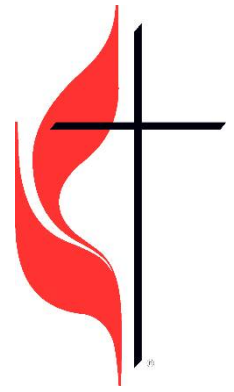




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LOVE GOD....LOVE PEOPLE....REACH OUT

CAREGIVING MEETING FOR MEN

A couple months ago, two retired men from our church met each other in the grocery store. These men were not on quick pick-up runs. No, they were there to get *all* the groceries for their homes. They were planning the menus, buying the groceries, and cooking the meals. This was a relatively new experience for both of them, as for most of their lives their wives had done this work. However, these men were now caring for their wives at home, and the household responsibilities also now fell upon them.

Realizing in that moment they had something in common, these men thought it might be nice to get together with other men in a similar situation. And so, the idea for a gathering of men who provide daily care for their wives began.

The next meeting for men caring for their wives will be Thursday, December 13th at 10:00 AM in the meeting room of Sopa's Restaurant in Bosque Farms.

This group is dear to my heart because I watched my dad care for my mom for several years while her health deteriorated from the effects of type 1 diabetes. I know that each situation is different, but the physical and emotional strain on those who care for their loved ones is real. A man recently spoke with me about the biting loneliness that also sets in when caring for a spouse, as his outside social contacts and activities are consumed by the need to give care around the clock every day.

The goal of this breakfast group is to allow men who are caregivers to share and be with one another. There is no set agenda. Just come and enjoy the company and fellowship and time away from home for a little while.

I believe caregiving is God work. When husbands and wives proclaim in their wedding vows before God, "for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health," these men take their vows seriously. When Jesus proclaims that he is present when we minister to "the least of these," Jesus is present when we care for our loved ones.

Let us honor and celebrate the many caregivers among us.

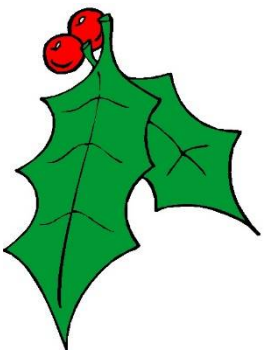
Pastor David

AFTERSHOCK

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

- December 16 the youth will visit the home of Jim Kubisak for a holiday light show and Christmas celebration. We will leave the church about 5pm and return by 8:30pm. This is always a great time sharing with good friends and checking out Jim’s cool stuff.
- HAYRIDE CAROLING: The youth will be hosting our annual Christmas caroling hayride on Dec. 23. We leave from the church at 2pm on the back of a trailer stacked with hay bales and travel throughout Peralta and Bosque Farms singing carols for residents along the way. Everyone is invited but remember it gets really cold so dress warmly.
- AFTERSHOCK CHRISTMAS PARTY: Afterward, we will enjoy some really good, and warm, food and refreshments as we celebrate Christ and one another with our annual Aftershock Christmas party. There will be fun, games, white elephant gift exchange for 6th grade and up, as well as gifts available for the younger siblings. This party is for the whole family so get ready to enjoy yourselves as we celebrate together.

LET US PUT ASIDE OUR DIFFERENCES AND ENJOY THE PRESENTS OF THE PRESENCE OF OUR LORD. AMEN.



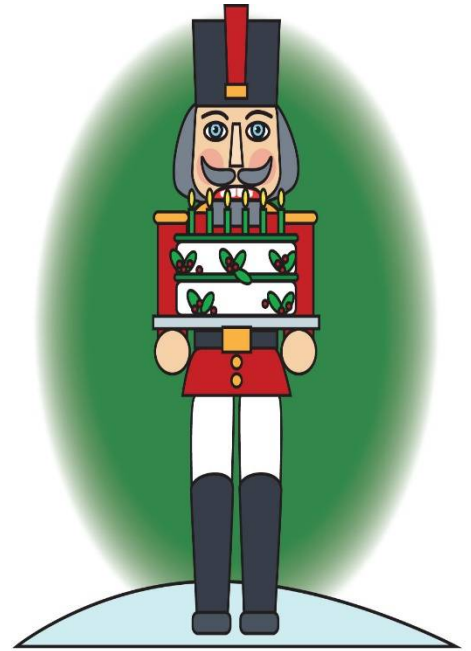
Crafty Ladies

*With heartfelt appreciation and **THANKS** to everyone who helped with the 40th Annual Holiday Bazaar!*

*To all who shopped, who baked, who created the wreaths, aprons, wagons, ornaments, candies, etc...etc... **THANKS!***

*To those who worked tirelessly to set up and take down, those who volunteered at the Bazaar and to the Methodist Men for their burritos & taco soup. **THANKS.** We share our joys with you all, and thank God for all He blesses us with. Merry CHRISTmas!!!*

