

Echoes

November 2010

Vista de la Montana United Methodist Church
Reaching our community with Open hearts, Open minds, Open Doors



Reverend Monte J. Baker
Senior Pastor

William James wrote, "Our lives are like islands in the sea, or trees in the forest, which co-mingle their roots underground. Just so, there is a continuum of cosmic consciousness, against which our individuality builds but accidental fences, and into which our several minds plunge as into a mother sea or reservoir."

Madeleine L'Engle added to that idea in her book, *Walking on Water*, "The creator is not afraid to leap over the 'accidental fences,' and then plunge into the deep waters of creation. There, once again, and in another way, we lose ourselves to find ourselves."

There are times in which we find ourselves directed by something toward places we otherwise would not go. Autumn at Vista Church is a time in which that is likely to happen. The congregation begins to reform itself; people are returning from vacations in cooler climates to enjoy the beautiful southern Arizona weather; and together we once again take up the task of being "church." Once again we begin to *Expect Great Things* of

God and of ourselves. We find that there is something giving us direction. We are asked to lower our fences and to check our boundaries. We are asked to examine our motives and think about the consequences of the things we do and the things we have refrained from doing. There is something asked of us this year. It isn't demanded and it isn't required. It doesn't insist and yet it motivates. We can ignore it or we can let it take us where it will: *Expect Great Things*.

Recently, I read about a concert performed by a university orchestra and a guest violinist. The orchestra was wonderful. The music was inspiring. However, the guest violinist opened a very dramatic piece with the first four notes from his instrument by playing the wrong notes. He played the wrong notes. The opening theme was repeated several times during the piece and on all the other occasions he was exactly right. He just missed the first four notes.

What is to be admired about what happened is that the violinist simply continued playing and he worked his way out of his problem. There might have been a desire to stop and apologize; but he just kept going. The director could have stopped the orchestra and allowed the musician to repair his gaff, but he let the band play on. What

drove the orchestra, the conductor, and the violinist was the music itself and they were all in it together. There was an imperative to continue which must have been difficult when the first four notes were played in error.

Whenever "church" happens, there will be moments of disappointment. There are apt to be times when we let ourselves and each other down. We could find ourselves playing the wrong notes. We might think it is best to quit but there will be an imperative to keep going. Let us be driven by our faith to press forward taking into account the imperatives of being "church" as we *Expect Great Things*. We can do it; we must.

MJB



Annual All-Church Conference

Everyone is invited to attend Vista's annual all-church conference on Monday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m. This important meeting, convened by District Superintendent, Rev. Michael Pearson, is designed to review and evaluate the total mission and ministry of the church, receive reports, and adopt objectives and goals recommended by the church council. It will also elect officers and leaders for the upcoming year. Please come and lend your presence and your voice to our fellowship.

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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

All Saints Day, November 7, 2010

"All of the places of our lives are sanctuaries; some of them just happen to have steeples. And all of the people in our lives are saints; it is just that some of them have day jobs and most will never have feast days named for them." Robert Benson in *Between the Dreaming and the Coming True*

All Saints Day is a day of remembrance for the saints, with the New Testament meaning of all Christian people of every time and place. We celebrate the communion of saints as we remember those who have gone on to the Church Triumphant. For this reason, the names of our honored dead will be remembered in worship on November 7, 2010 and the names of those persons from the Vista UMC congregation who have died during the past year shall be solemnly read in the liturgy of the day. All members and friends are invited to purchase carnations in memory of those loved ones who, by their inspiration have helped us on our way.

