of Mercy:

- Doing Good
- Visiting the Sick and Prisoners
- Feeding and Clothing People
- Earning, Saving, Giving All One Can
- Opposition to Slavery



DONATIONS
&
ATTENDANCE

It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice, for the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.
Psalm 112:5-6

July	2006		2007		2008		2007	2008
	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Worship All	Worship All
1st	\$11240	\$10158	\$15279	\$9923	12006	8722	490	449
2nd	9150	6166	6488	6519	8505	4675	400	499
3rd	10745	6133	9308	3693	6135	3664	378	408
4th	5646	2631	6782	8265	6846	2374	475	543
5th	7233	7431	7788	3669	0	0	521	—
Total	\$44015	\$32519	\$45645	\$32068	33492	19435	2264	1899

International Missions

"The world is my parish." –John Wesley

By Jackie Douglass

The spring edition of the *Circuit Rider*, the United Methodist publication for United Methodist clergy, was devoted entirely to "shaping our global future." As GCUMC continues to explore and develop our own involvement in global mission, I found the articles to be thought-provoking and timely. I would like to share part of one particular article, written by Joel N. Martinez, Bishop of the San Antonio Episcopal Area and President of the General Board of Global Missions.

Bishop Martinez first explains, *"The United Methodist Church is rooted in the response of John and Charles Wesley, as well as many others of their day, to reach beyond parish, class, and national boundaries with the gospel of redeeming grace. We are most Wesleyan when we are truly missionary. As with the Wesleys, this requires risk, frequent failure, new learnings, and trust in God's abounding grace."* Our committee is working toward expanding our involvement in global missions. Doing so is giving us opportunities to learn about people and projects in places that may be new to many of us. Stretching ourselves in various ways – to think more broadly, to respond financially or even perhaps to travel to a different part of the world, might be a little scary or risky. But as we explore and stretch, we do so, "trusting in God's abounding grace", that we will choose to assist worthy causes that will benefit God's people in other parts of the world.

Bishop Martinez goes on to say, *"There is hope and power when there is a connection among partners in Christ's mis-*

sion", and asks us, "How can we strengthen the connections?" He offers a few suggestions:

- *First, we should continue the mission practice of linking laity and local congregations in wider and wider circles throughout the world.*
- *Second, while we seek to be more global in our mission, we will need to confront hyper-nationalism and xenophobia. The scale and depth of cultural, racial, and religious tensions are evident today. In this context, the movements of peoples across borders is an opportunity to connect, learn, and overcome these fears and divisions.*
- *Third, we can be more effective in our mission when we seek out partnerships.*

I envision our committee working within the framework of the points outlined above. As we continue to establish our global mission work, our goals include expanding into "wider and wider circles" in more projects and missions. Additionally, our hope is to help break down fears of other people and places by offering opportunities to personally connect, and develop partnerships with, mission projects and people.

I leave you with Bishop Martinez' final thoughts from his article, *"Finally, the path toward the future in mission is through wider circles of conversation and strengthening of the networks and connections that serve God's mission. In a divided and fearful world, United Methodist mission around the globe can be an infrastructure of hope, a linkage of grace."*

Christianity is a "Hands On" Experience!

Please gather after the 9:30 and 10:50 services for refreshments and fellowship. Come to the Country Service and stay around for the pot-luck! Take a class, join a mission, volunteer, reach out in faith...come on, We dare ya!



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.

**China Earthquake
International Disaster Response
UMCOR Advance #982450**

**Myanmar Disaster
UMCOR Advance #3019674
Myanmar Emergency Page**

**US Spring Storms
Domestic Disaster Response
UMCOR Advance #901670**

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

Find Financial Peace

Financial Peace University

Preview Sessions:

Sunday, Aug. 31 10:30 am, Music Room

Sunday, Aug. 31 12:30 pm Koinonia Room

Begins: Sept. 14, 2:00-4:00 pm

Length: 13 weeks

What would your life look like if you had no debt and were in control of your money? Are you ready to take the first step? Join G.C.U.M.C. as we present Financial Peace University, a 13 week class that will change your life. During this life-changing class, you will learn to get control of your money, stop struggling to make ends meet, tell your money what to do and change your family's future. Dave Ramsey breaks through the common financial jargon and explains how money really works in a simple, easy-to-understand style. You'll actually have fun as you learn about saving, budgeting, investing, insurance and more. Each week you will meet with the class to watch the video lesson and participate in discussion groups that will change your attitude about money. You can sign up for the 25 minute class previews at a table in the lobby directly after the worship services. Scholarships are available to those who need it.



Bashas'

Fry's

**Please read - the Scrip/Bus Fund Costs You Nothing to Participate In
Time to enter GCUMC's Bashas' number again!**

By Betty Rolley

As you know, the bus is now a reality due to a generous loan from someone who attends our church. But we still have one more payment of \$5,000 on the loan and continued insurance, license fees and general maintenance expenses. Thanks so much to all of you who have supported these programs over the past few years!! A total of \$75,228 has been raised as of June 2008!!

