



VISTA de la MONTAÑA UMC

Echoes

January 2020

PASTOR'S PEN

2019 was an incredible year in the life of Vista Church!!! Through the efforts and many, many people we designed, built and raised the money through pledges, gifts and a loan to build our new Education and Administration Building. This building will serve the needs of the Kingdom of God for decades to come here at Vista Church. And just in time! Have you seen all the new children and youth coming to worship?!!! They will enjoy and grow into their new Sunday School rooms. Shortly, when the building repairs are done on the Patio Room we will turn that space into a Nursery/Toddler room. (We just need about 27k more for the remodel:)

In 2019 we brought in our second confirmation class in three years. We look to 2021 for the next one. We also brought in a total of 35 new members in 2019. This means we have been growing in spirit, number and giving for the last 3 years. This is my constant prayer for Vista Church.

2020 now stretches out before us full of opportunity and hope. We will be using our new building for new classes, Bible studies and other group meetings. I am praying people use their imaginations and prayer time to search for the purposes of God to use this new building for the glory of God and the growth of his Kingdom. It is exciting to think that we will close out 2020 with our next "Walk to Bethlehem" experience. God has great things for us to do for him in the coming year.

In Methodism, New Year's was often celebrated with a service called the "Watch Night Covenant Service". It is for renewing our Covenant with God at the beginning of the year. I print the Covenant Prayer for all of us to consider and recommit to as the new year begins:

I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
and now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Construction Progress

From the Building Committee



Our new Administration and Education building was successfully completed on schedule, on budget and without any safety mishaps. We accomplished the move-in on 18-19-20 December and had the very first after service coffee in the Elizabeth Room on Sunday 22 December. Since moving in there have been hundreds of large and small touch-up details being worked on and that work still continues. Among the fine-tuning efforts are brand new lockup procedures and room use standards. So, if you are one of the many who are using these new rooms, then you really do need to meet with Pam or Pat, the Office Managers, well in advance of your first meeting to understand what is expected of you. The consecration and ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for Sunday 19 January after the service – we hope to see you all there. The Building Committee gratefully acknowledges the strong support of the United Methodist Men, The Endowment Committee and those who so generously and lovingly pledged their financial support to help this Congregation-driven project succeed.

“All things are possible with God” Matthew 19:26

January 2020 – Finance Committee Report

November 2019 Financial Results

Income was -\$2,898 under budget. Expenses were -\$1,372 under budget. Net income for the General Fund was \$2,462 and -\$1,526 under budget.

November attendance was 962, which was a 1% decrease from last year, but does not include the attendance for San Manuel. Live streaming viewership averaged 64/week in November.

We have closed all of the 4 CDs that we opened for the New Building Fund. In December we closed the Canyon Bank Building money market account after we paid the December invoices. Cash flow for the New Building is projected to be negative in January and February as we pay our last invoices, unless 2020 pledges come in early in the year, which we are hoping will happen. In January 2020 the Finance Committee will determine how much in the General Fund that we will transfer to the New Building Fund.

The Finance Committee recommended the 2020 budget to the Church Council and it was approved on December 17. Budgeted Income will be \$489,750 which is a 2% increase over the 2019 budget. Budgeted expenses will be \$474,604 which includes the new mortgage payment. Net income is budgeted for \$14,946. Excess net income will be used to pay down our mortgage principal.

We are pleased to announce that George Butkovich, is a member of the Finance Committee has accepted the position of Assistant Treasurer.

The successful Stewardship campaign is complete. There are many ways to give to the Church that make it easier for you. Please consider one of the following:

Non-cash Gifts to the Church

Anytime you wish to make a non-cash gift to the Church (i.e. stocks or property), it is **critical that you contact Dennis Kimmel, Financial Secretary for the procedure**. He is in charge of all contributions for the Church. You can complete your general pledge or building pledge through a stock gift, which may provide a tax incentive if you donate appreciated stock.

