



## Greetings!

It is hard to believe that June will soon be here! This is my last Echoes article.

In June I will end my lectionary sermons and share with you sermons that I love as well as some that I believe are very pertinent to this time and place.

June 2 is my sermon on the Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well! Get ready to hear a long passage of scripture which in its length hints to why it is so radical and important.

June 9, 16, and 23 will center on the three parts of transitions. The ending, the middle and the beginning. I believe that understanding these phases of transition and change are helpful in knowing where we have been, where we are, and where we want to go.

On June 30 I will preach the sermon that I shared as a District Superintendent during my last season of preaching at my numerous churches. The basis for the sermon comes from a book with a very boring title; The 15 Commitments of Conscious Leadership. I've taken the basic concept of the book and paired it with how Jesus lived as a Conscious Leader. These basic concepts are what guide my life and I hope you will find them meaningful.

I have really enjoyed working with all of you! You have helped me remember how much I love being a pastor. Our time together has been so full of positive moments. I want to thank you for allowing me to spend the last five months in ministry at Vista. Your willingness to examine who and what you are as a church as well as individuals has been very meaningful. Your enthusiasm and love of Vista has been inspirational. Soon Pastor Mary will be with you and together you will plan and live into your wonderful future. You will always be in my thoughts and prayers.

**Thanks, and blessings,  
Pastor Deborah**

## What is this Taizé?



We will be including Taizé music as our opening to prayer for a while. I thought perhaps an explanation of Taizé would be interesting to some.

In the south of Burgundy, France lays a small village called Taizé. This village founded over seventy years ago by Brother Roger is home to a monastic community devoted to prayer and reconciliation.

Repetitive Sung Prayer is the characteristic of Taizé worship that is most prevalent in our worship has been the use of a kind of repetitive prayer set to simple musical lines. Repetition is not a new phenomenon nor unique to Taizé. The use of repetitive prayers is a long-attested reality in the history of Christian spirituality and liturgy (for example, in the Jesus Prayer and the Rosary). What is unique to the prayer of Taizé is the adaptation of the repetitive form to simple musical lines and core biblical texts that can be sung by a whole assembly of various nationalities, languages, and denominations. The duration of repetitive songs (whether in canon form or ostinato) during prayer is not to be timed nor the number of repetitions calculated beforehand. The assembly is to immerse itself in the simple but profound harmonies and let itself be carried by this sung prayer.

As we enter prayer time use this repeated music to silence your mind receive the Spirit.

