

VISTA ECHOES

LENT 2015



Pastor Ed Bonneau

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The season of Lent is upon us. The word Lent is based on the Latin “Lang” meaning long and has to do with the lengthening of daylight hours in Spring.

Lent is a time of self-evaluation, repentance, prayer and self-sacrifice. Throughout these 40 days of the Lenten Season (these 40 days do not count Sundays, Sunday is always a celebration of resurrection) we are made aware of the tremendous sacrifice God made on our behalf in Jesus Christ.

Lent begins with a “BANG!” with Mardi gras. Literally “fat Tuesday”, Mardi gras is the Shrove Tuesday celebration before Ash Wednesday. (The word Shrove means penitence). Many people “give something up for Lent” as a symbol of their faith and seriousness in repenting of sin and doing penance. But you don’t have to give something up to honor Lent. You can do just as well by adding something, say doing a kindness to a stranger every day, or telling someone how much you love them, or adding a Bible reading or prayer time to your day. This also honors Christ and our faith in Him.

So one more definition for you! Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal (Spring) equinox. That is why the date for Easter Sunday moves around so much, because it is based on a lunar (Hebrew) not a solar (Latin) calendar. Count back 40 days (not counting Sundays) and you have Ash Wednesday. No matter what your Lenten discipline may be, make it a time of spiritual growth and increased faith as we travel through these 40 days.

Blessings, Ed

THINKING RUMMAGE

The Methodist men, united (UMM) here at Vista for Vista bid you hello. A good bunch we are and dedicated to making positive changes in and around the Vista Campus for the enjoyment of everyone. I'm not about horn blowing but last year UMM did spend \$7500, to dress up our church experience. It is a sizeable can of coin, frankly and we are pleased to do this. It is just what we said we would do a couple years ago, make Vista a better place. We intend to continue with these works using our considerable talents to do so.

Most projects take capitol. If you desire brand name stuff in a hurry it takes more capitol. Now this is not a John Adams lecture. Still it is a fund raising approach. In my experience nothing outside a raffle beats a Rummage Sale for raising funds. Remember, we donate items for sale and solicit more donations where ever we can. These goods are offered for sale at reasonable prices to the world at large. The world buys the items and takes them home paying in cash money. At the end of the day Vista has the world's money to spend on Vistas needs! How rare is that? It is too good of a deal not to take advantage of.

Well then, let's take advantage! The first weekend of May, UMM will sponsor another gala rummage sale. We are soliciting both assistance and goods. There are 2 distinct phases to any sale, set up then selling. Each takes 2 days, maybe a little more. Both are a lot of fun. A notable part about all of our sales is to stand back and watch Vista members work in harmony to accomplish a goal.

Jump in then. Donate stuff, donate your time and help out. There is a lot to do and most of it is fun. The (little) rest is kind of fun. All in all it is a really nice caring and sharing church experience. And we will generate some \$greenies\$ to use around the Vista campus. It doesn't get better than this!

There will be other notices in Echoes and in the Bulletin concerning Rummage 2015.