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Quiche Verde as presented by John Witt at UMM Breakfast

2 refrigerated piecrusts
Bacon, 2 slices per pie
2 oz. Sliced mushrooms
½ c. thin sliced zucchini (1 small)
½ c. thin sliced yellow squash (1 small)
1 ½ c. grated Swiss cheese
4 eggs
1 c. heavy cream and 1 c. half & half
⅛ tsp. garlic powder
Olive oil
Grated cheese for topping

Saute vegetables and garlic powder slightly in a small amount of olive oil. Put pie crusts in bottom of pie pans and crimp edges. Put grated cheese on pie crusts and spread vegetables on top of cheese. Beat eggs with cream and pour over vegetables and cheese. Bake at 375 degrees for 45 minutes or until done. Top with additional grated cheese and bake about 10 minutes more until lightly browned.

Delicious served with a little Hollandaise sauce mixed with chopped roasted red peppers.

Makes 2 - each quiche serves 6.

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Vista Fine Arts

Sunday, November 14, at 2:30 p.m.

The Paloma Winds Quintet



Andrew Braden has been with the Tucson Symphony since 1987. He has also performed with numerous symphonies and ensembles throughout the United States and Mexico, and served as Principal Clarinet with the Arizona Opera Orchestra. He maintains a private studio of 30 clarinet students and teaches for Tucson Unified School District in the OMA project (Opening Minds through the Arts), a nationally recognized program of artists in 'at risk' elementary schools. He also serves on the Tucson Symphony Board of Trustees.



Rebecca Cain is the Second Bassoonist of the Tucson Symphony Orchestra, a position she has held since 2000. She completed her undergraduate work at Oberlin and her Master of Music degree at Arizona State University. She has performed at international conventions and festivals. Ms. Cain serves as Personnel Manager for the Tucson Symphony Orchestra and teaches for the Tucson Unified School District in the OMA (Opening Minds through the Arts) program.



Sara Fraker, has played Second Oboe and English horn in the Tucson Symphony Orchestra since 2005. She is a graduate of Swarthmore College and New England Conservatory. She is currently working on a doctoral thesis about the oboe music of Isang Yun, and is currently a Teaching Arts in the Opening Minds Instructor through the arts program in the Tucson Unified School District.



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Victor Valenzuela is currently Third Horn with the Tucson Symphony Orchestra. He is Instructor of Brass at Pima Community College. He holds degrees from New Mexico State University and Northwestern University, has performed with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra of London and numerous symphonies in the United States. He has performed for the Olympic games, the re-opening of the Statue of Liberty and the 1988 celebration of the Declaration of Independence, and, with his Tucson Symphony Horn Section, at the International Horn Society conference in Beijing, China.

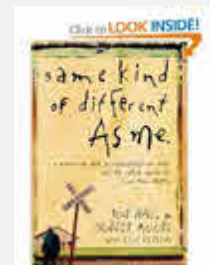


VISTA BOOK CLUB

The Art of Racing in the Rain, by Garth Stein, is the book for our November 18th meeting. Nearing the end of his life, Enzo, a dog with a philosopher's soul, tries to bring together the family pulled apart by a three-year custody battle between daughter Zoe's maternal grandparents and her father Denny, a race car driver.

We meet in the Education building at 5:30 p.m.

We will not meet in December. All adults are welcome! To RSVP please call Kay Gragg at 544-2545.



January's book is

Same Kind of Different as Me,

by Ron Hall and Denver Moore with Lynn Vincent

Birthdays and Anniversaries

November Birthdays

Joyce Crippen	11/1
Gunvor Eriksson	11/1
Carolyn Edris	11/3
Molly Vakerics	11/3
Wes Landrum	11/4
Marilyn Krause	11/5
Karen Tryon	11/6
Eleanor Beadle	11/7
Rosemary Bigelow	11/8
Anyce Albers	11/9
Jan Crown	11/9
Emily Eachen	11/9
Marion Ramsey	11/10
Greg Lindahl	11/13
Ron Essenpreis	11/14
Bill Hillmann	11/15
Peggy Biehler	11/16
Alice Tompkins	11/16
George Avis	11/17
Mary Jane Hillmann	11/17
James Crippen	11/18
Larry Hoaglund	11/18
Linda Triboulet	11/18
Diane Podlasek	11/19
Judy Thomson	11/19
Kari Nicoletto	11/20
Pam Holder	11/22
Rod Stevenson	11/23
Bill Powell	11/24
Maureen Anderson	11/25
Milt Bukes	11/25
Mariah Greenwood	11/25
Barbara Sherman	11/25
Sallie Winkler	11/25
Ray Brown	11/25
JaGarr Greenwood	11/27
Maurice Price	11/29
Dave Thomas	11/29
Kathy Peate	11/30

