

VISTA'S ECHOES

NOVEMBER 2014

Ed-itorial

Sisters: I have three, Susan, Fran and Linda, all older than I. I like to say I was raised by four mothers, because my sisters always looked after me, defended me, and yes, sometimes punished me. But the one thing I have always known is that they loved me. It showed in all they did (or threatened to do)! My oldest sister Sue is a United Methodist Pastor, now retired but still very active. My next oldest, Fran, is the spouse of an ELCA Lutheran Pastor, her husband John now also long retired. The third sister, Linda, is the organist for her church in the little town of Craig, NE, where she and her husband retired.

I bring up sisters because I also have three Grand-girls; Luna, 10, Soleil, 6, and Itzel, 1. My wife looks after them during the week, and I spend a lot of time observing their interactions. They really are so good with each other, and I am not just saying that to complement their Mom and Dad (or my wife). The way they care for each other, look out for each other, and yes occasionally threaten one another, is a joy to behold. They act like...well they act like sisters should.

We as a church can learn a lot from sisters! Caring, looking after, defending, and yes sometimes even threatening (when we do it in love and care looking out for another's safety), are things we can do as a church family that will make us stronger, more faithful, and loving. Jesus uses many images to describe God, and I think "sisters" fits right in.

Blessings to you and our sisters!

Ed



WALK to BETHLEHEM

December 10, 11, and 12, 2014

Time is flying by and preparation for the Walk is progressing nicely! Signups for a variety of jobs are filling in, but many more are needed! A Signup table will continue to be available in the breezeway after service every Sunday until all the necessary jobs are filled. If you haven't signed up yet, please stop by to see what you can do.

This year we will be offering advance reservations for the Walk to Bethlehem in hopes of greatly reducing the wait times for our visitors. Online and phone reservations will be available beginning Monday, November 17. Please tell everyone you know that reservations are **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** this year. People who arrive without reservations will be worked into the schedule throughout the evenings, but may experience a wait. Reservation information will be available on the www.VistaWalkToBethlehem.com web site and on flyers to be distributed.

Please continue to pray for good weather.

If you have any questions about the Walk, don't hesitate to call or email me.

Pam Holder

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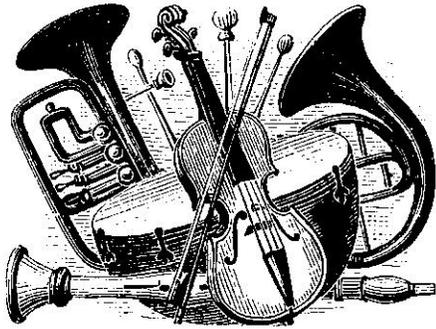
Christmas is just around the corner and per tradition we decorate the Inn for the holidays. This involves setting up and decorating an artificial tree, putting up a nativity scene, decorating the mantel and hanging stockings, putting up a wreath outside and hanging a swag around the front door. Most likely I will be doing this on Saturday, December 6. It usually takes about 3 hours with three people. If you can help, even part of the time, please call me at 544-2545.

In early September THI'S second HVAC system (6 tons) went out and could not be repaired. (The first system went out and was replaced last December.) 90 degrees out and no air conditioning for the guests staying there! It was replaced to the tune of \$7500. Half of that expense has been covered by a donation, but the other half of \$3750 is still needed. If you can find it in your budget to contribute anything, it would be greatly appreciated.

THI is 501 (3) (c) charitable non-profit. It is also a charity to which individuals can donate up to \$200 a year and couples can donate up to \$400 a year and will receive Arizona Tax Credit if you a permanent resident of Arizona. If you are not a permanent resident of Arizona, your donation is still tax deductible as a charitable donation. You can mail your donation to Tucson Hospitality Inn, Lou Tompkins, 2539 E. Edison Street, Tucson, AZ 85716. Write the check to Tucson Hospitality Inn and indicate in the memo HVAC. You will receive a letter thanking you for your donation. If you choose to donate through the church, please write your check to Vista UMC and indicate in the memo THI-HVAC.

The Inn is also in need of a used computer with compatible monitor in good condition. It will be used by the guests at the Inn. If you are upgrading and have a computer to donate, please call Lou Tompkins at 904-6333. Please delete all of your personal files before donating.

Kay Gragg, THI Team Leader



VISTA FINE ARTS
presents
JOVERT STEEL DRUM BAND
Sunday, November 9 – 3:00 in the afternoon
Right here at VISTA

Vista Fine Arts is thrilled to welcome *Jovert*, the **Tucson High School Steel Band**. They will be performing an eclectic mix of songs from around the world and from time periods that span a couple hundred years. The talented youth are known for their unique interpretations of well-known songs as well as exciting and thought-provoking original music. Audiences can expect to be tapping their toes and dancing in the aisles, and are guaranteed to leave the concert with wide smiles on their faces.

