

VISTA de la Montaña

ECHOES
SUMMER 2015

ED-ITORIAL

As most of you know I will be moving at the end of June to a new assignment, serving as interim minister at Sanctuary United Methodist Church. Currently located in an industrial building near Cortaro and I10, it is a new church with a bright future and positive plans. I look forward to doing a new and different type of ministry in that unique setting.

This spring has been a time of change for Mary and me. The death of my mother, our son Joe changing jobs, and now I will be making a change as well. Yet we know that God is with us in all the changes of life, some good, some bad, but all of them part of what it means to live in this world of ours. Very little gets to stay the same, and that is a good thing. Thank you for your continued care and support as we go through the changes of life, and please know that you will be in my prayers in all your changes as well.

Blessings. Ed





NO BEANS ABOUT IT

My how the time does fly!! It's almost time for the Annual Conference of the Desert Southwest! That means that a Mission project has been selected for each church's participation. Last year we collected socks—lots of them-- and our congregation at Vista were more than generous.

This year the theme is ***“Beans and Tuna”***! *Bob Sherman and Debbi Maloid*, Lay members to Annual Conference, will be providing more information on several Sunday mornings. The central idea is that we will be collecting canned tuna and canned or dry beans of every variety until June 14th. A receptacle for collection will be in the narthex just like last year. Please donate generously!! All proceeds will go to **IMPACT** (Formerly known as Catalina Community Services). **NOTE:** *we will not be collecting money for the purchase of these items as we did last year. We will only be collecting cans and/or dry beans.*

Think about this: *Beans and tuna are good for the soul;
 The more you donate the better we roll.
 Your generosity is always a treat;
 Let's bring in those cans so others may eat!*

Thank you as always for generosity. May God bless you richly!!



IN APPRECIATION

As we struggled through our recent health issues we were continually blessed with God's presence and grace. Further blessings came from Vista's staff and members whose assistance was never ending with gifts of love, prayers; our hearts have been filled with gratitude!

We have been so deeply touched by your thoughtfulness and will always cherish your friendship and support.

***Thank you,
Howard and Sharon Kaste***

United Methodist Men

Psssst, hey there, want to hear a 4 letter word? Ok here goes..... **OVER!**

That is my 4 letter word for June. *Over as in the rummage sale is over!* And UMM, assisted by everyone at Vista did well. Well, well enough as we don't have money to waste but we do have money to invest in Vista. That is what we said we would do all along and the list of improvements accomplished by UMM with funds raised through rummage is growing nicely.

About rummage and Vista I want to share a story told by Von Ceil's co worker. She was in line Friday morning and bought several things. She told how every one from Vista was cheerful, attentive and helpful. It is my pleasure to relate this, it shows all of us at our best even when we are neck deep in hard work and focused on many details. The customer was very happy with the things she bought and the prices she paid. Believe this, our rummage sale is a mission. Our furniture and sundries are well priced and as rummage, nice things.

This year our jewelry and antique room did very well. The staff in there kept up a nice assortment all through the sale. Sue told me she though that room generated \$1000 over the 3 days. The clothing room basically sold out. The sales technique thereon the last day was fill one grocery bag with anything for \$2. Hey that is a *Gonga!* A plug for Austin of Austin's furniture, who can remember him smashing furniture and yelling "that's a gonga"?

Vista is about used up on furniture and I know and appreciate this. So am I. We have very few things left, we just sold the large armoire / entertainment center and the leather double reclining Lazy boy sofa. There isn't much left and a few items will go to the Catholic Church in Mammoth. They came to our sale and bought on 2 days. She mentioned they were having trouble getting rummage so I said we would help them out. We gave them several items all ready and we have 2 nice mirrors and a double headboard yet. Also a nice pile went to the mission at TMM. They will refurbish and resell some items and donate others to folks who can use them. We sold 3 sofas (cheap) to a veterans program that helps vets furnish an apartment. Catch up..... the china hutch just sold and was delivered.

All in all UMM worked about 6 months collecting and 3 weeks setting up with intense collecting and assisted by much of Vista we worked about 2 solid weeks in and around the rummage sale. No wonder every one is tired. In round whole numbers we took in 11 Grand. We did work for it. All of us can take a bow here.

UMM isn't a club or a secret society. We are so loosely organized we aren't sure what a quorum is. Doesn't matter we do get stuff done and we have a little fun through work and camaraderie along the way. Vista men, drop in at a meeting. Be sure to insure there is actually a meeting on the first Saturday of the month when you decide to visit. Summer we have been known not to hold a meeting on the hot months. Call myself or call Pat in the Vista Office and verify the dates of our meetings. The time is always 7AM and the place is always Sunny Side Up restaurant in Catalina. Check us out, be ready to work.

