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Everyone is Irish on St. Patty's Day!

COME JOIN US and CELEBRATE WITH A POTLUCK

AFTER SERVICE MARCH 17TH

IF YOUR LAST NAME BEGINS WITH AN :

A THROUGH H

A SIDE

I THROUGH P

MAIN DISH

Q THROUGH Z

SALAD

Drinks and Dessert will be provided.



VISTA de la MONTAÑA

ECHOES

PASTOR'S PEN MARCH 2019

As I write this our Denomination's specially called General Conference is meeting and the outcome for denomination is unknown. Our building program is within \$100k of being able to break ground, but with faith we have set June 2nd as our groundbreaking day. Our local church has been approached by the Presbyterian church we have been meeting with to "federate" with our church in order to move forward with a more viable ministry. There is challenge, promise, and hope in the air to see what God will do.

"I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2

Through our Satellite ministry 30+ members of Vista Church have been involved in the most ancient form of evangelism and that is starting a new Christian Fellowship in San Manuel. The message is the same that has been preached since the beginning of the church, "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,..." The techniques are different in that we are bringing the music and the message to the fellowship through technology. We are doing this as an experiment for our Annual Conference to see if the message and the music can be brought through technology and the ministry incarnated by local members. All of this is being paid for through grants through our Annual Conference. The first grant was for \$10,000, the second for \$25,000 and we can apply for a third of \$25,000. Our Annual Conference sees the vision and the talent in Vista Church to make this happen.

To make the Building Campaign happen we made several cuts and sacrifices. Some of the cuts are actually deferred construction, but some of the cuts are in comfort as the building is being built. We have secured office space off the church campus starting in May. We have also determined that the other classes, groups and meetings can squeeze into the current facilities. This saves us \$50,000.00. This is a momentary inconvenience which grants us the ability to have a long-term space solutions.

Be excited about what God is doing here! You are part of the movement of the Holy Spirit in this world and in this area. May God continue to bless you as we reach out to bless the world, "To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the world!"

In Christ's love

Pastor Fred

Endowment 2018

Rather than make a presentation to the congregation, the Endowment Committee has decided to summarize the 2018 results in this issue of Echoes. This article will provide information on both our investment returns as well as the donations received during the past year.



Investments in the stock market did not fare well in 2018 with the S&P index off nearly 4.5%. Our investments are held at the DSUMF (Desert Southwest United Methodist Foundation) and invested through Wespath Investment Management. Their investment portfolio is diversified with about 20% in International Equity Funds, which performed much worse than the S&P. Consequently, our investment performance net of contributions was a loss of approximately 5.6%.

On a positive note, our marketing efforts to promote the benefits of endowment giving are generating results. Donors have recognized the perpetual benefits of endowment. As a result, contributions in 2018 exceeded \$28,000 resulting in a year-end balance in excess of \$150,000.

Because our returns were negative in 2018, no distributions will be made in 2019. To help alleviate the impact of negative returns on distributions, your committee has decided to determine distributions based on a three-year rolling average. Had the three-year rolling average been in effect, our distribution in 2018 would have been approximately \$3,700.

Remember, Endowment's goal is to help fund special projects. All that is required is a simple application which can be had from any member of the Endowment Committee.

Questions? Please feel free to contact Chair **Jay O'Donald**, jodonald@earthlink.net; 520-240-9979 (cell), or speak to one of the other members of the Endowment Committee: **Boyd Carpenter**, **Jon Leonard**, or **John Witt**.

Your Endowment Committee

January 2019 Financial Results

We had a good month. Income was \$52,823 which was over budget. Expenses were \$41,050, which was \$2,647 under budget but greater than 2018. Net income for the General Fund was \$11,773. Our Operating Reserve is \$78,618 and the goal is 2 months of expenses which would be \$68,000 in 2019.

It was approved last month by the Finance Committee to transfer \$30,000 to the New Building Fund, which was done in January.

December attendance was a 1,005, which was a -4.0% decrease. This includes San Manuel attendance, but does not include live streaming viewers. The first Sunday had low attendance due to so many parishioners being sick.

An audit of 2018 finances is currently in process.

Sharon Scanlan, Finance Chair

Dennis Kimmel, Financial Secretary

Darrell Parson, Treasurer



Oh, where Oh where are the goodies on Sunday morning?

The goodies have gone indoors on Sunday after the service. We have been serving indoor since the beginning of this year due to the chilly temperatures outside. We will have goodies indoors if the temperature is 65 degrees or below or if there is a heavy rain fall. Hopefully, it will be warming up as we move into spring.

Goodies are not done on Sundays that we are doing "pot luck luncheons" because we are setting up for the pot luck lunch. We want to encourage everyone to come and join us when we are having pot luck lunch. Pot luck lunches are a great time to meet and spend time with our church family.

