

The Christian Visitor

VISTA LA MESA CHRISTIAN CHURCH ~ AUGUST 2021

We spent the month of July catching up on things we'd missed, like camp, Christmas, and celebrating Tesa's milestones. This edition of The Visitor features pictures of many of these activities.



Our official Camp Not Leven photo! We had so much fun!

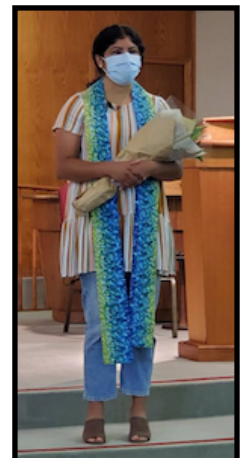


Nancy Knight has probably never gotten Christmas flowers for her July birthday before!



See page 4 for more pix!

Tesa had no idea we were throwing a surprise party to celebrate the completion of her internship and her graduation from seminary on July 25th! She was presented with her first ministerial stole and flowers from her Support Committee. After worship, the celebration continued with cake, made by her sister-in-law Katie.



From My View at the Table

Dear Church,

What a joy it's been to resume gathering in our sanctuary for worship! We celebrated all the way through July, catching up on some of the things we missed. It was a jubilant return. But now, as we move into August, things are shifting again, and we are reminded that the coronavirus is still very much with us.

Our congregation has a vaccination rate of over 90%. You have been great about respecting one another's choices about masking, even as we ask those who haven't gotten their shots yet to continue wearing masks indoors. But as infection rates are rising again, the latest recommendations suggest that all of us should wear masks indoors again. I hope that we can all work together on this.

Though we know most of our church friends are fully protected, we cannot track who goes where during the week or how many unvaccinated folks any of us have come into contact with. We are still waiting for vaccinations for our children. And it's clear the Delta variant is more contagious, regardless of vaccination status.

So as we move toward fall, I want to ask for your cooperation as we continue to gather for worship. Let's protect one another by wearing our masks when we're inside. I know it's hard. I know it's uncomfortable. I will be wearing mine under the hot lights on the chancel when I'm singing and when others are up there with me.

And please, if you haven't gotten vaccinated yet, please, please consider doing so as soon as possible. This is a life-saving vaccine. The life it saves could be yours, or it could be someone else's. There are many at-risk folks within our congregation. The side effects of the shot are temporary and minor compared to the disease itself or the emotional burden of knowing you passed it on to someone less able to withstand the virus.

I'd been looking forward to August as a quiet month of "just normal church." Turns out it's still not going to be quite "normal". But it can be a time when we show our love for one another in ways we never imagined. See you in worship, in the sanctuary or on Zoom!

grace & peace,

Pastor Rebecca

Disciples Virtual Gathering

It's not too late to register for our denominational virtual gathering on Saturday, August 7th. Visit www.disciples.org for more information and registration.

See Pastor Rebecca if you have any questions.

**SAVE THE DATE!
REGIONAL
GATHERING
OCTOBER 15 & 16
ONLINE AND
IN-PERSON IN SD**

Choir Resumes!

Our choir will begin rehearsals again on Thursday, August 5th at 7:00 pm.

All fully vaccinated singers are welcome to join us. We will be rehearsing in the sanctuary, in order to maintain more distance. We will begin singing in worship the second Sunday of September.

See Deborah Wilson if you have any questions.

Elders & Deacons

We will be meeting separately this month. Elders on Sunday, 8/8, after coffee hour, and Deacons on Wednesday, 8/18 at 6 pm.

Both meetings will be held in-person in the Library and on Zoom, for those who prefer to attend remotely. Please make sure to join us!

OUR MISSION

To share the joy of God's love.

To nurture one another to wholeness.

To motivate each other to Christian witness.

To effect healing in a hurting world.

A HUGE Thank You!

I want to thank everyone at Vista La Mesa for the wonderful surprise I received to celebrate some important milestones in my life. You all can keep a secret! The support I have received from everyone at VLM is overwhelming in the best way possible. I appreciate the cards and kind words and know that I will cherish throughout my ministry.

Special shout-out to Matt for his support and ability to surprise me though living with and spending much time with me.

Again, thank you all so much for your encouragement, prayers and love. May we continue in this journey towards the ministry we have been called to by God.

In Christian love,
Tesa Hauser

Novels Tea

Novels Tea will continue meeting on Zoom. This month, we will be reading "The Ten Thousand Doors of January" by Alix Harrow.

We will meet one of the last Sundays of August at 3:00. The date will be finalized once some other dates are figured out.

Women's Lunch at Anthony's

Wed, 8/4, 12:30

(Note new time!)

Beckie Neely hosting

Thank you!

I want to thank everyone for your continued support for the 15 months that we were distancing. I do not know how I would have gotten by if you hadn't. It's just wonderful to know that you all think of the staff here as more than just workers. This church has been a Godsend for me, as I know it has been for so many. Thank you so very much!

~Deborah Wilson

Lunch Bunch at Filippi's (Jamul)

Wed, 8/18, 12:30

(Note new time!)

Lyn & Grace hosting

Happy Birthday!

- Aug. 7 - Eliseo Sisneros
- Aug. 11 - Allan Flores
- Aug. 15 - Kaitlin Yoder
- Aug. 17 - George Grimm,
Brittany Yoder
- Aug. 19 - Lace Watkins
- Aug. 22 - Glenda Cliffe
- Aug. 25 - Paul Epler
- Aug. 28 - Sally Johnston
- Aug. 31 - Patrice Hill

Happy Anniversary!

