

# Echoes



**Reverend Monte J. Baker**  
**Senior Pastor**

## **Vista de la Montana United Methodist Church**

### **The Munching Sheep Theory**

Bill Easum, a national church consultant, has a theory about the United Methodist Church. He says we have been munching along like a sheep in a pasture without looking up and seeing what's going on around us. We've munched right out onto a highway, and gotten hit by an 18-wheeler! That may or not be true, but it is a good warning: *Look where you're going!*

Vista Church has had for many years a reputation as an inviting and welcoming place; a place to develop relationships and a place to be in mission. Our vision statement has served us well:

*Vista de la Montaña is a United Methodist congregation that is Christ-centered, family-oriented and mission-minded. We are a growing community of faith secure in the knowledge that God loves us all. We travel our faith journeys together, striving*

*to be diverse and fully representative of the surrounding community. Vista is widely recognized as a center of spiritual, cultural, outreach, and social ministries.*

However, the Church Council believes that it is time to look up and see what's going on around us, before we get hit by an 18-wheeler. As of this writing, none of the *Listening Groups* have convened, but I hope you attended one. The purpose of the gatherings is to give everyone in our congregation an opportunity to express their opinions and to give the council some feedback. From the information you provide, the council will be able to lead us into a future.

The Gallup organization has done extensive research on congregational effectiveness, and identified four variables: Serving and helping others; inviting others to participate; financial support; and

life satisfaction. Their research, reversing conventional wisdom about congregational effectiveness, suggests that spiritual commitment follows congregational engagement. It is the intent of the council to create an action plan to address ways we will deepen both our congregational engagement and spiritual commitment. The collected responses will be circulated among your elected leadership, and will be available to all the congregation, so that the discussion may be fruitful and constructive.

Church Council is committed not only to gathering feedback from the congregation, but also to using that data to create an action plan for the future. Council will attend an all-day workshop at Desert Skies United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 20. The workshop is titled, "If Walt Disney Were a Pastor: Training in Visionary Servant Leadership." Rev. Dan Hurlbert has spent the last decade studying the best practices of the Walt Disney Company, including

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## Disney Comes to Vista Elsie Hathaway

No, not literally, but on March 20 the Council attended a day-long training session entitled "Leadership in the Disney Style." Pastor Dan Hurlbert of Desert Skies UMC is a student of the Disney style of management that has made that company so successful. After attending their training school, Pastor Hurlbert adapted the Disney principles to a church setting. The result is a very interesting and useful program that he has presented to many church leaders. Desert Skies UMC has successfully put the Disney principles into practice.

One Disney principle is to create a culture of participation. In the church setting, this means that every person at Vista has a role in the life of the church and, further than that, is expected to contribute new ideas. The church leaders, in turn, have the responsibility to listen to those ideas and to take them into consideration when planning for the church.

An example of this is the series of Listening Groups which were held in March. (See accompanying article.) The Council is committed to considering every suggestion made and to keeping the congregation informed as to plans being made.

As Disney says, "There is no such thing as the best idea; there is always a better one."

To further develop a "culture of participation," we need to continue to hear your ideas for the future of Vista. The Council members are ready to listen. They are listed below.

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<b>UMW President</b>	Marilyn Waldo		
<b>UMM President</b>	Jim Bless		

## Trustee Report

After many months of review and discussion regarding the Sanctuary stucco problems, members of the Trustees have met with a stucco contractor. The contractor will prepare a report:

- outlining the extent of the damage
- a recommended course of action to repair the damage
- cost proposal to complete the necessary repairs.

We expect to receive the contractor's report the week of April 5. We will keep you advised on the progress of this very important project.

**David Thomas**  
Trustee Chair



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**April 2010 Greeting Continued**

more than 60 hours in the Disney classroom. The purpose of the training event is to help Vista Council to learn ways of getting church leaders on the same page; to find out how to meet the needs of our congregation and make connections that last a lifetime.

As an action plan is developed, council will report to the congregation through this newsletter, Vista web site, the pulpit and other special announcements.

We are not munching ourselves onto a highway. We are looking in, up, around and out, cooperating together so that we may become *People of God, People of the Bible, People called Family, and People called United Methodist.*

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## **We Listened!**

Thank you from the Covenant Council to all of you who attended a Listening Group or otherwise gave us your feedback as to future planning for Vista. We had an excellent response to our invitation to all members, constituents and associates. Your ideas and suggestions are invaluable and by now you will have received a summary report of what we learned through the group meetings.

