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

Beautiful Humans,

Anytime I have moved to a new faith community, I have been hopeful. And at the beginning, it's just a generic hopeful. It's the hope that God will be present with me. The hope that the community I'm moving to serve will be open to receiving me. The hope that there are beautiful things that lie ahead.

Then I get there, I get to settle in a bit, get to know people, and mostly get to know the administration and all the things going wrong. Somehow, it's just always the things that aren't working that pop up first. And that hope begins to change a little bit: I hope nothing new breaks today. I hope I can find that important paper in a file somewhere. I hope someone knows the password to that church account.

And then comes the best part. Because then comes the part where you all are in that mess with me. Helping me find papers or passwords. Helping us get things fixed and care for our space. In that process I get to know everyone a little better. I get to hear where we have been, where we are, and where we are hopeful that we are headed. Again, the hope begins to change. This hope is my favorite. Because it's not just some unknown or a plea for help. This hope is the hope that fills us back up. It's the hope that let's us dream again. The hope that makes the rest of life's mess feel alright, because we are sure there are beautiful things that lie ahead.

So friends, thank you. For joining me in this journey and for offering me this life giving hope. I am filled with excitement and hope for where we are headed, and I am so sure that beautiful things lie ahead.

Peace,

Pastor Broghan

The Flame

Finance/Stewardship Committee

We made it through August with all bills paid. We wish to thank a couple in our congregation who gave a generous contribution above their pledged amount to our general fund. Their generosity just amazed us and received at a time when sorely needed. The committee is so thankful and so blessed to have such a wonderful congregation in our church. We appreciate each and every one of you for your caring. It looks like each month will be a struggle financially, but we have faith you all will see us through. God Bless you all.

-Sara Baldwin, Chairperson,
Finance/Stewardship Committee

Pennies For Heaven update

Our Pennies For Heaven donations collected through August 25 is \$1,037. Thank you for your contributions.

Peace Vigil, Sept. 15

Reconciling Ministries is sponsoring its 6th Annual Peace Vigil on Sunday, September 15 at 4 p.m. The program will begin in the church sanctuary and conclude outside at the Peace Pole. This is a fun event of speakers, song and dance about the importance of peace in our world in recognition of International Day of Peace. "Established by the United Nations in 1981, and first observed in September 1982, this day epitomizes our joint aspiration for a world devoid of discord and turmoil". This year's theme is directed towards the role of Sustainable Development.

Please join us! There will be light refreshments served in the upper social hall following the program.

Acolyte Training

Acolyte Training is Sunday, Sept. 8 following the worship service. This is an opportunity to signal start of worship by bringing Christ's light in and then ending the service by taking Christ's light out. All ages are welcome. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex or you can call the church office.

-Margene Haase

Interpreter for the Deaf

An interpreter for the Deaf/and hard-of-hearing will be here on September 1 (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.

Happy "September" Birthdays

Krystal De Leeuw (1)
Nancy Coker (2)
Anita Maag (2)
Nannette Stamm (2)
Connor Way (2)
Carol Graham (3)
Stan Hamilton (3)
Scott Hansen (3)
Sherry Johnston (3)
Jean Vought (4)
Dakota Koenig (9)
Jeannie Martinsen (11)
Christopher Tivar (12)
Aiden Amaro (13)
Kathy Kim (14)
Betsy Jean Miller (14)
Jimmy Patton (14)
Phoebe Fraser (17)
Sara Baldwin (18)
Grace Hernandez-Jackson (19)
Gemma Johnson (20)
Phil Balun (21)
Patricia Hotaling (21)
Chloe Johnson (23)
Aaron Amaro (28)
Christian Guffey (29)
Scott Myers (29)

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

Game Night, Sept. 21

Game Night is Sept. 21, 6:00 p.m. in the social hall. We appreciate all of you who have joined us in the past months and look forward to sharing fun, games and snacks with you. Come join us.

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Next deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024
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, September 5, 1:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 921 7026 9939

Passcode: 490490

Finance, September 11, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 963 4459 7468

Education/Discipleship, September 11, 6 p.m.

