



VISTA de la MONTAÑA UMC

Echoes

February

Connect & Grow 2022

Pastor's Pen

Last Summer I bought a puzzle that I thought would be good for the “Family Christmas Puzzle”. We have a tradition of putting together a family puzzle each year as various children return for parts of the holiday season. I thought it was going to be an “easy” puzzle and sorta fun with Santa putting presents under the Christmas tree. Well, it hasn’t been so easy with not much contrast in color across the painting that was a basis for the puzzle. Also, the tradition of a “Family Christmas Puzzle” died this year. No one wanted to work on it with me. I got it out over Thanksgiving and am still working on it. It looks like I might finish by Easter!



So, for over two months I have been working on this dog of a puzzle, but I will finish it. It has been and will be quite a slog, but everyday I put a few more pieces of the puzzle into place and it is oh so slowly taking shape. It reminds me of the times we are in. They are really puzzling:) And this pandemic seems to go on and on and on and on. At times, I and a whole lot of others seem to feel like there’s not much help, or the right kind of help, but we keep slogging on.

One of the scriptures that has helped me in times like this is “He who endures to the end will be saved.” Matt. 10:22 That is not a very joyful scripture. It speaks to times of suffering, pain, and grinding boredom, but there is, actually, great hope and promise there. In the end, those who endure and keep on slogging towards the finish line will make it. They may not be first and maybe even last, but the victory for each running the race is simply to finish, even if someone else drags you over the finish line. (Why we need each other in the church.)

Yes, these times call for “patient understanding” as the scripture says with the emphasis on “patience” more than understanding. So, let’s together just keep on slogging forward and we will finish the race, we will finish the puzzle, and God will bring the good from it that God wants to see for his kingdom.

In Christ’s service,

Pastor Fred

“¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” Hebrews 12:1-3

**The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.**

*Join us as we pray for our
Friends, Family, Church,*

Compassion Connection

In Need of Continued Prayers for Healing

Gerry Alberts, Marlin Bolar, Frank Buck, Dr. Chuck Crown,
Slim Crowson, Suzanne Ewing, Steven Extract, Shane Gallo,
Bill Gureck, Fran & Paul Hampton, Larry & Jackie Holden,
Carolyn Leonard, Stephen McCotter, Paul Oelrich,
Margaret Overman, Allen Phillips, Dr Bill Pohnert,
Joan Robinson, Rosetta Schemenauer, Teresa White,
Barry & Gale Shuman, Meagan Spencer, Linda Whittington,
Marilyn Waldo, and Beler & Cheryl Watts

Home Bound

John & Joan Davies,
Bob & Eileen Herd,
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:

February 2022

Catalina UMC, Tucson

First UMC, Tucson

Sanctuary UMC, Tucson

And

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

A Season of Love, Pain & Struggles

For some people, Valentine's Day is a painful reminder of a broken relationship, the death of a loved one, a recent relocation, a chronic illness, or another life challenge. If you are going through a difficult time, our Stephen Ministers can bring Jesus' love (God's ultimate Valentine) back into your life. Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will meet with you privately on a weekly basis to listen, to support and encourage you, to pray with and for you, and to walk with you for the duration of your struggle.

To find out more about Stephen Ministry and how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with Valerie Hammons or Dottie McIntyre. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Join Together In Prayer With Vista Church

***As we actively and intentionally pray for our Congregation, Church
Leaders, Community and our Country!***

*May our prayers as a community be heard and our lives speak witness to the
goodness of the Lord.*

Children, Youth & Young Adult

THE DIGGING INTO LIFE OF JESUS

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 curriculum, 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 ADULT FELLOWSHIP TIME

Our next meeting **Sunday February 6th** after church at Basha's Food Court at 11:40 – Contact Valerie Hammons or Peggy Jo Harwick for more information. We would love to see you and share where we have seen the hand of God in our lives.