A sub-committee made up of members of the Covenant Council and the Stewardship Team will meet soon to consider what recommendations may be made to the Covenant Council based upon what you have told us.

The next step will be action by your Covenant Council. At its meeting on April 27, the Council will discuss the report and the sub-committee recommendations and decide upon the best way to implement your suggestions. We will also make certain at that time that all who have expressed an interest in being a part of the ministries of Vista have been personally contacted.

We will keep you informed on a regular basis as to what is being planned. Please remember that your Council is always open to suggestions, particularly as to new ideas for expanding Vista's ministries.

Elsie Hathaway  
Covenant Council Chair

## **Cooperating Together so that we may become:**

### **People of God**

- Who proclaim the Kingdom of God as the starting place of ministry
- Who commit our lives to Jesus Christ as author of our salvation
- Who are called to help others to know what Christ has taught us
- Who intentionally look to the future expecting to do great things by the power of the Holy Spirit at work within us
- Who expect the best and highest of ourselves and our ministries as a response to God's grace

### **People of the Bible**

- Who, through the words of Scripture, experience the God of the Bible who leads us to wholeness, justice and freedom
- For whom Holy Scripture is normative and central, our fundamental and decisive authority for faith and practice
- Who intentionally study Holy Scripture, listening with the ear of faith to the word of God

### **People called a Family**

- Who believe that family takes many forms and includes all people of every age and station and race
- Who welcome the least, the lost, and the lonely
- Who nurture one another by teaching and example to the fullness of humanity that we see in Jesus Christ

### **People called United Methodist**

- Who strive for unity in essentials, liberty in nonessentials, charity in all things
- Who practice open hearts, open minds, open doors



Mary Martha Circle

April 1, 2010

**Hostess:** Sandy Schwarz  
& Diane Bynum

**Location:** 62367 E. Star Crest Dr.

**Program:** Sandy Schwarz  
*No Jokes, this is very special!*

RSVP 818-9792

Susanna Wesley Circle

April 17, 2010

9:00 AM

Vista UMC, Bldg A, Rm 1

**Program:** Jean Farnum

Jean is the wife of an Army Colonel. She will share war experiences from a wife's perspective!

## **Vista United Methodist Women**

We invite you to enjoy a bit of "Jolly Old England" at our Spring Tea Luncheon on Saturday, April 17th from 1 - 3 PM.

Besides tantalizing food - tea sandwiches, scones, fruit, and desserts served in a beautiful tearoom setting - you will enjoy live music during the afternoon.

Our entertaining guest speaker is Molly Harris - Storytelling becomes a delightful, warm experience of joyous interaction as Molly smoothly pours out tale after tale to enthralled audiences of young and old. She invites her audience to be the illustrators when they listen and "paint the pictures with their mind's eye" as the story unfolds.



Molly Harris was born and raised in England, growing up in World War II. She has an extensive background in theatre, music-hall and entertaining, traveling widely throughout the United Kingdom, Ireland, Scandinavia and Europe. After coming to the US and settling in Colorado Springs, she was a twenty-year librarian in elementary school. Her love of literature, books and reading, combined with the spoken arts led her to this favorite and most important activity of storytelling.

Since our Tea Luncheon is a fund raiser, we will feature our always popular Gift Basket Auction. This year we offer 17 baskets with a variety of themes from books to spa items, from grocery gift cards to games. Also, Shirley Richards' art and gift cards will be for sale.

This Tea Luncheon is open to all of Vista. Gentlemen are encouraged to attend. We promise you a most enjoyable afternoon.

### ***Spring Tea Luncheon***

***Date: April 17, 2010***

***Time: 1 PM to 3 PM***

***Location: Sanctuary of Vista Church***

***Piano Music: Joanne Thomas & Carole Whitney***

***Program Molly Harris***  
***"Stories to Go"***

***Silent Auction: Gift Baskets***

***Tickets: Adults \$10.00***  
***Children 12 & Under \$3.00***

***Come One Come All, Men, Women and Children***

***Sponsored by UMW of Vista Church***



# Mission Outreach Ministry

## Church to Church Meeting

On March 16th and 17th, the twice yearly Church to Church meeting was held at the Sierra Vista United Methodist Church. This group consists of United Methodist border churches in the U.S. and also the Mexican Methodist border churches. This wonderful group allows an opportunity for warm fellowship, and discussions of issues and concerns on both sides of the border.