Life is good and it is better with good friends, worthwhile activities and Christian surroundings. Let's say your cup is only half full. Well, get busy and fill it up. The Vista experience is wonderful, Christian and enlightening. There are many activities going on all the time. Jump in and get going!

*Sincerely,
Jim Bless UMMP*

PLANNING YOUR ESTATE IS AN INSPIRATIONAL ACT

Members of Vista church are described as followers of Christ (I Peter 2:21). You strive to live as Christian disciples and stewards. You've used your time, talent and treasures that God has blessed you with to reveal God's kingdom on earth.

As you make financial and estate plans, you can continue to faithfully follow Christ. You can look at planning your estate as a spiritual act. Prayerfully consider how material gifts could be used so that they reflect your faith. Consider a plan for your estate and think about these five factors:

- 1. Reflect on the people God has placed in your life. Make a list of family, special friends and others who have been a blessing to you. Thank God for them!**
- 2. Reflect on the organizations that God has placed in your life. Make a list of the churches and other organizations that have contributed to a better life for you and others. Thank God for them!**
- 3. Reflect on the material gifts that God has entrusted to you. Make a list of the things you own: real estate, stocks and securities, life insurance, retirement assets as well as cherished items. Thank God for them!**
- 4. Consider the ways in which you would like to match the people and organizations in your life with these material gifts. Who might need continued care? Who might appreciate items of great sentimental value? How might your chosen organizations and ministries use gifts from your estate to perpetuate your values and hopes?**
- 5. Consider people you should consult on the above items. List family members, your pastor, staff of charitable organizations, your financial advisor and/or your attorney. Discuss with them your desires and intentions. Make sure that your estate plans meet your financial needs while they reflect your spiritual values.**



May God Bless Your Discernments

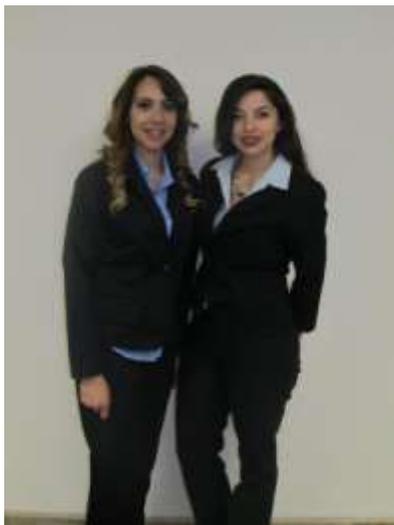


AGUA PRIETA SCHOOL SUPPLIES MISSION PROJECT

The Mission Outreach Committee will begin our annual school supplies drive on Sunday, June 7th by distributing thank you notes from the students of Fuente de Vida, our sister church in Agua Prieta, Mexico. This past year, donations from Vista student sponsors purchased school supplies for 104 K-12 grade students and 10 adults attending technical, seminary or university school programs. On May 8th we celebrated our first two college graduations. Karen Amayo and Mitzva Perez, two long-time sponsored students, graduated from university in Agua Prieta with degrees in elementary education. Through scholarships provided by Vista members, they will continue one more year of post-graduate study to complete teacher licensure requirements for the state of Sonora, Mexico. (See pictures below) We are **SO PROUD** of these two hard working young women who have spent countless volunteer hours working with younger students in the church programs at Fuente de Vida.

Past sponsors wanting to continue providing school supplies for their student(s) are asked to make their donation check out to Vista UMC noting AP school supplies in the memo line by Sunday, July 5th. Through super shopping the school supplies sales, we will purchase a backpack and the L-O-N-G list of school supplies required to attend the public schools in Mexico for only \$25. Prior to putting up our Adopt-a-Student 2015 School Supplies Project Tree on July 12th, we want to give our past sponsors an opportunity to continue supporting their student(s). We will have an updated list of students for the 2015-2016 school year including the additional names, grades and a photo for all new students. Any new participants or past sponsors whose last year student moved, will be able to select a new student beginning Sunday, July 12th. Our goal is to provide school supplies for 5 kindergarten, 60 elementary, 28 junior high and 11 high school students. If sponsors are available, we will also provide a backpack, spiral notebooks and pens/pencils for the adult students. God bless you and thank you for your generous support of the AP School Supplies Mission Project!