Next time you shop at Bashas' beginning September 1st, please ask them to attach the church's number (#23886) to your 'Thank You' card. Last year the church earned \$2,227 from **THIS** program toward the bus fund. You must do this **once a year, in the fall**, at the start of a new 'Thanks-a-Million' program. The program runs from September 1st to March 31st of the following year. Each time you shop, Bashas' will donate 1% to the church up to \$2500. In seven years, we have realized \$15,284 from *this* program. Let's strive for the maximum of \$2,500 this year by more people entering the church's number early on.

In May of 2006 Bashas' Community Support Card replaced their paper gift certificates - yea! Did you know that you can use your charge card to be able to receive airline miles or cash rebates just that by using the Bashas' Community Support Card to pay for your groceries, drugs, etc. This is a **SEPARATE program** that will earn the church 6% **IN ADDITION TO** the 1% explained above. There is no maximum on this program. Think what we can earn if you support **BOTH** programs! A Bashas' Community Support Card can be purchased between services on Sunday mornings beginning Oct. 5th (or in the church office during the week). You can buy one for \$20, \$50 or \$100 and recharge it at the store **before** you check out for up to \$500 with a charge card, debit card or cash. Thus far, the church has earned \$39,165 from the Scrip Program making a grand total from Bashas' of \$54,449.

If you shop at Fry's, please purchase a \$20 or \$50 **rechargeable** gift card and each time you recharge the card at Fry's, the church earns 3%. In six years, we have received \$11,603 from Fry's.

You can also sign up for Safeway rebates or pick up an Albertson/Osco card that you swipe at checkout. Over six years, we have received \$596 from Safeway and \$580 from Albertson's.

From the above figures you can readily see why we emphasize Bashas' and Fry's programs. But every little bit helps us reach our goal. Please support these easy to use **grocery programs that do not cost YOU anything extra** -- you still get the good sale prices and the church makes receives support. Thank you.



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 motto for the United Methodist church is "OPEN HEARTS...OPEN MINDS...OPEN DOORS"

This really is what Jesus is telling us in the message of the Good News of the Gospel. Open our Minds to the concept of Grace and Love. Open our Hearts to the dynamic change which can occur in our lives as we ask and accept forgiveness and live in a changed direction in the Household of Faith. Open doors is what the gospel is all about, inviting people to the "Fellowship of Christ" regardless of their past.

We begin to see this motto unfold in the broad undertaking of Christian Education in the church. This month you will have an opportunity to "Open Your Minds" through taking one of the classes in the Disciple Program. There will be five different sessions beginning in late September. You are encouraged to sign up for one of these very special and mind expanding classes. Open your mind to new insights and the wonderful teachings of the Bible.

You can "Open Your Heart" through the continued support of the many ministries of this church; the food bank, the Genesis project, the communion offering for the needy and the Nogales mission project and many others. You can also open your heart through service in the Church and Sunday School. Teachers and helpers are always needed. We need a person to play the piano or an accordion so we can sing Sunday School action songs and expand the Sunday School happening experience for our younger children.

We can "Open Our Doors" through the expansion of outreach programs. New programs you will be introduced in the near future. For example, invite your non-church friends to the BIG Country Western evening service on September 28th, followed by an outdoor BBQ. Use this service as an outreach into the community. This is an opportunity for you to invite your friends to this fast-paces, great C/W music and singing in a very unusual setting.

A Prayer

Help us to open our Hearts, our Minds and our Doors as we all endeavor to do Your will in service to the church and community. This we pray. Amen.

NEW WESTERN LOOK FOR SEPTEMBER

The next Country Western Service is Sunday, September 28, at 5 PM.

Mark the date on your calendar and come prepared for something different. Instead of the usual potluck dinner, a western barbecue is being prepared with hamburgers and hot dogs. Table service will also be provided. You are asked to bring a side dish to share-beans, potato salad, dessert, etc.

The "service" time will be given to music by the Houser's. They will perform classic cowboy songs and southern gospel favorites.

Weather permitting, dining and the program will be outdoors with a true country western look.

It's a great way to introduce new folks to our church. So, invite your neighbors and friends and come for a good old-fashioned western gathering.





Youth Ministries

With Heather Rodenberg

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

WOW!!

Our Youth are AMAZING! I challenged them to change the world, and they are. Our Youth program has adopted a child from Uganda. His name is Steven. He is 10 years old, in the first grade and has 2 brothers and 2 sisters. We are sponsoring him through World Vision. Our youth have committed to bringing the funds for the monthly sponsorship. They have also decided that if this goes well to raise money to buy a goat. A goat provides a family with a sustaining food source. When you see the kids around church, give them a high five for all their great work.



Join Us For The FUN!

Sept 7th 9:30 am Sunday School
6:30pm – 8:30pm Youth Group
Sept 14th 9:30 am Sunday School
6:30pm – 8:30pm Youth Group
Sept 21st 9:30 am Sunday School
6:30pm – 8:30pm Youth Group
Sept 28th 9:30 am Sunday School
6:30pm – 8:30pm Youth Group

PARENTS

My office hours will be changing as of August 25th. I start back at ASU for fall semester. I will be in the office on Tuesdays from 12-4pm, Wednesdays from 12-4pm, and Fridays from 12-4pm.

