



VISTA de la MONTAÑA UMC

Echoes

November 2019

PASTOR'S PEN

November is a great month in the lives of Christians. It begins with Remembrance and ends in Thanksgiving and Praise. By the time you have received this Newsletter we will have celebrated All Saints Day and remembered our holy dead. And we will be right on top of our Consecration Sunday when we make our faithful response to God with our financial commitments for the coming year.

In much anticipation we will be looking forward to Thanksgiving and gathering with family and friends for giving thanks to God for all we have received and for all that God has in store for us. This year at Vista Church, Valerie and friends are going to gather a group of people to put on a Thanksgiving Feast at the church. Think of the First Potluck, the First Thanksgiving in America for how this will occur. More on this soon.

Then, before you can blink an eye, it will be Christmas Eve and we will be worshipping the coming of our newborn King! Wow!! November and December are great months for remembering, celebrating, and lifting up praise and thanksgiving. As Psalm 100 says:

¹ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

² Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

³ Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

⁵ For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

And this year we at Vista Church will have a particularly great reason to give God praise and thanksgiving. Our new Education and Administration building will be completed on December 18th. That will be the day we get the keys and the certificate of occupancy!!! Indeed, a great big wonderful gift God has in store for us for ministry and mission in Christ's name!

In Christ's love

Pastor Fred

Construction Progress

from the Building Committee



Our new Administration and Education building is on schedule for completion by Wednesday 18 December and we are on budget. The building has a roof, including seven heating, ventilation, air conditioning units. The exterior walls have been wrapped in weather-proof material, insulated and two coats of man-made stucco have been applied. The overwhelming majority of interior ductwork and interior insulation has been installed and the electrical, plumbing and low voltage wiring is over 90% complete. As many of you saw with your own eyes during the walking tour on Sunday 27 October – progress is tangible and we are excited. The Building Committee is very thankful for the encouragement, love, prayers, good will and support from the Congregation helping us make your dreams come true. The next tour is scheduled for Sunday 24 November – we hope to see you all there.



CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 10, 2019.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

Vista's annual Stewardship Campaign is in full swing and will culminate with a PICNIC FARE celebratory luncheon on Consecration Sunday, November 10. During this special season, 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.

During this year's Campaign, Pastor Fred is helping us explore the meaning of Luke 10:27 - **"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 and dedicate our 2020 "Estimate of Giving" pledge cards. Results will be announced at the free celebratory lunch immediately following the church service. Please **make every effort to participate in this special occasion to 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.***

And PLEASE let us know if you CAN or CANNOT attend the lunch if you have not already done so. (Benithmac@aol.com, 520-825-5891) or church office (825-1985). We need to know one way or the other whether you will be joining us.

Thanks so much,

Your Stewardship Team

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

Hospitality



It has started to turn cold here, and I am thinking of family memories of growing up in Western Pennsylvania. I grew up on a Hereford beef farm where I lived in an old farmhouse with limited amenities. The most important amenity was a cook stove in the kitchen. This kitchen was very large which also was the family activity area. The house did not have general heat. The cook stove was fired by wood. This stove ate wood during the summer and fall because my mother and grandmother were busy canning. My mother thought the amount needed for each item was 100 quarts. We as children was to bring firewood and help with canning. Why am I thinking of these memories is of the smell when walking into the kitchen? Do you have the same image of your childhood and walking into your family home kitchen?

Hospitality committee wants you to think of those smells and the food that produced those smell on Sunday morning when entering the patio area at this time. If you have signed up for goodies in the next two months think of those goodies that your family enjoyed those months. We are lucky today because we can buy many of those goodies or because it is cool, we feel like turning on the oven to make those favorite items for all of us. People ask what should I bring for goodies? I always state whatever you like to eat and share with us. I have been doing hospitality since 1999 and I never had a Sunday of goodies that were not liked by all. So, the sky is unlimited for what to share with us.

Some ideas can be anything such as: pumpkin, apple pies or any fall fruits, and don't forget apple cider for drinks. The kitchen has a way to make warm drinks like, hot cider or hot chocolate. We want to say thanks to all you who answered the call to sign up for bringing goodies, serving and tidying up the kitchen. A special thanks go out to those who have made coffee for us every Sunday. November is stewardship month. This is the time when we are planning on what money we plan to give to church. The Methodist are also asked to give of your time. It is a time to see what group you can sign up to volunteer. Hospitality committee is always needing people to help when called on to volunteer. Hospitality committee is built on many hands.

ALERT: Help is needed for folks to sign up for December and January. La Verne Tucker is looking for those folks who are willing to sign up to make coffee on Sunday. Coffee making is easy and there is a recipe on the amount of coffee to use. There are folks there to assist in either with goodies and/or coffee. Please stop by signup table on Sunday. The table located at the end of the goodie table.