There is worship time, prayer time, committee meetings (often with help of interpreters), reports of ongoing projects, such as Haiti relief efforts, new church building efforts, migrant concerns, and many other issues. Good food and friendship are always a part of the meetings, as well as beautiful worship services, including a closing communion service. Our bishop, Minerva Carcano, and the Mexican bishop, Jaime Vasquez were in attendance. Both of these servants of the Lord are very supportive of the Church to Church ministry.

Anyone from Vista de la Montana is more than welcome to attend these meetings. They are a way to gain a broader perspective of the issues and interests facing border churches, and they are a way to meet many new, wonderful United Methodist people from southern Arizona, and from Mexico. Contact Dee Berman or Glenna Snider if you have questions or comments about this mission.

## Updates of Activities in Agua Prieta

There is wonderful news of amazing happenings at Fuente de Vida. Two new homes have been completed in the Colonia. Each home had a blessing service in November. These are now owned by faithful church members. Now, Alberto and Naveli's house is well under way, being built by his neighbors with the help of the Colorado group, Communities of Hope. These men are working every weekend, and far into some nights. His wife Naveli, and the other women are providing meals for the workers.

After this home is completed, Pastora Gela and the church members hope to begin planning and building a new sanctuary. Meggie Gulley says that the church is now "full to overflowing" every Sunday, and new people are attending. She reports that God is truly changing lives every day in that place.

In February, the men of Fuente de Vida attended a weekend retreat in Magdalena, with fellowship, workshops, and worship. Also in February, the youth group hosted a Valentines' Day party with other youth groups in Agua Prieta.

Pastor Diego and Gela had started a couples group before his tragic accident, and Gela is continuing this group with great success. There are at least 30 couples who regularly attend, and the District Superintendent, Eduardo Carrillo and his wife also have attended. The group offers counseling, fellowship, and Christian growth.

The love, friendship, and labors of so many folks of our Vista congregation as well as others in the Desert Southwest Conference, continues to help Fuente de Vida grow stronger in doing God's work, and caring for God's children.

We on the Outreach team want to thank you for your strong support of the coffee ministry, which helps support Pastora Gela's ongoing programs. We appreciate your continued support of the Women's Co-Op greeting card business which helps provide income for the women of the church. Carol and John Witt sell the cards at coffee fellowship on the second Sunday of each month.

For those of you who are on Facebook, Iglesia Fuente de Vida has an account which has news of their activities, and hundreds of pictures of their many events. Check it out.

**Glenna Snider**, for Dee Berman, chairperson.

**Next Meeting Wednesday April 7, 2010.  
All are welcome to attend.**



## Vista Angels

### For God So Loved The World

By Nedra Thomason

*Acts 26:19 "Therefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,"* And what was Paul's vision? On the road to Damascus Jesus told him, *I have appointed you as a servant and witness . . . to . . . your people and the Gentiles . . . to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me."* (ESV)

Paul had an amazing ministry. He also faced circumstances that would have caused many to give up. 2 Corinthians 11:23-26 tells us he was imprisoned frequently, received beatings without measure, 5 times he received 39 stripes, was beaten with rods, shipwrecked, in perils of rivers, robbers and his countrymen, perils from false brethren, in hunger and thirst, and in cold and nakedness. How did he manage to keep going? How did he manage to sing songs of praise after being beaten and thrown in the Philippi jail?

Paul had a **Vision!** He not only had seen Jesus, he had been given his purpose in life. He was sent to bring men and wom-

en from the darkness into the light. Paul transferred the determination he had been using to persecute Christians into zeal to bring as many people into the saving grace of God as he could. Throughout it all he kept his eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of his faith and on the vision he had been given.

John Wesley's vision was a ministry to serve the down-trodden, to provide justice for those without the power to obtain it for themselves. A major vision of the Methodist church is one of reaching out to the needy, providing comfort and resources to those facing natural disasters, to show the world the wonderful love that the Lord has for each of us.

As Methodists, we are stewards of the grace and love of Jesus; this is a goal we work toward, the purpose underlying our relationships. Our purpose in life is to leave each person we meet with a taste of the love of Jesus.

As individuals, we are each a steward of the Love of Jesus! We need to have a vision that will keep us going during the rough spots just as Paul had one to see him through his. We all have the same goal, but our method of reaching it will be tailor-made for us by the Holy Spirit. We can receive our very own vision.

