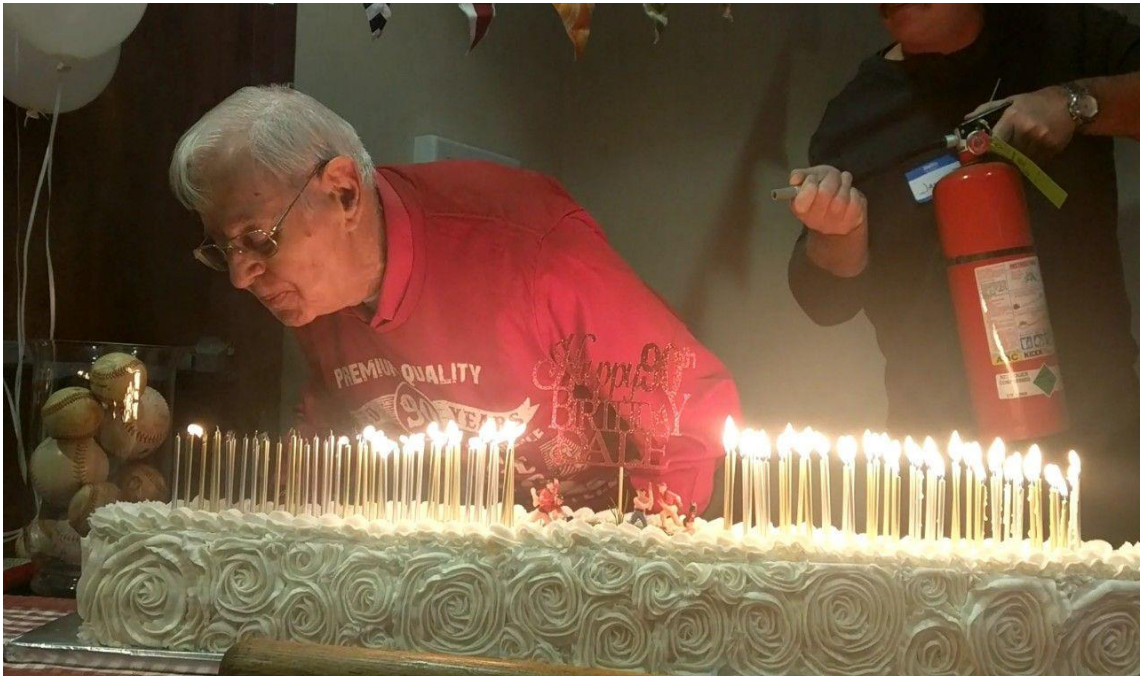


Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church  
Rev. Fred Baum

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Celebrating 90+ Years of Life!



“Order in the Church: A Public Matter”

**United Methodist Church Mission**

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**OUR MISSION**

Our Mission is 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.

# Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church

(Please email [vistaumc.org@gmail.com](mailto:vistaumc.org@gmail.com) or text 520-349-9216 with your Celebrations and Concerns. These will be read and prayed for during the Pastoral Prayer.)

COUNTDOWN

“Motivational Scriptures”

WELCOME & GREETING

Rev. Fred Baum

\*OPENING HYMN

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

No. 61

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Mr. Jim Bless CLM

**We know that God is in the world—was and is and will be. God made it all, and continues to renew and remake and resurrect. We know God best in the life of Jesus, who was and is our maker of hope, the one who saves. We know the power and energy of God in the Holy Spirit. We are filled with God’s joy and pledged to discipleship and love. We trust in God. We celebrate God. We work together for justice and freedom and peace through God. We are never alone. We are set free in Christ. Thanks be to God. We are the people of God. Amen.**

GOSPEL READING (NIV)

John 17:20-26

<sup>20</sup>“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, <sup>21</sup>that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

<sup>24</sup>“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

<sup>25</sup>“Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

TIME WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Valerie Hammons

“More Love to Thee, O Christ” (1,2,3)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Fred Baum

## LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

“O Praise the Lord” (*Lloyd Larson*)

## CELEBRATING 90+ YEARS OF LIFE!

Robin Conner

“This Little Light of Mine”

Mary Bellah  
Donna Langwig

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Mr. Tom Knoll

Charles and Sandra Crown

## OFFERTORY

Mary Bellah

“You Are the Light” (*arr. Tom Fettke*)

## NEW TESTAMENT READING (NIV)

Matthew 18:15-20

<sup>15</sup> “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. <sup>16</sup> But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ <sup>17</sup> If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

<sup>18</sup> “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

<sup>19</sup> “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “Order in the Church: A Public Matter”

Rev. Fred Baum

\*CLOSING HYMN

No. 731

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” (1,2)

SUNG BENEDICTION Go Now in Peace (X 2)

No. 665

**Go now in peace, go now in peace,  
May the love of God surround you  
everywhere, everywhere you may go.**

POSTLUDE

Mary Bellah

“Credo” (*J. Haydn*)

STEPHEN MINISTER

Mr. Marv Rupe

# Notes “Order in the Church” Matthew 18:15-20

All of the below is to be undergirded in prayer.

**Jesus’ First Step:** “A Private Matter” August 29<sup>th</sup>, Sermon. Speak to the person privately.

Three rules on a better way to deal with church hurt and practice reconciliation.

1<sup>st</sup>, Healthy- speak to the person privately.

Unhealthy- Raise a posse, or petition, or bring the matter up first in front of others.

2<sup>nd</sup>, Healthy- attack the problem and not the person.

Unhealthy- attack the person, their character and call names.

3<sup>rd</sup>, Healthy- speak the truth in love, **privately!**

Unhealthy- evil speculation, gossip.

**Jesus’ Second Step:** “A Semi-Private Matter” September 12 sermon. Approach the person with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party or 2 or 3 mediators. Many times a single “ambassador” works best.

Three more rules on a better way to deal with church hurt and practice reconciliation.

4<sup>th</sup>, Healthy- seek reconciliation and understanding.

Unhealthy- grow a “root of bitterness”

5<sup>th</sup>, Healthy- forgive “Love keeps no record of wrongs”. 1 Cor. 13:5

Unhealthy- condemn

6<sup>th</sup>, Healthy- agree to disagree

Unhealthy- whip up opposition

**Jesus’ Third Step:** “A Public Matter” September 19 sermon. When the issues go to the “Official Boards”

7<sup>th</sup>, Healthy- Knowledge. Make sure you truly hear and understand. 7 possible messages: What you mean to say, what you say, what the other person hears, what the other person thinks he hears, what the other person says about what you said, and

what you think the other person said about what you said. And finally, “They haven’t heard you at all!”

Unhealthy- speculative accusation

8<sup>th</sup>, Healthy- forgive and forget

Unhealthy- “forgive” and not forget ie. Count the sins

9<sup>th</sup>, Healthy- deal with issues as they come up

Unhealthy- save up hurts in a “big sand bag” and when it is full and you are mad beat the person with all of them at once.

**Today has been set aside to celebrate all those in the “Vista 90 Years Plus Birthday Club” which includes 28 members of Vista’s congregation.**



# Vista UMC Celebrates 90+ Years in 2021!!

Ages range from 90 to 100 celebrated throughout this year. Our celebration for this elite group will include a video shown during the service along with a duet on the piano by Mary Bellah and Donna Langwig, corsages and boutonnieres worn by honorees and made by committee members, a group picture and wrapped coffee cake shared after the service.

*Corsages and boutonnieres will be mailed to those unable to attend.*

*Thanks to: Delores Brindle, Robin Conner, Pam Holder, Sharon Scanlan*

## ***Prayers for Our Members & Visitors***

Please use a Prayer Card so we may give praises to God and/or to lift up your concerns. See an usher for the Prayer Card.

