



VISTA de la MONTAÑA UMC

# *Echoes*

February 2020

## **PASTOR'S PEN**

As I write this it's January 25<sup>th</sup>, one month from last Christmas and only 11 months to the next one and the "Walk to Bethlehem"! Next Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup> it will be 40 days from Christmas and 23 days to Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. Lots of numbers and lots of time that has been well used.

These last two months have been so busy with moving into our new building just 6 days before Christmas Eve. We had our Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Well, was it all worth it? This past Thursday when I came back from the Pastor's gathering most of the rooms in the ENTIRE building were in use. It was wonderful walking from our finance room, past our Stephen Ministry room, thru our breakroom, workroom, receptionist room and on down to St. Luke, St. John and the Elizabeth rooms all in use! I saw from accounting to singing praise to God. God is good, and it is so good to see this building we consecrated to the service of God being so well used.

Starting Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>. I will be preaching from Lectionary up thru Holy Week and Easter. We will walk with Jesus as he sets his face to Jerusalem and the cross. To enhance our Lenten experience, we are having Bible studies that follow along with the Lectionary readings and sermons. We will be making firm our foundation in Jesus so that come what may we will remain firm, steadfast and at peace in the Lord.

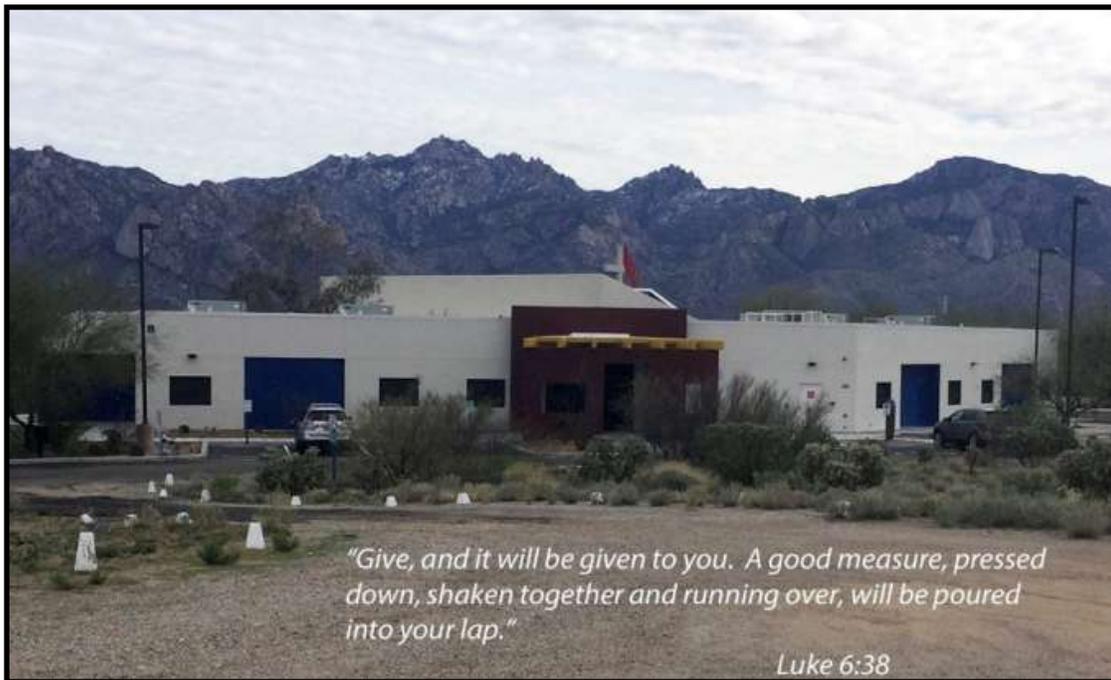
Indeed, *"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."* Philippians 4:6

In Christ's Love

Pastor Fred

*"Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."* Isaiah 40:30-31

# From the Building Committee



## **THANK YOU**

The Building Committee is extremely grateful to the United Methodist Men for their continuous strong support throughout Phase-1 of the New Vistas Building Campaign.

The Building Committee is deeply thankful to the Endowment Committee for generously providing funds to furnish the lobby in the new Education & Administration Building.

The Building Committee is humbled by the outpouring of generosity, understanding and love expressed by Vista's congregation. Phase-1 of the New Vistas Building Campaign was successful only because it was a congregation-wide effort supported by your pledges, donations, prayers and good will.

