

February 2024



The Annual Meeting was held on January 28, 2024 Thank you to all who attended. The full report will be posted on the website in the next few days. We accomplished a lot in 2023 and supported our mission partners. Here we are in 2024 ...

Calendar Events:

Sundays - Percolate – our Sunday morning Adult Faith Formation. Feel free to join us Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. The new book they are reading is **The First Christmas by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan.**

***Agape Potluck Meal—the first Sunday of each month. The next one is on Feb 4th.**

***Interested in helping shape worship life at Vista Grande?** Join us for the inaugural meeting of the Worship Arts Team on Thursday, February 1st at 6:30 on Zoom. We are looking for musicians, visual artists, design-minded folks, people with a way with words, and more! Come and be a part of the team!

Lenten Journey Partners: As part of deepening our commitment to building community, Vista Grande is offering an opportunity to consciously connect with each other on a one-on-one basis through the season of Lent. If you are interested in being part of a Journey Partnership, [please fill out the survey at this link](#) or let Pastor Mallory know via email at rev.mallory.everhart@gmail.com

Congregational Survey: The Pastoral Relations Committee has prepared a congregational survey to gather your opinions on how we are doing as a church and in relationship with our pastor. [Please take a few minutes to fill out this form](#) - it's completely



anonymous so please answer as honestly as you can. This information will help us chart a course for our future and we want you to be a part of it!

Feb 1 – 6:30 p.m. via Zoom – A Worship Arts Team meeting.

Feb 4 – Agape Meal

Feb 5 – 6 – 8 p.m. – Private function

Feb 11 – Council Meeting

Feb 14 – Men’s Breakfast at The Urban Egg; 5925 Dublin Blvd. (Powers and Dublin)

Feb 14 – Ash Wednesday

Feb 17 – 10 a.m. – Sandwich making

Feb 18 – Delivering sandwiches

Feb 25 – Special guest: Rev Dr James Fother. He’ll be preaching and offering the Lunch and Learn discussion, “Together for Tomorrow”.

Ash Wednesday:

February 14

Hybrid services will be offered at 2:30 and 5:30.



Birthdays and Anniversaries.

February

- 5 Brigit
- 11 Sandra Gates
- 15 TJ Spencer
- 18 Linda Allen
- 19 Jerima King
- 27 Lori Gardner
- 28 Rosemary McBride



March Birthdays

- 9 Gideon Cross Happy 1st
- 17 Amy Gunning
- 20 Jon Forshee

Happy Anniversary!

- Feb 14 Carol and Phil Puterbaugh
- March 20 Carol and Richard Burbank

2024 Executive Council:

Open Position: Treasurer,

Newly Elected: Clerk: Dana Zimmerman

Continuing Positions: Moderator: David Lee; Assistant Moderator: David Nath; Financial Secretary: Denise Lee; Members-at-Large: Linda Allen and Carol Burbank

Our core values as discerned by the executive council:

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

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."