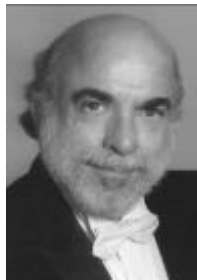
What's special about September 24th ?

See You at the Pole is a student-initiated, student organized, and student-led event. That means this is all about students meeting at their school flagpole to pray—for their school, friends, teachers, government, and their nation. *See You at the Pole* is not a demonstration, political rally, nor a stand for or against anything.

See You at the Pole is scheduled annually on the fourth Wednesday in September, which is September 24 in 2008. The suggested starting time is 7 a.m. If that doesn't work for your school, choose a time that will work for your school, but let everyone at your school know!

So now that you know, get together and pray!

*“Speak,
for your
servant is
listening!”*
1 Samuel 3:10



Music Notes

September, the beginning of a new school year (okay, the continuation of a new school year!) that promises lots of activity within our church. I am very excited that our music program will get back in gear again with the Chancel Choir, Chancel Ringers and our other musical groups.

Chancel Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:45 PM and sings at the Traditional Services, special services and concerts. This choir is open to everyone who enjoys singing and enjoys a great time of music-making and fellowship. If you are high-school age or older, can sing on pitch and read music, we want you!

Chancel Ringers, our adult handbell choir, rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:45 PM and performs about once a month at the Traditional Services, at special services and concerts. If you have experience ringing handbells, can read music and tell the difference between your left hand and right hand, come join us in this unique ministry!

Children/Junior High choirs will be starting soon. Ellis Falk and I are working on an integrated program of music, learning and fellowship with dinner on Wednesdays. More information will be available soon.

Thanks to all the musicians who shared their talents with us in August: **Deater O'Neill, Mike Crotty, Nick Manson, Judy Monk, Anna Mae**



See the back of this month's calendar for this year's Performance Event Schedule! Hang it on your refrigerator!

Keast, Donna Gale, Gary Ackerson, Diane Rasmussen, Donna Graves, Marcia Cole, Marty Robison and Shirley Coad. Of course, thanks must go to our fabulous accompanists, **Linda Jones and Nancy Virden.**

Elsewhere in the Roadrunner is a listing of our Performing Arts Series. I am very excited about the incredible musicians that will share their tremendous talents with us this year! First up is **Lew Williams**, headliner at **Organ Stop Pizza** who will perform for us on our 3-Manual Rodgers 967 Organ. This event has been registered with the American Guild of Organists as part of **The International Year of the Organ** and the **Organ Spectacular**, an international day of organ concerts throughout the world on **Sunday, October 19, 2009 at 3:00 PM!** His program will feature music from Broadway plus classical, patriotic and theater organ music – something for everyone! More next month . . .

Blessings,

Doug

Douglas J. Benton
Director of Music Ministries



Third Saturday Coffee House & Open Mic

Sponsored by the 10:50 am Praise Worship and the Fuel 4 YALL Group
7:00 pm in the Education Building
September 20, 2008

Come share your talents! Musicians, writers, poets, playwrights, artists! Bring your works (secular and/or spiritual) to share over coffee or tea. This monthly event is open to the public – bring your friends! Call Suzanne at the church for more information 480-982-3776.





By Susan Malloy, RN

Gold Canyon UMC congregation! This is just “HOT” off the press—save this **START DATE:** October 13, 2008 (Mondays 9:30—11:30 am). **The POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS Seminar** will begin on October 13th, 2008 and meet for six weeks at Sunland Springs Village off Baseline Road. Turn South at Springwood at the Activities Complex (tennis courts, etc.) and come to the Superstition Room. Interactive workshops to assist you in all your duties as a caregiver. You will learn ways to care for yourself in the process. This provides great support, useful information, resources and educational materials including a **HELPBOOK**. The cost at \$5.00 is the best deal in town. The facilitator is Tina Coffman of Serrine House. Look for informational flyers soon. Please call me at 480-982-6809 to sign up and prepay the \$5.00 fee. If you leave me a message, please give me your name and phone number. The **DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 6th**. I would like to fill 7—8 slots for a total of 15 for this 6-week program. It’s worth your time and money. I look forward to seeing you there.

Blessings of health and wellness to you, Susan

P.S.—Don’t forget that you can reach me at mshalloy02@msn.com.

Visitor To Gold Canyon UMC Inspires Many

During July, Gold Canyon UMC welcomed Randy Strickland of Alabama to our 9:30 Traditional Service. Mr. Strickland had come to Arizona to donate a kidney to a woman in Phoenix. He came to Gold Canyon to worship the Sunday before his surgery. After meeting Mr. Strickland, our own Ron Walker offered his services to pick him up and bring him to church the next Sunday.