Some of you know what your vision is. Many of you are living your vision without realizing it (that was me). If you are

unsure of your vision spend time seeking it. James tells us in Chapter 1:5,6

*If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. <sup>6</sup>But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.*

Spend time patiently waiting on the Lord as you ask him to define your vision.

When I discovered my vision and saw the scriptures the Holy Spirit led me to, I saw that they were already some of my favorites – ones that I went to frequently. The important thing is to realize that the desires of your heart *are* your vision. These scriptures are where you achieve your staying power. You will also have a measuring rod when making decisions about spending your time and energy. Whether you know your vision or are seeking it always live in the light you have seen. Faith requires action, but the most effective action is a result of guidance by the Holy Spirit.

When I realized that being a Christian means a relationship with the God who created me I jumped in with both feet. I had been spiritually hungry for years but the God I knew was a God of judgment, not a loving Father.

I could quote the scriptures and sing the songs but they didn't have a place in my heart. When my heart was filled with God's love, it changed everything. I came from the darkness into the light. My desire became to share this wonderful love with others. The foundation for my vision came from my own longings and heartaches, from my own experience. This is where you can begin to look for your vision – from a passion already within you.

The lord has personally chosen you to fulfill a special part of His ministry. He is honoring you. And as you keep your vision before you, the Lord will expand its borders. John 17 is the prayer of Jesus just before the Garden of Gethsemane. In verse 23 He says, *"I will be in them and you will be in me so that they will be completely one. Then the world will know that you sent me and that you loved them just as much as you loved me."* (NCV) Can there be anything more wonderful than knowing that the Creator of this universe loves us that much?

*Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of Jehovah is risen upon thee.  
Isaiah 60:1 NASV*

## **The Ladies' Bible Study,**

### **Book of Acts**

**Mondays Beginning April 12, 2010**

**9AM - 10:30 AM**

**Educational Building, Rm 1**

**Led by Joy Oram**

"The study of John has been a wonderful learning experience. The reason we are going to study Acts is that no one wants this time to end. I urge you, if at all possible, to attend this time of blessing as Joy gently leads us in a deeper understanding of the Word of God."

Class Member

## **Prayers for Our Churches**

**APRIL 2010**

***Santa Cruz Valley UMC, Sahuarita***

***Huachuca UMC, Huachuca City***

***UMC of the Good Shepherd, Kearny***

## ***Reaching Out to Our Community***

### **Postcard Campaigns**

We began our postcard campaign in the Fall to let our neighbors know we are here and invite them to worship and study with us. During our 5 campaigns we have mailed 28,400 postcards. The cost of the cards and postage has been \$7K. Our most recent cards have been for Palm Sunday and Easter.



We have seen an increase in visitors on Sundays. We had 7 people from the community come for our [A Love Worth Giving](#) class as a direct result of the post card they received.

Sending the invitation to worship with us is only the beginning. Once a visitor comes to Vista it is the people of Vista who through their kindness encourage visitors to return and eventually make Vista UMC their church home.

If you have not see a person before, most likely they are a visitor. Please be sure to stop them and introduce yourself. Even if they are members that is ok, we all need to get to know each other.

If you would like to help with funding the postcard campaigns please designate "Postcards" on your envelope.

**Margaret Yohe**  
Witness Coordinator

## Café la Colonia coffee

This high quality fair traded Mexican coffee is purchased in Chiapas, MX by our sister church, Fuente de Vida in Agua Prieta. It is then roasted and ground by them in their coffee shop, and shipped to us for sale. All proceeds return to them to support the programs of their church. The price is \$9.00 per full pound.

We, and Pastora Gela deeply appreciate your support of this vital ministry. You will see our table on the patio most Sunday mornings.

**Glenna Snider**, for the Outreach Team

## Tucson Hospitality Inn, Rummage Sale

2539 E Edison Street  
Saturday, April 24, 2010  
7AM - 4PM

Bring your items for sale to :  
Big Items - Sandy Schwartz 818-9792  
Smaller Items - Kay Gragg 544-2545

**Mark your calendar to bring all donations by April 10, 2010**

Wesley Foundation Spring Banquet  
May 1, 2010  
5:30 PM

UMC on U of A's Campus  
Tickets \$20.00

On Sale April 11th, 18th and 25th after both services

## E-mail, Snail mail, Smile mail

Yes, Smile-Mail.

