



VISTA de la MONTAÑA

ECHOES

APRIL 2019

PASTOR'S PEN

Dear friends, I want to thank everyone for the cards, calls, songs and well wishes for my birthday! You are truly thoughtful and caring congregation and helped me celebrate my birthday for a whole week. We celebrated at my home on Saturday with 2 of my children and my grandchildren and of course the woman who made it all possible my mom! She shared once again the events surrounding my entrance into the world in a car on the way to the Methodist Hospital in Espanola New Mexico. My mom has really slowed down since her fall and hospitalization in January. She will celebrate her 95th birthday in April. Thanks for your prayers.

April and May are very momentous months for us at Vista Church! In April we will celebrate Holy Week beginning with the Chancel Choir Lenten Presentation – **“Calvary’s Love” by Lloyd Larson & Jay Rouse. I expect we will be packed to the walls on this Sunday!** Come early and get a good seat. On Holy Thursday we will have 2 services, one at 3pm and one at 7pm. Both will celebrate Holy Communion to remember the night that Jesus **was betrayed. The sermon that day/evening will be “Thirty Pieces of Silver”.** **Good Friday we will have a Service of Darkness.** And Sunday we will celebrate Jesus Resurrection from the dead starting at 6:30am with our Sunrise Service. We have added an 8:30am service so that everyone can invite their friends and loved ones to worship with them.

On Easter I serve Holy Communion, because as you know, some Christians we only see at Christmas and Easter. If we did not serve Holy Communion at Easter some people would go for years without receiving the Sacrament. It is important, and also a converting means of Grace. Whenever Holy Communion is celebrated it **proclaims Christ’s life and death on our behalf until he returns.**

May will be an incredibly busy and exciting month. In May we will move everything out of Ed’s and the Admin building. The church offices will be moved to Wycliff Bible Translators for 8 months and all the meetings and classes moved into the worship center. It will be a time of stress and excitement for all. On Sunday May **12th as part of worship we will have a ritual of decommissioning of Ed’s Building and the Admin building.** On Sunday June 2nd we will have a service of Ground Breaking. We found the shovel from the groundbreaking for the Worship Center and we intend to use it again. Through holy use comes more holiness!

Anyone whose marriage survived a home remodel while living in the home has an idea of what is coming. **This will be our church’s journey into the wilderness of cramped space for 8 months followed by the birth into the spaciousness of a new building.** Keep this whole process in your prayers.

In Christ’s love

Pastor Fred

FROM THE BUILDING COMMITTEE



The Building Committee continues to work hard to achieve what you, the Congregation, tasked us **with on Dream Sunday. We've moved forward over the past two years making solid progress and now with ground breaking in sight we have begun to run and, in another month, we'll be sprinting as** we approach the move beginning 13 May and ground breaking on 2 June. The move will be a big event for our Church and almost everyone will share in the excitement and the inconveniences but like so many challenges, it will bring us closer together as we work hand-in-hand towards a common goal. This move precedes a seven-month physical construction period where some can expect to find that your favorite parking space is temporarily unavailable or others might find that a convenient place to store items for one of the many ongoing ministries is temporarily unavailable. We hope that, like us, you can be flexible, innovative, tolerant and patient because each and every one of us are in this together.

Preparations for the move began over 6 months ago when it was announced at a Church Council meeting that the time has come to identify and remove any and all excess items, documents and equipment in preparation for the upcoming move and construction. Those who took action then will find the way ahead now is smooth and easy.

We will begin the move process on Monday 13 May so now is the time for action. Please remove all **excess documents, items and equipment if you haven't already done so. If you are currently storing items in a storage shed or in the Administration building or Ed's, check on it and eliminate the extras.** If you have items that do get moved and stored you will probably not be able to access them for **7 months, so plan accordingly. Also, please remember that both the Administration building and Ed's building will be removed or demolished and there is very limited storage available in the sanctuary or the storage containers or anywhere on campus so consider taking a lot of those items home temporarily – please act now, right now.**

