



VISTA de la MONTAÑA UMC

Echoes

July

Connect & Grow 2022

Pastor's Pen

An Odd Story

Here's an odd story. In my first church I served after seminary one of the members of my church lived on the same block as I did. In fact, her home was "kitty corner" to my own. We often walked our dogs and kids around the block and at times said "Hi" to her. I called her "the cat lady". She had 7 cats. I am very allergic to some kinds of cats. Others I am "ok" with. This woman, once she found I lived on the same block as her, would call me to come visit sometimes in great desperation. I distinctly remember my first visit. Before I even knocked on the door, I could smell the cats. They had a hard time finding their litter boxes. I thought, "This is going to be miserable and when I come out of this house, I am going to be one wheezing allergic mess." Mercifully, thanks be to God, I wasn't allergic to these cats. They just stunk.

The home was in shambles just as you might think. I don't remember even sitting down for the mess, except for one chair, but that was the first of many visits. One day she called me in again in great desperation to find some document she had misplaced. When I got there, I saw paperwork, financial statements on almost every surface in the place. In seminary I had learned to speed read. I could read an entire page in just seconds. As we went about the house looking for whatever it was, I glanced at these statements. They were bond fund statements. I just had to glance at them, and I saw the totals. They ones I saw totaled up to over \$2 million dollars.

I made neighborly visits for years and if she told me once she told me 100 times when she passed, the church she was a member of, and I served, would get half of her estate and a little church in Kansas the other half. Well, it never happened. When she died our church got \$10,000 which I was told was the amount we needed to get to not be able to contest any settlement. The problem was, I believe, that she never wrote down her desires and never gave her church a written copy of her will. \$10,000 is a good inheritance, but it certainly wasn't over \$1 million dollars. We also had a crooked lawyer involved in our church at the time. Never found out if he was involved.

The moral of this story is if you are intending to leave a bequest to the church, church endowment, or any other person or institution then give them a copy of your will or trust instructions. Vista Church has a locked file for documents like this and will make sure your directions at passing are carried out. We also have a file for your wishes for your memorial service, ashes etc. So, if you are thinking about a bequest to the church or anyone else, please write it down. Make it legal and it will be taken care of for you.

In Christ's service.

Pastor Fred

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

Compassion Connection

In Need of Continued Prayers for Healing

Delores Brindle, Dottie-Lou Colby, Dr. Chuck Crown,
Slim Crowson, Loni Degen, Steven Extract, Nancy Fowler,
Kay Gragg, Bill Gureck, Fran & Paul Hampton,
Peggy Jo Harwick, Donna Langwig, Stephen McCotter,
Paul Oelrich, Margaret Overman, Allen Phillips,
Dr Bill Pohnert, Karen Rice, Joan Robinson, Barry Shuman,
Meagan Spencer, Linda Triboulet, Marilyn Waldo,
Cheryl Watts



Home Bound

John & Joan Davies
Bob & Eileen Herd
Don & Betty Little

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 2022

El Mesias UMC, Nogales
Grace UMC, Douglas
Camping Program, South District
And
Our sister church, Fuente de Vida in Agua Prieta, Mexico

Join Together In Prayer With Vista Church

***As we intentionally seek connection by praying for our Congregation,
Church Leaders, Community and our Country!***

May our prayers as a community be heard and our church grow in the Love of God and impact our community in miraculous ways.

Prayer

Matthew 6:9-15

⁹ "This, then, is how you should pray: " 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us today our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. ¹⁴ For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Summer/Fall Opportunities, Updates . . .

CONNECT & GROW WITH THE SHEPHERDING COMMITTEE!

If you're new to Vista and wanting to ease into activities on your own terms, this committee is for you! For those Snowbirds leaving town, you can still stay connected to Vista over the summer. We welcome anyone who would like to make a few calls to an assigned small group of Vista folks several times a year. God Bless our awesome committee and are grateful for your participation. Questions: call Robin Conner



DISCIPLESHIP CONNECT AND GROW 2022

The Mission of the Church is to make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

Spending increased amounts of time in the church **enhances our ability to do our duty — God's work**. We have all been called on by the Lord to serve and spread the Word of Christ, so volunteering represents the crux of Christian devotion.

The following Committees welcome volunteers:

Evangelism

Welcome Booth/Greeters

Discipleship

Shepherds

Missions

Choice of 17 Outreach projects

Family Ministry (formally CYF)

Stephen Ministers

United Methodist Men

United Methodist Women

Hospitality* Snacks, Coffee

Worship Committee**

Acolytes

Liturgists

Ushers

Altar Flowers

Communion Servers and Stewards

Choir

Photographer

Audio Visual

To express interest, please contact: Robin Conner or Valerie Hammons

*Hospitality: Anne Hilton **Worship Committee groups: Gail Parson

July 2022 Finance Committee Report

May Income was \$419 under budget. Year-to-date we are \$664 over budget and \$24,085 less than last year. Expenses plus mortgage payment were \$1099 under budget for May and \$2919 under budget year-to-date. Expenses are \$12,202 less than last year. General Fund Net Income after our mortgage payment was -\$1,418, which was \$680 over budget. Year-to-date we are \$3,584 over our General Fund Net Income budget. Essentially, through the 5 months of the year we are very close to our income and expense budgets.

