



VISTA ECHOES

SPRING 2015

Pastor Ed Bonneau

SO SORRY ABOUT THAT!

Have you ever sent out an email with an attachment on it, and then forgot to attach it? I seem to do that far too often! I am great at not attaching attachments. Well it happened again, but this time it wasn't an attachment it was an insert. We forgot to add the offering envelope to the letter we sent concerning our Easter special offering. Oops!

Since 100% of this offering goes to our mission fund, it is important that we make it easy for you all to participate and so we are sending this second letter, with wishes for a happy Easter and an envelope for your convenience. Thank you for your generosity and the wonderful missions of Vista. Happy Easter.

Ed-itorial

Since the announcement that the Reverend Fred Baum has been appointed to serve here at Vista De La Montana I have been asked two basic questions. The first is, "Do you know Reverend Baum and what kind of person is he?"

I do know Fred because his parents David and Mildred Baum are members at Catalina, where I served 8 years. David and Mildred are very nice people, but they have had some serious health issues the past several years. So how I know Fred is as a caring and concerned son. I saw him often at the hospital or rehab center, visiting his folks and working for their welfare. I know he has good experience and expertise as a pastor, but watching him at his parent's bedside is how I know him best. My guess is that caring and concern is the way he treats everyone.

The second question is, "What are you going to do". The honest answer is I don't know, yet, but God isn't finished with me. I am a trained and certified interim ministry specialist and would like to continue in this role. I have not heard from the Bishop at this time whether a position is available, so my immediate plan is simply to retire, enjoy being with Mary and the grand-girls, and wait and see what the future brings.

What I can say with all certainty is that it has been a pleasure and honor to serve here at Vista, and you will always be close to my heart and in my prayers. **Blessings. Ed**

TUCSON HOSPITALITY INN

As most of you know, the Inn is a hospital hospitality house for adults age 19 and older. It provides clean, safe, low-cost rooms with amenities such as a fully-equipped kitchen where guests can prepare their own meals, barbeque grills for their use on the patio, a lap pool, a computer with free WI-FI, free laundry facilities, a complimentary food pantry for emergencies, items for breakfast, and DVDs and books that they can borrow. Guests also receive emotional support from the Inn's manager, **Lou Tompkins**, and they often turn to each other to give and receive support.

One of the families staying at the Inn is from Egypt. Nadia, who initially came to Tucson to have reconstructive surgery, was diagnosed with cancer on her face, and was treated for it. She has now returned to Tucson to have the reconstructive surgery. Others staying at the Inn as of mid-April are: Kathy, who has a reoccurrence of ovarian cancer, from Stratford, AZ; daughters of Salvador, who is being treated for heart disease, from Yuma, AZ; Larry, who has brain cancer, from Prescott, AZ; and Ralph, who has eye cancer, from Surprise, AZ. Please keep these patients and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

As a 501 (c) (3) non-profit charity, there is a constant need for food items, laundry and cleaning supplies, and monetary donations. Gift cards to grocery stores, Costco, and Home Depot are the easiest way to go; then Lou can purchase exactly what is needed. If you wish to send cards or checks to the Inn, please mail them to Tucson Hospitality Inn, 2539 E. Edison Street, Tucson, AZ 85716. They will be gratefully received and acknowledged by letter. Vista has done an incredible job of supporting this mission, and it is greatly appreciated by Lou Tompkins, all who stay there, and the volunteers that serve there.

Kay Gragg, THI Team Leader

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday to:

AMATOR, Ethel	04/01
NEVINS, Ilene	04/02
BUKES, Janet	04/03
BELLAH, Bill	04/05
DURBIN, Curt	04/06
BESCH, Jo Anne	04/07
PHILLIPPI, Nancy	04/07
EXTRACT, Clif	04/08
WARD, Linda	04/09
ALMER, Ken	04/10
SIMON, Jim	04/11
MC COTTER, Linda	04/12
COOKE, Lois	04/14
CROSS, Ruth	04/16
ANDERSON, Katherine	04/19

LADICH, Marsha	04/19
BAHOS, David	04/20
KENNY, Bernadette	04/21
JACKSON, Jim	04/22
LANGWIG, Donna	04/22
NIBBELINK, Judi	04/24
REED, Mary Kay	04/24
OBEAR, Jody	04/26
BROWN, Carole	04/27
SALAVA, Fern	04/27
GILMOUR, Bob	04/28
TRACY, Carole	04/29

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

RUPE, Marvin & Jean	04/03
OBEAR, Jim & Jody	04/04
BRINDLE, Delores	04/13
POOLE, Harry & Sharon	04/13
PHILLIPPI, Lou & Nancy	04/20
YOUNG, Joe & June	04/21
LITTLE, Don & Betty	04/29
MARSH, Dan & Anna Marie	04/29



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FRIDAY & SATURDAY

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RUMMAGE SALE

DINNER FOR SIX END OF THE YEAR PARTY

Sun. April 26, from 5 – 7 pm at Rick and Dee Berman's.

Please bring an appetizer or dessert.

Tea, "M's", and coffee will be provided.

Please RSVP to Sandy Schwartz – 818-9792

By Friday Apr. 24.

MAY 10TH MOTHER'S DAY - SPECIAL GOODIES FOR ALL THE VISTA LADIES!

JUNE 21ST FATHER'S DAY – SPECIAL GOODIES FOR ALL THE VISTA MEN!

AFTER SERVICE

ALSO! SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 27TH

A SPECIAL THANK YOU AND GOOD BYE EVENT
FOR PASTOR ED AND MARY!!!!

United Methodist Men

UPDATE

Here we are, the end of March. May 1st and 2nd is our Rummage Sale. I won't belabor the point on the importance of rummage to Vista, having said so before. I will say no fund raiser beats rummage to my knowledge. The successful sale takes a lot of work from many people in a variety of tasks.