February 2019 Financial Results

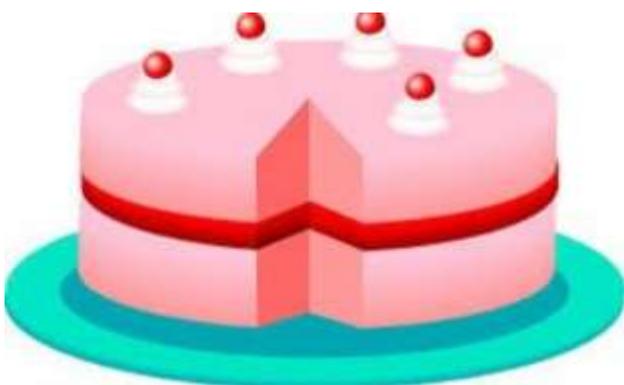
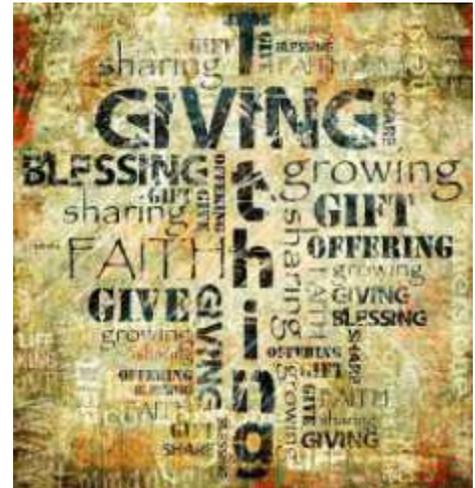
Income and expenses were on budget. Net income for the General Fund was \$4,335 and is \$16,109 YTD, which is slightly ahead of budget. Our Operating Reserve is \$87,441 and the goal is 2 months of expenses which would be \$68,000 in 2019. It was approved by the committee to transfer \$20,000 to the New Building Fund.

December attendance was a 1,061, which was a 4.0% increase. This includes San Manuel attendance, but does not include live streaming viewers.

Sharon Scanlan, Finance Chair

Dennis Kimmel, Financial Secretary

Darrell Parson, Treasurer



Support Vista Youth for YOUTH 2019

Preorders starting April 7th

Mini tastes on April 14th

Homemade Fresh Cakes available

for pickup April 21!

Give a cake as an Easter Gift!

Bring a Cake to Easter Dinner!

Be Happy—Buy a Cake!

HAVE YOUR CAKE AND SERVE IT ALSO



Celebration is a big part of Sunday goodies. It is so nice to have church folks think of their church family to share their celebration of special occasions. If you look back over the previous month you can see what I am referring to in celebrating those occasions.

Last month I saw we celebrated Pastor's birthday with a homemade cake for all of us to celebrate his special day. This caused me to think back when I was younger when we ask the person what kind of cake they like and then we pull out the recipe box and the cake pan, and we make the cake for them. I always find when I get a specially made gift or food from someone that it has a lot more meaning when given to me. Do you remember doing those things or maybe you still do make special gifts or food to give to someone on their special event.

Sign-up to bring goodies, serve the goodies and to help tidy up the kitchen on a Sunday. I will help you with this process. I have a written plan for you to follow if you like a road map to do goodies.

Sunday goodies is a great time to share special occasions like birthdays, anniversaries or a promotion. We like to be part of what makes you happy.

Sign-up with Delores Brindle after church at the goodie table and I will help you plan the celebration with you.

Thanks go out to everyone who have made each Sunday a special social time for us all. We cannot forget those who come in early to make that cup of java for us. Thanks a million, to all.

I will be watching for you to come and sign-up for April and beyond. You can sign-up for a special occasion way ahead, so you have that date booked. We have the calendar for the rest of the year.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Vista de la Montaña UMC

GOD'S Love in Action

Stephen Ministers/Leaders needed

Is GOD speaking to you?

Our team will welcome you!!





Sons of Orpheus
in cooperation with
VISTA FINE ARTS

Sons of Orpheus—The Male Choir of Tucson, will present its 28th Anniversary Gala Spring Concert on Saturday, April 13, at 3:00 p.m. at Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church.

An eclectic program of contemplative, inspiring, whimsical and fun pieces will include among others the famous Easter Hymn by Pietro Mascagni, three selections by Randall Thompson, a South African freedom song, cowboy favorites including a humorous addition to the repertoire, a setting of Kipling's If, and Broadway musical selections. Orpheus will be joined by outstanding guest performers, including The N.A.M. International Choir.

Tickets costing \$15 may be purchased online at www.sonsoforpheus.org, from choir members, at Vista on Sundays, or at the door on concert day. Students are welcome to attend free of charge.