UMC-Kitchen Reminders:

- Using kitchen for a Function: your group must furnish everything; (Food & Paper Supplies)
- Clean UP: the kitchen needs to be left tidy; all dishes washed, dried and put away after the function.
- Sanctuary Tables with tablecloths: Check tablecloths after the function to see if they need to be washed.
- Put everything back on the tables after the function. (Cups and Hymnals)

Seeking Prayer Warriors

Anyone who is interested in joining the Email Prayer Group, please contact Lou Phillippi @ lnphillippi@yahoo.com.

Mission Outreach Ministry

It is with a grateful heart that I write to you today. We returned from Agua Prieta, Mexico yesterday evening with a heart full of joy and another memorable experience to cherish. 34 of us traveled to Agua Prieta on our comfortable touring bus. We had 6 new folks with us who got to see our mission ministry in Agua Prieta for the 1st time. So many improvements have been made since my 1st trip to the Colonia almost 17 years ago. The new Christian Education building is completed and we were able to use both rooms, one for prizes for the games, and one for the craft projects. 36 students received certificates of achievement along with a \$15.00 gift certificate to a local store. 21 Mothers, 2 Grandmothers, and 2 Fathers received gift bags along with the recognition of their children receiving their certificates for their good grades this past school year. The smiles on their faces and the pride that showed in their eyes were a gift to see. One of the young girls recited a lovely poem she had written, entitled Gratitude, in appreciation for our help to the students. Reciting a poem, written just for the occasion, is one of the lovely customs of the culture in Mexico. We received a warm welcome from Pastor Gela. Pastor Fred gave an inspiring talk to both the students and the parents. **The Sponsors from Vista were introduced, and at lunch prepared by the Women's Co-op**, they shared the table with their sponsored student. I got to have lunch with my student, Anneth Tamayo, a 9th grader, and her Mother and Brother. All around the room you could see our Vista folks sitting with their special kids and what a joy to watch the smiles and hear the laughter. Following the lunch the fun began with games in the dusty street and crafts in the new Ed building. One of my favorite sights was seeing Dan Boring at the end of a rope, in a tug a war with some little boys pulling with their entire mite, trying to pull Dan across the line. I have a HUNCH Dan let them win and after getting their winning tickets, they were off to the prize room to select one of the great prizes that was waiting for them, and what a prize room it was, with a dozen tables covered with the items you all sent down for them. There are so many people to thank for the culmination of the annual Celebration of Learning Festival. Only God knows how many of you dropped off items in the mission basket for these great kids and their parents. Thank you so much for all you good people at Vista that support this Ministry. This event is the high light of the year for these kids and their parents, and because of you, we are able to make it happen every year.

There are a few super folks that led the teams and made it so special for everyone. I first want to thank Jane Lundsten who drove me around on a number of trips to buy all the supplies and helped us pack up all the items and also made all the clothing for the 6 bare dolls that were donated. Wow what a transformation Jane made!!

I also want to thank Jan Hopke-Almer and her team who worked in the prize room. Jan heads up our education program and she has spent countless hours shopping and then putting together little prize bags for the Festival and then leading all the operation of the prize room.

I also want to thank Benith MacPherson and her team for being in charge of the fun craft projects. A lot of the Mom's also enjoyed the crafts along with their kids.

A big thank you goes to Valerie Hammons and her team for all the games the kids enjoyed.

This year Ginny Updegrove was our Picture taker and soon you will all get to see a video of our great trip. Ginny we really appreciate all your good work!

We also want to thank our sister church Fuente de Vida, under the leadership of Pastor Gela, for all the grand effort they put out each year to help us make this a RED letter day in their church life, as well as ours.

Last, but by far not least, I want to thank Pastor Fred for his support, leadership and participation in the festivities and **our overall Mission program. It is a true joy to have our Pastor's great interest in the many Mission outreaches that we** share with the community and beyond. There is no doubt that God was with us as we traveled and crossed the Mexican border and back into the US on our return. Before we left in the morning from Vista, we dedicated this trip to the Lord, and we felt His presence with us every minute of this wonderful day.

Mission Outreach Ministry (Continued)

For those of you, who did not get to go, wait till next year on the last Saturday of October and there will be a place on the bus for you. Get those passports ready and plan to join us. Our next Mission Outreach meeting will be on November 13th at 1:00 PM in the Patio room. We will be sharing our experience on this trip and I want to invite you and all of the folks that went on the trip to come and join us and share their personal experience. I know it will be an inspiration to us all!!

Yours in Mission Service: Dee BermanChairman

520-825-7115 deerick1968@gmail.com.



