

**June 2025**

*ECHOES*

**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.



**NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday through Thursday 9:00am until 2:00pm**

**“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](http://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](mailto:Echoes@vistaumc.org)  
Please make sure that you send your articles by the 20th of every month to  
Nancy Yob at that address only! If you send it to another address, it is  
possible the article will not be published.

**Thank You**

**Vista 90 Years Plus Birthday Club Celebration!**

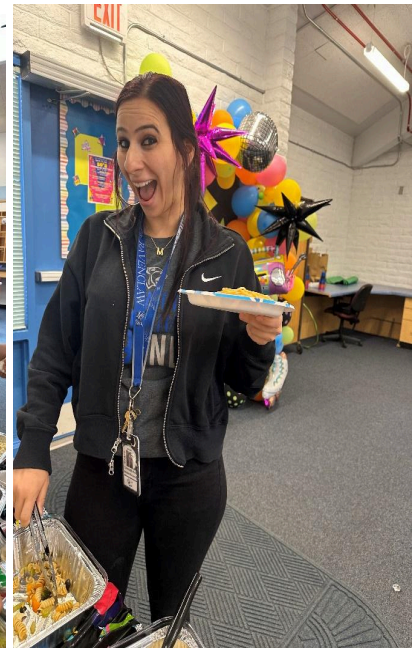
Are you turning 90 during 2025? I would like to include you in the Vista 90 Years Plus Birthday Club celebration on September 14, 2025, at 10 AM.

Please contact Delores Brindle at the information below:

520-907-5706 or email [emaildeloresjb@gmail.com](mailto:emaildeloresjb@gmail.com)

# CORONADO TEACHERS END OF THE YEAR SALAD LUNCHEON

Thanks to everyone who provided salads for the Teachers End  
of the Year Salad Luncheon!!!



**Pam Kravitz, your Pasta Salad went FAST!**

## **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](https://myvanco.com)
5. Fill in the card, amount, etc.





## FELLOWSHIP FOCUS-JUNE 2025 MEET STEVE AND SHARON SCANLAN



When meeting Sharon Scanlan for the first time you may feel like you are being recharged and uplifted just by being near her. You enjoy the time you spend with her and look forward to your next meeting. Perhaps it crosses your mind that she could have invented the Energizer Bunny character; she certainly has been seen outpacing him throughout her lifetime!

Sharon was born in Mineral Point, WI; the third oldest town in that state and boasting of the title, "The Cornish Capitol of America". Her early years were influenced by her business minded, well-educated parents (both teachers) who were active in the local Methodist Church. It is noteworthy to mention Sharon's Cornish DNA was a factor that she became an 8<sup>th</sup> generation Methodist composed of Cornish miners, converted to Methodism by John Wesley. John was an English cleric, theologian, and evangelist who was a principal leader of a revival

movement within the Church of England known as Methodism. The societies he founded became the dominant form of the independent Methodist movement that continues to this day.

Sharon grew up in Lancaster, WI, where she attended grade school and high school. She moved on to attend college in Hamline, St. Paul, MN; a small Methodist school and transferred in her sophomore year to UW Madison, completing her time there with a B.S. degree in Textiles and Clothing Retail. The degree designation served her well as her first position as trainee with Sears in El Monte, CA. Moving to California brought years of sunshine, a vast difference with snow back in WI.

Steve Scanlan was born in Henderson, NV, where his dad was stationed during the war and the family moved back to Los Angeles when he was four. He grew up as a devout Catholic, from grade school through College with a degree in Political Science. Sharon's family tree allows her to claim being a Wisconsin Pioneer (1842) while Steve is an Arizona Pioneer (1900).

