



VISTA de la MONTAÑA UMC

Echoes

July 2021

Pastor's Pen,

As July approaches I always think of July 4th, and patriotism, and this great country that is our home. In the face of current events, I also think of how this country was born through war and conflict and has stayed a country through the same, particularly the Civil War. As the saying goes, "Freedom is not free. It has been bought with a terribly high price." This price was paid by many who we recently remembered on Memorial Day.

I believe we as a nation are unique in our belief and striving for freedom from freedom of speech to freedom of religion and all sorts of other freedoms that it seems are in a constant fight for those freedoms to remain. This emphasis comes from the Bible which our early founders were steeped in. 2 Corinthians 3:17 says, *"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."* The early founders believed God was with them in this new adventure that was the United States of America and God wanted freedom for all. That is a hope and goal we still strive for as a nation. And as our Wesleyan faith would say, *"We are not perfect but we are striving for perfection."*

Galatians 5:1 says, *"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."* Paul here was talking specifically about slavery to sin, but this is taken as a rallying cry to resist all who would dominate and control individuals and nations. We have a freedom in Christ that we need to live out of that is not dependent on any King, Government, or legislature or law. Our freedom comes from God and God wants all his people free. This is reflected in our Declaration of Independence, *"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."*

Our freedoms, our lives, our liberty, our ability to pursue happiness is given to us By God and not any other human institution. Our job here on earth is to live out of these freedoms, secure them for ourselves and others and always *"strive for a more perfect union."* Not only with our fellow citizens but with God.

These freedoms and their cost are something to think about and chew on in the month we remember the foundation of our country, *"One nation under God with liberty and justice for all."*

In Christ's love

Pastor Fred



**DSW Conference Has
Appointed
Rev. Fred Baum**



**for another year here at
Vista UMC!
Thanks be to God.**

COME WORSHIP WITH US—
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TOO



What Does the Stephen Ministry Logo Mean?



The broken person behind the cross symbolizes the brokenness in our lives due to our sin and imperfections. The whole person stands in front of the cross because it is only through the cross of Jesus that we are made whole. The circle symbolizes both the wholeness we receive through Christ and God's unending love for us.

**NEW
CHURCH DIRECTORY
AVAILABLE**

One per family, Pick yours up before/after service or in the church office. Digital copies are also available by request—
email vistaumc.org@gmail.com.

Eyeglasses + More - Collection

Blessed to be a blessing – While Spring cleaning would you save your old hearing aides, unused eyeglasses, cases, contacts & cell phones to donate them for a good cause? You may drop them off in the main office during business hours. And soon there will be a collection box on Sundays.

Thank you for helping others see more clearly – What a great way to serve our community.



Mission Outreach Ministry July 2021

Dee Berman

Dear Vista Family:

As I write you this report it is so HOT, but our Mission Ministry carries on. I am so glad that we have been able, with your help, to support a number of our community services who help the people who are homeless and on the streets of our area to have a place to go and get out of this heat and receive help. Our gratitude and prayers go out to all the volunteers who give their time and resources to Sister Jose Homeless Women's Center, Emerge Center for women and their children who are fleeing abuse and mistreatment, and also Esperanza en Escalante who offers a home to homeless Vets and their Families. We thank you so much for helping meet these needs in our community. It is hard to imagine what it must be like to be living on the streets in 114 degree weather!

I also want to thank you for your support for our Memorial Day Fund. We were able to send them \$1000.00 for the Hearts Apart program that offers special assistance to Deployed Troops, Wounded Warriors and Special Needs Military families. We do this to honor their service to our nation and in honor of those heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. It is because of them that we are able to enjoy the life we have in this country.

The Creative Hands group continue to work on summer clothing for the Impact Clothing Bank and have made several deliveries this past month. Jan Bohe tells me that she has some fun projects you might like to work on during your summer time, using your own creative hands to do so. Please call her at 520-825-9725 for further information.

Thru your generosity we sent \$500.00 to our local Impact Food Bank in Catalina. Thank you and remember that you make this happen the 1st Sunday of every month. Keep up the good work.

Your Mission team is working right now to get out over 100 letters to our School Supply Sponsors for our students at our sister church Fuente de Vida in Agua Prieta, Mexico. We are awaiting your reply's to make sure we have all of our wonderful kids sponsored and ready to go back to in person schooling this next Aug.