Many in our church family were impressed with Strickland’s story—not just because he was an organ donor, but also because of the fact the he did not know the recipient of his kidney. He drove 1,800 miles, paying for his own food and lodging at around \$1,000. He also used his own personal leave time from his job to make the trip.

Strickland said that his reward came from helping the woman who received his kidney. She is a 31 year old African American woman. A single mother of three, she had been on kidney dialysis. Her illness began in 2001 as a result of hypertension. She had been on the transplant list for just over two years. With her new kidney, she no longer needs dialysis and is able to seek employment.

Randy Strickland enjoyed his visit to Gold Canyon United Methodist Church. He says he’ll be sure to visit again when he’s in the area.

According to a story from the September issue of the State of Alabama Department of Public Health newsletter, for which Strickland was interviewed, more than 50,000 people nationally anxiously await a donor.

The “Church Lady?” Hardly! Women and the UMC

From your local representative for the Commission on the Status and Role of Women (COSROW), Suzanne Jacobson. COSROW aims to ensure that the church benefits from the wisdom, life experience, and perspectives of women.

HANNAH BALL: METHODIST SOCIETY MEMBER AND FOUNDER OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

In 1769 a Methodist woman named Hannah Ball held the first Sunday School in High Wycombe, England. According to Paul Chilcote, this foresighted woman “founded her school for the express purpose of teaching scripture, reading and other elementary subjects to neglected children. She met with the children to provide this education every Sunday and Monday for more than twenty years.” Intended for those children who had to work in factories and other workplaces six days out of the week, Sunday School served the family by keeping young children out of trouble. Early Sunday Schools taught reading, writing and the most important part of the catechism. In some areas, the Sunday Schools also taught mathematics. Of course, the Bible was the basic teaching tool. John Wesley approved of the Sunday Schools and promoted them whenever he could. Out of his deep social concerns, Wesley saw Sunday School as one more way to help the poor. Ms. Ball was not the only person to see Sunday School as a way to evangelize. Robert Raikes, an Anglican layman and Thomas Stock, a curate, gave lessons on reading and writing on Sundays. Hannah Ball, however, was a leading member of the Methodist society well before Raikes and Stock. Historically, basic Sunday School included practicing outreach and mission, addressing social and spiritual needs, doing “works of piety” and “works of mercy,” the Means of Grace as identified by John Wesley.* Kwasi Kena, in an article for the General Board of Discipleship, writes that it’s time to get back to the basics.

*See a list of Wesley’s Means of Grace elsewhere in this Roadrunner

Information gleaned from John O. Gooch, *John Wesley for the 21st Century* (Discipleship Resources, 2006) and www.gbod.org/evangelism



WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY

By Hu & Wendy Rhymes, with a little help from Sadie and Hattie

ATTENTION: Hu & Wendy Rhymes DO NOT have a home phone. If you want to contact them and you don't have their CELL number, please contact the church office.

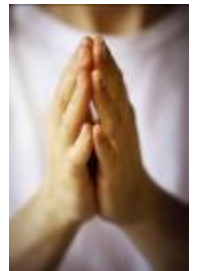
Sympathies: Jill Bills, upon the death of her mother, Eva Hatcher; Bob Carter & Darcie Westbrook (and Darcie's siblings), upon the death of his wife and her mother, Darleene; Renee & Larry Davis & Sakeena, upon the death of Sakeena's fiancé; Edward Fite, upon the death of his mother; Doris Gamage, upon the death of her mother-in-law Geraldine Little; Ed & Linda Hedges, upon the death of their daughter, Lynn; Jim Hibbing, upon the death of his wife, Audrey; The Padilla family, upon the death of their mother & wife; Mary Lynn Preiss and Mary Kohn, upon the death of Mary Lynn's stepfather & Mary's husband, Felix; Jeanne Reynolds & family upon the death of Jeanne's father, Don Funk; Karen and Harry Sheppard, upon the death of Harry's mother; Audrey & Gregg Taran, upon the death of her husband & his father, Ken and the families & friends of the above.

Concerns and/or Continued Prayers: Leslie Anzelmo, Bachman family, Scott Billeter, Jill Bills, Colleen Bishop (Bob Deits' cousin), Zack Blanton, Joy Boyd, Rich Brady, Jim Brown, Linda Brown, Ida Buckner, Bob Burgi, Diane Calcaterra, Wendy Christian, Joycelyn Christenson, Cole family, Weldon & Ellie Conger, Steven Copeland, Jill Cummins, Ritchie Eriksen, Figueroa family, Edward Fite's father, Inge Fitzpatrick, Andy & Danna Gharavi, Leo Gerst, David Gillette, Jim Hartman, Jane Hayes, The Hawkins great grandson, Jude, Rita Hawkins, Lloyd Hetherington, Micki Holcomb, Virgil Huffman, Jan Januzzi, Ginny Johnson, Mary Lou Johnson, Bob Lofgren (Chris Houser's dad), Caroline Long, Larry Long, Virginia Marvel, Tammy McBride, Bert Mercer, Ed Nabefeld (Dan Laux's uncle), Frank Norris, Delores Norton, George Parris, Merri Phelps, Lorraine Phillips, Rose Pino, Mason Pospeshil, Jim Preidis, Brenda Rahaneotis, Rev. Frances Rath, Jean Richter, Sherman Rogers, Debbie Rycraft (Dixie Coules' daughter), Kathy Serrine, Clara Mae Sherry, Donella Sparks, Leslie Stanley, Ella Stephens, Randall Strickland, Michelle Tackett & mom, Judy Tackett, Jim Tambke, Midge Towell, Nancy Traugh, Christine Valerio, Karen Vee, Bill Waechter, Dick Welch (Ruth Waterman's brother) and PRAYERS for the families (CAREGIVERS) of the above. PRAYERS for requests in the "CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER" boxes and those FOOD BANK CLIENTS who have requested prayer. PRAYERS for our MILITARY Personnel and their families.