November Anniversaries

Larry & Coralyn Hoagund	11/1
Leo & Nancy Damkroger	11/1
Edward & Jan Cregan	11/1
Donald & Karen Diana Gurian	11/13
Arlo & Barbara Davis	11/14
Dale & Gerry Alberts	11/18
Duane & Marilyn Waldo	11/22
Patricia & Mel Dill	11/25
Pete & Sandy Schwartz	11/26
Larry & Hedy Patterson	11/28



December Birthdays

Bill Daniels	12/1
Shirley Miller	12/1
Jerry Koelling	12/5
Marilyn Waldo	12/8
Stuart Watkins	12/9
Marlin Bolar	12/10
Shirley Newman	12/10
Jan Wilson	12/11
Leigh Beaty	12/13
Mary Raynor	12/16
Kim Roberts	12/16
Joanne Harrington	12/17
Paul Miller	12/17
Carol Curtis	12/18
Phyllis Calavan	12/19
Marvin Rutkowski	12/19
Carl Terry	12/20
Dillon Mohr	12/21
Taylor Peate	12/21
Charlotte De Windt	12/22
Joanne Gilmour	12/23
Linda Griffin	12/23
Von Ceil Bless	12/24
Don August	12/25
Marge Fridrich	12/25
Barb Kuhn	12/27
Kayla Lauger	12/29
Betty Little	12/30
Spud Ensing	12/31

December Anniversaries

Jay & Louise O'Donald	12/1
Monty & Debbie Derting	12/1
Jack & Barb Kuhn	12/4
Dick & Ilene Nevins	12/8
Phillip & Anne Gruensfelder	12/17
Nicholas & Peggy Marks	12/17
Art & Shirley Peterson	12/19
John & Margaret Synhorst	12/21
Jerry & Bobbie Reeves	12/23
Dave & Maureen Anderson	12/29
Bud & Pat Stoddard	12/30



Mission Outreach Ministry

November is our month for Thanksgiving and we have much to thank God and all you folks at Vista for your wonderful generosity to our Mission Program. We could not carry out the Mission Outreach Ministry at Vista without each and every one of you. Here is a brief report on our Ministries and how you can help this month.

Our Sister Church, Fuente de Vida, Agua Prieta, Mexico

God is working in an amazing way in this Mission Church. The congregation continues to grow under the leadership of Pastor Gela. As you may recall we have been supporting our one seminary student Augustine Rojas for the past 4 years and he has now graduated and has been assigned his own church to pastor, in Baja California. Praise the Lord for this Victory!

Now for some more Good News, There are now 10 people actively enrolled in the Monterey Methodist Seminary Correspondence and Internet program from the Fuente de Vida Church, including Pastor Gela. This is very exciting to see how the success of Augustine and the leadership of Pastor Gela have led the way for those to follow. All of the loving investment you have given to this end is reaping a good harvest. Praise the Lord !! The cost of one Semester is \$60.00 per student . We have received 5 sponsorships so far. If you would like to be one of the sponsors of these Seminarians please contact me. It is a small investment for a great return!

We will be going to Agua Prieta on Nov. 6th for our annual celebration of The Celebration of Learning Festival. We currently have 30 people who will be making the journey with us to participate in the Festival. I want to thank you for all the generous contributions you have given us to make this happy event happen. I will give you a full report next month on the Festival.