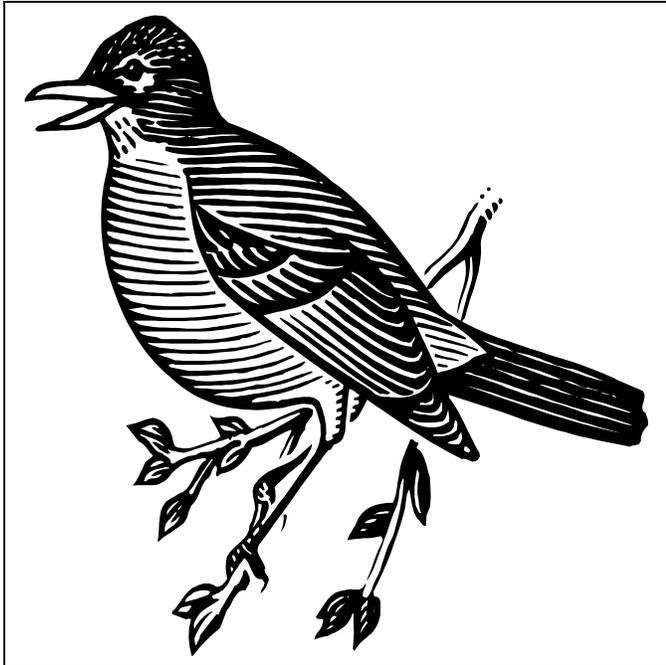
Thank you for your attention

Jim Bless UMMP

CELEBRATIONS

ANNIVERSARIES:

CARPENTER, Boyd & Karon	03/10
KELLEY, Ed & Lynn	03/18
MC COTTER, Stephen & Linda	03/27
BERMAN, Rick & Dee	03/31



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Happy Birthday to:

ALLIGOOD, David	03/01
HOLMAN Sr., Jim	03/02
ZEBAL, Liz	03/05
HEDRICK, Jim	03/06
TRIBOULET, Dick	03/10
PHILLIPPI, Lou	03/11
ALLEN, Bill	03/12
HAMPTON, Fran	03/13
MILLER, Barbara	03/13
RICHARDS, Shirley	03/13
DETHMAN, Esther	03/14
NANCEKIVELL, Nora	03/14
ROBERSON, Walt	03/17
RICE, Pete	03/19
LANGWIG, Bob	03/21
OWEN, Pat	03/21
SANDERS, Marshall	03/23
CROWN, John	03/24
ALLEN, Marge	03/27
COLBY, Dottie Lou	03/27
SCHWARTZ, Pete	03/28
AUGUST, Alice	03/31
MALOID, Debbi	03/31

PRAYERS



It's our pleasure to pray for you and your family and friends every Wednesday & in our own way during the week. But we could use your help. We keep most names on the list for 30 days unless we get an update or know about the situation. We keep cancer on the list for 90 days and once again if we know about the situation, we keep the names on longer. When names are removed, they are consigned to God's care. We are a growing church so we don't know everyone personally. There are several you can let us know of your prayer needs. You can write a note in the red attendance pad on Sunday. You can call or e-mail the following: Dorothy Conner, Linda Whitlatch and Mary Lou Young. You can also call the church office. We thank you for your help

NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION

All people who are interested in becoming members here at Vista are invited to a New Member Orientation on Saturday, March 28 from 9 to 11 A.M. We will learn more about one another, our church, our faith, and our Methodist heritage. This is informational in nature and we would love to have anyone interested in joining our fellowship to attend. Light refreshments will be served so come join us, meet new friends, and help us make Vista a stronger and more spirit filled fellowship. Again it is March 28, 9-11. We will be meeting in Ed's Building.

HOSPITALITY



I wish I could list every name here who has volunteered in doing coffee set-up; doing goodies after church services; participate at memorial services; help with pot lucks and many other events to extend very special thanks. Let me not forget those wonderful folks who change the sanctuary to accommodate all these different events.

The folks that I have mentioned above have taken time from their busy schedule to make it all special for you and me and help make Vista a caring church group. Remember churches are made up of caring volunteers.

I am asking you to help to continue to make Vista an outstanding group of caring folks. You can do this by stepping up to join in this great church family at Vista by volunteering a little of your time. I know you are saying you do not want to join another committee and I agree with you.

The following are ways you can become active without joining a committee. **Suggestions are**

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1. Sunday goodies after church: sign-up with other friends to provide goodies after a church service then, bring the goodies, serve them and then put things away. You can do this once or twice a year.
2. Hospitality Partner: Sign-up to be a partner to those who are hosting the Sunday morning goodies. Ask what does this entail when you see Delores at the sign-up table on Sunday.
3. Coffee Makers: Come 20 minutes before church service to put the coffee together and then push the cart out onto the patio. You can sign-up for a month and/or for 2 weeks.
4. Memorial Goodies: provide goodies for the services
5. Memorial Services: Help put goodies together on trays, place out on a table and then put things away
6. Pot Lucks: Help to set-up before the meal and/or put things away
7. Setting up the sanctuary: Help set-up equipment and put it away

Can you just imagine how much it would cost to pay people to do all the above. Did you know this can be part of your pledge to Vista? Pledges are not only giving money but giving of our time and talents. Church is made up of people serving in many different ways.

