

**WELCOME TO VISTA DE LA MONTAÑA
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



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Vista Vision

Our Vision is to be a community of God's grace, living the mission of Christ. It is to do unto others as we would want them to do unto us.

Vista Mission

Our Mission is to celebrate a reverence for life and a sense of wonder as we enthusiastically engage the challenges life has to offer. It is to reach out to others to help them meet their needs and to welcome them into our family of faith as we gather for worship, fellowship, education and service.

Vista Motto

“Once a Missile Site...Now a Church with a Mission.”

Welcome to Vista de la Montana United Methodist Church. We hope you will discover just how much God loves you and what his wonderful plan and purpose for your life really is. We strive to be a church which is open and welcoming.

You will find that children, youth, young adults and mature adults are all important to us. We offer opportunities to help meet your spiritual needs and to be supportive of you and your family. We join in a shared ministry between clergy and laity, encouraging people to use their gifts in ministry to help others. Our missions are a vital part of who we are.

In a world full of strife and conflict about religions, we believe we have something to special to offer. It is the chance to have a life changing relationship with Jesus Christ. If you already know Jesus on a personal basis, we are here to help you grow in your relationship as you fellowship with other believers. If you do not know Jesus, we are here to help you get to know Him. As the apostle Paul said, "He will never disappoint you."

We hope this information about us helps to introduce you to growing and learning about the Christian faith in our faith community here at Vista.

Our Wesleyan Heritage

We are proud to be part of The United Methodist Church. United Methodists hold to the historic doctrines of the Christian faith. We are evangelical, but are moderates rather than fundamentalists. We value the intellect and modern science, while at the same time look to the Bible as the authoritative guide for faith and practice. Methodists have a passionate faith with strong convictions, but we also recognize that the issues we face in our world are not always clear cut. Therefore, we are willing to ask questions, wrestle with difficult issues and strive to do so with the grace and compassion of Christ.

Methodists are known for our emphasis on a personal faith lived out in concrete ways in the world. Historically we value well-informed and passionate preaching, worship that is lively and small groups where people are given the opportunity to grow in their faith. Methodists strive for open hearts and open minds. We welcome anyone interested in learning more about the Christian faith. United Methodists are the second largest Protestant denomination in America, and Methodists have played a significant role in shaping our nation. You can learn more about the United Methodist Church online at www.umc.org

Baptism

We believe Baptism is a Covenant between an individual and God. It is God's word to us proclaiming our adoption by grace and our word to God, promising our response of faith and love. Persons of all ages can be baptized at Vista UMC. When an infant is baptized, the parents make this promise for their child; that they will raise their child in the Christian faith until that child can profess faith for themselves openly. We baptize a child by sprinkling Holy Water and making the sign of the cross on the forehead. The United Methodist Church recognizes baptisms from other faiths and churches and therefore does not "re-baptize". We baptize by sprinkling, immersion and pouring.

Confirmation

Confirmation is a time when students make a personal decision to confirm the vows made for them at their baptism. Confirmation classes are offered periodically.

Membership

We encourage you to consider membership at Vista. As a member you make a commitment to worship regularly, to continue to grow in your faith by participating in small group study, to serve God with your hands by volunteering in service to the congregation and the community and world, and to give in proportion to your income. Membership classes are offered bi-monthly.

Congregational Expectations:

Prayer: That you will grow in your prayer and devotional life.

Presence: That you will attend worship each week unless you are ill or out of town.

Gifts: That you will make a commitment to move toward tithing or proportional giving.

Service: That you will find an area either in or outside the church to serve God and others.

Witness: That you are willing to share your faith about Jesus to others and invite them to worship.

Group Life: That you will find a growth or learning group upon joining the church family.

We desire that you prayerfully consider joining the Vista de la Montana United Methodist Church's faith community. If we can help you in any way, please speak with the Pastor or any member of the church.