## ***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:

### **September 2021**

Sanctuary UMC, Tucson

Santa Cruz Valley UMC, Sahuarita

St. John's UMC, Tucson

And

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

## ***Compassion Connection***

### ***In Need of Continued Prayers for Healing***

Sandy Acres, Jean Browning, Frank Buck, Slim Crowson, Suzanne Ewing, Steven Extract, Shane Gallo, Bill Gureck, Fran & Paul Hampton, Connie Kreamalmeyer, Stephen McCotter, Margaret Overman, Allen Phillips, Joan Robinson, Megan Spencer, Joe Staker, Barry & Gale Shuman, Virginia Updegrove, Marilyn Waldo, Cheryl Watts

### ***Home Bound***

John & Joan Davies, Betty Jean Emberton, Bill Goins (Home Hospice), Bob & Eileen Herd, Joy Oram (Mountain View), Sharon Poole, Marv Rutkowski

## ***Welcome to Vista UMC***

Thank you for joining us during worship today, masks are optional.



## *Welcome to Our New Members*

Today we welcome **Tom Knoll** to Vista Membership. Tom comes to us from Kansas, where he was a physical therapist and his wife a nurse. Tom lost his beautiful wife last year. He is already enjoying many features of Vista, including our Grief Group. He loves the support here.

On Thursday, Pastor Fred brought **Charles (Chuck) and Sandra (Sandy) Crown** into Vista Membership. They started visiting us 16 years ago as snowbirds from Colorado, thanks to Chuck's brother John! They have been involved in many of Vista's ministries and activities and are now here full time.

Please give a huge Vista Welcome to Tom, Chuck & Sandy!

## *Announcements*

### **GRANT ROBINSON MEMORIAL**

Please join us in the Sanctuary at 1PM **today**, as we gather to celebrate the life of Grant Robinson.

### **CHOIR**

**The Choir has Returned!** We have lots of new people in this year's choir – Why not join them? How do you join? – just show up for rehearsal – **Wednesdays at 1pm** in the Elizabeth Room Or give Marshall a call – **520-271-5238**

### **BELL CHOIR**

Vista Bells rehearsal is on Wednesday evenings at 6pm in the Sanctuary. If you have ever thought about being in the bell choir, we would love to have you! No prior ringing experience needed! Please contact Shannon Casey at **520-591-5137** or [scc@aok.net](mailto:scc@aok.net) if you are interested!

### **DINNER FOR SIX** *Hooray!!! We're back in action.*

The DFS will offer you an interesting and fun – and delicious way to know your Vista family. We will hold our annual DFS Kickoff Dessert Party, Sunday Sept 26th at 1PM. Please RSVP by Sept 15th. Our DFS will begin in October. Please call with questions - Joyce Holman **520-240-3299** or Sandy Schwartz at **520-818-9792**

### **FAMILY GAME NIGHT**

Tuesday, September 21 at 6:00 pm -- join your Vista friends in fun and fellowship. If You are invited to bring your favorite game as well. Bring our own beverage and snack, not to share. If you have any questions, Contact Pam Holder at **520-343-1225** OR Janet Arnett at **719-323-4806**

# *Announcements*

## YOUNG ADULT GROUP - Our newest group here at Vista!

Offering opportunities for young adults to stay connected to their church, each other and recognize there is more to life than what our culture throws at us.

We hope this new group will empower young adults to courageously live the Gospel. We hope to build a thriving and growing young adult ministry - Vista is a great place to start! Please contact Valerie or Peggy Jo for more information **520-825-1985**

## CANDY NEEDED FOR VISTA'S HALLOWEEN/FALL FESTIVAL

Please drop off in the box in the narthex or during the week in the church office. THANK YOU!!!!

## SPIRITUAL RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

The Academy for Spiritual Formation scheduled for October 2021 has been postponed due to COVID restrictions. It is now scheduled for **September 18 – 23, 2022**. Still at the Redemptorist Center in Picture Rocks. We will have the same presenters and topic: Journey into the Heart of Christ through Spiritual Healing and Justice.

