



A Monthly Newsletter of the United Methodist Church of Vista

We are called to be an authentic, accessible and inclusive community
in Christ, celebrating and extending God's love into the world.

Pastor's Ponderings

There is a lot going on! Our local church is looking to the future, making plans for expansion of our facility and celebrating our loving, empowering God. We are very busy faithful Christians who care for one another and our neighbors! At the same time that we are doing God's work in Vista, our denomination is going through some seismic changes. Perhaps you've heard some news and wondered what it means.

Let me try and break it down... Our congregation is a part of the Western Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church. A jurisdiction is a collection of conferences, which is a collection of local church congregations. The big work of a jurisdiction is to elect Bishops who serve in leadership to the conferences. With the on-going conversations about justice and the application of Biblical teachings, our Western Jurisdiction is taking a larger role in visioning our future. Our current Bishops have spoken out about the decisions of the special-called General Conference in Spring 2019. For more on our jurisdiction there is a helpful website with information at westernjurisdictionumc.org for you to research and learn more.

March 2019, leadership in the Western Jurisdiction gathered and wrote down agreed upon values and shared an emerging vision statement focused on discipleship. The vision for our church looking toward 2020 states that we are called to be:

"A home for all God's people, gathered around a table of reconciliation and transformation: The Western Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church is multicultural and inclusive, engaged in the life of its communities, with confident, effective lay and clergy leadership who, in diverse ministry settings, form disciples who live out the Good News of Jesus as global citizens."

As we look into the future, it is likely our denomination will be going through a major reorganization, but the work that God calls us to continues to be crystal clear. God's call for Christians has always been to love God and to love our neighbor as ourself. We have always been challenged to care for the poor, the marginalized and the oppressed. We have always been expected to be the hands and feet and voice of Jesus and proclaim the Kingdom of God with all that we do. Despite the changes and challenges nationally and globally, our work in Vista will continue to be at the forefront of our church life together.

To clarify, there is a place at the Vista UMC for all people. Although we are not all in agreement about theology, or the application of the Bible, we all do share a love for God and conviction that we serve God's grace in this community. Justice, Faith and Hospitality are the cornerstone values this congregation has named as our goals in ministry. We will continue to look for dynamic partnerships to be Christ's hands and heart to the world. We will continue to offer worship and praise to God who created and gives us life. Let us remember that the work of God happens person to person, and in small groups.

The connections of this congregation continue to be extensive: Beth Hallock and I met with the Executive Director, Dana Bristol-Smith, of Leap to Success. We talked about the work that they are doing to lift up and empower women. I've still got a newsletter and thank you note from North County LifeLine in my box that I want to read and respond to. Their work helping victims of sex and labor trafficking become survivors is powerful and humbling. Two of our missionaries, Paul Jeffery and Katherine Parker, have been and will be in our area to share with us about their work around the world. (Special thanks to Sue Humphrey and Jacque Howard for all they do for missions and missionaries!) On Easter Sunday our attendance in worship was 419, with almost a 50-person increase in first service from 2018! On Mother's Day our attendance was 221, with our amazing children singing in worship! The church choir is making final preparations and practice for their Ireland trip coming up for the summer. Our Boy Scout Troop and Crew continue to raise strong young people and regularly share their great appreciation for the support of this congregation! So many connections, so much faithful ministry and all because of YOU responding to God!

Trust that God will make a way and we will grow together into God's future for us! Our faith will carry us! God bless you today and everyday!

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Annual Conference is coming up June 12-16, at University of the Redlands. Attending this year are: Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw, Rev. Frank Hallock, Heidi Kendall, Dakota Koenig, Gary Lamb and Barbara Mitchell. (Pastor Leigh Ann and Pastor Frank will be out of the office the week of Annual Conference. To contact them, please call Paula Amaro in the church office.)

The Flame

Finance Focus

As we head into the summer months we want to celebrate and thank you for your continued generous support to the many important ministries and outreach programs of our Church. Your support of our general fund budget is essential to keeping our church and our ministry programs up and running. To date we are meeting our essential ministry budget items, although total estimated pledges and givers of record support leaves us about \$20,000 short of our 2019 budget needs. You are a giving and caring congregation. As of the second week of Sunday in May you have given in excess of \$140,674 supporting our ministry budget needs. We are planning several events during the summer and fall to help us close the budget gap. Be sure to join us on August 25, 12:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for our second annual Silent Auction and potluck luncheon to benefit our budget general fund. We will have many exciting items for you to bid on.