Dates to Remember

RODEO SUNDAY *(WEAR YOUR WESTERN WEAR)*

POTATO BAR FUNDRAISER

Sunday February 20th After Church

SALSA FUNDRAISER EVENT

Saturday April 30th Prep Day

EVENT on Sunday May 1st, After Church

CONFIRMATION

Coming Soon

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSIONS TRIP

May 31—June 3

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the Dates—June 12-19

Please save your Southwest decorations for us

Contact Valerie or Peggy Jo for more information or to Sign Up

Mission Outreach Ministry February 2022

Dear Vista Family:

I am so excited to see what God has for us to do in this new year. I am listing below some of the good work you made possible in the last couple of months thru your faithful support. In this month when we celebrate LOVE for one another, you have made thru your love all this possible. Thank you, and thank you to the great Mission team members who give so much love to all these Mission projects.

1. Sister Church Agua Prieta: Pastor Gela & Associate Pastor Armando came on Dec. 14 and picked up a van full of toys, children's clothing, coats, & jackets and 53 Christmas stockings for their Christmas celebration for needy children in their community in Agua Prieta Mexico. Pastor Gela called to thank us for making such a great Christmas for these children, that was celebrated in the new Sunday School Building. Please take note of Pastor Gela's letter to Vista that I translated in this edition.

2. The Coffee Shop in Agua Prieta is under renovation and we were given, at my request, a list of the needed items to get it open. With the Coffee shop open it will be a big boost for our Economic advancement program for our sister Church. If you feel led to meet one of these needs write a check to Vista UMC and in the memo line put AP Coffee Shop.

Coffee Grinding Machine.....\$460.00

Fridge.....\$645.00

2 Cuisinart Toaster.....\$180.00

Freezer.....\$480.00

Oster Microwave.....\$175.00

Ceramic sugar & cream Holders...\$90.00

Stainless steel hermetic containers with measurements for teas, sugar, chocolate etc..\$170.00

Special plastic containers for Oreos, Marzipans and Brownies....\$50.00 Coffee Grinder Cleaner.....\$20.00

The Fuente de Vida church is actively involved in a ministry to the hundreds of immigrant seekers, who live on the sidewalks of Agua Prieta in makeshift shelters, awaiting their turn to be processed by the US border courts. They are providing food, clothes and inviting them to attend their church services. Nahara & Misael, Pastor Gela's daughter and new son in law, are ministering to all these people along the streets. Many of them are from countries all around the world and do not speak much Spanish or English. The need is great and our sister church is reaching out in "Mission Ministry" to them. I was touched by Pastore Gela's comment "that they had learned from Vista what Mission Ministry was all about"

3. We sent the Impact Food Bank a check for \$950.00 to complete our commitment of \$500.00 a month for 2021, to feed the needy in our community. This check makes \$6000.00 that Vista has provided for this past year 2021. We voted to reduce our commitment to \$300.00 a month in 2022, as the contributions from Vista for the food bank has gone down quite a bit this past year. Remember that the 1st Sunday of each month is our Food Bank collection for Impact.
4. We also sent \$3000.00 to Catalina Catholic Church for our share of our commitment to provide the food that is being given out at Coronado School thru the Snak Pak program.
5. We spent \$471.00 to provide snap top canned food items for the Sister Jose Homeless Women's Shelter. They are now, during this cold weather, providing 42 spaces for homeless women to come in and stay the night out of the cold.
6. On Friday Feb. 18th we will be holding in the Elizabeth room, a Baby shower for Family 1st in Oracle. More news to come. There will be signups in the breezeway starting the last Sunday of January. Plan to attend as this is a really fun event. Lunch included.
7. We provided \$1,877.00 for the spring semester for 11 High School Student at Fuente de Vida. We will pass this bill on to our partners in this project at the Sun Lakes church in Phoenix.
8. We also supplied, from the Roach fund, \$2,314.44 for our 7 Tech School and University Students in Agua Prieta for this spring semester.
9. We received \$3,255.00 from the Thanksgiving offering, designated to food projects.
10. We have received \$5,280.00 for the Christmas offering, that is designated to support our various Mission projects, as well as a portion to go to UMCOR for the terrible tornado disaster that did so much damage in Kentucky this past month.