UMM is asking for **everyone** to help. Men will move the items for sale to the sale area, pick up items from the community of donors and store those items in the months preceding the sale. We do this "on the spot" simply because most donors want the items moved at the time of the donation. We store everything in and around the Vista Campus where the best items are held ready for sale all year round.

We are asking all able persons to come out to help with the sale. Basically a volunteer can help either with set up or on the two sale days. Most heavy items will be moved by the men. The work is helping customers, receiving money, making change, in some instances wrapping items, answering questions, and generally keeping a watch over the scene. What is most impressive is seeing all of Vista come together and work toward a common goal. Its fun even with the effort.

Please do come out to help as the time grows near. All funds received will be used to improve the **Vista Campus**. In the past, UMM with our store of earned funds has underwritten Bible School (Bible school cost nothing for a child to attend), helped with the purchase of the 70" TV in Ed's building and at present is buying a cardiac defibrillator and training program for emergency use at Vista. UMM put up 2,500.00 to be matched by Vista for a mortgage payment, the matched total was \$14,000, paid on the mortgage! This is effective use of funds!

There are other lesser projects too. A UMM - Trustee Co-Op were the Doves on the Vista front gates, beautifully finished by Jim Hathaway and Duane Waldo. UMM is sponsoring an advertising project by giving pens away. These pens have the Vista Name, address and telephone number imprinted on. UMM bought and with trustees, applied the paint to the exterior of the church. We paid \$3800. for the epoxy floor coating in the breezeway. We are willing to step in as we see need and assist with Campus related projects. It is our pleasure to do these thing. Rummage makes all of this possible!

Please come forward as the rummage sale dates draw near, help us make Vista a prettier, more efficient campus!

Sincerely, Jim Bleess U MMP

LABELS FOR EDUCATION

Vista Church recently received a recognition certificate and thank you from the *Wesley Community Center* in Phoenix for participating in their **LABELS FOR EDUCATION PROGRAM (LFE)**. They are currently saving for equipment and chairs for their center. They recently obtained a pencil sharpener and dictionaries for their on-site after school program. Beverly Secrist, Wesley's Labels for Education Coordinator wrote, "Keep up the good work collecting and sending LFE, Pepperidge Farm UPCs and caps to us. Our volunteers cut and count every fourth Monday of the month. Just a reminder – a few of the products (beverages and Pace and Prego sauces) require us to submit the cap. If you read those carefully they will indicate that the cap is to be saved. The plastic wrapper on multi-pack cans may be submitted since those little cans do not have screw on lids. Thanks again for all you have sent us."

The Labels for Education Program now collects product labels from a wide range of sponsors including but not limited to the following:

Campbell's (soups & chili), Pepperidge Farm (breads, rolls, stuffing), Goldfish Crackers, Dannon (yogurt) BIC (various pens & highlighters, Emerald (nuts & trail mix), Pace & Prego (sauces) POP-SECRET, Post Cereals

Labels and product caps for this program may be placed in the Mission basket in the church narthex or mailed directly to *Wesley Community Center, 1300 S. 10th Street, Phoenix AZ 85034*. This is another combined sponsored project by Vista's United Methodist Women and the Mission Outreach Committee.

Thank you for your support!

Jan Hopke-Almer, Dee Berman & Jan Bohe

Echoes Mission Outreach Ministry Report

What a lovely spring we are having. The wild flowers are blooming and its reminder of God's grace to us all. This past month we had several Reminders of God's grace to us thru our Mission Outreach program. On Saturday March 14th I was privileged, along with my partners Gwen and Jon Dossett, to represent Vista at the 9th annual Youth Day sponsored by Impact (formally Catalina Community Service) at the Coronado School playing field. It was a lovely spring day, even if we did get some heavy wind gusts, and it was so nice to see all the fun folks were having, but especially the kids. We talked to folks, handed out flyers about our special Vista Church life, Vacation Bible School, Movie Night Schedules and our fine Arts program as well as a Tucson Hospitality Inn brochure. We had a bowl of candy on our table and that was a good draw too. We felt it was important to be present at this community event and remind folks of Vista's presence in Catalina and our desire to be part of Catalina's community life. About every 15 minutes, all day long, the announcer thanked those of us who were participating and announced the name of "Vista de la Montana United Methodist church" over the booming speakers. So our name got out there a lot. Thanks again to Gwen and Jon for their participation and enthusiasm. Only God knows what seeds were planted but with His lovely spring some will grow!!

I want to thank you all for your support during my absence on a Mission Trip a Maya Ministry to Yucatan, Mexico last month. It was an amazing and blessed trip and sharing in the celebration of our 25th year with this ministry was nothing short of glorious. Seeing the seeds that were planted in this Maya town, so many years ago, come to a blooming fulfillment was such a blessing. Children that were just little school kids, are now married with their own families and filling the needs and offices of the congregation was a real joy. People in this community do not move away, so you get to feel the beauty of continuity from generation to generation. On Wed. the 1st of April I will be presenting a program at our Mission committee meeting about my trip and sharing some photos with you so you can see what God has done thru these blessed people in this remote corner of the earth. I am looking forward to sharing with you and do hope you will come and enjoy hearing about the mission trip. Everyone is welcome and we will begin at 1:00 PM. As Pastor Ed preached last Sunday "Fools for Christ" Let me tell you about being a "Fool for Mission". I do hope to see you on April Fool's day and come and hear about the Mission work at Vista.

Yours in Mission service:

Dee Berman Chairman

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*Gwen and Jon Dossett,
representing Vista at the 9th
annual Youth Day*

