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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.

Beautiful Humans,

Thank you so much for offering me such a warm welcome to Vista UMC. I have been settling in and enjoying getting to know you all. In between getting to know the church, I've been spending my summer with an assortment of tiny humans. Many of my closest friends have elementary-age children on summer vacation, but they are still stuck being grown-ups at work. And I think summer should be fun for a kid, so I've been frequently taking the tiny humans for summer fun adventures.

We've been kayaking, to aquariums, the zoo, the Safari Park, Legoland, to parks and splash pads, bowling, mini-golf, hiking, arcades, art cafes, the beach and, of course, plenty of cool summer treats! We have even turned sitting in my office while I work into a fun activity with what I like to call the Tub-o-Fun! A whole tub of activities to entertain the kids while I get some work done. Should you ever find yourself bored at church, please feel free to swing by to do some coloring or make some stained glass bugs to hang on my windows. If you are a bubbles fan, I am always well-stocked with bubble wands.

I think it's safe to say that I'm having a pretty fun summer with all these activities and tiny humans to entertain me. It's probably going to be harder on me than them when they all go back to school. So right now, I'm just going to soak up every minute of it, because there's no better gift than being present with and for the people we love.

I hope you all have been enjoying these summer months, staying cool, and finding time to enjoy and be present with the people you love. I look forward to getting to know more about Vista UMC and being present with you all in the days ahead.

Peace,
Pastor Broghan

The Flame

Finance/Stewardship Committee

July was a tough month financially for the Church. We had several contract renewals to pay as well as our regular monthly obligations (utilities, payroll, janitorial, etc.). We paid our apportionments and our missionaries. We now have around \$4,000.00 in the General Fund. We pray August will be better. Reconciling Ministries will have a Karaoke fundraiser on August 25 to benefit the General Fund and we will receive monies from use of the building from outside organizations. This will help. We appreciate all financial giving from the congregation as we know you are giving from the heart. As I told you several months ago, you will receive monthly updates from the Finance/Stewardship Committee as to our Church's financial status. If anyone in the congregation has ideas to help us financially, please contact me or one of the Finance/Stewardship Committee members or our Bookkeeper/Treasurer, Joann Balardeta. Blessings to you all in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ.

-Sara Baldwin, Chairperson,
Finance/Stewardship Committee

Pennies For Heaven update

Our Pennies For Heaven donations collected through July 28 is \$925. Thank you for your contributions.

Interpreter for the Deaf

An interpreter for the Deaf/and hard-of-hearing will be here on August 4 (first Sunday of the month). We are striving to ensure that God's Word is accessible to all. Please invite anyone you feel could benefit from this service.

Welcoming Rev. Luis Garcia, Saturday, Aug. 10, 2:00 p.m.

UMC Vista has been asked to host the service welcoming Rev. Garcia as our new South District Superintendent and giving thanks for the work of Rev. Sandy Olewine on August 10 at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank will be in attendance. Volunteers are needed to help setup (8 a.m.) and cleanup (4 p.m.). Please call the church office if you can help.

Mark your calendar

- Sunday, August 11, Bibles will be given out to our third graders.

Happy "August" Birthdays

Beverly Hopkins (1)
Manuel Tivar (1)
Jeannine Huffman (2)
Paul Lange (2)
Betty Anne Kreutziger (3)
Taylor Lyons (3)
Alfred Chappell (4)
Bob Harlow (4)
Mary Nixon (4)
Trevor Leffler Streeter (5)
Sue Humphrey (6)
Scott De Leeuw (7)
Debra Leffler Streeter (7)
Peggy Muir (7)
Ranae Mathias (9)
Carson Way (10)
Al McClure (11)
Helen Robertson (12)
Andrew Mathias (13)
Margo Rogers (14)
Adam Amaro (15)
Lucille Baumann (15)
Bonnie Lambert (16)
Alyse Dunavant-Jones (19)
John Haase (19)
Brice Spitz (21)
David Felien (23)
Skip Harvey (23)
Barbara Mitchell (23)
Mark Wheeler (23)
Sheryl Greiner (25)
Destiny Smith (25)
Donna Hill (29)
Patricia Rose (29)

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

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Comments or suggestions, please let us know.

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Zoom Gatherings and Meetings

Zoom meetings are one way we are working on keeping connected. All you need is a computer or smartphone with a built-in microphone and a camera and you can join in. Download the Zoom app to your device, click on “join a meeting” and follow the prompts to join the gathering.

Congregational Care, August 1, 1:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 921 7026 9939

Passcode: 490490

Finance, August 7, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 963 4459 7468

Education/Discipleship, August 7, 6 p.m.

Meeting ID: 983 3122 0500

Reconciling Ministries, August 28, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 995 8164 7395

Passcode: Welcome

In-person:

SPRC, August 4, following worship service in the conference room

Cable Foundation, August 11, following worship service in the conference room

Trustees, August 18, following worship service in the conference room

Pizza Party/Karaoke Fundraiser

Mark your calendar for August 25 for an after-service pizza party/karaoke fundraiser for the church. The Young Whippersnappers (25 and under) will challenge the Wise Elders (25 and up) to a karaoke challenge to compete for a special prize. It doesn't matter if you can sing. Just come out for some pizza and a good time! Anyone can participate, or just come to watch the fun. \$10 per person. Sponsored by Reconciling Ministries.