## **CURRENT STATUS**

The new building is almost complete although there remain many large and small tasks requiring our attention and work before it is 100% finished. In addition, there are a few large Building Committee tasks for calendar year 2020 which include:

- Remodel the nursery-toddler's room remodel
- Improve the hill location
- Acquire furniture

Initiating each of the above Building Committee tasks depends entirely on the fulfillment of all pledges and the receipt of additional donations.

## **THE FUTURE**

Phase-2 of the New Vistas Building Campaign is comprised of:

A Choir Room. Modify the Fellowship Center by adding a separate 1,397 square foot Choir Room for their practice, rehearsals and storage.

A Storage Building. This new building is a single-story 5,000 square foot combination storage and maintenance building. The storage portion is 4,000 square feet and the maintenance portion is 1,000 square feet. It would require electricity and water but not heating, toilets or air conditioning.

A Children's Education Building. This new building is an L-shaped, 1,800 square foot children's (Pre-school-through-5<sup>th</sup> Grade) education building with 4 classrooms and two restrooms located north of the existing Fellowship Center and east of the Education and Administration building generally in between both buildings.

# Hospitality

Hospitality is all volunteer. If you remember in the Bible there were many times that socialization took place around food. This is the same for us on Sunday morning. What is nice you sign up, bring the goodies, serve them and tidy up and that is the end until the next time.

Indoors or outdoors serving: Goodies are served indoors if the weather is too cold. If it is indoors then we will be doing it in the administration building. There is a large tall cart that we put everything on it and push it up to the room. It makes it easy using this cart.

We do not have goodies on Sundays that we are doing "potluck luncheons". The purpose of not doing goodies this Sunday is to encourage everyone to come and join us.

Be one of those folks who would like to share a special time with us. Here are some ideas to sign-up for goodies can be for:

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Church groups like: "The Church Trustees", "Choir" or "Men's group"

Mari Gras is 2/25/2020

A committee or group at church and you want to let people know what you are all about and you want to invite them to join the group. This is a good way for the congregation to meet and hear about your group.

Special holidays such as: St. Patrick Day or 4<sup>th</sup> of July

If you are planning on signing up for a special occasion, please do the following:

See Delores Brindle at the sign-up table on the patio or call Delores at 520-907-5706 to pick a date. You want to book ahead of the date, so you are sure for your Sunday.

Vista Hospitality Needs You!!

We need **you** to come and sign-up for goodies. We will explain to you about what is involved in doing goodies.

Please come on Sunday to sign-up to bring goodies. Hospitality member will see that there is another couple to sign-up with you.

Coffee Sign-up needed: It is easy, come in a little early on Sunday to make the coffee. There is a set of directions on how many cups to make. You put together the 75 cups and plug it in and that is done until the next Sunday. Come all to help us out, I promise you will have fun doing it.

Delores Brindle, Hospitality Co-chairperson

## New to Vista or just want to serve?

Receptionists are needed for Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know Vista's family in our beautiful new office! Answer phones, greet visitors, and assist with miscellaneous clerical duties when needed. Call office managers at 825-1985 for more information.

# Mission Outreach Ministry

February is the month we celebrate those we love with a Valentine, a floral bouquet and perhaps, best of all, a box of chocolates, but we want to tell you of the love that God has shed on our Mission Ministry at Vista. What a joy it is to serve Him and thru our efforts show the great love of God for us all.

First of all, I want to thank the Lord and you dear Vista Family, for your generous Christmas offering that has totaled \$5,649.00. We are so grateful to all of you for supporting our Mission work thru the 3 offerings a year Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving. Your Thanksgiving offering was for \$3,000.00. This offering went to Impact in Catalina, to support the food bank, the Senior Center meals program, and the meals on Wheels to the folks in our community that need a helping hand with their food supply. Please remember that we collect your food donations on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month in our shopping basket in the breezeway, or you may write a check to Vista UMC and write Food Bank on the memo line. We really appreciate your support of this program and I want to thank Leslie Hawkins for being our currier for the food deliveries to Impact. For further information on our Impact projects you may call Benith MacPherson at 520-825-5891

