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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/Alice Robeson
	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.

11:00 Carl's Jr. Fundraiser

12:00 Children's Christmas Play, Sanctuary

### **HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

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

Monday, 12/12	5:00	Girl Scout T1438 (till 6:30), Narthex, Sanct.
	5:30	Advent Study with Barbara Mitchell, Room 204
Tuesday, 12/13	10:00	Staff Meeting and Advent Lunch
	10:00	UMW Organization meeting, F. Hall
	6:30	BSA Troop 709, F. Hall/Rm. 204
	7:00	Choir, Choir Room
Wednesday, 12/14	10:00	Bible Study with John Haase, Room 203
	10:00	Flame Deadline
	11:00	Church and Society, F. Hall
	1:00	Tri-City Mom's Class, F. Hall
	3:15	Ringers and Singers
	4:00	Sunshine Magic Singers
Thursday, 12/15	5:00	Souplantation Fundraiser
	2:00	and Two Fishes (meal preparation), F. Hall
	4:30	Outreach Meal, Fellowship Hall
	6:00	Anderson Handbells
	6:30	BSA Crew 709, F. Hall
	7:15	Chancel Choir
Friday, 12/16	7:30	Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Sunrise Café
	1:00	Sr. Exercise Class with Carl, Fellowship Hall
	2:45	Cable Foundation, Library
Saturday, 12/17	10:00	Choir Rehearsal, Sanct.
	2:00	Memorial Service: Elaine Harmon, Sanctuary/F. Hall



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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



Please join us today at 12 noon for the Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students' Christmas play, "Heaven and Nature Sings." Light refreshments will be served in the Narthex beginning at 11:30 am. Please see Beckie Henselmeier if you have any questions.

**UMW Bake Sale next Sunday, Dec. 18 in the Narthex from 8:15 am – 12 noon.** All proceeds will go toward our United Methodist Women (UMW) Mission projects. Contact Jacque Howard if you need further information.

**Christmas Concert, "Coming Home to Bethlehem" is on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 4 pm.** You are also invited to attend the pre-concert lecture and light refreshments which will begin at 3:15 pm. The concert will feature the Chancel Choir and the Anderson Handbells, as well as the orchestra and our guest artists; including Jimmy Patton and Enrique Platas. A free-will offering will be taken to support the music ministry of the church. Please contact the church office (760.726.0442) or email Pastor Frank at [musicmanfh@hotmail.com](mailto:musicmanfh@hotmail.com) for more information.

**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 in the Narthex today and Dec. 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.

**\*LAST DAY TO ORDER! 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. Please call Paula at the church office (760.726.0442), if you would like to order one.

**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.

**\*The 2017 Flower Calendar is on the SCRIP table.** Please sign up for the date you want to furnish flowers for Sunday worship. You can also call Paula at the church office.



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**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.

### **OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

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

**Coordinator: Jacque Howard**

**X-tra Giving for December** X-tra will go to our Caring and Sharing Christmas program. 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. Please contact the church office (760.726.0442) for more information.

Thanks to all who made a donation to **Border Ministries**, our Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> communion offering recipient. We collected \$391.50. Please contact Sue Humphrey, Missions Committee Chair, at the church office (760.726.0442) if you would like more information.

*\*New this week.*

#### **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”  
(Children are welcome to bring a toy for a blessing.)

#### **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 Don Raun, Lynda Mounts, Loretta Pierce, Beverly Johnston, Max Foss, Maggie/Giorgio Graziano, Barbara Baldrige, Anita Maag, Ed Christensen, Richard Frizzell, Bob Hickman, Joan Lindegren, Ron Bradshaw, 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), 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), 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), Noah Keckley, Theresa and Lula Florez (Louise Foster),

**Memorial Services:** Elaine Harmon, Dec. 17, 2 pm; Don Raun, Jan. 7, 11 am - 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**—Jan. 1    **Carl's Jr.**—Dec. 11    **Jersey Mike's Subs**—Dec. 18    **Souplantation**—Dec. 14  
**Dudley Bread**—Dec. 18    **Mrs. Taco**—Jan. 22    **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@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Flame-UMCV-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). You will receive an email to confirm your subscription. Follow the directions in that email. Be sure to add: [Flame-UMCV@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Flame-UMCV@yahoogroups.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. 18:    Video Technician: Bob Graham  
            Sound Technician: Barbara Mitchell  
            Liturgist: June Miklau  
            Acolyte(s): Sarah