



VISTA ECHOES

MAY 2015

Vista Prepares to Welcome Pastor Fred Baum and Wife Deede

Pastor Fred Baum comes to Vista after having served nine years at Christ Church in Tucson. Fred was born in New Mexico and was raised in the forests of Arizona and New Mexico. His dad is a retired Forest Ranger and the family settled in Tucson where he graduated from the University of Arizona. His major was anthropology because he was studying to be a biblical archaeologist. He received his seminary education at Perkins School of Theology on the campus of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. His major area of study was evangelism. While at Southern Methodist, he met and married his wife Deede, who received her degree in Music Therapy.

After college, Deede directed children's and youth church choirs for twenty years. She also earned her Master's Degree in Secondary Education and now teaches general music in the Flowing Wells School District. Fred and Deede have two daughters Amy and Sarah and a son Kevin. Amy is happily married to Austin Sams, Sarah is teaching English at Mesa High School in Mesa, Arizona, and Kevin is a senior at the University of Arizona.

Pastor Fred has spent the past thirty-four years in ministry starting in Texas. He then spent twenty-one years at Mesa UMC before moving to Christ Church nine years ago. While meeting with the Vista Staff-Parish Relations Committee a few weeks ago, Pastor Fred recounted stories from his youth when he hiked and hunted in the area that is now home to the Vista United Methodist Church and he seemed excited about the prospect of returning to this area and to serving our church for many years. Several of Pastor Fred's recent sermons are available on the Christ Church webpage at ccumtucson.org.

Preliminary plans are underway for a welcome dinner for Pastor Fred and Deede following our Sunday Services on July 5th.

A “GROWING” LEGACY STORY

How does his garden grow?

A life-long Methodist woke up one day to a painful sense that “his days may be numbered.” After the death of his beloved wife and a near-second heart attack (which resulted in bypass surgery) he began to reflect on the people and things that mattered most to him. One of the things that gave his life great joy was caring for his church’s gardens and grounds.

While he loved the church gardens, he began to worry about whom would care for them after he no longer could. He also worried about the financial burden that maintaining the gardens in his absence would place on the church. He decided to seed a small endowment fund to care for the gardens and grounds after his death. (The gift was funded from a 401K plan that, following his wife’s death, was no longer needed; in addition, it carried possible tax liability if left to his children or a niece.)

The Seeds Grow!

As grace would have it, after more than ten years since he first gifted the endowment, this faithful friend was still tending the church’s land! Now, both the grounds and the endowment are flourishing and continuing to grow. This friend has magnified his joy knowing that he is helping his church to thrive and his little “Eden” to remain a reflection in God’s kingdom.

What sort of legacy would you like to grow?

What are those ministries, people, and places that matter most to you? What will they need to thrive when you’re no longer around to help care for them? While only you can answer the first question, people from Vista’s Endowment Committee can help you answer the second. You don’t have to be rich to grow a caring legacy; you can use whatever God has entrusted to you to be the life-giving blessing for years to come.

Reflect and pray about how you can make a gift that will keep on giving.

United Methodist Men

Rummage Sale

It has been nearly two years since the last UMM rummage sale. First, it sure didn't take long for two years to pass - of course I have noticed this phenomenon before. It's the old notion that a year is a year long. Believe this, only in memory is a year a year long. In present tense (like right now) a year lasts only as long as our attention to it. As we are always looking back at wanna' do overs or ahead to lets hope for a brighter outcome, the present seems to get cheated. More like compressed if you will.

Imagine time as a sandwich. The past is the bread. Good old store bought white bread, about as nutritious as sawdust. The future is the slathered on flavor, mayo, mustard, catsup and the present.....the present is the bologna, thin sliced to save money. Did you notice we spend more dressing our sandwich than we did on nutrition? This is a lot like time and life. We spend more energy on our past (which is only a memory) and more energy worrying about the future. Our worries have almost no outcome on future events no matter how hard we obsess. Lost in between is life in the present! Which is to say life itself. Life is now.

Now! Now it is time for rummage. It seems like we just finished the last one. Well maybe we did. If so remember all the fellowship and good will we shared? Let's do it again. It is time. Make the most of this time, there is more than just hard work here. This is a great opportunity to serve the public around us. The Vista rummage sale is well known for its offerings. We have a variety of merchandise and good prices. As I have been told several times by customers "we wait for this sale". It is true. People do enjoy our rummage sale because, figuratively speaking ours is better. We have more heart felt goods and more heart in the operation. What makes Vista shows through our effort and our merchandise.

