



AUGUST 2025

Our Mission at Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, and to reach out to others, help them, welcome them into our family of faith as we gather for worship, fellowship, education, and service.

 **Be** the
REASON
someone
smiles
TODAY

“Tuesdays with Pastor Mary”

Remember to tune into Vista’s Facebook page every Tuesday for a message from Pastor Mary.
To access Facebook, go to our website: www.vistaumc.org and click on the Facebook icon.

Address for ALL Echoes articles!

The email address for all Echoes articles is Echoes@vistaumc.org
Please make sure that you send your articles to that address only! If you send it to another address, it is possible the article will not be published.

Nancy Yob, Echoes@vistaumc.org

Vista 90 Years Plus Birthday Club Celebration!

Are you turning 90 during 2025? I would like to include you in the Vista 90 Years Plus Birthday Club celebration on

September 14, 2025, at 10 AM. Please contact Delores Brindle, 520-907-5706 or email: deloresjb@gmail.com

Thanks! Delores Brindle

STAFFING ANNOUNCEMENT



After 6 months of recruiting, screening and interviewing several candidates we are pleased to announce that Kryste Andrews has accepted the position of Bell/Choir Director. Due to Kryste's vast musical knowledge and experience, we were able to consolidate three positions into one, and she will also continue to serve as worship accompanist.

Kryste's musical biographical profile:

A southern Colorado native, Kryste started piano lessons at age seven. Accompanying Brethren Church services started her on the road to music directing for numerous denominations. Initially majoring in piano at the University of Colorado in Boulder, she earned a Masters Degree in voice before relocating to New York in 1980 with her husband and young son.

Over the next nearly forty years, the life lessons she learned in and around NYC stretched far beyond her days spent soloing at High Holy Days services, producing solo cabaret acts in NYC featuring her original songs, and acting off Broadway and on northern NJ stages. Fifteen years of teaching vocal technique at the Circle in the Square Theatre School in NYC introduced her to aspiring performers from all over the U.S. and countries such as Ukraine, Israel and Canada. During her time in northern NJ, Kryste was the Church Music Director at New Hempstead Presbyterian Church for twelve years.

Kryste's private music studio, which continues in her Tucson residence, prepared young singers for starring roles in *Les Misérables*, *Tommy*, *the Who* and *Big on Broadway* and in national tours.

Kryste has already been well received by the congregation since her arrival, and we look forward to her utilizing her talents to enhance Vista's music programs.

Please welcome and support Kryste as she integrates into her new role.



Another beautiful altar design by Gail Parson. Thanks Gail!!!

FELLOWSHIP FOCUS – Alice Ann & Marty Lenzini

Fellowship Focus, August 2025

Alice Ann and Marty Lenzini





The doormat at the front door of the Lenzini household in SaddleBrooke Ranch states: "A Pilot and a Normal Person Live Here". Guests are about to enter a home filled with stories.

Alice Ann, a life-long Methodist, was born in Baltimore, MD. The family lived there and Delaware until she was 12 years old. By the time she was 16, she had skipped her senior year in high school and was enrolled in college at the University of Tennessee. By the time she was 18, she had also lived in California. She got her BS degree in Accounting at San Jose State and went out into the "Accounting world", unaware of the path she would take and how her life would change forever.

Marty was born in Evanston, IL. After attending a Catholic grade school as well as high school, he earned a four-year NROTC Scholarship. A desire to move "out West" took him to the University of New Mexico where he earned his undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering. He then entered active duty in the Marine Corps as an officer. The year was 1961 and Marty's life was on the verge of impending changes, starting with several years of officer's training in Virginia, Florida, and Texas. These moves resulted in his designation as a Naval Aviator (Marine Corps) where he was assigned to the First Squadron in Cherry Point, NC. Several years later, across the country in Monterey, CA, Marty achieved his MS degree in Aeronautical Engineering and his Vietnam service began.

Those Vietnam years consisted of flying 350 combat missions. It is noteworthy to mention that during his service there he earned 24 air medals and included 4 Distinguished Flying Cross awards. (The fourth highest military decoration awarded for distinguished heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight).

Following his service in Vietnam, he became active in Research and Development within the Service as a Development Coordinator for Attack Weapons in the Department of the Navy and a project Test Pilot for Missile Test and Development at NAS Point Mugu, CA.

Alice Ann moved to Yuma, AZ in 1970, where she worked in public accounting. Marty moved there in 1972 and assumed the position of Squadron Commanding Officer. The two met at the Officer's Club and Marty and Alice Ann were about to embark on a new adventure, unbeknownst to either of them.

