



2023

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**Announcing Summer Small Groups!** We heard really positive feedback about the Lenten small group gatherings so we're bringing it back for the summer! If you'd like to be a part of a small group, [please fill out this form](#). Groups will kick off the week of June 11th - please fill out your form by June 1st. If you are interested in being part of a small group but are having trouble with the Google Form, please reach out to Pastor Mallory at [rev.mallory.everhart@gmail.com](mailto:rev.mallory.everhart@gmail.com).

**A New Faith Formation Opportunity!** Join us after worship on the 4th Sunday of the month for a Lunch and Learn! Bring a brown bag lunch and spend some time in fellowship, while diving into a specific topic of interest. Please note, this replaces the previously scheduled Community Circle Conversations. **June 25th and will be on the topic of Ecotheology!**

**Summer Hiatus:** Bible Study will be going on summer hiatus as of May 3rd but never fear! We'll have lots of exciting faith formation opportunities over the summer and we'll be returning in the fall! Stay tuned for special topics and start dates!



**Vista Grande is participating in Pride on June 11th!** You are invited to join us for an interfaith worship service at 9am at the Pioneer's Museum park, where the festival is being held. If you're unable to join us in person, a stream will be made available at church and on Zoom. Please join us downtown to march in the parade alongside other

UCC churches in the region! More information about our meeting place to come.

**Agape Potluck Meal—the first Sunday of each month.**

**AGAPE MEAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Our Agape meals are proving an uncomplicated and enjoyable opportunity for fellowship post Covid. They are in a groove and need very little hands on attention; however, your hospitality crew needs some backup folks. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Please sign up for a month to be a point person for that fellowship opportunity. You will need only to be available that day to set up and clean up. Usually, there are other folks who willingly assist by picking up their own dishes, etc. Set up takes about 10 minutes; clean up involves loading the dishwasher, washing other stray pieces in the sink, and wiping down tables. That's it.

Please consider contributing to our radical hospitality in this way!

**\*\*Special note:** Please be alert for requests for some specialty assistance for our barbecue planned for the August Agape meal. We may need a few extra hands for special tasks.

For more information call, email, or text: Linda Allen, 719-639-6534 or [riffmom@gmail.com](mailto:riffmom@gmail.com).

Thank you from your Hospitality Crew, Dana Zimmerman, Deborah Tinsley, Carol Wisely-Puterbaugh, Amanda Udis-Kessler, Mara Pierre-Antoine, and Jackie and Jerry Moore.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Read the e-blast that is sent out via e-mail on Mondays and Thursdays. If you are not receiving them and would like to, e-mail Donna at [admin@vgcc.org](mailto:admin@vgcc.org)

## July Birthdays

### June Birthdays

1	Dana Zimmerman	7	Bob Hollins
2	Kamryn Hollins	8	Sara Weatherman
17	Khloe Hollins	15	Judy Druelinger
19	Lyn Gunning	15	Jerry Moore
19	Bob Kinsey	25	Faye Gallegos
23	Julia Hollins	30	Deborah Tinsley

### June and July Anniversaries

June 15	Matt and Erin Spencer
June 19	Jerry and Jackie Moore
June 27	David and Denise Amrie
July 26	Tammie Davis and Ruth Eastwood
July 28	Chase and Melissa Bongirno



### 2023 Executive Council

**Newly Elected:** Moderator—Dave Lee; Treasurer—Matt Spencer

**Appointed Position:** Financial Secretary—Denise Lee;

**Continuing Positions:** Assistant Moderator—David Nath; Recording Clerk— Erika Forshee; Members-at-Large— Linda Allen and Carol Burbank

**Executive Council Meetings are now on the 1st Sunday of the month at 12 Noon and the 3rd Sunday at 11:30 a.m. unless otherwise printed.**

#### *Vista Grande's Vision Statement – adopted April 13, 2020*

*"We covenant together to imagine and live into a world where God's Kin-dom vision of human and planetary flourishing comes to pass through the work of love, justice, peace, equality, and extravagant hospitality. We envision nothing less than a world restored to wholeness, wellness, joy, and gratitude for all of God's Creation."*

#### **Our core values as discerned by the executive council:**

- Connecting with the Divine
- Engaging in community
- Fostering diversity
- Embodying our values
- Leading with care