

VISTA de la MONTAÑA UMC

Echoes

October 2021

Dear Members and Friends of Vista Church,

In October we will begin a series called "Who We Are and What We Do". This is a series brought to you by the ministries and missions of Vista Church. It is part of our "Stewardship Program" this Fall and will highlight many of the ministries and missions of your church which often occur outside of your sight and hearing especially in this age of the Coronavirus. It will answer the question "What do we have stewardship over?" in terms of our church. Each Sunday will follow the theme of one of the vows of our membership: prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness in terms of the things we do as a body to fulfill our vows. I will do this by weaving in the witness of the leaders or spokespersons for the various ministries and missions into my messages. It will be challenging, and I believe interesting, for you will hear from parts of our Church you have probably never heard from directly before.

We will begin the series with a "Prequel" on Sunday October 10th, which is our "Missions Sunday". There will be displays around the worship center highlighting many of the 19 missions we support with several speakers again weaved into my message that day. I believe the whole experience will leave us inspired as to "who we are and what we do!"

As in years past we will culminate our program on Sunday November 14th, with a Consecration Sunday and Luncheon. Our goal is to get one or more "Taco Trucks" to serve us lunch so we can eat outside and be socially distanced. Might even have "Tacos to Go". I have used the Consecration Sunday model for many years because it is based on the need of the giver to give to God and not the church to receive. It also emphasizes tithing and proportional giving. We do not shoot towards funding a specific budget but trust as our members give their best to God all the needs of our local church will be met. A budget is adopted after the pledges are received.

This year, like last year, because of the Coronavirus, pledge cards will be sent out in advance to be returned either by mail or in person on Consecration Sunday. I know this will be a very challenging year for we have lost many members to death and moving. But our God is in charge and whatever God gives us through his people we will use for the Glory of his Kingdom.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Fred

PS. We are in the midst of Nominations Season, and I pray that when you are called and asked to serve you carefully consider, pray and say yes to an area you are gifted to serve in. You are also encouraged to volunteer your services. Remember the word "worship" means "serve" so wherever and whatever you are doing to serve is your ongoing worship of God! I also invite you that if you have a ministry or mission you would like to see happen, lets talk. That's how the Prayer Shawl ministry came into being, and also, the "Joy Choir".

In Christ's love

Rev. Fred C. Brum

Pastor Fred

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

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, Bob & Eileen Herd
Joy Oram (Mountain View), Betty Jean Emberton, Sharon Poole
And Paul Hampton (Copper Health)

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 Willcox UMC, Willcox And



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

How Can You Be A DISCIPLE?

