



# Peralta Memorial United Methodist Church

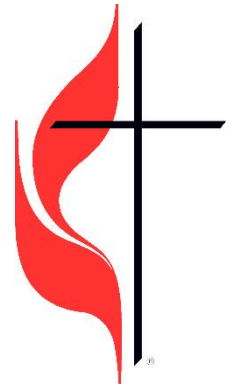
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***LOVE GOD...LOVE PEOPLE...REACH OUT***

## ONE PERSON AT A TIME

Our new vision statement for Peralta Memorial UMC is **Love God. Love others. Reach out.** It is simple, yet it holds promise for realizing God's kingdom here – right here!

What is God's kingdom on earth? It is the living out of God's ways here in our midst. We pray for it in the Lord's Prayer: "Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven." God is love (1 John 4:8) and we are called to love each other and know how much God loves us.

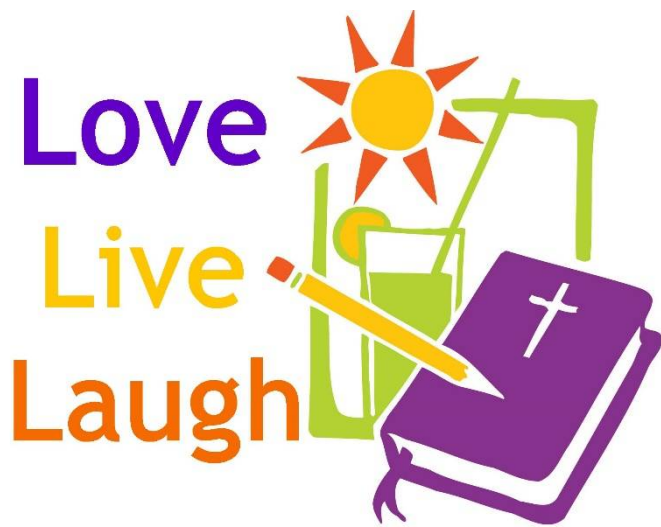
Before we can reach out and love others, though, we must love ourselves. Often, we tend to raise up those who sacrifice all they have and give tirelessly to others. Might I suggest, though, that God also wants us to be whole, well, and capable. Have you ever tried helping others when you, yourself were hungry, tired, or hurting physically or emotionally? When we are in a state of exhaustion, brokenness, or great need, it is hard for us to give; we need to receive. Our first step, then, to live into this mission, is to know not just with our minds but *with our bodies* that God loves us and wants the very best for us.

When we realize God's love in ourselves, we then have to love others. Sometimes the people hardest to love are those closest to us. It can be hard to love our family. It can also be hard to love our church family. Disagreements or perceived slights can fester and escalate. Divisions can become trenches and gulfs with people in different camps. Before we can reach out and invite others in, we must make sure that we are loving others close to us. If you are struggling in this regard please take it to God in prayer and feel free to contact me. I am happy to hear your needs and concerns and work with you.

Finally, we are called to reach out. This is the fun part of our vision! We are called to share God's love outside of our walls, to proclaim the love of Christ to those who do not know it. There are many folks in our church who are already doing this, and I will be writing about them in upcoming newsletters. Every time we can speak the name of Jesus or the hope of God into someone's life we are reaching out. Every time we help someone as Jesus would, we are reaching out.

I am grateful and blessed by our church. I look forward to our work in the next year focusing on God's love.

**Pastor David**



Hello Ladies!

Come join us in "Love, Live, Laugh" class (formerly known as First Place 4 Health).

We are starting a new series on the *Fruits of the Spirit* with the first book entitled "Self-Control".

We'll be starting on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room in the Community Building.

Please contact me soon, so I may know how many books to order. You may reach me at 859-8225 (text or call). Always Keep Moving!!! **Susi Broekstra**

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Crafty Ladies



Our next meeting days are:

Tuesday/Wednesday

March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>

In Fellowship Hall starting at 9:00 am

Please come join us!!! We always welcome more helpers and you'll enjoy the fellowship (and lunch!).



**Mary Circle/UMW meets once a month (on the second Tuesday) in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am. The March meeting will be March 13<sup>th</sup>.**

# **AFTERSHOCK**

“Turning the hearts of youth and families to God and each other”

## **March 30 ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO TOME HILL**

Good Friday this year is coming up quick. The Aftershock youth will be staying overnight at the church (On Thursday) to be ready for the “walk to Tome Hill” on Friday March 30.

**Everyone is invited to go with us** and share in the experience.

People make this pilgrimage for many different reasons, and we see many different sights along the way. Many people are carrying crosses of various size and weight. Some walking barefoot, even crawling on hands and knees, and thousands worshipping and praying at the top of the hill. We love the fellowship, the sights, and being able get outdoors and share time getting to know one another better. We leave the church at 6 am and travel down the ditch banks to get away from the traffic. We reach the top of the hill around 9 am, spend some time there taking in all the sights, praying and devotion, and then we go down the hill to the Platt’s home for a wonderful brunch get together. Melissa Madara will lead a hiking group along with us, and will give the devotion and Holy communion at the top of the hill. This is about a 9-mile hike from the church to the hill, and back to the Platt’s. The really good news is, we will have the bus at the Platt’s for the return trip to the church.