Both Steve and Sharon started in the Executive Training Program in 1970. 1973 brought Sharon a life-changing event. Steve and Sharon were department managers who opened a new Sears store in Laguna, Hills, Ca. Steve managed the Men's Department and Sharon's days were spent managing the Kid's Department. The couple began dating and got married in 1974. Three years after Sharon started working at Sears West Coast Headquarters in Alhambra, CA, she was asked to relocate to San Luis Obispo as store manager. While Sharon kept outclimbing her current positions up the corporate ladder, Steve left Sears and set out to build, remodel and supervise scores of projects which included duplexes/6-plexes, office buildings, two car washes, and spec houses. Moving to Phoenix in 1984 as Region Operations Manager opened the door for the move to Honolulu where Sharon became General Merchandise Manager followed by Region Manager. This position, despite the fact that the years that followed kept her career escalating to Vice President positions, meant the most to her. She officially became the first woman at Sears to hold this position; a feat displayed on the front page of the local newspaper, with the headline: "The Woman Who Runs Sears". That paper is proudly framed and displayed on a wall in the Scanlan's retirement home. More moves and high positions followed, including Seattle and Chicago. By the end of 32 years, the couple had moved 23 times, and Sharon had her fourth Vice President title (VP-Apparel Supply Chain). And Steve kept building.....

In 2023, the Scanlans retired to Prescott, AZ. Sharon's lifetime of being a Methodist, immediately joined the Methodist Church there and eventually became their Finance Chair. She was active in the AAUW (American Association of United Women), the largest chapter in

Arizona and was on the Board of the Yavapai College Foundation. Eleven years later, after realizing Prescott provided more snow than they originally bargained for, they moved to SaddleBrooke, a retirement community North of Tucson. They began attending Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church with “no intention in getting involved”. At SaddleBrooke, Sharon manages the DesertView Library including “recruiting” SaddleBrooke residents to Vista UMC. She enjoys genealogy and card making. Steve catalogs all books at DesertView with the exception of non-fiction ones. He is one of the original Senior Village group of volunteers. At Vista UMC, Sharon has held the position of Finance Chair since 2015, writes current Vista articles for both SaddleBrooke and Ranch papers, started a Zoom Lectionary Bible Study, now with 10 active members for the last six years, Sunday usher, greeter, liturgist, communion server, office receptionist volunteer, and has preached three times as she enjoys public speaking. She was in the initial planning process for Vista’s library room, a project proudly used for small meetings and a place to relax and read. Back home in SaddleBrooke, Steve does the cooking, because he doesn’t like hers!

Since 2004, the Scanlans have enjoyed traveling; Sharon has claimed 68 countries and Steve has visited 64. Two of their vacations have been five weeks long. Sharon got a head start in 1996 when she had completed visiting all 50 states.

Sharon and Steve’s marriage has included two children from Steve’s previous marriage. Karen (who lived with them for two years), is a single mother, now living in Cypress, TX, teaches 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and has two boys in college. Son Chris, and his wife Jennifer, live in Redondo Beach, CA with two teenagers in high school and is the head of sales for a Network Security Company.

**Definition of “re-tire-ment”:**

“The action or fact of leaving one's job and [ceasing](#) to work”.

This statement apparently does not apply to everyone!

Robin Conner

## TRUSTEE PROJECT REPORT

The Trustees updated their list of projects for 2025 into three priority groups; high, medium and low. Below is the list of high priority projects.

Please note that they are all unfunded.

1. Recoat the remaining portion of the Sanctuary roof	\$20,300
2. Add sun screen to AV booth window	\$950
3. Replace A/C unit over the kitchen	\$12,000
4. Recoat the breezeway floor with non-slip material	\$8,000
5. Remove and replace the two north facing exit doors from the Sanctuary	\$6,200
6. Install 2"-3" rip-rap between the swales east of the Education Bldg.	\$15,679
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$63,129</b>

Your generous and prayerful annual pledges and gifts don't quite cover the monthly general expenses. These unfunded high-priority projects are over and above the day-to-day and month-to-month general operating expenses.

*From your Vista Board of Trustees*

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Starting Wednesdays May 7, at 10:00 AM

The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi by Kathie Lee Gifford and Rabbi Jason Sobel

Are you ready to begin your journey to a deeper faith? In this six-week video study we will visit Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, Galilee, the Mount of Olives, and Jerusalem. Kathie Lee Gifford and Jason Sobel, a Messianic Jewish Rabbi, will lead us on a journey through the spiritual foundations of our faith. On this journey, we'll explore ancient landmarks and historical sites throughout Israel. We'll dig deeper into the Bible by exploring the original languages and deeper meanings of the Holy Scriptures. **Join us for this six-week study May 7-June 11 in the Elizabeth Room.** Tour the Holy Land with us as we experience the world of the Bible and explore the roots of our faith.

