



JUNE 2026

Our Mission at Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, and to reach out to others, help them, welcome them into our family of faith as we gather for worship, fellowship, education, and service.



ECHOES EMAIL

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THANKS!!!

Fellowship Focus-June 2026

Silvia Perdue

“After visiting various Tucson churches, Vista UMC made me feel like I was home again”. On March 1, 2026, Silvia Perdue, along with her son, James, joined the congregation of Vista as new members. Vista gained another awesome new friend in the process.

Silvia was born in Montevideo, Uruguay to parents with interesting family backgrounds. Her maternal grandparents were born in Uruguay and paternal grandparents were born in Argentina.

Her maternal great grandparents had immigrated to Uruguay from Bergamo and Genoa in Northern Italy during WWI. Her Paternal great grandparents immigrated to Argentina from Naples Italy, Galicia Spain and one great grandmother from Portugal.

In 1974, Silvia, age 10 and her brother age 6, along with their parents, relocated to Sydney, Australia, where her folks and brother still reside.

From a very young age, Silvia wanted to become a nurse. In the last year of high school, counselors arranged for a 2 week work study for each student in the field they wished to pursue. However, they discouraged Silvia from Nursing as training consisted of living and training at a hospital for 3 years and due to an abundance of nurses, hospitals were not taking in students.

Since Silvia enjoyed art, counselors told her they would find her work experience related to art and sent Silvia to a Civil Engineering Company in North Sydney, with a 2 hour commute each way.

After graduating from high school, Silvia worked in Banking and began traveling on her own. She went on to study Civil Engineering and after completing the 3rd year, she decided to take a year off from college to travel the world.

During one of those trips, she met a group of Americans on a flight between New Caledonia and Tahiti who were on their way home from photographing the 1980 Solar Eclipse. Six years later, one of them became her first husband and she found herself in Pacific Grove and Monterey, CA, a beautiful community adjacent to the Pacific Ocean. It was here she decided to pursue her passion for Nursing and graduated in 1996 from Maureen Church Coburn School of Nursing.

She worked at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula for the next 20 years.

By now, she had remarried and had two children, James, followed by Stephanie.

Eventually, finding herself divorced with 2 young children, she went on to do Home Health Nursing for more flexibility, allowing more time with her children. After 3 years in Home Health, She was hired as Care Manager for Salinas Valley Health, CA, managing patients with chronic health conditions.

During a visit to the United States in 1989, Silvia fell in love with Arizona and with the beauty of the desert terrain. On September 1st, 2021, Silvia and her son James moved to the Catalina Foothills. Her daughter Stephanie stayed in Monterey and moved to Arizona in May of 2022.

Stephanie married in February of this year and lives 10 minutes away from her mother.

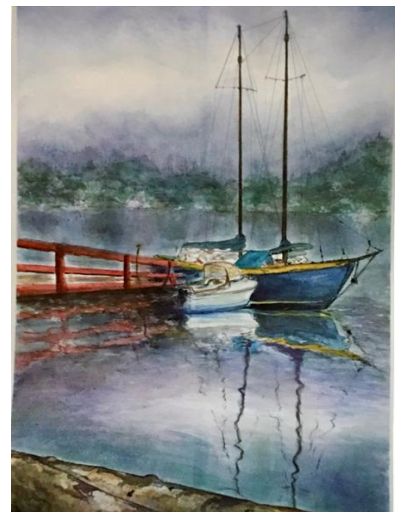
One month before moving to AZ, Silvia turned in her letter of resignation from Salinas Valley Health and the following day was called to the office where she was asked if she could stay on for a few more months working remotely from Tucson. Silvia agreed and after 5 years, she is still working for them from home.

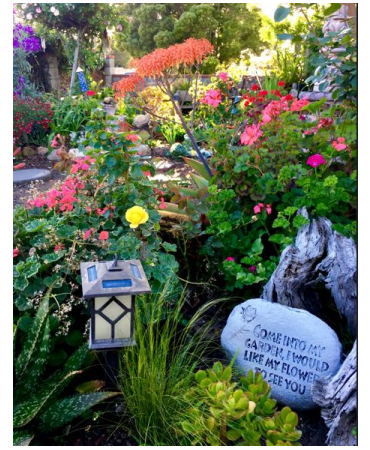
In early 2025, James applied for Vista's AV technician position and Pastor Mary quickly discovered his many talents. His mother had begun the search for a welcoming and warm church, based on James' experience with attending the Monterey Bay Christian School.

