



August **ECHOES** 2011  
**Vista de la Montaña**  
**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



WITH OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS and OPEN DOORS  
REACHING OUR COMMUNITY

Look here next month for Dr. David Patterson's corner.

**Special Announcements:**

- Vista Personalized Bricks are for sale. These bricks will reside in our Honor Garden designed by our very own Dwayne Waldo, built by the United Methodist Men, and honoring your loved ones. The funds raised through this sale go directly to reduce the principal on our mortgage. Remember; Romans 12:10 "Honor others more than yourselves". See Bill or Becki in the breezeway after the Sunday service to obtain a form or just call Evonne at 825-1985 and she will be happy to take your order.

-All make-up pictures, and pictures for stragglers, will be taken on Sunday, August 21st, from 8 to 9 AM, and from 10 AM to 12:30 PM. This is your last opportunity, and we want to include you. Will you please send an email to [patriciakittrell@comcast.net](mailto:patriciakittrell@comcast.net) confirming that you and your family will be coming to one of these sessions.

-We need volunteers to help assemble the "Snak Paks" each week. These snacks benefit our at-risk children across the street at Coronada K-8. Call Nedra Thomason at 869-4425 to "Sign Up".

-Vista is excited to provide volunteers to transport guests or members to our Sunday services. Currently we can provide this for residents of Sun City and SaddleBrooke. If you would like to be a volunteer or just need a ride, call Evonne at 825-1985.

## UMM Update

The ministerial change is complete and things are looking very well. Vista is set to run for years with excellent spiritual direction. Under this direction we will have increased and changing activities. UMM would be happy to sponsor an autumn picnic assisted by other groups within Vista. Needed is a site with adequate benches and tables already in place and not too far away. Everyone loves a good picnic, even with the increased effort that is required to bring this about. Some concessions have to be made, but if every one has a place to sit and facilities are within walking distance a good time can be had.

Another church field trip would be a great idea as well! The “Tucson Gem and Mineral Show” in February, is a world class event and we could plan an afternoon of seeing some of the world’s best minerals and crystals. This year the show theme is “Minerals of Arizona” to be in concert with Arizona’s Centennial Celebration. There have been many changes in the last 100 years to be sure! It is worthwhile for a group of Vista members to plan to attend. There is time to plan this but..... **IS** there also an interest?? Let’s hope so!!

Vista men.....stop by a UMM group meeting. This coming month, on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, we will have breakfast at Izzi’s Restaurant south of Catalina at Rancho Vistoso Blvd. and Oracle Road. Izzi’s is in the NW corner of the shopping center. Come at 6:50 and order together at 7:00AM. After we eat we will adjourn to Vista’s Education Center and have a short devotion. This will be followed by a business meeting and we hope to see all of you there.

Life is good but it is always better when each of us gets involved. As we notice activities changing and even increasing, pick one and get on board. Are you always the one watching the train leaving? Get on board and notice the change in perspective! It is wonderful.

Have a great month!

Sincerely,

Jim Bless    United Methodist Men’s President

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## **Mission Outreach Ministry**

The Vista Mission Team sends prayers of joy, thanksgiving and gratitude to all of our congregants for your amazing support of the young people in our sister Church in Agua Prieta, Mexico. We were able to receive support for each of our scholarships and school supplies for all grade levels, as well as nine Methodist Seminary students and others in Agua Prieta and Hermosillo. They all hope to advance their opportunity to serve the Lord as well as their families and their community. We see this as one of the miracles of this Mission Project because just a short 8 years ago when we began to participate in this Mission Conference project, the average grade education was the 6<sup>th</sup> for the youth and just the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> for the parents. Today it is a very different story, in no small way due to your care and participation in this effort to bring this community out of dire poverty and into a brighter successful future. We never cease to thank God for the amazingly generous hearts of our Vista Congregation. We will be delivering all the school supplies over the next several weeks, thanks to the help of Missionary Peggy Thornhill. A special thank you goes to our AP Education leader Jan Hopke-Almer for her dedication and leadership to help make this ambitious project come about.

Please be reminded that we will be going to Agua Prieta on November 5<sup>th</sup> for the “Celebration of Learning Festival” to meet these great young people and celebrate their achievements. Our nice air- conditioned touring bus will hold 48 people and we want to fill the bus with Vista folks to share this great festival. Sign-ups will start in Oct. and remember that U.S. passports will be required. Below is a translated letter from Pastor Gela.

*Hello Sister Dee:*

*I am so very grateful to see such great success in the sponsorships from you and your beloved church. It is amazing how you've have been able to respond so successfully to such a large list of students, with the end desire to contribute to the education of each one of the young people. It is a great blessing, and my heart is over flowing with joy, knowing that the concern for the education of these young people has been resolved. I am praising God for the blessing of having by our side, such generous people, with hearts so ready to truly help with the Mission work here in this place. With all my heart, a million thanks to you all from me and from each of the students that are receiving from you such great support.*

*Tomorrow I will work with the list we sent you to be sure we have everyone covered and I will be working with a Sister here who in charge of the education program, by comparing our lists with yours so we can be sure everyone is covered.*