December 2 – Bill Killough
December 4 – Sherry Kallenbach
December 4 – Tinka Platt
December 4 – Tracy McRae
December 4 – Samantha Inman
December 5 – James Matsutani
December 5 – Tekota Lumpkin
December 5 – Keira Vaughn
December 6 – Lynn Carrell
December 8 – Kelley Green
December 8 – Luke Rindels
December 9 – C.J. Huff
December 11 – Caity Signorello
December 12 – John Gobert
December 18 – Troy Meyer
December 18 – Crystal Armas
December 19 – Chris Broekstra
December 20 – Emma Harris
December 21 – Jeanette Smith
December 26 – Cheryl Huber
December 26 – Carol Smith
December 27 – Mike Buvinghausen
December 27 – Dominic Medina
December 28 – Pedro Morales
December 29 – Patti Harris-Thompson
December 30 – Lily Genson
December 31 – Angie Davis



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



December 3 – Trevor & Carissa Green
December 5 – Jack & Gayle Stayton
December 7 – Butch & Stella West
December 31 – David & Melissa Madara



Nativity Walk

will be held on
Saturday
December 8th from
10 am to 5 pm in
Fellowship Hall



Please call/text Kaye Groves or Linda Smith if you'd like to participate. Kaye can be reached at, 865-9163 or 290-7906 or ladyrv2013@yahoo.com; Linda at 610-6021 or ubclsmith@aol.com.

Participants: Please bring your nativity scenes to the Fellowship Hall to set them up on Friday, December 7th between 1:00 and 5:00 pm.

Come Join Us

At a Workshop for the Sanctuary Art-Glass

Window Treatment Project December, 2018 Schedule

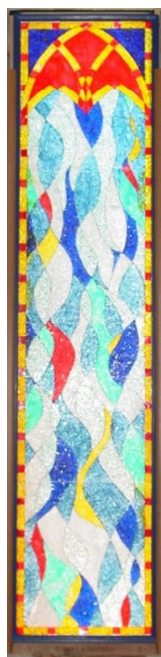
Please note: The December 1 workshop has been cancelled so we can attend the John Almquist memorial service.

In December we will have fewer workshops, we will be meeting:

- ◆ **Saturday, December 8, 1:00 to 3:00**
- ◆ **Saturday, December 15, 1:00 to 3:00 -JOIN US for Christmas snacks! (If you wish---bring an inexpensive grab-bag gift to exchange)**
- ◆ **Wednesday, December 19, 1:00 to 3:00**

The workshop is located in the NW Suite of the north

"portable" building where you can park close to the workshop.



No experience is necessary, and all materials will be provided. Join in the fun! (We do not charge you for the therapy.) Call Sylvia Regelbrugge at 505-565-5913 with questions.



A FAMILY BLESSING

Lord of all,

Bless our families,
be they formed by blood
or by circumstance,
make them holy.

May we find You
in our relationships,
in our marriages, in our families,
in our households,
in our communities,
in our global humanity.

May we look across all that divides us
and see family,
and embrace as a family does,
and love as a family ought to.

For where two or three gather
in Your name, there You are.

AMEN

Would you like to be a partner in Prayer Warriors? If so, please contact Ruth or the church office (numbers are listed below).

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.

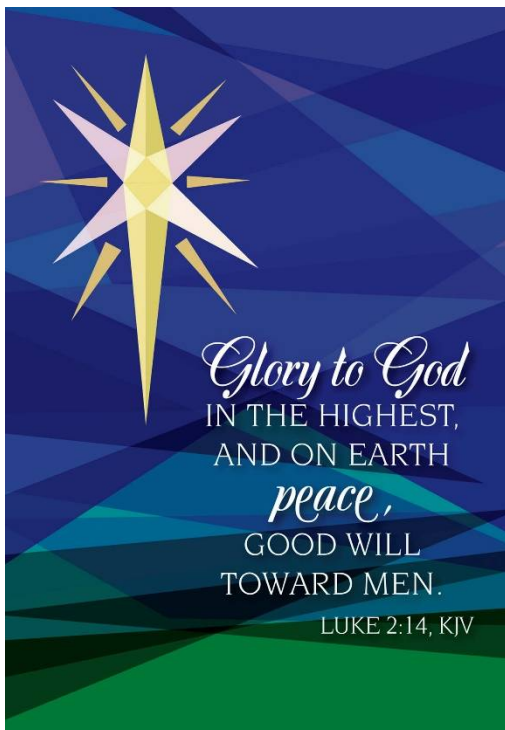
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Conrad Joseph Hughes-Faganello **Cure for Cancer** Eva Timmons **J'Amy Creel**
Jim Kubisak **Janette Baughman** Diego **Jim & Melba Derossett** Makayla Christopher
Joleen Baughman Karen Fastnacht **Nate Meyer** USA Leaders **Larry Huff**
Michael Garrison **Our Freedom** Richard & Linda Darnell **Lori Buvinghausen**
All Caregivers Anne Cassidy-Vigil **All military & their families** Beth & Dennie Miller
Pauline Taylor Mike & Ruth Romero **Cassie Vigil-Otero** Chris Knox **Bill Lynch** Our Freedom



On Friday December 21,
a special worship service
will be held at 6:30 pm
in the Sanctuary.