We are so grateful for the generosity of Vista Church who gave our Mission program \$48,311.75 in 2021. As we know, this is just the cash giving and does not account for all the other goods that have been donated, and all the hours of volunteer work, or our giving to UMCOR, or our Annual Conference Mission Projects that our apportionments support. May God be Praised!! It is a privilege to serve the Lord in this Mission Ministry and see the good that has been made possible by your faithful support. You are invited to attend our next Mission committee meeting on Wed. Feb. 9th at 1:30 PM in the St. John room.

Yours in Mission service: Dee Berman ...Chairman

deerick1968@gmail.com 520-825-7115

Letter From Pastor Gela to Vista Church

Beloved Brothers and Sister of Vista Church:

I greet you with our hope that you are in good health and continuing to enjoy the fraternal love that has always been your character. This letter is to give you my appreciation for the 19 years we have been receiving your support. We look back and are amazed how we have been able to move forward, thanks to all the help we have received from you.

Beginning with the scholarships for our young people, that has made it possible for them to finish their professional studies, and as a consequence, totally change their quality of life. We have seen the fruit of this effort in every student that has finished their studies, and as a result we have seen a big change in our community and our congregation. Thank you for every offering that you have given for our students for school supplies, backpacks and uniforms. We appreciate it with all our hearts!! It is a great blessing that our students only have to be concerned about their studies, and the other part that is so important their big financial concerns, you take care of. Thank you for everyone of the scholarships!! It is so imprinting, year after year, to see the students line up to get their supplies and back packs, with such happiness on their faces. They could not possibly supply these things on their own. The parents are so appreciative too, as they do not have the resources to do so for their children and they thank you for such a great blessing that you supply for their children. We appreciate all of you so much, and especially Sister Jan Hopke Almer who for months in advance is making the purchases and making this all possible and so very excellently organized. Thank you Jan, for all your days of work and your love for this work at Fuente de Vida.

We have been, now for 21 years, in this ministry at Fuente de Vida, and I bless God the day our Sister Dee Berman came to our church. From that day forward we have been working together to spread the Kingdom of God. We have walked together, Vista de la Montana and Fuente de Vida for 19 years, and I recognize that without you, we would not have been able to advance in the amazing way we have. You have been the answer to our prayers that my beloved husband Pastor Diego, now with the Lord, prayed for at the beginning of this ministry. Thank you for so many expressions of your love for our young people, and especially for our students.

I and our church members have missed you so much during this pandemic that we are living thru, not only us but worldwide. But in spite of it, our bond of love holds us together day by day.

It is our hope that this year we can continue our Celebration of Education Festival. We are praying that the Lord will permit this to happen so we can be with you, and together we can celebrate the achievements of our students.

We so appreciate that during this pandemic, you have supported our youth with help with the cost of the Internet studies. In our country studies were given by Zoom and it was necessary that their homes have access to the Internet. Your support was so essential for these students to receive their education and not fall behind. Thank you for being there for our students as you are such a blessing to our lives.

We will not forget what a big help you were for us, with your help for the families who had Covid. This was so impactful, for upon receiving the word that a family had Covid, it was frightening as they did not have medical insurance coverage and could not get the medicines and the medical help they needed. In their moment of desperation, you were there reaching out your hands of love to supply the resources needed to get the medical help they needed. We are profoundly grateful, as you have been the angels that God has put on this earth to look out for us. Angels of skin and bone that are a powerful force in the hands of God.

We also want to thank you for the generous supply of toys for Christmas for our children. They were so happy to receive your beautiful gifts, and also the youth who received the Christmas Stockings or the little boxes of gifts. We so enjoyed this lovely experience. Thank you for bringing so much happiness to our children and youth!!

We are now initiating a new year, full of hope with the great desire to proclaim the Gospel and hoping that we can do more for the Kingdom of Heaven. We hope to continue to work in conjunction with you, joining our strengths and hearts in a beautiful walk together thru this marvelous adventure of serving the Lord. To Pastor Fred, Dee and Jan who have been at the front with their marvelous leadership, there are no words that are in our reach, to let you know how grateful we are for your lives, for your love, for your work, Thank you, Thank you. Thank you, we love you. Vista Church please receive a strong embrace, hoping that this year 2022 may go better in all the areas of your life. We love you!