Jan Hopke-Almer, Agua Prieta Education Leader



TUCSON HOSPITALITY INN

Lou Tompkins, Manager, reports that since Banner has bought University Medical Center, the number of transplant patients has increased. The Inn has been very busy during May with people coming and going. In early May the guests who were at the Inn were: a couple from Williams, Arizona. The husband Roger has pancreatic cancer; a father and daughter from California. The daughter Farah is awaiting a transplant; Holly from Colorado Springs, Colorado. She is a candidate for a potential transplant; a mother and daughter Anita from Safford, Arizona. Anita has colon cancer; and Nadia from Egypt who was to have facial surgery, then return home to rest for 30 days, then come back to Tucson for more surgery.

Two groups that Dee Berman belongs to, Roadrunners and Foothills Welcome Wagon Alumnae Club, had their meetings and a meal at the Inn during May. Both groups have raised money for THI this year and in past years. Kudos to Dee for enlisting their help for the Inn!

Improvements: Lou had security lights installed in the parking lot to make it safer and better lit for guests arriving after dark and guests coming back from visiting at the hospital. An interesting piece of information: since opening its doors in 2006 until October 2014, the Inn has served more than 6,800 guests! That's pretty amazing for a 6 bedroom house.

Please keep the Inn, Lou, and the guests in your prayers and thank you for your continued support!

Kay Gragg, THI Team Leader

Echoes Mission Outreach Ministry Report

This will be our report to you from your Mission Team wishing you a very Happy and Joy filled summer 2015. Wither you are traveling or spending the summer at home there is some Mission work you can do to help others.

If you are traveling, remember that we can use all the little bottles of shampoo, conditioner, and all those misc. items that are given to you at hotels and resorts. They will be given to various mission projects for those in need. We can always use any sports items, whether it's Tee-shirts, Caps, Sporting goods, etc for our Celebration of Learning Festival in Agua Prieta, Mexico in November. So keep your eyes open and remember us during your travels, but most of all be safe and come back to us in the Fall, full of joy and ready to join us for our Mission work at Vista.

As reported in our last Echoes, a group of us went to Mexico last month to celebrate the Graduation, from the *University in Agua Prieta*, of our 1st two graduates, Mitzva and Karen. They were very grateful for the support they have received. This was a mile stone for our scholarship program at *Vista* with more to come. The Women's co-op decorated the hall and prepared us all a lovely meal to share in the new Community Center. While there, we met with a number of the University and Tech school students we are sponsoring and had an interview with a new applicant, Diana, seeking a scholarship for a teaching degree at the University of AP. We also enjoyed meeting a young couple Enrique and Elizabeth and their 2 cute kids. This couple has been sponsored by Vista and will soon be graduating from Adult High School. We congratulate them both, as they do carry a big load, both work, go to school and are raising their little family. They expressed their gratitude for our support. The thrill for us is to see, across the years, the good results of our partnership with our sister church **Fuente de Vida in Agua Prieta.**

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This summer, school supplies for over 100 students will be bought and delivered to **Agua Prieta** for this coming school year. I thank you in advance for your sponsorship of these kids that want to go to school and learn. A great big **THANK YOU** goes to *Jan Hopke-Almer* and her team for their leadership and commitment to this Mission effort.

Jan Bohe asked me to remind you that there will not be any meetings of the Creative Hands group this summer but they will return to their good work in September

We will continue to collect your contributions to the *Impact/CCS* food bank on the 1st Sunday of each month. They especially need Peanut Butter and Cereals. If you have any clothing you wish to dispose of please give them to the Clothing Bank of Impact/CCS. The new Senior Center will be opening in June with a wide variety of programs for seniors, as well as a dining room for meals 3 to 4 times a week and food delivery to shut-ins. We were privileged to have *Barbara McClure, the Executive Director of Impact CCS*, as our speaker last month and we got to hear about all the exciting plans they have for the new Senior Center located across from the Golden Goose in Catalina.

For those of you who can lend a hand to one of our Mission projects this summer here are some numbers to call to get information about how you can help.

