



VISTA de la MONTAÑA UMC

Echoes

November

Connect & Grow 2022

Pastor's Pen

November has always been a very exciting part of my personal life and the life of the Church. It always begins with All Saints Day (November 1st) and All Saints Sunday the first Sunday of the month. We remember the beloved members of our Church and our lives who have passed on to God. It ends with Thanksgiving and often times as this year the start of the Advent season as we move up to the celebration of Christmas.

Remembrance of family and friends who have passed on as well as new memories of Thanksgiving and Advent in whatever season of life we find ourselves. My wife and I have gone from the celebration of Thanksgiving at my parent's house to our family gathering at our home. We have gone from parents of small children to Grandparents. Each season of life, like the seasons of the year brings old memories and makes new.

Part of my life as a pastor for the last 41 years has been the Stewardship program that culminates in November. Here we call it Consecration Sunday where we make our personal commitments to God during the worship service and then celebrate our faithfulness and the faithfulness of God with a common meal together.

I am under no illusions. 2023 looks like it is going to be a difficult year in terms of finances for our members and our church. With inflation up and stock market retirement income down it will be a tough year. But I believe that if each one of us does our best for God all that we need to do together will be accomplished next year. This calls for prayer and sacrifice on behalf of us all but I believe if we do that God will respond in turn.

As Jesus said in Luke 6:38, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." If we are generous, we might have a mess in our laps, but God will be glorified.

See you in worship and mission!!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Fred

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

I call on you, *my god*, For you will answer me;
turn your ear to me and *hear my prayer*.

Show me the wonders of your *great love*

Psalm 17:6,7

Compassion Connection

Rev. Matt Ashley, Orland Burbey, Jan Crown,
Rev. Alan Campbell, Dr. Chuck Crown, Slim Crowson,
Steven Extract, Alexis Extract, Kay Gragg, Bill Gureck,
Fran & Paul Hampton, Anne Hilton, Peggy Hoeft,
Jackie Holden, Pam Holder, Jim Holman, Ken Hunt,
Laurie Iceman, Margaret Overman, Allen Phillips,
Sharon Poole, Karen Rice, Leo Smith, Marilyn Waldo,
Linda Zello

Home Bound

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

Hospice Care

Dorothy Conner, Jeanne Farnum, Stephen McCotter,
Barry Shuman



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:

November 2022

Desert Skies UMC, Tucson
Menlo Park UMC, Tucson
Patagonia Community UMC
And

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

Vista Joins Together In Prayer

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.

In Memory of . . .

Join us in prayer for the families of those who have passed into the arms of Jesus recently.

Jackie Schaefer

Vista is very thankful for its fabulous members!

Coming Up In Worship

ALL SAINTS DAY

will be celebrated on Sunday, Nov 6. As in the past you are welcome to bring in pictures of loved ones who have passed. We will display them on the altar steps. Please bring your picture in a frame. Bring it to the front the church on Sunday the 6th and we will place it on the steps.

VETERAN'S DAY

will be celebrated on Sunday, Nov 13. If you have **pictures** of church members who are veterans please send them as an email attachment vistaumc.org@gmail.com and they will be included in a slide show for that Sunday. (even if they have been part of years past.)

Blessing of the Animals



Thank you to everyone who helped make this event successful and enriching.

Opportunities

WANTED

The Christmas Cantata committee wants your old, working or non-working, artificial Christmas trees ASAP for decorations for our Christmas Cantata program on Dec 11th.

Contact Jane Anderson or Robin Conner.



Family Game Night

Tuesday November 22nd 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.



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 pay down the mortgage. 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.

Sunday Morning Coffee & Fellowship

Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers for serving and/or providing refreshments and goodies after church in October: Sandy Schwartz, Pam & Mike Kravitz, Alice Ann Lenzini, Amy Butkovich, Elizabeth Tonga, Delores Brindle and Robin Conner.

We are looking for someone to coordinate volunteer sign-up for our fellowship time after church. If you can help in this way, please contact Anne Hilton or call the church office.



