



# VISTA de la MONTAÑA

ECHOES    JANUARY 2019

## PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Members and Friends of Vista Church,

Here are some of my thoughts as we enter the New Year and the new mission of a Satellite Fellowship opening up in San Manuel.

Some have asked what is the difference between a "Satellite Fellowship" and a "Local Church" besides the location? The modern phenomena of "Home Churches" opening up "Satellite Churches" is one in which I believe the Home church remains in a closer relationship with the Satellite Fellowship. Rather than starting a fellowship with the intention that the Satellite Fellowship becomes at some point a total separate local church, the two or more worshipping communities share a common ministry and mission only separated by location.

In a Home Church/Satellite Fellowship the members of the Satellite Fellowship are members of the Home Church and vice a versa. The precedence for this in our Denomination, which is United Methodist, is that when you become a member of a Local United Methodist Church you are a "United Methodist". From that point on when you move from one UMC to another you simply transfer your letter of membership in the United Methodist Church.

We as Methodists are really big on "Belonging and Believing". We believe that when God calls us into a relationship with Him through Jesus Christ, God calls us into a relationship with other believers to strengthen our belief and join together with them in ministry and mission. We believe we can do more together than we can do separately. There is more power in our common ministry and mission than we can exercise as individuals.

These two words, "ministry and mission" are often used interchangeable, but here is where I see the difference. "Ministry" is what the local church does for itself. Examples are: worship, Bible Studies, Sunday School, potlucks and fellowship events etc. Mission is what we do for others outside our local church. Examples of mission for Vista Church is that we support Family First, The Community Food Bank, Impact, and our work in Agua Prieta Mexico with the Fuente de Vida Methodist church along with many others.

A crossover of ministry and mission is our "Prayer Shawl Ministry". These prayer shawls are crocheted and prayed over by a group of women in our church and then they are consecrated and blessed in our worship services. These "Prayer Shawls" are then distributed to members and friends both within and without the church who are in the hospital, nursing homes, rehabilitation and hospice situations. Several people in the past two years have gone home to God, either wrapped in a prayer shawl, or covered by one and in a real sense covered by our prayers as God accepts them home. You don't have to be a member to be involved in such a ministry/mission. You just need to know how to knit or crochet and like to pray as you work.

I and Vista Church are looking forward to working in partnership with the people of San Manuel. Look for areas in which you can be involved in our Mission in San Manuel in our bulletin.

In Christ  
Pastor Fred Baum



## ***Fry's Community Rewards***

Vista de la Montana UMC is now enrolled as a member of Fry's Community Rewards Program. Our Member Number is 22553. Our church will receive a cash rebate quarterly, calculated on how much our members have purchased at Fry's or any Kroger affiliate.

PLEASE NOTE: Before you can link your Fry's V.I.P card to an organization, you must have an email address and an on-line account. Email Sharon Scanlan for instructions or go on-line to Fry's. Sharon's email is sascanlan8548@me.com.

In January, the Finance Team will be available after several of our Church services to provide information on how to enroll in ACH, Credit Card Giving, and Fry's Rewards. We are also working on Amazon Rewards.

Please consider selecting one of these ways to give, then follow through. The spiritual progress of the church lives on member donations. Step up, be counted!

## **November 2018 Financial Results**

In November, our income was under budget by -\$4,747 and expenses were under budget by -\$2,061. The net fund increase was +\$3,319, which was -\$2,686 under budget. Year-to-date we are behind budgeted income by -\$11,337. However, we had \$21,200 in prepaid pledges last December so we should be on budget by year-end.

**November Attendance** was a -1.6% decrease, but does not include live streaming viewers. We average 240-250 per week in our church service and quite a few more that view our live streaming.

### **2019 Stewardship Campaign and Operating Budget**

Our 2019 Stewardship campaign resulted in 2019 pledges of \$422,000. an increase of \$5,000. On December 18 the Finance Committee approved a 2019 budget and recommended the budget to the Church Council, who approved it.

