



VISTA de la MONTAÑA UMC

Echoes

October

Connect & Grow 2022

Consecration Sunday Is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical theology of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship Pastor Fred will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and informational letters. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Church Council Chair

Marty Lenzini

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

Prayer should not be regarded as a duty
which must be performed,
but rather as a *privilege* to be *enjoyed*."

E.M. Bounds

Compassion Connection

In Need of Continued Prayers for Healing

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

Homebound

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

Hospice Care

Jeanne Farnum & Barry Shuman
Bob & Eileen Herd



Prayers for Our Churches

Each month churches in the South
District pray with and for each other.

Please pray for the pastors,
congregation, and community of the
following:

October 2022

**Vista de la Montana UMC
Tucson UMC of Green Valley
Huachuca UMC, Huachuca City
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 commu-
nity in miraculous ways.*

In Memory of . . .

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

Nancy Fowler
Shirley Newman
Cheryl Watts

Thank You Vista

***"I thank you Vista for your sympathy during this time of my daughter Stacey's passing."
God Bless You, Pat Bull***

**Saturday
October 22nd
10AM**

All pets must be on a leash or caged, and vaccinated please.



Blessing of the Animals Memory Board

Displayed during Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 22nd, 10:00 am

On Vista's Patio

Do you have a pet you wish to remember and blessed in Heaven? Email a photo to Robin Conner's attention at vistaumc.org@gmail.com You may also drop off a photo at the office and list your name on the back if you want it returned.

*I crossed over the
rainbow bridge
knowing I was loved*



Opportunities

CALLING ALL MEN WHO LIKE TO SING!

Come join the returning members and sing with **Vocal Seniority** this year.

We have a great nucleus of about 8 returnees who invite you to sing with our grand group during 2022 and 2023. Rehearsals begin on Tuesday, October 11 in the Sanctuary at 9:00 AM. It gives you a reason to get up early on Tuesday morning, is great exercise, is cheaper than golf, and you have fellowship with your Christian brothers, all while you make music. It's the best deal in town. We hope to see you on Tuesday mornings!

If you have any questions contact Bill Bellah.

Family Game Night

Tuesday October 25th 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.



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!

Sunday Morning Coffee & Fellowship

Thanks to so many volunteers serving and/or providing refreshments and goodies after church in August and September: Anne Groth, Alice Ann Lenzini, the Church Youth, Nancy Philippi, Louise O'Donald, Robin Connor, Delores Brindle and Pam & Mike Kravitz. The cold drinks and treats are much appreciated.



Eyeglasses+ Collection

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.



HOW DO I
DONATE MY
SPECS?

New Church Directory Arriving Mid October

... 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

Charge/Church Conference

Sunday October 30th 2:00 PM

Join us for the Fall Festival and stay for the Annual Conference—All are invited to both!

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.

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 October 2nd

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.

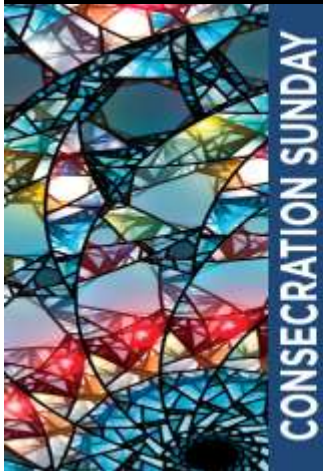
Article Deadlines

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

Upcoming Opportunity to Connect & Grow



IT'S COMING

Adult Education

Adult Classes

BEFORE CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

BEGINS OCTOBER 23RD

Sunday 9:00—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

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 21ST

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.

ADVANCED PRAYER BEADS

New Date To Be Announced

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

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.

Connect & Grow 2022

Music Ministry

A NOTE FROM JANE

Our **vocal choir** is always looking for new members. You don't have to be a soloist to sing in a group – all singers are welcome. The choir meets Wednesdays at 1:00pm in the Elizabeth Room.

Bell Choir Our Bell Choir meets Mondays at 2:00pm in the sanctuary – we are looking for new members – no previous ringing experience necessary.

It may only be October, but it is time to start preparing for our musical **Christmas Cantata**, “Touched by a Child, Touched by a King” by John Purifoy.

Save the Date and plan to invite your family, friends, and neighbors – Sunday, December 11 at 10:00am & 2:00pm.