Fuente de Vida church in Agua Prieta, Mexico call Dee at 520-825-7115

For Impact/CCS call Benith MacPherson at 520-825-5891 or Impact at

520-825-0009

For Family First call Jan Hopke-Almer at 818-2504 or Clare at 520-896-9545

For Snak Pak call Cathy Campbell at 520-825-4661

For Tucson Hospitality Inn call Kay at 520-544-2545 or Lou at 520-904-6333

For the School supplies program in Agua Prieta call Jan Hopke-Almer at 520-818-2504

We are continuing to collect your donations for the “*Hearts Apart*” program at the *Davis Monthan AFB*. Vista will be the sponsors of a Welcome Home Luau on the base in July. We honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice thru our support for the troops at DM today. Currently there are 1,164 active airman deployed from DM AFB. The “*Hearts Apart*” events are created to provide support to the families and to boost morale. A good number will be returning in July and we want to support them at this event. Please make your checks out o Vista UMC and add in the memo line----“*Memorial Day Fund*”. Thanks again for your support of our troops and their families.

Our next Mission Meeting will be in on the 3rd of June at 1:00 PM. All our meetings are open to everyone and we welcome your presence with us. I had an opportunity to meet our new *Pastor, Fred Baum* and he was quite appreciative of our Mission Program at Vista. We welcome him and look forward to his ministry with us in the years to come. Enjoy your summer and we will report back to you at our Sept. meeting. We will not be meeting in July and Aug but will see you again in Sept on the 2nd.

Yours in Mission service:

Dee Berman.... Chairman

520-825-7115 or deerick1968@gmail.com

JUNE CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

CAMPBELL, Alan & Kathy	06/01	NULL, Jerry & Kay	06/17
SCHAEFER, Dick & Jackie	06/02	MAWHINNEY, Susan & Robert	06/19
SALAVA, Roger & Fern	06/04	MILLER, Paul & Shirley	06/19
CONKLIN, Jim & Judy	06/05	TRIBOULET, Dick & Linda	06/20
LEONARD, Jon & Carolyn	06/05	HEDRICK, Jim & Sue	06/25
ROBERTS, Tom & Candy	06/05	KASTE, Howard & Sharon	06/25
HEISS, Lyle & Judy	06/06	WHITTINGTON, Don & Linda	06/25
HAMPTON, Paul & Fran	06/09	WITT, John & Carol	06/25
WYLAND, Rex & Sherri	06/10	DEDRICK, Steve & Char	06/26
WARD, Dillis & Linda	06/12	HOLM, Cub & Joyce	06/26
TOMPKINS, Giff & Alice	06/13	LAUGER, Roy & Kim	06/26
MEISE, Stan & Pat	06/14	STEVENSON, Ken & Jean	06/27
ODELL, Gordon & Carol	06/15	WINKLER, Fred & Sallie	06/27
GOETZ, John & Elaine	06/17	HUBBARD, Harold & Jo Ann	06/28
KOELLING, Jerry & Danna	06/17	PRICE, Maurice & Ursula	06/28
		KARCHER, Paul & Cynthia	06/29



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

BODE, Jerry	06/01	COFFMAN, Jim	06/14
POOLE, Harry	06/02	BYRD, Shirley	06/17
DEDRICK, Steve	06/06	DEGEN, Loni	06/19
WITT, John	06/08	REED, Rita	06/19
PIEPENBURG, Don	06/10	WYLAND, Rex	06/19
WINKLER, Fred	06/10	HOTCHKISS, Emily	06/20
HATHAWAY, Jim	06/11	MACPHERSON, Benith	06/20
SYNHORST, Margaret	06/11	GREER, Kathleen	06/21
YOUNG, June	06/11	KOELLING, Danna	06/21
BODE, Jan	06/12	SCHWARTZ, Sandy	06/21
TUCKER, LaVerne	06/12	BERMAN, Dee	06/22
		SANDERS, Lexi	06/22

JULY CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

KAPER, Sandra	07/01	LAUGER, Roy	07/18
EXTRACT, Laurie	07/03	LECORNU, Yvonne	07/19
DAMKROGER, Leo	07/04	WHITLATCH, Linda	07/21
WITT, Carol	07/05	BALLAS-DAVIS, Barbara	07/22
BOHE, Jan	07/06	CONNER, Dorothy	07/22
HATHAWAY, Elsie	07/09	MARKS, Peggy	07/22
JACOB, Betty	07/09	POOLE, Sharon	07/22
SIMON, Jimmie	07/10	ANDERSON, Dave	07/25
MACPHERSON, Craig	07/11	LEONARD, Carolyn	07/25
PERAKIS, Alex	07/11	WYLAND, Sharon	07/25
GRAGG, Kay	07/12	GLENDE, Bob	07/26
SPRINGER, Jan	07/14	ROBINSON, Joan	07/26
CONKLIN, Judy	07/16	YOUNG, Joe	07/26
HAMPTON, Paul	07/16	ODELL, Carol	07/27
PATTERSON, Hedy	07/16	NEVINS, Dick	07/28
ROBERTS, Tom	07/17		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

ALLEN, Bill & Marge	07/01
COFFMAN, Jim & Anne	07/01
MACPHERSON, Craig & Benith	07/02
ALMER, Ken & Janice Hopke-Almer	07/05
HILLMANN, Bill & Mary Jane	07/11
RICE, Pete & Karen	07/17



The Staff Parish Committee would like to invite everyone for root beer floats after service on June 28th to say thank you and good bye to Mary and Pastor Ed. This will be their last Sunday at Vista.

