

Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church  
Rev. Fred Baum

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

September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022



“My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.” James 1:2-4

“By Faith We Endure”

**United Methodist Church Mission**

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

**OUR MISSION**

Our Mission is to reach out to others to help them meet their needs and to welcome them into our family of faith as we gather for worship, fellowship, education, and service.

# Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church

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

COUNTDOWN

Faith Scripture

WELCOME & GREETING

Rev. Fred Baum

\*OPENING HYMN            “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 69:6-13

Leader: Lord, the Lord Almighty, may those who hope in you not be disgraced because of me; God of Israel, may those who seek you not be put to shame because of me.

**People: For I endure scorn for your sake, and shame covers my face.**

Leader: I am a foreigner to my own family, a stranger to my own mother’s children;

**People: for zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who insult you fall on me.**

Leader: When I weep and fast, I must endure scorn; when I put on sackcloth, people make sport of me.

**People: Those who sit at the gate mock me, and I am the song of the drunkards.**

Leader: But I pray to you, Lord, in the time of your favor;

**People: in your great love, O God, answer me with your sure salvation.**

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH FROM ROMANS 8:35, 37-39

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

**People: No!**

**In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-3, 5-6, 8-16

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. <sup>2</sup> This is what the ancients were commended for.

<sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

<sup>5</sup> By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. <sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed, and went, even though he did not know where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. <sup>12</sup> And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

<sup>13</sup> All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. <sup>14</sup> People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Linda Gray

INVITATION TO PRAYER

"Spirit Song" (*vs. 1*)

No. 347

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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE

“Spirit Song” (vs.2)

No. 347

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Phil Hauck

90’s CELEBRATION RECOGNITION

Rev. Fred Baum

OFFERTORY

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Hebrews 11:32-12:4

<sup>32</sup> And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. <sup>35</sup> Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— <sup>38</sup> the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup> These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

**12** <sup>1</sup>Therefore, 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, <sup>2</sup> fixing 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. <sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. <sup>4</sup>In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

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

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

Choir

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” (*Sandhu Sundar Singh*)

Accompanied by Carla Marquardt on Ukelele

SERMON	“By Faith We Endure”	Rev. Fred Baum
*CLOSING HYMN	“Faith of Our Fathers” ( <i>vs. 1, 3</i> )	No. 710
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Fred C. Baum
*BENEDICTION	To God Be the Glory ( <i>vs. 1</i> )	No. 98
POSTLUDE	“Sing an Alleluia!” ( <i>Dana Mengel</i> )	Mary Bellah

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

Thank you for joining us during worship today.

## ***Prayers for Our Members & Guests***

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.

## ***Compassion Connection***

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

Edna Alligood, Orland Burbey, Rev. Alan Campbell,  
Dottie-Lou Colby, Jan Crown, Dr. Chuck Crown, Slim Crowson,  
Steven Extract, Alexis Extract, Nancy Fowler, Kay Gragg, Bill Gureck,  
Fran & Paul Hampton, Anne Hilton, Pam Holder, Jim Holman,  
Stephen McCotter, Paul Oelrich, Margaret Overman, Allen Phillips,  
Karen Rice, Noel Rytter, Meagan Spencer, Marilyn Waldo

### ***Home Bound***

John Davies, Florence Duckett, Bob & Eileen Herd, Don & Betty Little

### ***Hospice Care***

Jeanne Farnum, Barry Shuman, Cheryl Watts

## ***Prayers for Our Churches***

Each month churches in the South District pray with and for each other.  
Please pray for the pastors, congregation, and community of the following:

### **September 2022**

Santa Cruz Valley, Tucson

Sahuarita St. John's UMC, Tucson

Trinity UMC, Bisbee

St. Francis in the Foothills UMC, Tucson

and our sister church, Fuente de Vida in Agua Prieta, Mexico.

