

Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church

Rev. Fred Baum

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 10th, 2021



“Our Service Missions”

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 or text 520-349-9216 with your Celebrations and Concerns. These will be read and prayed for during the Pastoral Prayer.)

COUNTDOWN

“Let Your Light Shine”

WELCOME & GREETING

Rev. Fred Baum

*OPENING HYMN

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

No. 103

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

I Cor. 15:1-6 and Col. 1:15-20

Leader: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

People: Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit.

Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.

TIME WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Valerie Hammons

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

No. 528

“Nearer, My God, to Thee” (1,4)

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.

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” (1,3)

OFFERTORY

Mary Bellah

“The Abundant Life” (*Garrett Parker*)

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

“Yours Is the Kingdom” (*Cindy Berry*)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:31-46

³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

³⁷“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

⁴⁰“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

⁴¹“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

⁴⁴“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

⁴⁵“He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

⁴⁶“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

VIDEO HYMN

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

SERMON "Our Service Missions" Rev. Fred Baum
Creative Hands-Jan Bohe, **Impact Food Bank**-Giff Tompkins, **Sister Jose Homeless Women's Shelter**- Gene Bywater, **Fuente de Vida Mission**- Dee Berman, **Fuente de Vida Education Program**- Jan Hopke Almer.

*CLOSING HYMN "Christ Is Alive" (1,2,5) No. 664

SUNG BENEDICTION "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" (1) No. 664

POSTLUDE Mary Bellah
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (*Ludwig Beethoven*)

STEPHEN MINISTER Dottie McIntyre

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:

October 2021

Vista de la Montana UMC, Tucson

UMC of the Good Shepherd, Kearny

Wilcox UMC, Wilcox

And

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

Compassion Connection

In Need of Continued Prayers for Healing

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

Home Bound

John & Joan Davies, Betty Jean Emberton, Bob & Eileen Herd, Joy Oram (Mountain View), Sharon Poole

Welcome to Vista UMC

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

UMC Mission Outreach Ministry Team

Chairman: Dee Berman Secretary: Benith MacPherson Treasure: Darrell Parson

Mission Echoes Editor: Dee Berman

Mission check request signer in the absence of Chairman: Glenna Snyder

Mission Programs and Team Leaders

Fuente de Vida Methodist Church in Agua Prieta, Mexico (6 programs)

1. AP Economic Advancement Program: Dee Berman
2. AP Facility and Building Improvements: Dee Berman
3. AP Scholarships for High School: Dee Berman
4. AP Roche Scholarship Fund for Secondary Education: Dee Berman
5. AP School Supplies & Back packs: Jan Hopke Almer with Robin Conner & Peggy Smith
6. AP Coffee Sales: Giff Tompkins & Vista Youth with Glenna Snyder
7. Memorial Day Fund "Hearts Apart" at DMAFB: Dee Berman

Impact Community Services (3 programs)

8. Impact Food Bank: Benith MacPherson & Food Delivery: Leslie Hawkins
9. Impact Clothing Bank: Giff Tompkins
10. Impact Senior Birthday Program: Benith MacPherson with Dee Berman & Giff Tompkins
11. Vista Youth Mission Programs: Dee Berman with Valerie Hammons
12. Family First: Jan Bohe & Jan Hopke Almer with Glenna Snyder
13. Sister Jose Homeless Women's Center: Gene & Diane Bywater
14. Creative Hands: Jan Bohe & Helpers
15. Snak Pak at Coronado School: Diane Coleman
16. Esperanza en Escalante Vet Housing Project: Paul Arnett with Peggy Smith
17. Emerge Center: Jan Hopke Almer
18. Prayer Shawls: Loni Degen and Vista's knitters and crocheters
19. General Mission Fund: Dee Berman

Announcements

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

Have you ever thought about being in the bell choir, we would love to have you! No prior ringing experience needed. Rehearsal is **Wednesday at 6pm** in the Sanctuary. Please contact Shannon Casey at **520-591-5137** or scc@aok.net if you are interested!

CALLING ALL MEN WHO LOVE TO SING

Vocal Seniority is reconvening with 10 men already committed to join their voices in song. This is a unique opportunity to meet with men who enjoy fellowship, have fun, and who love to join their voices in song to the glory of God.

Come join us on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center commencing October 12. Contact Bill Bellah for more info **520-465-5479**

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!!!!

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!

CELEBRATION OF LEARNNG FESTIVAL DONATIONS- Deadline Sunday Oct. 17

will be collecting the final items for the Celebration of Learning Festival that will be held at Fuente de Vida church in November. We will be driving down to Douglas to make our delivery to the storage bin on Oct. 20th and will be packing all the items for the games, prizes and Mother's bags on Monday Oct. 18.th. We are asking the Vista folks to bring, to the Mission Baskets in the narthex, all their contributions by Sunday Oct. 17th any questions they may call Dee Berman at **520-825-7115**.

ALL SAINTS DAY MUMS- Vista will celebrate All Saints Day on Sunday, November 7th

As in the past we will be offering mums for sale to remember your loved one. The plants will be displayed in the Chancel area on Sunday morning. We ask that you plan to take your plant home after church on the 7th.

The cost will be \$10 per plant. We need to have your order by Sunday, Oct 24

Forms will be available the Sunday the 17th and 24th.

How Can You Be A DISCIPLE ?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO KNOCK ON DOORS ANYMORE, 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!

Consecration Sunday

WHO WE ARE
WHAT WE DO...