Regular giving is easy and helps us do more intentional ministry. You may put cash or a check in the envelope located in the pews and place it in the collection plate in the worship service. On-line giving is also available on our Website at www.umcvista.org. Open the website and click on "Giving" to register or log in. Again, thank you for your generous financial support of the ministries of our Church.

-Rollin Grider, Finance/Stewardship Chair,
Co-Lay Leader

Family Game, June 14

The next game night is Friday, June 14, 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. For questions or for more information, please see Suzanne McMurchie.

Mark your calendar...

Silent Auction and potluck, August 25

The Finance/Stewardship Committee will be having their second annual Silent Auction and Potluck luncheon on Sunday, August 25 at 12:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Make plans to join us for the exciting opportunity to bid on many items in support of the general fund of the 2019 budget. For the potluck, if you last name begins with A-F bring a main dish, G-M a side dish or salad and N-Z a dessert (enough to share with eight people). Many items will be available for you to bid on, including an Oak rolltop desk donated by Bob Schmeiser, a round glass coffee and end table donated by Louise Clarke, pies by Linda Grider, and Pastor Leigh Ann is making her special green chili chicken casserole. If you have items that you wish to donate, please contact Rollin Grider to get on the list. Individual sheets will be provided for you to list your items and to suggest a minimum bid price. The Silent Auction will take place during the potluck and the winners will be announced. Funds will be collected at the end of this fun event. If you have items you wish to donate call or e-mail Rollin Grider at 760.726.9594 or hagrider@cox.net.

Discipleship/Education (Beckie Henselmeier)

- **Family Beach Day, Sunday June 9** at 2 p.m. at Moonlight Beach in Encinitas. Bring something to share and grill. We'll meet on the sand by the playground. Look for our big, white pop-up. See Beckie Henselmeier for more details.
- **Promotion Sunday for our youth is June 9.** Students in fifth grade will promote into youth for summer activities and events. All other students will promote on Sunday, August 11.
- **Summer Sunday School starts June 9.** The Sunday School program for our Preschool through those-who-have-finished 4th grade will head to "Athens - Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth." This summer, we will meet as one group in room 212. Students will learn through music, games, crafts, and snacks.
- Grab your friends and family for "**Movies on the Lawn**"! Pack a picnic dinner and enjoy a time of fellowship and games, and then relax with a movie on our upper lawn at sunset! Each film will be shown on a Friday night (June 14, July 12, and July 26) and the movies are "Ralph Breaks the Internet," "Incredibles 2," and "Small Foot."
- **Save the date for Camp ROAR!** Monday, July 22 through Friday, July 26, daily from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Register by June 16 for the **Early Bird** cost, \$30 per student. Cost is \$35 per student until July 14 or "bring a friend" and both get to attend for \$50. (Registrations must be turned in together.) This year, featuring After-Care, available by pre-registration only. Care from 12:00 until 5:30 p.m. (or until needed) for \$15 per day per student. Register today at umcvista.org/family.

Graduation Sunday

On Sunday, June 9 at both worship services we will be recognizing students who are graduating from high school or college. If your student is graduating, please call Paula at the church office by Monday, June 3 or write their name, school, and degree (if it applies) in the registration book.

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Next deadline is Wednesday, June 19, 2019
Comments or suggestions, please let us know.

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Communion Sunday, June 2

Communion offering for June 2nd will go to our missionary Katherine Parker's projects in child and family development in Nepal. She will be sharing her work with us on Sunday, June 2nd during both services. We have supported her work in Nepal for many years. She is a Health and Community Transformation Advisor with the United Mission to Nepal. Her letters and pictures of her work to help families and communities improve their sanitation and education have been displayed in our narthex. The communion offering will help her complete projects.