Budgeted Income: \$464,200

Budgeted Expense: \$408,620, which includes a transfer of \$40,000 to the Building Fund

***Sharon Scanlan, Finance Chair***

***Dennis Kimmel, Financial Secretary***

***Darrell Parson, Treasurer***

# Walk to Bethlehem 2018



*Thank you, everyone,* for a successful Walk to Bethlehem in December, 2018. Even though the Walk has come and gone, our memories of the event linger on. Over 500 people attended this year's Walk, in spite of the rain on Thursday night. Robin and Pam want to thank each and every one of you who helped in any way to make this possible. Without you all, there would be no Walk! We are humbled by the dedication of everyone to make this event a huge success, and special kudos to those who had to suffer the drenching on Thursday night. What troopers you all were! Guides, shepherds in the field, prophet, and parking lot managers! Thank you! I guess the wise men got a little wet too, and Mary and Joseph had a leaky roof! But you went on with the show! Now we look forward to Walk to Bethlehem 2020!

Several fruitless olive trees were purchased from a nursery that is going out of business to use for the Walk. Several have been sold but there are a couple are still available for \$50 each. These are in 15 gallon cans. If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact Pam @ 520-343-1225.

## *Thank you, Vista family!*

The Vista staff appreciates and is truly grateful for the generosity of Vista for the Love offering we have received. We are truly blessed to be part of such a caring and loving family.



***During a recent illness,(I am much improved now), I received numerous get well cards and phone calls from various Vista members. It was very gracious of all of you to remember me and pray for my recovery. Linda and I have been members of 6 different UMC but never have we been part of a church congregation that was more caring, loving,encouraging and compassionate than Vista. It is indeed a reminder to us to assist others during their times of need and be thankful for ourVista family.***

***Blessings to all, Dillis Ward***

*December 26, 2018*

*Dear Friends at Vista de la Montana,*

*I want to thank each one of you who has been praying for me to get better. Hearing my name called in prayer each Sunday brought me so much courage to face the trial of this crazy heart of mine. However I am living proof that God hears and answers prayers. Sometimes the answers are not what we asked for or expected. Once the answer was, 'You are too much at risk.' Another time it was 'Your oxygen is to low.' But then the answer was, 'It is time.' Never doubt that God hears what you ask for and in His own way answers them. Keep praying for what is on your heart.*

*Always thanking God for his answers.*

*Jimmie Simon*

## Mission Outreach Ministry



Wow !! A brand new year has been given to us and what does God have for us to do in His vineyard? There is so much need on our community and beyond. We will be responding to a new Ministry at Esperanza en Escalante, the housing facility for homeless Vets and their families. On Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Arnett the team leader and some of us on the Mission Committee, will be making a trip to the project to deliver kitchen goods, towels and warm bedding and tour the facility. It is so sad to know that on any given day, 50,000 of our Veterans are homeless and living on the streets of our nation. Esperanza en Escalante offers a home for former member of our Military Service. There are separate units for men and women, families and a complex for the disabled. In addition to the housing units, there is a vegetable garden, and a dog park on the grounds. They also offer the veterans the items they may need as they transition out of the facility including clothing, and household items that have been given to the organization. More report on Escalante next month.

Your generous Thanksgiving offering enabled us to send \$2000.00 to Impact Food Bank. Included in that check was your 1st Sunday of the month giving, and \$388.00 from donations given on the Walk to Bethlehem. In addition over 200 pounds of food goods were delivered by Leslie Hawkins to the food Bank. Thanks Leslie for being our "Food Truck Carrier ", and thank you Vista so very much for your generous hearts. The balance of the contributions will go to support the Snak Pak program at Coronado School Across the street from Vista.

At this writing I do not have a total for the Christmas offering and will report back to you in the next Echoes. I also want to thank all of you who purchased Christmas Cards from our sister church Fuente de Vida women's co-op in Agua Prieta, Mexico.

We are still looking for someone to step up and take the Leadership for our Sister Jose Mission project. The job is not hard or very time consuming but we do need someone to be our liaison to the project. I am praying that someone heart would be open to this ministry to the homeless women in Pima County. Call me!!

Our next mission meeting will be on Jan, 9th in the Patio Room at 1:00PM. We will have the special treat of hearing Sherri Wyland, as she shares her experiences with UMCOR. She and her late husband Rex have worked for many years with this program and she can give us first hand information about the work that UMCOR does around the world. Please plan to come and listen to her presentation. As always everyone is welcome at our meetings as this is a church wide program.

I want to wish all you great folks at Vista a very Happy New Year. I know that our Lord has great work for us to do in His name, at Vista in 2019.

***Yours in Mission Service:***

***Dee Berman.....Chairman 520-825-7115 or deerick1968@gmail.com***



Thank you, Marion Ramsey, for your 20+ years of service to Vista as our Liturgist Coordinator! You have earned your retirement! We are thankful for all that you have done for Vista.