Help Needed Landscaping

Our amazing Landscape Crew is in need of helpers—Contact Leo Smith for more information.

Join Us on Thursday mornings from 7-9 AM.

Thank you for keeping up the landscaping and the beauty of our desert campus. We look forward to working with you!



Eyeglasses+ Collection



HOW DO I
DONATE MY
SPECS?

Thank you for all your donations of old and unwanted hearing aides, eyeglasses, cases & cell phones.

There are a couple donation boxes on the church campus—in the Narthex and the Main Office.

... And More Connection Opportunities

Online Calendar

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



Scan here
for online
calendar

United Women in Faith United Methodist Women

United Women in Faith/United Methodist Women Christmas stockings will be distributed on Sunday November 20, 27, and December

4. Pick up a stocking or two and fill with personal items for women. Please return the filled stocking by Sunday, December 18. These stockings will be given to the women at Eagles Wings of Grace.



Save the Date

UMW Fundraiser
December 4th

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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!



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 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.



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

Adult Education

Adult Classes

BEFORE CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday 8:45 AM—9:40 AM

St Matthew Room

Mel McIntyre offers this Before Church Sunday School 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.

SCRIPTURE AND THE WESLEYAN WAY

ENDS NOVEMBER 9TH

Wednesdays 10:00 AM

Elizabeth Room

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.

THE JOURNEYS OF PAUL

BEGINS NOVEMBER 16TH

Wednesdays 10:00 AM

Elizabeth Room

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.

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Mission Outreach Ministry November 2022

You crown the year with your abundance. Your carts overflow with abundance.

Psalms 65:11

Impact Food Bank needs our help! Supplies are critically low as more and more families are in need of assistance. Impact will be distributing Thanksgiving Day boxes to families, but need our help in meeting the food needs of our community for the remainder of the month.

Please consider purchasing one or two of these items each week throughout the month of November. The grocery cart will be in the courtyard each Sunday.

Thank you for responding to the needs of neighbors in our community.

Food Needs

Rice Peanut Butter Tuna Pasta Boxed Dinners
Canned goods Dried Beans Shelf Stable Items

Mission Outreach Ministry

Dear Vista church Family:

For my November report, *I am sending you our annual Mission Report for the year 21-22. God has blessed our Mission Ministry this past year and I know there are many of you, who will not be able to attend our Annual Church Meeting on Oct. 30th, so I am sending it to you thru Echoes for your information and your review of some of the good work this past 12 months has wrought. We are counting on your generosity to the Thanksgiving offering to help the various food programs that we support in our community. As you enjoy your Thanksgiving Dinner let us all thank God for the abundance that so many of us enjoy, and lift a prayer for those who struggle to make their meager income stretch to feed their families. Our next Mission meeting will be held in the St. Matthew room on Wed. Nov. 9th at 1:30 PM. All are invited to join us! Wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!!*

Mission Outreach Ministry Report 2021-2022

This past year has been a challenging year as we seek to serve the Lord thru our Mission Program at Vista. Your Mission Team has been quite busy with our various ministries and I want to give you a few high points for the last 12 months for this annual report. Our goal is to show to our community, thru our Mission program, the face of Christ's love for those in need and give our Vista Family a way to be in mission service to others.

One of our bigger commitments in mission, is our backpack and school supply program for our sister church Fuente de Vida in Agua Prieta, Mexico. This rewarding program provides school supplies and backpacks from preschool age to post-secondary education programs, (University, Adult High School and Vocational Tech Schools) who are attending the Fuente de Vida Church. Students are unable to attend public schools in Mexico without having the uniforms and school supplies that are required. Funds are provided by church members sponsorship donation of \$30.00 per student, that allows the mission team members to purchase the needed supplies. Approximately 120 students received the supplies for this past school year. Additional mission funds, provide needed donations of children's clothing, sandals, hygiene and dental supplies for members of our sister church. We also provided donated toys and Christmas stockings for the children and teens at Christmas time. You supplied \$6,684.00 to this effort and in addition, we also, with the help of the Sun Lakes Church supplied \$3,778.00 to send our young people to high school, and special learning classes. Public High Schools cost \$350.00 a year in Mexico, and that cost is much more than most families can afford.