A birthday card, get well or even a special note can bring a smile. The second Sunday of each month the beautiful cards made by the women's group co-op at Fuente de Vida church in Agua Prieta, Mx. will be on sale between services for fifty cents each. Support their efforts, stop by and see the lovely work they do.

**Carol Witt**

## *...lectio divina... holy reading*

Third Thursday of the month – April and May  
Education Building – Room 2, 9:30 to 11 a.m.  
Beginners and guests are welcome.

Please call Arlene 825-1327 if you have any questions.



Jamie Ford

When Henry Lee, a twelve year old Chinese American boy, and Keiko Okabe, a Japanese American girl meet in a Seattle school, they form a close friendship. Caught up in the conflict of World War II, Keiko and her family are removed to an interment camp.

Garth Stein, NY times best selling author of The Act of Racing in the Rain, says, “A Tender and satisfying novel set in a time and a place lost forever,” this book “gives us a glimpse of the damage that is caused by war: not the sweeping damage of the battlefield, but the cold, cruel damage to the hearts and humanity of individual people. Especially relevant in today’s world, this is a beautifully written book that will make you think. And, more importantly, it will make you feel.”

Set during one of the most conflicted and volatile times in American history, this is an extraordinary store of commitment and enduring hope.

Vista Book Club

April 15, 2010

Education Bldg, Rm 2

Info or RSVP

Kay Gragg  
Facilitator  
544-2545

## **Men's Christian Fellowship**

All men who attend Vista del la Montana are invited to come to a special Christian men's event where we will have the privilege to listen to, interact with, and be challenged by Pastor Ron Ritchie. Ron is an interesting speaker and is fun to listen to.



Saturday, April 24, 2010

Time: 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Session I: 9:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Session II: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Title: *"Adventurous Living in the Age of the Holy Spirit!"*

Cost: \$10 per person, lunch included

Location: Vermilion Room, SaddleBrooke Clubhouse

Contact Dave Thomas at 825-3017 for reservations and/or for further information.

Reservations must be made by not later than Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

For more information about Ron Ritchie, you can visit [www.RonRitchie.org](http://www.RonRitchie.org).

### **Our Library is Growing**

Do you have a computer that you have replaced and are looking for a place to donate it? Your Vista Library needs a computer to help us catalog and inventory our books in a more user-friendly way. Please consider making a donation to our Library.

Stop by and see the books available for your reading pleasure. Check out one or more today!!

**Becki Daniels**  
818-1516

### **The Children's Ministry Team urges everyone to learn CPR.**

This life-saving skill may help a family member or stranger one day. Please call me if you are interested in attending the April 8th class. This class is the last one I will be organizing but the classes are open to the public and are generally held the second Thursday of every month from 1:00 to 4:00. Be sure to check the date and location when you call. The non-certificated classes are free. This level is called "Family and Friends." I recommend registering at least 10 days in advance as the classes may fill up or may be canceled for lack of interest. To register, call educator Karen at Golder Ranch Headquarters, 818-1017. I'm pleased to say that so far, 21 members of our congregation have been trained. Please let me know when you complete training so we will have you on our list. Thanks to all who have given your time to be ready to help others if needed.

**Gerry Alberts**  
825-4642

## Daily Walks With Jesus

### The Gift of Easter

*When Adam and Eve lived in the Garden of Eden God would come walk in the garden and the three of them would converse. There was no mystery regarding their ability to hear God and to speak openly with Him. But then sin came into the world and severed that easy comradeship between God and man. In the Old Testament God spoke primarily through priests and prophets. But, when Christ provided the ultimate sacrifice, that chasm separating us from God was filled up giving humanity access to the throne of Grace. Now, anyone who wishes can go directly to God. That is benefit number one. Benefit number two is that we can take those daily walks with God, but there is a requirement. We must access the throne through Jesus.*

Rev. 3:20 *“Behold, I stand at the door and knock.”* When we open the door to Jesus and ask Him into our lives He is accompanied by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the means by which our spirit communes with God.

