



Peralta Memorial United Methodist Church

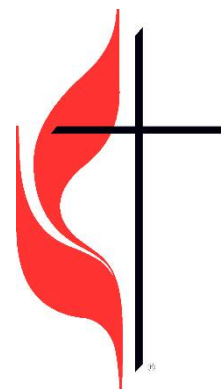
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We Serve Christ So All Will Follow Him

MARCH IS CHURCH ELBOW MONTH

Do you know the most important body part for helping our church grow? Some people might say the mouth or the heart. Both of those are important, and in fact there is definitely some heart work involved, and we use our voices, too. The most important body part for helping our church grow, though, is the elbow.

The elbow, you ask? Absolutely so! Have you ever been to a wedding or other event where the usher offers you an elbow as he shows you to your seat? Have you ever had a child grab your hand or elbow as you show them where to go? Have you ever guided a blind person through a building or across a street while he or she holds onto your elbow?

So it is that the most important part of our body for bringing someone to church is our elbow. We can talk about our church. We can share testimonies and stories about Jesus Christ. Those of us who are so inclined can quote Scripture all day long. The best way to get someone to church, though, is to offer an elbow. That means not just saying, "Please come," but, "Please come WITH ME. I'll stop by your home on Sunday morning to lead you," or, "I'll meet you in the parking lot and you can sit WITH ME."

April 2nd will be our first "Invitation Sunday" at Peralta Memorial UMC. It will be the day to use our elbows. However, before we use our elbows, we will warm up our hearts and our voices. Throughout the month of March I will be asking everyone to pray about three people each of us knows who do not go to church anywhere and who God wants us to invite to church on April 2nd. In worship this Sunday, March 5th, we will all receive cards for writing down the names of our three people to invite. Each week of the month we will warm up our hearts, voices, and elbows, praying for these people and preparing to invite them. We will ask God's blessing on them.

Will all three people who are on our card come on April 2nd? Maybe or maybe not, but some will. God will touch the hearts of some and our elbows will be strong. Maybe for some people, our invitation will be the first seed planted toward a relationship with Christ, and that seed will grow on God's own time in ways we may or may not see. Nonetheless, we will be doing God's work in a mighty way.

May we get out our Bowflex, weights, and other exercise equipment and begin strengthening our elbows. And may we strengthen our hearts, minds, and voices as we call upon God to strengthen our community through invitation to a relationship with Christ.

Pastor David



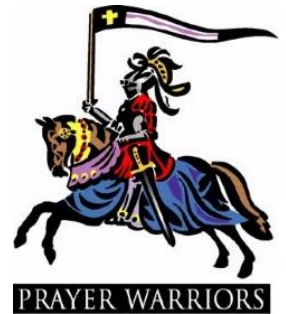
MARCH 1st

Worship
service at
7:00 pm



I SAID A PRAYER

I said a prayer for you today
and know God must have heard.
I felt the answer in my heart,
although He spoke no word.



I didn't ask for wealth or fame,
I knew you wouldn't mind.
I asked Him to send treasures,
of a far more lasting kind.

I asked that He'd be near you,
at the start of each new day,
to grant you health and blessings
and friends to share your way.

I asked for happiness for you,
in all things great and small.
But it was His loving care,
I prayed for most of all.

Please be in prayer for each of these on our continuing prayer list. If you know of anyone else who needs to be added, please call Ruth at 869-4842 or the church office, 865-9334.

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| Pastor David & Family | Valencia County Abundant Grace Free Store | Randy Ward | Marj West |
| Lynn Schultz | Erma Ward | Mike Heppler | Cheryl Huber |
| Karel & Martha Pekarek | Don & Peggy Gleichman | Sharon Ramirez | Dorothy Marta |
| Conrad Joseph Hughes-Faganello | Cure for Cancer | Eva Timmons | J'Amy Creel |
| Jim Kubisak | Janette Baughman | 5 year old Diego | Jim & Melba Derossett |
| Joleen Baughman | Karen Fastnacht | Nate Meyer | USA Leaders Larry Huff |
| Michael Garrison | Our Freedom | Richard & Linda Darnell | Lori Buvinghausen |
| All Caregivers | Anne Cassidy-Vigil | All military & their families | Beth & Dennie Miller |
| Pauline Taylor | Mike Romero | Chris Knox | Bill Lynch Debbie Hester-Rael |
| | | | USA Leaders |



NEWS from Crafty Ladies ---
and you know we always need things like:
more dainty cups and saucers &
sealable jelly jars (the kind we always put our jelly in,)
& flannel with baby motif &
wooden rolling pins.

It's most helpful if you'll please bring donations to the church on our meeting days.
We thank you so very much for your donations!

But even more **we need you!!! --- to pick your brains for new ideas for more crafts....**
things we have not had before.