Joys-but Still in Need of Prayers:

Dick & Eleanor Armstrong, Barbara, Dorothy & Joey Baker, Irene & Junior Blake (Paul Fillion's sister & brother-in-law), Robert Boehm, SSgt. John Briggs in Guam, Bob Brummitt, Sgt. Jeff Carroll in Iraq (Harriette & Jeff Downing's nephew), Bob Carter & family, Paul Casper, Carlos Chapman, Mark & Donna Cleary, Craig Cmar (Marines), Bob & Marcia Cole, Weldon & Ellie Conger, Cliff & Lorraine Davidson, Chuck Dickinson, Ed Favia, (Army), Nancy Favia (Air Force Reserve), David & Ardeena Gillette, Ross & Arline Hacker, Viola Hammond (Don Hammond's Mom), Rich & Sheila Haraldson, George & Beth Hayes (Jeff Hayes' parents), Ro & Dick Heinauer (Wayne Heinauer's parents), Amanda Hendersen in Iraq, Jim Hibbing, Chris Huston in Iraq (Ken Miller's grandson), Henry Kaminski, Gladys Kay (Jane Hayes' Mom), Mel & Mary Kilbo, Naomi Kyle, Jane Lambert, Cheryl Lang, Carol & Bill Lindemann, Earl & Eleanor Lindsay, Robert & Pauline Lymons, Michael & Susan Malloy, Sally Marvaino (Suzanne Jacobson's sister), Major Brian Martin in Afghanistan, Shirley & Merle Matzke, Todd Matzke in Iraq, Bryan McCann (Jeanette Lunstead's son), Neal McGough in Afghanistan, Larry & Pat McMann, Wilbur McMann, Liz Midgaugh, Lloyd & Arlene McNeece, Hedy Moore (Jed Moore's Mom), John Phillips, Sylvia & Calvin Quinn, Ione Pierce, Icey Revis (Lynn Revis' mother-in-law), Shirley Schnuit (Nancy Petticrew's Mom), Helen Strickler, Emily Sutherland (Wendy Moore's grandmother), Audrey & Gregg Taran, Carl & Helen Thacker, (Jerry Thacker's parents), Lillian Thomas (Bill Thomas' mother), Bev & Jim Toppin, Marven & Wanda Tufte, Ray and Nancy Villeneuve, Lucy Weiland, Dick Wilcox, Dot Zelezic and the families of the above.

**Let us
remember
to pray
daily**





“ LAUGH A LITTLE” with Hu

Now Hear This

HU: “I got this great new hearing aid the other day.”
 FRED: “Are you wearing it now?”
 HU: “Yep. Costs me 4,000 bucks, but it’s top of the line.”
 FRED: “What kind is it?”
 HU: “Twelve-thirty.”

**DESIGNATED GIFTS
 FROM MEMORIAL-FUNERAL
 SERVICES**

DEVON SHANTZ—Gold Canyon UMC, Chandler
 Christian Church or Prostate Cancer Foundation,
 1250 4th St., Santa Monica, CA 90401

Computer Love

A young man was attempting to worm his way into the affections of a beautiful young lady. “I don’t have as much money as Bill Gates,” he said. “I don’t have expensive houses or cars like Bill Gates. I can’t afford to buy you fancy diamonds and pearls like Bill Gates. But I do love you.”
 The young lady said, “That’s nice. Now tell me more about this Bill Gates.”

MIND MENDERS SUPPORT GROUP

Meets on the 2nd & 4th Fridays
 At 10:00 a.m. in the Education Building.
 This support group is for CAREGIVERS of anyone with Alzheimer's or some form of Dementia.
*Contact Jeanette Lunstead
 or the church
 office for more information.*

Who We Worship With: Making New Friends

We at GCUMC are blessed to have so many wonderful and talented people joining together in worship. There are so many of us, it’s difficult to get to know one another. This month, we are continuing the introduction of interesting people you just might sit next to some Sunday. While it will be impossible to introduce everyone in such a large congregation, we thought it would be fun to try! If you know of someone you’d like to see profiled in the RoadRunner, please contact



Dave and Colette Bos moved to Arizona 25 years ago, right after they were married. Dave's family moved to southern California from Cuttleville, Michigan when he was in high school. Colette was

born and raised in the San Fernando Valley in southern California.