The law in the Old Testament required animal sacrifice in order to atone for sin. Blood had to be spilled. Jesus’ death did away with the act of physical sacrifice. It has been replaced with

*“So, brothers and sisters, since God has shown us great mercy, I beg of you to offer your lives as a living sacrifice to Him. Your offering must be only for God and pleasing to Him, which is the spiritual way for you to worship. Do not change yourselves to be like the people of this world, but be changed within by a new way of thinking; then you will be able to decide what God*

*wants for you; you will know what is good and pleasing to Him and what is perfect.”*

Romans 12:1

Jesus left the glories of Heaven, took on a human form, lived a life with none of the position and wealth that would have brought Him earthly admiration, and suffered a humiliating, painful death; all because He loved us. He didn’t come to show us the wrath of the Father. He didn’t come with a set of rules we must follow in order to gain His approval. He just came to love us and to provide us with the opportunity to spend eternity in the family of God.

He died a pauper. Roman soldiers even gambled for his clothing. There were no possessions to bequeath to His survivors. But, because He died and left His earthly ministry, He and our Father were free to give us the most wonderful gift imaginable, the Holy Spirit. And this gift gives us the power to lay down our life and to lay it down with joy and exuberance and to find such delight in sacrifice that we consider our actions as a privilege instead of a sacrifice. This is what Margaret Synhorst means when she speaks of being “filled and spilled”.

A water geyser spews forth a column of water due to internal pressure generated by the steam of hot water. This is not what being spilled means. Being spilled does not require force. It is like a bubbling spring providing cool, refreshing, living water. *None of us like the thought of giving up our personal pleasures, our right to make our own decisions. But one look at the mess this world is in should be enough to realize that God’s way is better and that we actually gain so much more than we give up. We come to realize that instead of giving up the things we tend to grasp we are actually freed from their stran-*

*glehold. True freedom is walking with God.*

Having daily walks with God is the ultimate joy of life and is the beauty of a life of prayer. Prayer is merely talking to and listening to God. It can take many forms and we will be discussing the many ways of having these walks and talks with God during the next few months.

Now, I want to ask a favor of you. Would you share with the rest of us some of your times of walking and talking to God? Would you share with us what it means to you to know that you are loved by God, or a special guidance you have received? God’s love doesn’t come in a “one size fits all”. He honors our individuality and knows our deepest needs; and that is where we receive His ministry. Sharing these experiences will make the Lord (and us) happy.

**Nedra Thomason**



# Birthdays and Anniversaries

## April Birthdays

Ethel Amator	4/1
Lorraine Rice	4/1
Cathy Colby	4/2
Ilene Nevins	4/2
Jan Bukes	4/3
Bill Bellah	4/5
Gordon Carscadden	4/5
Curt Durbin	4/6
Jo Anne Besch	4/7
Clif Extract	4/8
Linda Ward	4/9
Ken Almer	4/10
Rev Matt Colby	4/10
Jim Simon	4/11
Rosemarie Perschau	4/12
Ann Renshaw	4/12
Lois Cooke	4/14

Joyce Ann Jose	4/15
Larry Patterson	4/15
Kalyn Nevis	4/17
Marsha Ladich	4/19
David Bahos	4/20
Bernie Kenny	4/21
Jim Jackson	4/22
Jerry Krause	4/22
Judi Nibbelink	4/24
Dean Wilson	4/24
Diane Bynum	4/26
Jody Obear	4/26
Carole Brown	4/27
Bob Gilmour	4/28
Judy Nevis	4/29
Jerry Theberge	4/29
Carole Tracy	4/29

## April Anniversaries

Jim & Jody Obear	4/4
Hub & Reenie Dedrick	4/5
Kermit & Delores Brindle	4/13
Paul & Kathy Peate	4/14
Joe & June Young	4/21
Don & Betty Little	4/29
Dan & Anna Marie Marsh	4/29



## Birthday Factoids

Close to 2 billion birthday cards are sent each year in the U.S. alone, accounting for nearly 58 percent of all cards sent.



More people celebrate their birthdays in August than in any other month (about 9% of all people). The two other months that rate high for birthdays are July and September.