We meet the first Tuesday & Wednesday of the month which is March 7 & 8 from 9:00 AM until about 2 PM in Fellowship Hall.

We hope you come with new ideas!

For more information call Lois Meadors at 865-6791, Kelley Green at 865-6975 or the church office. You may also contact them with your ideas!



Families Looking Over Christ's Kids!
March 12th is Camp Sunday
and time to Spring up!



Will the morning come too early to make breakfast on March 12th??? Don't worry, the FLOCK is serving breakfast from 0830 to 1230 that morning to support our kids going to summer camp!



March 12th is also Camp day and there be a guest speaker from Sacramento Camp. NO tickets will be sold for the breakfast/lunch. Instead-- this is a free-will donation. This year Peralta has 16 children and young adults signed up for summer camp along with 4 chaperones. Please help us send as many kids as possible!

Menu: Pancakes, bacon, eggs, juice, fruit, and drinks

The FLOCK are parents and family members working to send our kids to summer camp at Sacramento



Hymn History



“His Eye is on the Sparrow” – 1905

“Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will.”
Matthew 10:29

Most people have a hobby of some sort to provide a healthy diversion from the rigors of work. Long ago, there was a woodworker in Nazareth who counted bird-watching among His diversions. We can make that assumption because Jesus later referred frequently to birdlife in His sermons, saying things such as:

- “Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will.” (Matthew 10:29)
- “Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?” (Matthew 6:26)
- “Consider the ravens...” (Luke 12:24)
- “Do not fear...you are of more value than many sparrows.” (Luke 12:7)

It was this theme that caused the author of “God Will Take Care of You: to write, a year later, another great hymn on God’s care: “His Eye Is on the Sparrow.”

Civilla Durfee Martin was a Canadian by birth, born on August 21, 1869, in Nova Scotia. She became a school and music teacher, but when she married Dr. Walter Martin, an evangelist, she gave up teaching to travel with him and assist in his meetings.

This is her account of the writing of his song:

Early in the spring of 1905, my husband and I were sojourning in Elmira, New York. We contracted a deep friendship for a couple by the name of Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle—true saints of God. Mrs. Doolittle had been bedridden for nigh twenty years. Her husband was an incurable cripple who had to propel himself to and from his business in a wheel chair. Despite their afflictions, they lived happy Christian lives, bringing inspiration and comfort to all who knew them. One day while we were visiting with the Doolittles, my husband commented on their bright hopefulness and asked them for the secret of it. Mrs. Doolittle’s reply was simple: “His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.” The beauty of this simple expression of boundless faith gripped the hearts and fired the imagination of Dr. Martin and me. The hymn “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” was the outcome of that experience.”

The day after writing the song, she mailed it to the famous gospel composer Charles Gabriel, who penned the music.

Excerpt taken from Then Sings My Soul by Robert J. Morgan



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1 – Vernon Honeyfield
March 3 – Jane Reynolds
March 3 – Trase Peperas
March 6 – Elizabeth Zupko
March 10 – Irene Browning
March 13 – Kelli Van Curen
March 14 – Paul Valigura
March 14 – Micky Killough
March 15 – Gabe Candelaria
March 16 – Jo Leigh Buckner
March 19 – Wyatt Eubank
March 20 – Rhett Trappman
March 21 – Rich Sams
March 24 – John Almquist
March 24 – Dale Honeyfield
March 24 – Riley Redd
March 25 – Karel Pekarek
March 25 – Dick Pelland
March 25 – Ruth Romero
March 27 – Betty Jean Troxel
March 27 – Marilyn Smith
March 28 – Daniel Culver
March 28 – Daniel Altobello
March 30 – Marlow Frasier

March 4 – Bill & Micky Killough (45th)

March 6 – Richard & Linda Darnell

March 16 – Joe & Gayle Fiedler

March 16 – Greg & Joan Culver

March 20 – Paul & Carol Smith

March 23 – Randy & Diana Ward

March 26 – Robyn Albani & Curtis Crews



AfterShock - Youth Group

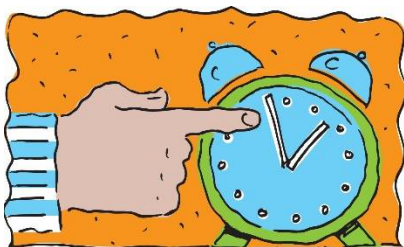
" Turning the hearts of youth and families to God and each other "

Please keep us in prayer as some of the High schoolers will be attending the Conference Council for Youth Ministry camp and Mid High will be attending Rhythm of Christ Camp at Sacramento March 3 through 5. We expect to have some wonderful "Mountain Top" time and bring back lots to share.