It didn't take long for her to find what she was looking for and as previously mentioned, both James and Silvia joined Vista UMC as members in March of 2026.

Silvia has enthusiastically brought much joy and delight to current members. It didn't take long for the Flower Team to notice her talents in flower arranging to sign her up, resulting in new friendships. An avid jewelry maker, the Prayer Bead Team also became one of her favorite places to be. She claims she began her flower arranging skills when she was living in Australia and her father's friend needed assistance in arranging dry flowers on driftwood. Her creative talents are endless: her love of painting includes oil, acrylic, water color, pencil, ink, pastel and charcoal and even rocks, to name a few. She enjoys 'plein air' painting and her collection includes many seascapes from the Monterey area. She is a lifelong gardener and also does beautiful crochet work and mosaics, and if that isn't enough, she loves photography. Hopefully, Silvia will share her many talents in future Vista classes.

Welcome to your new church home, James and Silvia!!

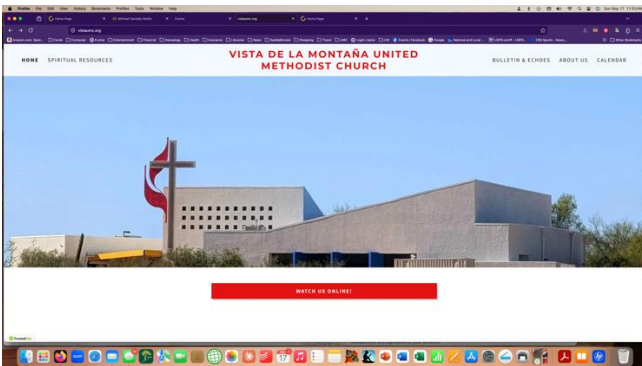




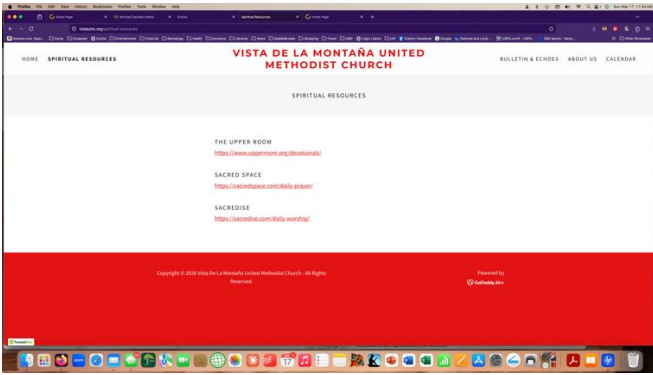
Spiritual Resources on the Vista UMC Website

by Sharon Scanlan

Our website has 3 excellent spiritual resources you can access daily. On your computer, go to the church website: vistaumc.org. On the top bar you will see a link to Spiritual Resources.