Why is it called "Blue Christmas"? Because not everyone is feeling "up and cheery" for the Christmas holidays, and possibly feeling like they're 'blue'. Dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or some other disease that puts a question mark over the future --- any other number of human situations that make thinking of parties and joviality painful. The link to holding the service at this time of year connects the longest day of the year with St. Thomas the Apostle and his struggle to believe Jesus' resurrection with the struggle of darkness and grief faced by those living with any type of loss.

Everyone is invited – and welcomed –
to join in this service of quiet and remembrance
to feel and experience the love of God that is with us **ALL THE TIME.**



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Candlelight & Communion

3:00 pm

7:00 pm





The Salvation Army bell ringing has been a part of our church for many years!!!

We thank everyone for their participation in years past, and again **we need help** with this year's campaign.

If you are able, please call and sign up for a 2 hour slot. Bell Ringing is done at Wal Mart and at Smith's. The red kettle & bells are provided, all you need is a warm coat, gloves and maybe a stool to rest on.

Of course a SMILE is always helpful!!!

A new team has formed to continue this great ministry and support of the people of Valencia County. Thank you for all the support. Lanna Sharp 505-615-8042, Wayne Sharp 505-620-8042



END OF YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS -

If you would like a written statement of the donations you made to Peralta Methodist in 2018, please fill out a form which can be found on the Welcome Table in the Narthex. Thank you!!!

If you contributed to the church electronically, you can find your personal information on VANCO.

Pastor David

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Marlow

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Larry

Shelby

Church Staff



Melodie

Lanna

Heather




Danielle

Kristen

Genevieve



DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Cub/Boy Scouts float build, morning Almquist Memorial 2 pm, Sanctuary; Reception following in Auditorium
2 – 1st Sunday Advent 8:30 Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 6 pm – AfterShock Youth	3 9:30 – Soul #103 Food Pantry 10-12:30 1 pm – Tai Chi, FH 2 pm – Yoga, FH 4:30 – Fitness #203 6 – Emmaus #101 6- Scouts, Ed Bldg	4 3:30 – LOGOS Homework, C Room 4:30 – 7 – LOGOS Last of LOGOS until 2019 4 - Tai Ji, Fell Hall 4:30– Fitness, #203 6:30 – Trustees, 201	5 NMSU set up, Auditorium 12 noon 4:30 – Fitness #203 6 pm – Girl Scouts, 6 pm Bible #101 6 pm – Praise Team 7 pm - Choir	6 NMSU class, Auditorium 9-1 9 am Exercise, FH 10:30-Tai Chi II, FH 12 pm -Tai Ji II, FH, 4:30 – Fitness #203 6 pm – Cub leaders 6 pm Scripture Sisters, Fell Hall Kitch 6 – Worship - #104 6:30 – L.L.L., #101 7 pm – SPRC, #104	7 10:– Sisterhood, #103 1-5 – Nativity Walk set up in Fell Hall 4:30 – Fitness #203 6:30 – R.I.F.F. #104 6:30 – EMMAUS in Conf. Room	8 NATIVITY WALK – 10 am to 5 pm, Fellowship Hall 10:30 am – Threads of Love, Conf room Window proj 1-3 Recital, Sanctuary 5-7 pm
9- 2nd Sunday Advent 7 am – UMM Breakfast, Conf Room 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11 am – Worship 6 pm - AfterShock	10 Food Pantry, 10 am 1 pm – Tai Chi, FH 2 pm – Yoga, FH 4:30 – Fitness, #203 6 pm Emmaus #101 6 pm –Scouts, Ed Bldg 6:30 – Finance mtg. #104	11 UMW/Mary Circle, Fellowship Hall, 9:30 am 4 pm – Tai Ji, #203 4:45–Fitness #203	12 4:30 – Fitness #203 6 Bible Study #101 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Ed Bldg. 6 pm Praise Team 7 pm Choir	13 9 am Exercise, FHI 10:30 – Tai Chi II 12pm – Tai Ji II, F H 4:30 Fitness #203 6 pm Scripture Sisters, FH Kitchen 6:30 – Ad Council, Conference Room	14 No Huddle 4:30 – Fitness #203 6:30 – R.I.F.F. #104	15 Fell Hall & Kitchen reserved UMW, 9:30 am Window Proj 1-3
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