Light Night is quickly becoming one of the "High-Lights" (see what I just did there) of youth group. We meet on the third Sunday of the month, unless it falls on a holiday, then it's on the fourth Sunday. We meet in the Sanctuary from 6:30 till 8pm and start off with a contemplative exercise to help us learn how to quiet our minds and spirit from all the business and distractions of the world. As you can imagine, it is not normal for people, much less teens, in today's world to stay calm and quiet for 15 to 30 minutes and work at taking every thought captive. In a quiet atmosphere illuminated by candles and gentle praise music, we then are released to explore gifts of encouragement that are placed on the altar, and retreat to our own quiet spot in the Sanctuary, to have some one on one time with God. There, we look up scripture, write our thoughts, prayers, hopes and words of encouragement in a journal. Anyone is invited to join us for Light Night, it's not just for youth group members and we have several adults joining us already. We would like to thank you all for your generous gifts earmarked for Light Night, items such as scriptures written on a paper or book mark, jewelry and pocket medallions, bracelets, plaques, peacock feathers, inspirational notes and books. We can also really use notes of encouragement for a youth- male, female or gender neutral. If God puts on your heart to write an encouragement to a specific youth, just put it in an envelope with the name on the front and we will let God do the rest. **Come join us for Light Night, relax and spend some quality time with our Lord.**

In Christ's service,

Marlow Frasier



SET YOUR CLOCKS
Ahead!

ON SATURDAY NIGHT,
March 11th be sure to set your clocks AHEAD
one hour --- or you'll be late for Church/Sunday School.



Mary Circle/UMW will meet March 14 at 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. This is our **Prayer and Self Denial meeting**. We consider how fortunate and wealthy (when we consider the rest of the world) we really are! So we **bring an offering** which is used for a special project each year. Margrace Grotefend will lead us in the program and is also our hostess. (New ladies are certainly not expected to bring an offering, and we would love to have you!)

Our Ladies Luncheon was obviously enjoyed by the 38 ladies who attended. The fellowship was so great that the feeling seems to be to do it again!

Please notice the ad about the showing of 'Noah'. Even if you don't belong to Mary Circle, we welcome your help especially on Sunday, April 2, to set up and take down. We will continue planning at this month's meeting, so be thinking and bring your ideas and prayerfully consider how you can help.

The Spiritual Enrichment Retreat is March 11-12 and registrations are due by March 1. Contact Chris Knox for registration forms.

For more information about Mary Circle/UMW call Chris Knox at 865-7864 or the church office, 865-9334.

GOSPEL

Jam



**SUNDAY,
MARCH 5th
2:00 pm in
Fellowship Hall**

SAVE THE DATE

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S
SWEET AND SALTY CINEMA
PRESENTS
'NOAH' (THE MUSICAL)

PLAN TO ATTEND

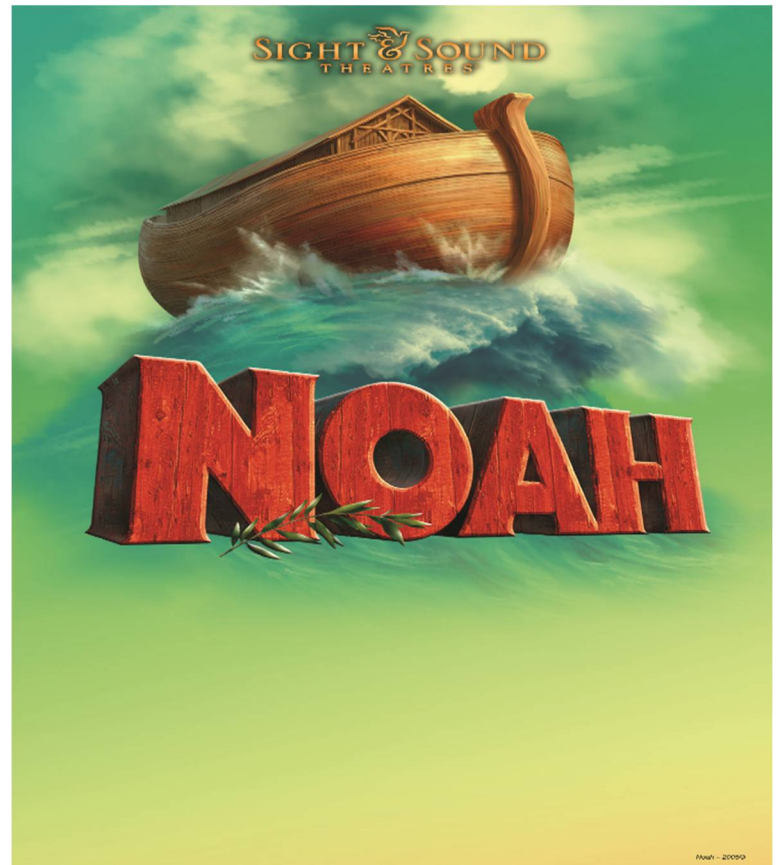
APRIL 2, 2017 IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