If you feel in your heart to volunteer to all or one of the items mentioned above, please do one of the following:

1. See Delores on any Sunday after church
2. Call Delores Brindle at 520 907 5706
3. E-mail: delorejb@gmailcom to discuss further.

Cake being used for the Sunday Goodies: If you are planning on bringing a cake for a special event after the church service please contact Delores Brindle so she can discuss with you how to handle the serving of the cake that day. Cakes are great but they are a little harder to serve and I will work with you to make it easy on you to serve it.

Kitchen Paper Products and other Supplies found in the large kitchen: These supplies that are found in the kitchen are purchased by different groups to be used for their events. The different groups have taken out of their budget to buy the supplies you see in the kitchen storage areas. If your group is planning on doing an event and needs paper products and/or other supplies, you **must** provide them or call Delores to discuss how to handle it.

If you are sick and are signed up to do goodies: Please call Delores to let her know you will not be there and she can make arrangements to find someone else to handle the event after church.

Memorial Services Refreshments served at the church: Hospitality can assist you with planning the refreshments, gathering together the goodies for the service, serving them and putting things away. We can help make this easy on you when it seems like the whole world around you has fallen apart. Let us help you so you can concentrate on other things.

Hospitality is people from your church families who stick with you in happy and sad times. Thank you again to all those wonderful volunteers who make Vista church stand out from other churches.

Delores Brindle, Hospitality Co-chairperson

TWO VERY SPECIAL KARENS AT VISTA



KAREN RICE recently attended the week-long 203rd Stephen Ministry Leadership Training in Anaheim CA, and as she said when she and Pete arrived home, "... I was one tired gal! TOO much sitting so that I really looked handicapped when I stood up to try to walk. GREAT conference ---LOTS of info! Enjoyed most of it and I met some really great Christians. I feel really blessed that I had the opportunity to worship with 246 compassionate Christian friends." The sessions started at 8:30 a.m. each day and even continued two evenings after dinner until 9:30 p.m. Her fellow trainees were from all over the United States as well as ten from Canada and one from China. About half of those present were from congregations newly enrolled as a Stephen Ministries church.

KAREN HUDELSON is half-way through her 50 hours of training and will join Vista's current, active Stephen Ministers in May. Her class of six (5 women and 1 man) meets at Santa Catalina Catholic Church on Sunday afternoons. Our Vista Stephen Leaders, including Pastor Ed, as well as SCCC Stephen Leaders rotate teaching each lesson. Karen will be a fantastic addition to Vista's corps of Stephen Ministers.

Please thank Karen Rice and Karen Hudelson for their commitment to Vista and our community.

FYI, as of November 2014, the ministry has grown to 12,075 USA congregations and 24 foreign countries. There are 66,708 trained Leaders and approximately 600,000+ Stephen Ministers. GOD continues to bless this lay ministry as we reach out to individuals living through a difficult event in their lives.

TUCSON HOSPITALITY INN

As of mid-February, the Inn was full and everything was going well. *Staying at the Inn are Nadia, a doctor from Egypt, who is going to have facial reconstruction; Don from Austin, Texas, who has cancer; a young man Paul from Phoenix, who has liver cancer; Glenda, from Show Low, Arizona, whose daughter Angie has epilepsy; and Manuel from Mesa who has lung cancer.*

Please keep the Inn and the guests who stay there in your prayers.