*I also want you to know, that Tuesday of this week, I ask one of the women, who is a newcomer to our congregation and is anxious to serve in some capacity, to help me with the cards of gratitude and appreciation to the patrons of each student that has been sponsored. I will give her a copy of the list of all the students that are receiving scholarships, and she will be in charge of seeing that the students prepare a letter of response and thanks to their sponsors. She will then drive to Douglas to mail the letters. I have a question, can we send them to you or do we need to have the address of each sponsor and mail them individually? We will proceed as you suggest. The name of the lady who will be helping me is Yanel. She is a teacher in Douglas, but lives in Agua Prieta but speaks perfect English. So if you wish she can help the students write their notes in English. You tell me what is best. I know that we have to work on the habit and custom of giving thank yous and I think we will be able to do that so that the young ones can develop the habit of saying Thank You. In this way they can recognize the efforts that each sponsor has put forth on their behalf.*

*Well my Sister once more thank you for such a great labor that you all have realized for this ministry and especially for the young people as well as the Seminary students. We are eternally grateful.*

*Receive a big strong hug and all my love ... Pastor Gela*

## TUCSON HOSPITALITY INN

Lou Tompkins, manager of the Tucson Hospitality Inn, was hurt in a car accident recently. Nothing was broken, but he was badly bruised. As he continues to recover, he has requested some once a week help at the Inn in the following ways:

**Outside Maintenance:** Cleaning the patio and walkways, and the parking lot; if some volunteers come on a Sunday, collect all the trash and wheel the trash containers to the curb.

**Gardening:** Watering the plants, trimming, cleaning out flower beds and perhaps a few new plants

**Pool:** Skimming the surface of the pool, cleaning the pool with a brush. (A pool company maintains the chemical balance of the pool, so that is not needed.) There is a skimmer and brush for the pool. I suggest those working on the outside cleaning and gardening bring their own tools as I'm not sure what Lou has on premise.

Since I will be gone part of August, please contact Lou at 904-6333 or Laura Lane, house manager, at 541-848-9508 to inform her who will be coming, what services you can do and when you plan to volunteer your help..

### **Another Opportunity to Help the Inn**

We have another opportunity to help the Inn with "Macy's Shop for a Cause" program. Macy's gives discount cards to sell; to approved charities for an all day shopping pass. We will sell these passes for only \$5.00 each, and card holders will be entitled to 25% off your entire purchases of regular, sale and clearance merchandise on Saturday, 8- 27- 11 (Exclusions apply to some name brands and a 10% discount applies to furniture, mattresses, and area rugs.)

This is an opportunity for you to get those end-of-the-summer fashions (which we can wear here for at least another four weeks), shop for school clothes for children and grandchildren, check out the new fall fashions, and get a head start on Christmas shopping. We make \$5.00 per card for the Inn, and YOU get the deep discounts! Even if you don't plan to be in town on the 27<sup>th</sup>, the purchase of a card will help. We will be selling cards Sundays between the services. The Inn needs your support and you get the discount. WHAT A DEAL!!!  
Kay Gragg, THI Team Leader

### Catalina Community Services

Please remember that the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month is our collection day for the Food Bank at CCS. We are so grateful to all of you who continue to support this Mission project in the lean months of summer, when so many of us are away, but the need for food for the needy in our community continues to grow as our economy continues to suffer. Please call Team Leader Becki Daniels at 818-1516 for further info on CCS.

*Thank you for your continued and enthusiastic support of our Missions ministry at Vista. God bless you one and all!!! Our next Mission Outreach Meeting will be on Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00PM. All are always welcome to join us at our meetings. Yours in Mission service:*

*Dee Berman Chairman 520-825-7115 deerick1968@comcast.net*

**(More on page 8.)**



### **Labyrinth Education for Echoes, Part IV**

This is the last in the series on what the labyrinth is all about. This is purely an editorial from me, a labyrinth coordinator and fellow seeker. These are my thoughts on the place of the labyrinth in today's world.

I see it as reclaiming a very fundamental part of our spiritual heritage that was laid aside and forgotten many centuries ago. Rationalism began emerging in the Universities of France in the 12th Century. This rationalism gradually replaced the mysticism in the churches. In fact, it was this overriding rationalism in the Dutch Reformed Church that my ancestors railed against and eventually separated themselves doctrinally from the church in the 1800's. They actually called themselves 'the separatists.'

I have no quarrel with rational thought, quite the contrary. I believe, like Ken Wilbur, that if we all became more rational, we would be much better off as a society. Rational thinking keeps us more civilized and cooperative. I do believe, though, that it doesn't fulfill our spiritual needs. It is my belief that if we integrate the mystical with the rational, we will come up with a very dynamic, exciting way of living. The important word here is integrate--integration of the two, not supplantation of one over the other, but each having their appropriate place in our makeup. If we do this we can promise a world of peace and wonder beyond anything we have experienced before. Come support the labyrinth project at Vista so we may all walk the labyrinth together.

May you walk in beauty, Glenda B. Anderson

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## Monthly Planner

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**Habitat for Humanity** (Mission Outreach cont'd. from pg. 5)

We received word that the donation of 3.75 acres of land in Catalina by a Constituent of Vista Church, is still in the Pima County research process for construction zoning. We will keep you updated as we receive further information. In the meantime I am including a letter received from Michael Mc Donald, Executive director for Habitat for Humanity for the Tucson Area in honor of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9-11-2001 below:

Dear Dee,

The tenth anniversary of our tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice on 9/11/01, the event we call Building Freedom Day, is just around the corner. This year, we want to include a tribute to your loved one.

**[There's still time to make a gift in honor or memory of someone special to you.](#)** Building Freedom Day started as way to not only memorialize the victims of that tragic day, but to celebrate hope, community and the American dream.

We hope you'll make your loved one a part of this special project.

Sincerely,

Michael McDonald  
Executive Director

P.S. **[Tell a friend about this opportunity](#)** to pay tribute to their loved ones.