SNAK PAK

On May 16 the SnakPak program will be finishing another successful school year. Each Friday that Coronado K-8 School in Catalina is in session, 60 students have received a pack of nutritious food. These are children judged by the social worker to be in danger of not having enough food over the weekend. In addition, because the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona is now sending us full cases of food instead of just the exact amount needed for 60 packs, other students are also being helped. Each SnakPak contains anywhere from 9-13 food items.

MENU #1

Honey Nut Cheerios
1% Shelf Stable Milk
Oatmeal Packet
Fruit Cup 12/7/oz
Applesauce
Hummus Dip
Veggie Bean Crackers 108
Oatmeal Bar



MENU #2

Rice Chex
1% Shelf Stable Milk
Granola packet
Fruit Cup 12/7/oz
Applesauce
Vegetable Soup
Goldfish crackers
Sunflower Seeds

Our drivers from Vista pick up the cases of food from the Marana Food Bank on Thursday morning about 10:30, **deliver it to Room 1 of Ed's building (the Patio Room starting in May)** At 12:30 volunteers from Vista and Santa Catalina Catholic Church open the cases of food and assemble the packs. A volunteer from Santa Catalina then delivers them to the school.

We always welcome new volunteers, and are greatly appreciative of the generosity of the members and friends of both churches that makes this program possible.

Kathy Campbell



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

RUPE, Marvin & Jean	04/03
OBEAR, Jim & Jody	04/04
HUNT, Ken & Sharon	04/09
BRINDLE, Delores & Kermit	04/13
PHILLIPPI, Lou & Nancy	04/20
YOUNG, Joe & June	04/21
LITTLE, Don & Betty	04/29

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO :

NEVINS, Ilene	04/02		
BUKES, Janet	04/03	COOKE, Lois	04/14
JANTZEN, Ruth Ann	04/04	HOWES, Keith	04/14
BELLAH, Bill	04/05	RYTTER, Jane	04/17
DURBIN, Curt	04/06	WATTS, Beler	4/17
BESCH, Jo Anne	04/07	TERRY, Cliff	04/18
OLSON, Linda	04/07	BULL, Rose	04/19
PHILLIPPI, Nancy	04/07	KENNY, Bernie	04/21
ROOKER, Joanie	04/07	JACKSON, Jim	04/22
EXTRACT, Clif	04/08	LANGWIG, Donna	04/22
EGGEBRATEN, Dean	04/09	MILLER, Linda	04/23
WARD, Linda	04/09	OBEAR, Jody	04/26
SIMON, Jim	04/11	SALAVA, Fern	04/27
		REYNOLDS, Richard	04/29

Mission Project for Aqua Prieta

Mark Your Calendar: Sunday, June 18th will be AP School Supplies Sponsors' Appreciation Day in addition to celebrating Father's Day.

It's time again for our annual collection of school supplies for the children from our sister church Fuente de Vida in Agua Prieta (AP). Last year we were blessed with donations allowing us to provide school supplies and backpacks for 135 K-12 students and 13 post-secondary students. The success of this economic development program is reflected in the increasing numbers of secondary and adult education students. We just received a list of 19 students that will be attending high school this fall. Scholarships for the high school students (\$400 per student) are provided by generous donations from Sun Lakes UMC members in Chandler, AZ.

In Mexico, students must provide their own school supplies and uniform as a school entrance requirement. Funds collected for school supplies help these eager youngsters fight their way up from the crushing poverty that held back their **parents for generations. With education and God's help, the cycle of poverty can be overcome for these students and their families.**

The significant increase in university and adult students has been made possible through the establishment of the **Roach Foundation in 2013. It was named after Dee Berman's aunt who upon her death gave \$50,000 to Vista missions** to fund post-secondary and adult education scholarships. Pastor Gela words of gratitude best describe the successes of this program:

With the Roach Foundation scholarships and donations from Vista Church members, we now have two teachers. This spring we will have the graduation of Marilu Sepulveda, who will be our third teacher thanks to the Roach fund. If God permits, within another year we will have Rafael Lopez Perez who is the son of Milita Lopez, a founding member of Fuente de Vida. I want you to know all of us value and appreciate in a grand way your interest, labor, love, dedication and your immense work that year by year you have done for our church. Thank you most especially for all the planning and coordinating and projecting for the future of the Roach Foundation for the secondary and adult education students by our sister Dee Berman.