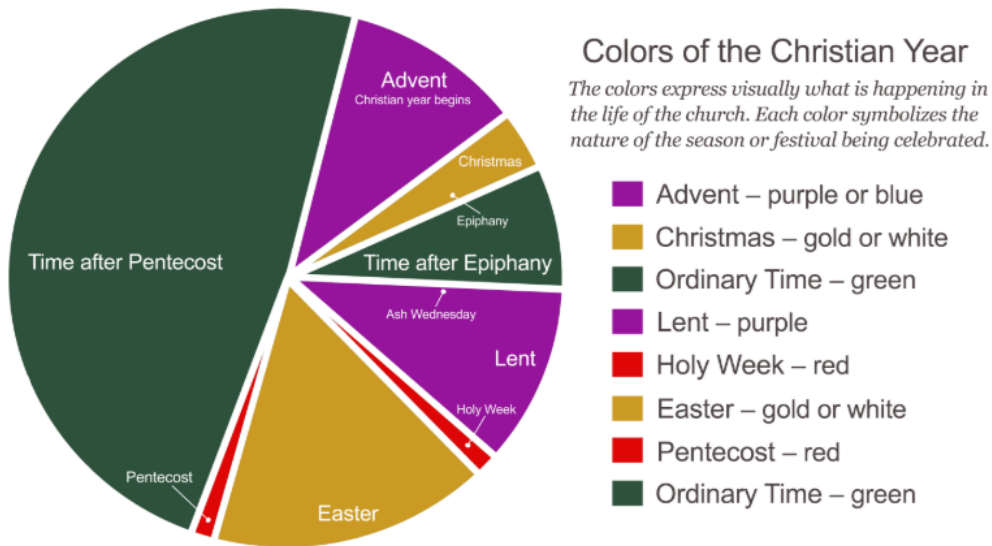
*Blessings, Worship Team*

### *A Reminder to Pray for Peace*



*Almighty God, I pray for peace in our world, where there is often conflict and strife. Help us bring an end to violence and injustice. Inspire leaders to work towards the well-being of all people. May your love and compassion prevail, uniting nations in a common pursuit of peace. Let your kingdom of peace reign on earth as it is in heaven. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, I pray. Amen.*

# The Christian Year



We are beginning the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary time of the Christian Year.

The second period of Ordinary Time, the Season after Pentecost, follows the Easter cycle. It begins the day after Pentecost and continues to Advent. The purpose of this season is to support new disciples and the whole congregation in living out the gifts and callings discerned during the Easter Season and commissioned on the Day of Pentecost.

Every year, Christians experience the contrast between the central seasons of Christmas and Easter, where we see God in the events around the coming of Christ, and the in-between times, where we see, speak about and join God's ongoing work in the world.

Why is it called ordinary? Here ordinary refers to ordinal numbers as we count the Sundays from Pentecost. May 26 is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost and so it continues until the 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost in November.

## RED books!

- You see them in your row every Sunday.
- Please take a moment to enter your name (first and last please) even if you attend EVERY Sunday!
- Signing this does not obligate you to anything.
- Do this to help our attendance stay up-to-date and Robin will thank you!!!





## *Welcome to Your New Vista UMC Library!*

When the Vista UMC offices were in the old modular buildings, we had a church library that was lovingly curated by the late Joy Orem. Since we moved into our new building, the library has been in the back of the workroom and not accessible to our members.

Recently the Trustees completed a “building use project” to decide the best multi-purpose use for the education classrooms. They recommended moving the library to the St. Luke’s Room, which is adjacent to the Elizabeth Room, where we hold big events. A group of volunteers moved and set up the new library with the help of the UMM.

The completed library was introduced to our church members at an Open House on Sunday, June 2. The new library features comfortable chairs for reading and a well-organized collection of fiction, devotionals, reference books, bibles, children’s books and books by popular religious authors, as well as other collections.

The library is “honor system”. You don’t need to fill out a card or check out a book, but we ask that you return books within 30 days. You can put your returns into a bin labeled Returns. Reference books and bibles may not be loaned.

We welcome donations of books and DVDs that are 1) spiritual, 2) Christian Fiction, 3) fairly new and 4) in good condition. Please leave your donations in the bin provided in the library. Our library team will review the donations, and, if we can’t use the donations, they will go to another good home.

Our Vista UMC Library is another wonderful spiritual space for all of our members. We hope you use it and enjoy some peaceful quiet time reading and enjoying what is available. It’s also a great place to do research. The library is open all office hours: Monday: Thursday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, and after Church until 11:30 am.

## **Endowment Fund Report for June, 2024**

After consistent gains through the first quarter of 2024, April performance was down. However, in the first two weeks of May the market has recovered that drop in value.

As stated in an earlier letter, the Endowment Committee approved distribution of up to \$4,500 for 2024. Four requests have been received and approved by the committee and council: \$1,000 for moving the equipment shed; \$1,200 to upgrade the Narthex; \$330 to Stephen Ministers to complete the Stations of the Cross; and \$200 for the Music Ministry to purchase stools for the Hand bell Choir. There remains \$1,770 which is available for disbursement to ministries of the Church during the rest of 2024.

We have received two donations this year:

- First is a private donation of \$1,000.
- Second is \$845 from the Leo Smith Memorial.

Submitted by: Jim Galka on May 15, 2024



## Mission Moments June 2024

*Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do...* *Ephesians 6:7-8*

### Honoring our Military and Celebrating America

During the months of May and June we remember and honor our veterans, along with those currently serving our country in the armed forces. For several years Vista has supported the **“Hearts Apart”** program at Davis Monthan AFB. This program provides monthly activities for families of the deployed. A Memorial Day and July 4<sup>th</sup> special offering will be directed to this mission, along with our Loose Change offerings for May and June. If you would like to donate, please make note of that on your check. Help us, in this small way, to say “Thank you!”