This past week we had the great fun of surprising Pastor Gela & Pastor Armando from our sister church Fuente de Vida (Fountain of Life) in Agua Prieta, Mexico, with a surprise luncheon at Fairwinds, by all the Mission Committees members and our Pastor Fred Baum. There were 18 of us at the tables and were they ever surprised to see us all. She expected to just have lunch with me. We gave them a nice warm blanket throw as a symbolic gift, and as a reminder of how the ministry in the Colonia La Empacadora got started by Pastor Diego some 20 years ago. On a cold winter day they loaded the back of a pickup with warm blankets and drove up and down the muddy streets of the Colonia and delivered blankets to the shanty houses that had no heating. This was the 1<sup>st</sup> **Mission effort in this very poor neighborhood. Today we celebrate how Gods love, thru God's good people have made this ministry grow.** Most of the shanty houses are gone and replaced with cement block houses. They now have running water, sewer system and electricity. We still have not gotten the streets paved but we are working on it, and someday soon we will see it happen and this former impoverished neighborhood next to the rail road tracks and the slaughter house, will just be more new city streets in the City of Agua Prieta. I do hope you will mark your calendar for the last Saturday of October the 31<sup>st</sup>, for our annual bus trip to our sister church and join us for the Celebration of Learning Festival that is held every year. You will see lots of changes with both the old portables now gone from the property and in use at 2 new locations for churches in Cananea and a new church start in the **Southern part of Agua Prieta. God continues to use the gift of these used portables for His kingdom's work.**

We will be starting the sales of the fair traded coffee from the Colonia very soon and we are initiating a partnership with the youth at Vista. I want to thank Bob and Glenna Snider for all the years of service they have given to this coffee ministry. Watch for our **signs!! Please keep the Sniders in your prayers as they battle Bob's health issues.**

The Creative Hands group is very busy making clothing for the children of Family 1<sup>st</sup> and the Clothing Bank of Impact in Catalina. They are working on Easter clothes and need your own creative hands to help. Please call Jan Bohe if you can give a hand 520-825-9725. They meet at Vista every Friday morning at 9:00 AM.

**This past month we were able to supply Sister Jose Homeless Women's Center with \$500.00 for bus passes so the homeless women could reach the center for help and a night out of the cold weather on the cots our Vista United Men's group supplied.** We also were able to purchase 24 carts for the women to keep their few earthly possessions in and feel they are safe. We are **collecting socks and new or gently used women's undergarments. We thank Jane Lundsten for her leadership with this Mission project.** You may reach her at 717-626-2450.

**Please note that we will be selling the lovely Valentine cards that the Women's co-op in Agua Prieta have made from your donated used cards.** We will be selling them for the next 3 Sundays in the narthex. Stop by and pick up your cards for your loved ones and friends and support one of our Mission Ministries. They only cost 50 cents and do so much good in supporting our sister Church in Agua Prieta.

Our Mission work continues to grow and we always need new Vista folks to join us. Our regular meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month, now in the St Matthew room in our lovely new Christian Education/Administration building. I want to thank the person who dedicated this lovely room to me and our Mission work and we are truly blessed to be so honored. Our next meeting will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> of Feb. at 1:00PM. . Everyone at Vista is welcome to join us and hear the reports of our wonderful team leaders of our Mission Outreach Ministry.

We are the Loving face of God to this community and beyond as each of us reaches out in Mission Service.

**Yours in Mission Service: Dee Berman ....Chairman**

520-825-7115 or deerick1968@gmail.com

# Vista UMC Finance Committee

## December 2019 Financial Results

Income was -\$9,466 under budget. Expenses were +\$2,121 over budget. Net income for the General Fund was \$3,842 and -\$11,587 under budget.

We ended the year +\$2,678 over income budget and -\$15,053 under expense budget.

December attendance was 1714, which was a 10% increase over last year and does not include the attendance for San Manuel. Live streaming viewership was 513 in December!

In January 2020 the Finance Committee approved a transfer of \$65,000 from the General Fund to the New Building Fund.

## 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

Darrell Parson, Treasurer

George Butkovich, Assistant Treasurer



# Vista Church San Manuel

**Invites you to join them on  
Sundays at 4:00 pm.**

**Worship with friends and meet new people.  
Fellowship and food follow the service.  
We would love to have you with us!**



# Whew!! We did it!!

**Creating 200 Cookbooks was no easy task. And we had a few "glitches".**

But we learned a lot - and realized what hard-working and caring people United Methodist Women and Men are.

## Thank You!

### The Cookbook Help:

Mary Louise Roberson

Suzanne Ewing

Joan Logan

Linda Miller

Shirley Newman

Peggy Higgins

Barbara Phillips

Loni Degen

LaVerne Tucker

Janet Arnett

Sandy Schwartz

Gerry Alberts

Carol Curtis

Pam Holder

Pete Schwartz - (Assembler & Ringer)



Cookbooks are still available for sale at \$10 in the office. See the morning receptionist, or the office manager!

