

August 2023



Agape Potluck Meal—the first Sunday of each month.

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\*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.

**Sandwiches and Smiles –**

**Calling all Smiles and Sandwiches makers: we will meet on Saturday August 19 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 August 20 this month. We could use some additional distribution volunteers, snacks, and tarps.

**Calendar Events:**

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

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

**August 9 – Men’s Breakfast at 8 a.m.** Urban Egg on Dublin at Powers.

**August 19 – 10 a.m. Making Sandwiches for Spreading Sandwiches and Smiles (SS&S)**

**August 27 - Lunch and Learn** (bring a brown bag lunch) Topic – **The UCC**

**In Kind Mission for August—Los Pobres**

1) 4 weeks ago, Los Pobres had a family (husband, wife, three young boys) come seeking medical help for the wife, who has cancer. She received 7 units of blood, but the cancer is too far advanced. Sister Nancy secured hospice care for her to help with the pain and help with the family. Please pray for Roci (meaning ‘Dew’) and the whole family.

2) Los Pobres is just a few miles from Fountain Creek and Arkansas River. With all the rain southern Colorado has had this summer, the flooding in the area has challenged the already taxed resources. As Sister Nancy says, 'Hwy 50 and our bridge closed for 36 hours. The fields looked like swimming pools. We ran out of socks. We never have sufficient shoes ... but the crops, so far, have survived the two recent hail storms! God is good! We are grateful for life and value the earth's bounty!'

**Needed:**

Men’s Socks, Men’s Work Shoes, Men’s T-Shirts; Men’s Long-sleeved Shirts AND School Supplies for the children

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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. **August 27** UCC? Who, me? A Crash Course in the History and Polity of Our Denomination.



## 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



## September Birthdays

1	Roberta Povelite
2	Joyce Michael
3	Crystal Karr
17	Jackie Moore
23	Claire McGee
26	Tammie Davis

## August and September Anniversaries

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
Sept. 1	John and Deborah Tinsley
Sept. 3	Lyn and Carolyn Gunning
Sept. 4	Dave and Cindy Nath
Sept. 20	Charlie and Jan Morgan
Sept. 23	Justin and Kelsie Hollins

## 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;

### *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