

## Vista UMC Announcements for September 8 thru September 15

**Children & Youth Sunday School** 10:15 to 11:00 am in the Education Building.

**Adult Sunday School** meets at 11:30 am in the St. Matthew Room.

**Happy 34<sup>th</sup> Birthday Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church.** On September 9, 1990, our church had its first church service across the street at Coronado K-8 School.

**New!** Tune in to Vista's Facebook page each week for our new post, "**Tuesdays with Pastor Mary.**" To access Facebook, go to our website: [www.vistaumc.org](http://www.vistaumc.org) and click on the Facebook icon.

Both the **Handbell and Chancel Choirs** will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 4th. Handbell Choir meets at 11:00 am and Chancel Choir meets at 1:00 pm. Come and be musical with one or two great groups of People! Contact Carolyn Dwyer, Director of Music Ministries, if you have questions.

**Mission Committee** meets on Wednesday September 11, at 3:00 pm in the St. Matthew Room.

**The Landscape Volunteer Crew** meets on Thursdays at 7:00 am.

**Women's Lectionary Group** meets on Thursdays at 10:00 am on Zoom.

**Vista 90 Years Plus Birthday Club Celebration is September 15.** There will be a slide show at the beginning of church and birthday cake to enjoy on the patio after church. Come join us in celebrating our precious members.

**Dinner for Six** Kickoff lunch will be Sunday, September 29, at 11:30 am in the Elizabeth Room. Food and beverages will be provided. Please see Sandy Schwartz on the patio to sign up by September 22. For more information you can call Sandy Schwartz.

**Coffee, Tea, and Pastor Mary D. meet and greets** will start September 23, 2024. Please see Joyce Prescott on the patio before and after church for more information and to sign up. You can also call the church office Monday through Thursday for more information.

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MINISTRY

Some activities are better done alone, like playing solitaire. Some activities are better and more satisfying when you work with others. **Stephen Ministry** is one of those get-it-done-together ministries. Stephen Ministers meet regularly with another person to provide care. They also meet with other Stephen Ministers to support and encourage one another. A new training class is starting October 6<sup>th</sup>. For more information about the training please contact any of our Stephen Ministers: Dr. Larry Holden, Dennis Kimmel, Joyce Luckman, Louise O'Donald, Lisa Richardson, Marv Rupe, Gifford Tompkins or Dottie McIntyre.

**Have you checked out our new library?** Stop in and enjoy the peaceful environment and peruse our great selection of many popular religious writers. Many of the books have been used in past Adult Education classes. We welcome your spiritual donations. There is a bin for donations in the library.

**Agua Prieta greeting cards** are available for 50¢ each in the Patio Room after church and in the library during church office hours.

**Complimentary Prayer Beads** are available in the Narthex and in the library.

**Upper Room booklets** are available in the Narthex and the church office for \$2.00 each or online at [upperroom.org](http://upperroom.org). It is free to sign up for a daily devotional email.

### Psalm of the Day

#### Psalm 146

Praise the Lord! Let my whole being praise the Lord!  
I will praise the Lord with all my life;  
I will sing praises to my God as long as I live.  
Don't trust leaders; don't trust any human beings—  
there's no saving help with them! Their breath leaves them,  
then they go back to the ground. On that very same day, their plans die too.  
The person whose help is the God of Jacob—the person whose hope rests on the Lord their God—is truly happy!  
God: the maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,  
God: who is faithful forever, who gives justice to people who are oppressed,  
who gives bread to people who are starving!  
The Lord: who frees prisoners.  
The Lord: who makes the blind see.  
The Lord: who straightens up those who are bent low.  
The Lord: who loves the righteous.  
The Lord: who protects immigrants, who helps orphans and widows,  
but who makes the way of the wicked twist and turn!