They are charter members of GCUMC, having attended since the very first meeting in the elementary school cafeteria. That was back in the days when the chairs needed to be set up and taken down every week, the adult Sunday school classes were in the music room, the kid's Sunday school classes were taught behind partitions made from cafeteria tables and the nursery was in the P.E. classroom.

Dave has been involved in many ways at church. He was the head usher for years and the second treasurer in those early days. He also served as a trustee and is now a member of the band, *Uncommon Grace*, that provides contemporary and praise music for the 10:50 Abundant Life service. Dave spends time every week volunteering at the church helping with caretaking of the grounds and doing small repair and maintenance jobs. Dave works as a technician for Freescale Semiconductor in Chandler.

Colette has been a Sunday school teacher several times since the church began and served as church

Lay Leader when Reverend Woods and Reverend McPherson were our pastors. She is also a Certified Lay Speaker for the district.

In January of 1993, Colette received a call into the ministry and led our

church into the local missions ministries serving the poor and disadvantaged in our community. She feels very blessed to be in a church that does so much for missions outreach. Colette was in the choir for quite a while. Now she loves singing the Lord's Prayer on communion Sundays and sometimes doing special music.

Colette and Dave have two children. Sara (22) graduated from the University of Arizona last May and is beginning Graduate school at Arizona State this fall. She is studying speech therapy.

Daniel (16) is a junior at Apache Junction High school. He takes rigorous classes and plays varsity tennis. Daniel is an active member of the GCUMC youth group, participates in skits for worship and the Summer Mission trips and played with the youth band Solemn Vow.





STEPHEN MINISTRY®

What Shall I Render to the Lord?

What shall I render to the Lord for all he has given me? In his first work he gave me myself; in his second work he gave me himself, when he gave me himself, he gave me back myself. Given, and regiven, I owe myself twice over.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)

FEELINGS—PAIN

Pinch your finger n the door handle? OUCH—Hurts!!! It hurts because we feel pain. Not much—just a little. But any injury, small or big, to our body is painful — easy to recognize, easy to understand. No question.

More difficult for you to recognize AND understand is the pain suffered from guilt, shame, fear, depression, unresolved anger, death of a loved one, remnants of a painful divorce or some other social abortion. What you FEEL is PAIN!!!

A Stephen Minister will share this pain with you and in the course of your caring relationship your painful hurt gets a bandage. The cure and healing, however, must and will come from God. GIVE IT A SHOT! If you are troubled, call for a referral or check the box on the attendance sheet.



LETTERS



Dear Friends,

Please accept this heart felt *“Thank You”* for all of the phone calls and cards you extended to our family during Jill’s recent illness, surgery, and the passing of Jill’s mother. We are very appreciative of the caring counsel and prayers of Pastor Hu, Doug Benton, the Choir and other individuals known and unknown who prayed us through this stressful time. We felt strengthened, uplifted and blessed by each of your actions. Our faith is strong and we knew that we were in our Lord’s hands and His will would be done.

Sincerely,
Bob and Jill Bills

Thank you amazing people

Pastor Fred

Pastor Hu

Suzanne

Margaret

Patti

Etc., etc. etc.

I am so proud of you and GCUMC

Wendy Christian

Thank you so much for the lovely cards, telephone calls and well wishing. This has been a tough progress and seems slow to me. I am on antibiotics and will have to take them the rest of my life, so I do not get this again. Guess at this point I just need prayers for patience. Doctors said it will be another couple months before I am back to normal. God Bless Everyone,

Marian Bonestell



United Methodist Women of Gold Canyon UMC

The United Methodist Women includes all women of the church. We are dedicated to fellowship, friendship and service. We welcome all GCUMC women.

St. Andrew's Update

Dear Friends,
St. Andrew's Children's Clinic is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year.

Thank you for continuing your YEARS of support.

- You have helped make St. Andrew's a successful children's clinic
- Eagerly supplying items for the toiletry kits and addressing their Wish List
- Always giving of your time, energy, prayers and donations
- Repeated caravans to tour the Clinic and meet these needy children
- Spreading the word so the volunteer work continues

Thank you for helping to give hope and love these children.

Alyce Ancell & Gail Crawford



UMW Meeting Schedule

Unit Meeting
Saturday, September 13th
9:45 a.m.