All the backpacks and school supplies have been delivered to the warehouse in Douglas and are being shuttled over to the Colonia La Empacadora where the church is located, one trunk full at a time. They have had some families leave the church during this pandemic but we also have 15 new students that are now attending the church. A big thank you goes out to Jan Hopke Almer, Peggy Smith and Robin Connor for all their hard work with this project.

Exciting news from Pastor Gela, Nahara her youngest daughter, who just graduated from her schooling last month, is getting married to her fiancé Misael this next Oct. 30th. Misael is the son of the Bishop and leader of their Annual Methodist Conference in their area. The Bishop and family live and works out of Tijuana and travels in his work, to the border cities both in California & Arizona. They have known each other since they were little kids and are so excited to be getting married. They have both been helping with the renovation of the Coffee Roasting and Sweet shop and plan to run the business, as well as work in the ministry of the church. They plan to live in Agua Prieta. We are still hoping that we will be going to Agua Prieta on Saturday the 23rd of October for the Celebration of Learning Festival. We shall see how the whole Covid19 situation goes 4 months from now. If you do not have a passport and want to go to the celebration with us, check your expiration date and know that you have time to get it renewed or get a new one. This is a requirement to cross the US border if we want to get back into the US.

As I mentioned before, our Mission Outreach Ministry does not stop for the summer, but we do have some of our beloved members who have left for the summer. We wish them a happy, healthy and fun filled time and we do look forward to their return, along with all our other dear Vista folk who are away from us right now. Remember that our goal is for everyone at Vista to be in Mission Service to our Lord, each other and those that God has put before us to serve.

Yours in Mission Service: Dee Berman Chairman
520-825-7115 or deerick1968@gmail.com

Children, Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Children & Youth 2021



Summer Sunday School

Young Adult Ministry

Join this 18-25yo group and continue your Christian walk with Vista UMC.

Please contact Valerie Hammons to sign up for Sunday classes.



Youth Ministry

A special thank you to Cialyn Floyd. Cialyn was the South District Youth Representative for the 2021 Annual Conference. Cialyn attended the conference via zoom for the three day event, participating in the discussions and sessions.

Thank you, Cialyn!

Terrific Tuesdays

Starting Tuesday June 8th

11:00AM—1:30PM

Grades 1st—12th

**We are practicing social distancing and masks are optional.*

THIS SUMMER

Kid friendly movie in the Elizabeth Room—Snacks, Fun, Games, & More



Grief Support Group

Thursdays at 1:30 PM June 10-July 8 St. Luke Room (Education Building)

WHY JOIN A GRIEF GROUP?

When grieving the loss of a loved one, we need all the support we can get. In this group you will find you are not alone on your painful journey—others have some of the same feelings and challenges you do. Some will be ahead of you in the healing process, some will be where you once were. It is healing and comforting being with people who truly care and support each other. And where you will learn

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Life is so good! When a human being can say life is good, on the bad days, that person is there! There, as in there. Wherever there is. This there is a good place, happy and peaceful. Change does befall sooner or later. Planning for change through education is almost like directing soon to be events. Such as wrestling with the future and pinning time to the mat.

Six years ago, I took the 2 basic UMC Lay Servant courses. These are pure Methodism 1a & 1b. Or 101 & 102, if you prefer. And unlike most college classes are fun to take, short in duration (20 hours) and immediately useful toward one's spiritual progress. Unlike say . . . Algebra, which is useless to all but a few.

Following those 2 mandatory prerequisites, I was free to study to earn Certified Lay Speaker and Certified Lay Minister. Those are upper class if you will and frankly require study, homework, quizzes, and a paper or two.

Reward comes when, as a CLM, the Conference sends you to aid service at another Methodist Church. I was sent to Kearny, UMC and have given Sunday sermons and benedictions 8 times, weekly. This has been, for me, pure growth. 7 of the 8 sermons were original and a couple really stretched the spiritual dough (stuff of life if you will). What comes next, is my only question. I am ready! Bible Study anyone?

Bible Study (no BS) began as Jim's Homespun Bible Study - except no one signed up. Bad dog, Bad Dog! But! 2 delightful souls showed up without signing up, bibles in hand as a testament to dedication and will. So, who is going to complain? With me makes three and we sat to study. Billy Ayers and John Witt saved the day and the occasion and Abe the golf pro came to second session, then Gail Parson and Dee Berman signed on. Now, we are the Up from the Ashes Bible Study. To say we have fun and learn is to diminish our presence together. I'm sure we glow, illumined, and cast shadows! It is right, you see. Thursday at 1:00 PM, St. Mathew's Room. Call the church office (520-825-1985) to take part. Step into the light, you are welcome. Life is better with foundation, direction, and purpose.

