

Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church

Rev. Fred Baum

4th Sunday in Lent

March 19th, 2023



Gerrit van Hont Horst "Die Anbetung der Hirten"

“The Light of the World!”

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 or text 520-349-9216 with your Celebrations and Concerns. These will be read and prayed for during the Prayers of the People.)

COUNTDOWN

“Psalm 23”

WELCOME & GREETING

Rev. Fred Baum

OPENING HYMN

“We are Marching” (sing 2 times)

2235b

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 23

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People: He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

Leader: He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.

People: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 5:8-14

⁵ For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God’s wrath comes on those who are disobedient. ⁷ Therefore do not be partners with them.

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹² It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. ¹⁴ This is why it is said:

“Wake up, sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Jane Anderson

INVITATION TO PRAYER

“This Little Light of Mine”

vs. 1 No. 585

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Fred Baum

PRAYER RESPONSE

“The Lord’s Prayer”

(Sung)

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“He Never Failed Me Yet”

(Robert Ray)

Vocal Seniority

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

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

GOSPEL READING

John 8:12-20

¹² When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

¹³ The Pharisees therefore said to Him, “You bear witness of Yourself; Your witness is not true.”

¹⁴ Jesus answered and said to them, “Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from and where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. ¹⁶ And yet if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I *am* with the Father who sent Me. ¹⁷ It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true. ¹⁸ I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me.”

¹⁹ Then they said to Him, “Where is Your Father?”

Jesus answered, “You know neither Me nor My Father. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also.”

²⁰These words Jesus spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one laid hands on Him, for His hour had not yet come.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM	“It Is Well With My Soul” (arr Robert Sterling)	Vocal Seniority
SERMON	“The Light of the World”	Rev. Fred Baum
*CLOSING HYMN	“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”	No. 206
STEPHEN MINISTER		Gifford Thompkins
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Fred Baum
*BENEDICTION	“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought” vs. 1	No. 128
POSTLUDE	“Alleluia” (Franklin Ritter)	Mary Bellah

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 joining us for worship.

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

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

Home Bound

George & Kath Bauder, Rev. John Davies, Florence Duckett, Bob & Eileen Herd, Barbara Horton, Don & Betty Little, Marilyn Waldo, Meagan and Tiffany Spencer and Walt Roberson

Hospice Care

Dorothy Conner, 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:

March 2023

El Mesias UMC, Nogales; First UMC, Benson; First UMC, Eloy
and our sister church, Fuente de Vida in Agua Prieta, Mexico

March 2023

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2. Focus the camera on the QR code by gently tapping the code as it appears on your camera.
3. Tap on the yellow button - myvanco.com
4. Fill in the card, amount etc.



Opportunities to Connect, Serve & Support

WOW!! WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS You are all invited to experience **WOW** - Worship on Wednesdays at 6PM for an intergenerational evening of fun, fellowship, food, music, classes for all ages. 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. Please contact Valerie Hammons for more information.

PASSION MUSICAL DRAMA Be sure that you have Sunday, April 2 on your calendar. During the 10:00am worship service, we will take a journey to the cross as seen through the eyes of those who followed Jesus. Invite your friends and family to join us for this very special event.

ENDOWMENT A gift to Vista’s endowment is a testimony to your faith and the confidence you have in the ministry of the church.

SIGN UP TO BE AN ORGAN DONOR You can sign up to be an organ donor when you renew your driver's license or go the Arizona Donor Network website at dnaz.org.

ARIZONA SINGS Catalinas Community Chorus Presents “**ARIZONA SINGS**” with Special Musical Guest **BILL GANZ**. A musical program about Arizona and its music. Sunday, March 26, 2023 @ 3:00 p.m. – Resurrection Lutheran Church, 11575 North First Avenue, Tucson, Arizona. ***Please see chorus members for additional information: Jan Atwood, Mary or Bill Bellah, Gene Bywater or Marilyn Rutkowski.***

POCKET CHANGE FOR THE UKRAINE The Mission committee is inviting you join us in a new, short-term project, for our new Ukraine family. One Sunday a month for the next 3-6 months we are asking that you donate loose change or small bills to help offset their expenses. Your small donation may seem like a drop in the bucket, but when combined with others, it can make a huge difference in the lives of this family. Do you have a jar of change at home? If so, consider donating it or maybe an extra \$5 bill in for the next few months.