## ANNUAL COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE

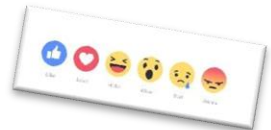
The UMM will hold another Super Sale November 5-7 — They will pick up larger items closer to the sale. Contact Jim Bless at **520-825-3475** or Darrell Parson 520-275-8114 to arrange a pick-up or drop-off of smaller items. Please NO TVs, hide a beds, books, or clothing. Volunteers will be needed—especially cashiers and sales assistants. It's FUN—Come On Out!

# ***How Can You Be A DISCIPLE?***

## YOU DON'T HAVE TO KNOCK ON DOORS ANMORE, NOW YOU CAN JUST CLICK!

Get a little help from your friends! Did you know when you share something from the Vista Facebook page, that's a hint to Facebook that this is the good stuff.

So PLEASE **share** Vista Facebook posts with your own Facebook Page! It doesn't just get Vista in front of our followers: it helps boost Vista in the newsfeed for everyone out there.



If you see something you like, please don't be afraid to react. That means hit the Buttons on the bottom. The more 'reactions' we get the more we show up in others feeds.

That is called sharing the good news! See you on Facebook. VistaUMC!

# Vista Calendar for this week . . . .

## Day

## Events

**This  
Sunday  
9-19**

10:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary  
11:15 AM Adult Bible Study – Elizabeth Room  
1:00 PM Grant Robinson Memorial Service – Sanctuary followed  
by a reception in the Elizabeth Room

**Monday  
9-20**

10:00 AM Women’s Bible Study (*Zoom*) – Donna Boring  
1:30 PM Worship Committee Meeting – Gail Parson  
**\*\* *Echoes Articles are due to Office Manager [vistaumc.org@gmail.com](mailto:vistaumc.org@gmail.com)***

**Tuesday  
9-21**

2:00 PM Church Council Meeting -- Elizabeth Room – Marty Lenzini  
5:00 PM Family Game Night – Elizabeth Room – Pam Holder

**Wednesday  
9-22**

4:00 PM Endowment Meeting – Matthew Room – Jay O’Donald  
6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary – Shannon Casey  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal – Elizabeth Room – Marshall Sanders  
New Time Next Week – 1PM

**Thursday  
9-23**

1:00 PM Up From the Ashes Bible Study – St John Room – J Bless  
1:30 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting – Matthew Room – D McIntyre

**Friday  
9-24**

**Saturday  
9-25**

**Next  
Sunday  
9-26**

10:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary  
11:15 AM Adult Bible Study – Elizabeth Room – Donna Boring  
1:00 PM Dinner for Six– Elizabeth Room – Sandy Schwartz

**Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9AM – 5PM (*closed 12-1 for lunch*)**

**Thank you for joining us in the sanctuary or Livestream worship.  
Go and live the lives of love God has given you!**

## **Welcome to Our Visitors!!**

**All visitors are invited and encouraged to explore  
membership in Vista's Congregation.**

If you are interested in membership, please contact the church office  
at 520-825-1985 and Pastor Fred or Valerie will call you.

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## ***Assisting Our Worship Today***

Liturgist	Jim Bleess
Acolyte	Roman Aguirre
Audio & Video	Teresa Sanders: slide show producer and house sound Pam Holder: live stream camera Clark Simonds: live stream audio
Organist	Mary Bellah
Ushers	Leslie Hawkins, Cliff Terry, Leo Smith and Ken Hunt
Volunteers	Sandy Gureck, Ginny Howes, Loni Degen
Flowers	Given by Dixie Ayers in celebration of (dtr) Heather and (grand dtr) Sierra's birthdays Arrangement created by Lue Satterfield Given by Joan Robinson in in loving memory of late husband's 75 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Arrangement created by Janet Arnett