



**VISTA de la MONTANA
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

ECHOES

February 2012



FOR EVONNE

On Sunday, February 26, there will be only one service, at 10a.m. It will be followed by an all-church potluck in honor of our retiring office manager, Evonne Springer.

For the potluck, those whose last names begin with

E-H, bring salads,

those whose last names begin with

I-S, bring a main dish,

those whose last names begin with

T-Z, bring a side dish,

and those whose last names begin with

A-D, bring a dessert.

Everyone is welcome to come and let Evie know how much she's appreciated!



CALLING ALL COOKS AND CREATIVE PEOPLE

United Methodist Women are putting together a perpetual calendar cookbook called 365 Days of God's Blessings. Each day will feature an inspirational thought, a recipe, or both.

We would like both men and women to contribute one or more stories, verses, prayers, or special recipes.

We will have a collection box in the Narthex.

Call *Sandy Schwartz 818-9792* or *Marion Ramsey 825-9207* if you have any questions or suggestions.

VISTA BOOK CLUB

NEW TIME! NEW BOOK! At our last meeting we decided to meet an hour earlier than we were traditionally meeting (in the hopes more people could attend) and change the book we were scheduled to read. So on Thursday, February 16 we will gather at 4:30 p.m. to discuss ***LONGITUDE: THE TRUE STORY OF A LONE GENIUS WHO SOLVED THE GREATEST SCIENTIFIC PROBLEM OF HIS TIME*** by **Dava Sobel**. We will meet in the Lounge (formerly Matt's office) in the Office Building unless we have more people than it will accommodate.

From the Barnes and Noble website: "Anyone alive in the eighteenth century would have known that 'the longitude problem' was the thorniest scientific dilemma of the day—and had been for centuries. Lacking the ability to measure their longitude, sailors throughout the great ages of exploration had been literally lost at sea as soon as they lost sight of land. Thousands of lives and the increasing fortunes of nations hung on a resolution. One man, John Harrison, in complete opposition to the scientific community, dared to imagine a mechanical solution—a clock that would keep precise time at sea, something no clock had ever been able to do on land. *Longitude* is the dramatic human story of an epic scientific quest and of Harrison's forty-year obsession with building his perfect timekeeper, known today as the chronometer. Full of heroism and chicanery, it is also a fascinating brief history of astronomy, navigation, and clock making, and opens a new window on our world."

We should conclude our meeting no later than 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP a week in advance if you plan attending so we can plan for the space we need. ***Kay Gragg, 544-2545***

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

Even though the holidays are far behind us, the **CYFM** children, youth and staff haven't slowed down a bit. The children of SonQuest wrapped up their unit on David the Boy and have moved on to their next unit – Go and Tell! This unit prepares everyone for the Lenten season and the coming of Easter Sunday. Meanwhile, the Live BIG class transitioned from learning stories about Jesus to the stories that Jesus told and how those stories help us know how to live. Of course, with the arrival of Lent comes one of our favorite service projects of the year – the Heifer Project. We here at Vista have quite a range of different geographical origins of our members, and it's always amazing that wherever our congregants and visitors have come from the vast majority have fond memories of the Heifer Project in their hometowns. We are proud and honored to continue the tradition of giving, so be on the lookout for the arrival of our little "animals". They take great pride in choosing which animals we will "buy" to send where they are needed. We will also start preparing for our Easter Story presentation.

Meanwhile, our Youth group, under the guidance of Jerry Theberge, has continued in its strong leadership position among the younger members of Vista. They celebrated the New Year with their annual lock-in, where they stay on church grounds and "locckk-in" to play games and participate in other creative activities in order to build relationships and just have some good fun! They stayed up all night (remember being able to do that?) and played games until 8:00 in the morning...and then slept all day. On many of the Sundays they role-play real life situations that teens are forced to deal with. Whether it's problems with parents, peers, school, or even work for the older ones, they encounter lots of challenges through these years, and they are preparing themselves to respond properly.

