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# VISTA de la MONTAÑA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**January 2012**

## **ECHOES**

**Pastor: Dr. Dave Patterson**

### **DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME**

These words were among the many that Jesus spoke in his teachings to his disciples. Most Christians know the story of the Last Supper, of course. Most of us also know that Jesus performed many miracles, among them turning the water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana. Prior to Jesus' birth the Israelites too were beneficiaries of the blessings God provided his chosen ones. Remember the story of manna in the wilderness???

Here at Vista we are more familiar with the earthly duties related to wine and bread. Did any of you ever wonder how the communion elements are prepared or presented each month? Did any of you ever wonder how the servers of communion are actually selected?

These are not difficult jobs, but they do require the work of many people in our church. Therefore it is fitting as we begin 2012 to offer our sincere thanks to all of the folks listed below to thank them for their service to each of us in 2012.

Above all, Mary Lou Young prepares the bread each Friday preceding a communion Sunday. She places a certain number of pieces in bags and provides instruction for the next part of the process—the Communion Stewards. These folks are the ones who lovingly place the elements in their proper receptacles and place them all on the altar table. Additionally, they remove them and the end of each service. Our faithful communion stewards are: Walter Johnson or Joanne Harrington for the first service, and Joe and Sue Staker or Art and Judy Schweitzer for the second service. A hearty thank you to each of you!

As Communion Coordinator I am especially grateful for the assistance and the service of those listed on page 2. If anyone has been left out, please accept my apologies.

How can YOU help? Call the church office at 825-1985 or me, *Debbi Maloid*, at

498-9965 to volunteer. We can ALWAYS use your assistance.

**REMEMBRANCE, continued pervious page**

**Our servers for 2011 were:**

**9:00 Service:**

Alan and Cathy Campbell  
Robert Warren and Phyllis Calavan  
Jon and Carolyn Leonard  
Bob and Barbara Sherman  
John and Carol Witt  
Robert and Patricia Kittrell  
Pete and Sandy Schwartz  
David and Edna Alligood  
Bob and Donna Langwig  
Joanne Harrington  
Dottie Lou Colby  
Nedra Thomason  
Jim and Judy Nibbelink  
Bob and Glenna Snider  
Tom and Candy Roberts  
Jan Bohe  
Mary Louise Roberson  
Jim and Sue Hedrick  
Dillis and Linda Ward  
Bill and Becki Daniels  
Jon and Jan Crown  
John and Barb Madden  
Rick and Dee Berman  
Craig and Pam Holder  
Paul and Shirley Miller

**10:45 Service:**

Art and Judy Schweitzer  
Delores Brindle  
Betty Jean Gerhold  
Howard and Mary Lou Young  
Emily Eachen  
Connor Gruensfelder  
Gavin Lubben  
Kevin Childers  
George Avis and Arlene Lehto  
Chuck and Mary Eachen  
Al and Cynthia DeLuna  
Lori Marvin  
Kathleen Greer  
Rita Reed  
Rodger and Amy Burrow  
Michael Dow  
Jerry Theberge

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***Dear Vista Friends;***

*Jack and I are so very grateful for your thoughts and prayers during Jack's surgery and recovery which is going very well!*

*We thank you so much!*

*Jack and Diane Bynum*

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## **Dinner for 6**

I am working on our Spring Dinner for 6, roster. If you were in a group last Fall Season, you will be automatically signed up for the Spring season. If you do not wish to continue, please call me by January 10.

If you would like to be part of the Spring Season, please call me by January 10 -- even if you have been involved in the past, but skipped last season.

***Sandy Schwartz - 818-9792***

## **SIXTY PLUS SOCIAL TO THE MUSIC INSTRUMENT MUSEUM**

We are planning a docent tour of The Music Instrument Museum in Phoenix on Wednesday January 18, 2012. The MIM has on display over 15,000 instruments. Warner and Ruth Davidson highly recommend the tour and will join our group. We will be having lunch at the museum about 11:30 AM and will cost about \$9-12 per person. The docent tour will cost somewhere between \$13 and \$11.70, depending on how many attend. Our reservation for the docent tour is 1 PM and takes about one hour. You will have time to look around after the tour.

