



VISTA de la MONTAÑA UMC

# *Echoes*

October 2019

## **PASTOR'S PEN**

What a joyful time in the life of our Church. The "Summer" season is almost over and the "Fall/Winter" season about to begin. There is a rhythm to the days, weeks, months and years of our lives. It is only mid-September when I write this, but already plans are underway for the "Holy Days" the holidays of All Saints day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Today our new Education and Administration building is halfway finished with the completion date of December 18<sup>th</sup> fast approaching. Very exciting times in the life of our Church, which is our lives lived with each other in ministry and mission to the world.

On October 26<sup>th</sup> we return to our sister church in Agua Prieta Mexico to celebrate "A Day of Learning" where we recognize the children and their parents' education efforts. If you haven't been before or haven't been down there in awhile you will be amazed to see what faith in Jesus and hard work has produced in that community. Make sure you sign up soon!

All Saints Day is November 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is the day in which we remember our Holy Dead, the members of our church who have passed away in the last year. We will have a candle for each one of them on our altar as well as for those who died in military service. One candle is always lit for loved ones of our congregation who have passed away. This year we are trying to make that one candle "extra-special" by inviting anyone who has had a loved one pass away to bring a picture of that loved one to be placed around the altar, on the chancel steps and at other places in the Sanctuary depending on how many pictures people bring. I am planning on bringing a picture of my dad. They can be framed or unframed. We are looking for smaller sizes such as 4 X 6 or 5 X 7. Smaller ones are fine too. We will be celebrating Holy Communion that day, and in a real sense, communing with those both living and those who have passed on to worship in the presence of God. I believe it will be a very moving service.

On October 13<sup>th</sup> we begin our Annual Stewardship program. It is based on Jesus' command to "Love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves." The first Sunday in October we will celebrate Laity Sunday with Mr. John Witt bringing us a message of hope and peace.

Lots of good things to look forward to and be involved in from the Chancel, Bell, and Vocal Seniority choirs to our many mission programs. Wow!!! What great things God has planned for us!!

In Christ's Love

## Nominations Time is Here Again!

Vista's Annual Church/Charge Conference will take place this year on November 20 at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. At this time the new nominees for our 2020 Church Leadership positions will be voted into office. Nominations are now open for a number of positions. Please inform Pastor Fred if you are interested in being nominated for a position. There is an immediate need for a Liturgist Coordinator, and also a Columbarium Director.

# Construction Progress

## from the Building Committee



The Church had a walking tour of the New Vistas Building on 25 August. This initial tour was preceded by over 2 and a half months of carefully engineered foundation work which included having over 115 cubic yards of cement poured and then leveled **to within 1/8" across the entire 7,225 square foot pad.** The Education wing of our new building was built to accommodate various church, community and social activities using five separate multi-purpose rooms. These multi-purpose rooms range in size from one large 1,430 square foot room to four medium 375 square foot rooms. **Notably, one 375 square foot room is for the sole use of Vista's youth.** The Building Committee is very thankful to Vista Church's loving, generous and enthusiastic congregation for making Dream Sunday a reality.



# Vista UMC Finance Committee October 2019

## August Year-to-Date 2019 Financial Results

We have had a very good year. Year-to-date income exceeds the budget by \$6,143 and expenses are under budget by \$12,182. Net income for the General Fund is \$51,745 YTD, which is ahead of budget and last year. Maintaining these trends are very important since we have begun making interest payments on the construction loan and upon completion of the building we will begin mortgage payments of \$35,000 annually.

Special thanks to those of you who use ACH or credit card payments because it has made a big difference in steady monthly income in the summer months instead of a big dip! If you aren't using an automatic monthly payment for your pledge, please consider it! Contact Dennis Kimmel to set up your account.

Attendance for August represented a **10.4%** increase, **not** including San Manuel attendance of 75! Additionally, we had 265 view our service on Live Streaming, which is an average of 66 weekly.

The 4 Building Fund CD's with CIT, TIAA and UMCU that will mature in October and we have begun the process to move the funds to the bank for construction payments.

Our committee will resume meetings in September when we begin our 2020 Stewardship and Budgeting processes.

Sharon Scanlan, Finance Chair

Darrell Parson, Treasurer

CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 10, 2019.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

Vista's annual Stewardship Campaign will begin on Sunday, October 13 and culminate with a celebratory luncheon on Consecration Sunday, November 10. This is a time in our church calendar when we reflect on the many blessings we have received from God and prayerfully consider the ways in which we can joyfully "give back" as we move into the next calendar year.