We now owe \$305,463 on our mortgage!!!! We estimate that the mortgage principal at the end of June will be \$302,300. By the end of July, the principal will be under \$300,000. If you would like to donate to the Mortgage Reduction Fund, please click the Donate link on our website and write a check to Vista and indicate Mortgage Reduction on the Memo line.

The Finance Committee met in May but will not meet again until August, when we will begin our Stewardship Campaign and budget process planning. Our 2020 audit will be completed by August

Sharon Scanlan, Finance Chair

Children, Youth & Young Adult

THE DIGGING INTO LIFE OF JESUS

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays 10:00 AM St John Room

Join us as we DIG IN Sunday school with deeper Bible experiences for kids. 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 together, Are *YOU* ready to DIG IN?

BE BOLD

FEARLESS PRETEEN CURRICULUM

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 lessons that are relevant, packed with rich meaning that applies to their lives today. We are ready to LEARN together and **BE BOLD** for Christ!

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.

Dates to Remember

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WAS . . .



CONFIRMATION Coming Fall 2022

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

See Valerie for more information

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

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP TIME

Our next meeting **Sunday Aug 3rd** 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.



VBS 2022



Connect & Grow 2022

... Events, Opportunities ...

Sunday Morning Coffee

We hope you are enjoying coffee service after church.

Thanks to Stuart Watkins, Anne Groth, and Dan & Donna Boring for making and serving coffee in April.

If you are able to volunteer to make and serve coffee, please contact Anne Hilton. We have lots of open slots; please sign up for doing it once or more often.



Family Game Night

Tuesday July 26th 6:00 PM Elizabeth Room

We are looking forward to sharing this time with you and your family. Join us for this fun monthly event in the Elizabeth Room. 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. Please contact the Church office at 520.825.1985 with any questions.



New Directory Coming Soon

New Directories will be here soon

You can help by contacting the office with any address or personal info changes.

Watch the Bulletin for Picture taking days—you can even update your photo if you want.

How Can You Be A DISCIPLE?

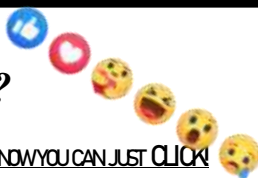
~~YOU DON'T HAVE TO KNOCK ON DOORS ANIMORE, NOW YOU CAN JUST CLICK!~~

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 UMC'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

Online Calendar

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

... Classes, Activities ...

Adult Classes

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.

SPIRITUAL RETREAT SEPT 18-23

Do you need a retreat, a time to recharge your batteries? Our moral and spiritual health depends upon our openness to “withdraw to a quiet place” (Mark 1:35). At the same time, we need to hear God’s call for justice and peace. **Join us for this year’s Five-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation September 18-23, 2022** at the beautiful Redemptorist Renewal Center near Tucson. Sponsored by the Desert Southwest Conference, this year’s theme is “Journey into the Heart of Christ: Spiritual Healing and Justice,” with faculty presenters Vance P. Ross and Hwa-Young Chong. For more information and to register, go to <https://dscumc.org/arizona-five-day-academy/>. More information is also available by contacting retreat leader Jerry Haas (jndhaas@gmail.com). Or Vista member Gail Parson.



UP FROM THE ASHES BIBLE STUDY

Thursday 1:30 PM

St John Room

This Bible Study has been meeting for over a year and follows this pattern. Class members take turns reading aloud the Bible passages for the week, and then have time for questions and a brief discussion. The class has an open enrollment policy and welcomes new members always.

This class will not meet June—August.

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.

Will begin again after a short break this Summer

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Postponed Until Fall

Thursdays 1:00 PM — St Luke Room

WHY JOIN A GRIEF SUPPORT 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 some coping skills.

Questions or to register call Pastor Fred 520.825.1985 or Gerry Alberts.

... And More Connection Opportunities

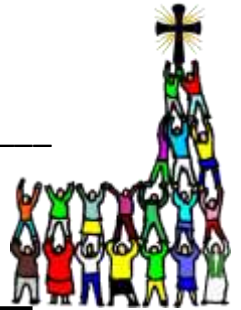
Volunteer Sign Up

Name: _____

Contact Info: _____

I would like to represent the Body of Christ in the following way(s)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School Teachers | <input type="checkbox"/> Photographer | <input type="checkbox"/> Choir Adult | <input type="checkbox"/> Choir Bell |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee Fellowship | <input type="checkbox"/> Slide Producer | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeters | <input type="checkbox"/> AV Booth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Receptionist | Please share any other talents you would like to share: _____ | | |



The Body of Christ (1Corinthians 12:12-31)

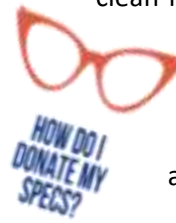
Landscaping Crew Returns in August

Our amazing Landscape Crew will return in August. Thank you for keeping up the landscaping and the beauty of our desert campus. We look forward to working with you again this Fall!



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.