#### Other Updates:

- **Pocket Change Sunday:** Our next collection is June 23. Our May collection was \$43.22. These funds will be donated to Hearts Apart. Missions will match this amount as well as our June collection. Remember to save your loose change!
- **Agua Prieta:** Information will be coming soon regarding our Student Sponsorship and Backpack outreach with Fuente de Vida UMC.
- **Impact Food Bank:** Donations totaled 84 pounds for the month of April. Special thanks to Leslie Hawkins who donated 30# of oranges from her tree! This is typically the time of year when donations drop off but, as you know, the need remains high. Please pick up a few additional shelf stable items the next time you shop.
- **Snak Pak:** Diane Coleman reported that she will meet with Santa Catalina Catholic Church in the weeks ahead to discuss plans for the upcoming school year. The final packing for the current school year was completed in April. Our commitment to the program is \$2500 per semester.
- **Creative Hands:** Numerous handmade items for infants and toddlers were delivered to Family First and Impact. This group continues to represent Vista through their creativity. See Jan Bohe if you are interested in sewing this summer!
- **Catalina Senior Club:** We will continue to pursue ways to connect with this newly formed outreach in our community. Look for information in the fall.

The mission team will take a brief break in July and meet again in August. Enjoy the summer!

Serving Him,  
Your Mission Team

# Christian Education

## *First Persons*

Wednesday 10 AM in the Elizabeth Room

Dates:

Part 1

June 5, 12, and 19

Part 2

July 10, 17, 24 and 31

Our summer sessions this year are a continuation of the very popular class held last year. It is based on the study by well-known theologian, Matt Rawle entitled "First Persons". Each class is based on his idea of the type of people who might have attended the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Each week the new role is defined, historical data about these careers is discussed and what might have been their attitudes about Jesus and his crucifixion. Though the author has created these characters, the reenactment facilitates interesting class discussions about this culmination of Jesus' time on earth. You may sign up for Part 1, Part 2 or both. Call the church office to register.



## Did you Know?

Impact uses our education facility to teach an ESL class. The class that just finished up was made up of people who have also just become citizens! A thank you from Impact:

*Dear Staff,*

*We wanted to extend our heartfelt gratitude for allowing us to use your classroom for our ESL Class. Your generosity and support have made a significant difference in our community, and we are truly grateful for your kindness. On behalf of Impact staff, students + teacher, thank you!*

*Perla* 



## **Summer Vocal Workshop with Sharon Stohrer**

A fabulous Summer Vocal Workshop with Sharon Stohrer will be held Wednesday, August 7th from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm in the Vista de la Montaña UMC sanctuary.

Sharon earned a B.A. from Kalamazoo College, an M.A.L.S. from Wesleyan University and an M.M. in vocal performance from The Boston Conservatory. A recipient of the Irving S. Gilmore Grant for Emerging Artists, her operatic and oratorio experience has ranged from the soprano soloist in the Mozart Requiem to Anna in Weill's Seven Deadly Sins to Mimi in La Boheme. Sharon specializes in recitals with emphasis in contemporary music, American repertoire, and chamber works.

Sharon has taught voice and related areas such as acting and stagecraft, vocal literature, lyric diction, and vocal pedagogy for the Conservatory of Music at Capital University in Columbus; OH; The New York University; the College of Saint Rose in Albany, New York; Newberry College and Anderson University in South Carolina; Mount Wachusett College in Massachusetts; and Keene State College in New Hampshire.

She has directed programs of opera scenes, offered master classes on various topics, and led numerous webinars and workshops on overcoming performance anxiety for several schools and organizations including: Slippery Rock University PA, in November 2020, the Gay Men's Chorus in July 2020, and National SNATS (Student NATS) Chat on Overcoming Performance Anxiety in April 2018. Sharon was also honored to have been chosen as a presenter at the NATS 50th National Conference in 2008, and at the New York State School Music Association Convention in 2005.