Pastor Fred will lead us in exploring the meaning of Luke 10:27 during this significant time in the life of our church. The Bible verse reads "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

On Consecration Sunday, we will complete our "Estimate of Giving" pledge cards for 2020. The results of pledges received to date will be announced at a free celebratory church lunch immediately following the church service. We fervently hope you will make every effort to attend on November 10 to enjoy fellowship with one another and rejoice in Vista's ongoing commitment to our larger mission – *to reach out to others to help them meet their needs and to welcome them into our family of faith as we gather for worship, fellowship, education and service.*"

Your Stewardship Team

# Hospitality



Let's take a trip down memory lane a little. I find it fun to take a few minutes to do that every so often. I like to say to my husband, do you remember when?

October, I think of fall. When I lived in the Northeast the fall meant working out in the yard getting ready for winter months. The job that I did not like as an adult was raking leaves. I would wish that I was a little child and my job was to play in those leaves. Do you remember fall growing up and then an adult?

August was quiet for special events. May and June tend to be when most people are married. This is when hospitality sees anniversaries being celebrated because it is one those big number anniversaries like 25, 30, 40, 50 and now 60-year ones. Do you remember when you could not wait to be married one year and before you knew it was 5 years and so on. It is fun now to see who are celebrating those special anniversaries.

September started out with a bang for celebration. Hospitality co-chairpersons decided we would again do some special events this month. We started out celebrating "National Grandparents Sunday" with ice cream sundaes on a warm Sunday morning. When I would mention to a few folks that we were planning on ice cream sundaes, they said but it is too early to have sundaes. My answer was it is a milk product and we are told we should drink milk frequently during the day. Well, if you leave ice cream melt, what do you get? So, we did ice cream sundaes with the help of special folks serving.

If you think we stopped at that you do not know the hospitality folks. We like to celebrate with everyone and anyone. Our next big September celebration was recognizing the "Vista 90 Plus Club". These are twenty-two special folks who are now celebrating birthdays that start at 90 and up. WOW! Robin Conner was the leader in this event. She asked Pam Holder and Polly Meyn to help to make this a special Sunday for these seniors, seniors. We had over 12 out of 22 to attend church. Delores Brindle, Cheryl Watts plus Nancy and Lou Phillippi provided the cake and goodies. It was a great time to listen to them recall the memories of their childhood. Thanks to those seniors, seniors sharing their memories with the Vista families.

October, November and December Sundays are open and waiting for you to sign up to bring, serve and tidy up the kitchen. It takes approximate 45 minutes to serve and tidy up and you are on your way to lunch. These three months have some built in special events that you can enjoy sharing your old-time recipes and/or buying those cookies you like to share with us. You do not need to bring anything except the goodies. The supplies that you will be needing are found in the kitchen. Stop by the sign-up table to add your name on the Sunday calendar. You can even ask your friends to sign up with you on a Sunday or wait and see to who will be serving with you. Delores Brindle will be sure you are signed up with others. You will not do it alone. You can pick up a work sheet on what is expected when serving goodies. There is a hospitality partner to assist on that Sunday. They are there to show you where to find the things needed to serve.

It is fun to talk with others plus it is easy to pull off. Come be part of bringing goodies for us after church on Sunday.

Remember I tell you it is like Christmas morning; you do not know what you are going to find until you open it up. Goodies is the same way, you do not know until you walk out onto the patio on Sunday.

Please feel free to ask Delores Brindle questions when signing up or contact her at 520 907 5706 or she can also be reached by email: [deloresjb@gmail.com](mailto:deloresjb@gmail.com).

## Shawls and Fans Available

As our weather is somewhat unpredictable it is difficult to maintain a temperature in the Sanctuary that is comfortable to everyone! If you find that you are too chilly, or too warm, please don't hesitate to ask an usher for the loan of a shawl, or a fan, to make you more comfortable.





Can you believe it is already October? The kids have been back to school for almost two months!

Our back to school event this year was a district (Methodist churches from southern AZ) trip to Patagonia Lake! 3 adults and 8 vista kids had a great time in the water and on the pontoon boat. We joined 85 others, it was great day to worship the One who made EVERYTHING.

