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MAY

We Serve Christ So All Will Follow Him

V e t e r a n s ' M i n i s t r y - B y V e t e r a n s , F o r V e t e r a n s

When I came to Peralta Memorial UMC, I quickly realized the strength and the prominence of our veterans and current military members. I was awed and will continue to be so by their service to our country and dedication to the well-being of our community. I also saw a wonderful opportunity for outreach, as there are many veterans in our community who do not have a church home.

A couple years ago, at our Annual Conference of New Mexico United Methodist Churches, Chaplain David Bachelor of Albuquerque, who has deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, presented a plan for a new project called the Warrior Wash. It was a weekend program for veterans to be held in area churches. The Warrior Wash program was based on the concept that we, as a society, can learn something from Old Testament practices of "cleansing" warriors as they return from battle, allowing experienced veterans to help debrief and mentor those recently returning from military service. The original Warrior Wash provided veterans and military members with a weekend of prayer, discussion, and ritual cleansing like foot washing.

As we were planning to hold our own Warrior Wash at Peralta, Chaplain Bachelor suspended the program as it existed. Chaplain Bachelor told me that the original Warrior Wash wasn't working out. Many veterans would attend the first session and then leave at the first break; the time commitment and spiritual depth were much greater than many of the attendees were expecting. And so, Chaplain Bachelor took some time to redesign the program.

The new version of the Warrior Wash program has two elements. The first is a church-based veterans' and military group that meets monthly, often over a meal. The monthly meeting includes a Bible study, written by Chaplain Bachelor, that introduces some of the concepts from the old Warrior Wash in a more gradual way. The second element is a five-day camp and retreat for a select few warriors who are committed to attend (think of it like an Emmaus Walk or other spiritual retreat.)

David Meyer, who has served for twelve years in the United States Navy, has stepped forward to lead our group. **The first organizational meeting will take place Sunday, May 17th at 12:15 PM in the Community Building.** ALL VETERANS AND MILITARY members are welcome to attend. Lunch will be provided. Those who have not served in the military, please join me in prayer that we, the church, may support those who selflessly serve our country.

With gratitude, Pastor David

AfterShock News

THE TREASURE OF SHIVER RIVER

A Mel odramawith all the boos and hisses
complete with a l ovel y Country Styl e
BBQ dinner , Saturday may 9th, 6 pm

There were only 100 tickets made available (and 53 have already been sold) so get your tickets SOON so you won't miss out!!! Tickets are on sale from the office or between services at church for \$15 each --- or bring your best friend or your dog at a cost of \$25 for two.

Come, help Col. Sanders sell his livestock (you may be surprised) and help our local gold diggers find the treasure, while keeping the villain from stealing the show!

The Treasure of Shiver River will brighten your day so come and enjoy as the youth perform a great melodrama just for you.

God answers prayer and His timing is always perfect.

Last month we asked for your prayers concerning the church bus. We praise God that we now have a solution to transform the GREAT Yellow Bus into a 15 passenger vehicle with a cargo area in the back. Thank you to everyone who has spoken to the Lord on this behalf. We do need to still come up with \$1200 for new tires and \$500 to make the cargo area safe and sufficient... so please keep the prayers coming and thank you for your prayers and support.

Sunday, May 10th

*Happy
Mother's Day*



GRADUATIONS



Monday, May 25th





**With Honor & Gratitude
We Remember**

Dear Heavenly Father,
As we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of Your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please hold our servicemen and women in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and your presence as they stand in the gap for our protection.

We also remember the families of our troops. We ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we pray your peace, provision, and strength will fill their lives.

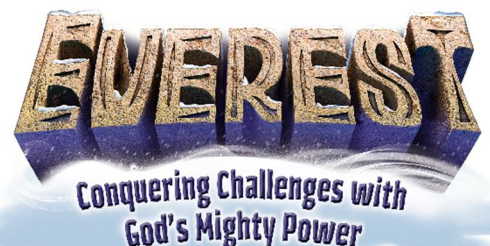
May the members of our armed forces be supplied with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

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.