# Vista UMC Celebrates 90+ Years in 2022

Kathleen Bauder	91
George Bauder	90
JoAnne Besch	90
Dana Belyea	94
Marlin Bolar	94
Nancy Brackett	90
Milt Bukes	91
Florence Duckett	90
Dottie Lou Colby	93
Dorothy Conner	92
Lois Cooke	94
Charles Crown	94
Rev. John Davies	96
Charlotte DeWindt	96
Jeanne Farnum	101
June Guptil	91
Bill Gureck	93
Jim Jackson	95
Ginny Jackson	93
Ed Jensen	91
Corinne Kulick	94
Mattie Landrum	99
Don Little	92
Betty Little	94
Peggy Marks	94
Dick Nevins	96
Ilene Nevins	94
Alex Perakis	91
Walt Roberson	91
Marilyn Waldo	91
Joe Young	92
Howard Young	90

# Opportunities

**FELLOWSHIP AFTER CHURCH** Join us after service today for a cold drink and fellowship with church members and guests, help us celebrate the 90's Group. You can also sign up to sponsor a Fellowship hour one Sunday – See Anne Hilton.

**SUSANNA WESLEY CIRCLE** Meeting will be **Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup>** In the Elizabeth Room. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 AM and the Speaker will begin at 10AM. The Speaker will be our very own Director of Music Ministry Jan Anderson.

**CREATIVE HANDS** - **Friday Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30AM in the St John's Room.** Anyone wanting to make Children's clothing welcome – contact Jan Bohe for more information

**CELEBRATION OF LEARNING, SIGN UPS AND MORE** - **SIGN UPS BEGIN TODAY** - There are only 48 seats on the bus, so sign up now while there are still seats available. It is our hope that you will meet your sponsored child and get acquainted with their family too. If you have never visited our sister church this is the opportunity to do so.  
We need your help with some of the supplies and prizes for games for the Celebration of Learning Festival. Any sports items: Tee shirts, caps, balls of any kind (especially Soccer balls) both children & adult socks, toothpaste & toothbrushes, hairbrushes and girls hair accessories, and any type of toiletries, shampoo & lotion. Small gift items like jacks, puzzles etc. & Spanish English dictionaries. You may give gently used items in good condition. Send your love to these great kids across the border.  
Any questions you may contact Dee Berman Tompkins

**HELP NEEDED - LANDSCAPING** Our fabulous team of landscaping volunteers is in need of more volunteers on Thursday mornings from 7-9 AM. Join them for coffee, donuts, and light to medium work. Thank you for helping our campus be a beautiful part of this desert.

**DINNER FOR SIX (DF6)** Our Fall 2022 session for DF6 will begin with a “**Kick-Off**” Party on Sunday September 25. We welcome “All” Vista folks to join DF6. Couples and singles meet for dinner, lunch or brunch in members' homes. It's a perfect opportunity for fun, food and fellowship. If you have any question about DF6, contact Joyce Holman, Sandy Schwartz.

## **UP FROM THE ASHES BIBLE STUDY UPDATE**

The start date of UFTA Bible Study will resume after the holidays, after the New year, date, and time to be announced nearer to the event. All attendees were well rewarded by attending 11 months last session. One thing we learned, tempus fugit! Look forward to the 2023 session, believe we will repeat our success, and plan on increased discussion. Sincerely, Jim Blees

**ENDOWMENT** Have you written and signed a Will or Living Trust? The state will do it for you, if you don't. These state intestacy laws do not include any gifts to the Church's endowment fund.



# Vista UMC Weekly Calendar



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calendar

## Day

## Events

<b>This Sunday 09.18</b>	9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal – Elizabeth Room
	10:00 AM	Worship
	10:15 AM	Child/Youth Sunday School – Education Building
	11:11 AM	90's Birthday Fellowship & Treats on the Patio after Service
	11:15 AM	Adult Sunday School – St Matthew Room – L Whittington
<b>Monday 09.19</b>		
<b>Tuesday 09.20</b>	9:30 AM	Susanna Wesley Circle – Elizabeth – J Bohe
	1:00 PM	Nominations Committee Meeting – Pastor Baum
		<b>Echoes (October) Articles Due</b>
<b>Wednesday 09.21</b>	10:00 AM	Bible Study – Elizabeth Room – Lubach
	1:00 PM	Choir Practice – Elizabeth Room
<b>Thursday 09.22</b>	7:00 AM	Landscaping Crew – L Smith
	10:00 AM	Women's Lectionary – by Zoom – D Boring
	10:00 AM	Blessing of the Animals Meeting – Admin Bldg – Pastor Baum
	11:00 AM	Huddle Group – Office – Pastor Baum
	1:30 PM	Stephen Ministry – St Matthew – V Hammons
<b>Friday 09.23</b>	9:30 AM	Creative Hands – St John – J Bohe
	10:00 AM	Beginning Prayer Beads – Elizabeth Room – N Yob
<b>Saturday 09.24</b>	11:00 AM	B Carpenter Memorial – Sanctuary – D Brindle
<b>Next Sunday 09.25</b>	9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal – Elizabeth Room
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
	10:15 AM	Child/Youth Sunday School – Education Building
	11:15 AM	Adult Sunday School – St Matthew Room – L Whittington

