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## United Methodist Church of Vista

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(Church Office Hours: M-F, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm)

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Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

#### Pastoral Office Hours (call office for appointment)

Rev. Dr. Shaw: Tuesday – Friday

Rev. Hallock: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Beckie Henselmeier: Monday - Thursday

### HAPPENING TODAY

Nursery Care is provided at both services on the upper level.

Worship Services: 8:45 and 10:30 am

Sunday School: 9:00—10:00 am

	<u>Class</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Teacher(s)</u>
(Pick up children at their classrooms)	Preschool	216	Merry Nickerson/Sue Humphrey
	K-2	214	Kathy Johnson
(Meet parents in Fellowship Hall)	3-5	212	Nancy Winters
	6-12	204	Beth Hallock/Jim McGlocklin
Wired Word meets at 9:15 am	Adult	Chapel	John Mitchell

Children are always welcome in worship. Please check with the ushers for the children's bulletins.

4:00	Family Advent Event, F. Hall
4:00	Hanging of the Greens, F. Hall/Sanctuary

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK

(For the latest updates, go to [www.umcvista.org](http://www.umcvista.org))

Monday, 11/28	5:00	Girl Scouts T1438 (till 6:30 pm), Rms. 212&214
Tuesday, 11/29	10:00	UMW Leader, F. Hall
	10:00	Staff Meeting, Office
	1:30	Cable Foundation, Library
	6:30	BSA Troop 709, F. Hall/Rm. 204
Wednesday, 11/30	10:00	Bible Study with John Haase, Room 203
	1:00	Tri-City Mom's Class, F. Hall
	3:15	Ringers and Singers
	4:00	Sunshine Magic Singers
	5:00	LGBT Bible Study, SCRIP Table
	6:00	Reconciling Ministry, Room 204
Thursday, 12/01	2:00	and Two Fishes (meal preparation), F. Hall
	3:30	Stephen Ministry, Room 203
	4:30	Outreach Meal, Fellowship Hall
	6:00	Anderson Handbells
	6:30	BSA Crew 709, F. Hall
	7:15	Chancel Choir
Friday, 12/02	7:30	Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Sunrise Café
	1:00	Sr. Exercise Class with Carl, Fellowship Hall
	5:00	Girl Scouts T1438 Sleepover (till 9 am, Dec. 3), F. Hall
Saturday, 12/03	3:00	Memorial Service: Inge Axness, Sanct.



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### **God's Call and Our Commitment:**

**To be an authentic, accessible and inclusive community in Christ,  
celebrating and extending God's love into the world.**

### **The Mission of the United Methodist Church**

**To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world**

## **NURTURE MINISTRIES**

**Worship, Education, Membership, Congregational Care, Fellowship Ministries**

**Coordinator: TBA**

**\*Join the Education Committee and Worship Committee for a "Family Advent Event" and "Hanging of the Greens" TODAY, from 4 - 6 pm.** We'll be crafting Advent Wreaths and sharing the story of Advent. The suggested donation is \$10/family. Stay for dinner from 6 - 6:30, then proceed upstairs to prepare the sanctuary for the season of Advent and Christmas. Please see Beckie Henselmeier or Rev. Frank Hallock for questions.

**This Christmas season,** consider joining a small-group study meeting in homes or at church. We're using the study, "Down to Earth," written by Mike Slaughter and it will last four weeks (started Nov. 21). Look for sign-ups for one of our classes in the Church Office or in the Narthex. See Beckie Henselmeier for more information.

**\*Your students, K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, are invited to join the Education Committee for the Christmas play, "Heaven and Nature Sings."** In one rehearsal, Saturday, Dec. 10 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, students will create props, rehearse the program and prepare to present a full-fledged Christmas production. The presentation will take place Sunday, Dec. 11 at 12:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Sign up by contacting Beckie Henselmeier.

**Christmas Caroling** will be Sunday, Dec. 4 at 2:00 pm. Please plan to participate in this wonderful holiday tradition. It is heartwarming to the home-bound we sing to, and fun and filled with Christmas spirit to those of us who "make a joyful noise" and sing Christmas carols to them! We also need cookies to take these members. If you have questions, please call Kathy Johnson at 760.560.7150.

**\*Christmas gift for staff** - This is an opportunity for us as a church to say thank you to them at this time of the year. We will be asking for cash donations preferably, but checks are fine too (place in the memo: staff gift). Kindly place your gift in our Magic Staff Chimney Box beginning Dec. 4th. We will be in the Narthex with the box Dec. 4th, 11th and 18<sup>th</sup> (at the end of each service)! We will present the gifts to our staff on Dec. 19th. Please see Dakota Koenig, Chair of Staff-Parish Relations Committee, if you have any questions.

**\*Beautiful poinsettias that will brighten our worship through Advent** may be given in honor or memory of someone special in your life. **A list of these people will then appear in our Dec. 18 bulletin.** Forms can be found in the church office or in the Narthex. Please complete the form and turn it in to the church office or put it in the offering plate along with your check made out to UMC Vista, clearly marked for "Poinsettias." Cost is \$11. Last day to order is Dec. 11.

**Prayer Corner (located in the Narthex):** A Stephen minister will be available between services to offer prayers, support or a compassionate listening ear to anyone who may feel the need. More information is available by emailing Mike Walker, [michaelwwalker@cox.net](mailto:michaelwwalker@cox.net), or calling the church office.

**Cookies are needed** for the Narthex area on Sunday mornings. Please consider donating one or two cookie packages a month. For more information, please see Ruth Rockwell.