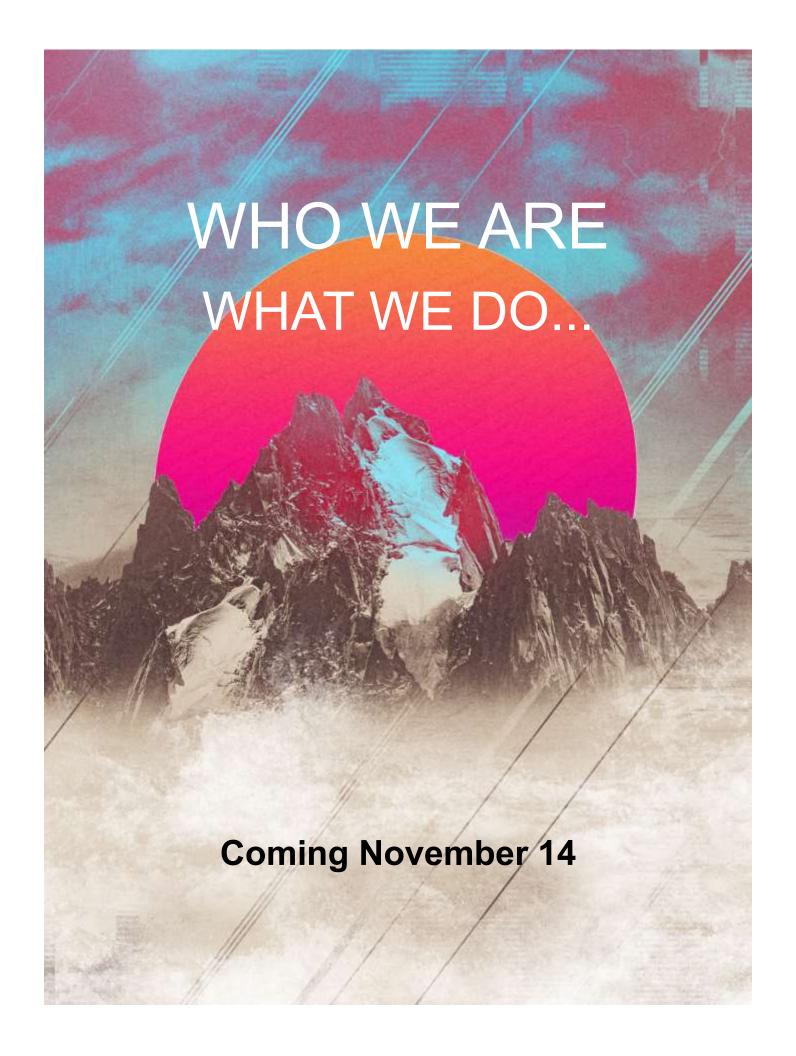
YOU DON'T HAVE TO KNOCK ON DOORS ANYMORE, NOWYOU CAN JUST CLICK

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!



October Activities

UP FROM THE ASHES BIBLE STUDY

Thursday 1:00 PM St John Room

Led by Lay Leader Jim Bleess, 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 Bleess at 520 -825-1985

BEFORE CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 Boring know if you are interested. Class opening date will be in November, date TBA.

AFTER CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 at 520-825-1985

CHRISTIANITY AND WORLD RELIGIONS

Wednesday: 10:00-11:00 AM Room TBA

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.

ADULT CHOIR

<u>The Choir has Returned!</u> 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 – **520-825-1985**

VOCAL SENIORITY

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.

"But, I can't read music, you say." No problem! We will place you close to someone who

can give you a helping hand with the music AND we encourage questions. We will help teach you the notes and how to read them.

We only have three rules: You must be able to carry a tune, love singing, and enjoy having fun.

Come join us on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center commencing October 12. We will have fun, work hard, and sing good music that is fun and meaningful.

Remember: October 12, 2021, 9:00 am, Worship Center. Hope to see you then!

Contact Bill Bellah for more info 520-825-1985

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 **520-825-1985** or scc@aok.net if you are interested!

Online Calendar

Please check our website for an up to date calendar for more details on meetings and events.

Www.vistaumc.org/calendar/

Children, Youth & Young Adult



ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays 10:00 AM St John Room

Our new, DIG IN Sunday school curriculum is curriculum designed to create deeper Bible experiences for kids It is designed to help kids understand Biblical concepts that guide them every day. These Sunday school lessons allow children to create experiences where they make discoveries, helping them to take ownership of their faith. And, DIG IN offers Bible lessons for kids that present the Bible as real and relevant, packed with rich meaning that applies to their lives today. We are ready to LEARN!



JR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays 10:00 AM St Luke Room

BE BOLD Sunday school curriculum gives your preteens exactly what they need—validation of their faith questions, and a place to connect as they explore those questions together. And we'll guide you every step of the way as you become their conversation guide...and fellow explorer. Bible as real and relevant, packed with rich meaning that applies to their lives today. We are ready to LEARN!



SR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays 10:00 AM St Mark Room

We will be working the Group's LIVE cirriculum engaging teens where they are in the world today. And today's teenagers are starving for "more of Jesus"—not just more information, but a deeper, richer, truer encounter of him. LIVE Jesus-Centered Life unlocks the door to deeper conversations and explorations that satisfy this hunger.

YOUNG ADULTS

Our newest group here at Vista is our YOUNG ADULTS, who met for the first time last week with Valerie and Peggy Jo for coffee.

Vista is providing opportunities for young adults to stay connected to the church and each other. Valerie and



Peggy Jo want the young adults to recognize there is more to life than what our culture throws at us.

Through prayerful support from their peers, encounters with Christ and opportunities to learn and grow their faith, 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 and Vista is a great place to start!

Annual Community Rummage Sale—Nov 5-7

The UMM will hold another Super Sale November 5-7 — They will pick up larger items closer to the sale. Contact Jim Bleess 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

Vista's Remembrance Garden

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



Did You Know?

office with your check.

You can get the Echoes by email? Contact the Church Office at vistaumc.org@gmail.com to sign up.



Eyeglasses+ Collection

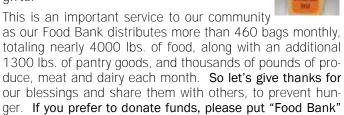
You can donate your old and unwanted hearing aides, contacts, eyeglasses, cases & cell phones for a good cause. There are a couple donation boxes on the church campus—in the Narthex and the Main Office.