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!

Did You Know?

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

Article Deadlines

Echoes—the 20th of each month for the following Month's publication
Bulletin—Tuesdays at Noon for the following Week's publication

Connect & Grow 2022

Mission Outreach Ministry June 2022

Dear Vista Family:

Happy Summer to all our Vista Family! This summer has been a busy one in preparation for our backpack /school supply program for our sister Church Fuente de Vida in Agua Prieta Mexico. Sunday 12th and 19th we gave out all the remaining students that need sponsoring. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic for the last 2 years many changes have been made in people's life and a number of our students have moved away and new ones have come in. It looks like we will be sponsoring over 100 students from Kindergarten thru the University in Agua Prieta. We thank all of you who sponsored these great young people. We are requesting that you place the picture you received, in a place where you can see it each day and let it remind you to lift a prayer for their health and progress as they strive to advance the quality of life in their community thru their education. A 50-passenger touring bus has been reserved for our trip to Agua Prieta on Saturday Oct. 29th to hold the Celebration of Learning Festival in honor of these students. Please plan to go with us and join in the celebration with an award ceremony, lunch, games & crafts. But best of all you will get to meet your sponsored student in person. We have not been back for the last 2 years and this will be a great occasion for us all. We will take reservations starting on Sunday the 11th of September. Please remember you must have a valid US Passport to get a re-entry into the US. You have 4 1/2 months to get a new passport or get yours renewed. If you need assistance let us know. LET'S FILL THE BUS!!!

We also want to report that your mission team is also supplying 72 backpacks and school supplies to Family 1st to be distributed to needy students up the Copper Trail. We will be delivering these backpacks on July 7th for a special event at 4:00PM and hope you will join us in the festivities. If you have never visited Family 1st in Oracle, this would be a great time to do so. Let us know if you want to go and we will make arrangements for you.

Your Mission Team will be meeting again on Wed. Sept. 14th at 1:30 pm in the St. John room. Our meetings are open to everyone at Vista. Let's continue to serve the Lord thru our service to others in His name.

Yours in Mission service: Dee Berman ...Chairman

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 July 3rd

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.



Greeting Cards

Located in the Narthex on the right side as you enter.

Handmade cards for every occasion for a small donation. Funds support mission work here at Vista Church.

See Dee Berman with any questions.

Explore the Many Ways to Give to the Church

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:

Online Giving Using 3 Easy Methods Using Your Credit or Debit Card

Vista UMC Website:

On our Vista UMC website click the **"Donate"** link. You can set-up regular payments or do one-time gifts with your credit card through Vanco, which is a very safe site used by more than 25,000 churches nationally and recommended by the UMC. We have used it for many years. You can donate to the General Fund or the Mortgage Reduction Fund.

Cash Giving Through Your Bank and Investment Accounts

Automatic Clearing House - ACH Another option is to set up an ACH transfer between your bank and the church's bank. Contact our Assistant Financial Secretary Mary Berg.

Bank Bill Pay You can set up paying a gift directly to Vista through your bank. Contact your banker for further information. (The church uses this method for all reoccurring monthly bills.)

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 contact Dennis Kimmel, Financial Secretary*

Stock Gifts—Please contact Dennis Kimmel, Financial Secretary, for the process.

VISTA 90 YEARS PLUS CLUB

Are you turning 90 years old in 2022? If so, you are eligible to join the "Vista 90 Years Plus Club"!! If you are already 90 or older, feel free to join the fun!

We will need a recent picture of you. If you have a picture in the church directory, let us know if you want to use it. If not, arrangements can be made to take a picture after a Sunday church service. If you have a good picture, you want used, please email it to Delores.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 18, 2022, for celebrating this special occasion! Your picture will be shown on a poster and slide show during the service.

Invitations will be mailed out closer to the date; however, we will need your correct birth date and picture for the master listing by August 1st, whether you plan to attend.

Interested folks should contact Delores Brindle (see church directory for info).

Blessings, Delores Brindle

July Celebrations

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

Craig & Benith MacPherson	07/02	Bill & Mary Jane Hillman	07/11
Pete & Karen Rice	07/17	Bob & Eileen Herd	07/21
Bill & Anne Groth	07/24	George & Kathleen Bauder	07/26

August Celebrations

Birthdays

Linda Floyd	08/04	Sela Tonga	08/05	Peggy Higgins	08/06
Ken Podlasek	08/08	Ginny Jackson	08/09	Karen Rice	08/09
JennaRae Moyer	08/12	Paul Oelrich	08/12	Kailyn Harwick	08/13
Michelle Hotchkiss	08/13	Glenna Snider	08/13	Sharon Ingle	08/14
Edna Alligood	08/15	Jackie Holden	08/15	Kathy Plum	08/16
Gene Radtke	08/17	Dan Boring	08/19	Marge Leedom	08/19
Ron Olson	08/20	Kathleen Isaac	08/21	Lynn Kelley	08/21
Mary Louise Roberson	08/22	Bob Sherman	08/22	Natassja White	08/23
Howard Young	08/23	John Davies	08/25	Florence Duckett	08/25

Anniversaries

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

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