

Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church

Rev. Fred Baum

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Holy Communion

February 5th, 2023



“Salt, Light & the Law”

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.

*(Please email vistaumc.org@gmail.com or text 520-349-9216 with your Celebrations and Concerns.
These will be read and prayed for during the Prayers of the People.)*

COUNTDOWN

“Let Your Light Shine”

WELCOME & GREETING

Rev. Fred Baum

*OPENING HYMN “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” vs 1-3 No. 127

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father, and will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the universal Church of Jesus Christ, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Valerie Hammons

INVITATION TO PRAYER “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” vs. 1 No. 206

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your many and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. So, grant then, gracious, Lord that as we receive this Sacrament of your Son Jesus Christ, that our life may be renewed and we may grow into his likeness. May we as your forgiven and renewed children evermore dwell in him and he in us.
Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God. Amen!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” vs 2 No. 206

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER AND INFANT BAPTISM

Caitlin Gail Tewart confession of faith

Baptism of Adaline Michelle Tewart

OFFERTORY “God’s Heaven” (Roy Ringwald) Mary Bellah

OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 95

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:13-20

¹³“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.”

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”

¹⁸“For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.”

¹⁹“Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. “

²⁰“For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM “Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”
Chancel Choir and Vista Bells

(Thrupp / Raney)

SERMON“Salt, Light & the Law”Rev. Fred Baum

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

HYMNS FOR COMMUNION “One Bread, One Body” (Hymns with Flute) No. 620

STEPHEN MINISTERJoyce Luckman

ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Fred Baum

*BENEDICTION“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name” vs. 1 No. 663

POSTLUDE"I’m Gonna Sing/Ain’t-a that Good News?" Mary Bellah
(Larry Shackley)

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Welcome to Vista UMC

Thank you for joining us during worship today.

-- Please note that the Red Registration Pads may say San Manuel. You are in fact in the right place, we are using up some old pages (recycling in creative ways). Thank you for signing in and

WOW!! WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS you are all invited to experience WOW - Worship on

Lenten Study: “The Grade of Les Miserables” - fellowship, food, music, classes for all ages. Starts Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 10:00 am. There will be Love and Logic study for the parents, An Apostle Creed book study based on “Rooted” (book can be ordered on Amazon) and classes for the kids. The six week Lenten Study is based on Victor Hugo’s “Les Miserables.” Author Reverend Matt Rawle dives into six ideals found in the story – Grace, Justice, Poverty, Revolution, Love and Hope. Each is represented by a character in Hugo’s story. The focus is drawing parallels between the story and musical and our Christian calling. The book is available at Amazon, Cokesbury and Abingdon Press.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the St. Matthews Room. Questions or to

Donating

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

George Bauder, Orland Burbey, Rev. Alan Campbell, Jan Crown, Dr. Chuck Crown
Slim Crowson, Steven Extract, Alexis Extract, Kay Gragg, Bill Gureck, Fran Hampton,
Leslie Hawkins, Peggy Hoeft, Jackie Holden,
Pam Holder, Jim Holman, Jan Hopke-Almer, Ken & Sharon Hunt, Margaret Overman,
Allen & Barbara Phillips, Sharon Poole, Karen Rice, Fern Salava, Art Schweitzer,
Leo Smith, Meagan & Tiffany Spencer, and Tricia Pohnert

Home Bound

Rev. John Davies, Florence Duckett, Bob & Eileen Herd, Barbara Horton,

PASSION MUSICAL DRAMA The choir will be starting rehearsals for our April 2 Passion Musical Drama this Wednesday at 1:00 in the Elizabeth Room. **All singers are welcome to join us, without a commitment for every week.** Anyone who is interested in being one of the actors, please talk to Jane Anderson after church or email her at vistaUMCmusic@gmail.com.

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:

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY Join the fun and support Impact Food Bank! Cans of soup will be collected February 5 and February 12. Vote for the Super Bowl team you are rooting for. Each can of soup will help feed folks in our neighborhood. Vote often! The winning team will be announced during Super Bowl Sunday coffee hour. **PHILADELPHIA EAGLES – KANSAS CITY CHIEFS.**

DESERT SKIES UMC, Tucson

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

Save the date! New Membership Lunch with Pastor Baum, Sun.Feb. 19 at 11:15 a.m.

Connect & Grow

Vista UMC Weekly Calendar

Day

Events

**This
Sunday
02.05**

8:45 AM Adult Sunday School – St Matthew Room – CANCELLED
9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal – Elizabeth Room
10:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary
10:15 AM Child/Youth Sunday School – Education Building
11:15 AM Greeter Training
11:20 AM Adult Bible Study – St. Matthew Room – L Whittington
11:30 AM Young Adult Meet-up
2:00 PM Conference Youth Event

**Monday
02.06**

2:00 PM Bell Choir Practice – Sanctuary – J Anderson

**Tuesday
02.07**

9:00 AM Vocal Seniority – Sanctuary – B Bellah
3:00 PM SPRC - St. Matthews - N Yob
5:30 PM Trustees Meeting – St. Matthews – L Smith

**Wednesday
02.08**

1:00 PM Choir Practice – Elizabeth Room – J Anderson
10:00 AM Adult Bible Study – Elizabeth Room – D. Boring
2:00 PM Missions – St. Matthews – B Phillips
6:00 PM WOW & Family Game Night – Elizabeth Room – V Hammons

**Thursday
02.09**

8:00 AM Landscaping Volunteer Crew – Patio – R Olson
10:00 AM Women's Lectionary – Zoom Only
11:00 AM Huddle Group – St Matthew Room – Pastor Baum
1:30 AM Grief Group – St. Matthew Room – Baum / Alberts

**Friday
02.10**

Office Closed

**Saturday
02.11**



The UPPER ROOM

**Sun
Feb 5
2022**

CAREFULLY SHAPED

Read Jeremiah 18:1-10

I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.