Facilitators: Jim and Linda Galka

Week 5 Mount of Olives: The Triumphal Entry

Week 6 Jerusalem: Crucifixion and Resurrection

# **VISTA OUTREACH**

*Serve the Lord with gladness Psalm 100:2*

## **LOOSE CHANGE AND COMMUNION COLLECTIONS:**

The **June Communion** collection is to support the Coronado Teachers Ministry. We are thankful for the teachers at Coronado School and the wonderful work they do in educating the kids in our community. We honored them throughout the school by treating them to a back-to-school continental breakfast, a hydration station in October, a strawberry shortcake party for Valentine's Day, and an end of the year salad bar luncheon. Your donations will allow us to continue this community outreach in the 2025-26 school year. Our country's leaders are in today's classrooms! **Thank you, Teachers!**

The **May Communion** collection for Snack Pak for Coronado K-8 collected \$698!!! Thank you to everyone who donated!!!

Our **Loose Change** collection in May benefited our Snack Pak ministry at Coronado K-8. Thank you for emptying your pockets! We collected \$88.79! The Loose Change collection in June will be donated to our Coronado Teachers Support ministry. **Save your change!**

**Impact Food Needs for June:** During the month of June, we will be focusing on pasta, rice, and dried beans. Any variety! One-pound bags and boxes are preferred. Our goal is 100 bags or boxes for the month. Impact thanks you for supporting our most vulnerable neighbors.

**Impact May Donations: Donations** in May totaled 119 pounds of cereal!

Thank you, Vista!

**Communion Servers:** If you are interested in being part of this ministry, please contact Linda Galka [lindagalka65@gmail.com](mailto: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 advanced training is required!

**June Communion servers:** Linda Triboulet, Yvonne Le Cornu, and Linda Galka.

## **What's New in the Vista Library?**

Recently we had quite a few great donations. Check a few of them out:

"The Chosen Twelve Plus One" was donated by Sandy and Pete Schwartz. You may have looked at it on the Narthex table recently. It's a beautiful book!



Pastor Mary donated two books from her personal library: “The Methodist Experience in America” and a novel, “The Sky Beneath My Feet”. We also received a study book and DVD by Bible scholar Ray Vander Laan, who many of us learned about during our “The Rock, the Road and the Rabbi” class.

We gladly accept donations of spiritual books and DVDs. Please leave them in the bin in the library.

## Transitions and Celebrations



Youth and their former Sunday School Teachers, Jan Springer and Shirley Miller.



Kiana, Logan and AJ



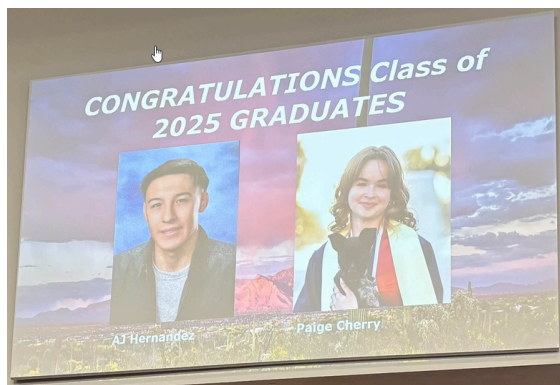
Nancy and AJ





## Our youth celebrate graduations and new adventures!

We are pleased to celebrate with the families and teachers of **Logan White** and **AJ Hernandez**, as they graduate from high school. Both have been raised at Vista Church and participated in all youth activities, confirmation, and classes. They are both truly delightful, talented and honorable young men! Logan will attend U of A to study computer science / cyber security and AJ will work construction this summer and then attend auto mechanic or welding trade school. What a joy to watch them grow up! **Paige Cherry**, our new tech leader, just graduated from U of A with a degree in computer science. Wow, we are blessed to have these young adults at Vista Church. The youth Sunday School class had a graduation party for our classmates, AJ and Logan, and Pastor Mary presented our three grads with Bibles during worship service to commemorate their achievements. Congratulations to all!



## Exciting News!

We have some exciting news to share! Two staff positions have recently been filled:

Paige Cherry is now Vista's Audio-Visual Technician, providing oversight for video and audio technology in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Paige is a (very!) recent graduate of the University of Arizona / Tucson, where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Information Science & Arts, with a minor in The Arts, Social Media, & Public Relations.