**Pete Rice presented with Scottish Shepherd's Hook By Alisdair and Sally Innes**

Before modern facilities, shepherds had to find a way to catch their sheep. So using a strong piece of wood, they took a sheep ram's horn and attached the curved horn to the wood to allow them to catch the sheep by their ankles. The crook that Pete now has was used on a Scottish farm. Sally and Alisdair Innes, both coming from sheep properties, felt that Pete Rice was the person to have this Shepherd's Crook. Each Sunday as we came into church there was Pete standing in the entry hall holding a cane

representing a Shepherd --- reminding us that the reason we were in this building was to be near the divine shepherd sent by God. Pete is a gentle and kind person and truly fits the part.



**Fuente da Vida Celebration of Learning, October 27, 2018**



# Walk to Bethlehem

## 2018



## Warm Clothing and Bedding Drive is Heating Up Again!



As you critique your “winter wardrobe,” please consider donating those items that remain in the back of your closet – or bottom of your drawer year after year! Each year, during the months of December and January, Vista collects new and/or gently used warm clothing (socks, jackets, gloves, scarves, robes, sweaters, etc.) and bedding (blankets and bedspreads). Items placed in a large Christmas Box in the Narthex will be delivered weekly to IMPACT’S Clothing Bank where they can be distributed in a timely manner to area residents in need.

## Dinner for Six

We will begin organizing our spring dinner groups in January. If you were part of a group last time, you are automatically included unless you let us know otherwise. If you would like to be part of the spring session, or need more information, please call Sandy Schwartz, 818-9792, or Joyce Holman 825-4581, by January 6, 2019.



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## VISTA OUTREACH FOR DECEMBER

In December 2018, the evangelism team mailed out 2,587 postcards to our friends in SaddleBrooke Ranch, Black Horse and Eagle Crest Neighborhoods.

We put 6,300 full page color inserts in the Saddle Brooke Progress and a full color ad in the Oro Valley Explorer.



*Happy Birthday to:*

HEYWOOD, Jim	01/01	CARY, Mary	01/18
HOLDEN, Larry	01/02	DEDRICK, Char	01/18
STEVENSON, Ken	01/02	KASTE, Howard	01/19
HERNANDEZ, Antonio (AJ)	01/03	CAMPBELL, Lori	01/20
AUTHUR, Janelle	01/07	FOWLER, Valarie	01/21
HIGGINS, Dennis	01/07	LAFLEUR JR, Theodore	01/22
HOTCHKISS, Kourtney	01/07	MILLER, Fran	01/22
PRICE, Ursula	01/08	WALDO, Duane	01/22
MANN, Diane	01/11	KASTE, Sharon	01/23
DEVRIES, Shirley	01/12	YOB, Nancy	01/23
WATTS, Cheryl	01/12	WILLIAMS, Norm	01/24
JOHNSON, Barbara	01/13	KOELLING, Jerry	01/25
JOHNSON, Barbara	01/13		
TONGA, Mia	01/14		
AGUIRRE, Roman	01/15		
EVANS, Joanne	01/15		
CONNER, Robin	01/17		
HOLMAN, Joyce	01/17		

*Happy Anniversary to:*

SMITH, Don & Pat	01/01
HOLDER, Pam & Craig	01/06
POHNERT, Bill & Tricia	01/07
LINDAHL, Greg & Carol	01/20



## VISTA FINE ARTS

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# *The Tempe Winds*

Vista Fine Arts is thrilled to host the Tempe Winds for their fifth concert in Tucson. The date is **Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.** and the place is right here at Vista.

The ensemble, now in its 29th season, “plays for the love of music....” and you will love their program! They are presenting “**Music from the Stage**”, some of the great music from the musical stage, including “**Fiddler on the Roof**” and “**South Pacific.**” In addition, toe-tapping music by the great American composers George Gershwin and Leonard Bernstein will be performed.

**Tempe Winds**, organized in 1989, is composed of 50 of the finest musicians from the Phoenix metropolitan area. These musicians are dedicated to the performance of outstanding band literature and have provided Arizona with a unique cultural experience of the highest quality.

Invite your family and friends! This event is free and open to everyone in the community. Suggested donation: \$10. Please join us for an afternoon of joyful, exhilarating music.

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**YOU CAN BE PART OF THE SAN MANUEL MISSION TEAM!**

**If you are interested in being part of this ministry, please contact Donna Boring at 520-393-3341 for more information, or call Pastor Fred at 520-825-1985.**