Thank you for your continued support of the Café Colonia. Please remember that our Café Colonia makes great Christmas gifts for all your Family and Friends. We want to thank Jim and VonCeil Bless for filling in as the coffee leaders this summer and now we are welcoming Glenna and Bob Snider back and they will be overseeing the coffee sales this winter and spring.

Catalina Community Services


We want to welcome Becki Daniels to the Mission Outreach Ministry Team as our new Leader and Representative for Vista to CCS. She is enthusiastic and ready to keep us informed on how we can serve those in our community. Welcome Becki!!

Thanks to Kari Nicoletto for her Vista volunteerism with Catalina Community Services (CCS) and the Food Bank. We will miss her. I am happy to be your new link with CCS and bring you opportunities available to Vista members that improve our community. The beautiful new CCS building was dedicated a couple of weeks ago and 12 Vista members were in attendance for the ribbon cutting. Reverend Monte gave the invocation to the 200 + attendees. Today, Jillian Needham from CCS told me about a new program they are starting and we hope Vista will participate! (More to come in our next newsletter).

This month the Food Bank especially needs cereals, canned fruit and canned vegetables. Thank you for your past generosity and remember to pick up your bag or envelope (look for an apron and chef's hat on someone) on the last Sunday each month. Please bring your monetary donation or food supplies the first Sunday each month.

Also, there are a variety of volunteers needed and you can get involved in the following ways: Literacy tutoring, Teachers for ESL, GED, and Citizenship, Transportation to doctor/clinic appointments, and meal delivery.

Becki Daniels



Creative Hands

At the last meeting of our Susanna Wesley UMW Circle I had the privilege of seeing samples and hearing a report by Jan Bohe, not only about her life's history, but about the amazing work the Creative Hands group of ladies has done for our church and our community under Jan's leadership. Did you know that these few ladies made 445 items to give to those in our community, just this last year? We saw the 3 scrapbooks she has kept of their work that has been decorated so creatively. We were in awe of the amazing love and care that has been given to the children in our community through their work. Only God knows who these children are, but what a blessing these ladies are giving to the needy in our area.

They meet every Friday Morning at Vista at 9:00 AM and need your creative hands to help with this great work. Remember that no experience is needed, just show up and they will show you what to do, Come and enjoy the fellowship. Please call Jan Bohe at 825-9725 for further information.

Tucson Hospitality Inn

A volunteer or volunteers are still needed to handle paperwork for the Inn. This would include writing thank you notes, filing and general office work.

We will be decorating the Inn for Christmas in early December (date to be determined). This involves setting up and decorating a Christmas tree, setting up the Nativity Scene, hanging stockings, decorating the mantel and some outdoor decorating. The more people we have the faster the task will be completed. If anyone is interested in helping with the decorating, or taking it down in early January, Please contact Kay Gragg at 544-2545. This is a fun activity which brings so much joy to the guests since they have to be away from their families for the holiday season.

Gift cards of any amount to *Target, Wal-mart, Sam's Club or Costco* are much appreciated for purchasing supplies to run the Inn. Please send them directly to Tucson Hospitality Inn 2539 E. Edison St. Tucson, AZ 85716.

Catalina Mountain School

This past month was an exciting time for this Vista Mission Ministry. We were participants in an Epiphany Workshop for 15 of the Youth at CMS. It included a three-day intensive workshop with the participation of six from Vista team and two from the Catalina Catholic Church. It was a great deal of work to bring it all together but the response from the youth was very encouraging. We are having monthly reunions with the participants with the hope of encouraging their faith response to the Epiphany Workshop. We are also conducting our regular monthly meetings with our adopted cottage. John and Carol Witt are doing a super job of leading this group. There is a great need for more Vista folks to step up and volunteer to be part of this ministry. This month will be our third Anniversary of our work at CCM. We thank God for the seeds for good that have been planted in this needy field. Please call the Witts at 825-7017 for further information.