We will assemble
St. Andrews kits
Room 101/102
Education Building

A Report on the UMW School of Mission 2008

By Suzanne B. Jacobson

In July, I was privileged to be the Central East District recipient of the annual Marilyn Chapman Scholarship to the UMW School of Mission. This was a new experience for me. It was with joy that I was able to share a room at the Chaparral Resort with Joanne Rogers, GCUMC UMW Vice President. The overall experience was wonderful. The School of Mission provides an opportunity for United Methodist Women in our conference to gather and learn about the people and politics of countries where the UMW reaches out in mission. The event consists of a choice between two classes and one larger event for all participants. This year, the School of Mission offered a small extension of last year's focus, Israel and Palestine. The new class this year was called "Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival," which was taught by Julia Tulloch from the Women's Division of the Board of Global Ministries. This is the course I chose to attend, with the expectation that I would learn new ways of reaching out to our Native American brothers and sisters. While there was certainly potential for a positive learning experience and new foundations for ministry, I found this particular presentation to be a reiteration of old indictments against the injustices of the past, with little guidance regarding where to go into the future. The course was based on a book by Rev. Thom White Wolf Fassett, emeritus General Secretary of the UMC General Board of Church and Society. Having reviewed the book more closely since, I do believe that it would be a worthy undertaking for a group of socially minded United Methodists with an interest in Native American outreach.

The large event this year was a study called "I Believe in Jesus," based on a book by our own Bishop, Rev. Minerva Carcaño. The course, presented by the Bishop herself, was an excellent, focused study of what it means to "exercise one's faith in Jesus in a post-modern world." The course challenged us to remember that as United Methodists, we are tasked with dealing with "the hard questions." In addition to lecture and discussion, we were provided an opportunity to practice Christian Conferencing in the Wesleyan Tradition. If this course is offered locally, I would recommend it.

If anyone is interested in reviewing either of these books, I have them in my office—feel free to come by and take a look.

The UMW School of Mission allows women from all over the Desert Southwest Conference to gather in friendship and in purpose toward growing in Grace through Social Holiness.

I am proud to have represented Gold Canyon UMC, and thrilled to have the chance to get to know Joanne Rogers better. Oh—and the food was great!

CLINIC WISH LIST

- Benefiber
 - Blenders (used OK, if in good condition)
 - Physical therapy exercise balls
 - Ground flaxseed meal
 - Disposable bibs
 - Powdered Milk
 - Hearing aids (used)
 - Disposable diapers (especially newborn size)
 - Prune juice (small cans only)
 - Milk of Magnesia
 - Eyeglass frames (children's, used)
 - Receiving blankets
 - Peanut butter
 - Umbrella strollers
 - Vitamins, adult
 - Wheelchairs (child-size only)
 - Vitamins, Children's chewable with iron
- If you would like to donate a blender in need of fixing, contact our repairman, Darrell Dinges.



The Heart of Women
Saturday, September 6
11:00 am
Education Building



Septem-

Anniversaries



Larry & Patsy Arehart	9/1	Don & Mary Ann Kinnison	9/12	Jeff & arriette Downing	9/23
Norm & Ritchie Eriksen	9/1	Conrad & Judy Schmidt	9/14	Lyle & Bobbie Aasheim	9/23
Jerry & Helen Pierce	9/1	Pete & Marilyn Peterson	9/14	Arthur & Jayne Urbach	9/23
Mark & Margie Bird	9/2	Bill & Anne Pedigo	9/15	Bob & Barbara Sherman	9/24
John & Bonnie Lane	9/4	Roy & Marilyn Pearson	9/16	Roger & Cheryl Farney	9/24
Alan & Lisa Kinzel	9/4	Darwin & Joyce Mixer	9/16	Ron & Chris Houser	9/27
Caroll & Carol Dage	9/5	Darrell & Anna Mae Keast	9/16	Herbert & Susan Galliard	9/27
Grace & Ted Markert	9/5	Gary & Faye Nord	9/16	Jim & Marcia Ritenour	9/29
Shane & Lizzie Steenbock	9/6	Kevin & Lee Druding	9/16	Steve & Peggy Kinder	9/30
Leonard & JoAnn Steckley	9/9	Paul & Joan Butler	9/20	David & April Bracht	9/30
William & Sharyn Bennett	9/12	Delbert & Janice Anderson	9/20		

Birthdays

Donna Gale	1			Patrick McGinness	21
James Serrine	1	Bob Bills	10	Bonny Nielsen	22
Renee Storley	1	Janeane Miller	11	Anna Mae Keast	22
Michelle Cassella	1	Margaret Crites	12	Nancy Miller	22
Ginny Johnson	2	Harriette Downing	12	Patricia McGinnis	22
Lowell Matthews	2	Ellie Marzahl	13	Sherry Blankenship	22
Ione Grills	2	Jan Hegna	13	Hubert Rhymes	23
Mary Ann Kinnison	2	Leora Lahti	14	Melba Adams	23
Diana Linton	2	Doug Richardson	14	Val Van Tussi	23
William Miller	3	Bob Ingram	14	Dee Keyser	23
Wendy Christian	4	Veronica Griffith	15	Carter Olson	23
Rick Zieglowsky	4	Jessica Aguilar	15	Gretchen Anderson	23
Jean Brown	5	Herb Kingery	16	Bob Flint	24
Darrell Mitchell	5	Joe Rosenberg	16	Grover Wallace	25
Mary Johnson	5	Jerry Pierce	16	Jack Donovan	25
Norma Gaulke	5	Heather Rodenborg	17	Mike Morris	25
Christina Pappalardo	5	Ron Trout	17	Bud Rolley	26
Peter Miller	6	Jim Van Slooten	18	Conrad Schmidt	27
Marilyn Rogers	6	Sandy Billeter	18	Bruce Mercer	28
Ira Kenyon	6	Cynthia Reichert	18	Leo Gerst	28
Pam Ingram	6	Laura Parsons	19	Barbara Oldham	28
Jerrydean Mercer	7	David Bos	19	Shirley Plakos	29
Kim Shroyer	8	Philip Rowland	19	Tom Robison	29
Betty Fitzgibbons	8	Ray Villeneuve	20	Rich Manbeck	29
Mary Moore	9	Nyla Mansdorfer	20	David O'Brien	30
Wilbur Van Dusseldorp	9	Mary Berg	21	Bev Hart	30
James Jameson	9	Wes Hodges	21	Bonnie Eisentraut	30
Darlene Sutherland	10	Don Kinnison	21	Jill Sutter	30