Dress warmly and in layers, wear good hiking and/or walking shoes. Water bottles will be available, and it is always a good idea to bring snacks and tp. We look forward to seeing you on the trail!!!!

## **YOUTH BRINGING THE UNCHURCHED TO CHURCH**

It is interesting that often times our youth will bring their friends to youth group. Some of these new youths are obviously un-churched, sometimes disruptive, and we may even wonder why they even come.... other than that their friend invited them to come. More interesting even, is the fact that many of these difficult to reach students come back time and time again. They do participate in the dinner, games, teachings, and even in the Light Night meditations. Yes, they may be difficult, but they are receiving a small portion of God’s light and His love from those of us who are sharing with them. It is a good example of how we are to let His light shine through us into a dark and hurting world. I for one, am extremely proud of the youth in the Aftershock youth group, for bringing the unchurched, for loving them, and yes for even tolerating their disruptions and interruptions that they may be nurtured from the seeds that are being planted and watered. Good job!



**Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Worship Services at 8:30 and 11:00 am**  
**Palm processional**

**MAUNDY**  
**Thursday**



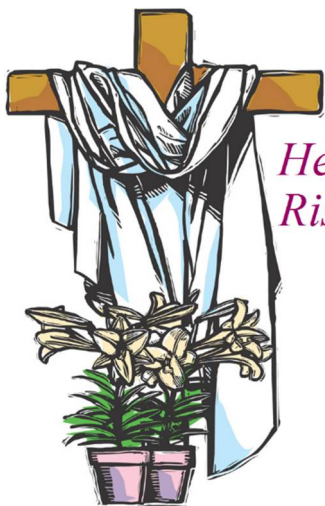
**Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Living Last Supper – 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary**  
**Holy Communion**



**GOOD FRIDAY**

**Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**Join the Youth Group on the journey**  
**to Tome Hill – leaving the church at 6 am**  
**Good Friday Service – 7:00 pm**

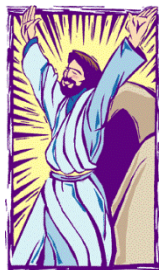
**APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> –Easter**



*He is  
 Risen!*



**Will be at 6:30 am**



*Resurrection Day*

**Worship Services**  
**8:30 and 11:00 am**



**Egg Hunt**

**10 am**

**By the playground**  
**Bring your basket!**



# March BIRTHDAYS

March 1 – Vernon Honeyfield

March 3 – Jane Reynolds

March 3 – Trase Peperas

March 6 – Adam Honeyfield

March 6 – Elizabeth Zupko

March 10 – Irene Browning

March 13 – Kellie Van Curen

March 14 – Paul Valigura

March 14 – Micky Killough

March 15 – Gabe Candelaria

March 16 – Jo Leigh Buckner

March 18 – Gage Kinnikin

March 19 – Wyatt Eubank

March 24 – John Almquist

March 24 – Dale Honeyfield

March 24 – Riley Redd

March 25 – Karel Pekarek

March 25 – Ruth Romero

March 27 – Betty Jean Troxell

March 27 – Marilyn Smith

March 28 – Danielle Culver

March 28 – Daniel Altobello

March 30 – Marlow Frasier

**March 4 – Bill & Micky Killough**

**March 16 – Joe & Gayle Fiedler**

**March 16 – Greg & Joan Culver**

**March 20 – Paul & Carol Smith**





# DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

*In the words of Pope Francis*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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Please be in prayer for each of these in 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.

<b>Pastor David &amp; Family</b>	Valencia County	Abundant Grace	Free Store	<b>Donna Duke</b>	Marj West
Lynn Plante	<b>Lynn Schultz</b>	Erma Ward	<b>Mike Heppler</b>	Cheryl Huber	<b>Dan McCarty</b>
Karel & Martha Pekarek	<b>Don &amp; Peggy Gleichman</b>	Sharon Ramirez	<b>Dorothy Marta</b>		
<b>Conrad Joseph Hughes-Faganello</b>	<b>Cure for Cancer</b>	Eva Timmons	<b>J'Amy Creel</b>		
Jim Kubisak	<b>Janette Baughman</b>	Diego	<b>Jim &amp; Melba Derossett</b>	Cassie Vigil-Otero	
<b>Joleen Baughman</b>	Karen Fastnacht	<b>Nate Meyer</b>	USA Leaders	<b>Larry Huff</b>	
Michael Garrison	<b>Our Freedom</b>	Richard & Linda Darnell	<b>Lori Buvinghausen</b>		
<b>All Caregivers</b>	Anne Cassidy-Vigil	<b>All military &amp; their families</b>	Beth & Dennie Miller		
<b>Pauline Taylor</b>	Mike & Ruth Romero	<b>Cassie Vigil-Otero</b>	Chris Knox	<b>Bill Lynch</b>	Our Freedom