The Ease of Credit Card and Automatic Bank Giving

You can give to the Church using your credit card for a one-time gift, or set up an automated donation on a one-time, weekly or monthly schedule. To donate, go to our Vista UMC website <http://vistaumc.org/> and on the right side of the Home page there is a blue link to our Donation Page. It's safe, secure and easy to use. Not only can you give to the Church, but you can collect miles or points from your credit card! If you have any questions, *please contact Valerie Hammons, Pastoral Assistant*.

ACH – Automated Clearing House

Many of our members give through ACH – Automated Clearing House, which is a monthly direct deposit to the Church from your checking account. *Please contact Dennis Kimmel, Financial Secretary*.

IRA Gift from your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)

Retirees ages 70 ½ or older can transfer money *tax free* directly from their IRA to a charity such as Vista UMC and it can count towards your RMD (Required Minimum Distribution). It is important to consult your Financial Adviser to set this up properly. *Please contact Dennis Kimmel, Financial Secretary*.

From your Finance Team;

Sharon Scanlan, Finance Chair

Dennis Kimmel, Financial Secretary

Hospitality



2020 Church New Year's Resolutions:

Here we are starting a new year. When you are making your churches New Year's resolutions, please include hospitality as one of your resolution. This can include helping as a hospitality partner, signing up to do goodies one or twice a year. or answering the telephone call asking for helping at memorial services. Service is part of our stewardship pledge and this can be fulfilled by one or more of the above resolutions.

Pat Reykdal and I try to make it is an easy resolution to fulfill. We provide a worksheet on how to do any of the above tasks It is available to you when you sign up. Think about asking a person or couple to join you in signing up for goodies on a Sunday. It is such a great way of broadening your circle of friends.

My church New Year's resolution is to encourage new members to come and sign up to do goodies. When it is your first time doing the goodies, I make sure you have a hospitality partner to assist you with the task. They are there to show you around the kitchen and to answer any questions and I see that there are others to serve with you.

Make the leap and stop by the sign-up table in January or call me to sign up for goodies. There is a complete 2020 calendar for you to select a future date. Think about the goodies you enjoyed over the holidays and are there any you would like to do for church. Are you going to celebrate a special occasion such as a birthday or anniversary and you would like to share that occasion? We as Methodist love to celebrate and enjoy goodies on Sunday morning. People ask what should I bring? I always say bring something that you like to buy or make. You can always contact me to pass your idea by me. Think about making a sheet cake for your Sunday morning. Wintertime is a good time to gather recipes to pick one or two to make. Pick the recipe, pick a day to do it than gather the ingredients and start baking. I f you are the you are the type that going shopping for the goodies than pick the time to go shopping for your serving Sunday morning.

Warm Clothing Drive

Warm clothing and bedding (blankets and throws) will be collected through Sunday January 19! There is still time left to pass along those duds you will probably never wear again to someone who be happy to have an addition to their winter wardrobe. The collection box in the narthex will be emptied weekly and items taken to the Catalina Clothing Bank for distribution. Thank you in advance for your support of this worthy project.

Your Mission Outreach Team

Results of Vista's Stewardship Campaign

Make the Future Look Bright!

As of December 15, 2019 Vista Church Catalina had received \$437,901 from 158 pledging units! There were an additional seven pledges from San Manuel Fellowship totaling \$4,576. Vista members, constituents and associates deserve a round of applause for "stepping up" and ensuring a healthy budget for calendar 2020. With our expanded facilities, the enthusiasm and creativity of Vista supporters and God's presence in our daily lives, the future looks bright indeed.

Mission Outreach Ministry

Dear Vista Family:

My Message is short, sweet & heartfelt!

May 2020 be a year of great blessing to each of you as we continue to minister to our community and beyond. You have our deepest gratitude for your continued support of our Mission program at Vista. We look forward to what the Lord has for us to do for His Kingdom in the coming year. Please come and join us on Wed the 8th of Jan. for our Mission meeting as we discuss our plans for the New Year. We will be meeting at 1:00 PM. Everyone is welcome at our meetings.