Where in the world is Nepal? Come and find out. Bring a can of any vegetable or fresh vegetables to first or second service to add to our Stone Soup to be shared at the missionary luncheon following second service in Fellowship Hall. All are invited. Stone Soup is the community helping one another, each adding a small portion to feed the whole. Please see Sue Humphrey for more information.

-World Missions Committee

X-tra Mile Ministry Giving for June

Our X-tra Mile Ministry Giving for June will benefit "and Two Fishes", Thursday's Soup Kitchen. We meet every Thursday in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00 p.m. to begin meal preparation; dinner is served to the hungry at 5:00 pm. There will be grocery bags with lists of needed items placed in the Narthex for your convenience. Please contact Margo Rogers, 760.917.5370, for more information.

-Margo Rogers

Moonlight Amphitheatre Summer 2019

Please call Tom Humphrey, 760.727.2313 or email him at trumphrey7@cox.net if you are interested in purchasing tickets (\$45 each) for the following:

"The Producers", June 21, 8:00 p.m.

"Matilda", July 26, 8:00 p.m.

"West Side Story", August 23, 8:00 p.m.

"Victor Victoria", Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m.

Tom provides free popcorn!

Meet our Praise Band

We are so fortunate to have this fabulous band playing every Sunday at first service! They are all professional musicians with many years of experience and have a very important musical role in our first service worship time.

Jimmy Patton is the leader on guitar, Greg Rye on drums and Roy Good on base. They are free to choose their musical selections, Pastor Leigh Ann and Pastor Frank may request certain songs on occasion as well. Congregational requests or suggestions are always viewed with context and language in mind. Tuesday is the day they begin to plan their music for Sunday.

Jimmy says they always find the congregation welcoming, receptive and friendly. Jimmy, Greg and Roy have many weekend appearances at local establishments. They also accept private appearances at summer weddings, backyard barbecues and other social activities.

A little extra info...personal questions!

If you could go anyplace in the world (free), where would you go?

Greg, Europe; Jimmy, Spain; and Roy - Pacific Islands (my wife? Europe...so Europe).

What are your hobbies?

Jimmy, hiking; Greg, golf and photography; and Roy, surfing and music.

If you hadn't chosen to be a musician, is there another career you might have chosen? Greg, teacher/baseball coach; Roy, run a small music shop by the beach; and Jimmy, food and wine industry.

Special songs? Jimmy, "Over the Rainbow" and "My Way"; Greg, "That Lucky Old Sun"; and Roy, just too many to write down!

What a pleasure to have these talented and dedicated musicians.

-Nancy Montgomery, Staff-Parish Relations

Centering Prayer

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God has forgiven you." Ephesians 4:29,32

Come join us in Centering Prayer and learn how the Holy Spirit will always lead you to and through love for God and for others on Monday mornings from 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. in the chapel. Please call Martha Treutle, 760.809.2520, for questions or more information.

Happy “June” Birthdays

Joey Graziano (1)
Joe Marquez (2)
Samuel “Issac” de la Cruz (5)
Brandon Flanagan (6)
Linda Grider (6)
Emily Hansen (7)
Melissa Bodnar (8)
Paul Fischer (8)
Brenda Walker (9)
Susan Delaney (11)
Myriah Christian (12)
Luene Corwin (12)
June Miklau (12)
Joan Brainerd (13)
Stella Hansen (15)
Barbara Shores (16)
Laurie Clarke (18)
Alyssa Coker (18)
David Freeman (20)
Larry Averell (21)
Marlene Coast (22)
Susan Hamlin (22)
Sarah LaFoe (22)
Benjamin Crumpacker-Smith (23)
Alicia Oliger (23)
Susan Miller (26)
Cameron Guffey (27)
Sharon Hall (29)
Abby Way (29)

Note: If your birthday is not listed, please call Paula at the church office.

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Office volunteers needed!** Duties include answering the phone, greeting guests and light office work. Monday and Tuesday afternoons from noon to 3 p.m. and Monday morning from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information or questions, please call Paula, 760.726.0442.
- An urgent need for **volunteers to usher at the 11 a.m.** service. Please call Sara Baldwin, 760.724.1859 for more information.
- **“and Two Fishes”/Helping Hands** would appreciate donations of “gently” used clothing for our homeless population. A container in the Narthex is provided for collection. Also, **volunteers are needed for the 2 p.m. shift on Thursdays.** For more information, see Loretta Pierce.
- **Sound and Video techs needed.** Contact the church office for more information.