Some ideas to sign-up for goodies can be for:

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Church groups like: "The Church Trustees", "Choir" or "Men's group"

If you have a committee or group at church and you want to let people know what you are all about and you would like to invite them to join the group. This is a good way for the congregation to meet and hear about your group.

Special holidays such as: St. Patrick Day or 4th of July

Birth of a child or grandchild

Celebrate being at church

If you are planning on signing up for a special occasion, please do the following:

Special events or occasions sign-ups: See Delores Brindle at the sign-up table on the patio or call Delores at 520 907 5706 to pick a date that you want to reserve for that occasion. You want to book ahead the date, so you are sure for your Sunday.

Vista Hospitality Needs You!!

We need you in church on Sunday to come and sign-up for goodies. We will explain to you about what is involved in doing goodies. We will give you a short work sheet explaining the process. It is not difficult to serve goodies.

Please stop now on Sunday to sign-up to bring goodies. Hospitality members will get another couple of folks to sign-up with you so you will not be alone to bring the goodies. There are a few folks and/or families that like to reserve a Sunday to do all the goodies for a Sunday.

You do not want a Sunday without goodies.

I want to thank those great folks who sign-up to make coffee on Sunday. These folks come to church just a little early on Sunday to make the coffee. If you sign-up for making coffee and it is your first time, there will be someone there to guide you in making the coffee. It sure hits the spot when it is chilly outside. You can also sign-up to make



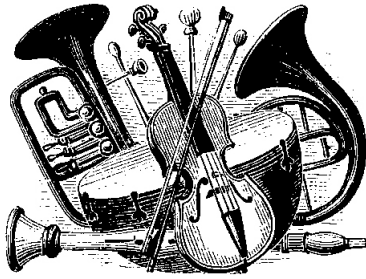
**PLEASE REMEMBER ALL ARTICLES FOR THE ECHOES ARE
DUE ON THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH!**

SEND YOUR ARTICLES TO:

BARBARA SHERMAN AT

vistaechoes2014@outlook.com

THANK YOU!



CATALINAS COMMUNITY CHORUS

in cooperation with

VISTA FINE ARTS

Presents

“An American Songbook”

On Sunday, March 24 at 3:00 p.m. you are invited to enjoy “An American Songbook,” presented by the Catalinas Community Chorus, at Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church.

This program is a light, fun presentation fusing Folk and American Pop music, and guaranteed to set your feet tapping and your heart singing. From “Bridge Over Troubled Water” to “Jeremiah Was A Bullfrog,” these beloved tunes and rhythms will keep you humming and smiling for days to come.

The 50 member all volunteer Catalinas Community Chorus, led by Artistic Director, Bill Bellah, is now in its 13th season. The mission of the chorus includes bringing the beauty and inspiration of excellent choral music to the community through a variety of musical styles, including Broadway, jazz, spirituals, pop, and classical, and their performances are filled with fun, flair, and great enthusiasm.

This promises to be an afternoon of pure enjoyment. You’ll be tapping your toes and humming along. Please come and invite your family and friends to join you. Tickets are \$10 for adults, (ages 18 and under free), and are available from any chorus member, online at catalinascommunitychorus.org, at Vista on Sundays, or at the



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO :

ALLIGOOD, David 03/01
 EGGEBRATEN, Cathy 03/01
 HOLMAN Sr., Jim 03/02
 RIDDLE, Bill 03/03
 ZEBAL, Liz 03/05
 HEDRICK, Jim 03/06
 BRETZ, Linda 03/09
 LOGAN, Bob 03/09
 BRACKETT, Nancy 03/10
 TRIBOULET, Dick 03/10
 COWMAN, Nancy 03/11
 PHILLIPPI, Lou 03/11

VERMILYE, Joel 03/11
 ALLEN, Bill 03/12
 ARNETT, Janet 03/12
 HAMPTON, Fran 03/13
 MILLER, Barbara 03/13
 RICHARDS, Shirley 03/13
 DETHMAN, Esther 03/14
 HALL, Jay 03/14
 ROBERSON, Walt 03/17
 RUFFINI, Susan 03/18
 ADAMS, Wayne 03/19
 RICE, Pete 03/19

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

CARPENTER, Boyd & Karon 03/10
 BRACKETT, Dave & Nancy 03/12
 OLSON, Ron & Linda 03/15
 KELLEY, Ed & Lynn 03/18
 ARNETT, Paul & Janet 03/28

LANGWIG, Bob 03/21
 SANDERS, Marshall 03/23
 CROWN, John 03/24
 EXTRACT, Alexis 03/24
 BAUM, Fred 03/25
 ALLEN, Marge 03/27
 ALLEN, Olivia 03/27
 COLBY, Dottie Lou 03/27
 SCHWARTZ, Pete 03/28
 SPENCER, Phyllis 03/29
 AUGUST, Alice 03/31
 DUENKEL, George 03/31



My thanks to all of Vista for your prayers, cards, visits and food during my recent surgery and recovery period. We are so blessed to be part of such a loving and caring church family.

