

VISTA ECHOES

HAPPY 2015



ED – itorial

Can it be? 2015 here already!

2014 was a very good year for Vista de la Montana United Methodist Church and we look forward to even better things in 2015.

We were able to pay all of our expenses, including apportionments and extra mission giving, and still end the year in the black. Sunday attendance has been wonderful, the choirs great, and the attitude of the people amazing. The Walk To Bethlehem was a most memorable experience for all involved and 2015 promises even more. Through mission, worship, prayer and fellowship we will continue to be the people that God has called us to be.

None of this is possible without your participation, support, and prayers. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for being such a wonderful, caring and loving congregation. God bless us in this New Year.

Ed

All Church Birthday Party

We had such a good time last year, we're doing it again. Save Sunday Feb. 1, for our Birthday Party Potluck. Desserts will be provided by our 12 volunteer bakers.

You may sign up for your birthday month and the dish you will bring – salads, side dishes, or main dishes. The sign-up sheets will be on the patio beginning Jan.4.

The Birthday party will follow our church service on Feb 1.

Please call me if you have questions or would like to be one of the 12 bakers, or want to buy a special dessert.

Sandy Schwartz
818-9792

YES! WE KNOW THAT THIS IS SUPER BOWL SUNDAY. We will be finished well before the kick-off. So PLEASE come join the fun!



Dinner for Six – Spring 2015

We are putting together our DFS groups. If you have been in our Fall groups, you will be automatically included in the Spring groups – **unless you call me to drop out.**

If you would like to be included in our Spring session, please call me by Jan.8.

If you need more info – just call.

Sandy Schwartz
818-9792

TUCSON HOSPITALITY INN

December 6: I arrive a half hour before our scheduled time to decorate the Inn for Christmas. Lou Tompkins, Manager, has all the boxes and tubs full of decorations out on the patio. Lou and I haul in some new decorations to add to what we have. I do not know what to expect from these volunteers, but they turn out to be energetic, efficient and young... In a little over two hours the Inn is decorated: Christmas tree assembled and decorated, mantle decorated with stockings hung over the fireplace, arch into the kitchen decorated, nativity scene set up, a large new wreath hung on the outside wall, and outside front double doors adorned with a swag with plaid ribbon and two new wreaths with plaid bows hung on the doors. *Stephanie Ly*, nurse, her boyfriend *Aaron Petras*, flight engineer, *Alysha Molina*, nurse, and her three little angels, er, girls *Anyssa*, *Aracely*, and *Aaliyah*, ages 11, 8, and 3, and *Judy*, a guest, all worked to make the Inn an inviting place for the holidays. Judy set up the Nativity scene and the little girls were very interested in the figures that went into it. When they got tired of helping, Judy entertained them so the rest of the adults could finish their projects. It was a fun adventure, and hopefully will give some comfort to those who have to be there at Christmastime and to the first of the year.

Some of the guests who were there in early December: Melanie, whose husband had a blood clot and had been there 8 weeks; Judy, whose husband was treated for throat cancer and was able to return home after 7 weeks; Piola, an Apache who returned to the reservation after having lost her baby boy who was premature and lived only four days; Rachel, from Massachusetts, whose sister Ann has liver disease and was critical. A Marine who lost his leg due to injury while serving in Iraq, arrived with his wife December 26 and will be at the Inn for 12 weeks.

At this accounting, over \$2000 was donated by Vista members to help pay for the new HVAC system that had to be replaced in the fall! Part of the Christmas Eve offering went to continue to support the Inn. The exact amount will be reported in February. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Kay Gragg, THI Team Leader



**Above: the fire place decorated at THI.
Right: Kay Gragg with Lou Tompkins,
Manager of THI**



MISSION MINISTRY OUTREACH

As we begin a new year of Mission Ministry at Vista I want you to know all the good work you have done in 2014. It is a privilege to be able to reach out to others in need and you have certainly done that. Thank you to all of you who made this good work possible in 2014 Mission Outreach Ministry Annual Giving

Report

Dec.1st 2013 thru Nov. 30th 2014

This has been a wonderful year of Mission Service at Vista UMC. We are blessed to have a devoted group of team leaders and Mission workers who represent Vista to the various Mission Ministries we serve. Without them, and their helpers, our Mission Outreach would not be possible. Please take note of their names and lift a prayer of Blessing and Thanksgiving for their dedicated work.

These are the Team Leaders for this past year.

Catalina Community Services/now operating as Impact.....	Benith MacPherson
Tucson Hospitality Inn.....	Kay Gragg
Family First Pregnancy Center.....	Jan Hopke-Almer
Snak Pak for Coronado School.....	Kathy Campbell
Memorial Day fund Davis Monthan AFB.....	Dee Berman
Creative Hands.....	Jan Bohe
Coffee Sales for Fuente de Vida Church.....	Bob & Glenna Snider
Children's Education program for Fuente de Vida Church.....	Jan Hopke-Almer
Economic Advancement Program Fuente de Vida Church.....	Dee Berman
Roche Fund Secondary Education for Fuente de Vida Church.....	Dee Berman
Mission liaison information for Annual Conference.....	John Crown
Wesleyan Center at the University Of Arizona.....	Mission Volunteers

You may find their reports in Echoes each month and read about their good work.