Missions Ministry

The Grocery Cart will be back out on the patio to collect your food donations for Impact's Catalina Food Bank on Sunday November 7th, First Sunday Food Bank gifts.

in the memo line of your check.



Discipleship Ministry

The newly formed Discipleship Committee's focus is on the growth of Vista, beginning with pairing volunteers with those committees who need more folks who are willing to get involved with this vision.

If you want to fulfill a mission for the Lord but don't know where to begin, call Pastoral Minister, Valerie Hammons (520-444-1991) or Robin Conner, Discipleship Chair. (520-818-1177)

Candy needed for Vista's Halloween/Fall Festival

Please drop off in the box in the Narthex or by the church office.

Mission Outreach Ministry October 2021

Fall is with us and we are blessed that the Vista Mission Team is still at work reaching out to those in need in our community. Our Big Event this month is Mission Sunday on Oct. 10th. We will have tables set up around the sanctuary displaying the good work you are making possible thru your giving and the dedication of your Mission Team members. I am including a directory of our Mission programs at Vista and the names of the team leaders and their helpers. Some of our programs have been put on hold due to the Covid Pandemic but we believe, when this misery is over, we will carry on as God leads us. I want to thank these dedicated Mission Team members for all their good work. If you are interested in joining our team, I would welcome your call. As always, our goal at Vista is for everyone to be in Mission Service as God leads you.

The AP Card rack will be set up in the Narthex so you can continue to buy your cards as you need them. Remember they are only 50 cents and do so much good for the families of the Women's Co op at our sister Church in Agua Prieta, Mexico. Thank you for giving us all your used cards to recycle into these lovely new cards. Place your donations in the Mission baskets in the Narthex. We are still collecting items for the mother's bags and prize items for the children's games for the Celebration of Learning Festival this next November. We will not be going this year due to Covid, but we will be taking these items to the Douglas Storage and we must have all items by October 10. Please use the Mission baskets in the Narthex for your contributions. This month, due to Mission Sunday preparations, we will be meeting on the 1st Wed. of October on the 6th at 1:30 PM in the Elizabeth room. We will meet again on Friday the 8th at 10:30 AM to set up the tables and the displays in the sanctuary for Mission Sunday.

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
- 20. UMCOR Liaison: Sherri Wyland

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

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

Called to Stephen Ministry?

Reasons for Stephen Ministry in our congregation

Congregations carry out Christ's commandment to "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12) in a powerful and practical way.

<u>Pastors</u> have a team of gifted, trained, and committed lay caregivers ready to minister to hurting people.

<u>Laypeople</u> nurture and use their gifts in meaningful ministry, growing spiritually as they serve others.

<u>People who are hurting</u> have a caring Christian presence to provide emotional and spiritual support.

If you think you might be interested, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders:

Valerie Hammons 520-825-1985 or Dottie McIntyre 502-445-5479



Finance Committee

August Income was \$2,642 over budget but less than July. Expenses plus mortgage payment were \$2,667 under budget. General Fund Net Income was -\$3,636. It was \$5,309 over budget but less than last year.

YTD our income is \$9,760 less than 2020 and our expenses are \$322 less than last year including the mortgage payment. General Fund Net Income is \$9,438 less than 2020 due to a full year of mortgage payments.

The Trustees and Finance have worked together on the equipment and repair projects that are necessary this year. We have reserved the funds to pay for the repairs.

We now owe \$408,605 on our mortgage. Attendance was 593 in person and a total of 1622 with Live Streaming and Facebook views, an average of 324 per week.

Our 2022 Stewardship Campaign will kick off in October.

History of Vista Endowment

A number of years ago, in 2002 to be exact, approximately a dozen members of the then-young church thought it was a good idea to establish a Vista Endowment Program. It would be a fund to benefit the church, which would grow through donations and prudent investing. By limiting the payout from the fund to a portion of the investment returns, the fund would provide a perpetual benefit to Vista.

A Resolution establishing the fund as well as a Charter was written and approved by the Charge Conference in November of 2002. Each of these forward-looking individuals agreed to donate \$1,000 to get the fund started. Each of their commitments was satisfied during the next several years. The money was invested, but not actively managed until 2012 when Pastor Dave Patterson asked John Witt if he would establish an Endowment Committee to promote Endowment and actively invest the funds.