Volunteers Do Make a Difference

GCUMC
982-3776

Jane Hayes, Volunteer Coordinator

To Our Volunteers

V is for the **V**ery special people that you are
O is for the **O**verwhelming support and compassion you offer others during their time of need
L is for the **L**ittle things you do that make such a difference in someone's life
U is for the **U**nspoken words that sometimes mean just as much
N is for the **N**eed you fill when others aren't able
T is for the **T**ime you give of yourselves on top of your own busy schedules
E is for the **E**mootional support you continually give
E is also for the **E**ndless energy you all seem to possess
R is for the **R**esponsibility you have taken on and never once complained
S is for the **S**miles you bring to strangers and friends by just being you

**Volunteers of the
Month
For August**
Nicole Miller
Paul Butler
Linda Mestek
Richard Ferguson

Can you find a way
to spend time in Secret Service?

Can You Sew? You Are Needed! We are working on a Teen Clothing Mission in cooperation with Project Help. Can you sew on buttons? Repair seams? Very little skill needed. Work on your own time and location. Please call Jane if you are willing to pass on some love to needy teens.



Are you a
bicycle
angel?

As Christmas approaches we would like to again offer bicycles to our Christmas Mission families, but need someone to overtake this area. Contact Jane if you would like to assist with this.



How to make an impact today!

- † Open a door for someone
- † Pick up a piece of paper left on the street
- † Say "Good Morning" to someone you don't know
- † Put a quarter in someone else's meter
- † Say "thank you" to the mailman
- † Give the next person in the grocery line your extra coupons
- † Keep sweeping after your sidewalk ends
- † Truly listen to someone
- † Say "good job" for a job well done
- † Recycle
- † Donate used items
- † Make a batch of cookies for your neighbors for no reason
- † Join a committee
- † Let someone else go first
- † Give your used magazines away
- † Note good service on your waiter's ticket
- † Send a handwritten thanks to a volunteer for no particular reason
- † Say "Have a great evening" to the night watchperson
- † Switch seats with someone separated from friends or family
- † Print on both sides of the page
- † Pretend your Monday is Friday
- † Mentor a new volunteer
- † Bring a receptionist a treat "just because"
- † Wave to children on the bus
- † Walk, take the bus, bike or share a ride to an event
- † Learn about a new organization assisting your community
- † Put flowers near a work station
- † Don't "almost" make a difference, do it today!

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

1. Custodial Assistant
2. Information Table
3. Office Assistant
4. Hospitality Team
5. Greeter
6. Funeral Dishes
7. Sunday School

Name _____

Phone _____



Gold Canyon United Methodist Church
 6640 S. Kings Ranch Road
 Gold Canyon, AZ 85218
 Phone: 480-982-3776
 Fax: 480-671-0028
 Office Email: GoldCanyonUMC@MindsPring.com
 www.goldcanyonumc.org

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Apache Junction, Arizona
Permit No. 64

Monthly Newsletter Deadline: 15th of the Month
 Weekly Bulletin Insert Deadline: Noon on Wednesday
 Flower Order Deadline: Noon on Wednesday
 Please note that flowers are now \$30.00

GCUMC Staff

Senior Pastor	Fred A. Steinberg
Minister of Pastoral Care	Hu Rhymes
Associate Pastor, East Mesa New Church Start	Julius Keller
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 Rodenburg
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	Sue Malloy
Facility Care Takers	Susan Kenyon John LaViolette



SEPTEMBER SERVICE HOURS

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

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

**AND ON THE
 LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
 SEPTEMBER 28 AT 5:00 PM
 Special Country Western Service
 and Cook Out
 Outdoors, Weather Permitting
 ~with Music led by *The Housers*~**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
 SCHEDULE**

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

✝ **8:15AM ~ Adult Sunday School
 Meets in Room 101**

✝ **9:30 AM ~
 Children's Sunday School
 Meet in Classrooms**

✝ **9:30 AM ~ Youth Sunday School**

✝ **10:50 AM ~
 Children's Sunday School
 Meet in Classrooms**