BAKE SALE 9:00 a.m. and after Church Service – Come to the Spring Bake Sale sponsored by United Women in Faith / Vista Women’s Fellowship. The bake sale will be held on the church patio. Thank you for supporting the United Women in Faith organization.

Vista UMC Weekly Calendar

Day	Events
<p style="text-align: center;">This Sunday 03.19</p>	<p><u>9:00 AM BAKE SALE – BEFORE AND AFTER CHURCH</u> 8:45 AM Adult Sunday School – St. Matthew Room – M McIntyre 9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal – Elizabeth Room – J. Anderson 10:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary 10:15 AM Child/Youth Sunday School – Education Building 11:15 AM Adult Sunday School – St. Matthew Room 2:00 PM Shroud of Turin and Reception Following - Sanctuary</p> 
<p>Monday - 03.20</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 03.21</p>	<p>9:00 AM Vocal Seniority Group – Sanctuary – B. Bellah 2:00 PM Finance Meeting – Elizabeth Room 3:00 PM Church Council – Elizabeth Room</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 03.22</p>	<p>11:00 AM Bell’s / Choir Practice – Sanctuary – J . Anderson 1:00 PM Choir Practice – Elizabeth Room – J. Anderson 6:00 PM WOW – Elizabeth Room – V. Hammons <i>United Methodist Men - <u>2023 Rummage Sale</u> – March 24, and 25, 2023</i> <i>Friday 7:00 a.m. to ? and Saturday 7:00 a.m. to ? Bargains –Values – Surprises -</i> <i>Come join the fun! Donations may be left at the church Wednesday and Thursday –</i> <i>March 22 and 23, 2023 before noon.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 03.23</p>	<p>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 Fred 1:30 PM Grief Group Meeting – St. Luke Room <i>United Methodist Men - <u>2023 Rummage Sale</u> – March 24, and 25, 2023</i> <i>Friday 7:00 a.m. to ? and Saturday 7:00 a.m. to ? Bargains –Values – Surprises -</i> <i>Come join the fun! Donations may be left at the church Wednesday and Thursday –</i> <i>March 22 and 23, 2023 before noon.</i></p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 03.26</p>	<p>8:45 AM Adult Sunday School – St. Matthew Room – M McIntyre 9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal – Elizabeth Room – J. Anderson 10:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary 10:15 AM Child/Youth Sunday School – Education Building 11:15 AM Adult Sunday School – St. Matthew Room 11:15 AM POT LUCK FOR OUR YUKRANIAN FAMILY – Elizabeth Room</p>

The UPPER ROOM

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

READ ACTS 16:1-5

Paul wrote to Timothy, “*You then, my son, be strong in the grace that’s in Christ Jesus.*”

2 Timothy 2:1 (NIV)

Sun
March 19
2023

The life of the apostle Paul was a remarkable one – his dramatic conversion from a Pharisee who persecuted Christians to a leader of the early church; his many letters; his courage in the face of opposition; and most of all, his incredible faith in Jesus Christ. As he wrote in Philippians, “To live is Christ, to die is gain” (Phil. 1:21).

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
Whom can encourage
in the walk of faith
today?

I was part of a recent Bible study on Paul’s letters to Timothy that revealed another attribute of his amazing life. From our discussion I gained a new appreciation for how Paul mentored his young companion. We can imagine all that Paul taught Timothy as they traveled together on several missionary trips. Then Paul approached the end of his life, he put aside his own needs and took time to write letters of encouragement to Timothy, urging him to remain true to the gospel message that Paul lived to the fullest.

The story of Paul and Timothy is a good lesson for all of us. We all know younger people whom we can reach out to and mentor in the walk of faith. Paul’s life is a great reminder to us to be more intentional about this opportunity, doing our part to encourage and equip others as they follow Christ.

Prayer: Dear Father, thank you for the gift of your son, Jesus Christ. Help us to share this gift with others and to encourage them on their faith journey. Amen.