A donation of \$25 buys the long list of school supplies and a backpack. Please make your check to Vista UMC with AP school supplies in the memo line. If past sponsors would like to keep their same student(s) for the 2017-2018 school year, please try to make your donation for school supplies by June 18th. We will be putting up our AP Adopt-a-Student Tree in July. Sponsors whose students are no-longer at Fuente de Vida and new sponsors may pick a student at that time. Any additional donations will be used to buy academic achievement awards, student gift certificates and prizes for the Celebration of Learning on October 28th. We invite all church members to attend the fun Celebration of Learning event.

Jan Hopke-Almer

Agua Prieta Education Leader

Worship Committee – who are they and what do they do.

The Worship Committee works with the Pastor and Music Leaders to plan and prepare for worship services. **Vista's current committee consists of 14 members. Below is an explanation of each position.**

Gerry Alberts is our Acolyte Coordinator. She trains, monitors, and schedules acolytes for each service. She consults with Pastor regarding specific needs for holidays and other special services.

Pam Holder is the Audio Visual representative on the committee. She works with the Live Streaming group to make our worship appealing to the audience.

Mary Bellah is the Music Coordinator. She keeps the committee informed on the music ministry at Vista. Which includes the chancel choir, Vocal Seniority, and special music program needs.

Susan Staker schedules Communion Servers. To volunteer to serve communion please contact Susan at (520) 825-5787

Carol Curtis is the Communion Steward coordinator. Her job is to prepare the bread and juice for all communion services. Want to help? (520) 820-7940 dsrtwillow@msn.com

Janet Arnett is in charge of the Flowers. She works with Lue Satterfield to prepare the beautiful bouquets we enjoy on Sunday. Also, she orders all of the special flowers (i.e. poinsettias and Easter lilies), decorates the church with them, and keeps them watered.

Jan Crown is our Greeter Coordinator. If Jan calls and asks you to great please say yes. (520) 825-3335

Deloris Brindle takes care of the kitchen as Hospitality Coordinator. If you want to keep having goodies please sign up to help on a Sunday.

Sherri Wyland coordinates our Liturgists. She is responsible to train new liturgists and to make sure each service has a liturgist. To volunteer please contact Sherri at (520) 235-7057

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Sharon Hunt is in charge of Prayer Shawls. The primary function of the Prayer Shawl Group is to make sure there are enough shawls to be distributed to those who need them. Steven Ministry members approve the distribution of the shawls. A record book is kept so that the numbered shawls are signed out, who received one and who delivered it.. Also the Prayer Shawl Group strives to keep the basket of mini-prayer shawls full. It is nice to have a mini-shawl in my purse to give to someone.

Karen Rice is the Steven Ministry coordinator. Stephen Leaders recruit and select laypeople from the congregation to serve as Stephen Ministers and provide them with 50 hours of training in Christian care-giving. Topics include listening, feelings, assertiveness, confidentiality, and ministering to people in specific life situations. Leader/Coordinator supervises all ministers, conducts Supervision meetings once a month including Continuing Education. Vista's Stephen Ministers also take Communion to home-bound, hospitalized or individuals in a care facility. Stephen Leaders also assist the Pastoral Staff with Hospital visits as needed. Stephen Ministers assist the Pastor at the Altar on Communion Services. We also serve at the Chapel every Sunday after church for anyone needing to talk or needing prayer.

Cliff Terry is our head Usher. The duties of the ushers are varied. Hand out bulletins, help folks find a seat, get the red sign-in pads distributed and collected, collect offering, and guide people in communion. Contact Cliff to become an usher (250) 314-3608 terryalcl@aol.com

Ginny Howes is the Welcome Desk coordinator. She is responsible for getting people to man the desk to make sure our visitors feel welcome to Vista. The Welcome Desk is now handing out red bags of goodies to first time visitors. Want to help (520) 825-4653 or kandghowes@comcast.net

Gail and Darrell Parson are responsible for decorating the Altar for each service and seeing to it that the chancel area is ready for worship each Sunday.

Pastor Fred, well I think you all know what he does.

Gail Parson is the committee chair. If you need anything special for a service please contact her at 520-275-7117 or gailvistaworship@comcast.net



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Holy Week and Easter Sunday Services

Palm Sunday (April 14)

Chancel Choir Lenten Presentation – “Calvary’s Love” by Lloyd Larson & Jay Rouse

Holy Thursday (April 18)

Communion Services at 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Good Friday (April 19)

“Darkness Descends” 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday (April 21)

Sunrise Service at 6:30 am

Worship Services with communion at 8:30 am and 10:00 am