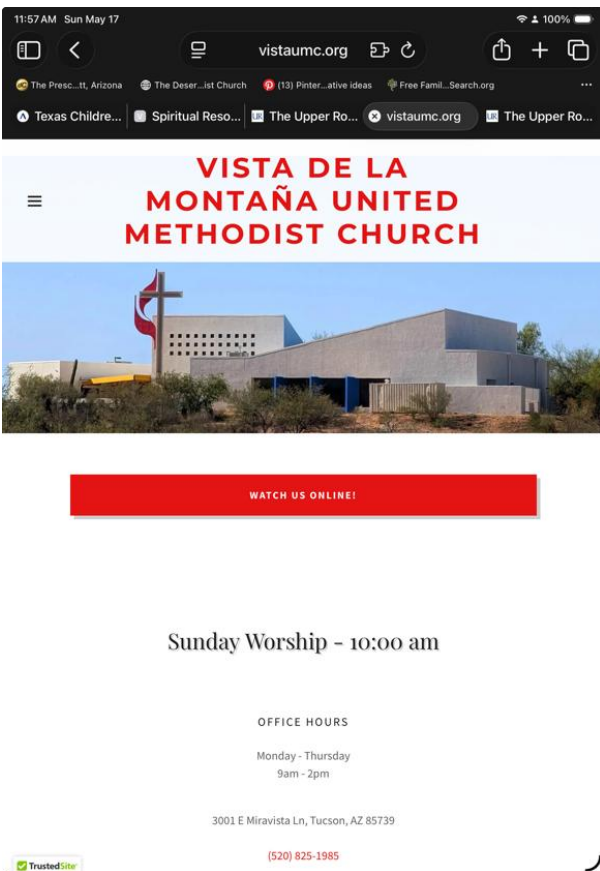


Click it and you will see: A link to the Upper Room. Click on the date and then click on the bible verse. It will take you to an online bible verse. When you finish reading it, click on the X to close it. After you read the day's passage, you can click on Read More for additional writings by the author.



- There are also links to Sacred Space, a daily prayer, and Sacredise, which is another daily reading.

To access on an iPad, click the 3 bars on the top left so see the same links.



CORONADO TEACHERS SEND THEIR THANKS!

Hi Nancy!

Just wanted to send you some pictures of the Hydration Station we set up yesterday morning for the first day of Teacher Appreciation Week! Thank you so much for your donation! Our staff appreciates it more than you know.

Sincerely,
Julie Ramsey

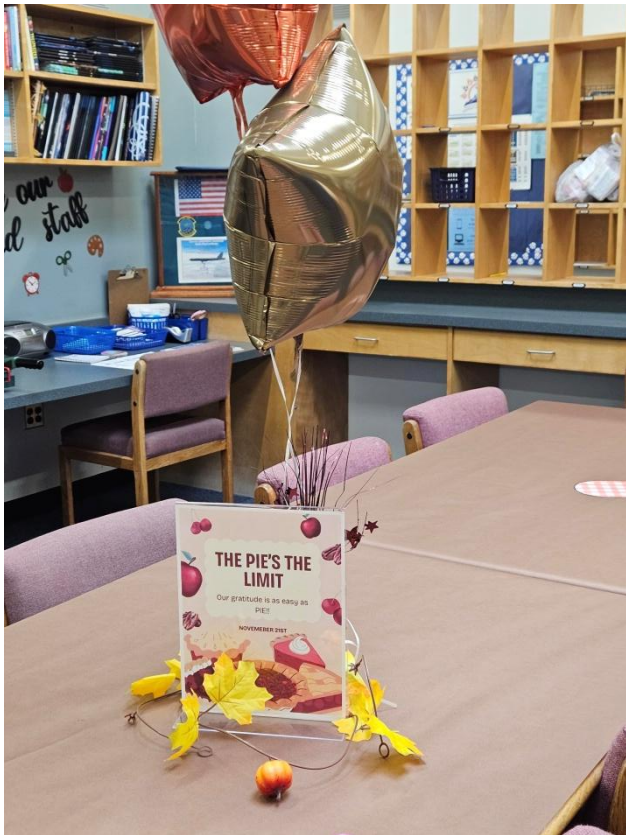
Thanks to your generous Communion & Loose Change Donations, Vista was able to provide bottled water, hydration electrolyte powders, electrolyte/Vitamin C canned waters and fruits and veggies to add to the water. Earlier in the school year we provided pies in November, and Brownies & Valentine's Day cookies in February! The teachers are always excited and grateful for Vista's support and gifts.

MAY - HYDRATION STATION





NOVEMBER – THE PIE’S THE LIMIT!!!





NEW - Vista de la Montaña to host Red Cross Blood Drives!

Every eight seconds, someone in the United States needs blood; from accident and trauma patients to those battling cancer. Donating blood through a blood drive near you or at a local blood donation center can save lives.

Vista UMC will host two Blood Drives in 2026, as another way to reach out and serve our neighboring communities:

- Friday, July 10 9:00 am – 1:00 pm **SAVE THE DATE!**
- Friday, October 2 9:00 am – 1:00 pm **SAVE THE DATE!**

The Whole Blood donation process, from the time you arrive until the time you leave, takes about an hour. The donation itself is only about 8-10 minutes on average.

- You must be feeling well on the day of your donation.
- You must be at least 17 years of age (in most states).
- You must weigh at least 110 lbs., depending on your height.