The Vista UMC Story

By 1981, the Cold War had ended and the SALT II treaty had been negotiated and signed. As a result, Russians and Americans agreed to dismantle their respective missile sites. One of the American missiles was the Titan II. Titan missile site number nine was located near Catalina, on a 10 acre piece of land that just happened to have a wonderful view of the Santa Catalina Mountains.

With the missile site dismantled, the land was put up for sale. Meantime, in 1990, Vista de la Montana was founded with 60 people at the Coronado Middle School, across the highway from the missile site. By 1992, Vista was working hard to get itself established in this growing area northwest of Tucson; and the missile site was still unsold. Thanks to its founding pastor, Dan Cooke and a willing congregation, the decision was made to bid on the missile site, and in 1994, Vista de la Montana United Methodist Church purchased the site and began efforts to bring in the first modular building. The cement pad covering the silo can still be found west of the parking lot.

With the help of their pastor, Dr. Stewart Elson and the church's first secretary, Pat Stoddard (still a member), Vista soon outgrew its modular units, which had grown to three, and by November 2001, a groundbreaking ceremony was held to launch the construction of a permanent structure. Construction of the new building was completed in mid 2002. The first

service was held on Consecration Sunday, September 8, 2002. Members come predominantly from the communities of Catalina, Oracle, Oracle Junction, Oro Valley, Saddlebrook, Eagle Crest Ranch, Rancho Vistoso, Sun City and Tucson.

Worship Services

Sunday at 10 AM features a blend of traditional and contemporary services led by our pastor. Music is provided by the Chancel Choir, Praise Team and Vista Joy Ringers. Communion is offered the first Sunday of the month.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE, LEARN AND GROW

Education Ministries

Children's Message: There is a children's time in each Worship Service.

Youth and Children Sunday School Classes: Classes are offered on Sunday morning for children aged preschool through sixth grade. Child care for infants and toddlers is also provided.

Children's summer program: These are held every year in the summer.



Adult Bible Studies: These studies are offered on both a short and long term basis and can be discovered in the bulletin and online.

Women's Bible Study: An ongoing Women's Bible Study is offered on weekday mornings.

Sunday School Classes: Adult classes are offered on Sunday mornings after the Worship service.

Evening special classes: These are offered during weekday evenings on a rotating basis. Facilitators and teachers for all of the above categories are lay member volunteers.

Nursery: A nursery is provided for babies and toddlers so that their parents can worship. Volunteers are trained to work with this ministry.

Labyrinth: This meditational space is located to the southeast and down the hill from the Sanctuary. It is a one way path-one path to the center and one path out again. There are no dead ends or places to get lost as in a maze. One should look at the walk as a three part process: purgation, illumination and union.

Fellowship Ministries



United Methodist Women Circles: Vista has two women's circles. Susanna Wesley meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 9:00 AM in Ed's Building. The Mary Martha Circle meets on the first Thursday of the month at 9:30 AM at member's homes.

United Methodist Men: UMM meet on the first Saturday of the month at 7 AM for breakfast followed by a devotional and a brief business meeting.



Dinner for 6: This is a home table fellowship shared by couples and singles three times each semester.

Family Game Night: Meeting on the 4th Tuesday of each month this activity provides an entertaining evening of games and snacks for all ages.

Landscape Team: Keeping the grounds beautiful, this volunteer group meets on Thursdays at 8:00 AM at the church.

Music And Fine Arts Ministry

Vista Joy Ringers Bell Choir: The ringers meet on Thursday at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary. New ringers are welcome.

Chancel Choir: This is an adult choir where all are welcome. The choir rehearses on Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary and on Sunday mornings in the choir room before Worship. New singers are welcome.



Praise Team Singers: Employing more contemporary Christian music the praise team meets as needed. Audition required.

Fine Arts Committee: This program brings the finest performers and artists to Vista. Past performers have included The Tucson Boys Chorus, Guy Atchley, Tucson Chamber Artists, the Sonoran Bells, Awen Rising and Harp Fusion.