Originally started in 1991, the program has grown under the dynamic leadership of director, Khris Dodge, who arrived on the scene in 1999. Today *Jovert* boasts four bands and over 110 students. Different ensembles of varying sizes perform in venues all over Tucson and the Southwest. The bands have recorded four critically-acclaimed CD's over the past eight years and now have an international reputation.

Please join us on November 9 and experience this unique style of music. Admission to the performance is free. An offering will be taken. All are welcome and this program will appeal to all ages, so bring the family and invite your friends. When *Jovert* plays, listeners can expect to be surprised, enlightened, and above all, entertained. Look forward to seeing you on November 9.

For more information, call 825-1985 or visit www.vistaumc.org.

Faith Health Alliance North (FHAN)

Elsewhere in this Echoes is an article about the January 23, 2015 **Senior Housing Options** workshop. This is the second workshop co-sponsored by our Vista UMC Stephen Ministers, **Mountain Shadows Presbyterian and Santa Catalina Catholic** churches. Over 100 persons attended the You Are Not Alone Caregivers workshop last November 1st. At that time, several other churches, organizations and individuals enthusiastically wanted more workshops and information dissemination. As a result, a small group of us have been meeting to plan the Senior Housing Options workshop. We also have an email network to announce meetings, support groups and programs of interest to our individual constituencies. About 6 months ago, we gave our endeavor a name. Thus was born **FHAN** and our mission statement:

Faith Health Alliance North (FHAN) is a group of organizations and individuals who seek to educate, connect, and provide resources to 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.

More information as it develops in 2015!
Mary Louise Roberson

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday To

<i>EDRIS, Carolyn</i>	<i>11/03</i>
<i>VAKERICS, Molly</i>	<i>11/03</i>
<i>STEGINK, David</i>	<i>11/06</i>
<i>TRYON, Karen</i>	<i>11/06</i>
<i>ALBERS, Anyce</i>	<i>11/09</i>
<i>CROWN, Jan</i>	<i>11/09</i>
<i>RAMSEY, Marion</i>	<i>11/10</i>
<i>SALAVA, Roger</i>	<i>11/12</i>
<i>LINDAHL, Greg</i>	<i>11/13</i>
<i>HILLMANN, Bill</i>	<i>11/15</i>
<i>TOMPKINS, Alice</i>	<i>11/16</i>
<i>HILLMANN, Mary Jane</i>	<i>11/17</i>
<i>HOAGLUND, Larry</i>	<i>11/18</i>
<i>TRIBOULET, Linda</i>	<i>11/18</i>
<i>PODLASEK, Diane</i>	<i>11/19</i>
<i>THOMSON KIMMEL, Judy</i>	<i>11/19</i>
<i>HOLDER, Pam</i>	<i>11/22</i>
<i>POWELL, Bill</i>	<i>11/24</i>
<i>ANDERSON, Maureen</i>	<i>11/25</i>
<i>BUKES, Milt</i>	<i>11/25</i>
<i>SHERMAN, Barbara</i>	<i>11/25</i>
<i>WINKLER, Sallie</i>	<i>11/25</i>
<i>ALLEN, John</i>	<i>11/30</i>
<i>PEATE, Kathy</i>	<i>11/30</i>



Happy Anniversaries

<i>DAMKROGER, Leo & Nancy Plencner</i>	<i>11/01</i>
<i>HOAGLUND, Larry & Coralyn</i>	<i>11/01</i>
<i>DAVIS, Arlo & Barbara Ballas-Davis</i>	<i>11/14</i>
<i>WALDO, Duane & Marilyn</i>	<i>11/22</i>
<i>SCHWARTZ, Pete & Sandy</i>	<i>11/26</i>
<i>PATTERSON, Larry & Hedy</i>	<i>11/28</i>

Thank you Vista Members

For your generosity to the Catalina Food Bank! Michele, Volunteer Coordinator, assures us that monetary contributions and food donations are both greatly appreciated. According to Michele, the Food Bank is in constant need of cereal and peanut butter, so if you prefer to give food items rather than a monetary donation, please keep your eyes open for sales on these particular items!

Thanks so much for your ongoing support of this community outreach service.

Benith MacPherson, IMPACT (CCS) liaison

Mission Outreach Ministry

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you to our Vista church family who never fail to step up to the plate and make this Ministry happen in so very many wonderful ways.

November is the month for Thanksgiving and we have so very much to be thankful for at Vista. Not the least of these, a wonderful place to worship, inspirational music, great preaching but most of all a loving church family.