Pastor Gela Villicana Moreno
Fuente de Vida Methodist Church
Agua Prieta, Sonora Mexico

February Classes, Activities

BEFORE CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday 9:00—9:40 AM St Matthew Room

Mel and Dottie McIntyre are offering this new before church Sunday morning class, using the Wired Word curriculum which applies Biblical principles to current events. Mid-week you will be emailed the lesson including- In the News, *Confronting the News With Scripture and Hope with Discussion Questions*. Check out the wiredword.com for more information and a sample lesson.

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.

CHRISTIANITY'S FAMILY TREE

What Other Christians Believe and Why

Wednesday 10:00-11:00 AM Elizabeth Room

Jan 12 – Mar 2 Rev. Dr. Jim Lubach

Rev. Dr. Lubach is back by popular demand with another fascinating class on Christianity. The book is available for \$9.99 at Cokesbury or \$10.69 at Amazon and will make an excellent pre-Lenten study. The book itself is described as follows: "Adam Hamilton presents a welcoming, inspiring vision of eight Christian denominations and faith traditions. Comparing the Christian family to our own extended families, he contends that each denomination has a unique, valuable perspective to offer on the Christian faith."

LENTEN STUDY

This year's Lenten study is based on the Adam Hamilton book on the Lord's Prayer "The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught". It will be taught by Gail Parson, Worship Chair. Pastor Fred will be doing accompanying sermons on the Lord's Prayer as well. Wednesdays March 9th—April 13th in the Elizabeth Room at 10:00 AM

UP FROM THE ASHES BIBLE STUDY

Thursday 1:30 PM St John Room

Led by Jim Bleess CLM, this Bible Study has been meeting since 2021 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 beginning the Book of Acts. 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. The class meets on Thursdays at 1:00 PM in the St Johns Room If you would like to join, contact Donna Boring. If you have questions, contact Jim Bleess.

PROTESTANT PRAYER BEADS CLASS

Thurs. Feb. 17th 1:00-4:00 PM St. Luke Room Nancy Yob

When the Israelites felt lost and afraid, God gave them a prayer tool of knotted fringe. The fringe helped them stay focused on God. Have you ever felt lost or does your mind wander during prayer? Prayer Beads can help. Join leader, Nancy Yob, to explore the history of the beads, and create your own unique set. We will look at ways to use the beads to enrich our prayer time and strengthen our connection with God. There is a \$5.00 class fee to cover supplies. (*limited space*)

FAMILY FIRST BABY SHOWER

(MISSIONS/UMW)

Come join the United Methodist Women and Vista's Mission Team for a Baby Shower for the charity, Family First Pregnancy Care Center on **Friday, February 18 at 11am in the Elizabeth Room.** Any baby

gift item from size newborn to 5T would be appreciated. Examples of needed gift items are bibs, onesies, socks, receiving blankets, sweaters, gowns, and sleepers. Lunch will be served. See Jan Hopke-Almer or Amy Butkovich after church for reservations. If you are unable to attend, please bring your baby gifts item or monetary donation to the church office.



..... Opportunities

Did You Know?

YOU CAN GET THE ECHOES BY EMAIL? CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT
VISTAUMC.ORG@GMAIL.COM TO SIGN UP.



February 22nd! 6:00 PM

We are looking forward to sharing this time with you and your family. Join us for this fun monthly event. Games will be provided, or you can bring your favorite one to share. At this time there will be no food sharing, so make sure to bring a snack and beverage for yourself.

Movie Night at Vista UMC

Thursdays at 6:30pm in the Elizabeth Room

The series is deeply moving & highly recommended by Pastor Fred!



Missions Ministry

The Grocery Cart will be back out on the patio to collect your food donations for

Impact's Catalina Food Bank on

Sundays February 6th & March 6th

This is an important service to our community as our Food Bank distributes more than 460 bags monthly, totaling nearly 4,000 lbs. of food, along with an additional 1,300 lbs. of pantry goods, and thousands of pounds of produce, meat and dairy each month. So let's give thanks for our blessings and share them with others, to prevent hunger. If you prefer to donate funds, please put "Food Bank" in the memo line of your check.