Kay Gragg, THI Team Leader

LADIES' LUNCHEON & SHOWER

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Family First Pregnancy Care Center

Vista's Mission Outreach and UMW hosted a Ladies' Luncheon & Shower on February 7th for Family First Pregnancy Care Center (FFPCC) & Diaper Bank located in Oracle and Winkleman. Our guest speaker was Family First's Director Clare Grochocki. Family First provides new mothers and fathers' education classes on prenatal care, child development, parenting and life skills. They host a weekly story time for toddlers and their mothers. Through their "Earn While You Learn Program" participants completing a class earn a "Mommy or Daddy Dollar" that may be cashed in at their on-site store for a baby outfit, item or diapers.

More than 60 ladies attended and/or donated shower gift items. The baby shower donations overfilled five 6' tables and Clare stated, "I HAVE BEEN AT MANY OF THESE EVENTS AND HAVE NEVER SEEN GENEROUSITY OF THIS MAGNITUDE". We want to thank all Vista members and friends that so generously donated infant/toddler items and diapers. See the photos of the gift tables at the shower and of Clare Grochocki, Jan Bohe, Dee Berman and Jan Hopke-Almer in the Family First Center's Oracle donation store. In addition to the Vista ladies in the photo, a special thank you to the event committee members Benith Macpherson, Ginny Jackson, Kay Gragg, Glenna Snider, Alice Tompkins and Marilyn Waldo.

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Family First's Director Clare Grochocki.



Clare Grochocki, Jan Bohe, Dee Berman and Jan Hopke-Almer in the Family First Center's Oracle donation store.

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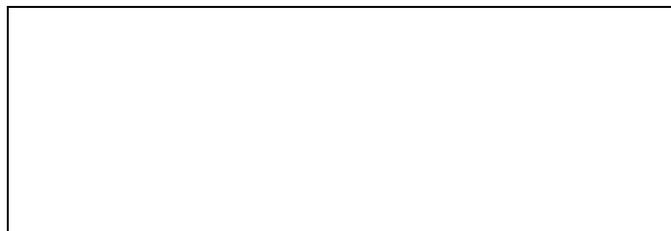
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Mission Outreach Report for March 2015

My report this month is quite short as I am gone on a Mission Trip to Yucatan. Mexico but will report to you next month. Mission at Vista is alive and well and we welcome you to our next Mission meeting on Wed. the 4th of March at 1:00 PM. As always everyone is welcome.

Yours in Mission Service:

Dee Berman Chairman

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VISTA'S MEMORIAL GARDEN – COLUMBARIUM

The service on February 21st celebrating Sally Bolar's life was absolutely super, and how appropriate that she and Marlin, who love the out-of-doors and the beauty of God's creation, chose to have a niche in our columbarium. Many attending Sally's service weren't aware that Vista has this ministry. The tri-fold brochure available in the narthex explains why this ministry was incorporated in our present building complex, completed in 2002.

Why a Memorial Garden-Columbarium?

A columbarium is a place where the ashes of your loved one may rest in peace and dignity within the shadow of the church – Vista's faces east with a magnificent view of the Catalina Mountains, in full view of the morning sun. It provides a rare opportunity to reclaim the church yard burial tradition, a respected tradition throughout history. Churches in the U.S. and around the world find that columbariums and memorial gardens contribute to a feeling of church family. Providing a columbarium accents our ministry from birth and baptism to death and eternal life. Our columbarium niches offer our members a quiet, permanent resting place for human ashes. Be it Christmas Eve, Easter Sunday, Memorial Day or a regular Sunday service, the congregation – past and present – is together in body and spirit.

Cremation is growing in popularity as the choice for final disposition among people who want simplicity and dignity in their final arrangements. What better way to continue our mission as the center of a spiritual community? Our columbarium is theologically sound; reminds us of those who've preceded us; signifies we care for our members and believe in life after death; has extremely favorable economics as compared to other methods of internment; provides comfort to the family having a memorial to their deceased at their church; and is environmentally friendly.