As we prepare for our trip on Nov. 1st we see that you have supplied us with all the things we need for our **Celebration of Learning Festival in Agua Prieta, Mexico**, for our sister churches *{Fuente de Vida}* children and youth. A great team of Vista folks turned out on to help sort and pack all the items that were donated. A very special thanks go to **Kay Gragg, Jan Bohe, Bob & Glenna Snider, John Crown, Ginny Jackson, Duane & Marilyn Waldo, Jan Hopke-Almer, Kathy Campbell, and Roger & Fern Salava**. What a great job they all did to help us get ready for the trip. What a blessing it will be to be able to hand out the 41 Certificates of Achievement to those kids with a B+ or better average, as well as a lovely gift bag for their Mothers who kept their kids in school. The other thrill will be to meet our sponsored child that we supported with the gift of their school supplies. At this writing we have 23 children who will be meeting their school supplies sponsor from Vista. I know this will be a very special time for both the kids and their sponsors. You will get a full report in the next Echoes.

Pastor Gela had a speaking engagement, at **Catalina UMC** on Speedway in Tucson, this past weekend so she and her team were able to take almost all of our supplies back in her van ahead of our arrival, so we hope for a quick passing at the border.

Pastor Gela brought with her a good supply of handmade Christmas cards made from your recycled card donations, so remember to buy your cards from your Mission Team and support our Outreach Ministry as well as giving a lovely "one of a kind" card. I will have them on sale by mid-November in the Narthex. Remember that they make great "Christmas gifts" as well as a super "Hostess gift". We will have gift bags available for you. These cards and bags sell for only 50 cents, so stock up!

Other Mission Information is a reminder that the **Creative Hands** group, led by **Jan Bohe**, is meeting at 9:00 AM every Friday and you are welcome to join them. Just a reminder, in December we will start the Warm Winter collection of coats and bedding for our neighbors in Catalina and up the Copper Corridor. Gently used items are fine if clean and in good repair, as well as new items too.

What a blessing we have, to be able to reach out to those who need our help. We want to do all we can to show God's love thru us. We had some ideas about an alternative date for our meetings, but after much discussion, it seems that the 1st Wed. of the month is better for most of our team's schedule, so it will remain the 1st Wed. of the month. Please come to our next Mission Meeting on Nov. 5th at 1:00PM to hear the reports on our trip. You will truly be blessed. See you on the 5th!

Yours in Mission Service

Dee Berman Chairman
520-825-7115 or deerick1968@gmail.com



SENIOR HOUSING OPTIONS



When More Help is Needed: Later-Life Transitions & Choices ***

Friday, January 23, 2015 - 12:30 to 3:00 pm - Santa Catalina Catholic Church Parish Hall
Register by January 14, 2015 520-825-9611 extension 104

(By Your Side will provide on-site respite care that afternoon. Mention when you register if you will be bringing someone needing this service.)

How do you know it's time for a transition?
Emotional aspects of making transitions
Defining the options
Questions to ask and resources
Services to help you stay in your home
Who pays for long term care
Financial planning

Workshop presenters who will speak to the above issues are:

Mara Levin, MSW Health Advocacy Coordinator, Interfaith Community Services
Sal Orlando Medicare Health Benefits/Healthcare Solutions
Barbara McClure Executive Director, IMPACT of Southern Arizona

Visit our information tables for more information and materials

Pima Council on Aging	IMPACT of Southern Arizona
Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens	SaddleBrooke TRIAD
Golder Ranch Fire District	Alzheimer's Association
Interfaith Community Services	Business Resources

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Read about **FHAN** in another article in this issue of Echoes.

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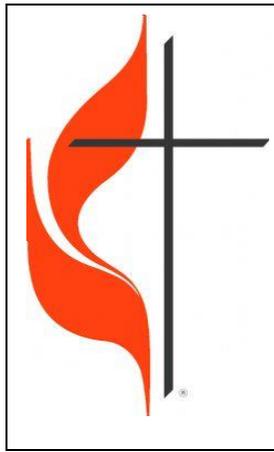
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TIME TO PICNIC

**November 16th, 2nd Annual Church Picnic at Catalina State Park
BYOE (Bring Your Own Everything) Plus a dish to pass around
Outdoor Games and hiking. Bring your family and friends and enjoy a great
afternoon in the park. There is a \$7.00 per car fee and we will be at the same
group site as last year. Signs will be posted!**

**December 6th COOKIE EXCHANGE at 1:00PM
Bring 3 Dozen Cookies to Exchange With Everyone
(You can sub candy for one of the Dozen Cookies)
Bring a Wrapped Gift(\$10.00 or under)for a fun gift exchange
If you do not want to bake cookies you can bring “store bought” cookies
But please make them “gourmet” cookies!**