Ruth and Warner have invited as many as care to go for a tour of Sagewood Retirement Residence after our tour of the MIM. Those who want to may stay for dinner with the Davidsons.

We will car pool from the church at 8:30 AM on the 18th.

Please e-mail [Odesfield3@comcast](mailto:Odesfield3@comcast.net) net or call Lue Satterfield 520-825-4709 if you are interested. We need to know if you want only the MIM tour or if you want the Sagewood tour too. Deadline is Jan. 10, 2012. We will collect the cost of the tour the day of departure as they have requested one payment.

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## Vista Fine Arts Concert – January 15

Our next Fine Arts event will present the Tucson Junior Strings Chamber 1 touring orchestra. Tucson Junior Strings is a city-wide program, enhancing educational opportunities for the community's young string players, while taking an important place in Tucson's cultural life. Students are trained as youngsters and grow through six progressive levels of orchestral accomplishment into their top performing group, the Chamber 1 orchestra. This orchestra is made up of the best high school players in this part of the state, and has performed throughout the United States AND four countries in Europe. Their program will combine classical and light repertoire, including Viennese waltzes and pieces by George Gershwin and Leroy Anderson. Please save the date – Sunday, January 15, 2:30 p.m. right here at Vista. We encourage you to come and bring your friends to enjoy beautiful music made by these young artists, under the direction of Dennis Bourret.

### *HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:*

Jeanette Watkins	1/1
Ken Stevenson	1/2
Norma Patteraon	1/2
Linda Freel	1/5
Jim Jose	1/7
Kourtney Hotchkiss	1/7
Dennis Higgins	1/7
Ursula Price	1/8
Larry Farnum	1/10
Pat Stoddard	1/11
Barbara Johnson	1/13
Janice Evans	1/15
Belinda Essenpreis	1/16
Joyce Holm	1/17
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Char Dedrick	1/18
Mary Cary	1/18
Howard Kaste	1/19
Karen Gurian	1/20
Lori Campbell	1/20

### *HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:*

John & Carolyn Edris	1/1
Don Smith & Pat Reykdal	1/1
Marlin & Sally Bolar	1/5
Craig & Pam Holder	1/6
Tommy & LaVerne Tucker	1/9
Larry & Jeanne Farnum	1/12
Jim & Judi Nibbelink	1/19
Greg & Carol Lindahl	1/20
Pat Reykdal	1/20
Duane Waldo	1/22
Robert Kittrell	1/22
Sharon Kaste	1/23
Nancy Yob	1/23
Keith Tracy	1/25

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

### SUSANNA WESLEY CIRCLE

January 17 9:00 AM

Circle meets in Bldg. A at Vista UMC

Hostess - Judi Nibbelink

and

Mary Lou Young

Program - Joy Oram

They Loved HIM'

January 22

UMW Sunday at Vista UMC

Speaker - Judi Nibbelink

\*Editors Note: As of the printing of this Newsletter the Mary Martha Circle has met for the month. The February meeting will be listed in the February Echoes.

### UMW Chili Supper

January 27

6 pm

#### Menu

White Chili

Greek Chili

Texas Chili

Cornbread Muffins

Fruit Cobblers

There will be entertainment.

Tickets \$10.00 each.

For more information see article: *United Methodist Women 3 C's Dinner*

## **Join Vista UMC Stephen Ministers in Meditation**

*mark your calendar for Thursday's  
8:15 – 9:15 AM*

### **Education Building, Room 1**

Introductory, beginner or practitioner...  
You are welcome to join Vista's Stephen Ministers  
in a continuing education module on meditation.

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## **VISTA BOOK CLUB**

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, January 19, 2012** at 5:30 p.m. in the Education Building. We are reading *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. All adults are welcome.