Meeting ID: 983 3122 0500

Reconciling Ministries, Sept. 25, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 995 8164 7395

Passcode: Welcome

In-person:

SPRC, Sept. 1, following worship service in the conference room

Trustees, Sept. 22, time TBD

Puppy Raisers needed

Canine Companions, one of our community partners, is in desperate need of puppy raisers. It's a commitment of a year and a half, but you can co-raise with another family. For details on how to help a puppy become a service dog, please see Lyn Berry or canine.org/raise.

And Two Fishes

And Two Fishes is in desperate need of men's casual clothing. We have many more men than women who are taking the clothing. We are so appreciative of all of your donations. If you want a tax receipt, don't hesitate to let me know. Women's clothing is always welcomed too. God bless you.

-Loretta Pierce

The People Called Methodist starting September 10

Join us for “The People Called Methodists” starting Sept. 10. We'll spend six weeks exploring where we have been, how we got here, and where we are headed. This six-week series will start with the sermon in worship each week. Then we will join together for a study that helps us dive further into each topic on Sundays after worship, in person in our social hall, or you may join us online Tuesday evenings via Zoom from 7-8 p.m.

If you would like to join us Tuesday evenings online, please use this link to register. Then you will receive an email with the information and Zoom link each week, as well as a reminder.

<https://vistaumc.churchcenter.com/groups/unique/people-called-methodist>

If you would like to join us on Sundays after worship, there is no need to sign up. Just head on over after worship and join us in the upper Social Hall for some community and exploration.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Broghan via email at pastorbroghan@gmail.com.

Women's Retreat

The Education/Discipleship Committee has revised our program for our upcoming Women's Retreat, on Saturday, Sept. 28, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Our speaker will be Dakota Koenig, music will be provided by Heidi Kendall, and Kathy Johnson will be leading us in crafts. Light refreshments will be provided upon your arrival, and a spaghetti lunch will be served at 11:15 a.m. (approximately) with salad, refreshments and a light dessert. The cost is \$20.00 per person, please invite a friend! The monies that may be raised from this event will be going towards the Education/Discipleship Committee. See Suzanne McMurchie in the narthex to register. Please RSVP by Sept. 21.

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.

League Of Women Voters

United Women in Faith will host the League Of Women Voters on Tuesday, October 1 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. They will be presenting the Pros and Cons of the Ballot Measures for the General Election in November. They give a very informative presentation to help us better understand these confusing Ballot Measures. This is open to the entire church and we will have a sign up sheet in the Narthex the 3rd week in September if you are planning on attending. The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization who have been keeping voters informed for over 100 years. There is no charge and bring your own lunch to the meeting and interact with the presenters. Water, coffee, iced tea and dessert will be provided.

-Sara Baldwin,
United Women In Faith

Heartfelt Thanks

The Pizza Party/Karaoke Fundraiser was a huge success! Everyone enjoyed the singing immensely. Many thanks to the Reconciling Ministries Committee for hosting this event and a special thanks to Lyn Berry and the Hospitality Committee. Congratulations to Heidi Kendall for winning the Flamingo! \$822 was raised for the general fund.

-Sara Baldwin and Finance/Stewardship Committee

“An Introduction to Centering Prayer”

October 5, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

at

St. Peter’s Episcopal Church
1 Parish Lane, Del Mar, CA 92014

Do you have questions about the practice of Centering Prayer? Are you ready to begin a practice but need help getting started? Or are you interested in deepening your current practice but would like a refresher and connection with other practitioners? Join us for “An Introduction to Centering Prayer” to start or renew your journey of connecting with God through silence and in community. Let praying without words, in deep silence and openness, draw you closer to God. Come and taste the beauty of what modern contemplative Thomas Keating called “God’s first language.” Our day will include short presentations, two Centering Prayer practice sessions, and ample time for questions and discussion. Four Zoom follow-up sessions on October 9, 16, 23, and 30 will offer further practice, discussion, and videotaped teachings with Carl Arico and Thomas Keating. This program is open to anyone, whether you have a longtime Centering Prayer practice or have never tried this form of prayer. There’s enrichment and insight for everyone.

Pre-registration for this event is required so that we can know how many people to expect. To ask questions or to pre-register, e-mail us at consdinfo@gmail.com.

-Jan Simpson

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...

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

South District Prayer Session, Sept. 3, 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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