Food drive for Vista Teen Outreach

The United Women In Faith is holding a Food Drive for Vista Teen Outreach on Sundays, August 11 and 18. A list of needed items will be in the Narthex starting August 4. Backpacks and school supplies are not needed at this time. School pantries need to be stocked for the start of the school year as Vista has more homeless teens than most of the cities in North San Diego County.

-Sara Baldwin, United Women In Faith

Upcoming Women's Retreat

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Women's Retreat Day, on Saturday, Sept. 28 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Dakota Koenig will be our guest speaker. Lunch, entertainment and thoughtful reflection will be provided. All of this for a nominal donation of \$40 per person. Please RSVP by Sept. 14. You may pay by cash, check (made payable to UMC Vista) or credit card (at the scrip table). Watch for the sign-up table in the Narthex. Also, please invite a friend!

Celebrations of Ministries from July Church Council

- Welcome to Pastor Broghan Hunt
- Six applicants will receive scholarships
- Rev. Sandy Olewine, former D.S., elected to be Bishop
- Finance welcomed Ranae Mathias (back) to the Committee

Badges

We've had lots of new people recently. Please remember to wear your badge. Remember, you are welcome to leave your badge in the Badge Box in the Narthex so it will be there for you the next week! And...should you need a new badge or a magnet back, please let us know—we can fix you up! Call the office.

Do You know...?

What IS a Lay Leader? According to the Book of Discipline, a lay leader is elected by the charge conference as a lay representative of the laity in the local church. The Lay Leader fosters awareness of the role of laity within the congregation and through their ministries; meet regularly with the pastor to discuss the state of the church and needs for ministry; member of various committees in order to be better equipped to serve as interpreter between the church and the laity; keeping the laity informed.

The Lay Leaders are your gateway to the pastor and the church. If you have questions or concerns, our Lay Leaders can help you find answers or at least point you in the right direction.

We have two very capable, spirit-filled Lay Leaders in our congregation. Meet Dakota Koenig and Rollin Grider. Feel free to speak with them.

Game Night, August 17

PLEASE join us for GAME NIGHT on Saturday, August 17 at 6:00 p.m. More attendees would be welcomed. We are there for YOU. Laugh, have fun, eat, drink and be merry! Bring a new game or a snack if you like. All are welcome.

Getting to know our newest members

Scott Deleeuw is a native Californian from Bellflower, CA. He grew up in the Reformed Church in America and has attended several other churches. He is married to Krystal and they have three adult children. He served in the military and owned a business at one time. Scott is now ordained with the specialized ministry of serving as staff chaplain at UC San Diego Health Hospital. He enjoys gardening, art and surfing.

Krystal DeLeeuw has already gotten herself involved in UMCVista as she has been a member of the Bell Choir for quite awhile. Krystal teaches Special Education.

Gayla Procriv, also a native Californian, and daughter of Sara Baldwin, has made herself very indispensable around the church! You can often find this lady of cheer near the hospitality cart on Sunday mornings. Gayla is our volunteer extraordinaire! She also enjoys camping, fishing, card making and travel.

Heartfeld Thanks

Dear Friends,

Thank you for helping make Jim's memorial so special. It meant so much to our family.

Love,

Carol Pence

And Two Fishes...

We would like to ask for two people to help us clean up at the end of our soup kitchen day. We need help cleaning and sanitizing the tables, taking out the trash, vacuuming the social hall, and mopping the kitchen floor. We have many regular volunteers who spend anywhere from two to five hours there already, depending on their shift. These two new volunteers would only have to come in from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. to help the second shift volunteers. Please contact Mike Walker, michaelwwalker@cox.net Again, this would be on Thursdays, for one hour. Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you...

And Two Fishes wishes to thank all of our friends who have donated clothes and other needed items when we ask for them. Also we appreciate the ongoing financial support of our church and individual members. Finally, to all of those volunteers who make our Thursday meal and Helping Hands Outreach possible, God bless you.

Many thanks, ATF Staff

Be Welcoming...

We are a welcoming church family. We want to always be welcoming to new folk visiting our church. Should you see someone you don't know, even if you've seen their face before, take a moment to introduce yourself.

Flowers for Birthdays, Anniversaries and Special Events

Is there someone or something you would like to recognize and celebrate? Let us know WHAT and WHEN you would like “Flowers” and our Video Team will create a “Flower Slide” just for you. Please click on this link: <http://specialeventslides.umcvista.org/> to fill out a form in order to request the flowers.

Please...

Do not drop off your donation of clothes, etc. when the church office is closed. The church office is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 12 noon.

Stay connected

E-mail: umcvista@umcvista.org

Website: www.umcvista.org

Facebook: United Methodist Church of Vista

Be sure to check us out on Yelp!

Pray together for...

Virginia and George Purcell, Jim McGlocklin, Norm and Luene Corwin, Paul Lange, Janice Myers, Stu Gibson, Evelyn Lawson, Erin Fraser, Ko and Rosalynn Kim, Charlotte Chappell, Beverly Thomason, Stan Hamilton, Joan Brainerd

South District Prayer Session, August 6, 7 p.m.

South District Lay Leader, Michael Mitchell, hosts an on-going monthly prayer Zoom meeting the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. This is open to everyone including regular church folks, leaders and pastors.

Zoom Meeting ID: 842 2413 4406

Passcode: 786330

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