Sharon has published articles in Classical Singer Magazine and the NATS Journal of Singing. She has also worked with online vocal training services, such as Get Vocal Now. Her book, The Singer's Companion, is available on Amazon and her new book on conquering performance anxiety, The Empowered Performer, is also available on Amazon.

For more information about Sharon, please go to [www.sharonstohrer.com](http://www.sharonstohrer.com)

The cost of the workshop will be \$10 per person and is open to adults in the Catalina and Saddlebrook communities who are interested in improving or learning more about singing. Please call the church office at 520.825.1985 or send an email to Carolyn Dwyer at [music@vistaumc.org](mailto:music@vistaumc.org) to register. Registration closes July 31st.





## JUNE

### Anniversaries

CAMPBELL, Alan & Kathy	06/01
BORING, Dan & Donna	06/02
LEONARD, Jon & Carolyn	06/05
RADKE, Dan & Carla	06/13
AYERS, Billy & Dixie	06/14
MEISE, Stan & Pat	06/14
ODELL, Gordon & Carol	06/15
KOELLING, Jerry & Danna	06/17
COLEMAN, Rob & Diane	06/19
MILLER, Paul & Shirley	06/19
PHILLIPS, Allen & Barbara	06/19
HEDRICK, Jim & Sue	06/25
GALKA, Jim & Linda	06/26
HILTON, Bob & Anne	06/26
WINKLER, Fred & Sallie	06/27
MARQUARDT, Jack & Carla	06/28

### Birthdays

BOYCE, Sharon	06/03
ROCHE, Arthur	06/04
HOWES, Ginny	06/06
PRESCOTT III, Rob	06/06
HUNT, Ken	06/07
KOLLAJA, Joyce	06/07
WITT, John	06/08
PARSON, Darrell	06/09
WINKLER, Fred	06/10
YOUNG, June	06/11
BULL, Thomas (Pat)	06/18
HAWKINS, Leslie	06/18
DEGEN, Leonore	06/19
BORING, Donna	06/20
DANIELS, Becki	06/20
HOTCHKISS, Emily	06/20
MACPHERSON, Benith	06/20
YOB, David	06/20
GREER, Kathleen	06/21
KOELLING, Danna	06/21
SCHWARTZ, Sandy	06/21
BERMAN-TOMPKINS, Dee	06/22
KIMMEL, Dennis	06/25
SCHAEFER, Dick	06/27
AUTHUR, Robert	06/29
SCHEMENAUER, Rosetta	06/29

## JULY

### Anniversaries

MACPHERSON, Craig & Benith	07/02
HILLMANN, Bill & Mary Jane	07/11
HERD, Bob & Eileen	07/21
GROTH, William & Anne	07/24
ROCHE, AJ & Eryn	07/26
BERMAN-TOMPKINS, Dee	07/31
TOMPKINS, Gifford	07/31

### Birthdays

CROWSON, Betty	07/02
GURECK, William	07/02
EXTRACT, Laurie	07/03
HUNT, Sharon	07/04
BOHE, Janice	07/06
RADKE, Dan	07/07
SALCEDO, Jose	07/07
ELSON, Polly	07/08
OELRICH, Shawn	07/08
MACPHERSON, Craig	07/11
PERAKIS, Alex	07/11
GRAGG, Kay	07/12
MARQUARDT, Carla	07/13
SPRINGER, Jan	07/14
UPDEGROVE, Virginia	07/15
GROTH, William	07/16
LECORN, Yvonne	07/19
MARKS, Peggy	07/22
POOLE, Sharon	07/22
LEONARD, Carolyn	07/25
WYLAND, Sharon	07/25
ROBINSON, Joan	07/26
YOUNG, Joe	07/26
EXTRACT, Steven	07/27
ODELL, Carol	07/27
MARQUARDT, John	07/28
NEVINS, Dick	07/28

*That's All Folks!!!!!!*