I want to once again thank our Vista Family for all your help this month as we prepare for the Festival of Learning in Agua Prieta. Our Mission Team needs new members and we invite you to be part of this vital Ministry at Vista. It will be a blessing to you and to those you serve. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 3rd at 1:00 p.m. Please come and join us.

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Matt's Moments

Reverend Matt Colby

Caring For Each Other

I Corinthians 12 reminds us at Vista that as the Body of Christ and being a part of a church family we share in other's celebrations and each other's burdens. It is one of the ways that we strengthen each other and share in a community life. It is important that as our church family grows, we commit ourselves to this effort. Those relationships strengthen how we grow as disciples, and how effective we are in showing Christ to each other and in our communities.

Some of the ways that we care for each other: Stephen Ministry, prayer cards, Intercessory Prayer, Prayer Chain, Sunday morning prayer, card ministry, flower ministry, Visitation Team, pastoral calls and visits, and Vistacares email chain. Over the coming months, we will be highlighting one of the care ministries in each of the Echoes. It is important for all of us to understand how they operate so that you can share your or someone else's care needs. You may also feel a calling to be a part of one of these ministries so that we continue to make God's love visible.

This month I want to lift up our **Prayer Chain**. This ministry is primarily for our church family when they are ill, in the hospital or have a crisis situation. A much broader prayer ministry is covered in the Intercessory Prayer group which I will highlight next month. This last month, I have been revamping our Prayer Chain to go from a telephone tree system to primarily an instant email to each individual in the group. Some without email or who prefer the telephone will still receive a call. We hope this will speed up response time, give out correct information and reduce gaps. There are approximately twenty people on the prayer chain who will be praying for you in your time of need.

Here is how it works:

1. You, or your family member call the church or contact Rev. Colby with your request to be put on the prayer chain.
2. You may give the reason or what to pray for in general terms if it is too personal.
3. If your request is for somebody else within our congregation, please ask permission first.

It is that simple to have yourself surrounded in prayer so that you are receiving the care, and power of God's love along with your church family.

Walk To Bethlehem Invitation



It is not too early to plan to participate in the Walk To Bethlehem. Calendars fill up fast in December, but this is one event that I hope

you will take the time to attend. Imagine in the midst of the busyness of the season, you heard the story of Jesus' birth but as if you took the journey to Bethlehem yourself with all the sights, sounds and smells along with the amazement, confusion, anxiety and joy of living there during that time. I want to personally invite you to open your heart to that experience for yourself.

Please, mark your calendar for the evening of Thursday December 9th or Friday December 10th. In the weeks preceding the Walk, there will be free tickets given out between Sunday worship services which will have your reservation time which will in 15 minute intervals between 6:45 p.m up to 8 p.m.



The Walk To Bethlehem takes approximately 30 minutes. It is not strenuous and has several

stops along the way. It is also wheel chair accessible. You should dress warmly as part of it is outside along the sidewalk paths. You should also invite a friend



to experience it with you of why Christians celebrate this season as the birth of Christ and the joy of what that message means.

CROP Walk

Each year our youth group, along with Rev. Matt and Cathy, represents our church by participating in the CROP Walk for Tucson which helps to alleviate hunger at a local level. This year's walk is Sunday afternoon, November 7th around Reid Park. Last year through your support, the youth were able to raise \$200 to contribute with other churches and individuals who take seriously Christ's call to feed the hungry. If you would like to help support them this year there are three ways:

1. Prayer
2. Consider going on the Walk with us.
3. A financial donation for our youth group to represent Vista.

Every contribution adds up to do great things. If you missed the collection boxes on Welcome Home Sunday please call the church office to donate.

Campbell's Labels



It is soup weather again and we collect Campbell's labels and send them to the Wesley Community Center in Phoenix where they buy supplies for the center.

I had a recent letter in which the label's coordinator told me that they had redeemed the past years labels for: a Digital camera, a Karaoke machine, an electric keyboard, two floor mats (4 x 8) a camcorder and a set of two-way radios. They were used during the summer months for programs and are now being used for after school programs.