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### **OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

**Missions, Church and Society, Evangelism, WWJD?**

**Coordinator: Jacque Howard**

**\*Communion offering for Dec. 4** will go to support Border Ministries. We are very fortunate here at the UMC of Vista to have an opportunity to attend church services to pray and receive communion with our family and friends. That's not possible for families separated by immigration issues. **Border Ministries** is working to facilitate that experience for families separated by the border fence. On Communion Sundays at Friendship Park, located at the U.S- Mexico border, United Methodist ordained elder Reverend John Fanestil offers an opportunity for separated family and friends to reconnect with loved ones to pray, receive communion and to affirm their faith in God.

**X-tra Giving for December** will go to our Caring and Sharing Christmas program (same as November's X-tra giving). Through this program, families in need are able to celebrate Christmas with family gift cards, presents for the children and warm winter coats or shoes. Please pick up a list of items in the Narthex.

*\*New this week.*

#### **Upcoming Events**

##### **Sunday, December 4**

Christmas Caroling – 2:00 pm

##### **Saturday, December 10**

Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal

##### **Sunday, December 11**

Children's Christmas Play – 12:00 pm

##### **Sunday, December 18**

Choir Cantata: "Coming Home to Bethlehem" – 4:00 pm

##### **Christmas Eve Services – Saturday, December 24**

4:00 pm – Family Service (with childcare)

7:00 pm – Candlelight with Chancel Choir (with childcare)

11:00 pm – Candlelight with special music

##### **Christmas Day Service – Sunday, December 25**

One worship service at 10:00 am – "Carols and Communion"

##### **New Year's Day Service – Sunday, January 1**

One worship service at 10:00 am



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### RESOURCES FOR MINISTRIES

Twitter prayer updates: <http://twitter.com/UMCVPrayer>

#### BY OUR PRAYERS

**For our church:** Family of Elaine Harmon, Beverly Johnston, Max Foss, Maggie Graziano, Jerry Cox, Barbara Baldrige, Anita Maag, Geneva Christensen, Richard Frizzell, Bob Hickman, Giorgio Graziano, Joan Lindegren, Don Raun, Ron Bradshaw, JaDene Dugas, Gary Lamb, Jane Fischer, Bill Peaker, Joan Brainerd, Joan Bearss, Harold MacDermot, Nancy Koski, Carol Yunt, Randie Annin, Russ Townsend, Don Smith, Alice Leclair

**For others:** Geoff Weiss, Muriel Guess, Jessica Groll (Lynda Mounts/Deb Forbis), Sarah Andolina (Jackson-Hernandez), Carl Stacey, Ryan Quick (John/Margene Haase), Kaye/Gary Loutzenheiser, Helen Nickel (Tom/Sue Humphrey), Nancy Orgile (Ruth Lloyd), Jim Long, Karyn Sebbo, Dylan Brandon (Pam Brandon), Sandy Stepnick (Lucille Baumann), Jim Stover (Bob Graham), Bonnie Cates, Alice Reeves, Dennis Ondovcik, (Gary Lamb), Harriet Oakley (Lucy Kaplanian), Joe Smith, Paige McCoy (Paula Amaro), Dawn D. Barrow (Dede Lewis), Trinity Violet (Ronald Levarado Anastasia Lee (Loretta Pierce), Veronica Rock (Erin Fraser), Kathy Smith (Susan Lenker), Karen and David Keckley (Louise Foster), Ashely Bafile (Bonnie Berumen), Chloe (Brenda/Mike Walker), Myrna Choitz family (Phyllis Buvel), Vickie McLees (Sherry/Vic Johnston), Jerry Carmody (Vickie Wolf), Cheryl Herring (Raub/Marilyn Mathias), James D'Elisio (Tom/Beverly Johnston), Ray Lindner, Andy Treutle (Carl/Martha Treutle)

**Memorial Services:** Inge Axness, Dec. 3, 3:00 pm; Elaine Harmon, Dec. 17, 2:00 pm – Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall

**For employment:** Shelly Burns, Gary Felien

**Military families:** Jerry Jackson (Kathy Johnson)

**Please notify the church office (726-0442) when special prayers are no longer needed.**

#### FUNDRAISERS (pick up flyer from SCRIP table)

**Panda Express**—Dec. 4    **Carl's Jr.**—Dec. 11    **Jersey Mike's Subs**—Dec. 18    **Souplantation**—Dec. 14  
**Dudley Bread**—Dec. 18    **Chili's**—Jan. 29

**Reminder:** Those wishing to make donations and pledges with debit/credit cards are welcome to do so at the SCRIP table in the narthex. Thank you for your continued support with your financial giving, your presence and your prayers!

#### OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER (just call the church office)

(hospitality, office receptionist, sound board/media, ushers)

**The Spark** is the church's weekly email update. To subscribe to this notification, send an email to: [Flame-UMCV-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:Flame-UMCV-subscribe@yahoo.com). You will receive an email to confirm your subscription. Follow the directions in that email. Be sure to add: [Flame-UMCV@yahoo.com](mailto:Flame-UMCV@yahoo.com) to your list of trusted senders in your email program.

**Please contact Paula (760.726.0442) with any calendar changes or updates.**

**Hearing devices are available** if you have difficulty; please see the tech at the sound board.

### COMING UP NEXT SUNDAY

Dec. 4:  
Video Technician: Phil Biggs  
Sound Technician: Barbara Mitchell  
Liturgist: Merry Nickerson  
Acolyte(s): Stella and Grace