



Agape Potluck Meal—the first Sunday of each month.



Mission Bonanza

The Holiday Season is almost here and that means decorating for Advent. Come to Vista Grande on Saturday November 25 at 10 a.m. Some folks will be packing Elder Boxes for One Nation Walking Together. Others will be getting the Advent Tree ready for our Mission Fest. We'll be getting ready to support all our mission partners.

We know that One Nation

Walking Together has asked for Elder Boxes; Los Pobres would like \$25 gift cards to Walmart; the Chinoook Center always needs non-perishable food items; Family Promise and Inside Out still need to get back with us. We will also collect snack items for the next warming shelter.

Sandwiches and Smiles –

Calling all Smiles and Sandwiches makers: we will meet on Saturday November 18 at 10 am at church to make peanut butter and preserves/jam sandwiches. Please bring 2 loaves of bread, any kind.

Annual Gratitude Meal - Mark your calendars for **November 19th**, where we will celebrate the wrapping up of our stewardship season and join together for a community feast! Sign up to bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish downstairs on the lobby bulletin board.

Elder Boxes In honor of Indigenous Heritage Month, we will be collecting items for elder boxes on behalf of One Nation Walking Together! These special gifts are to honor indigenous elders who give so much to their communities and to make sure they receive a holiday gift. We are looking to collect small toiletries, toothbrushes, manicure sets, socks, hats, and more! We will gather in community on November 25th at 10am to prayerfully fill and wrap the boxes

so we can get them over to One Nation Walking Together for distribution on the reservation.

Drag Gospel Friendsgiving Dinner on November 26th at 6pm Our friends in the drag community are coming to Vista Grande again this month, this time with a toy and food drive! Come join us for a night of uplifting entertainment with heart and soul! Tickets are \$15 or a donation of a toy or nonperishable food of equal value.

Volunteers Needed! Family Promise Dinner - November 27th: We are partnering with Central United Methodist to provide dinner for Family Promise families. If you would like to prepare food or help serve, the sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the narthex!

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Calendar Events:

1. Sundays - Percolate – our Sunday morning Adult Faith Formation. Feel free to join us Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m.
2. Oct 3 at 6:30 p.m. begins a 12-week curriculum, "Fear Not: Creating a Plan to Respond to Active Violence" It's not too late to join in. (Weekly Zoom link)
3. Nov 18 – 10 a.m. Sandwich Making for Smiles and Sandwiches.
4. Nov 19— 11: 15 a.m. Thanksgiving Dinner
5. **Nov 25—10 a.m. Advent Decorating**
6. Nov 26—6 p.m. Drag Show and Friendsgiving Dinner
7. Dec. 3 — Agape Meal
8. Dec 10 – Executive Council Mtg
- 9 Dec 13 – 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast TBD



November Birthdays

5 Leon Pierre-Antoine 2021
15 Melissa Bongirno
22 Lucille Derr
22 Erika Forshee
25 Ezequiel Cross
28 Lincoln Spencer

December Birthday

5 Maggie Tanner
6 Ruth Eastwood
7 Mel Druelinger
10 Jan Morgan
10 Charlie Morgan
13 Amanda Udis-Kessler
19 Brenda Griffin-Collins

November and December Anniversaries

Nov 21—Zach and Bre Davis
Dec 18 – Jon and Erika Forshee
Dec 21 – Jerima and Bill King



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