Yours in Mission service: Dee Berman Chairman

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ECHOES EDITOR WANTED!

Vista is looking for someone who would love to become the editor of the Echoes Newsletter. This is an opportunity to use your computer skills, along with your creativity! If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact the Vista office at 825-1985.

VISTA SONG OF JOY CHORUS FOR MEMORY-IMPAIRED AND CAREGIVERS

A Big Thank You!

Thank you from all of us in the Song of Joy Chorus to Reverend Fred, the congregation, to the joyous children and teens, Santa, Maggie, and the wonderful tech team. We could not have done our concert without you!

Vista's Cross

I met a very sweet lady on Friday who related a story to me about how much Vista's cross means to her. I was so moved by her story as I pray daily that Vista church sitting on the hill with our lighted Cross will give some hope and assurance to those in need.

She lives on Bowman/Wilds Rd with her family and attends Life Point church in Catalina. She has only recently in the last 3 years returned to church attendance. Her daughter is involved in sports, so she spends a great deal of time sitting in the bleachers at the sports field. She told me she always positions herself so she can see Vista's cross and has a picture of the cross on her phone to share with others. Even though she attends a different church, she realizes the impact and significance of the lighted cross.

In light of this busy season, construction and TOO MANY funerals/Memorial services, I felt you could use a few words of encouragement through this witness from someone who truly loves and respects Vista's cross.

Karen Rice



Celebrations



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

JACKSON, Jim & Ginny	02/01
JOHNSON, Robert & Barbara	02/13
RUTKOWSKI, Marv & Marilyn	02/25
SIMON, Jim & Jimmie	02/28

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

HEYWOOD, Jim	01/01
HOLDEN, Larry	01/02
HERNANDEZ, Antonio (AJ)	01/03
AUTHUR, Janelle	01/07
HIGGINS, Dennis	01/07
HOTCHKISS, Kourtney	01/07
PRICE, Ursula	01/08
MANN, Diane	01/11
DEVRIES, Shirley	01/12
WATTS, Cheryl	01/12
JOHNSON, Barbara	01/13
WITTKOSKI, Thomas	01/13
TONGA, Mia	01/14
AGUIRRE, Roman	01/15
EVANS, Joanne	01/15
CONNER, Robin	01/17
HOLMAN, Joyce	01/17
CARY, Mary	01/18
DEDRICK, Char	01/18
KASTE, Howard	01/19
CAMPBELL, Lori	01/20
FOWLER, Valarie	01/21
LAFLEUR JR, Theodore	01/22
MILLER, Fran	01/22
WALDO, Duane	01/22
KASTE, Sharon	01/23
YOB, Nancy	01/23
WILLIAMS, Norm	01/24
KOELLING, Jerry	01/25
AGUIRRE, Michelle	01/28
HARWICK, Rebecca	01/30

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

SCANLAN, Sharon	02/01
BAUM, Deede	02/02
BIXBY, Lynn	02/02
ARNETT, Paul	02/04
BELLAH, Mary	02/04
SCHAEFER, Jackie	02/06
CAMPBELL, Alan	02/07
OVERMAN, Anna Margaret	02/10
PARKER, Elizabeth Rose	02/10
HERD, Robert	02/11
GARCIA, Alberto	02/12
SANDERS, Teresa	02/13
LANDRUM, Mattie	02/15
BLEESS, Jim	02/16
RADTKE, Paula	02/17
LARMOUR, Margaret	02/19
REMPEL, Barbara	02/19
HOMAN, Lila	02/26
WARD, Dillis	02/26
BAUDER, Kathleen	02/28
HOLDER, Craig	02/28
VERMILYE, Jillian	02/28

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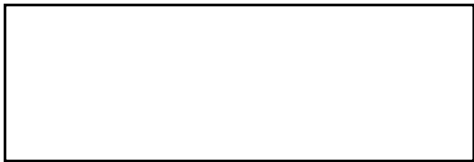
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