On the 29th of October we will be returning to Fuente de Vida to conduct the Celebration of Learning Festival. A 50-passenger touring bus is hired to take a full bus of Vista folks to participate in the festivities and to meet their sponsored student. This is a very special event, that the children and the parents look forward to each year. This year we are rewarding 24 students with Certificates of Achievement and a gift certificate for their B+ or better grades, along with a gift bag for the mothers who supported their education. It is truly a time of joy and fun for us all, the day includes an awards program, lunch, and games and a prize room full of your donations for these great kids and their families. This year will be especially welcomed as we have not been able to go since 2019 due to Covid. Our Roach Scholarship fund has sponsored 6 university and Tech School Students this year, at a cost of \$5,754.00. These students provide services to their church and community for the support they receive for their scholarships.

We have sold over \$500.00 of all occasion cards. This economic advancement program is quite low in sales, due to the difficulty of getting the cards to the US. We hope to do much better this coming year as the Border opened up.

This year in honor of Memorial Day, for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, you supplied \$1000.00 to sponsored a day out for our deployed troops families, wounded warrior families and military families who have members with special needs. A fun day out every month is held for these family thru the Hearts Apart Program at Davis Month AFB. Thanks for your support for our Military families.

We have been partners with Impact in Catalina for many years but this year has been a tough one with all the increases in food cost. We collect, on the 1st Sunday of the month, food goods for the food bank as well as resources for them to buy food supplies at wholesale prices. This year you supplied, thru Missions, over \$4700.00 to feed the needy as well as food items in the food cart in the breezeway. You also supplied, thru our Warm Winter Program, dozens of socks, coats, blankets and winter clothing to the Impact clothing bank. We are so thankful that we can support our community with these resources and goods.

We continue to support The Sister Jose Homeless women's Center in Tucson. This center is a refuge for so many homeless women in our city. They are now hosting 41 guest per night as well as over 200 meals each day. The center supplies showers, clothing, lockers, laundry service and much more. We have provided shopping carts and supplies this past year. We are in need of socks & sturdy shoes and women's underwear. Hope you can help with these items for these homeless women.

Family First Pregnancy Care Center in Oracle and Winkelman supports parent education, teens, and preschool Children serving families up the Copper Corridor. Family 1st is a Christian based education Ministry. Your Mission program provided \$1000.00 in January 2022 for program operation. In February we held a church wide Baby Shower, in collaboration with the Susanna Wesley UMW circle, inviting all the women of Vista Church. Vista members demonstrated their generosity by donating \$300.00 of diapers from Costco and donating baby items clothing, blankets, bibs, toys and many more needed items. The donations covered 6 long tables and filled up the Family 1st Van following the lovely lunch. UMW and Creative hands continue to donate clothes and diapers through the year. Another need we have helped with is supplying adult diapers, they are costly and keep those who need them house bound without them. Thru our General Mission funds, we were able to donate 100 backpacks full of school supplies for students served by Family First. A number of us were delighted to be present at the center in Oracle when the backpacks were given out this summer, and see the joy on these children's faces as they chose their very special one. *(cont'd.)*

Mission Outreach Ministry Report 2021-2022 (*cont'd.*)

The Creative Hands team have done an amazing job of making children and baby clothes for both Family First as well as the Clothing Bank at Impact. Please check out the attached list! Just imagine the joy these little ones get with these cute creations, made especially just for them.

