

Vista de la Montaña UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Window to Our Future!



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As I write this the Dog Days of Summer are coming to an end. August 11th is the last day of the Dog Days of Summer. Traditionally I thought of the Dog Days of Summer as being the days of July and August where in which even the dog didn't want to go outside and do anything because it was so hot and muggy. Then I found out the "real origin" of that phrase and here goes, *"According to The Old Farmer's Almanac, the Dog Days of summer are traditionally the 40 days beginning July 3 and ending August 11, which coincide with the dawn rising of Sirius, the Dog Star. This is soon after the Summer Solstice, which of course also indicates that the worst summer heat will soon set in."*

Well as hot and lethargic as the weather might make us it hasn't held back on workers on our New Education and Administration building. To date (August 8, 2019) we are on time and on schedule. I found out that the slab will be poured Friday night August 9th starting at 3am. Yes, that is no typo. They are starting the pour of approximately 100 cubic yards of concrete at 3am to avoid the heat and the Monsoon storms. So, by the time you read this the slab will be in and the uprights, will be starting to be placed.

Currently, we are targeting Sunday August 25th for a tour of the site after worship. The Children and Youth will go through during the Sunday School hour and the rest of the church will get a sneak preview right after worship. What began as a dream is now become concrete and steel!! Oh, come and see what great thing God is doing through your faithfulness and generosity.

We continue in worship with a series on prayer. It will continue through the end of September with some Sundays off for other messages. **But.....this series comes with homework. If we are going to talk about prayer than we must pray! Pick a time every day to pray. Seek to make it a habit. Pray the Lord's Prayer every day and as you go through this series you will find deeper and deeper meaning in that prayer and closer connection with God!**

In Christ's love Gretchen Lofgren <gretchie22@cox.net>

Pastor Fred

South District Fourth Annual Lay Servant Celebration

The FoUrth Annual Lay Servant Celebration will be held at First Church Tucson on Saturday, September 21st. Registration & Continental Breakfast will begin at 9 am. District Superintendent, Mark Conrad will be delivering the sermon during Worship at 11. A catered lunch will be served following Worship. It will be Mexican Food and there is no cost to the Lay Servant. **PLEASE RSVP TO GRETCHEN LOFGREN AT GRETCHIE22@COX.NET IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND. WE NEED A CORRECT COUNT FOR THE LUNCH. YOU MAY BRING A GUEST (SPOUSE, ETC).**

From The Building Committee

Good News. We are an amazing Church full of love, compassion, support and generosity. Our congregation continues to make its support known loud and clear through its prayers and donations. The landscaping and irrigation effort is fully-funded and now the portico is fully-funded. All excess funds will be going towards **the nursery & toddlers' room. Thank you.**

Safety. Your well-being in and around the construction site is our single most important action item. Replacing two or three large pieces of excavating equipment will be a dozen or so pickup trucks. Although the size of these construction vehicles is smaller, the chances of having an accident or injury is now greater. Please, please be aware of your surroundings at all times on Church property.

Construction Status. The past two months have seen us building a solid foundation which was capped with a cement pad on Friday 9 August. Workers began erecting the steel frame and girders on Monday 12 August and before much longer there will be a roof on the New Vistas building and we remain on schedule. As in the hymn *Onward Christian Soldiers*, we continue marching onward to the ribbon cutting in December.

The “inside the fence” tour of the New Vistas Building construction site is scheduled for Sunday 25 August. Immediately following our service there will be a very brief presentation by Concord in the sanctuary followed by a walking tour of the building site which, for safety reasons, will be led by Concord personnel in groups of 20. Please stay tuned for more information.

Overview Report of Revenue To Date as of July 15

Church Transfers	Donations	Cash in Hand	Pledged	Grand Total
\$151,586	\$828,655.31	\$980,241.31	\$177,321.93	\$1,157,563.24



IT ISN'T DIRT ANYMORE!



Please make note that when the office calls you, it will not reflect Vista's name on your caller id. The number that should display is 520-349-9216. You will then know that it is from the church.

Also, during the construction period, we are having all mail forwarded to a PO box. We will hopefully still receive your mail, but somewhat delayed. If you wish us to receive mail from you in a timely manner, please address your mail to Vista de la Montana, PO Box 8686, Tucson AZ 85738.

Remember to use CAUTION when driving through the construction while entering and exiting the church parking lot. Heavy equipment is busy moving dirt, and other things. Approach the area carefully to avoid a possible collision!

Don't forget to pick up your souvenir jar of dirt!

If you weren't able to be here for the ground-breaking and pick up your souvenir jar of Vista dirt, you can pick up your dirt in the patio on Sunday mornings!



VISTA YOUTH AND CHILDREN



What an amazing summer we have had.

Terrific Tuesdays were lots of fun and our two youth interns learned a lot and did a great job! Thank you Mia and Kiana.

Our middle schoolers were confirmed and served communion in August!

The Middle School Missions was a great start to our summer. Three middle schoolers from Vista joined 60 others for 4 days of work, friends and fun. Days were spent at shelters, farms, kitchens, monasteries and other areas around Tucson serving. These young people worked and played hard.

In July, five Vista senior high had the opportunity to fly to Kansas City, MO and join 3000+ other Methodist **youth and leaders for an amazing life changing Worship conference. A special thank you to Vista's UMW for their support.**

We have helped our Missions Committee with backpacks and delivery and will continue with the Aqua Prieta trip coming up this Fall.

On Saturday, August 17, we will join other local Methodist churches in a Back to School Event at Patagonia Lake. At this time, we have 16 signed up to attend. Our day will end with a meal and Worship Service at Patagonia UMC.