Vocal Seniority: This is one of Tucson's premier musical ensembles. If you are a man who likes to sing music of many styles, join us on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 AM in the Vista choir room for fun, fellowship and great music.

Worship Ministries

Worship Team: This group is responsible for organizing and implementing the worship services.

Ushers: Ushering is done by lay members to assist members and guests as they enter the sanctuary and to assist in worship.

Greeters: These lay members minister by making each new visitor feel welcome to worship and fellowship with us.

Communion Servers: Lay members assist the pastor in the distribution of communion.

Scripture Readers: Lay members who read the appropriate scriptures and other liturgical readings as an introduction to the sermon.

Acolytes: These are our children who bring the light of Christ to the altar each worship service.

Coffee Hour Volunteers: Church members volunteer to bring snacks for the congregation after the Worship hour to facilitate fellowship.

Mission Ministries



Mission Outreach Groups: This committee oversees and implements the church's mission and outreach programs.

IMPACT of Arizona: We provide support for the food and clothing banks and for the Senior Care facility.

Coronado K-8 School-Snak Paks: This is a food program for children at risk of malnutrition

Creative Hands: We make clothes and blankets for those in need through IMPACT and Family First.

Family First Pregnancy Care Center: We provide clothing, school supplies and support.

Tucson Hospitality Inn: We support this lodging for medical patients and their families who require prolonged stays in Tucson while receiving medical treatment

Fuente de Vida Iglesia Metodista: We provide support for our sister church in Agua Prieta, Mexico with special emphasis on helping students with their education by providing school supplies and scholarships for secondary education and seminary students.

U of A Wesley Foundation/Campus Ministry: Assisting in the spiritual development of college students has been a ministry for us for as long as we have been in existence.

Davis Monthan Outreach to Deployed military and their families: We assist through the Hearts Apart family support program.

Vista UMC Youth Mission Projects: We give monetary support and encouragement to those of our youth who wish to participate in domestic mission trips.

UMCOR: We provide both monetary support and have mission trips to work centers for national and international disasters.

Administrative Ministries

Church Council: Composed of leaders in each of the church committees and the pastor, this group meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month to discuss church issues and conduct church business.

Evangelism Committee: This committee is responsible for aiding each member in their faith journey by ensuring that programs and classes are available to them. They also encourage church attendance and new membership as we continue to make disciples for Christ.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee is responsible for making financial policy for the church in accordance with the Book of Discipline, for paying apportionments and for monitoring the church budget.

Staff Parish Relations Committee: This Committee acts as a liaison between the congregation and the staff of the church. They are responsible for reports on staffing to the district and conference and on dealing with staff issues in the local church.

Office Volunteers: Lay members assist the pastor and secretary in answering phones, greeting visitors and doing routine office tasks during regular church office hours.

Columbarium: This is a ministry of the church begun in 2002 to assist those who have lost loved ones by providing niches for funeral urns.

Pastoral Care Ministries

Pastoral Calls: The pastor is always happy to do pastoral visits to hospitals and nursing homes. Please call the church office at 825-1985 to let him know of people who are in the hospital or nursing home.

Stephen Ministers: These are men and women who are willing to answer Jesus' call to serve. Care Receivers are people experiencing challenges such as death of a loved one, divorce, job loss, terminal illnesses, long term hospitalization, single parenting, new baby or moving to a new community. Stephen Leaders are trained in topics such as listening, Christian assertiveness, maintaining boundaries in caregiving and grief. Training includes 50 hours of classroom instruction.

Prayer Ministry: Intercessory Prayer Team meets on Wednesday morning at the church at 9:00 AM to pray for individuals as well as for global concerns. A prayer chain network prays for Vista members in time of need and crisis.

Grief Groups: Everyone experiences loss at some point in their lives. These groups are formed at least yearly to assist those in need of support with an eight session series.

Support Group: This group offers support for caregivers of a person age 60 or over, or caring for someone of any age who has Alzheimer's or a related dementia.