Remember the products are: Campbell's soups (all varieties), Pepperidge Farm, Prego, Franco American, Swanson, Spaghetti O's, V8, and two new products, BIC office supplies, and Pop Secret popcorn.



Please cut the whole label from the can or box and I will trim off the Bar Code, which is what is required. We need the lid from V8 products.

The community center is very appreciative of our support. Please continue this worth-while service. Place the labels or lids in the drawer in the Narthex at the church and I will see they are sent. Any questions, call Rita Bahos 825-8010 or e-mail me at RITAHOSAZ@aol.com.

Note from editor: Please see the complete list of participating products on the back of the November calendar insert.

SIXTIES PLUS MAKES PLANS

"Sixties Plus" has planned a full year of activities.

The Olive Mill in Queen Creek is the destination on November 17th. We will meet at the old "Ike's" parking lot on Rancho Vistoso at 8:30 am to carpool. There will be a tour of the mill at 10:30 am, followed by lunch in their new restaurant. We will order from the menu. Ginny Jackson is our organizer, and she needs to know by Election Day--November 2nd--how many are coming. Call her at 825-6801.

The Tucson Symphony Holiday Spectacular Concert is December 19th at 2:00 pm. Coralyn Hoaglund has made arrangements for after-concert dining at the "Metropolitan Grill" for our group. Everyone must make their own ticket purchases. More details will be in an e-mail or call 825-6801.

In January, 2011 a tour of the **Tucson Museum of Art** will be lead by Shirley Richards.

February will find us heading for the **Arizona Opry** at Apache Junction again, and a possible trip to the **Musical Instrument Museum** in Phoenix.

For March 13th Marge Allen has arranged for a limited number of tickets to the **Gaslight Theatre** to see *Gunsmokin'* at 7:00 pm. We will go to dinner before the play. Give her a call at 825-3095 as soon as possible to get your name on the list.

In April, when there is a full moon, we'll take a moonlight ride up into **Sabino Canyon**. John and Jan Crown will let us know the details later.

If you are interested and eligible for the *Sixties Plus* and you would like to join us, please call Mary Jane Hillmann at 818-1267 to get your name on our e-mail list. If you are interested in the Queen Creek Olive Mill trip contact Ginny, Coralyn or Marge soon.

Education at Vista de la Montana United Methodist

Sign up now for
Fall and Winter classes.

Call Evonne Springer

825-1985



<u>Class Code</u>	<u>Class Section</u>	<u>Examples of some of the classes</u>
SS	Adult Sunday School	Faith Links TBA
CC	Core Curriculum & New Members	Bible 101 Meet the Methodist Biblical Religion UM Social Principles
E	Electives	First Light Christian History Living the Questions Saving Jesus
SD	Seasonal Devotional	The Shack A Love Worth Giving Fearless
Bible	Bible Study	Disciples Bible Study - Old Testament Disciples Bible Study - New Testament
LE	Life Events/Outreach	Health Directives Wills and Trusts Charitable Giving

<u>Class Code</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Book Cost</u>
SD	The Holy Spirit & Power, Wesley	Margaret Yohe	Sept 28- Nov 16	Tuesday	9:15 a.m. - 11a.m.	\$ 15.00
Bible	Invitation to John	Rev. Matt	Sept 29 - Nov 17	Wednesday	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	\$11.00
SD	Advent Study	Rev Matt	Nov 28 - Dec 19	Sunday	9:00 - 10:15 a.m.	
SD	Advent Study	Rev Matt	Nov 28 - Dec 19	Sunday	10:45 - 11:30 a.m.	
Bible	Women's Bible Study	Joy Oram	On Going	Monday	9:00 - 10:30 a.m.	
LE	Stephen Ministry Training	Arlene Lehto	Nov 9 - TBA	Tuesday	9:30 - noon	

Invitation to John

We are starting a new 8 week series of Bible study and small groups beginning on Wednesdays Oct. 6 - Nov. 24th, 4 - 5:30 pm, led by Rev. Matt Colby. The invitation from Christ is: "Come and see, Follow me." Experience the magnificent passages in John including the "I am" statements (I am the truth, the life and the way, I am the living water and more). Revisit stories only told in John's gospel including Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene and the raising of Lazarus.