In 1974 Alice Ann worked in Atlanta, GA for Fran Tarkenton's software firm. (Yes, the same Fran as the NFL Quarterback). During that time, Marty was participating in a tour with ground Marines in Okinawa, Japan, and their "single" statuses were about to change. Marty began attending Naval War College in Newport, RI, and for the couple

to be moved together, marriage was required. No problem. Therefore, on August 14, 1975, they were married during the lunch hour by a Justice of the Peace. On September 6, 1975, they made it even more official with a church ceremony in Newport surrounded by family and friends. Alice Ann continued her career in public accounting and accomplished her CPA designation, eventually leading the way to well earned accomplishments, starting with the couple moving to Washington DC. Staying with her career choice of public accounting, Alice Ann, for the next 11 years, was with a CPA firm for three years, then became Vice-President of General Accounting for CACI, Inc., a government contracting company,

Marty, in the meantime, after completing the Naval War College, was continuing his military career at the Pentagon in Washington, DC, in Research and Development. After his tour in the Pentagon, Marty went to the National War College in D.C. Following this year of fun, fellowship, and a little study with members of other Services and Government Agencies, Marty was assigned as Commanding Officer of Marine Group 12 (a group of six different Marine Corps Squadrons) in Iwakuni, Japan. Alice Ann was able to join him occasionally during this time.

In December, 1987, the Lenzinis moved to California where Marty was Program Manager with Hughes Missile Systems. Alice Ann continued to work in public accounting. Then in 1994, Hughes moved most of its missile design work facilities to Tucson, AZ, where their next adventure began. Hughes became Raytheon in 1996; Marty worked in the department of International Marketing and Program Management. Alice Ann, not to be outdone by her now “bullet-proof” husband, started her own CPA firm. In December 2008, Marty retired from Hughes/Raytheon. His career had spanned 26 years with the US Marine Corps ending with the rank of Colonel. By 2008, he had worked at Hughes/Raytheon Missile Systems in Tucson for 21 years. Alice Ann continued working for another year, retiring in 2009.

Now retired, the couple moved from Tucson’s Ventana Canyon area where they had attended Desert Skies UMC, to SaddleBrooke Ranch, a 55+ retirement community north of Tucson. In 2014, they arrived at Vista UMC.

Clearly, Marty and Alice Ann do not know how to retire as evidenced by their many activities. He is currently the President of the Charles M. Walling Tucson chapter of the DFC Society and the VP of Chapter Development as a Member of the BOD. He is active in the Friday Pilots, Quiet Birdmen and MOAA, and President of the SaddleBrooke Ranch Marine Club. Alice Ann was Treasurer of the SBR Piecemakers (a quilting group) until 2023, volunteered as Treasurer for Teen Sew Cool (teaching kids to sew in an after-school program) prior to that. Back at Vista UMC, they

managed to volunteer wherever needed, with specific terms served on SPRC. Marty currently is serving as Chairman of Vista Church Council. Outside activities for Marty include golf, water aerobics, chair yoga and bocce ball, while Alice Ann enjoys pickleball, quilting, chair yoga and bocce ball. Both are enjoying the travel that can come with retirement.

Their six offspring, 14 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren are “scattered” around the country: Florida, Georgia, Illinois, California and Arizona.

The Lenzinis genuinely seem to celebrate each other's individuality and interests, living testament to their shared adventures, personal passions, and the joy they find in each other's company.

--Robin Conner

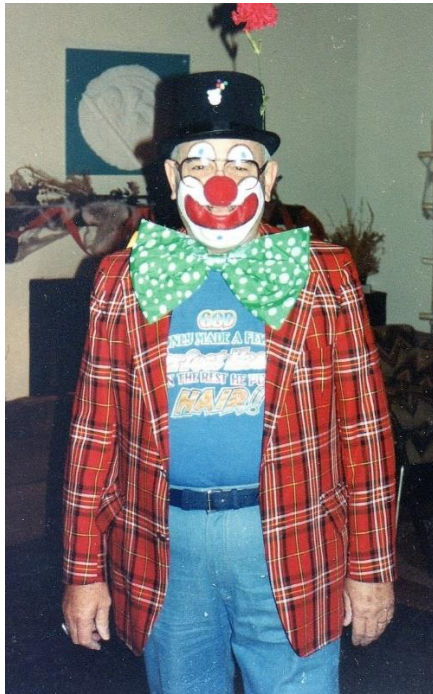
HOW MANY CAN YOU IDENTIFY???