Jeremiah 18:3-4 (NIV)

My Neighbor has a beautiful tree, a spreading green canopy with a gentle shape. Its loveliness is no surprise because my neighbor is fully dedicated to caring for and shaping her tree. I have watched her gently clip any wayward tangled leaf or stem, choosing what cut will make the best shape. After a

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

God is reshaping my
life day by day.

battering storm she vigorously prunes the broken or damaged branches. Watching this process for several years, I have realized it holds a significant spiritual lesson: God shapes our imperfect lives.

Just as my neighbor shapes her tree, God is molding me through everyday circumstances. God can even use shattering storms to do good work in me. I have experienced deep, devastating sorrow that ripped everything from me until all I could cling to was the simple belief that "Jesus loves me, this I know!" Through these crushing times I often wondered, *How could all these difficult things possibly be working together for my good?*

I am learning to trust that God is dedicated to forming me into a better version of myself. My neighbor's tree is a beautiful reminder that God is carefully shaping me.

Prayer: Thank you, Creator, for knowing just where we need your love to reshape our lives. Make us ready to do your work in the world. Amen

Beverly Taylor (Arizona, USA)

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Prayer Focus: INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARIES

2023 Church Leadership

Vista UMC

Church Council:

Council Chair	Marty Lenzini
Senior Pastor	Rev. Fred C. Baum
Council Secretary	Robin Conner
Adult Education	Donna Boring
Family Ministry Chair	Jean Rupe
Endowment	Jay O'Donald
Evangelism	Leslie Hawkins
Finance Chair	Sharon Scanlan
Co-Finance Secretary(s)	Mary Berg & Linda Davis
Lay Leader	Donna Boring
Lay Member	Nancy Yob
Lay Member	Pete Schwartz
Lay Member	Stuart Watkins
Live Stream	Rev. Fred C. Baum
Membership Coordinator	Valerie Hammons
Mission Outreach	Linda Galka
SPRC Chair	Nancy Yob
Stephen Ministry	Dottie McIntyre
Stewardship	Jim Galka
Treasurer	Darrell Parson
Trustee Chair	Leo Smith
UMM	Jim Bleess
Women in Faith	Amy Butkovich
Worship Support	Barbara Phillips

For further information contact the church office at 520.825.1985

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

(Arranged by Pam Kravitz)

Liturgist: Cliff Terry

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

Staff

Rev. Fred Baum	Pastor	Vistaspastorfred@aol.com
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A wooden cross is positioned on the left side of the image. The background is a vibrant green and yellow gradient with a textured, painterly appearance. The cross is made of two weathered wooden beams, with the horizontal beam slightly offset from the vertical one.

ASHWEDNESDAY

February 22nd

**DRIVE THRU
ASHES**

Vista Church

8am - 4pm

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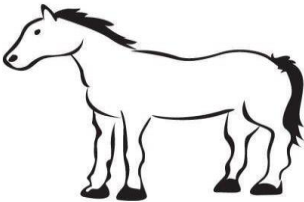
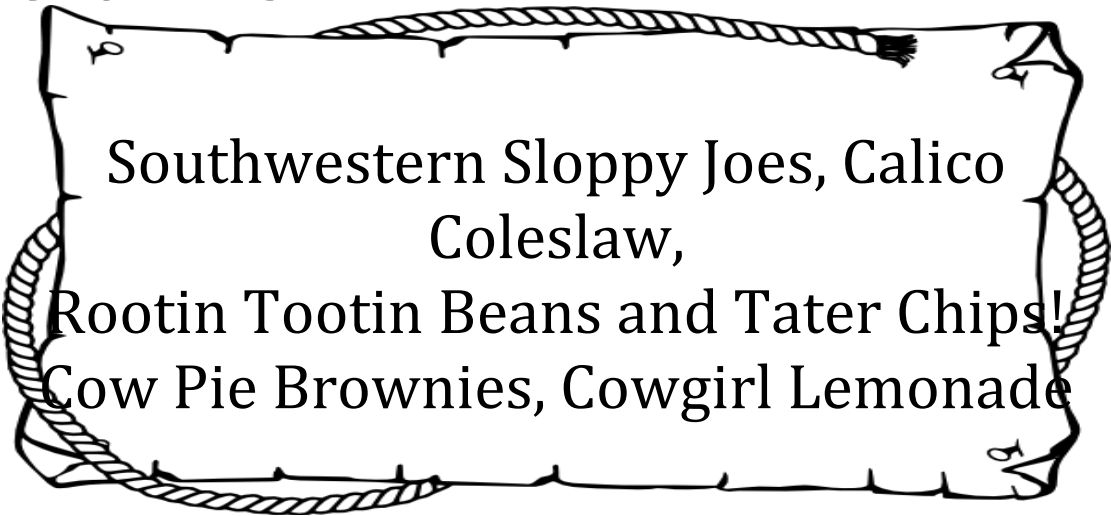


Rodeo Sunday Lunch

FEB. 26TH

AFTER CHURCH

*WEAR YOUR FAVORITE WESTERN
CLOTHES*



Charlie the horse will be there!

TAKE OUTS

Support Vista Youth!

All Proceeds benefit Youth 2023! Thank you for your support!