We have opportunities for you to participate:

- ♦ Sing in the Cantata Choir – you don't have to make an “every Sunday” commitment to join us for the Cantata –talk to Jane or show up at our Wednesday rehearsals at 1:00 in the Elizabeth Room. We will rehearse the cantata in the first 30-45 minutes of our rehearsal time. Cantata rehearsals start Wednesday, October 5.
- ♦ Volunteer to be a greeter, usher, or narrator for the day of the performances

We are asking for donations of artificial green Christmas trees that you are no longer using (lighted or not), maximum 8 feet tall, to be used to decorate the sanctuary and narthex for our cantata. Please bring your tree to the church office during regular business hours or on Sunday morning by November 13.

Any questions about the Music program?

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

Discipleship Opportunity



Have you considered being a Vista Shepherd?

As Vista leaves Covid restrictions behind and connects again, it's time to re-engage with members of our congregation who we haven't seen in a while. Our Shepherds Committee has a few openings giving those an opportunity to serve the Lord from the comfort of their own home while being a blessing to others.

Interested folks may contact Robin Conner

Stephen Ministry

STEPHEN MINISTRY People often ask, “What exactly is a Stephen Minister?”

One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the After People. Stephen Ministers are there:

- ... after the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- ... after the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ... after the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ... after the doctor says, “I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do.”
- ... after the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, “Welcome to your new home.”
- ... after the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ... after the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ... after the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ... after you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ... after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the After People. They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long after as needed.

If you would like more information about Stephen Ministry, please call the church office and one of our Stephen Leaders will be happy to speak with you.

Mission Outreach Ministry October 2022

Dear Vista Family:

I am so happy that we are finally returning to our sister church Fuente de Vida in Agua Prieta Mexico!!

Preparations are being made for our Celebration of Learning Festival on 10-29-22. We will have a packing day on 9-27-22 and will take 3 vehicles, loaded down, to Douglas to store Celebration items in the warehouse. The AP folks will get the items across the border over the next 4 weeks in preparation for the festival on the 29th. After a 2 year absence in 2020 & 2021, due to Covid, they are really excited for the renewal of the Celebration of Learning Festival. I will do signups, every Sunday until all 48 seats are reserved on our comfortable touring bus, and then will take a waiting list as, we have experienced that there are always a few people who have to cancel at the last minute, so if you are on the waiting list you will be called. Don't miss this opportunity to see our sister church and meet your sponsored student.

We will be asking the Vista congregation to fill the Mission Baskets with the supplies that we need for the Celebration. We need the baskets to stay in the narthex and we will unload them each week.

We have 24 students who will be receiving Scholastic achievement awards for a B+ or better average. There are 17 mothers of these student who will receive Mothers bags for their helping their children to achieve this grade point, and 1 male student who is attending the University on his own, and will get a special gift bag for men.

I am happy to report that we are continuing to share with Sun Lakes UMC in Phoenix as well as St. Marks in Tucson Mission support for our Sister Church Fuente de Vida in Agua Prieta. Sun Lakes with scholarships for the high school students and St Marks with \$2,500.00 for uniforms and school shoes again this year. We have invited representatives from both churches to go with us to AP on the 29th.

We currently have 5 students who are supported by our Roche secondary education scholarship program. Some are attending the university and some are in the Tech School.

Pastor Gela has not been able to get her Visa renewed to cross into the US, and the US immigration services have given her a review date of Jan 2024. We are working on getting her a letter of support to help her Visa process moving sooner. Her family members did get their Visas renewed so they are doing the cross over trips into Douglas.

Our Thanksgiving offering will be shared with the Snak Pak program for Coronado K to 8 school in Catalina. There is a change in personnel at Coronado and they now want us to pack only once a month instead of every week. We are working on this and hope to work out the wrinkles this month. There are 60 children who receive these food packs every week for their food supply for the weekends when they are not in school. Our goal is to not let any child go hungry in our community.

We supplied Sister Jose with 17 new carts from Amazon for the homeless women but they were rejected by Sister Jose due to their light weight structure. We have now placed an order with Ace hardware, as we have done before, but they are on backorder with no delivery date stated. These carts are very important to these homeless women and in most cases, it is all they have to carry and store their few possessions.

Creative hands has been busy making adorable PJ sets for Family 1st and Impact's clothing bank.

I want to invite you to join our mission team at Vista. We find that our lives are blessed beyond measure by the work we are able to do in the Lord's name. Come and be part of this amazing team. Our next Mission meeting will be on Oct. 12th at 1:30PM in the St. Matthews room. Happy October to you all!