Fun and Games in Agua Prieta, Mexico



Your Estate Info

Based on informal conversations between Endowment Committee members and some members of the congregation, it is clear that Vista Endowment is a beneficiary in several individuals' estate plans. We think there are more. This, of course, is good news for endowment. More money means more investment and greater returns to fund additional projects at Vista. But there is some not-quite-so-good news, too: some folks have expressed a desire to leave something to Endowment but haven't yet drawn up the documents to do so. Not to worry! Help is readily available by simply contacting one of the committee members listed below.

At present, Endowment has limited or no information from any one with an existing estate plan. Consequently, the Endowment Committee is at the mercy of someone's executor to assure that we receive what the deceased intended. We would rather be pro-active---and with the information about your estate plan we can be. Forms to provide this information are on the Vista website (<https://www.vistaumc.org/permanent-endowment-fund/>).

Committee members;

Jay O'Donald: 825-6970 or jodonald@earthlink.net

John Witt: 825-7017 or cajo55@icloud.com

Boyd Carpenter: 909-9795 or boydnaz@gmail.com

Estate Plan info and forms:

<https://www.vistaumc.org/permanent-endowment-fund/>



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.

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 and video presentations 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 The Heritage Highlands at Dove Mountain, 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 chorus members, at (520) 303-6474, PayPal or online at catalinascommunitychorus.org.

Advance Ticket Price: \$10

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

At the door: \$15

Age 18 and under free

PROGRAM UPDATE

Friday, November 8 at The Heritage Highlands at Dove Mountain, 4949 W. Heritage Club Drive. Guy Atchley is presenting his **"Images in Black and White"**

Save \$5.00 per ticket, and purchase tickets early from the following Vista members: George or Kathleen Bauder, Jan Atwood, Ed Jensen or Mary Bellah, or after church from the CCC table on November 3 and 10.

Thank you for your support.

IN MEMORIAM

A Celebration of Life will be held at Vista for Dave Brackett on Thursday, November 7, 2:00 pm.

Dave went home to the Lord on Monday, October 21. Please keep Nancy and her family in your prayers.

VISTA SONG OF JOY CHORUS FOR MEMORY-IMPAIRED AND CAREGIVERS

The Vista Song of Joy Chorus invites you to our Christmas Concert on December 15th at 2 pm at the church. The choir is composed of the short-term memory impaired, their caregivers and support singers. A reception follows the concert. The concert is free and open to the public. Please join us in this celebration of the birth of the Christ Child, our memory impaired, their caregivers and support singers.

A NOTE FROM LAURIE EXTRACT REGARDING STEVEN:

Steven is adjusting to life in London! He really likes his classes and program. **He's had a little difficulty getting around** but he keeps working on that. He has to walk to the underground or bus stop to get to one of two of the campuses he must travel to for his program. All in all roughly 30-45 minutes or so each way. It has been raining for the last few days so that is making it especially difficult to get around.

His new address is: Steven Extract
Urbanest Student Accommodation Room 401
5 Miles Street
Vauxhall, London, UK
SW8 1RZ

He would love mail if anyone would like to write to him. I cannot guarantee that he will write back :(

Love, Laurie

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



Celebrations



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| O'DONALD, Jay & Louise | 12/1 |
| NEVINS, Dick & Ilene | 12/8 |
| HOTCHKISS, Curtis & Michelle | 12/15 |
| MILLER, Linda & Ray | 12/16 |
| FLOYD, Tom & Linda | 12/28 |
| ANDERSON, Dave & Maureen | 12/29 |

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|-------|
| 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 |
| PRICE, Maurice | 11/29 |

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|-------|
| DANIELS, Bill | 12/1 |
| HOTCHKISS, Curtis | 12/1 |
| MILLER, Shirley | 12/1 |
| WALDO, Marilyn | 12/8 |
| WATKINS, Stuart | 12/9 |
| BOLAR, Marlin | 12/10 |
| NEWMAN, Shirley | 12/10 |
| ZIMMERMAN, Terry | 12/15 |
| RAYNOR, Mary | 12/16 |
| MILLER, Paul | 12/17 |
| CURTIS, Carol | 12/18 |
| MADDEN, Barab | 12/18 |
| KARCHER, Cynthia | 12/19 |
| RUTKOWSKI, Marv | 12/19 |
| BULL, Fred | 12/21 |
| DE WINDT, Charlotte | 12/22 |
| GRIFFIN, Linda | 12/23 |
| POHNERT, Dr. Bill | 12/23 |
| BLEESS, Von Ceil | 12/24 |
| AUGUST, sDon | 12/25 |
| RUPE, Marv | 12/25 |
| MC FARLAND, Glenda | 12/28 |
| LITTLE, Betty | 12/30 |
| MILLER, Bob | 12/30 |

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