

VISTA de la Montaña

ECHOES

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2015

Pastor's Pen,

I want to start by saying how happy Deede and I have been since our arrival at Vista! You are a loving and caring congregation and we have felt that more and more every Sunday. As I said last week in worship what we discussed on our way to worship was, "We like you!" We have felt the same in return.

I have always had difficulty remember names and the more so the older I get. I really have a hard time remembering names when I am nervous. The first time I had to introduce my wife Deede at First UMC of Mesa, I froze. I called her "Paula" which is her legal name, but not the name she is known by all who love her and care: "Deede". That is the first time she discovered I froze at times in public and explains partly why I preach from a full text. She forgave me though and I hope you do too. I carry a spiral notebook with me to write people's names down, because I am very much a visual learner. I review the notes when I can to solidify a person's name in my head.

This is to also say I really appreciate you wearing your name tags. It helps me and it helps our visitors feel more at home here. A congregation that wears name tags says more than "We have a new minister that struggles with names" it says, "We expect visitors and want to make them feel more at home."

I also thank God, that though I forget names, God never forgets our names and God never forgets us!! This is what gives us hope in the resurrection. God forgets our sins, because of Jesus' sacrifice, but he never forgets our name and he never forgets us. I remember this every time I forget a name and disappoint someone. God never forgets us!!
See you Sunday in worship!

Pastor Fred

PS. If you miss a Sunday or are out of town you can now find Sunday's Sermons on our website. Thanks Pam for making this happen. Keep Sunday September 13th in mind for celebrating our 25th birthday as a church.

DINNER FOR SIX

Our Fall Dinner for Six Groups will resume in October. If you were part of a group last spring you will be automatically part of the fall session unless you call me to cancel.

If you want to join our DFS fellowship please call me.

Sandy Schwartz

818-9792



Dear All Vista Folks,

Thank you for the beautiful picture. It fits perfect in our house and we will think of you-all every time we see it.

Blessings,

Ed

WANTED

GOODIES – GOODIES – GOODIES



BUY OR MAKE

I like to have a little sweet once in a while but if I have it in the house, I will have too much.

How to prevent eating too much is to sign-up to provide Sunday goodies.

One way to stimulate your brain power is to make a decision now to either buy or make the goodies.

It is easy to buy because you can pick whatever you like to eat.

How to control over eating the goodies is not to open the product until you are ready to serve them at church.

Delores will help to gather other folks to sign-up with you so you will not be doing it alone.

There is an information sheet to follow if you like instructions on what needs to be done that day.

The final step is come see Delores at the sign-up table next Sunday.

CYFM NEWS

Summer brings both our monsoon season and a fluctuation in the faces in our congregation. Not only do we have our snowbirds leaving and a lot of families traveling, but we also have a good number of summer visitors. Even with all the changes each week, the **Children, Youth and Family Ministry Team** still have been active. **Shirley Miller** has continued her journey through the Bible with the younger elementary children, with **Nancy Yob and Betty Crowson** doing a fantastic job substituting in Shirley's absence in July. **Barbara Johnson** has continued with her studies with the Middle and High School Youth, and they have been extremely helpful in helping to preview new materials (the curriculum we choose is truly "kid-tested"!)

All of the children and youth have done a fantastic job in the area of Mission work. Over the past year they have raised nearly \$2000 for a family facing great tragedy and loss, and they participated in the Southwest Conference project of **No More Malaria**. In the space of 3 weeks they were able to collect \$2500! They are already busy thinking about mission projects for the coming year.

This year for VBS, we teamed up with **LifePoint Church in Catalina** for "**Hometown Nazareth – where Jesus was a kid**". This not only was a very valuable event for the children and volunteers, but it also was a continuation of our **Walk Through Bethlehem** experience. Many of our children participated, and many of our congregation and Youth volunteered to be leaders. We would truly like to thank **Betty Crowson, Kiana Hernandez, Kourtney and Emily Hotchkiss, Barbara Johnson, Debbi Maloid, Shirley and Paul Miller, Jan Springer, John and Elizabeth Vaughan, Jessica Vermilye, and Nancy and Tatum Yob**. We also wish to thank the **United Methodist Men** for their financial assistance (as well as that of several of our congregation members), and especially for their help in hanging those huge signs! A total of 65 students attended this blessed event, and the support of so many made it such a wonderful experience!