John D. Brown (Minnesota, USA)

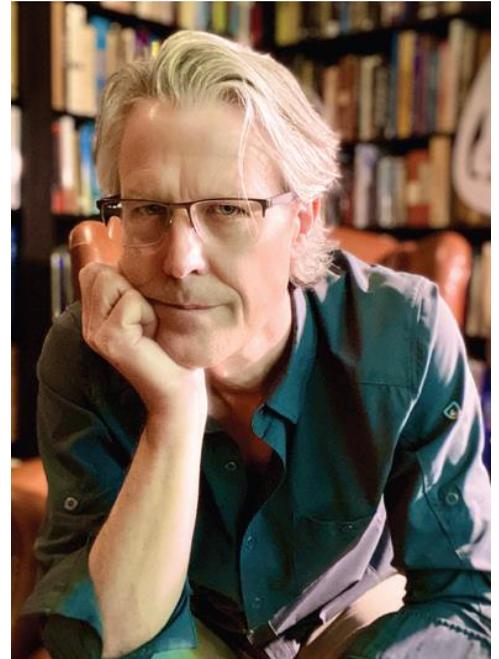
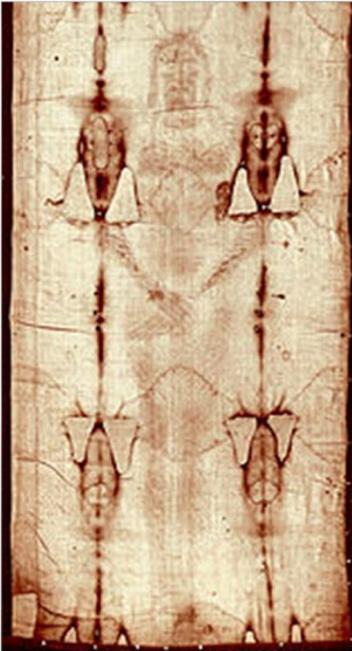
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Prayer Focus: INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARIES

**Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church
Presents**

***An Encounter with the Shroud of Turin and the
Sudarium of Oviedo***

Is this the image of Jesus Christ??? That is the question that will be addressed by Doug Powell, an apologist and author from Nashville, Tennessee. The presentation will feature an exact replica of the Shroud of Turin and discuss evidence for and against its authenticity.



**TODAY at 2:00 p.m. March 19th, 2023
Vista de la Montana United Methodist Church
3001 E. Miravista Lane, Tucson Az, 85739
FREE RECEPTION AFTERWARD**

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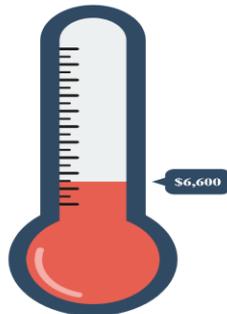


LENTEN MORTGAGE CHALLENGE

Our Goal is \$45,000!

As of March 12, 2023, we have received \$6,600.

GOAL: \$45,000



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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

Flowers Provided by Barb Rempel in Honor of Ken Rempel's Birthday
Arranged by Diane Coleman

Liturgist: Pete Schwartz

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

Staff

Rev. Fred Baum	Pastor	<u>Vistaspastorfred@aol.com</u>
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Sunday Worship 10:00 am
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Join us Sunday, March 26th (after Worship in the Elizabeth Room) as we celebrate Pastor Fred and Jane Anderson's birthday and meet our Ukrainian Family.

A - L Please bring a main dish

M - Z Please bring a salad or side

Dessert provided by Barbara Phillips

PLEASE NOTE, all entries and requests for the Echoes are due no later than Monday, March 20, 2023.



We're a Family
Come Join Us!

Vista Church

Easter Services

3001 E Miravista Ln.

@ 15000 N. Oracle Rd

Cantata Sunday (April 2) 10am

Holy Thursday (April 6) 7pm

Good Friday (April 7) 3pm

Easter Sunday (April 9)

6:30am (Outside/Sunrise) & 10:00am

(Live and available at Vistaumc.org and on Facebook)

www.vistaumc.org or 520-825-1985