Another of our very important ministries is the Snak Pak feeding program at Coronado K to 8 school, that we sponsor in partnership with the Catholic Mission in Catalina. The nursing staff has designated the children who are at risk for malnutrition. Every Friday, during the school year, 60 children receive a bag of nutritional food to use over the weekend, till they return on Monday to Coronado School where they receive 2 meals a day. In the summer when school is out, they qualify to receive food from the food-bank at Impact. We have a very special affection for Coronado School as that is where our Vista Church was born over 30 years ago. Vista has donated \$10,195.00 over this past season to keep this worthy program going. We are so grateful for the support the Vista Family has given this program.

Emerge Center against Domestic Abuse in Tucson receives our support in collaboration with UMW by our giving of 50 women's Hygiene kits that include wash cloths, shampoo & conditions, body wash/soap Kleenex tissues, comb and hand sanitizer. We also give Emerge dental supplies including 120 toothbrushes, dental floss and toothpaste. We also donated 30 backpacks with school supplies for their "Back to School Program" at the end of July. This fall we will donate eight sets of new towels (2 bath towels, 2 hand towels & 2 wash clothes each.) and a new lady's bathrobe for the Holiday House Program.

This past 12 months the generous folks at Vista contributed a total of \$67,850.00 to mission causes, including UMCOR, Apportionments Mission programs, and your support of Vistas Mission programs. We thank you from the depth of our hearts for your continued support of our Mission Outreach Ministry at Vista UMC.

It has been my Joy and Honor to serve as your Mission Outreach Chairman for the past 19 years. Time has come to turn the reins over to a new chairman in 2023. I thank you for the privilege to have serve in this position with a team of super amazing team members, who give their all to serve in this Mission Outreach Ministry at Vista.

May all that we have accomplished be to the Glory of God.

Yours in Mission Service: Dee Berman Tompkins.....Chairman

Finance

November 2022 Finance Committee Report

Month: September Income was \$1418.98 under budget. Expenses plus mortgage payment were \$5,206.45 over budget for. Income was (\$4,497) less than last year and expenses were \$2,098 more than last year. General Fund Net Income after our mortgage payment was (\$7,808.79), which was (\$6,625.43) under budget.

YTD: Through the first half of the year, we are very close to our income and expense budgets. Year-to-date we are \$898.09 over our income budget and (\$31,537.57) less than last year. Expenses plus mortgage payments are (\$611.08) under budget resulting in a YTD General Fund Net Income that is \$1,509.17 over budget, but (\$26,893.51) less than last year.

We now owe \$294,301.20 on our mortgage!!!! As of September 2022, we have received \$38,446.71 or 85.4% of our \$45,000 Lenten Challenge. If you would like to donate to the Mortgage Reduction Fund, please click the Donate link on our website to charge a gift, or write a check to Vista and indicate Mortgage Reduction on the Memo line.

We are in the process of preparing the 2023 Expense budget. It will be finalized in early December after the completion of the Stewardship Campaign.

We are also in the process of transitioning our bank accounts to Chase. Our primary checking account is now at Chase. As we move ACH deposits to Chase from Canyon at the end of the year, we will phase out our last account at Canyon.

The Stewardship campaign will be from October 16 to November 13, which will be Consecration Sunday.

Finance Team: Sharon Scanlan, Darrell Parson, Dennis Kimmel and Mary Berg

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for online
donations



Music Ministry

A NOTE FROM JANE

Be sure to put **Sunday, December 11 at 10:00am** on your calendar. Our Vista Choir, a small orchestra and narrators will present "Touched by a Child, Touched by a King". This joyful musical program will help in preparing your heart for the birth of the Christ Child. Invite your neighbors, family or friends to attend and experience the message.

Any questions about the Music program?

We are still welcoming singers to join us in the Cantata Choir. We rehearse Wednesdays at 1:00. If interested, please contact Jane Anderson at vistaumcmusic@gmail.com.

If you have an **artificial Christmas tree** you no longer want/need, even if the lights don't work, we would like to have it for our cantata decorations. Please drop it off in the church lobby.

Our **Vista Bell Choir** meets Mondays at 2:00. New members are always welcome. No previous experience needed - join this fun group to ring triumphant.