With the new school year here, we would all like to welcome Pastor Fred and his wife and look forward to working with them both. And most of all, we wish to thank the entire Vista family for your continued blessings and support!

Blessings,

Barbara Johnson



Smiling Faces at "Hometown Nazareth – where Jesus was a kid". VBS





Faith Health Alliance North (FHAN)

Last November, I reported to you about a new organization which is an outgrowth of your Vista Stephen Ministers joining with members of Mountain Shadows Presbyterian and Santa Catalina Catholic Churches to help people in our neighborhoods learn about resources available to make day-to-day living as comfortable and safe as possible. Our mission statement is:

Faith Health Alliance North (FHAN) is a group of organizations, individuals and churches who seek to educate, connect, and identify resources for seniors in the communities of North Tucson, Oro Valley, Catalina, SaddleBrooke, Oracle, Mammoth and San Manuel so that they might optimize their health and quality of life.

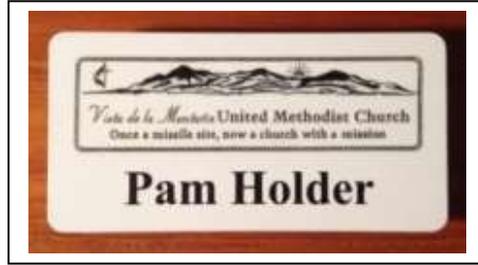
Mary Louise Roberson is Vista's **Stephen Ministry** representative to participate in the **FHAN** planning meetings. Three others in the group oversee their church's "Health Ministry", "Human Concerns" and "Care Ministry." The group also includes persons from *SaddleBrooke's Triad Outreach*, a licensed social worker elder advocate, the director of *IMPACT of Southern Arizona*, a family caregiver educator from respite care, and a Medicare and veteran's health benefits/healthcare solutions advisor. Other churches and organizations have received invitations this summer to join us as we endeavor to fulfill our mission.

SAVE LEAP YEAR DAY– MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2016!!!

Vista's Stephen Ministry has many facets, one of which is to make information available to help all of us make informed choices about how to best care for ourselves and our loved ones day-by-day and year-by-year. Folks at Mountain Shadows Presbyterian and Santa Catalina Catholic Churches in our vicinity also wanted this information. Thus began a wonderful collaboration to bring quality workshops, free of charge, to our members and surrounding community.

In November 2013 the **You Are Not Alone** workshop was held at Vista. In January 2014, Santa Catalina CC hosted the **Senior Housing Options** workshop. Each was attended by over 100 persons who gained valuable information given by speakers from various health and community service agencies. Our 3rd workshop will be here at Vista from 1:00-4:00 on Monday, February 29, 2016 with focus on healthy living with ongoing health conditions, and on the importance of interconnectedness of faith/health/community. Please put this on your calendars now!!!

Magnetic Nametags Available for Order Now



The nametag is on white background with the same logo as the clip-on nametags we now use. It measures 1 ½ inches high and 3 inches wide.

Price including tax is \$8.11

The nametag attaches to your clothing with a magnetic clip on the back. If you would like to place an order for a magnetic nametag, please complete the following information and return it along with your check payable to Pam Holder in the amount of \$8.11 for each name tag to the church office. Please fill out a **SEPARATE FORM** for each name you want.

I will be available in the Narthex on Sunday after service if you would like to leave your order with me.

There will also be a box on the file cabinets in Pat's office.

Deadline for your order to be placed is Monday, August 17. Estimated delivery time will be Sunday, August 23.