1:30PM-4:00PM






ADMISSION IS FREE FOR ALL AGES

SNACKS, POPCORN AND DRINKS WILL BE SOLD AND PROCEEDS FROM SNACK AND VENDING BAR WILL GO TO SUPPORT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSION PROJECTS

AN EPIC PRODUCTION THAT HAS CAPTIVATED AUDIENCES EVER SINCE ITS DEBUT, **SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRE'S** **NOAH** BRINGS DELIGHTFUL CREATIVITY AND UNIQUE REALISM TO THE EVENTS SURROUNDING THE FLOOD. FOLLOW NOAH AS HE OBEYS GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS AND BUILDS AN ENORMOUS BOAT IN A SKEPTICAL, GODLESS ENVIRONMENT. WATCH IN AMAZEMENT AS TRAINED ANIMALS HURRY TO THE ARK, (TWO BY TWO). THEN, ENTER THE EXPANSIVE ARK THAT STRETCHES ACROSS 300-FOOT STAGE, WHERE COUNTLESS ANIMALS FLOAT ON THE RISING WATERS WITH NOAH AND HIS FAMILY. DISCOVER WITH FRESH EYES THIS CLASSIC ACCOUNT OF HOW GOD RESCUED NOAH- A MESSAGE OF HOPE BEYOND THE RAINBOW!





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  Mobile Food Drop- Auditorium res. 12-6 Girl Scouts, 6 pm WORSHIP SERVICE AT 7:00 PM	2 Exercise, 9 am, FH 6:15 – First Place, Conf Rm 6:30 – GriefShare, #101	3 Huddle, #101, 8:30 am Bible, Fell Hall, 10 am Cub leaders' – Ed class, 6 pm Bible, #103, 6 pm EMMAUS, Fell Hall, 6:30 pm	
5 8:30 – Worship VBS Fundraiser, Ed Bldg 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 12:15 – VBS meeting - Conference Room GOSPEL JAM in Fell. Hall @ 2 pm (res. 1-6) 5 pm – Bell Choir 6 pm- AfterShock Youth	6 Food Pantry 10-12:30 'Soul' group, #103 9:30 am Cub Scouts, Ed Bldg, 6-7 pm Emmaus, #101, 6:30 Stewardship -#104, 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm, Ed Bldg.	7 RRFB deliv Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall 9-2 LOGOS, 4:30-7:45 Tutoring 3:30 pm Financial Peace, #202, 6-8 pm Trustees' mtg, #201 6:30 pm	8 Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall, 9-2 <i>NMSU set up in Auditorium 12 pm</i> 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Ed Bldg. 6 pm- Study, #101 6 pm – Praise Team 7 pm – Choir	9 Exercise Fell Hall 9 am <i>NMSU Cook class – Auditorium 9-1:30</i> Worship, 6 pm #101 First Place 4 Health, Conf Rm, 6:30 pm GriefShare, #103, 6:30 pm SPRC, #104, 7 pm	10 Huddle #101, 8:30 am Bible Study, Fell Hall, 10-am Study, #103, 6 pm Emmaus #101, 6:30 pm	11 Threads of Love, 10:30 am, Fell Hall Auditorium reserved 1 – 5 pm Baby Shower  SPRING FORWARD Set clocks ahead at bedtime!!!
12 7 am – UMM Breakfast, Fell Hall 7 am-Auditorium reserved  8:30- Worship 9:45- Sunday School 11:00- Worship PANCAKE MEAL IN AUDITORIUM – 8:30 AM TO 12:30 PM 5 pm – Bell choir 6 pm-AfterShock Youth	13 Food Pantry, 10 am to 12:30 Cub Scouts, 6 pm Ed Bldg. Emmaus #101, 6:30 Boy Scouts, 7 pm Ed Bldg. Finance mtg, #104, 6:30 pm	14 UMW/Mary Circle, Fell Hall, 9:30 am LOGOS, 4:30-7:45 Tutoring, 3:30 pm Financial Peace, #202, 6-8 pm Tea meeting, Fell Hall 6 pm	15 <i>NMSU set up in Auditorium 12 pm</i> 6 pm Girl Scouts, Ed. Bldg. 6 pm - Study, #101 6 pm Praise Team 7 pm Choir	16 Exercise Fell Hall 9 am <i>NMSU Cook class – Auditorium 9-1:30</i> P.a.C.T. – call office First Place 4 Health, #101 6:30 pm 6:30 GriefShare #103 Admin Council, 6:30 pm, Conf Room	17 Huddle #101, 8:30 am Bible Study, Fell Hall, 10-am Study, #103, 6 pm 	18
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