Save The Date

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November 14

Adult Education Opportunities

The Adult Christian Education Committee is offering the following classes for the Fall of 2021. Sign up is easy. Just email, text or call Donna Boring to ask questions and sign up.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ADULTS

After Church Sunday School Class Sunday 11:15 AM - 12:45 PM St Matthew Room

The After Church Sunday School Class led by Linda Whittington has a long history of successful discussion and fellowship together in a combination in person and on zoom membership. Their class includes prayer, a video study with discussion following and fellowship. The current video study is on forgiveness. They provide a welcoming atmosphere for everyone and especially enjoy including new members. To join, please contact Donna Boring. For questions, please contact Linda Whittington.

BEFORE CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Sunday 9:00-9:40 AM St Matthew Room

Later in the fall Mel and Dottie McIntyre are going to offer a new before church Sunday morning class which will focus on topical studies from the Wired Word with lessons and Bible material. They have a few people already signed up but there is plenty of room for you. Please let Donna know if you are interested. Class opening date TBA (sometime in November)

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN

Thursday 10:00-11:00 AM Zoom and in person TBA

This class has been in weekly session for 18 months. It uses the Upper Room Lectionary study entitled Disciplines, A Book of Daily Devotions. The class includes daily Bible and devotional readings which are discussed during the class. This class is currently full, but there are other Lectionary Classes available as follows: New Lectionary Studies

Differing times and days depending on which group

It has been our experience that smaller groups make for good Lectionary Bible Studies. Please read the above description and then call, email or text Donna Boring with questions and discussion about what type of class you would like to join i.e., all men, couples, morning, afternoon, evening, singles, mixed etc.

UP FROM THE ASHES BIBLE STUDIES

Thursday 1:00 PM St John Room

Led by Lay Leader Jim Bless, this Bible Study has been meeting since May and follows this pattern. Class members take turns reading aloud the Bible passages for the week, then have time for questions and a brief discussion period. They are currently starting 1st and 2nd Chronicles. At the completion of these two books of the Bible, the class votes on the next book to read. The class has an open enrollment policy and welcomes new members. If you would like to join, contact Donna Boring. If you have questions, contact Jim Bless.

CHRISTIANITY AND WORLD RELIGIONS

Wednesday 10:00-11:00 AM St. John Room

We are delighted to introduce you to a new member of our church who is a retired Methodist minister, Reverend James Lubach. He will be offering a 6-week class starting on October 20 on the Adam Hamilton study Christianity and World Religions available at Cokesbury for \$11.95 and at Amazon \$11.89. In it the author compares Christianity with Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism and Islam. Given our current international situation, this course seems a perfect one for increasing our global and spiritual understanding.

Vista Calendar for this week

Day	Events
This Sunday 10-10	10:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary (<i>Missions Fair</i>)
	10:15 AM Child/Youth Sunday School – Education Building
	11:15 AM Missions Fair – Sanctuary
	11:15 AM Adult Bible Study – Elizabeth Room – Donna Boring
Monday 10-11	
Tuesday 10-12	9:00 AM Vocal Seniority – Worship Center
Wednesday 10-13	1:00 PM Choir Rehearsal – Elizabeth Room – Marshall Sanders
	6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary – Shannon Casey
Thursday 10-14	10:00AM Women’s Lectionary – Zoom – Donna Boring
	1:00 PM Up From the Ashes Bible Study – St John Room – J Bless
	3:00 PM Stewardship Meeting – St Luke Room – Pastor Fred
Friday 10-15	
Saturday 10-16	11:00AM Jean Browning Memorial Service - Sanctuary
Next Sunday 10-17	10:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary
	10:15 AM Child/Youth Sunday School – Education Building
	11:15 AM Adult Bible Study – Elizabeth Room – Donna Boring

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



THE BIG, LIVING GOD

Read 1 Samuel 17: 24-49

Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?

--1 Samuel 17:26 (NRSV)

My sink and roof leaked last week. In addition to these problems, my spouse's business is suffering due to our country's uncertain political situation and economic downturn. Even with less income, we still have to pay the school fees for our biological and foster children. All together, these troubles feel overwhelming and insistent.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
Because my God is big, I can face anything.

But God speaks to me through 1 Samuel 17:26. When all of Israel was afraid of Goliath, a giant Philistine warrior in impressive armor, David confidently decided to fight the champion soldier. Why was David so brave? Because he believed in the living God and that the people of God would not be overcome, even by Goliath.

While life can feel overwhelming, I am reminded that none of my problems is greater than my God. Through this scripture, God shows me that I have to stop saying, "O God, I have a big problem!" Instead, like David, I can dare to say, "Hi problem, I have a big God!"

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for your loving kindness that is new every morning. Help us to focus on you rather than the magnitude of the problems we face. Amen.

Linda Chandra (Banten, Indonesia)

Prayer Focus: THE LIVING IN UNCERTAIN POLITICAL SITUATIONS

**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
Acolyte
Audio & Video

Organist
Ushers
Volunteers
Flowers

Bill Bellah
Cialyn Floyd
Teresa Sanders: slide show producer and house sound
Paul Oelrich: live stream camera
Clark Simonds: live stream audio
Mary Bellah
Cliff Terry, Lou Phillipi, Sharon Scanlan, Leo Smith
Dottie McIntyre, Peggy Jo Harwick and Joyce Holman
Given by Darrel & Gail Parson in loving memory of
son, Dylan Parson
Arrangement created by Janet Arnett