We finished our day with a Worship service at Patagonia UMC. On September 15, we celebrated Rally Sunday. Students were promoted to the grade they are currently in. We started watching a great movie "The Pilgrim's Progress" (Thank you Janet & Paul Arnett), and had some popcorn treats. A party at Jean and Marvin Rupe's house finished off this wonderful day. A day of form filling, fun, food and fellowship. Thank you to everyone that brought goodies. Looking forward to Fall and Learning God's word!



The Youth will be providing a Halloween Nite event again this year at the Hernandez family home in Black Horse Ranch where they will hand out candy to the neighborhood trick-or-treaters along with information about Vista. They will need LOTS of candy and would appreciate your donations! There will be a basket in the Narthex for the donations.



# Mission Outreach Ministry Report for October

Fall greetings to all our beloved Vista Family. These have been busy days for your Mission program and we rejoice in it!

We are making the final arrangements for our annual trip to our Sister Church, Fuente de Vida in Agua Prieta, Mexico, on Saturday Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>. **We started the signups last Sunday and, already we have half the bus filled up. Vista's student sponsors generously supported over 160 students with backpacks and school supplies for this current school year.** I want to thank Jan Hopke-Almer and her team for the amazing job they do in coordinating this effort and getting the supplies for the Festival ready. Now is your chance to go with us to meet your sponsor student. It is a joy not only for you, but for the students to see their kind sponsors. Even if you are not a sponsor, please make an effort to join us on a very comfortable touring bus, (restroom included) for this exciting trip. We will gather in the Patio Room no later than 6:45 AM and departing Vista at 7:00 AM sharp and returning in the evening around 6:00 PM. You must have a current US passport to reenter the US at the Border. The cost of the trip is only \$25.00 including your lunch and snacks. We collect on the bus the day of the trip. If assistance is needed for the cost of the trip we can arrange scholarships, so all are welcome. I want to thank all of you good folks that have donated all the items we need for the trip and the prize room. We will have a new prize room building this year in the new Christian education classrooms. Pastor Fred will be joining us once again, with his great words of wisdom for the students and families. Please plan to join us for a once in a lifetime experience. Give me a call at 520-825-7115 for further information.

Check out our new card stand in the Narthex! I will attempt to keep it supplied so you may purchase, for only 50 cents, a card any time you need it. A big thank you goes to Bill Ayres for making us a terrific cash box for the cards and to Jane & Keith Lundsten for helping me get it all set up.

We continue to support the various programs at Impact with the donation of food goods on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month and your financial support for the wholesale purchases by Impact staff. Last month you supplied 152 pounds of food in the shopping cart in the breezeway **"Good on all of you"** Many thanks to Leslie Hawkins who faithfully delivers your contributions to the Food Bank in Catalina. Every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 12 noon we put on a birthday Celebration at the senior Center in Catalina. Come and join us and help celebrate another year in the lives of the seniors in our community. You will meet some very interesting people. Please call team leader Benith MacPherson at 520-825-5891 for further information. If you have used clothes in good condition they can be donated to the clothing bank for those in our community that need these items, please call Team Leader Giff Tompkins at 402-340-0601 for further information.

The Creative Hands team is busy at work making much needed clothing for children at the clothing bank at Impact in Catalina as well as Family 1st in Oracle. These ladies meet on Fridays at 9:00 AM every Friday in the Patio Room. The work they do is so creative and so much in need. They need more help and you can even take the work home with you and work on it there. In the spring we will be showing a display of some of their beautiful work. Please call Team Leader Jan Bohe at 520-825-9725 for further information.

Family 1<sup>st</sup> is holding their annual Chuck Wagon Roundup Festival at SIL in Catalina 16131 N. Vernon Dr. (the location of our temporary Vista offices) on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> **at 6PM for only \$12.00 per person. This is such a fun event with Music, delicious food from Bubb's Grub, auction items and good company.** Please call 520-896-9545 for further information and reservations. Our partnership with Family 1<sup>st</sup> **is a big boost to the Oracle community as well as the towns up the "Copper Trail" all the way to the town of Winkelman.** Please call Team Leader Jan Hopke-Almer at 520-301-4821 for further information.

**Sister Jose Women's Center** continues to reach out to homeless women in the Tucson area. Thru your generous Mission giving we were able to send \$500.00 for public bus passes so that those in need can reach the center. We will soon be supplying some new carts for the ladies to keep their few possessions in. We are only accepting new or gently used undergarments & socks at this time. Please call Team Leader Jane Lundsten at 717-824-2721 for further information.