## **Warm Clothing/Bedding Drive – a Heartwarming Success!**

Each week of the clothing/bedding drive, your donated items were gratefully received by the IM-PACT Clothing Bank, where they were sorted and made available to people in need throughout the larger Catalina community. An itemized list is on file with the Missions Outreach Committee. For the purposes of this report, here is a summary of Vista's contributions.

**Clothing Items** – a total of 220 items donated, including 53 sweaters (39 for women and 14 for men), and 32 coats and jackets (15 for women and 17 for men).

**Bedding** – a total of 59 items donated, including eight quilts and comforters, 11 blankets and 18 blanket throws and lap robes.

On behalf of the recipients, thank you so much for **SHARING THE WARMTH** this season. As a congregation, we collectively brought comfort and coziness to many of our neighbors in need.

Your Mission Team

*Are you a Leader with compassion and a desire to serve GOD and Vista Church?*

### **STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADER'S TRAINING**

"An amazing week that will fully equip you to serve as a Stephen Leader. Stephen Leaders are pastors, church staff and lay leaders who work together as a team to lead Stephen Ministry. They come from all ages and backgrounds but they all share a common passion – bringing Christ's love to hurting people."

2020 SCHEDULE:

February 16-22 in Anaheim CA

April 19-25 in St Louis MO

June 7-13 in Orlando FL

July 12-18 in Dallas TX

August 16-22 in Pittsburg PA

All expenses paid – we just need YOU to serve. Please contact Karen Rice at (520) 468-2528, or speak to Pastor Fred or Valerie Hammons.

  
Catalinas  
Community Chorus  
...Music For All Ages

# Spring Choral Showcase

**March 22, 2020**  
**3:00 pm**

**Vista de la Montaña**  
**United Methodist Church**  
**3001 E. Miravista Lane, Tucson**

**Tickets available from chorus members, at  
(520) 303-6474, PayPal, or online at  
[catalinascommunitychorus.org](http://catalinascommunitychorus.org)**

- Advance Ticket Price: \$10**
- At the door: \$15**
- Online purchase: \$10 (plus a \$2 transaction fee per online order)**
- Age 18 and under free**

VISTA SONG OF JOY CHORUS  
FOR MEMORY-IMPAIRED AND CAREGIVERS

The Song of Joy Chorus Needs Your Help!

We still need an accompanist! If anyone knows anyone who would be willing to accompany us on piano, we would be grateful!

Thank you so much for your help, Vista!

We have filled the "spaces" for support singers, a marvelous lady is working with our violinist. We have a young lady who will be playing with us at the McSally Birthday Party so we are grateful for that!

Thank you!

**2020 South District Leadership Event**  
**Vitality in the Face of Challenging Times**

**Saturday, February 15, 2020**

**Catalina UMC**

**2700 E. Speedway Blvd.**

**Tucson, AZ 85716**

**Featured Speaker:**

**Rev. David McPherson**

**Director of New Faith/Vital Faith, Desert Southwest Conference**

**Cost: \$20**



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# Celebrations



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

VENHUIZEN, Ron & Juan	3/6
CARPENTER, Boyd & Karon	3/10
OLSON, Ron & Linda	3/15
KELLEY, Ed & Lynn	3/18
ARNETT, Paul & Janet	3/28

## 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, Margaret	02/10
PARKER, Elizabeth Rose	02/10
HERD, Robert	02/11
GARCIA, Al	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

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

ALLIGOOD, David	03/01
EGGEBRATEN, Cathy	03/01
HOLMAN, Jim	03/02
RIDDLE, Bill	03/03
ZEBAL, Liz	03/05
HEDRICK, Jim	03/06
BIXBY, Dave	03/07
BRETZ, Linda	03/09
LOGAN, Bob	03/09
BRACKETT, Nancy	03/10
KELLY, Cayla	03/11
PHILLIPPI, Lou	03/11
VERMILYE, Joel	03/1
ALLEN, Bill	03/12
ARNETT, Janet	03/12
HAMPTON, Fran	03/13
MILLER, Barbara	03/13
ROBERSON, Walt	03/17
RUFFINI, Susan	03/18
RICE, Pete	03/19
STUMP, Jane	03/20
LANGWIG, Bob	03/21
LENZINI, Marty	03/23
SANDERS, Marshall	03/23
CROWN, John	03/24
EXTRACT, Alexis	03/24
BAUM, Pastor Fred	03/25
ALLEN, Marge	03/27
ALLEN, Olivia	03/27
COLBY, Dottie Lou	03/27
SCHWARTZ, Pete	03/28
SPENCER, Phyllis	03/29
AUGUST, Alice	03/31
DUENKEL, George	03/31