2022 FLOWER DONATIONS

The 2022 Flower Chart is in the Narthex.



If there is an occasion for which you would like 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 a flower arrangement (\$50) to be displayed at the Altar on Sunday. Sign up in the Narthex, or contact Janet Arnett, or the church office at 520-825-1985. Thank you!



Thank You Shoppers

Thank you to all the Vista Shoppers. If you haven't yet, please go to the Fry's website and link your card to Vista de la Montaña.



AND you can also link your Amazon Smile Account to the church.



Thank you for your continued support!

Eyeglasses+ Collection



Thank you for all your donations of old and unwanted hearing aides, eyeglasses, cases & cell phones. As you Spring clean in '22 remember that there are a couple donation boxes on the church campus—in the Narthex and the Main Office.

Connection Opportunities

Wednesday March 2nd

from 8am to 1pm

in front of the

Education & Administration building

Drive-Thru Ash Wednesday

We are doing this to connect with our members and neighbors in the immediate area of Vista Church. The last time we did this over 100 people came thru for ashes.

Help Wanted Landscaping Crew

Thursday mornings at 8am Join us as we unite to keep up the landscaping and the beauty of our desert campus. Extra help moving gravel is needed on Thursday Feb 10th.

No experience necessary, dress ready to work and bring water to stay hydrated. We look forward to working with you.



Rodeo Sunday Feb 20th

Pull out your western wear, boots and hat, Sunday February 20th is the day to wear them.

Join together with Vista UMC to celebrate an Annual Tucson Community event and support the Youth Group of Vista as they sell To Go lunches after the church service.



Interested in being a Stephen Minister??

For more information contact
Dottie McIntyre or Valerie Hammons



Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed Monday 2/21 for President's Day.



Grief Support Group

In the safety of a group and in an atmosphere of acceptance and understanding you will learn coping skills as you connect with others who are experiencing some of the same things you are.



Pancakes on the Horizon

United Methodist Men are working hard to bring back a church favorite—PANCAKE BREAKFASTS

Keep watching for more details



Offering Envelopes

Pick up on the Patio on Sunday

Or

In the Church Office during the week

Pick Up Now

Online Calendar

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

www.vistaumc.org/calendar/

Article Deadlines

Echoes—the 20th of each month for the following Month's publication

Bulletin—Wednesdays at Noon for the following Week's publication

Connect & Grow 2022



SHEPHERDS IN 2022

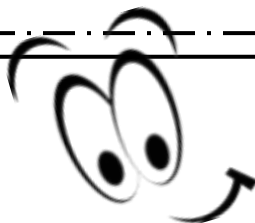
We now have a full group of callers! Thank you to everyone who is participating and we can look forward to "Connecting and Growing" in 2022. Our congregation can expect a call from one of our callers sometime in the near future. Please let your caller know if anything has changed for you!

Robin Conner, Chair-Shepherds Committee

Coming Soon . . .

Lenten Mortgage Challenge is coming!

Starting **Ash Wednesday March 2nd**, we will begin our 2nd Annual challenge. Our donor is putting up \$45,000.00 this year as a challenge for matching gifts. Praise God for her faithfulness and love of our Church. Her hope is that we soon pay off this mortgage so we can redirect money to the ministry and mission of Vista Church. Watch your mail for more information.



New Building Fund

We recently received the gift from the Rubin estate, which will complete the funds necessary for the New Building projects.

As of January 1, Building Fund donations will be redirected to the Mortgage Reduction Fund. If You want to help with the Mortgage reduction Fund you can do so by using the Donate Now button on the website and selecting Mortgage Reduction or giving a cash gift to the church. Or, you can wait for the Lenten Mortgage Challenge that begins March 1st. More on this later.

Pastor Fred

Leo Smith, Trustee Chair

Sharon Scanlan, Finance Chair

Dennis Kimmel, Financial Secretary

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 office with your check.



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 (*Permanent Endowment Fund*) 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, go to our website About Us/Permanent Endowment Fund/Form.