Cecilia Verdugo-Velz has accepted the position of Office Administrator, assuming the role previously held by Joyce Prescott, who is retiring. Cecilia has six daughters, three of her own and three who are stepchildren, so she is a very busy woman! Cecilia received her Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from the University of Arizona, and her 20 years of office experience has provided her with the ability to quickly learn and navigate any computer software program, while relieving the workload of managerial staff. Along with the changeover of administrative staff.



Cecilia and daughters Lola and Willow

There is also news regarding the music for Sunday services. Mary Bellah is taking the summer off, and Devin Gardner, who has filled in temporarily in the past, will be covering for Mary as his time allows. We are also still in the process of recruiting for the Music Director and Bell Choir Director positions.

Also newsworthy is the fact that **Logan White**, the young man who is seen every Sunday morning before services cleaning up the patio area, has given notice. Logan has helped Vista out since September 2023 and is leaving so he will have more time to study for college entrance exams in pursuit of his interest in cyber security management. We all wish him well in his career endeavors and want to thank him for his years of dedication and reliability.



**Moving on but not leaving!**

Vista Office Manager, Joyce Prescott, is retiring “again”. Joyce will be leaving her position at Vista on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Joyce and Rob will still join us as members, and she has already volunteered as our Thursday receptionist! We wish Joyce and Rob many new and fun adventures.



**Birthdays**



**June**

Howes, Ginny	06/06
Prescott, Robert	06/06
Hunt, Ken	06/07
Parson, Darrell	06/09
Bull, Thomas (Pat)	06/18

Hawkins, Leslie	06/18
Boring, Donna	06/20
MacPherson, Benith	06/20
Yob, David	06/20
Greer, Kathleen	06/21
Koelling, Danna	06/21
Schwartz, Sandy	06/21
Kimmel, Dennis	06/25
Authur, Robert	6/29
Schemenauer, Rosetta	06/29

## July

Gureck, William	07/02
Extract, Laurie	07/03
Hunt, Sharon	07/04
Pastor Mary Dotson	07/04
Bohe, Janice	07/07
Radke, Dan	07/07
Salcedo, Jose	07/08
Oelrich, Shawn	07/11
Macpherson, Craig	07/11
Perakis, Alex	07/12
Gragg, Kay	07/13
Marquardt, Carla	07/14
Springer, Jan	07/16
Groth, William	07/19
Lecornu, Yvonne	07/20
Adams, Lynn	07/22
Marks, Peggy	07/22
Poole, Sharon	07/25
Leonard, Carolyn	07/25
Wyland, Sharon	07/26
Robinson, Joan	07/26
Young, Joe	07/27
Extract, Steven	07/27
Odell, Carol	07/28
Marquardt, John	



## Anniversaries



### June

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
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 & Anna	06/26
Marquardt, Jack & Carla	06/28

### July

Macpherson, Craig & Benith	07/02
Herd, Bob & Eileen	07/21
Groth, William & Anne	07/24
Roche, AJ & Eryn	07/26

## Compassion Connection

### **In Need of Continued Prayers for Healing**

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

### **Home Bound**

Rev. Alan & Kathy Campbell, Bill Gureck, Fran Hampton, Ken & Diane Podlasek, Sharon Poole, and Karen Prokop.

### **Prayers for our South District Churches**

Each month churches in the South District pray with and for each other. This month we pray for the pastors, congregation, and community of the following:  
Bishop & Staff of the Desert Southwest Conference  
Staff & Churches of the: East District, North District & West District  
Our sister church, Fuente de Vida en Agua Prieta, México.

## **Opportunities to Connect, Serve & Support**

**FLOWER SIGN UP CHART FOR 2025:** Please consider sponsoring one or more flower arrangements in 2025 to enhance the Sunday worship experience at Vista. The donation is \$50 per arrangement, and the money is not required when you sign up.

**Communion & Loose Change Offerings for June: Supporting** the Teachers of Coronado K-8 School.

**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](http://upperroom.org). It is free to sign up for a daily devotional email.

**A wheelchair** is available during services in the Narthex.

## **Upcoming Events**

**6-15-25** Father's Day

Thank you Pete Rice for this beautiful photo and quote.

(His gift to Kiana on her birthday!)

The Light of God surrounds you. The Power of God protects you. The Presence of God watches over You.