- Aug. 9 - John & Jennefer
Lehton
- Aug. 16 - Jerry & Norma Bailey
- Aug. 17 - Allan & Daphne
Flores
- Aug. 18 - Jeffrey & Berna Cliffe
- Aug. 30 - Mike & Lisa Martin

In Our Prayers...

For prayer concerns please contact the office at 619-463-9909.

YOUTH NEWS

We had a great time with Camp Not Leven in July! Watch for information about when Partnership Youth Group will start up again. We haven't decided yet if we will stick to Zoom or plan some in-person activities. Feel free to share your preferences with Tesa or Pastor Rebecca soon.

Board News & Committee Appointments

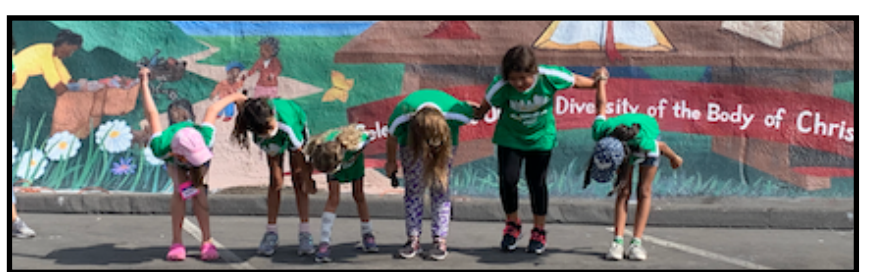
The Board met in July to receive reports and approve appointments. We were pleased to learn that we ended the 2020-2021 ministry year with a deficit of only a little over \$1000. This is much better than projected, despite our rental income being down 50% in the past year. Thank you to all our faithful and generous donors!

Three new members of the Memorial Endowment Committee were appointed: Matt Hauser ('23), Tim Cliffe ('24), & Helene Sisneros ('24).

The annual appointments to the Pastoral Relations Committee were also approved, including: Renee Bridwell, Daniel Cliffe, Cheryl Davis-Plotts, Jennefer Lehton, Bob Neely, and Brenda Rorie-Baety.

The Ministerial Assistant Support Committee includes: Steve Bridwell, Karen Cliffe, Mandy Dohring, Mary Jane Fay, and Eliseo Sisneros.

Thank you to everyone who serves on these important committees!



August 2021 Worship Participants

	August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29
Worship Leader	Amanda Dohring	Mary Jane Fay	Julie Germain	Marianna Kirwan	Larry Knight
Lay Reader	Beckie Neely	Jennefer Lehton	Jerry Bailey	Dick Penny	Karen Cliffe
Offering Invite	Mary Jane Fay	Tesa Hauser	Rebecca Littlejohn	Lace Watkins	Rebecca Littlejohn
Elders	Julie Germain Bob Neely	Beckie Neely Jerry Bailey	Bob Neely Karen Cliffe	Brenda Rorie-Baety Tim Cliffe	Walter Rorie-Baety Cheryl Davis-Plotts
Deacons	Al Flores Daphne Flores Susan Peterson	Patrice Hill Dick Penny Eliseo Sisneros Lyn VanWinkle	Jennefer Lehton John Lehton Lace Watkins	Ray Adsit Mary Allyn Fallon Bill Kwon Tracy Stockdall	Al Flores Patrice Hill Bill Kwon Eliseo Sisneros
Comm Set-up Comm Clean-up	Lyn Van Winkle Eliseo Sisneros	Lyn Van Winkle Eliseo Sisneros	Lyn Van Winkle Eliseo Sisneros	Lyn Van Winkle Eliseo Sisneros	Lyn Van Winkle Eliseo Sisneros
CWW	Helene Sisneros	Helene Sisneros	Helene Sisneros	Helene Sisneros	Helene Sisneros
Greeters	Jerry & Norma Bailey	Wavalea McKee John Lehton	Larry Knight Jennefer Lehton	Ray Adsit Bob Neely	Larry Knight Ray Adsit
Counters	#1 Lyn Van Winkle #2 Donna Morey	#1 Jerry Bailey #2 Jenny Angione	#1 John Lehton #2 Lace Watkins	#1 Walter Rorie-Baety #2 Mary Alynn Fallon	John Lehton Walter Rorie-Baety

Coffee Hour Hosts: Flock 1 (Deacons –Daphne Flores, Al Flores, and Susan Peterson)

WHO AND WHERE WE ARE

We are a congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). We are part of the Christian Church in the Pacific Southwest Region.

We are located at 4210 Massachusetts Ave. (at Boulevard Dr.), one block South of University Ave. in La Mesa, conveniently situated between Interstate 8 (exit at 70th St.) and the 94 Freeway (exit at Massachusetts), and very near the #852 bus line.

Sundays: Bible Study @ 9:00 – Worship @ 10:30

Secretary's Hours: Mon/Tues/Thur/Fri 10-1

CHURCH STAFF

Ministers: **The Members of VLMCC**

Pastor: **Rev. Rebecca Littlejohn**

Ministerial Assistant: **Tesa Hauser**

Admin/Comm Coor.: **Alicia M. Gervasi**

Music Director: **Deborah Wilson**

Nursery: **Stephanie Cadiero**

Custodian: **Scott Tiemann**

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