We are so happy to welcome The Vista Song of Joy Choir to our Outreach program at Vista. They are in preparation for a Concert in December at Vista. We enjoyed their 1<sup>st</sup> presentation just last month at the Sunday Service. You will be hearing about what the needs are for this new Mission project. Please call Jane Stump at 520-288-6840 for further information.

The Snak Pak program continues to supply much needed food goods to the designated kids at Coronado K-8 school in Catalina **This program will see some changes in next year's school year, but for now we still need your support for this school year program.** You will be hearing more in the future about a new direction we will be taking to meet the weekend food needs of our community's school kids. **Please call Team Leader Kathy Campbell at 970-216-5944 for further information.**

## Mission Outreach Ministry Report for October (Continued)

We at Vista are blessed to be able to serve those in our community in various ways as well as beyond our area. We thank you for your generous contributions of over \$1000.00 to the UMCOR program that is supplying flood buckets and on site assistance in the hurricane damaged areas of our country as well as the Bahamas. Our Team leader Sherri Wyland has been a voice at Vista for support for UMCOR for many years and can give you much more info on the UMCOR program and you may reach her at 520-818-9975.

If your heart is open to reach out to others in Mission service you have a place at Vista church. God has blessed the many outreaches we have served and challenges us to continue to show the face of Christ as we reach out in love to those we serve. We are always open **to new ways to serve and reach out to those in need. Please come and share by your presence your support of Vista's Mission program** at our Mission Outreach Meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed, of each month at 1:00 PM in the patio room. This month we will be meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you and seeing what God has for us to share and do in our new year 2020.

Yours in Mission Service:

**Dee Berman ...Chairman**

520-825-7115 or deerick1968@gmail.com

### VISTA SONG OF JOY CHORUS FOR MEMORY-IMPAIRED AND CAREGIVERS

There are 70 choirs for the memory impaired all over the world. Vista de la Montana Methodist Church, 3001 E. Miravista Lane, Tucson, Arizona near Catalina, will be number 71!

Hoping to clarify misperceptions on the part of our culture regarding those whose short term memory is compromised, the church has created the Vista Song of Joy Chorus. The group will meet for two hours one afternoon a week for a period of eight weeks. At the end of the 8 week session, the chorus will present a gala community concert.

There is no charge for the program.

It is becoming well known that although short term memory is quite limited for some, long term memory is remarkably intact. Music is a very effective stimulant of long term memory and offers comfort, joy and pleasure. The chorus gives the memory impaired a chance to be competent again, to bring joy to others through song, as well as feel happiness at being and working in a chorus with others.

We are in the process of recruiting the memory impaired and their spouses or caregivers. Singing skills or talent is not required. Please contact: Dr. Jane Stump, Director, Vista Song of Joy Chorus, at: janebarrstump1@netzero.net or 520-288-6840 for questions or to sign up.



# CARE GIVERS WORKSHOP



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**Wednesday, October 16, 2019**

**1 - 3:30 PM**

Walk in Registration at 12:30 PM

## WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

BRIAN PARKER, PAMELA SCHULTZ,

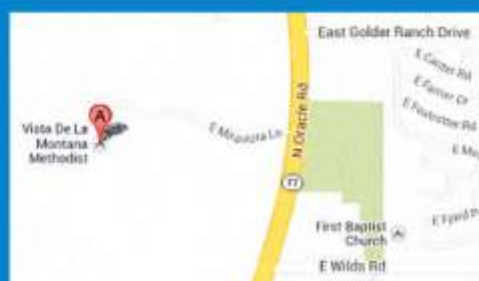
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## VISIT OUR INFORMATION TABLES

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NAMI - National Alliance on Mental Illness  
Pima Council on Aging  
Parkinson and Movement Disorder Alliance  
VA Caregiver Support





Join Vista's own Vocal Seniority and the Catalinas Community Chorus in "**A Star Spangled Salute to Veterans,**" a musical tribute to all who have accepted the call to serve and protect our nation.

Since America's Revolutionary war, more than 43,200,000 Americans have served in our military during the time of war. Of that number, 18,200,000 are still living, while countless others have served during peace time raising that number higher. Whether in war or peace, if you have served our country in the armed forces, we thank you for your service and Catalinas Community Chorus has prepared this special musical program to honor you on your day. Patriotic music, video presentations, and a sing-a-long, make this program a meaningful celebration honoring all who have performed their military duty.

The program will be presented twice: *Friday, November 8*, 7:00 pm at Heritage Highlands Clubhouse, 4949 W. Heritage Club Drive and, *Sunday, November 10*, 3:00 pm at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 11575 North First Avenue. The chorus will be joined on *November 10* by the *Canyon del Oro High School Band* under the direction of Dan Bitter.