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Contributions by the Vista UMC Congregation to our Outreach Ministry

1) Support for our sister church Fuente de Vida in Agua Prieta, Mexico	
Economic Advancement program.....	\$1,942.00
Scholarships.....(\$3,000.00 from Sun Lakes UMC).....	\$5,175.00
School supplies.....	\$3,716.00
Coffee Sales.....	\$1,105.00
2) Memorial Day Fund Davis Monthan AFB.....	\$1,500.00
3) Catalina Community Services/Impact Food bank.....	\$5,497.00
4) Tucson Hospitality Inn.....	\$690.00
5) Snak Pak for Coronado School.....	\$705.00
6) Wesleyan Center University of Arizona (Christmas Offering).....	\$1,000.00
7) Family First Pregnancy Center.....	\$1,100.00
8) Misc. Mission Fund.....	\$1,202.00
Total Designated Giving to Mission Outreach.....	\$22,632.00
Annual offerings for Vista Mission programs	
Christmas offering.....	\$4,180.00
(\$1000.00 Wesleyan Center, \$1275.00 THI, \$1905.00 Mission fund)	
Easter offering.....(Snak Pak Food Program).....	\$3,675.00
Thanksgiving Offering.....(Snak Pak Food program).....	\$2,995.00
Total Vista Mission Program Offerings.....	\$10,850.00

Other Outreach Special Programs and Offerings

No More Malaria.....	\$1,800.00
Socks for the Homeless.....	\$250.00
UMCOR.....	\$515.00
Human Rights.....	\$10.00
One Great Hour of Sharing.....	\$240.00
Peace With Justice.....	\$20.00
World Communion Sunday.....	\$95.00
Total.....	\$2,930.00

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Apportionment expense to the Annual Conference and its assigned giving budget.

These resources are paid thru Vista's congregations annual pledges and are part of the Mission Outreach Ministry budget.

African University Support.....	..\$154.00
Black College Fund.....\$705.00
Leadership Ministry Team.....\$13,234.00
Ministry Education Fund.....\$1,769.00
Support for Ministry Team.....\$20,122.00
World Services and Conference Benevolences.....\$20,073.00
Total Vista contributions to apportionments.....\$56,057.00

**GRAND TOTAL OF COMBINED GIVING THRU Mission Outreach.....
\$92,469.00**

This generous financial giving does not account for all the material goods given to our various Mission Ministries across the year or the many hours donated to these programs. We are eternally grateful for your generosity and Vista's great heart for Mission that reaches out into our community, our nation, and beyond to show the face of Christ to those in need. Please plan to attend our next Mission meeting on Wednesday Jan. 7th at 1:00 PM. We will be discussing our plans for 2015. Everyone is welcome. HAPPY NEW YEAR 2015!!!

Yours in Mission Service:

Dee BermanChairman 520-825-7115 /deerick1968@gmail.com

CELEBRATIONS

ANNIVERSARIES:

SMITH, Don & Pat	01/01
BOLAR, Marlin & Sally	01/05
HOLDER, Craig & Pam	01/06
NIBBELINK, Jim & Judi	01/19
LINDAHL, Greg & Carol	01/20
DOSSETT, Jon & Gwen	01/28

A very big "THANK YOU"

To all our wonderful Vista folks who remembered Mary and me with cards, gifts, thanks and well wishes this Christmas. It is our privilege to serve here at Vista and we hope all of you have a great and prosperous New Year. Thanks again and blessings to you all.

Reverend Dr Ed Bonneau



Happy Birthday to:

WATKINS, Jeanette	01/01
HOLDEN, Larry	01/02
STEVENSON, Ken	01/02
FREEL, Linda	01/05
GAGNON, Michele	01/05
HIGGINS, Dennis	01/07
HOTCHKISS, Kourtney	01/07
PRICE, Ursula	01/08
STODDARD, Pat	01/11
JOHNSON, Barbara	01/13
EVANS, Janice	01/15
EVANS, Joanne	01/15
MEISE, Stan	01/16
HOLM, Joyce	01/17
HOLMAN, Joyce	01/17
CARY, Mary	01/18
DEDRICK, Char	01/18
KARCHER, Paul	01/18
KASTE, Howard	01/19
CAMPBELL, Lori	01/20
WALDO, Duane	01/22
KASTE, Sharon	01/23
YOB, Nancy	01/23
TRACY, Keith	01/25
DOSSETT, Jon	01/28

THANK YOU!!

Thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and expressions of concern the past three months as several Doctors treated me for my heart beats and a couple of infections. The good news is that the heart procedure worked and the infections are healing. Joyce and I are blessed to have the Vista Family.

