



**July 2023**

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

**Sandwiches and Smiles –**

**Calling all Smiles and Sandwiches makers: we will meet on Saturday July 15 at 10 am at church to make peanut butter and preserves/jam sandwiches. Please bring 2 loaves of bread, any kind. Call or text Linda Coonley 913-523-6903 to say you can help.** Smiles and Sandwiches will occur on July 16 this month. We could use some additional distribution volunteers, snacks, and tarps.

**NOTE: We have been asked to change the distribution day for Sandwiches and Smiles. Kayan explains that many who need this food get a check at the beginning of the month. By the third Sunday they may be in greater need of assistance.**

**Calendar Events:**

**Sundays - Percolate – our Sunday morning Adult Faith Formation.** Feel free to join us **Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m.**

**July 12 – Men’s Breakfast at 8 a.m.** Urban Egg on Dublin at Powers.

**July 15 – 10 a.m. Making Sandwiches for Spreading Sandwiches and Smiles (SS&S)**

**July 23 - Lunch and Learn** (bring a brown bag lunch) Topic – **The Enneagram**

**July 30 Quarterly Mission Mtg at 11:30 a.m.**

**August 6 – All Church BBQ.at Vista Grande**

**In kind Mission for July – One Nation Walking Together Collecting School Supplies and Women’s Hygiene Products**

Black Dry Erase Markers, Highlighters, Composition Books, Graph Paper , Pencils, Loose Leaf Paper, Single Subject Notebooks, Rulers, Scissors, Crayons, Colored Pencils, Markers, Pencil Boxes, Bottles of Glue/Glue Sticks, Plain Pocket Folders, Mechanical Pencils/Refill lead, Backpacks.

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**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. **July 23 and will be on the topic of The Enneagram**

**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!

**Assistance needed for the Church Barbecue!** Are you a grill master? We will need some folks to lend us their grills and their skills for the August 6th barbecue! Please let Linda Allen know if you'd be willing to help out! You can reach her at 719 639-6534 or at [riffmom@yahoo.com](mailto:riffmom@yahoo.com)!



If you are planning to attend the barbecue, [please RSVP at this link](#). The church will be providing burgers, buns, and condiments. Be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet to bring sides, coming to a bulletin board near you!

## July Birthdays

7	Bob Hollins
8	Sara Weatherman
15	Judy Druelinger
15	Jerry Moore
25	Faye Gallegos
30	Deborah Tinsley

## July and August Anniversaries

July 26	Tammie Davis and Ruth Eastwood
July 28	Chase and Melissa Bongirno
August 2	Crystal and Joel Karr
Aug 17	Kathryn Romberg and Willie Schubert
Aug. 19	Jimmy and Brenda Collins
Aug. 29	Mel and Judy Druelinger

## August Birthdays

1	Carol Burbank
3	Elisia Garcia-Salazar
5	Trish King
7	Kathryn Romberg
8	Katherine Fatica
11	Cindy Nath
11	Denise Lee
13	Mara Pierre-Antione
20	Judy Gibson
23	Phil Puterbaugh
24	Grayson Charles Barnes
27	Sebastian Bongirno
28	Jimmy Collins



## 2023 Executive Council

**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