Over Martin Luther King weekend they went to Catalina State Park with Pastor Dave and invited the families of the younger children to join them for a family outing and picnic in the park. Not only are they thinking of good ways to enjoy the cooler weather together, but they also are looking forward to their summer mission trip. They now know the dates and location of the trip this year – they will be going to Crownpoint, New Mexico to renovate a home in the Native American Reservation. The group is excited to make a difference by serving the Lord and having fun in the process! Jerry, the Youth and the rest of the CYFM team are grateful for the support of Vista and are thrilled to maximize their potential as a Christian group!

Blessings

Barbara Johnson

FAMILY and FRIENDS CONCERT

On March 1 at 7:00 P.M. in our sanctuary, Vocal Seniority will welcome the Desert Tones Women's Ensemble for our traditional "Family and Friends" Concert. It will be one hour of musical fun that will make you feel good about life and yourself. Both groups are working hard to make it a successful evening of songs and remembrances. There is no admission charge and there will not be an offering taken. It is totally free, presented as a gift to all of our supporters as our way of saying 'Thank you' for your support. Hope you mark your calendars and plan to attend.

VISTA FINE ARTS PRESENT: Mark and Arlette Willis

Vista United Methodist Church is pleased to present their next Fine Arts Series concert on Sunday, February 19th at 2:30 p.m. The guest artists are Mark and Arlette Willis, the pianist/vocalist – husband/wife team who will bring us "good music for good times." Mark and Arlette have been in the musical entertainment profession since 1978 – beginning as high school musicians in Detroit, Michigan. During these years they have shared – across America – the stages and recording studios of many well-known performers. Happily, their talents have recently come to the attention of many Tucson "easy listening" music lovers.

We invite you and your friends to share a delightful afternoon program, consisting of a wonderful mix of Broadway, pop, jazz, and "old standards," presented by this talented couple.

TUCSON CHAMBER ARTISTS

Southern Arizona's professional chamber choir and orchestra, presents Johannes Brahms's beloved *Ein Deutes Requiem* Saturday, February 18, 7:30pm, at Catalina Foothills High School, and Sunday, February 19, 2:00pm, at Catalina United Methodist Church. For tickets: call 401.2651 or www.TucsonChamberArtists.org. The concert is free and open to the public. An offering will be taken. For more information, call **520-825-1985** or visit www.vistaumc.com.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE

On
February 2
AT
9:30 AM

For more info about this month's meeting please call:

Marilyn Waldo: 825-9542 or

Rita Bahos: 825-8010

SUSANNA WESLEY CIRCLE

ON
February 21
AT 9:00 AM
AT

CHURCH, ROOM 1 EDUCATION

Lori Campbell from Visitoso Funeral Home. Call Prayer and Self Denial will also be discussed.

UNITED METHODIST MEN VALENTINES DAY DINNER

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 14th, Tuesday, at 6:00 PM, assemble in the breezeway and narthex to be seated for an excellent dinner, good company, entertainment and a really nice time.

Don't put this off, early purchase allows for better planning. **Tickets will be \$15.00 each.** 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!



Dear Vista Family,

I would like to thank all of you for your prayers and phone calls when I fell just before Christmas. I am well on the way to healing. Thank you again.

Molly Vakerics

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Don D'Agostino	2/3
Jim Conklin	2/4
Mary Bellah	2/4
Jackie Schaefer	2/6
Margaret Behrendt	2/7
Alan Campbell	2/7
Dave Mullin	2/10
Arlo Davis	2/11
Bobbie Reeves	2/12
Hal Schick	2/13
Teresa Sanders	2/13
Jan Hudson	2/15
Jerry Null	2/15
Mattie Landrum	2/15
Becky Sharp	2/15
Jim Bless	2/16
Joan Esch	2/17
Paula Radtke	2/17
Martha Hilgendorf	2/22
Evonne Springer	2/24
Kay Null	2/25

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Don & Marcia Isch	2/1
Jim & Ginny Jackson	2/1
Robert & Barbara Johnson	2/13
Rod Stevenson & Charlotte De Windt	2/14
Tom & Loretta Hayden	2/18
Marvin & Marilyn Rutkowski	2/25
Jim & Jimmie Simon	2/28
David & Rita Bahos	2/28



Dillis Ward	2/26
Candy Roberts	2/27
Craig Holder	2/28
Kathy Allred	2/29

Mission Outreach Ministry

Do you have a HEART for MISSION? Vista has been blessed by the love and support of so many in our church. Our work in the community, the nation and beyond is possible because of YOU. Thank you so much for these blessings. We especially want to thank you for the generous donation on Christmas Eve. We were able to send \$1500 to the Wesley Center at the U of A, \$1700 to the Tucson Hospitality Inn and \$1700 to our Pastor's Good Samaritan fund to help those in urgent emergency need in our immediate community. Following are the reports of our various ministries by the team leaders. Each has an opportunity for you to serve and bless someone's heart.