Please call if you have additional questions

Pam Holder
520-343-1225

NAMETAG ORDER INFORMATION

Your name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name as you wish it to appear on the nametag:

Please PRINT CLEARLY

Return this form with your check to submit your order.

MISSIONS

It's hard to believe that the summer is almost over and school is back in session. Some of us remember when School did not start till after Labor Day. We knew that after Labor Day, summer was over and back to school we went.

Speaking of School, our kids in Agua Prieta have gone back to school, from Kindergarten to College, with new backpacks and school supplies, 122 in total, thanks to the amazing generosity of the Vista Church Family. Pastors Gela and Armando and helper Alejandro along with Ken & Jan Hopke-Almer delivered all the supplies last week to the Storage in Douglas at the border. What joy it is to be able to help keep all these precious young people in school for another school year. God bless you all for your love and care!!

For further information you may call Team Leader Jan at 520-818-2504

I want to remind you that we will be going down to Agua Prieta, Mexico, on OCT. 31st for our annual Celebration of Learning Festival. This would be a wonderful time for you to go with us and meet your sponsor child and also give us a hand as we celebrate their scholastic achievements of the past school year. It is a busy fun day with the Ceremony, Crafts, Lunch, Games and Fellowship.

You will need a valid USA Passport to cross the Border and you can download from your computer at several sites a copy of the paperwork needed to submit to the US Passport Office. Get a passport picture and a check to include with the forms and send it off for a renewal or a new passport. It took me about a month to get my renewal so you still have time to do it if you need to. We will be leaving Vista in a comfortable Touring Bus at 7:00 AM on Oct 31st and plan to be back around 6:00 PM that evening, in time for your Halloween Party or to trick or treat!! This is such a fun trip and we want all of you to feel welcome and to be part of this Mission Adventure. Please feel free to call me for further information.

We will start sign ups in the fall in the breezeway.

We need your help, once again, for the supplies for this trip. We have all the Arts & Crafts we need, but we do need prizes for the games for the boys & girls. They love all things related to any sport and wearing attire of the same, any kind of toys for boys & girls, as well as caps, cars, ribbons, barrettes, little purses, jewelry etc. One of their favorites is the knitted caps that were donated last year, as it gets quite cold in Agua Prieta in the winter. Use your imagination, we will accept gently used items too, (don't forget rummage & garage sales) just be sure all the parts are included and they are clean and in working order. We also need items for the mother's bags, in appreciation for keeping their children in school and not using them to help supplement the family income during school hours, in some cases this is a great sacrifice for the family. The Mom's love getting scarves, makeup, perfume, cosmetics, small purses, just use your imagination and give us things that would warm their hearts. We are always grateful to get the "freebie" Shampoo, Conditioner, Lotions etc. that are found in our hotel rooms when we travel. Whatever you give us, if we can't use it in one Mission project, we can in another. There are Mission baskets in the narthex under the table on the West side where you may deposit all your donations. Your Mission Team will receive these items and pack them for the trip to Agua Prieta, The sooner you can drop off your donations the more it will help us to get ready for the trip. Thank you so much!!

Last month we (**Dee & Rick Berman, Ken & Jan Hopke-Almer, Benith MacPherson & Pastor Fred Baum**) had the joy of introducing Family First and Impact/CCS to Pastor Fred on a tour of both facilities and their different locations that serve our community. See pictures below. We also delivered 43 backpacks full of school supplies to the Oracle office of Family First to share with the children in need who live along the “Copper Corridor” all the way to Winkelman. We also stopped at the Clothing bank, the Food bank, the Senior Center and the offices of Impact along with a stop at the Golden Goose. We had a great day together and are praising the Lord for our new pastor who has a great heart for Mission work. Thank you for your continued support on the 1st Sunday of the month for the Impact Food bank. They especially need peanut butter, pasta, rice, and cereals. For further information you can call Team Leader Benith at 520-825-5891.