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

# ***Adult Education Opportunities Fall 2022***

The Adult Christian Education Committee is offering the following classes. Sign up is easy at [vistaumc.org@gmail.com](mailto:vistaumc.org@gmail.com) OR contact Donna Boring to sign up and with any questions.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ADULTS**

Sunday 11:15 AM - 12:45 PM St Matthew Room L Whittington

This class has a long history of successful discussions and fellowship together in a combination in person and on zoom membership. Their class includes prayer, a video study with discussion following and fellowship. They provide a welcoming atmosphere for everyone and especially enjoy including new members.

## **LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN**

Thursdays 10:00-11:00 AM

Via Zoom

This class has been in weekly session for over 2 years. 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.

## **SCRIPTURE AND THE WESLEYAN WAY** (8 WEEKS – BEGINS SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>)

Wednesdays 10:00 AM Elizabeth Room Pastor J Lubach

A bible study on real Christianity based on the sermons and hymns of John and Charles Wesley. The study is by Scott J and Arthur Jones.

## **BEGINNING PRAYER BEADS**

Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup> 1:00 PM Elizabeth Room Nancy Yob

Prayer Beads are a wonderful way to focus yourself for your daily prayers. This class explains the use of prayer beads, its spiritual value and how to make them. There is a \$5.00 materials fee.

## **ADVANCED PRAYER BEADS – NEW DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED**

Friday ~~September 30<sup>th</sup>~~ 1:00 PM Elizabeth Room Nancy Yob This class is a continuation of the beginner class and focuses on making other religious objects beginning with prayer bracelets.

There is a \$5.00 materials fee.

## **THE JOURNEYS OF PAUL** (4 WEEKS – BEGINS NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>)

Wednesdays 10:00 AM Elizabeth Room D & D Boring

This class traces Paul's journey from his persecution of Christians through his own conversion and into his arduous journeys to spread Christ's word which totaled more than 10,000 miles. The course will include the use of maps, lecture and discussion.

*For further information or to register for a class, contact  
Donna Boring or the church office at 520.825.1985*

# *The UPPER ROOM*

## STRENGTH IN WEAKNESS

Read Hebrews 4:12-16

**I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.**

—2 Corinthians 12:10 (NRSV)

Sun  
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In the past I would wake up some mornings with a feeling of dread. I thought about my failures, fears, and rejections. I wondered why I hadn't accomplished more by now and why I hadn't fulfilled my dreams. I felt I had not lived up to society's standards. Usually as the day went on, I would forget about these thoughts, but they would return another day.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**  
Prayer can help me discover strength in my weaknesses.

Then I started incorporating prayer more consistently into my life. Whenever dread started surfacing in the morning, I would begin to pray. I started to realize that what I perceived as weaknesses – my fears, regrets, and dislikes – had molded me into a more humble, empathetic, and resilient person. Through prayer I began to recognize my identity and self-worth in Christ. I began to celebrate my small victories and stopped dwelling on my assumed failures.

Most important, I learned never to stop striving to be more like Christ. My weaknesses have proven to me that I am human, but the grace of Christ enables me to change, grow, and improve. I believe that times of weakness, pain, and suffering can become sources of strength. Now I view my times of struggle as lessons and gifts, and I no longer wake up with dread.

*Prayer:* Dear God, thank you for being by our side through the challenges life brings. Amen.

**Maria Montemayor** (Ontario, Canada)

**Prayer Focus:** TO FIND STRENGTH IN MY WEAKNESSES

**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 & Guests!!**

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

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

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

Liturgist: Rev. Jim Lubach

Flowers: Donated by Jim & Joyce Holman

In Joyous celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
and Chris & Julie Savage's 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

(Arranged by Lue Satterfield)

Thank you to ALL the volunteers that made this service possible.

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Sunday Worship 10:00 am

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