Pastor David & Family Abundant Grace Free Store **All military & their families** Lynn Schultz
Don & Peggy Gleichman **Dorothy Marta** Erma Ward **Donna and Mike Heppler**
Conrad Joseph Hughes-Faganello Marj West **Cure for Cancer** Eva Timmons
J'Amy Creel Jim Kubisak **Janette Baughman** Jim & Melba Derosssett
 Joleen Baughman Karen Fastnacht **Nate Meyer** USA Leaders
Michael Garrison Our Freedom **Richard & Linda Darnell** Lori Buvinghausen

Vacation Bible School this summer will be held during the week of July 13 – 17th from 9:00 am to 12 noon. Be on the look-out for more information in the coming weeks!!



Hymn History

His Name Is Wonderful - 1959



“Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name.” Philippians 2:9

This song was born in a small church. In an era when bigger is better and success is usually measured by statistics, it’s important to remember that small churches can still do great things.

Audrey Mae Mier was born on May 12, 1916, and attended L.I.F.E. Bible College. After marrying Charles B. Mier in 1936, she was ordained to the Gospel ministry in the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel.

Audrey was a gifted pianist and an inspiring worship leader, song director, and choral clinician. In the 1950s, she was working in her brother-in-law’s church, Bethel Union Church in Duarte, California, a suburb of Los Angeles. Christmas fell on Sunday that year, and the church was decorated with pine boughs. The choir loft was now a manger scene, and the young people had worked hard on the performance.

“As the morning service began,” Audrey later said, “I was almost overwhelmed with the fragrance, the sounds, and most of all, with the gentle moving of the Spirit in that church. The pastor stood to his feet, opened the Bible, and said, ‘His name shall be called Wonderful.’ I tell you the truth, that’s all it took. I wrote the words and music in the flyleaf of my Bible. In the Sunday evening service, I taught the chorus to a group of young people, and it was sung for the first time.”

But Audrey had only written the first part of the song, and though it was well-received, it needed more. A friend told her, “Audrey, it’s a good song but there just isn’t enough of it. Maybe you could write a bridge for it.” Audrey went to lunch that day with her friend’s advice ringing in her ears. She ordered a hamburger, opened her Bible, and found a list of names given to Jesus in the Scripture. She jotted some of them down on her napkin. After returning to her office, Audrey went to the piano and began writing: “He’s the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, Almighty God is He...”

Though it was inspired on Christmas day by a traditional Christmas text, “His Name Is Wonderful” has never been pegged as a Christmas hymn. It’s been a favorite of Christians around the world throughout the year.

(Story taken from Then Sings My Soul, by Robert J. Morgan.)



Crafty Ladies will meet May 5th & 6th

from 9:00 AM until about 2 PM in Fellowship Hall.

Come to craft and fellowship with us, even stay for lunch!! You do not need to be "crafty" in order to fit in. There are lots of support jobs; & there truly is something for everyone to contribute! If you can't come to meetings, maybe you can donate items, like so many generous people already do.

We are still in need of cups and saucers, stuffing for pillows, and ping-pong balls. Please bring donations to the church at any time or directly to us on meeting days.

For more information call Lois Meadors at 865-6791, Kelley Green at 865-6975 or the church office.



**May 12 at 9:30 AM
In Fellowship Hall
Is the next meeting of
Mary Circle/UMW**

Mary Circle meetings are still designed to be very informal with plenty of time for fellowship and sharing. We now open our meetings with our prayer time, which respects our desire to put the emphasis on prayer. Over and above that, we are the link to the United Methodist Women beyond our doors; therefore we had two representatives, Naomi Jordan and Marianne Lynch attend the Albuquerque District Annual Meeting in Farmington on April 18th! We thank them for representing us! They will bring us a report.

Also on May 12th, Linda Haverty, our District President and Darlene Darcy, treasurer will visit us from Belen and be available to answer questions. Marjorie West will lead us in devotions and will also serve as our hostess!

The theme of the District Meeting was "New Beginnings" which is also the name of a women's shelter in Farmington and our mission emphasis for this year. We are so thankful for the very generous support the Women of Mary Circle give! Naomi and Marianne took over 40 lbs of "In-Kind" donations of cleaning supplies, etc. and a large cash donation for New Beginnings, plus a contribution for the offering which also goes to missions. Last month we sent a sizable donation to the district for "Prayer and Self-Denial." Our group truly has a heart for mission!

At our April meeting we completed the place cards for the April 26th LOGOS event. We will continue to consider how we can cooperate with that program and are constant in our prayers for them and all our children and their leaders, but no craft projects this time.