Umm & Rummage are alive and well. We will meet for breakfast only, no business meeting, 7AM, July 3rd at the Sunnyside Up. This is the 1st Saturday in July. Anyone is welcome, just show up. This is Dutch treat, and the food is reasonable and good. Rummage sale may well be in November, so we do accept donations. If you would gift the item to a friend or relative, gift it to us. Tools of all manner are welcome. If you have a car, cycle, scooter, golf cart or bicycle please talk to Darrell Parson or Jim Bleess. With generous donations of good stuff another \$10K is easily do able.

Vista life is going very well. Pray for RAIN, we so need it. Amen!

Jim Bleess UMMP





FLOWER DONATIONS

There are a few empty slots on The Flower Chart in the Narthex. If there is an occasion for which to celebrate (Birthday, Anniversary, In Honor of, In Memory of, or in Celebration of an event) please let us help you announce it by ordering an arrangement to be displayed at the Altar on Sunday. Contact Janet Arnett at 719-323-4806, the church office at 520-825-1985—OR Sign up in the Narthex.

Dates open: July 18 & 25, Sept 26, Oct 17 & 31 and Nov 28



FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

SHEPHERD'S CALLERS



Summer calls are slowing down due to a lot of folks leaving town. We have a new directory which will impact our calling lists.

We will be back up and making calls by summer's end. In the meantime, if you'd like a call, let me know!

Robin Conner: 520-818-1177



Finance Committee

May 2021

Income was \$882 over budget and expenses were \$2,975 under budget. General Fund Net Income was -\$3,564 after our mortgage principal payment. Beginning in April we are in the months when expenses exceed income so we have negative General Fund Net Income. YTD Vista is \$5,934 over the income budget and \$11,226 under the expense budget. Our income is \$12,038 less than last year and the expenses are \$9,978 less than last year. We try to keep 2 months or more of expenses in our operating reserve. Our operating reserve will be necessary to cover the deficit months and pay for the upcoming major repairs on the sanctuary.

If you would like to make a gift to reduce the mortgage, you can now do so on the website using your credit card. Use the **Donate Now** button.

Welcome



**Kim & Joyce
Luckman**

**Robert & Anne
Hilton**



**Rev. Dr. Jim Lubach
& Kay Barber**

Iain Noonan



Nancy Caber

2021



Ray Repinski

New Member Lunch With The Pastor

If you are curious about what membership in Vista Church is all about or have already decided to join. On Sunday July 11th, at 11:11am we will meet in the Elizabeth room in our new Education and Admin. building for lunch and a conversation with Pastor Fred and other members of the congregation.

Call the church office for lunch reservations. 520-825-1985.

Opportunity to Serve

Looking for someone with a cheery disposition, kind and witty to serve weekdays in the front office greeting guests, answering phones, and helping with special projects. Are you looking to serve at Vista? There is a place to serve at Vista as a **receptionist & office help**. If you are interested in being a bright joyful face of Vista Church, please call the Office at (520) 825-1985



Explore the Many Ways to Give to the Church

Stewardship Campaign for 2021 was completed in the Fall, but new people can still pledge. There are many ways to give to the Church that make it easier for you as well as helping the church finance team by reducing their workload. 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 bottom of the Home page there is a 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 call Valerie Hammons, Pastoral Assistant.

TACH – 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. *If you would like to do this, please contact Dennis Kimmel, Financial Secretary.*

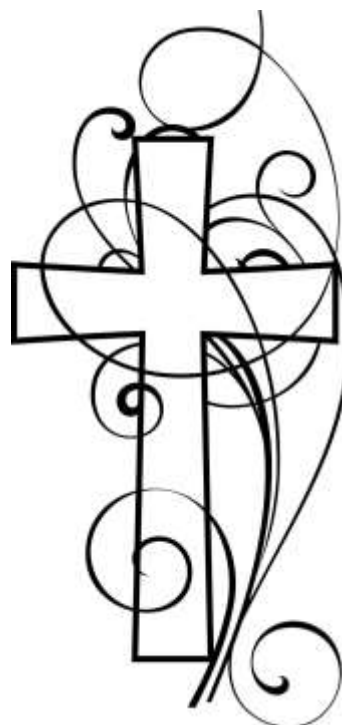
TIRA Gift from your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)

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 consider selecting one of these ways to give, then follow through. The spiritual progress of the church lives on member donations. Step up, be counted!