*Now we need Vista folks to come forward and volunteer. I sat in the breezeway last Sunday and asked for Vista people to sign up to assist. In 15 minutes I had 30 names and the promise of more. Please do help, just show up or better still sign up! Set up will be full bore on Wednesday and Thursday. **The sale is Friday and Saturday (May 1st and 2nd)**. UMM will buy donuts, coffee, sandwiches (not bologna) etc. to keep body and soul together. Do come help. UMM will do most of the heavy lifting. Volunteers staff various departments and help customers with selection and check out. Call Howard Young or myself to schedule or avail yourself when I or Howard calls you!*

The litany of goods purchases for Vista with Rummage funds by UMM is long and growing. This is a good deal for all of us but it does take effort.

Thank you for your attention, sincerely, Jim Bless UMMP



CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday to:

MEISE, Pat	05/05
O'DONALD, Jay	05/06
SMITH, Don	05/06
HUBBARD, Jo Ann	05/08
WHITTINGTON, Donald	05/10
JOHNSON, Pat	05/10
FARNUM, Jeanne	05/11
MAWHINNEY, Susan	05/15
TRYON, Denny	05/16
YOUNG, Mary Lou	05/16
BROWNING, Jerry	05/17
STODDARD, Bud	05/17
MILLER, Robert	05/21
RUTKOWSKI, Marilyn	05/23
CAMPBELL, Kathy	05/24

ATWOOD, Jan	05/26
BULL, Kim	05/26
GOETZ, John	05/26
HOLLOWAY, Dick	05/26
CURTIS, Gene	05/27
ERICKSON, Lorraine	05/27
GUPTILL, June	05/29
COFFMAN, Anne	05/31

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

DURBIN, Curt & Sandy	05/08
HIGGINS, Dennis & Peggy	05/08
BLEESS, Jim & Von Ceil	05/11
TRYON, Denny & Karen	05/12
BULL, Fred & Kim	05/25
SPRINGER, Clayton & Evonne	05/26
AUGUST, Don & Alice	05/27
CURTIS, Gene & Carol	05/27
ZEBAL, Ken & Liz	05/27
PODLASEK, Ken & Diane	05/31



A WORD OF THANKS

Thank you so much for the cards, kind words and remembrances of my Mother, Marjorie Bonneau. Mary and I have so appreciated your care and concern during this time of sadness and loss.

Mom led a great and long life. We were fortunate to have her for over a century. As her children we hope to uphold her legacy of love, teaching, and Christian living. Blessings to you all.

Reverend Ed



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN EVERYONE IS INVITED SPRING SALAD TASTING LUNCH

*Vista UMW is hosting the luncheon and
will provide the salads.*

Friday, May 8th, 11:30 am

Guest Speaker, Author Shirley Richards

“Along the Way...”

Special Moments from a Lifetime of Travel”

Only a ticket is needed to attend the event, on sale through May 1st at church

\$5 for mission with women, youth and children

**MAY 10TH MOTHER’S DAY - SPECIAL GOODIES FOR ALL THE VISTA LADIES!
JUNE 21ST FATHER’S DAY – SPECIAL GOODIES FOR ALL THE VISTA MEN!
JUNE 28TH A SPECIAL THANK YOU AND GOOD BYE
FOR PASTOR ED AND MARY!!!!
AFTER SERVICE**

HOSPITALITY JOB OPENINGS

Hospitality has some part time/part time job openings. These volunteer hospitality jobs are equally as important to the church as it is for us to do our money pledges. The hospitality job openings would fulfill our volunteer time requirements that is very much needed for Vista to thrive. These positions do not required many hours of your time. You will still have lots of time to do other fun things at home.

You can apply for all or only one job position.

Qualifications for any of the following positions:

- * Be willing to share a little of your time
- * Sign-up or be available as needed to do a task when called upon
- * Wear a smile
- * Have fun

Positions openings in hospitality:

1. Provide goodies on Sunday

- * One or two times year with other church goers.