As you can see your Mission Team has been quite busy this summer and we are thanking God for the great privilege of helping others with your help. We are looking forward to our fall Mission Outreach Team Meeting on the 1st Wed of Sept. on the 2nd at 1:00 PM in Ed’s building. We have not met since June, so it will be fun to be together again and we want you to join us as we need new members on our team and would love to have your help. Our goal is to have every one of us at Vista, in Mission Service to the Lord, extending our hands in love to those in need because we love our Lord Jesus Christ who has called us to “love our neighbors as ourselves”. See you on the 2nd!

Yours in Mission Service:

Dee Berman Chairman

520-825-7115 or deerick1968@gmail.com



Agua Prieta School Supplies Mission Project

THANK YOU Vista Church members for your generous donations to buy backpacks and school supplies for all 122 sponsored students from our sister church in **Agua Prieta, Mexico**. Tuesday, July 28, **Pastor Gela** arrived at Vista Church with two vehicles to collect our donations. Due to the heavy weight of the copy paper and spiral notebooks, **Jan Hopke-Almer & Ken Almer** assisted in transporting the school supplies safely to a storage locker in Douglas, Arizona. **SPONSORS MARK YOUR CALENDAR** to attend our **CELEBRATION OF LEARNING** on Saturday, October 31st in *Agua Prieta. Fuente de Vida Church* is located within one mile from the Douglas border crossing. This is an opportunity to meet your student(s). The **AWARDS PROGRAM** includes a thank you to sponsors from the students. **ACADEMIC AWARD STUDENTS**, who earned a B+ or better grade point average last school year, will be presented with a Certificate of Achievement and Gift Certificate (equal to \$15). Mothers' of these students are given a gift bag for making the effort to send their child to school. We need hotel products (i.e. shampoo, conditioner & lotion) and other small gift items (i.e. gently used jewelry, scarves, purses, collectibles, etc.) for the Mothers' Gift Bags. After lunch, we have carnival type games for the children. We also need game prizes for the students. Favorite student prizes are new or gently used sports items, T-shirts, hats, socks, and inexpensive toys. Garage sales or end of the summer toy sales are great places to find student prizes. Get your passport ready and join us for this fun filled day!



*Dee Berman & Jan-Hopke-Almer with Pastor Gela, Armando and Alejandro.
122 Sponsored School kids!*

*Below
Delivery of backpacks to
Family First*



MAKING DISCIPLES

The Evangelism Committee has been hard at work all spring and summer. We brought in over a dozen new members, held membership classes and luncheons, and have established new databases which help us know our members better. We have completed a new pamphlet on the church emphasizing our missions and ministries which will be available in print and on the web, and are creating a tri-fold version to hand out to visitors and new members. This fall we will be working on ways to make the church as inviting as we can to those who visit and to our regular members in order to make disciples for Christ and to help us all on our faith journey.

WE NEED YOU to assist us in these efforts. Please prayerfully consider joining the *Evangelism Committee* or volunteer to work on specific projects. If you have an interest, please call *Donna Boring* at [520 393 3341](tel:5203933341) to discuss joining us.



TUCSON HOSPITALITY INN

July was a tough month for the Inn financially. The last guest left early July and there were no bookings through the rest of the month. Typically, the summer months are slow for the Inn. People return to their summer homes and many decide to put off transplants. However, from August 6 on there were full bookings scheduled through the month when I talked with Lou Tompkins, Manager, at the end of July.

At our June Mission Meeting, the group voted to send from our miscellaneous fund, \$1000.00 to help with expenses over the summer. Part of this fund came from your Easter offering donations. So YOU made that possible. We also got two donations in July which helped. The first was from Sights n Sounds, the TV-Radio station in SaddleBrooke for \$500. The second was from Barbara Tewksbury, a member of Roadrunners, for \$600 in memory of her brother, John. (Dee Berman is a member of that group and has gotten them to select the Inn as their charity for several years.)

During the days the Inn had no guests, the Inn was cleaned top to bottom, every room, every cabinet and drawer, and some redecoration was done as well.