Did you know...

- The best way to get new folks to church is to invite them personally to services, to events...social media works too?!

Heartfelt Thanks

I wish to thank all of you for your prayers, cards and calls. I truly appreciate all of it. It was a long five months to get the surgery I needed. However, it was a success and I am feeling much better.

Marlene Coast

To my amazing church family,

I miss seeing all your wonderful faces at church. I pray a lot! My relationship with the Lord has never been stronger. Thank you everyone for your love and support! It means the world to me. The letters I received in bootcamp got me through the hard times. Thank you for the goodies and makeup. Definitely will eat the cookies and use the gift card and makeup! Love you all very much and, yes, they keep me busy.

Sarah Felien

(320-A Dewey Ave., BEQ#836, Great Lakes, IL 60088)

Welcome to New Members!

New members in May included Niall (pronounced Nigh-ull) Cargill. Niall, a longtime Methodist, is transferring from First UMC San Diego. Niall was born in Chicago, IL. He and his wife, Rolita have a little girl by the name of Nayelli. Nayelli's very shy, but she loves cookies! Niall has been through both Disciple 1 and 2 (the long versions)! He is a software engineer and enjoys sports, travel, social gatherings and woodworking!

Carol Ganoe was born in Greeley, Colorado. She and husband, Fred have been married 38 years and met while in high school. They have two children and five grandchildren. Carol is a retired educator and enjoys line dancing, camping, knitting & sewing, RVing and social gatherings.

Shawn Johnson is married to our own Gemma Johnson, a long-time member of UMCV, and they have three children: Alyssa (one of our acolytes), Blake and little Chloe. A native Californian, Shawn was born in Pasadena, CA and raised Catholic. He believes that the family should attend church together and so has decided to join. Shawn met Gemma in high school at RBV. He enjoys camping, computers and golf among other things.

Beth Schmeiser, sister to Cynthia Midlam, was born in Wisconsin and raised Lutheran. Beth met her husband, Bob (also joining) 46 years ago while working at McDonalds! They have three children, and several grandchildren (this editor is not sure if it's eight or nine!) Beth, now retired, was a teacher of P.E. and Health. Bob is retired CHP and works with Wounded Warriors. Among other things they both enjoy camping. We're also tapping Bob as a fine woodworker.

We sincerely welcome all these folk into our church family. Please take a moment to introduce yourselves and get to know them better.

United Methodist Women's Corner

- **UMW Circles meet Tuesday, May 4: Ruth Circle** will meet at the home of Dakota and Heidi at 3766 Hillview Way in Oceanside at 9:30 a.m. **Kenworthy Circle** will meet at Sizzler Restaurant at 1:00 p.m.
- The **UMW leadership meeting** is June 18 at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Community Offerings

Operation HOPE-North County at the Moonlight

You are invited to join Operation HOPE at the Moonlight for our annual Preview Night Summer Fundraiser on June 11. This year's production is *The Producers*, the acclaimed Broadway Musical Comedy from Mel Brooks. If laughter is the best medicine, this should be great therapy! Tickets will be available in the narthex June 2 and 9th. Ticket-types available are reserved lawn seats (\$15), the Comfort Package (\$60, with reserved orchestra seat, fleece blanket and flashlight), and the Dinner Package (\$75, reserved orchestra seat and dinner on the patio). An entertaining way to welcome summer and support Operation HOPE-North County!

-Sharon Hall

Pray together for...

Donna Richard, Mike Walker, Donna & James Hill, JaDene Dugas, Thelma Koda, Skip Harvey, Jan Simpson, Larry Veysada, Dan Gubaton, Ethel Arrowsmith (hospice), Tom Johnston, Ko Kim, Carol Yunt, Barbara Baldrige, Raub and Marilyn Mathias, Louise Foster, Bill Peaker, Jane Fischer, Harold MacDermot, Joan Brainerd, Nancy Koski

Passed away: Joan Lindegren passed away May 8. Memorial service is planned for August 10.

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