2. Be a hospitality partner:

- * To assist those who provide goodies on Sunday.
- * This requires signing up every 6 to 8 weeks throughout the year.
- * The more partners I have signed-up the less time is required throughout the year.

3. Memorial service helper:

- * Help provide goodies for after the service
- * Help put the refreshments together and then put things away

4. Pot Luck meal:

- * Help put serving equipment together before pot luck
- * Help put things away after the pot luck

5. Men help:

- * Help to set-up tables and put them away for events
- * Be a cookie tester

The above positions give others and you the opportunity to enjoy the church families plus meet new ones. Come and share your time. I am available to answer any questions regarding any of hospitality positions after church or ***call me at 520 907 5706.***

Thanks to all who have been fulfilling these position openings.

Delores Brindel

Mission Outreach Ministry

Everywhere we go these spring days, we see the golden flowers of our Arizona State tree, the Palo Verde (green tree). For some of us, who are in our “golden years” it is a reminder that even as we have been given the privilege of reaching our age, we too are still beautiful and useful and we too can brighten our surroundings by how we live and reach out to others in our daily lives. I am so pleased to be able to invite you to hear Barbara McClure the Executive Director of CCS/Impact in Catalina, speak to us about a new and revised Senior Center program in Catalina. Not only will we be able to enjoy the activities of the Center but also you will be able to volunteer to help others at the Center. There are a good number of senior folks in our area who do not live in planned Adult Communities and don't have access to organized senior programming, who will be able to participate in the Senior Center and receive the services, fellowship, fun, games, education, meals, etc.... that will be offered. Please plan to join us on Wed. the 6th of May at 1:00 PM for this presentation at our monthly Mission Outreach Ministry meeting at Vista. Barbara is a delightful lady and you will truly enjoy her talk!!!

By the time you read this report a number of us will have been to our Sister Church, Fuente de Vida in Agua Prieta Mexico, for the celebration of the graduation of our first two graduates from the University in Agua Prieta, who are part of our Scholarship program. Both Mitzva and Karen are graduating with education degrees. We are so proud of them and their hard work and look forward to reporting to you about the event in next month's Echoes. Over 12 years ago Vista was asked, by our Annual Conference, to assist with an economic advancement program for our Sister Church. The decision, after much prayer, was made that for their better future, we needed to concentrate on an educational program for this mission “new start” fledging Mission Church. Last school year, you good folks at Vista sponsored well over 100 students, in all grades, with all their school supplies and backpacks. When this program was started, we did not have any students going on to High School, but this new school year will see 11 students in High School and several more entering secondary educations along with 8 others who are presently enrolled in the University and in Tech Schools.

We have all of you to thank for the great success of these young people. You may remember, when we first started this program, we learned that most of the parents did not exceed the 3rd grade in their own education. The future looks GOOD for these young people who come from a country that has so much poverty. Thanks be to God, we have the confidence to believe that they will make a big difference in their own land.

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The Creative Hands group meets at 9:00 AM every week at Vista to create and make new children's clothes for the clothing bank at CCS/Impact and the Family First Pregnancy Center in Oracle. These ladies do amazing work and could sure use a few pairs of extra hands to do their good work. No experience needed!! Please call team leader **Jan Bohe at 825-9725** for further information.

I want to remind you that **Memorial Day** is celebrated this year on May 25th, and we want to remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice to uphold and defend our freedoms around the world. Our way of honoring those who are no longer with us, is by supporting those who followed in their footsteps and are serving us around the world today out of the Davis Monthan AFB in Tucson. For a number of years we supplied phone cards for the deployed, but in conversation with DM Family Services, I learned that the Air Force now provided our troops with a pin # that allows them to call home at no cost, and in this age of electronics, most of the troops have devices that allow them to be in contact with their families. The other program we have supported at the DM Base is the **Hearts Apart program** for the families of deployed troops. In some cases both Mommy and Daddy are gone serving around the world.

The **Hearts Apart program** plans monthly special outings for the children and their family care givers. As you may have read, this year there is a very high number of those stationed at DM that have been deployed, so Family Services is really busy. They have planned in July a big Luau for the **Hearts Apart program** that will welcome back a number of the deployed and give a happy time to the children and families of DM. We will designate our Memorial giving to this end and show our support to these military families. Please give generously to this project and show our love and appreciation for their service. Your checks may be deposited in the Sunday offering plate, but please put "Memorial day fund" in the memo line so that your contribution will go to its intended place. THANKS FOR REMEMBERING!!