Yours in Mission Service:

Dee Berman Tompkins Chairman

Finance

October 2022 Finance Committee Report

Month: July Income was \$50.95 under budget. Expenses plus mortgage payment were \$2,497.40 under budget for July. Income was \$2,787 less than last year and expenses were \$1,324 less than last year. General Fund Net Income after our mortgage payment was -\$578.69, which was \$2,446.45 over budget due to expenses being so good.

YTD: Through the first half of the year, we are very close to our income and expense budgets. Year-to-date we are \$239.16 under our income budget and \$34,517.64 less than last year. Expenses plus mortgage payments are \$4,956.43 under budget resulting in a YTD General Fund Net Income that is \$4,717.27 over budget.

We now owe \$298,992.78 on our mortgage!!!! As of July 31, 2022 we have received \$38,346.71 or 85% 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.

Budget letters and worksheets have been distributed to committee chairs and proposed budgets must be submitted by October 31.

Our local bank, Canyon Community Bank closed their Catalina branch on August 3. Since we make in-person deposits weekly, this necessitated that we move our accounts to a local bank. Otherwise, the deposit would have to be made weekly at the Magee branch. The Finance Committee unanimously approved an e-vote on August 8 to open accounts at the Chase branch in the Basha's center. On August 10, Leo Smith, Trustee Chair and senior officer of the church; the Finance Team, Valerie and Peggy Jo met with the Business VP for Chase and opened a checking account. ACH and Savings Accounts will be opened later. Darrell and Sharon met with the manager of Canyon Bank on August 12 and closed our money market account after sharing the reasoning for our change. The funds were deposited in the new Chase account that day. It will be a gradual process of migrating the other two accounts to Chase over the next few months.

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

Finance Team: Sharon Scanlan, Darrell Parson and Dennis Kimmel
Sharon Scanlan, Finance Chair

Scan here
for online
donations



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.

Church Office Hours Monday-Thursday 9-5, Closed 12-1 for lunch. Phone: 520-825-1985 vistaumc.org@gmail.com

Children, Youth & Young Adult

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?

THE DIGGING INTO
LIFE OF JESUS

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP TIME

Our next meeting will be Sunday October 2nd.

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.



JR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays 10:00 AM St Luke Room

BE BOLD Sunday school 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!

BE BOLD
FEARLESS PRETEEN CURRICULUM

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.

LIVE

Dates to Remember

FALL FESTIVAL (SUNDAY OCTOBER 30TH)

Following Worship on the 30th join us for a **Pot-luck** meal, games, costumes and candy—fun for the whole family.

HALLOWEEN (MONDAY OCTOBER 31ST)

We will be handing out candy in the Black Horse community, candy donations greatly appreciated. Look for donation boxes in the Narthex.

WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS (WOW)

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

Activities for all the family members.

YOUTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE Summer 2023

CONFIRMATION

Coming Fall 2022

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

Contact Valerie or Peggy Jo
for more information



Vista 90 Years Plus Birthday Club 2022

Vista's elite group of "90 somethings" celebrated their milestones on Sunday, September 18th along with the rest of the congregation. Our "dynamic duo" piano players, Mary and Donna, played a medley of music to accompany the slide show. Best wishes were bestowed upon the group by the congregation throughout the morning, ending with refreshments and a timeline display in the breezeway and patio.

October Celebrations

Birthdays

Jacque Garcia	10/01	Karen Prokop	10/01	Billy Ayers	10/05
Karime Penuelas	10/07	Dana Belyea	10/08	Ed Kelley	10/11
Lisa Sinohui	10/13	Tricia Pohnert	10/22	Sue Hedrick	10/24
Jon Leonard	10/25	Barbara Phillips	10/26	Nanisi Tonga	10/27
Ronald Venhuizen	10/31				

Anniversaries

Alex & Jenny Perakis	10/02	Rev Dr Jim Lbach & Kay Barber	10/19
Steve & Sharon Scanlan	10/26		

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

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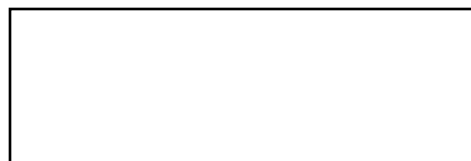
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Candy donations greatly appreciated for both the Fall Festival and the Black Horse community candy handout on Halloween night. Drop off candy in marked boxed in the Narthex. *Thank you!*

Fall Festival at Vista

Potluck

All Are Invited

Games & Fun

Wear Your Costume

Candy

Sunday Oct. 30th Following the Worship Service

**Annual Charge/Church Conference at 2PM (following the Fall Festival)*

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