Church Contact Info

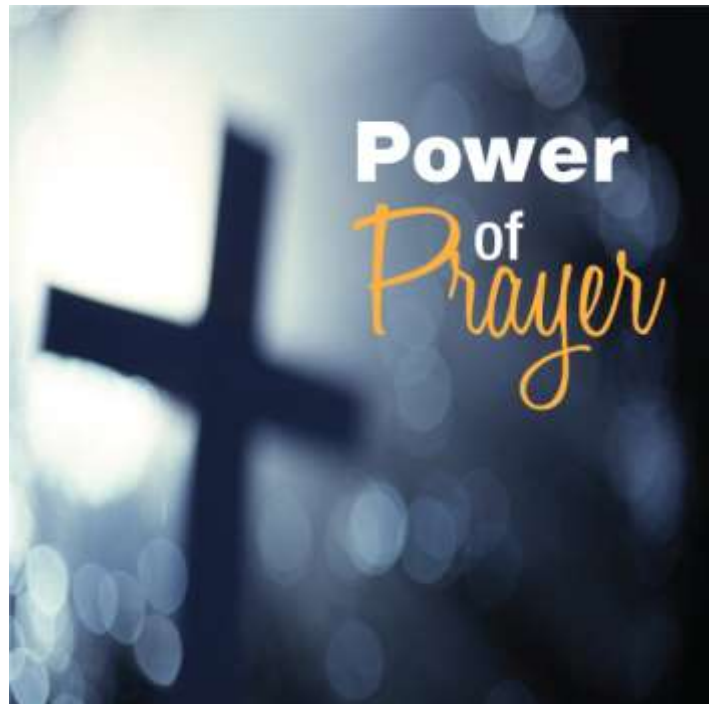
Office Hours Monday-Friday 9-5, Closed 12-1 for lunch. Phone: 520-825-1985



Vista Remembrance Garden

Please consider ordering a personalized brick honoring a spouse, child, parent, family, and/or pets. The bricks are priced at \$125, with most all of the money applied to the New Vista Building Fund. Complete one of the forms located either in the Narthex or the office, and then deliver it to the church office with your check.

*Join us as we pray for
our Friends, Family,
Church, Community,
Leaders and Country.*



Compassion Connection

In Need of Continued Prayers for Healing

Barry and Gale Shuman, Paul & Fran Hampton, Steven Extract, Mel McIntyre
Frank Buck, Bill Goins, Margaret Overman, Bob Sherman, Alex Perakis
Phil Preston, Bill Gureck, Megan Spencer, Karon & Boyd Carpenter, Al Isaac
Suzanne Ewing, Allen Phillips, Ben Sanders, Jeanne Parrish
Ray Repinski, Roger Salava, Larry Caber, Joan Robinson

Home Bound

John & Joan Davies, Bob & Eileen Herd, Marv Rutkowski
Betty Jean Emberton and Sharon Poole



Prayers for Our Churches

Each month churches in the South District pray with and for each other. Please pray for the pastors, congregation, and community of the following:



July 2021

El Mesias UMC, Nogales

Grace UMC, Douglas

Camping Program, South District

And

Our sister church, Fuente de Vida in Agua Prieta, Mexico.

July Celebrations

Birthdays

Crowson, Betty	07/02	Gureck, William	07/02	Extract, Laurie	07/03
Hunt, Sharon	07/04	Witt, Carol	07/05	Bohe, Janice	07/06
Tom, Loretta	07/06	Radke, Dan	07/07	Salcedo, Jose	07/07
Elson, Polly	07/08	Oelrich, Shawn	07/08	Macpherson, Craig	07/11
Perakis, Alex	07/11	Thompson, Maddy	07/11	Gragg, Kay	07/12
Springer, Jan	07/14	Updegrove, Virginia	07/15	Hampton, Paul	07/16
Fowler, Nancy	07/17	Lecornu, Yvonne	07/19	Nelson, Lance	07/20
Whitlatch, Linda	07/21	Conner, Dorothy	07/22	Marks, Peggy	07/22
Poole, Sharon	07/22	Anderson, Dave	07/25	Leonard, Carolyn	07/25
Robinson, Joan	07/26	Young, Joe	07/26	Extract, Steve	07/27
Odell, Carol	07/27	Nevins, Dick	07/28		

Anniversaries

Allen, Bill & Marge	07/01	MacPherson, Craig & Benith	07/02
Hillmann, Bill & Mary Jane	07/11	Rice, Pete & Karen	07/17
Herd, Bob & Elieen	07/21	Bauder, George & Kathleen	07/26

Leaving Your Legacy Through A Bequest

A popular way to leave a lasting legacy to your faith is to establish a bequest. A bequest is a gift from your estate—a transfer of cash, securities, or other property. You can make a gift to the Vista Permanent Endowment Fund by including language in your will or living trust dedicating a specific amount or percentage to the Fund. By including the PEF in your will, your investment will help Vista church keep the gospel message alive and growing.