We look forward to our new Pastor Fred Baum arriving among us and introducing him to our extensive Mission Outreach Program at Vista. We sure do appreciate the support we have received from Pastor Ed and thank him for it!! I look forward to seeing a good number of you on May 6th to hear Barbara McClure speak. You might want to invite your senior neighbors to join you. Thank you so much for your continued support of Vista's Mission Outreach programs. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours in Mission service: Dee Berman
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TUCSON HOSPITALITY INN

The Inn continues to do an excellent job of housing patients and family members that have come to Tucson for medical reasons. Lou Tompkins, Manager, provides emotional and physical support to all who come there, and does what he can to provide a true home away from home during the families' medical crises.

Continuing to stay at the Inn as of early April is Nadia from Egypt who has had rhino cancer and is undergoing more reconstructive surgery. Also staying from around Arizona are Connie who is here with her daughter following a kidney transplant; they are from Scottsdale; Michelle, accompanied by her mother from Show Low; Michelle had a hysterectomy; Larry and his wife Margo from Prescott; Larry has brain cancer; and Paul from Phoenix; he has liver cancer.

Everything else is going well at the Inn. Lou very much appreciates your continued support, as do I. Contributions of gift cards to grocery stores, Home Depot, and Costco and monetary donations to help can be sent directly to Lou Tompkins, Tucson Hospitality Inn, 2539 E. Edison Street, Tucson, AZ 85716. THI is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit charitable organization. Arizona tax credit is given for up to \$200 for individuals and \$400 for couples if you are an Arizona resident. If you do not claim residency in Arizona, you still can deduct your charitable donation on your taxes. Be sure to include your contact information with your donation and you will receive a letter to acknowledge your gift.

Please continue to pray for guests at the Inn, the Inn's volunteers, and Lou who works long hours every day.

Kay Gragg, THI Team Leader

CLASSES FOR OUR NEW DEFIBRILLATOR

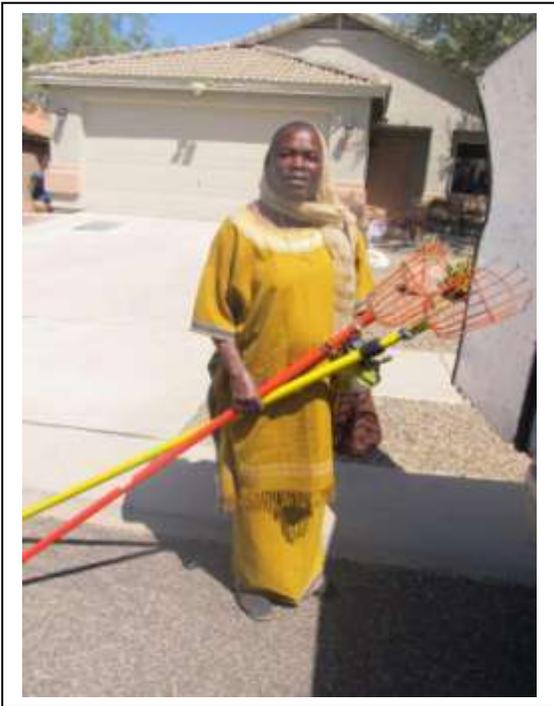
Thanks to the UMM Group and the Church's Trustees a brand new defibrillator will be stored in the kitchen for use in an emergency. A short but vital class will be held Sunday May 17th after service and Fellowship.

ALL USHERS are asked to attend and any one else who is interested in learning.

If you have any questions please call **Bob Sherman at 825-5426 or Loni Degen at 818-3192**

GOT FRUIT????

The Iskashitau Refugee program in Tucson, is one of the Tucson community charities that we support. We welcome the Vista folks who have fruit trees to call them and they will come and harvest your trees at no cost. This helps feed the refugees and also gives them product to sell at local Farmers Markets. The harvesting director is Chloe at 520-440-100 or [520-336-6178](tel:520-336-6178) . This is a great charity and perhaps there are people who need their fruit trees picked.



The harvesting of grapefruit trees in Rick and Dee Berman's back yard. About 12 crates were picked.

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VISTA'S PARKING LOT