[Request-for-Grant-Form-V.1.pdf \(vistaumc.org\)](https://www.vistaumc.org/hp_wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Estate-Plan-Form.pdf)

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February Celebrations

Birthdays

Sharon Scanlan	02/01	Deede Baum	02/02	Lynn Bixby	02/02
Paul Arnett	02/04	Mary Bellah	02/04	Diane Bywater	02/04
Jackie Schaefer	02/06	Alan Campbell	02/07	Margaret Overman	02/10
Robert Herd	02/11	Alberto Garcia	02/12	Kay Barber	02/13
Teresa Sanders	02/13	Mattie Landrum	02/15	Jim Bleess	02/16
Paula Radtke	02/17	Margaret Larmour	02/19	Barbara Rempel	02/19
Slim Crowson	02/20	Jim Laubach	02/24	Anne Hilton	02/25
Lila Homan	02/26	Dillis Ward	02/26		

Anniversaries

Jim & Ginny Jackson	02/01	Barbara & Bob Johnson	02/13
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Finance Committee

We faced a lot of challenges in 2021 with many members moving and passing away, but we had a successful year! Thanks to our faithful members for their commitment to our church, and to our amazing staff and committees for managing their expenses so well!!

December Income was -\$6,890 under budget. Expenses plus mortgage payment were \$2,540 over budget. General Fund Net Income after our mortgage payment was -\$9,430. November income was higher than normal due to a 5th Sunday and many giving their December pledge on November 28, which has to be deposited in November. Therefore, December income was lower than normal.

YTD our income is -\$24,212 less than 2020 and our expenses are -\$7,817 less than last year including the mortgage payment. But 2020 was the largest income month in Vista's history. General Fund Net Income is -\$16,395 less than 2020 due to a full year of mortgage payments, but we are ahead of our budget with a General Fund Net Income of \$19,442.

The operating reserve is \$89,685 which is over our 2-month expense goal of \$80,000.

We now owe \$398,637 on our mortgage!!!! Attendance was 781 in person and a total of 1868 with Live Streaming and Facebook views. We did not have Facebook viewing for any of the Christmas Eve services.

Final pledges came in at \$385,200. We increased the budgeted General Offering to \$432,809 and decreased the Loose Plate Income to \$4,000. Total 2022 Budgeted Income is \$437,159 and Budgeted Expense including the mortgage principal is \$434,875.

Craig MacPherson completed the 2019 audit. There were no areas of correction needed. The 2020 audit will begin soon and will be done by Jim Galka.

Sharon Scanlan, Finance Chair

March Celebrations

Birthdays

David Alligood	03.01	Jim Holman	03.02	Liz Zebal	03.05
Jim Hedrick	03.06	Dave Bixby	03.07	Linda Bretz	03.09
Bob Logan	03..09	Nancy Brackett	03.10	Cayla Kelly	03.11
Lou Phillippi	03.11	Janet Arnett	03.12	Fran Hampton	03.13
Anne Groth	03.14	Walt Roberson	03.17	Susan Ruffini	03.18
Robert Hilton	03.19	Pete Rice	03.19	Marty Lenzini	03.23
Marshall Sanders	03.23	John Crown	03.24	Alexis Extract	03.24
Pastor Fred Baum	03.25	Marge Allen	03.27	Olivia Allen	03.27
Dottie Lou Colby	03.27	Barbara Powers	03.27	Pete Schwartz	03.28
Phyllis Spencer	03.29	Alice August	03.31		

Anniversaries

Ronald & Juan Venhuizen	03.06	Boyd & Karon Carpenter	03.10
Ron & Linda Olson	03.15	Ed & Lynn Kelley	03.18
Linda & Stephen Zello-McCotter	03.27	Paul & Janet Arnett	03.28

Explore the Many Ways to Give to the Church

Pledges for 2022 are complete for the Stewardship Campaign. There are many ways to give to the Church that make it easier for you, as well as helping the church finance team reduce their workload. Please consider one of the following:

Non-cash Gifts to the Church – Stocks or Property

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 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.

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. *If you would like to do this, 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 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!

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