Forever grateful
Don August

Dear "Vista" Members & Staff,

Just want you to know how we have appreciated your friendship and caring during the past 4 months. So many of you have kept in touch in so many difference way and it has meant a great deal to us. We send our thanks to those of you who have been keeping us in your prayers and thoughts.

Betty & Don Little

Information You Need To Know on “Disposing of Unused Drugs”

Do you not know what to do with drugs and any other household hazardous waste that you do not want any more?

Please read below the different methods that are available to you.

Disposing of unused medication: (Information came from the OV Police internet)

Oro Valley Police Department will have a “Dispose-A-Med Oro Valley” on: Saturday, April 17, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Target, 10555 N. Oracle Road.

Another collection is scheduled for Saturday, May 15

Walgreen and CVS Pharmacies have a “Safe Medication Disposal Kiosk” in the area of the pharmacy that you can drop your drugs into the container and the pharmacy will see that the drugs will be destroyed properly.

Liquid medications cannot be dropped into the “Safe Medication Disposal Kiosk”

Disposing Liquid Medication Procedure from the local police department:

Pour liquid medication into a water-tight container, such as an empty margarine tub. Mix in used coffee grounds, kitty litter or soil. Seal it with duct tape

Place in a trash container – **DO NOT RECYCLE**

Disposing of **SHARPS: NEEDLES, SYRINGES, LANCETS:**

Place sharps in a puncture proof plastic container with a screw-on lid (for example: a rigid detergent bottle)

Clearly label the container “**NON-RECYCLEABLE**”; secure the lid with duct tape. Place in a trash container.

DO NOT RECYCLE

In addition to disposing of medications there are other items that you may need to get rid of such as:

ITEMS LABELED:

ACID, FLAMMABLE, CAUSTIC, POISON, CAUTION, TOXIC, DANGER OR WARNING

Do Not Drop off at a Household Hazardous Waste site tucsonaz.gov/es/household-hazardous-waste (520)888-6947

Receive more information on “drug disposal” go to the Oro Valley Police internet site. Type in the search area the words: “drug off” click on search and you will receive more information on drug drop off.

Family First Pregnancy Care Center

Vista’s Mission Outreach and UMW hosted a Luncheon & Baby Shower on February 9th for Family First Pregnancy Care Center (FFPCC) & Diaper Bank located in Oracle and Winkelman. Our guest speaker was Family First’s Executive Director Frank Grochocki. Family First provides mothers and fathers’ education classes on prenatal care, child development, parenting and life skills. They host a weekly story time for toddlers and their mothers. Through their “Earn While You Learn Program” participants completing a class earn a “FFPCC Mommy or Daddy Dollar” that may be cashed in at their on-site store for a baby outfit, layette item or diapers. We learned that baby diapers cost an average of \$160 per month and are required by all daycare facilities. Frank stated that the poverty rate of the towns in the “Copper Corridor” (Oracle to Winkelman) is approximately 56 percent making the purchase of diapers a financial hardship for families and the elderly. FFPCC is also desperately in need of adult diaper donations for elderly people in their service area.

Fifty ladies and gentlemen attended the baby shower and luncheon. In addition, some baby items were donated by church members unable to attend this event. The baby shower donations overfilled five 3’ x 6’ tables including a table full of diapers purchased by Mission Funds. A Thrivent Action Team Grant provided all of the luncheon food, drinks and decorations. The Family First staff were overwhelmed by the generosity of Vista Church members. We want to thank all Vista members and friends that donated infant/toddler items and diapers. A special thank you to Jan Bohe and the ladies of the Susanna Wesley Circle for making delicious bars for the luncheon dessert.

Jan Hopke-Almer

Family First Mission Outreach Leader

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
10am - Worship 11:15am - Adult 4pm - San Manuel	9:30am - Ladies' Bible 10:30am - Staff 11am - Loretta Tom -	9am - Vocal Sen 2pm - Evangelism 4pm - SPRC Meeting- 6:30pm - Trustees	ASH WEDNESDAY 8:30am - Intercessory 10am - Gospels-Adult 6pm - Ash Wed. Service 6:30pm - Cub Scouts 7pm - Chancel Choir	8am - Landscaping 9:30am - Mary Martha 12:30pm - Snak Pak - 6:30pm - Bell Choir	9am - Cre. Hands @	7am - UMM Breakfast 8am - UMM Meeting
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10am - Worship 11:15am - Adult 3pm - CCC Concert @ 4pm - San Manuel	9:30am - Ladies' Bible 10:30am - Staff 11am - Loretta Tom -	9am - Vocal Sen 1pm - Prayer Shawl 6pm - Game Night	8:30am - Intercessory 10am - Gospels-Adult 1pm - CYFM, Ed's Bldg 7pm - Chancel Choir	8am - Landscaping 9am - Stephen 12:30pm - Snak Pak - 6:30pm - Bell Choir	9am - Cre. Hands @	
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