Types of Bequest

Specific bequest: One of the many ways to support the PEF through your will or trust, and the easiest, is a bequest of a fixed dollar amount or specific property. If you would like your charitable gifts to remain in proportion to other bequests, you can designate a specific percentage of your estate, rather than a fixed amount, be given to the PEF.

Residuary bequest: If you do not wish to specify the exact size or nature of your charitable provision (often the size of a future estate is difficult to estimate), you might consider naming the PEF as a residual beneficiary of your estate. You may provide that all or a portion of the remainder of your estate shall pass to the PEF after other commitments have been fulfilled.

Should you decide to include Vista Permanent Endowment Fund in your estate plan, please supply your estate plan information on the form available at the web link below. If clicking on the link does not work, copy and paste the link into your browser.

https://www.vistaumc.org/hp_wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Estate-Plan-Form.pdf



August Celebrations

Birthdays

Floyd, Linda	08/04	Sela, Tonga	08/05	Browning, Jean	08/06
Higgins, Peggy	08/06	Podlasek, Ken	08/08	Jackson, Ginny	08/09
Rice, Karen	08/09	Moyer, JennaRae	08/12	Oelrich, Paul	08/12
Harwick, Kailyn	08/13	Hotchkiss, Michelle	08/13	Snider, Glenna	08/13
Alligood, Edna	08/15	Holden, Jackie	08/15	Plum, Kathy	08/16
Radtke, Gene	08/17	Boring, Daniel	08/19	Leedom, Marge	08/19
Olson, Ron	08/20	Isaac, Kathleen	08/21	Kelley, Lynn	08/21
Sherman, Bob	08/22	Roberson, Mary Louise	08/22	White, Natassja	08/23
Young, Howard	08/23	Davies, John	08/25	Duckett, Florence	08/25
Hartman, Linda	08/25	Whittington, Linda	08/25	Alberts, Gerry	08/27
Valder, Linda	08/27	Eriksson, Lars	08/29	Marsh, Dan	08/31
Rupe, Jean	08/31				

Anniversaries

Preston, Phil & Mary	08/08	Crown, John & Jan	08/09
Young, Howard & Mary Lou	08/09	Baum, Deede & Fred	08/15
Spencer, Phyllis & Dan	08/16	Extract, Clif & Laurie	08/17
Smith, Leo & Doris	08/18	Roberson, Walt & Mary Louise	08/19
Larmour, Paul & Margaret	08/22	Mehlhorn, Mary-Ann & Peter	08/23
Bellah, Bill & Mary	08/26	Bukes, Milt & Jan	08/26
Garcia, Al & Jacquie	08/28		



VISTA 90 YEARS PLUS CLUB CELEBRATION

Are you turning 90 this year? I would like to invite you to join the Vista 90 Years Plus Club. Please contact Delores Brindle at 520-907-5706. We will be honoring you on 9/19/2021 at the 10 AM church service. If you have any questions, please call or email deloresjb@gmail.com

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MONDAY - FRIDAY

9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

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www.Vistaumc.org



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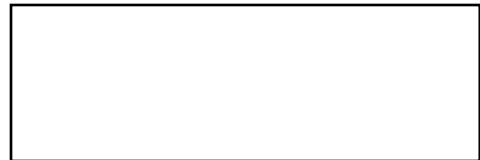
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Vista Committees and Teams are looking for YOU!



USHERS - Please contact Cliff Terry 575-635-7641 to be part of this team.

He will work with your schedule.

COMMUNION SERVERS - Sue Staker would like you to join the Communion Team.

Please call her at 520-825-5787.

LITURGISTS - Would you like to be part of the Liturgy readers on Sunday mornings? Please call Sandy Crown with your open dates. 303-726-8096

Please call the church office 520-825-1985 if you would like information on any of our committees, task forces or teams.

We would love to have you join us!