Fuente de Vida, Our Sister Church in Agua Prieta, México

Thank you so much for your support of our recycled Christmas Cards sale this past Christmas. We were able to send \$714 to the Women's Co-op for their lovely work. We will soon be receiving new Valentine cards and notes for you to purchase for a great value for only 50 cents. By supporting the mothers through these card sales, you are able to keep our students in school. Look for us in the breezeway with more cards in the next few weeks.

We have eight young people in public high school who are doing well this semester. The cost per semester is \$150. Our partner in this endeavor is the Sun Lakes UMC and they have supplied the \$1200 needed to keep these great kids in school. Vista has provided all the school supplies, so all is well this school year. As always we will begin the school supply drive this summer for the fall semester. When we started our partnership with Fuente de Vida we did not have one student in Jr, High or High School and now we have 14 graduates who are in higher education--12 of them doing Correspondence Seminary studies from the John Wesley Methodist Seminary in Monterey, Mexico. The cost per semester is only \$63 and we still need a few partners from Vista to sponsor a Seminary student for a semester. Please call Team Leader Jan Hopke-Almer at 818-2504 to sponsor one of these dedicated students or if you are continuing to support a previously selected student. I am happy to report that Pastor Gela is beginning her last semester and is due to graduate this fall. She is so pleased and grateful that God has been at her side during this process as a widow, a mother, a grandmother and a pastor of their church, as well as a student. We are so proud of her and we count it a privilege to partner with the Fuente de Vida Ministry.

Cafe Colonia Report

The Cafe la Colonia "coffee shop" is in business on the patio usually twice per month, and we feature Arabica and Decaf Mexican coffee from the state of Chiapas. It is freshly roasted 100% organic coffee. Now we are brewing fresh samples for you to check out. Your Mission team appreciates the wonderful support Vista has given to this important project for the last two years. We continue to help in the Christian ministry of our sister church, so join us for some great fresh coffee, and a cookie or two. *Glenna and Bob Snider 825-8251*

Creative Hands

These creative ladies continue to meet every Friday from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Vista. They always need more hands to do the great work that they do. Anyone wishing to learn to cut out patterns, sew etc. is welcome as they can always use more help. Anyone unable to attend on Friday mornings can still be given a "take home" project by Jan Bohe. It is such a thrill for a little child to be able to go to the clothing bank at Catalina Community Services and pick out a brand new outfit. You can make a child and his or her parent/s very happy. Please lend a hand or call Team Leader Jan Bohe at 825-9725 for further information and join the team for fun and help.

Tucson Hospitality Inn

On January 7th the Christmas decorations were taken down and packed away at the Tucson Hospitality Inn. Thank you Sandy Kaper and Kay Gragg!! Lou Tompkins, Manager, was present and thanks to your generosity, we gave him a check for \$1700 that was collected from the Christmas Eve donation. Needless to say, he was very pleased to receive the check from Vista.

Before our first Mission Meeting of this year, we were asked to find out five physical things we could do to help Lou in 2012. Here's what Lou came up with:

1. Clean the windows.
2. Dust the main part of the house.
3. Clean the patio.
4. Clean the refrigerators. (There are three.)
5. Clean out and reorganize drawers and cabinets.