Twenty-two niches are still available for purchase. The large granite plaques on the Memorial Wall beside the columbarium niches has inscriptions which honor the memory of loved ones interred or scattered elsewhere; or put in place after the loved one's cremains have been incorporated into the soil in the designated area in the Memorial Garden. I would be happy to schedule an appointment with you to discuss the guidelines and policies and explain the various options available.

Mary Louise Roberson, Memorial Garden Administrator

United Methodist Men

Life is good (a little short but what ya' gonna do)? UMM is a busy bunch. Our whole purpose is to help many, many other folks at Vista, make Vista a better place. Did you know the color paint job on the outside of the Sanctuary was done as a UMM - Trustee co-op? That it looks good is an understatement. It looks great, fresh and alive. It looks like just such a place a passerby would want to stop and rest a spell. This was the intention all along.

Horn blowing time? Jim Hathaway and Duane Waldo created the art doves inset in the front gate. Now our front gate no longer looks like a county equipment parking lot but a place of worship, rest and peace. There was minor UMM direction here.

Our stated aim is to make the Vista Campus a prettier, nicer place. Hey, men, stop in and visit us. We are not a club or organized past taking minutes that we can remember where we are when scheduling. Actually I'm not sure we know what a quorum is? We have fun and we get stuff done.

Remember, May 1 and 2 is the Rummage Sale. Think Rummage! I've said this before, rummage is the best deal and fund raiser ever thought of. Through rummage we are able to spend the other guy's money on our projects. It doesn't get better than this. Maybe, just maybe we can copy our Methodist brothers on the far east side. We have a donated tractor for this sale. Please consider donating a large ticket item to this sale.

We have sold a golf cart before. If you have such a contraption and are not using it, pack it up and donate it. Are you paying storage on a boat and haven't been to the lake in 5 years? Lighten your load through rummage. We will arrange moving it here. How about an RV? If you really didn't go on the all American road trip and the space rent on that beast is eating you out of house and home let us have it (It would help if it ran). Cheers, all donations of furniture are appreciated. We cannot take tube TVs or old computers. We are playing down books and clothing this time around. Call any of us, principally James Bless 825-3475 or Howard young 825-9213 or Bob Sherman 825-5426 and schedule a pick up.

Thank you and Vista IS a better place, Peace through Christian living.

Movie Time Lenten Series 2015.

The Vista Odeon Cinema is in full swing for lent. Lent is a time of personal spiritual growth through self-denial and prayer. Well it was a few hundred years ago when the religious powers of the day had a "do it or else theme". For us here at Vista, we will offer up to God Almighty a little sacrifice and thoughtful prayer as a much watered down imitation of the sacrifice Jesus Christ paid for us. Consider also the reward Jesus earned for us by his act.

Now none of us are going to earn or suffer (at least as volunteers) in the footsteps of the man who saved us from what we probably deserve. However, and here is the tricky part, we can have an education journey through film to appreciate life without salvation, a life without hope.

Please join us for a journey in hope through film. Now the Vista Odeon can hold only about 40 pilgrims. Last time we maxed at about 30. If perchance we do fill past comfort (or fire marshal's limit) a second show will be ordered on another day. I doubt this will happen but this is the plan if it does.

I want to start at the bottom! Bottom social status has clearly been defined by Alexander Solzhenitsyn in at least 2 dramatic books, one a Nobel Prize winner. Here is life without hope. Well not much hope anyway. Here are we, spiritually, compared to Jesus Christ. If a little flaw is sufficient to keep us out of heaven aren't we all a just bunch of spiritual derelicts sorely in need of salvation?

Join me in the Vista Odeon Cinema for *ONE DAY IN THE LIFE OF IVAN DENISOVICH*. This is a perfectly miserable place to start our Lenten journey. Matters can only get better, or can they? I promise no gore or smut. We are not here to have our social sensibilities offended, especially in the company of one another. We certainly can have our understanding of the world and our place in it elevated.

A Movie will be shown each Monday in March. Screen time 6:30 PM, one showing. Those who can, come. I'll see you there.

Other movies titles are known but yet to be announced.