Please contact our Director of Music Ministries, Jane Anderson at vistaumcmusic@gmail.com

Stephen Ministry

Blue Christmas Service

Not feeling "in the Christmas Spirit this year?"

The Blue Christmas service is for those who feel at odds with or estranged from the general feeling of joy and happiness typically associated with this time of year.



Perhaps you are facing a holiday after the death of a loved one, after a divorce or you feel pressured and overwhelmed by holiday preparations.

The Blue Christmas Worship Service will be in the sanctuary on Wednesday, December 14th at 3:00 PM

It will be a time of Scripture, music and meditations that focus on the comfort God offers during our dark times.

Children, Youth & Young Adult

WOW (Worship on Wednesday)



Wednesday nights have been filled with our families with children. Such an amazing blessing to be in ministry and worship with these incredible families!

For more information see Valerie Hammons or Peggy Jo Harwick

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays 10:00 AM St John Room

JR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays 10:00 AM St Luke Room

SR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays 10:00 AM St Mark Room

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP TIME

Our next meeting will be Sunday November 6th.

We meet 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

WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS (WOW)

Families of Vista—join us on Wednesdays at 6PM in the Elizabeth Room.

Activities for all the family members.

FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT HOCKEY Friday Nov. 11th

YOUTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE Summer 2023

CONFIRMATION Coming Fall 2022

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

Contact Valerie or Peggy Jo
for more information

November Celebrations

Birthdays

Nic Harwick	11/01	Mary-Ann Mehlhorn	11/01	Logan White	11/02
Molly Vakerics	11/03	Sue Boerding	11/04	David Stegink	11/06
PeggyJo Harwick	11/07	Jan Crown	11/09	Mia Foster	11/10
Joyce Lafleur	11/12	Carla Radke	11/12	Roger Salava	11/12
Cialyn Floyed	11/13	Phil Hauck	11/15	Bill Hillmann	11/15
Jim Galka	11/16	Mary Jane Hillmann	11/15	Linda Triboulet	11/18
Diane Podlasek	11/19	Dixie Ayers	11/21	Gail Parson	11/21
Pam Holder	11/22	Maureen Anderson	11/25	Milt Bukes	11/25
Barbara Sherman	11/25	Sallie Winkler	11/25	Cameron White	11/26
Elsie Bills	11/29				

Anniversaries

Kim & Joyce Luckman	11/17	Pete & Sandy Schwartz	11/26
Ben & Jan Millard	11/27	Noel & Jane Rytter	11/29

December Celebrations

Birthdays

Bill Daniels	12/01	Curtis Hotchkiss	12/01	Shirley Miller	12/01
Jerry Koelling	12/05	Alice Ann Lenzini	12/05	William Powers	12/06
Marilyn Waldo	12/08	Stuart Watkins	12/09	Marlin Bolar	12/10
Kathleen Smith	12/10	Jean Agnew	12/16	Paul Miller	12/17
Carol Curtis	12/18	Cynthis Karcher	12/19	Fred Bull	12/21
Charlotte De Windt	12/22	Linda Griffin	12/23	Von Ceil Bleess	12/24
Don August	12/25	Marvin Rupe	12/25	Glenda McFarland	12/28
Betty Little	12/30	George Smith	12/30		

Anniversaries

Jay & Louise O'Donald	12/01	Lisa & Justin Sinohui	12/01
Dick & Ilene Nevins	12/08	Curtis & Michelle Hotchkiss	12/15
Gene & Diane Bywater	12/18	Tom & Linda Floyd	12/28

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MONDAY - THURSDAY

9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM *Closed 12-1 for Lunch*

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The Church Office Will **CLOSE** at Noon Wednesday November 23rd AND. . .
The Church Office Will Be **CLOSED** for Thanksgiving on Thursday and Friday 11/24 & 25



Celebration Luncheon
Sunday November 13th

Please RSVP for the
Celebration Luncheon
520-825-1985

For more details please contact
The Church Office @ 520-825-1985
Or email: valerievistaumc@gmail.com