During the weekly video segments, travel into the scripture as you hear the Word, experience the grand artwork connected with each story and interview the scholar. Each week wraps up with a small group discussion on video to spark your own conversation. We hope you will join us in this preparation that will lead us to a rich experience right up to Advent.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM NEWS

After a wonderful Kick-Off Sunday on September 12, and a well-attended and fun Family Luncheon and Open House on September 26, our SonQuest, Live BIG and Youth programs are up and running for another exciting year. The children in SonQuest just finished up their unit "Teach Us to Pray", and have now moved on to "The Good Samaritan". Through the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus teaches us to love God and other people. When we follow Jesus' teachings, we show God's love to other people, whether they live close to us or far away. In this unit, the children will have the opportunity to explore the story of the Good Samaritan, answer for themselves the question, "Who is my neighbor?" and experience being a good neighbor.

The Live BIG class has now begun November's theme that we believe that we can trust God's guidance and care, and know that God is always with us. The children will be learning about how Moses led his people and brought them the Ten Commandments, and how our children can offer God their possessions, talents, and time. In keeping with this theme, the class constructed a "church" piggy bank which they take over to the SonQuest class at the beginning of each lesson for the children's offering.

October saw a busy month with a family swim party at the Burrow's house, the commissioning of all the teachers, monitors, station leaders, facilitators and shepherds on the 24th, presentation of Bibles to 3rd and 4th graders, and the children singing the Lord's Prayer for the congregation. They also had a wonderful family event with the Pumpkin Carving Party on the 29th, and shared their Halloween costumes with the congregation on the 31st. Also at the Oct. 31 Potluck, the CMT furnished wrapped candy for each table to hand out to the kids, and Shirley White furnished the games.

We have many exciting activities for the children, as well as the opportunity to learn more about our awesome God, His creation, and their part in that world.



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MARY MARTHA CIRCLE

Date: November 4
Hostess: Delores Brindle
14351 N. Chalk Creek Dr.
907-5706
Please call if attending

REMEMBER:

Bring toys and games for children at Youth Haven for Christmas, no items of clothing. Children, boys and girls, ages 8 to 12. Do not wrap gifts.

SUSANNA WESLEY CIRCLE

Date: November 16
Time: 9 a.m.
Location: Vista, Bldg A, Rm 1
Program: Rev. Monte Baker

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION:

I wish to thank all of our Vista friends for their many cards, e-mails and phone calls this past summer. It was a tremendous comfort and support while Jon had extensive surgery in Minneapolis and I quickly followed with emergency surgery on the day I brought him home from the hospital. The support continued when my brother in Dallas died two weeks later.

We feel such gratitude for the love and care shown to us!

Carolyn Leonard

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Veterans Sunday November 14, 2010

Sunday, November 14, Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church will honor all the brave men and women who have answered the call of their country and worn the uniforms of the armed forces of the United States of America.

It is appropriate for the church to observe a special day of worship in addition to our country's celebration of Veterans Day. During our Sunday worship, we will take the time to reflect on what we owe to all veterans. Those of us who have never worn the uniform can scarcely comprehend the sacrifice and bravery of our veterans. It is appropriate that we honor them. It is a time to thank God for them and for the liberties we enjoy.

Over the last few years, we have gathered a wonderful collection of photographs representing the veterans from our congregation. If you have not already provided one for our observance, please submit a photo to the church office by Monday, November 8. We will return your original as soon as it is scanned into our data base.

Veterans Day