## May Anniversaries

Curt & Sandy Durbin	5/8
Dennis & Peggy Higgins	5/8
Jim & Von Ceil Bless	5/11
Denny & Karen Tryon	5/12
Larry & Yvonne LeCornu	5/12
Ron & Katie Langendorfer	5/16
Robert & Martha Sartoris	5/20
Don & Joan Piepenburgh	5/21
Al & Rosemary Bigelow	5/22
Ken & Vonda Wolfe	5/24
Clayton & Evonne Springer	5/26
Don & Alice August	5/27
Gene & Carol Curtis	5/27
Ken & Liz Zebal	5/27
Bill & Becky Daniels	5/28
Ken & Diane Podlasek	5/31

## May Birthdays

Chick Ladich	5/2
Jay O'Donald	5/6
Don Smith	5/6
Irvin Lee-Tom Tucker	5/9
Jeanne Farnum	5/11
J.D. Wallace	5/11
Karen Green	5/14
John Greenwood	5/14
Don Paugh	5/14
Denny Tryon	5/16
Mary Lou Young	5/16
Jerry Browning	5/17
Bud Stoddard	5/17
Sally Bolar	5/19
Robert Miller	5/21
Vic LaFave	5/22
Marilyn Rutkowski	5/23
Kathy Campbell	5/24
Ken Allred	5/26
Rita Bahos	5/26
John Goetz	5/26
Dick Holloway	5/26
Gene Curtis	5/27
Kristi Reans	5/27
Anne Coffman	5/31

## Psalm 139:13,14

(New International Version)

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

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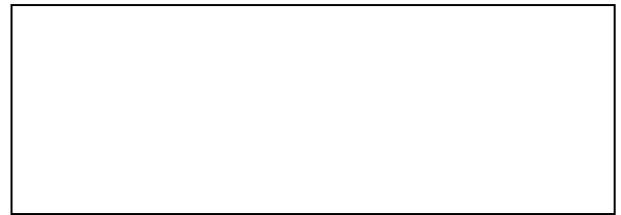
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## **Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule**



### **April 1, 2010 Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM Worship Center**

Traditional actions observed in this service include confession and pardon; proclamation of the Word; and the Lord's Supper



### **April 2, 2010 Good Friday 7:00 PM Worship Center**

This year our Good Friday service will feature the Chancel Choir in a Tenebrae Service, taking us all the way to the cross.

Both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are amazing experiences for the Christian who knows - knows beyond a shadow of a doubt - that Sunday is just around the corner. . .

### **April 4, 2010 EASTER SUNDAY**

6:30 AM Sunrise Worship Service, on the patio, dress warmly.  
7:30 AM Pancake Breakfast. \$5.00 ticket youth mission trip fund raiser.  
9:00 AM Traditional Worship with the joy of the Resurrection  
10:45AM Traditional Worship with the joy of the Resurrection



## Mark Your Calendar for These Events



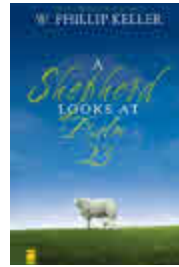
### **Easter Sunrise Worship Youth Pancake Breakfast**

Immediately after Sunrise Worship our Youth are presenting us with an opportunity for fellowship. Join us for a Pancake Breakfast and help the youth earn money for their summer mission trip. pancakes and sausage, fruit salad, coffee or juice all for only **\$5.00**



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**Opportunity to Know Jesus  
as our Shepherd**  
  
**4 week study of Psalm 23**  
  
**A Shepherd looks at Psalm 23**  
  
**W. Phillip Keller**

**Tuesdays 9AM April 20th through May 11th**  
**Thursdays 6PM April 22nd through May 13th**

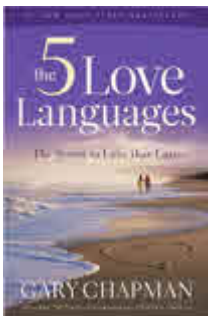
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### Vista Fine Arts Presents Last Concert of Season

Linda Chatterton, flutist from Minneapolis and Dr. Rex Woods, pianist, Vice Director of the University of Arizona School of music, combine their exceptional talents in concert **Sunday, April 18, 2:30 pm.** Linda's last appearance at Vista was with Dr. Carrol McLaughlin, Chair of U of A Harp Department. Her appearance with Dr. Woods promises to be equally amazing.

Ms. Chatterton's mastery of the instrument and her charming presentation have earned critical acclaim and appreciation described in flowery detail, but also more simply as illustrated by one commenting "I was not a flute enthusiast until I heard Linda. She completely changed my mind. Another noted, "the picture of professionalism – and that was before we heard a note." A free will offering will be taken.



Do you express your love in a way your spouse doesn't understand, your spouse won't realize you've expressed your love at all. The problem is you're **speaking two different languages.**

Rev. Monte J. Baker is taking on the challenge of teaching us all new languages; that's right .... new love languages. We guarantee you that you already know one of these languages BUT is it the right language for your Spouse?

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