If you can help do any part of this list call **Kay Gragg, THI team leader, at 544-2544.**

Mentor Kids

Don McNeal, director of Mentor Kids, Tucson spoke to a group of Vista members on January 13th explaining the workings of the program. Those present were Dee Berman, Howard Kaste, Benith McPherson and John and Carol Witt. Applications were given to four of the five. Several interested church members were unable to attend that session resulting in plans for a follow-up session on January 27th at 2:00 pm at the church. Those who were not able to attend the first meeting were welcome. We will continue to have additional information meetings if there is an interest from the Vista folks. This is a very worthwhile program and please remember the great saying " One never stands so tall as when you bend to help a child". There is a little one (ages 5 thru 17) waiting for an adult friend and mentor to care about his or her life and needs. You may just be that person!! Please call **Carol & John Witt for further information 825-7017**

Snak Pak Program

We want to thank all of the volunteers that pack the Snak Paks for Coronado School. Currently we have 11 volunteers and 2 subs so we are all set for this school year. Thank you all for your support for this nutrition program for our neighborhood kids who have been designated "at risk" by the school authorities. With these food packs we can make sure they have some healthy food for the weekends. For further info contact **Team Leader Kathy Campbell at 825-3984.**

Catalina Community Service Report

We have had an amazing outpouring of generosity by our Vista congregation for our **Annual Blanket and Coat Drive**. Our **2012 "Sharing the Warmth" mission** totaled as of mid January: 21 blankets, 4 baby blankets, 3 comforters, 5 sheet sets, 50 coats/jackets, 4 gloves, 7 scarves/shawls, 9 hats/caps, 2 earmuffs, 9 handmade sweater sets, a large bag of sweater vests, sweatshirts, socks, and 1 pr. Children's boots. The CCS Clothing Bank was very happy to get the warm clothing in winter when it can be immediately put to use rather than in May. **Becki Daniels** was proud to represent Vista with the abundant donations. Thank You !!

Trip to Agua Prieta

Please note that we will be visiting Fuente de Vida in Agua Prieta Mexico with Pastor Dave and Norma on Saturday the 17th of March. We will leave Vista by car at 7:00 AM returning that same day. If you would like to go with us please give me a call at 825-7115 and we will make arrangements for you.

Now is the time of year when you may be thinking of volunteering your talents and time to our community. Remember, Catalina Community Services has the Clothing bank, Food bank, English as Second Language classes, Senior Congregate Meals, Meal delivery for homebound Seniors, Golden Goose Thrift Shop and Youth Programs. They will gladly accept volunteers to help whenever able—this includes accommodating Snowbirds' schedules. Food bank collection reminder: Your Money donations give 3 dollars food for every dollar donated. Alternately, bring nonperishable canned goods for our basket February 5th, the first Sunday of each month. Thanks again to all the Vista volunteers who already support CCS programs!!

This month we will be holding our Mission Outreach meeting on the 2nd Wed. of Feb. on the 8th at 1:00PM. Please come and join us as we share the work that is being done in our various Ministries as we seek new ways to reach out in Christ's name to those around us.

Yours in Mission Service:

Dee BermanChairman

Phone: 825-7115

Email: deerick1968@comcast.net



Campbell Labels

A special thank you for those of you who save the soup labels and bar codes from the products. We have some new products with labels including: Glad, Pace, Dannon, People magazine, Emerald, Post Honey Bunches of Oats, Pebbles, and Bic. We still collect the Campbell soup labels (all kinds), Pepperidge Farm, Spaghetti O's, Swanson, Prego, Franco -American, V8 (lids) and Pop Secret.*

Remember that I need the whole bar code, so just give me the entire label and I will cut what we need. Put them in the small chest in the Narthex and I will see they are sent to the Wesley Community Center in Phoenix where they are used for supplies and equipment for the center. Currently they are trying to buy a Laminator for the office. Let's see if we can help them. Any questions? Call ***Rita Bahos, 825-8010***

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Monthly Planner

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One of the blessings of our Vista neighborhood is the **Western National Parks Association store**. Located at 12880 North Vistoso Village Drive, the store has a fine assortment of books and gifts (with no sales tax) and some great programs, too, most of which are free of charge. Here's a sampling of February events:

4th at 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm

"RV Travel through the National Parks"

8th at 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm

"Biosphere 2: Past, Present, and Future"

10th & 11th from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Oaxacan Woodcarving Show

22nd at 12 noon and 2:00 pm

"On the Trail of the Ancient Ones – Story of the Anasazi"

25th at 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm

"The Buffalo Soldiers"

Reservations are required and can be made up to one week in advance by calling 622-0614 during business hours: 9:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday – Saturday. Attendees need to check in ten minutes before the start of the program.