From the publisher: "Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor Southern tobacco farmer, yet her cells—taken without her knowledge—became one of the most important tools in medicine. The first 'immortal' human cells grown in culture, they are still alive today, though she has been dead for more than sixty years. HeLa cells were vital for developing the polio vaccine; uncovered the secrets of cancer and viruses, helped lead to in vitro fertilization, cloning, and gene mapping; and have been bought and sold by the billions. Yet Henrietta Lacks is buried in an unmarked grave. Her family did not learn of her 'immortality' until more than twenty years after her death, when scientists began using her husband and children in research without informed consent. The story of the Lacks family is inextricably connected to the dark history of experimentation on African Americans, the birth of bioethics, and the legal

battles over whether we control the stuff we are made of. For questions or to RSVP, please call *Kay Gragg, 544-2545.*

**UNITED METHODIST MEN PLANNING FOR VALENTINE  
DINNER**

Oh My Gosh ! .....Its time for Cupid to appear!

One would think the bearings on times main wheel would squeak, spinning as they do.

Alas! They don't; not a warning. So after all the barrage of the familiar, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day, we are approaching Valentines Day. Here at Vista de la Montana Church that means United Methodist Men will sponsor a gala dinner with entertainment on that day.

February 14<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, at 6:00, assemble in the breezeway and narthex to be seated for an excellent dinner, good company, entertainment and a really nice time. At 6:15 all will take their seats. How do I participate, one might ask? First step is to buy a ticket and these will go on sale in the Vista breeze way the next few Sundays before and after first service and before 2<sup>nd</sup> service.

Don't put this off, early purchase allows for better planning. **Tickets will be \$15.00 each.** Each year several tickets are purchased and donated, be sure to ask about this if you are so inclined. United Methodist Men will do all we can to host a timely, excellent dinner with gala entertainment.

This is a great occasion to show off Vista de la Montana to your friends so invite them!

## **Echoes January 2012 Report for Mission Outreach Ministry**

We have been given another year to reach out in love and care for those that God has put in our pathway to show His love. What a privilege it is, to be God's hands, feet and most of all His heart to those we serve. Thank you in advance for all you will be doing in 2012, and a big **THANK YOU** for all you have so generously done in 2011.

### **Agua Prieta, Mexico, Fuente de Vida**

When this Mission Ministry started some 10 years ago the colonia was a squatters slum. But thanks to the support and love of Vista and others in this past decade much has changed and it is quickly becoming a neighborhood of concrete and brick houses. They still have a ways to go, but there is so much improvement today and we can thank God that we have had a part in this wonderful transformation. Pastor Gila sends her love and appreciation for the generosity of our congregation and is pleased to note the growth of the church even outside of the colonia.

Glenna & Bob Snider announce that we are back in the Coffee sales of Café Colonia so look for the table in the Narthex after the services twice a month. You may also call the *Sniders* for special orders at 825-8251

### **Catalina Community Services**

We are collecting your extra BLANKETS, QUILTS, COVERLETS, COATS, JACKETS, WRAPS, SHAWLS (nearly new or gently used, without holes or stains) for the needy in our community. We need all ages and sizes (men's, women's, children's, infant's). Look for the box in the Narthex. We will deliver them to Catalina Community Services for those in need right here in our community. Let's overflow the box with our warmth and love. We have already donated: 16 large blankets, 4 baby blankets, 5 scarves/shawls, 9 coats/jackets, 1 pr. Children's boots. Thank you and God bless you! *Becki Daniels*

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## **Tucson Hospitality Inn**

On December 6<sup>th</sup> Sandy Kaper, Pam Holder, and Kay Gragg decorated the Inn for Christmas. They decorated a large tree, hung stockings on the mantel, added a Nativity Scene and an exterior wreath among other decorations. The Inn looked festive and inviting when it was finished.

When the Vista Youth had their cleanup day at the Inn on November 20, they cleaned both the patio area and inside the Inn. Lou and Kay greatly appreciate all of the effort they put into this project.