Also on July 5th the Committee would like you to attend a potluck for our new Pastor Fred after the 10 AM service.

Check the Sunday bulletin for more info

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

ROBINSON, Grant & Joan	08/07
CROWN, John & Jan	08/09
YOUNG, Howard & Mary Lou	08/09
GLENDE, Bob & Leanna	08/10
SNYDER, Ron & Donna	08/16
EXTRACT, Clif & Laurie	08/17
ROBERSON, Walt & Mary Louise	08/19
RICHARDS, Bill & Shirley	08/21
BELLAH, Bill & Mary	08/26
BUKES, Milt & Jan	08/26
BYNUM, Jack & Diane	08/27
SNIDER, Bob & Glenna	08/30



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

LAFAVE, Jinny	08/01	RADTKE, Gene	08/17
MILLER, Bob	08/05	LEEDOM, Marge	08/17
BROWNING, Jean	08/06	KELLEY, Lynn	08/21
GLENDE, Leanna	08/06	PETERSON, Art	08/21
HIGGINS, Peggy	08/06	ROBERSON, Mary Louise	08/22
PETERSON, Shirley	08/08	SHERMAN, Bob	08/22
PODLASEK, Ken	08/08	YOUNG, Howard	08/23
JACKSON, Ginny	08/09	DUCKETT, Florence	08/25
RICE, Karen	08/09	HARTMAN, Linda	08/25
HOTCHKISS, Michelle	08/13	WHITTINGTON, Linda	08/25
LAUGER, Kim	08/13	ALBERTS, Gerry	08/27
SNIDER, Glenna	08/13	BELLAH, Mildred	08/27
ALLIGOOD, Edna	08/15	ERIKSSON, Lars	08/29
HOLDEN, Jackie	08/15	MARSH, Dan	08/31
MARSH, Anna Marie	08/16	RUPE, Jean	08/31
HEISS, Judy	08/17		

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

HOLDEN, Larry & Jackie	09/02
RADTKE, Gene & Paula	09/02
ALLIGOOD, David & Edna	09/03
COLLINGE, Bob & Ellen	09/16
HOLMAN, SR., Jim & Joyce	09/16
KIMMEL, Dennis & Judy Thomson Kimmel	09/20
MILLER, Robert & Barbara	09/20
SANDERS, Marshall & Teresa	09/20
YOB, David & Nancy	09/22
SHERMAN, Bob & Barbara	09/24
STAKER, Joe & Sue	09/25
BROWNING, Jerry & Jean	09/28
GILMOUR, Bob & Joanne	09/28



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

CARPENTER, Karon	09/02	CARPENTER, Boyd	09/19
TOMPKINS, Giff	09/03	COLLINGE, Bob	09/19
O'DONALD, Louise	09/06	ROBINSON, Grant	09/19
HOPKE-ALMER, Janice	09/07	HEISS, Lyle	09/20
NIBBELINK, Jim	09/08	GRIZZARD, Trish	09/22
BRINDLE, Delores	09/10	BILLS, Morgan	09/23
LITTLE, Don	09/11	BILLS, Wyatt	09/23
STAKER, Sue	09/11	OBEAR, Jim	09/23
ERICKSON, Mark	09/13	ODELL, Gordon	09/23
STEVENSON, Jean	09/14	RAITA, Ruth	09/23
BRADFIELD, Thelma	09/15	STAKER, Joe	09/27
		ZEBAL, Ken	09/27

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We are most grateful to our congregation at Vista for MEETING THE GOAL OF \$1500.00 FOR OUR MEMORIAL Day Fund, for the homecoming luau in July for our deployed troops out of Davis Monthan AFB. This is such a privilege for us at Vista to show our support for these brave Americans who defend and support us around the world. Those who have gone before would be proud of these dedicated warriors who answer the call to duty. On behalf of us all, Thank you Vista for your continued support for our deployed troops