Jim Holman

WESLEY FOUNDATION'S WEDNESDAY DINNERS

The first two Wednesdays in February (the 4th and the 11th), we Vista folks have been asked to bring the Wesley kids dinner down at First Church on campus. There usually are 45 to 60 students worshipping together and love to be fed after. Their favorite meal is breakfast for dinner (in the past we've made and baked 8 (9 X 13) breakfast casseroles at home then carted them down to campus). Other times we've made Chili, Sloppy Joes or Mexican casseroles. If about 12 people volunteer to donate and make the food, then several couples to drive to campus and serve the dinners, I will be very grateful. Please call me **(818-0473)**, speak to me on the patio or email me (**sghedrick@wbhsi.net**) so I can make plans for those special dinners. **Thank you, Sue Hedrick**



ATTENTION LADIES

Mark your calendar to attend the

Vista Church Ladies Luncheon & Baby Shower for

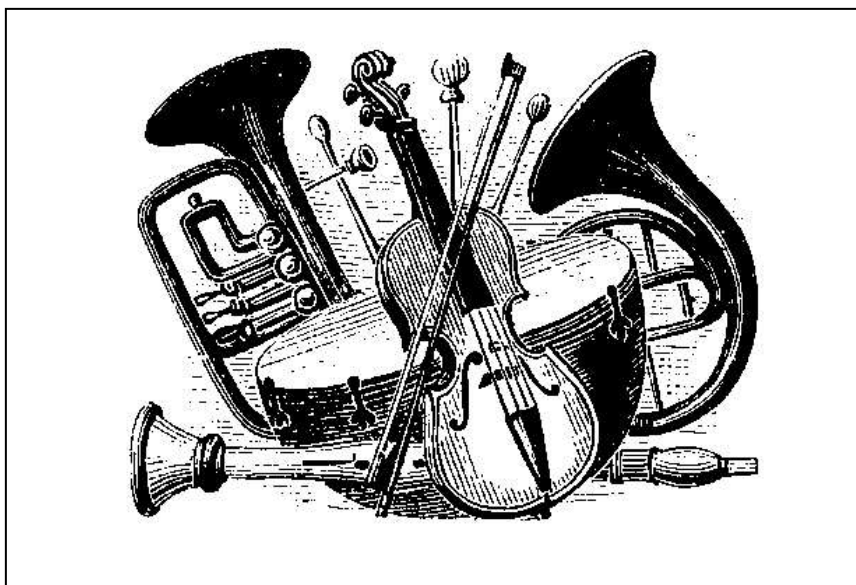
Family First Pregnancy Care Center

Saturday, February 7th at 11:30 AM

In the church sanctuary

Sponsored by UMW & Mission Outreach

VISTA FINE ARTS
Presents



The Tempe Symphonic Wind Ensemble

Vista Fine Arts is thrilled to host the Tempe Symphonic Wind Ensemble for their third concert in Tucson. The date is Sunday, January 25, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. and the place is right here at Vista

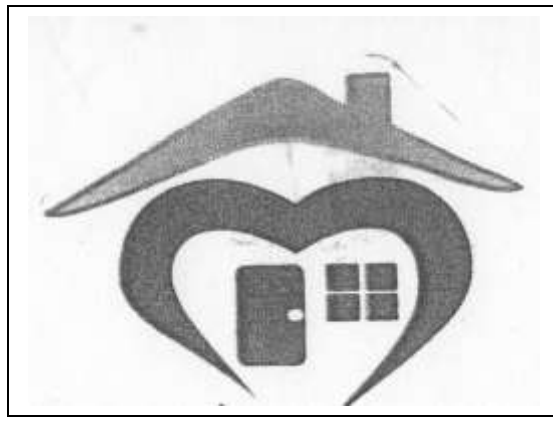
The ensemble, now in its 26th season, “plays for the love of music....” and you will love their program! They are presenting “**Music to Cure the After-Holiday Blues,**” a concert of delightful selections including “Procession of Nobles” by Rimsky-Korsakov, “El Capitan” by Sousa, and “Symphonic Selections from South Pacific” by Rodgers.

The Tempe Symphonic Wind Ensemble, organized in 1989, is composed of 46 of the finest musicians from the Phoenix metropolitan area. These musicians are dedicated to the performance of outstanding band literature and have provided Arizona with a unique cultural experience of the highest quality.

Invite your family and friends! This event is free and open to everyone in the community. An offering will be taken. Please join us for an afternoon of joyful, familiar, exhilarating music.

For more information, **visit www.vistaumc.org or call 520-825-1985.**

CALENDAR



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 Resource

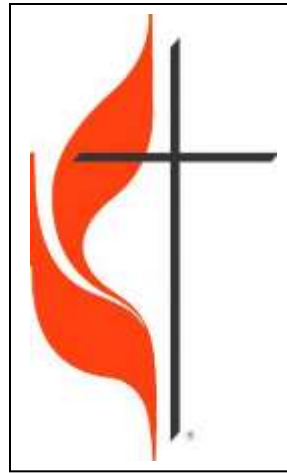
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