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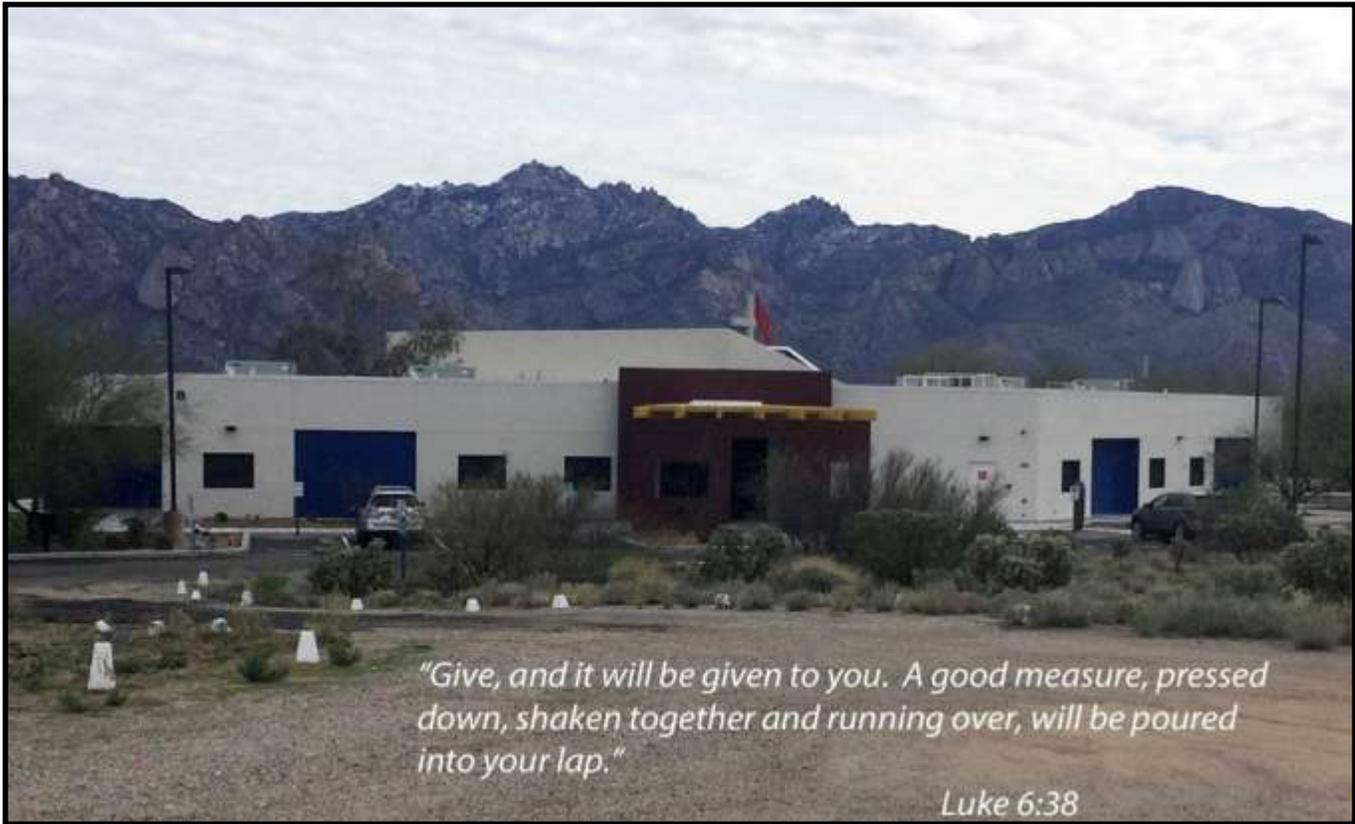
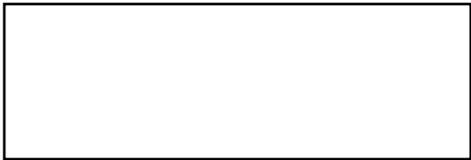
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*"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap."*

*Luke 6:38*