John established that committee and in the past nine years, it has successfully grown the Endowment Fund through both donations and Investments from about \$19,000 to just above \$475,000. Further, we have funded a number of church projects during that period.

If you would like to donate to Endowment, please find a form at the web address below. Your gift to endowment demonstrates your belief that the Christian church will thrive in the future as it has in the past.

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

Explore the Many Ways to Give to the Church

Stewardship Campaign for 2021 was completed in the Fall of 2020. There are many ways to give to the Church that makes 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 Ministry.

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 90 YEARS PLUS BIRTHDAY CLUB

September 19, 2021

Vista has an elite club with 28 members who are ninety years old and more... honorees were greeted with corsages and boutonnières prior to Sunday's September 19th service. A collection of their pictures, created in a PowerPoint by Pam Holder, was shown during the service as Mary Bellah and Donna Langwig played a piano duet. Following a group picture after the service, the honorees mingled on the patio for a social hour.

Honorees are:

Bauer, Kathleen (90)
Colby, Dottie Lou (92)
Cooke, Lois (93
Davies, John (95)
Farnum, Jean (100)
Jackson, Ginny (92)
Kulick, Corinne (93)
Nevins, Dick (95)
Roberson, Walt (90)
Young, Joe (91)

Beylea, Dana (93)
Combs, Kenneth (93)
Crown, Charles (93)
DeWindt, Charlotte (95)
Guptill, June (90)
Jackson, Jim (94)
Landrum, Mattie (98)
Nevins, Ilene (93)
Waldo, Duane (91)

Bolar, Marlin (93 Conner, Dorothy (91) Davies, Joan (96) Emberton, Betty Jean (99) Gureck, Bill (92) Jensen, Ed (90) Marks, Peggy (93) Perakis, Alex (90) Waldo, Marilyn (90)

Thanks to: Delores Brindle, Robin Conner, & Pam Holder







October Celebrations

Birthdays

Jacquie Garcia	10/01	Billy Ayers	10/05	Karime Penuelas	10/07
Dan <mark>a Be</mark> lyea	10/08	Ed Kelley	10/09	Paul Sinohui	10/14
Michelle Tonga	10/21	Patricia Pohnert	10/22	Susanne Hedrick	10/24
Penny Sinohui	10/24	Dr Jon Leonard	10/25	Barbara Phillips	10/26
Nanisi Tonga	10/27 💚	Joy Oram	10/29	Lauren Hernandez	10/31
Ronald Venhuizen	10/31		L w	Carlo and a second	

Anniversaries

Alex & Jenny Perakis 10/02 Bill & Donna Goins 10/14
Sharon & Steve Scanlan 10/26

November Celebrations

Birthdays

Joan Davies	11/01	Nic H <mark>arwick</mark>	11/01	Mary-Ann Mehlhorn	11/01
Logan White	11/02	Molly <mark>Vak</mark> erics	11/03	Sue Boerding	11/04
David Stegink	11/06	Peggy <mark>J</mark> o Harwick	11/07	Jan Crown	11/09
Mia Foster	11/10	Joyce Lafleur	11/12	Carla Radke	11/12
Roger Salava	11/12	Cialyn Floyd	11/13	Bill Hillmann	11/15
Mary Jane Hillmann	11/17	Linda Triboulet	11/18	Diane Podlasek	11/19
Dixie Ayers	11/21	Gail Parson	11/21	Pam H <mark>older</mark>	11/22
<mark>Maureen</mark> Anderson	11/25	Milt Bukes	11/25	Barba <mark>ra Sherm</mark> an	11/25
Sallie Winkler	11/25	Cameron White	11/26	Elsie Bills	11/29

Anniversaries

Michael & Joyce Luckman	11/17	Dua	ne & Marilyn Waldo	11/22
Pete & Sandy Schwartz	11/26	Ben	& Jan <mark>Mi</mark> llard	11/27
Robin & Mike Conner	11/28	Noe	I & Jan <mark>e</mark> Rytter	11/29









National Grandparents Day

Grandparents Day was celebrated Sunday, September 12 by welcoming everyone and distributing commemorative decorative lollipops. It's safe to say that a large part of our congregation qualified. Thanks to: Delores Brindle, Robin Conner, Valerie Hammons

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HALLOWEEN/FALL FESTIVAL SUNDAY OCT 31ST AFTER WORSHIP
Scavenger Hunt, Games, Candy! Wear your costumes!
This family event is for ALL ages— Treats for children & adults!