

# The Vistoso Voice

## Weekly

Friday, October 8, 2021

### OCTOBER 17 DISPLAY

Love Thy Neighbor Ministries, through its Stitches for Love ministry, provides numerous hand-made items to nursing home residents. One of the most requested items are the Giant Print Bibles with custom-made covers. Included with each Bible is a pen, highlighter, and notebook. We found this to be a wonderful way to spread the Gospel and encourage Bible study, to an isolated and mostly forgotten segment of our society.

Stop by the Love Thy Neighbor table in the Fellowship Hall after service on October 17, to see the



samples of the Bible covers the residents are asking for. We'll also have a display of covers in progress so you can see how these popular gifts are made.

### RESERVATION TRUCK

The Missions Committee will be loading a truck with items for the Tohono O'odham Village of Choulic on Thursday. If you have an item to donate, that is clean and in good condition, please contact Michael Galyen 520-609-1488, by this Wednesday, 10/13.

### MISSIONS COLLECTING I CARE DONATIONS!

I CARE Inc. is a Yuma based ministry to which we periodically send support. I CARE's main focus is offering medical, eye, dental, and veterinary clinics in Baja and Northern Mexico. They also offer assistance to Veterans in the Yuma area. In the past, VCC has delivered durable medical supplies, such as wheel chairs and walkers, a hospital exam bed, and various donated goods. Yearly we also send unexpired medications (used in the medical clinics), and used eyeglasses which are sent to a lab in Colorado to be refurbished. Optometry students from the U.S. run the eye clinics and use these glasses to fill needed vision prescriptions.

In early November the Missions Committee will be sending the medications and eye glasses that have been collected. If you have unneeded eyeglasses, including



readers and sunglasses, place them in the basket located in the Missions corner. If you have unneeded and unexpired medication, please bring them to the church office. The deadline for donations is November 7.

### SECURITY TEAM

Our VCC security team could use a few more volunteers willing to serve in this area. If you would be interested in this type of service, please contact Pastor Kevin or talk with current team members about their roles and responsibilities (preferably not while they are on duty.)

## thisweek

October 8-14, 2021

- **Tuesday**, Men's and Women's Bible study in Genesis, 10:00 am.
- **Wednesday**, Midweek Bible Study, in church and streaming, at 10:00 am.
- **Wednesday**, Choir practice, 2:00-3:30 pm.
- **Thursday**, HeartCall Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 am.
- **Friday**, Men's Bible Study, in-church only, at 7:30 am.
- **Friday**, Women's Share, Care, and Prayer, 10:00 am.
- **Sunday**, worship, 10:00 am, followed by fellowship and sermon Q&A.

## INTRODUCING SOME OF OUR NEW MEMBERS

The next three issues of *The Voice Weekly* will provide some introductory information on the 11 individuals that we welcomed in September as formal VCC members. Be sure to introduce yourself when you see them in church.

**Sharon Gard** first came to Visto-so Church when her friend Betty Roosma brought her to a Tuesday morning Bible study. She is especially pleased that we are again able to gather for the Tuesday studies for our discussion in the Book of Genesis.



Although she was born in Chicago, Sharon grew up in Norwich a small town near Syracuse, NY. Her first husband died in a car accident when their children were only 6 and 3. When she met and married her husband Lou, he adopted her children and the couple has just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Her daughter, who is a school nurse in Pittsburgh, PA, has four children. Her son, a corporate jet pilot based out of Leesburg, VA, has three.

Sharon was a case worker for a state school hospital in Pennsylvania, but she and Lou also bought a hardware store that they ran for more than 12 years. They came to Tucson when Lou was transferred by Caterpillar and they have been in the area now 26 years. Sharon's special interests are playing bridge, working crossword and jigsaw puzzles, and doing a lot of reading.

**Lee and Bonnie Myers** have not been able to attend church lately because Lee recently had surgery for a cochlear implant and they are still in the post-surgery quarantine.

Although born in St. Paul, MN, Bonnie's family moved to Phoenix when she was nine years old. Lee and Bonnie met when she was only 19 and they have been married going on 63 years.

After Lee received his Civil Engineering degree from the U of A, he worked for some contractors and then for an engineering testing laboratory until he opened his own testing laboratory. Bonnie, a homemaker, worked in a number of ministries while raising the couple's five children. They now have 17 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.



A special focus was her ministry called People Helpers that provided support for women and young wives. Later, Lee joined her and they expanded the ministry to support couples using the teaching in Titus 2.

When Lee sold his business and retired at 63, they moved to Tucson to escape the heat and crowding in Phoenix. They live in Mona Lisa Village. They remained busy in ministry. He provided engineering support for the building of Desert Christian High

School and several other projects in the years following retirement.

The Myers came to VCC because they were invited by friends who knew they were looking for a church that is faithful to the Word of God. Bonnie noted that it only took them attending one week to decide that VCC was the church for them.

**Carol Ferrarini** shares an independent living apartment at Splendido with her good friend Rita Hagemeyer, also a new VCC member.



After retirement, they moved from California to Washington state and finally to Arizona "for the weather." Carol read about VCC before attending and she is so pleased to find a Bible-based church that is so convenient.

Carol was born in San Francisco, but she grew up on the Peninsula below San Francisco. After earning a bachelor's degree in elementary education, Carol taught for 39 years in San Carlos, CA. a small peninsula city between San Mateo and Redwood City. She taught what she refers to as "the middle years kids"—fifth, sixth, and seventh graders.

Although Carol never married, she thinks of the students she taught as her kids. Plus she is close to her brother and nieces and nephews. Carol particularly enjoys music especially attending both opera and the symphony. She also notes that she "plays at the game of golf" although she has yet to golf since moving to Arizona, despite bringing her clubs with her.