Please remember Tucson Hospitality Inn is a 501 (c) (3) Qualifying Charitable Non- Profit. As such, couples can receive the maximum of \$400 dollar for dollar Arizona tax credit and singles can receive the maximum of \$200 credit if you are an Arizona resident. If you are not, you can still deduct your donation of any amount as a charitable donation. You will receive a letter acknowledging your donation. Make checks to Tucson Hospitality Inn, and mail to 2539 E. Edison Street, Tucson, AZ 85716. Vista has supported this charity in many ways since 2008. Thank you for your generous and continued support!

Kay Gragg, THI Team Leader

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

ROBINSON, Grant & Joan	08/07
CROWN, John & Jan	08/09
YOUNG, Howard & Mary Lou	08/09
GLENDE, Bob & Leanna	08/10
SNYDER, Ron & Donna	08/16
EXTRACT, Clif & Laurie	08/17
ROBERSON, Walt & Mary Louise	08/19
RICHARDS, Bill & Shirley	08/21
BELLAH, Bill & Mary	08/26
BUKES, Milt & Jan	08/26
SNIDER, Bob & Glenna	08/30



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

LAFAVE, Jinny	08/01	RADTKE, Gene	08/17
MILLER, Bob	08/05	LEEDOM, Marge	08/17
BROWNING, Jean	08/06	KELLEY, Lynn	08/21
GLENDE, Leanna	08/06	PETERSON, Art	08/21
HIGGINS, Peggy	08/06	ROBERSON, Mary Louise	08/22
PETERSON, Shirley	08/08	SHERMAN, Bob	08/22
PODLASEK, Ken	08/08	YOUNG, Howard	08/23
JACKSON, Ginny	08/09	DUCKETT, Florence	08/25
RICE, Karen	08/09	HARTMAN, Linda	08/25
HOTCHKISS, Michelle	08/13	WHITTINGTON, Linda	08/25
LAUGER, Kim	08/13	ALBERTS, Gerry	08/27
SNIDER, Glenna	08/13	BELLAH, Mildred	08/27
ALLIGOOD, Edna	08/15	ERIKSSON, Lars	08/29
HOLDEN, Jackie	08/15	MARSH, Dan	08/31
MARSH, Anna Marie	08/16	RUPE, Jean	08/31
HEISS, Judy	08/17		

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

HOLDEN, Larry & Jackie	09/02
RADTKE, Gene & Paula	09/02
ALLIGOOD, David & Edna	09/03
COLLINGE, Bob & Ellen	09/16
HOLMAN, SR., Jim & Joyce	09/16
KIMMEL, Dennis & Judy Thomson Kimmel	09/20
MILLER, Robert & Barbara	09/20
SANDERS, Marshall & Teresa	09/20
YOB, David & Nancy	09/22
SHERMAN, Bob & Barbara	09/24
STAKER, Joe & Sue	09/25
BROWNING, Jerry & Jean	09/28
GILMOUR, Bob & Joanne	09/28



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

CARPENTER, Karon	09/02	CARPENTER, Boyd	09/19
TOMPKINS, Giff	09/03	COLLINGE, Bob	09/19
O'DONALD, Louise	09/06	ROBINSON, Grant	09/19
HOPKE-ALMER, Janice	09/07	HEISS, Lyle	09/20
NIBBELINK, Jim	09/08	GRIZZARD, Trish	09/22
BRINDLE, Delores	09/10	BILLS, Morgan	09/23
LITTLE, Don	09/11	BILLS, Wyatt	09/23
STAKER, Sue	09/11	OBEAR, Jim	09/23
ERICKSON, Mark	09/13	ODELL, Gordon	09/23
STEVENSON, Jean	09/14	RAITA, Ruth	09/23
BRADFIELD, Thelma	09/15	STAKER, Joe	09/27
		ZEBAL, Ken	09/27

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Pastor Fred is going to commemorate our 25th anniversary
on Sunday, September 13th.**