

Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church

Rev. Fred Baum

Welcome to Our Visitors & Guests!!

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 17th, 2023

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 Donated by Jim and Joyce Holman in Honor of their 61st Anniversary and Julie and Christopher Savage's 23rd Anniversary

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

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Apostle



Prophet



Evangelist



Pastor



Teacher

“The Five Faces of Jesus: Prophets”

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.

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(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 Pastoral Prayer.)

COUNTDOWN TO WORSHIP

“Prayer”

WELCOME

Rev. Fred C. Baum

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“The Church’s One Foundation”

No. 545

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95: 1-7

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Leader: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

People: In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.

Leader: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

People: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

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

Romans 12:3-8

³For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴For

The UPPER ROOM

Sun
September 17, 2023

OVERFLOWING LOVE

READ ROMANS 1:8-12

*Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.*

Psalm 25:5 (NRSVUE)

A tree that I call the Sister Tree grows near my home. It is twisted and bent with roots exposed where it comes in contact with the earth. I wonder what happened to it. Clearly it met with a violent force – perhaps a hurricane – that knocked it down and twisted it. It is a strangely beautiful monument to resilience, and I feel a strong kinship with it.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

I can embrace life’s
twists and turns
because I know
God is with me.

My story has been complicated, twisted, and scarred by parental drug abuse, violence, and abandonment. I barely survived childhood. When I was young, I felt no hope for my future. Life had battered me.

But through the concern and kindness of believers who took the time to share the gospel with me, I learned of God’s overflowing love for me. For the first time, I heard that my life had purpose and that I had value. Jesus died on the cross so that I could be made whole and enter into a relationship with God. At 16, I embraced the message of the gospel and committed my life and heart to the Lord. Now I can celebrate my scarred and twisted past because it ultimately led me to God.

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for your deep love for us. Give us resilience and strength each day. Amen.

DeVonna R. Allison (Florida, USA)

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Prayer Focus: YOUNG PEOPLE IN UNSAFE SITUATIONS

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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, Paul Arnett, Jan Crown, Steven Extract, Alexis Extract, Kay Gragg, Bill Gureck, Fran Hampton, Peggy Hoeft, Pam Holder, Jim and Joyce Holman, Ken & Sharon Hunt, Matthew Mutz, Margaret Overman, Allen and Barbara Phillips, Diane Podlasek, Tricia Pohnert, Sharon Poole, Art Schweitzer, Milt and Jan Bukes, Dillis and Linda Ward, Rob Prescott, Charlotte De Windt and John Witt

Home Bound

Florence Duckett, Bob & Eileen Herd, Barbara Horton, Don & Betty Little, Marilyn Waldo, Walt Roberson, Pete Rice and Dr. Chuck Crown

Hospice Care

Rev. John Davies, 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:

September 2023

St. James UMC, Tucson
St. John's UMC, Tucson
St. Mark's UMC, Tucson

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

just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is **prophesying**, then **prophecy** in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

TIME WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Valerie Hammons

INVITATION TO PRAYER

“Spirit of the Living God”

No. 393

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Fred C. 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.

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE

“Alleluia, Amen”

90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND VIDEO

Donna Langwig / Mary Bellah

“This Little Light of Mine”

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CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“O God, Beyond All Praising”

Mary Bellah

Gustav Holst – © 1982 Hope Publishing

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

No. 94

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 4:17-26, 28-30

¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.

²³ Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’”

²⁴ “Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. ²⁵ I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. ²⁶ Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon.

²⁸ All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God
People: **Thanks be to God, Amen!**

ANTHEM “Seek Ye First” Chancel Choir
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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 4:11-13
“So, Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors, and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

SERMON “The Five Faces of Jesus: Prophets” Rev. Fred C. Baum

*CLOSING HYMN “I’m Goin’-a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing” No. 333

STEPHEN MINISTER Dr. Larry Holden

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION “I’m Gonna Sing Sing Sing”

POSTLUDE “Sing Alleluia!” Mary Bellah
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THE FIVE FACES OF JESUS: PROPHETS

We all have what is called a “base” ministry and when called by Jesus through the circumstances in life we can work in another ministry role for a “phase” in our life.

“Not all are called to be apostles, but all are called to go with Jesus.”

“Not all are called to be prophets, but all are called to hear the voice of God.”

“Not all are called to be evangelists, but all are called to be witnesses.”

“Not all are called to be pastors, but all are called to care.”

“Not all are called to teach, but all are called to know the truth and stand by it.”

1. Prophets love to spend time alone with God listening for God’s voice.
2. Words that would describe a prophet are “Waiting, retreating, seeking God’s heart.”
3. Prophets are more about “TELLING FORTH” the word of God than “FORTELLING” the future.
4. They understand “the times” and what people should do.
5. It is in our utmost self-interest to listen to them.
6. God speaks to the prophets so that they can build up, encourage and console the other members of the body of Christ.

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