For tickets to the November 8 performance, contact the Heritage Highlands Clubhouse, 4949 W. Heritage Club Blvd. for information. (520) 579-9674

For the November 10, Resurrection Lutheran Church performance:  
Tickets are available from any chorus member, at (520) 303-6474, PayPal or online at [catalinascommunitychorus.org](http://catalinascommunitychorus.org).

*Advance Ticket Price: \$10*

*Online (\$10+\$2 transaction fee per order)*

*At the door: \$15*

*Age 18 and under free*

Join Vocal Seniority, Catalinas Community Chorus and our special guests, as we present "**A Star Spangled Salute to Veterans.**" This will be a special program and one you don't want to miss. Thank you for your support.

## Calling the Men of Vista



Gentlemen; If you love to sing and the fellowship of other men who enjoy singing, we have the group for you. Vocal Seniority is a long-standing and well respected men's choral group of Vista. We invite you to come and sing with us. We sing a full repertoire of religious and secular musical literature, from "Salvation is Created" to "Lydia, the Tattooed Lady" and everything in between, and have fun doing it. We meet on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am in the sanctuary and would love to have you. Join us.



## CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAYS OF VISTA FAMILY WHO ARE 90 + YEARS OLD!

On Sunday, Sept. 15, Vista celebrated those who are 90 years old, or older. Ladies and men were presented with beautiful paper rose corsages and boutonnieres created by Robin Conner and Polly Meyn. Poster displays created by Robin featured each birth year of our honorees, with photos according to year, and news headlines of the year. The celebration was complete with cake and many other goodies.

Mildred Baum  
Lois Cooke  
Mattie Landrum  
Maurice Price

Dana Belyea  
John & Joan Davies  
Jim & Ginny Jackson  
LaVerne Tucker

Marlin Bolar  
Charlotte De Windt  
Betty Little

Dottie Lou Colby  
Betty Jean Emberton  
Peggy Marks

David Combs  
Jeanne Farnum  
Dick & Ilene Nevins



On Sunday, September 8th, three of Vista's long-time members were recognized for their many years of service to our church. These three dedicated people are retiring from their positions, making way for those who wish to become more involved.

Jan Crown has served as the coordinator for greeters who volunteer every Sunday. Jan will hand over her duties to Jacque Garcia on January 1st.

Dillis Ward is retiring from his long-standing position of Columbarium Director. He has overseen every aspect of the columbarium from installation of the equipment to arranging the inscriptions. The position of Columbarium Director is immediately available for a volunteer.

Howard Young has been a long-time volunteer at Vista, being a charter member. He has volunteered in nearly every capacity possible and has recently retired from his position as Landscape Coordinator.

# November Celebrations

Please note: October celebrations were included in the September Newsletter. All future celebrations will be published a month in advance.

HOAGLUND, Larry & Coralyn	11/01
WALDO, Duane & Marilyn	11/22
SCHWARTZ, Pete & Sandy	11/26
RYTTER, Noel & Jane	11/29



DAVIES, Joan	11/1
MEHLHORN, Mary-Ann	11/1
WHITE, Logan	11/2
VAKERICS, Molly	11/3
BOERDING, Sue	11/4
COWMAN, Brian	11/6
STEGINK, David	11/6
HARWICK, Peggy Jo	11/7
CROWN, Jan	11/9
FOSTER, Mia	11/10
RAMSEY, Marion	11/10
LAFLEUR, Joyce	11/12
RADKE, Carla	11/12
SALAVA, Roger	11/12
FLOYD, Cialyn	11/13
LINDAHL, Greg	11/13
HILLMANN, Bill	11/15
TOMPKINS, Alice	11/16
HILLMANN, Mary Jane	11/17
HOAGLUND, Larry	11/18
TRIBOULET, Linda	11/18
PODLASEK, Diane	11/19
THOMSON-KIMMEL, Judy	11/19



AYERS, Dixie	11/21
PARSON, Gail	11/21
HOLDER, Pam	11/22
ANDERSON, Maureen	11/25
BUKES, Milt	11/25
SHERMAN, Barbara	11/25
WINKLER, Sallie	11/25
VERMILYE, Juliette	11/26
WHITE, Cameron	11/26
ZIMMERMAN, Anita	11/28
BILLS, Elsie	11/29
PRICE, Maurice	11/29



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