Blood donor eligibility guidelines and other information is available on the Official Red Cross website:

<https://redcross.org>

On the day of the Blood Drive, Volunteers will be needed to welcome donors at the check-in table and to thank donors as they enjoy refreshments before leaving the event. The event will be held in the Elizabeth Room.

If you are interested in volunteering as part of the **Vista Blood Drive Team**, please call the church office or contact Pam Kravitz by phone or email. Volunteer to make a difference in our community!

Blood Donor sign-ups will begin in June
Look for the Blood Drive table in the breezeway!

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT, SERVE & SUPPORT

Communion Servers: If you are interested in being part of this ministry, please contact Linda Galka lindagalka65@gmail.com or speak with me at church and I will add you to the list. We need two servers the first Sunday of each month to serve bread and juice alongside Pastor Mary and the Liturgist. All elements are gluten free! No advance training is required!

Landscaping

The Landscaping crew are now meeting on Thursdays at 7:00 instead of 8:00, due to the increase in temperatures. The guys are always seeking others to join them, and sometimes there are even donuts provided for those who show up, such a deal!

Complimentary Prayer Beads are available in the Narthex and in the Library.

Upper Room booklets are available in the Narthex and the church office for \$2.00 each or online at upperroom.org. It is free to sign up for a daily devotional email.

A wheelchair is available during services in the Narthex.

ADULT EDUCATION

Disciples and Other Sinners - fictional accounts of
New Testament People by Ronn Kerr.

Jim & Linda Galka will present:

Beginning Wednesday June 3rd at 10 a.m.
in the Elizabeth Rm.

Each week you will meet someone who knew Jesus;
someone who had a unique connection with Jesus.
The six stories, while fictional, are grounded in gospel
teachings, historical detail, and rich tradition.

Each week stands alone, so join as your schedule
permits. (no book is needed)

CELEBRATE



June 7th after worship join
Allen Phillips
and
Ken Hunt
to celebrate their
birthdays with some
CAKE!!!!

Prayers for Healing

Eileen Carender, Dottie Lou Colby,
Margaret Overman, Mary Louise Roberson, Marilyn
Rutkowski, Ed Jensen, Linda Phillips (Jan Bohe's
daughter)

Prayers for our South District Churches

Grace UMC, Douglas
Hauchuca UMC, Hauchuca
Menlo Park UMC, Tucson

Home Bound

Mary Louise Roberson,
Jerry Browning, Orland Burbey, Jan Crown
Rev. Alan and Kathy Campbell, Lynn Duenkel,
Jerry Eshelman, Bill Gureck, Marsha Hartz,
Jo Ann Hubbard, Ken and Diane Podlasek,
and Sharon Poole,

We kindly ask that, due to the mature ages
within our congregation, **PLEASE** do not
attend worship if you are not feeling well.
Illness can spread quickly, and we all
share a responsibility to help protect one
another

JUNE CALENDAR

Tuesday 06.02.26	5:00pm	Trustee Meeting
Wednesday 06.03.26	1:00pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday 06.03.26	10:00am	Adult Ed – Holy Spirit
Thursday 06.04.26	7:00am	Landscaping
Friday 06.05.26	10:00am	Prayer Beads
Saturday 06.06.26	8:00am	Vista Men
Saturday 06.06.26	10:00am	Chair Yoga
Sunday 06.07.26	10:00am	Worship
Wednesday 06.10.26	10:00am	Adult Ed – The Holy Spirit
Wednesday 06.10.26	1:00pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 06.11.26	7:00am	Landscaping
Thursday 06.11.26	10:00am	Women’s Lectionary
Saturday 06.13.26	10:00am	Chair Yoga
Sunday 06.14.26	10:00am	Worship
Tuesday 06.16.26	9:30am	UWF Meeting

Wednesday 06.17.26	1:00pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 06.18.26	7:00am	Landscaping
Thursday 06.18.26	10:00am	Women's Lectionary
Thursday 06.18.26	1:00pm	Stephen Ministry
Saturday 06.20.26	10:00am	Chair Yoga
Sunday 06.21.26	10:00am	Worship
Wednesday 06.24.26	1:00pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 06.25.26	7:00am	Landscaping
Thursday 06.25.26	10:00am	Women's Lectionary
Saturday 06.27.26	10:00am	Chair Yoga
Sunday 06.28.26	10:00am	Worship



HAVE A HAPPY JUNE!!!