VISTA'S LANDSCAPING CREW pre-2019



How did you do??? From left to right: Gene Curtis, Howard Young, Duane Waldo, Bob Sherman, Jim Bleess, Dillis Ward, Roger Salava, Joe Staker and John Crown.

DID YOU KNOW? Vista's first Pastor, Rev. Donald B. Cooke, was a clown? "Pastor Pate"



Reverend Cooke had a great sense of humor! Taking a creative approach to ministry, he dressed up like a clown, "Pastor Pate", and preached to children at hospitals and other venues for five years.

Before establishing Vista de la Montaña UMC, Rev. Cooke served for three years in Phoenix as superintendent of the East District for Bishop Elias Galvan's Cabinet. He also served at Christ Church from 1975-1984.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

United Women in Faith assembled thirty backpacks for the Emerge charity in July. The group also assembled ten backpacks for older students for the Family First charity.

We thank Vista United Methodist Church for the continued support given to United Women in Faith.

VISTA OUTREACH

Always giving thanks to God for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 5:20

Loose Change: Our Loose Change collection in June benefited our Coronado Teachers ministry. Thank you for emptying your pockets! We didn't collect a lot, but every penny counts. Our next Loose Change collection is August 31.

Save your change!

Impact Food Needs for August: It's back to school time and the kids in our neighborhood need a good breakfast a lunch every day in order to perform well in class. Please donate cereal, peanut butter, and jam this month. Cereal for breakfast! PB and J for lunch! Childhood revisited! Impact thanks you for supporting our most vulnerable neighbors.

Impact Donations: Donations in June totaled 112.5 pounds! Thank you Vista!

Communion Servers: If you are interested in being part of this ministry, please contact Linda Galka lindagalka65@gmail.com or speak with me at church and I will add you to the list. We need three servers the first Sunday of each month to serve bread and juice alongside Pastor Mary and the Liturgist and one server to serve gluten free wafers and juice. No advance training is required!

August Communion servers: Mike and Pam Kravitz, and Linda Galka.

LOOSE CHANGE AND COMMUNION COLLECTIONS:

AUGUST COLLECTIONS: VISTA STEPHEN MINISTRY



Compassion Connection

In Need of Continued Prayers for Healing

Eileen Carender, Dottie Lou Colby, Edith (Edey) Gallaher, Kay Gragg, Margaret Overman, and Carol Wilson.

Home Bound

Marlin Bolar, Jerry Browning, Orland Burbey, Rev. Alan & Kathy Campbell, Bill Gureck, Fran Hampton, Ken & Diane Podlasek, Lynn Duenkel, Jerry Eshelman, Marsha Hartz, Jo Ann Hubbard, Sharon Poole and Barb Rempel.

Prayers for our South District Churches

This month we pray for the pastors, congregation, and community of the following:

Grace UMC, Douglas

Sierra Vista UMC, Sierra Vista

Camping Program, South District

Opportunities to Connect, Serve & Support

LANDSCAPING

The Landscaping crew are now meeting on Thursdays at 7:00 instead of 8:00, due to the increase in temperatures. The guys are always seeking others to join them, and sometimes there are even donuts provided for those who show up, such a deal!

USHERS NEEDED FOR SUMMER

The Ushering team are asking for extra help throughout the summer, since a few of the “regulars” have left the area over the summer months. Please notify Kim Luckman if you’d like to add your name to the list.

Communion & Loose Change Offerings for August: Supporting Vista Stephen Ministry

Agua Prieta greeting cards are available for 50¢ each in the Library during office hours.

Complimentary Prayer Beads are available in the Narthex and in the Library.

Upper Room booklets are available in the Narthex and the church office for \$2.00 each or online at upperroom.org. It is free to sign up for a daily devotional email.

A wheelchair is available during services in the Narthex.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 14th, Vista’s 35th Anniversary Celebration & Potluck

9-20-2025 10:30 AM - Celebration of life for Mary-Ann Mehlhorn

9-21-2025 10:00 AM 90+ Birthday Celebration

How to contribute to the offering online:

1. Open the camera app on your cell phone.
2. Focus the camera on the QR code by gently tapping the code as it
3. Appears on your camera.
4. Tap on the yellow button—myvanco.com
5. Fill in the card, amount, etc.



Thank you for your donation!

Be still
I KNOW
PSALM 46:10