Three of our youth graduated high school and are working on a Young Adult Group here at Vista. We don't know exactly what that will look like at this point but are excited for our young adults and will work with them to make this program successful. Please keep them in your prayers.

On September 15, Vista will host Rally Sunday! We will promote the children and youth up to the grades they are attending. Parents will meet and get to know each other (and fill out the annual paperwork!) Party **at the Rupe's. Thank you in advance!**

We hope to continue and add to our amazing children and youth ministry here at Vista! Watch for details! Thank YOU for your prayers, love and support.

Valerie Hammons, Director of Youth Ministries

CHERYL MCGUIRE - VISTA UMC CUSTODIAN

We are fortunate and blessed to have Cheryl McGuire as our custodian. She has worked for us about one **year. She is enthusiastic about her job and takes it seriously. You don't have to tell her every detail of** things to clean – **she sees what needs to be done and goes after it. She isn't looking for big praises but is** happy to see a job well done. That is enough for her.

Her duties here include: vacuuming, emptying all trash containers, cleaning the restrooms, changing table set ups when needed, other miscellaneous chores, and just keeping our church facilities looking clean and well-kept. She even does windows and cleans the upholstered chairs! She does all this with a positive energy and a positive attitude. In fact, she likes to make this job fun.

She shared with me that the Vista people are warm and complementary. She also shared with me a word that has special meaning to her. The word is responsibility. She broke it down to two words: response and ability. She always tries to have a Christian response to her duties. To do them with a good heart and attitude. It pleases her to be a servant. She says her ability at Vista is a God-given talent and she doing what God has created her to do. She prays, as she walks this present journey, she will leave a good and positive impression.

MISSION MESSAGE

The Mission Team will resume their regular meeting schedule beginning September 11. Meetings will take place on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm in the Patio Room.

Back to School Supplies

One of the long-term missions of Vista de la Montana UMC in Catalina and San Manuel is distributing backpacks and school supplies to children and youth in Oracle, San Manuel, Winkelman and Mammoth through the Family First Pregnancy Care Center. This year we are providing 90 backpacks!! We will be delivering these backpacks to FFPCC for their Open House School Supplies Event on Wednesday, July 31 from 3:00-5:00 pm at 1575 W. American Avenue in Oracle.

This event is their annual Hot Diggity Dog event where they serve free hotdogs, chips and a drink if someone brings a donation of a school supply to their "Back to School Supply Drive."

Vista Church also sent 159 backpacks filled with school supplies to our sister Church in Agua Prieta Mexico.

Here is what we are donating to FFPCC:

- 12 - Pre-K
- 30 - Grades K-2
- 20 - Grades 3-5
- 28 - Grades 6-12

We as a congregation believe deeply in the importance of education. We believe education can be used for a deeper love of God and neighbor for as Jesus said about the number one commandment "To love the Lord your God with all your heart, **mind**, soul and strength and your neighbor as yourself." We seek to be good neighbor through neighborly acts of love and care.

The children, their families and teachers are in our thoughts and prayers as they return to school in August. To become involved in this Church and ministry join us Sunday afternoons at 4pm in San Manuel or Sunday mornings at 10am in Catalina.

In Christ

Rev. Fred C. Baum



7/5/19
Pastor Baum
&
Congregation

YOUR KINDNESS MEANS
THE WORLD TO ME.

I'm blessed with all the support & prayers
for my family. My treatment has
been good and I am positive that it will
work. The type of tumor I have on my
~~pancreas~~ pancreas, is very treatable.
Love & grace
Susan
Eubank

August Celebrations

Anniversaries

ROBINSON, Grant & Joan	08/07
CROWN, John & Jan	08/09
YOUNG, Howard & Mary Lou	08/09
BAUM, Deede & Fred	08/15
SPENCER, Phyllis & Dan	08/16
EXTRACT, Clif & Laurie	08/17
ROBERSON, Walt & Mary Louise	08/19
COWMAN, Brian & Nancy	08/20
LARMOUR, Paul & Margaret	08/22
MEHLHORN, Mary-Ann & Peter	08/23
BELLAH, Bill & Mary	08/26
BUKES, Milt & Jan	08/26
GARCIA, Al & Jacquie	08/28
SNIDER, Bob & Glenna	08/30



Birthdays

FLOYD, Linda	08/04
TONGA, Sela	08/05
BROWNING, Jean	08/06
HIGGINS, Peggy	08/06
PODLASEK, Ken	08/08
JACKSON, Ginny	08/09
RICE, Karen	08/09
MOYER, JennaRae	08/12
OELRICH, Paul	08/12
HARWICK, Kailyn	08/13
HOTCHKISS, Michelle	08/13
SNIDER, Glenna	08/13
ALLIGOOD, Edna	08/15
HOLDEN, Jackie	08/15
PLUM, Kathy	08/16
HEISS, Judy	08/17
RADTKE, Gene	08/17
BORING, Daniel	08/19
LEEDOM, Marge	08/19
OLSON, Ron	08/20
ISAAC, Kathleen	08/21
KELLEY, Lynn	08/21
ROBERSON, Mary Louise	08/22
SHERMAN, Bob	08/22
WHITE, Natassja	08/23
YOUNG, Howard	08/23
DUCKETT, Florence	08/25
HARTMAN, Linda	08/25
WHITTINGTON, Linda	08/25
ALBERTS, Gerry	08/27
VALDER, Linda	08/27
ERIKSSON, Lars	08/29
MARSH, Dan	08/31
RUPE, Jean	08/31



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