**MARCH 2018**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 9 am Exercise, FH 12:15 – Tai Ji, FH 4:30 – Fitness #203 6 pm, Cub Leaders' 6 – Scripture Sisters, Fell Hall 6:30 – Sanctuary reserved, rehearsal 6:30 – First Place 4 Health, Conf Rm	<b>2</b> 8:30 – Huddle #101 10 am – Sisterhood, #103 10 am – Fell Hall, Bible study 4:30 – Fitness #203 6:30 – EMMAUS, Fell Hall & Kitchen	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 8:30 Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 12:15 – Youth LT mtg, Fell Hall 6 pm – AfterShock Youth Group	<b>5</b> 9:30 'Soul' class #103 Food Pantry, 10-12:30  Fitness, 4:30 #203 6 pm – Huddle #103 6 pm Emmaus, #101, 6 pm Cub Scouts, Ed Bldg. 6:15-Boy Scouts,	<b>6</b> Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall & Kitchen, 9-2 1-2:30 pm- Huddle, CR 3:30 – LOGOS homework time 4 - Tai Ji , #203 4:30 - LOGOS 4:45-Fitness #203 6:30 –FPU, #201 6:30 – Trustees' mtg	<b>7</b> Crafty Ladies, 9-2, FH Auditorium reserved for Food Drop – 12-5 4:30 – Fitness #203 6 pm – GriefShare #103 6 pm Girl Scouts, Ed Bldg 6 pm Bible #101 6 pm- Praise Team 7 pm - Choir	<b>8</b> 9 am Exercise, F H  12:15 – Tai Ji, FH 4:30 – Fitness #203 6 pm – Worship mtg, #101 6 pm Scripture Sisters, Fell Hall 6:30 - First Place, CR 7 pm – SPRC #104	<b>9</b> 8:30 – Huddle #101 10 am – Bible study, Fell Hall  4:30 – Fitness #203	<b>10</b> 10:30 am – Threads of Love, Fell Hall  bedtime – set your clocks AHEAD 1 hour
<b>11</b> 7 am –UMM breakfast, F.H.  8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11 am – Worship  6 pm - AfterShock	<b>12</b> Food Pantry, 10-12:30 4:30 – Fitness, #203 6 pm – Huddle #103 No Cub Scouts 6 pm Emmaus #101 6 pm – Boy Scouts, Ed Bldg. 6:30 Finance mtg #104	<b>13</b> UMW/Mary Circle, Fell Hall, 9:30 am 1:00-Huddle, Conf Rm 4 - Tai Ji , FH 4:30 –Fitness #203 5:30 – Tai Ji Health, <b>NO LOGOS</b> 6:30 – FPU, #201	<b>14</b> 4:30 – Fitness #203 No Girl Scouts,  6 pm– Bible Study #101 6 pm – Praise Team 7 pm - Choir	<b>15</b> 9 am Exercise, FH 10:30 – Tai Ji Health, Fell Hall 12:15 -Tai Ji, FH, 4:30 Fitness #203 6 pm Scripture Sisters, Fell Hall 6:30, First Place #101 6:30 Ad Council Conf Room	<b>16</b> 8:30 – Huddle #101 10 am – Bible Study, Fell Hall 10 am – Sisterhood, #103  4:30 – Fitness #203	<b>17</b> 
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<b>25</b> 7 am – UMM  Breakfast, Fell Hall 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11 am – Worship 6 pm - AfterShock 	<b>26</b> Food Pantry, 10-12:30  4:30 – Fitness, #203 6 pm Emmaus #101 6 pm Huddle #103 6 pm – Cub Scouts 6:15 pm – Boy Scouts Ed Bldg.	<b>27</b> 1:00-Huddle, Conf Rm 3:30 LOGOS homework time 4 pm Tai Ji, Fell Hall 4:30 – LOGOS 4:30 –Fitness #203 5:30 – Tai Ji Health, Fell Hall 6:30 – FPU, #201 (ending)	<b>28</b> 4:30 – Fitness #203 6 pm Girl Scouts, Ed Bldg 6 pm Bible #101 6 pm- Praise Team 7 pm - Choir	<b>29- MAUNDY            THURSDAY</b> 9 am Exercise, FH 10:30, Tai Ji Health 12:15 -Tai Ji, FH, 4:30 Fitness #203 6 pm Scripture Sisters   <b>WORSHIP 7 pm</b>	<b>30 – GOOD            FRIDAY</b> 6 am depart to Tome Hill 8:30 – Huddle #101 No Bible Study 10 – Sisterhood #103 4:30 – Fitness #203   <b>7 pm Worship</b>	<b>31</b>
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