The Christmas offering, once Vista's obligation to the Wesley Foundation was paid, was then split between THI and the Good Samaritan Fund. We sincerely thank you for your generosity to these ministries. Call Team Leader, *Kay Gragg*, 544-2545 with any questions.

## **Coronado School Snak Pak Program**

Many thanks, to the congregation for its generous response to the Thanksgiving special offering for the Snak Pak program. The response to our call for help in assembling the Snak Paks has been remarkable. We now have 12 people willing to prepare the Snak Paks! Please call Team Leader *Kathy Campbell* at 825-4661 for further information.

## **Helping Hands Ministry**

Vista's ladies continue their remarkable efforts in sewing children and infant clothing for those in need. 2012 is no different as we salute their wonderful efforts. The group meets every Friday at 9:00 am at the church. Contact team leader Jan Bohe, 825-9725 for more information.

Your Mission Outreach Ministry will be presenting you with an exciting new Mission program in the next month, so be prepared for a great opportunity to help a youngster in our own community with your gifts, interest and time. "Stay Tuned"!

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We open this new year of Mission Service with the same vision that everyone at Vista has something to give to someone in need, for we are all in Mission at Vista UMC. Our opening meeting will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wed, the 4th of Jan., 2012 at 1:00 PM. We hope to see you there, as you start the New Year with a” Heart for Mission”.

Yours in Mission Service:

Dee Berman: Chairman

520-825-7115

deerick1968@comcast.net



**United Methodist Women’s 3 C’s Dinner**

United Methodist Women will sponsor a 3 C’s dinner (chili, cornbread & cobbler) to help support their mission work. White Chili, Texas Chili & Greek Sweet Chili will be served. A \$10 ticket will entitle you to an evening of great fellowship, yummy western food, great storytelling and a fun sing along.

Join us as **Gerry Miller**, historian and storyteller, brings the old west alive as he shares the story of the “Fairbank Affair,” a little known piece of history from the days when Arizona was filled with outlaws and sheriffs. You will want to invite your friends and “others” to share in the evening storytelling. Of course, we will have an old fashioned western sing along. **Mark, Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm on your calendar today.** Put on your western duds and join us for a couple of hours of good old western fun.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY TEAM NEWS

This has certainly been a busy and faith-filled season for everyone here in the Vista family – especially the children of SonQuest and Live BIG and the Youth. As a follow-up to Thanksgiving they performed “Through the Bible in 34 Words” for the congregation at both services, and the Youth prepared Thanksgiving dinner for their adoptive grandparents. The Live BIG class also continued their tradition of putting together “Mom Stockings” for needy mothers at Christmas time, and the Youth spent a great deal of time at the Tucson Hospitality Inn cleaning up and doing much-needed chores.

The children received their Advent bags and continued their study of the birth of Jesus, while the Youth went caroling at their “grandparents” homes and then on to shut-ins. They had a wonderful time at the Family Christmas Party on Friday, Dec. 9, and then set to work on preparations for the 6:00 Family Christmas Eve Service. This year was a special treat because they performed a play written by our own Pastor Dave Patterson. In this play, the Christmas Story is told through the eyes of St. Francis (our very own Jerry Theberge). Since his villagers cannot read he has them re-enact the Nativity by taking parts – played with great enthusiasm by the children and Youth. It was truly a very beautiful and moving service!

The children in SonQuest are finishing up their unit on “In the Manger” and beginning their study of “David the Boy”. The Live BIG class finished their unit on Jesus’ Birth in Bethlehem and presented their “Jesus Gift” for this year and have now moved on to “Stories About Jesus”. Meanwhile, the Youth have been continuing their study of the Bible under the caring and thoughtful direction of Jerry Theberge, as they continue as well with their many mission projects. We are very thrilled to report that Jerry has been retained to continue as our Youth Leader for 2012. I’m sure everyone will agree that he has done an absolutely outstanding job in guiding this fantastic group of young Christians. We can’t wait to see what lies ahead!

Blessings,  
Barbara Johnson

The cast of the  
“Second Nativity” at the  
Family Christmas Eve  
service.



# January 2012

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