Our theme this year is "Welcomed by God, We Welcome All." That means you, too! Please considering joining us on May 12! For more information, contact Chris Knox at 865-7864 or the church office.



**SUNDAY, MAY 31ST --- after 2ND service
in the Auditorium**



May - Wyatt Harris
May 1 – Margaret Zartman
May 1 - Nina Eastburn
May 1 – Sam Blaine
May 5 – Jean Babb
May 5 – Jim Kneifl
May 7 - Thomas Selisky
May 7 – Crystal Hernandez-Harris
May 10 – Cindy Russell
May 10 – Nathaniel Meyer
May 14 – Jackie Inman
May 15 – Ted Van Curen
May 16 - Case Roy McNabb
May 17 – Wayne Sharp
May 18 – Rowena Kerry
May 19 – Clint Kallenbach
May 20 – Stella West
May 21 – Butch West
May 21 – Dorothy Vaughan
May 22 – Jenna Hiott
May 22 – Heather Parker
May 22 – Brian Eubank
May 25 – Chuck Eastburn
May 25 – Dallie Saiz
May 27 – Diana Ward
May 27 – Sherry Eichwald
May 27 – Sara Sams
May 28 – Bill Grotefend
May 30 – Steve Davis

May 15 – David & Katie Saiz
May 17 – Matt & Joleen Atencio
May 20 – Wayne & Lanna Sharp
May 21 – Charlie & Mary Ann Poore
May 21 – Gabe & Michelle Candelaria
May 23 – Don & Corene Honeyfield
May 24 – John & Meredith Row
May 26 – Jim & Melba Derosssett





T h a n k Y o u !!!

Many thanks and hugs to all who contributed to the Kairos Prison Ministry program that took place at the New Mexico Women’s Correctional Facility in Grants on the weekend of April 9-12. PMUMC members were so generous with your donations of money, purchasing meal tickets, cookies (LOTS of cookies) and prayer. The devil was trying to keep the Kairos program from happening by causing all kinds of havoc. We encountered many challenges and changes of plans, but we were able to follow through with the program and GOD WON! When we go out to minister to others, it is so good to have the support of our church family. It was AWESOME!!! Thank you!

Margrace Grotefend, Jennifer York, Jane Reynolds, Micky Killough, Brenda Wolf-Robinson, and Jonathan Robinson



*Aubrey Notman
Memorial Library*

It's the Notman Memorial Library & we are open from 9:30-10:45 every Sunday and also by appointment or you may obtain a key from the office.

The library committee met on April 2 to continue to process more material and rearrange the collection, especially curriculum material. There is still a donation box in the workroom, (off the Narthex) -please only leave adult Christian material in good condition. Thanks to everyone for the great donations so far!

Adult Bible study leaders, please remember that there are materials and resources for you in the library. Since we have all finished The Story, some samples of new curriculum has been purchased for you to preview.

The committee noted that many books have been checked out for some time. If you have library books that you have been intending to return, please do so. You can bring them on Sunday morning, as many of you are right there for Sunday School, or you can leave them just outside the library door.

For more information contact Chris Knox at 865-864, Karen Bonanno at 869-4214, or the church office at 865-9334. Remember we are always willing to listen to your suggestions!

From the Finance and Stewardship Committees:



Are you interested in making your pledge – tithe – donation ---to the church via “Electronic Funds Transfer” on a continuing, monthly basis?

Briefly: you would give written permission and pertinent bank information regarding your monthly giving to the Church Treasurer, Genevieve (all information is confidential and secure). The requested amount would then be

automatically deducted from your account and sent electronically to the church’s account each month– until you terminate this action in writing.

If you are interested, please e-mail or call the church office to have the authorization form sent to you...

pmumc@peraltamethodist.org or call 865-9334 from 8:30 to 3:00 pm Monday-Thursday.)

If you prefer to handle the electronic transfer of funds yourself or want a paper check sent from your bank to the church, ask your banking institution about their “Bill Pay” option.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu		Sat
					1 Study group, 10 am Fell Hall Emmaus, 6:30 pm Fell Hall	2
3 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 12:15 – Youth LT, F.H. 5:00 – Bell choir 6:00 – AfterShock Youth	4 Food pantry, 10-12:30 pm Emmaus, #101, 6 pm Scouts, Ed Bldg 6-8 pm N.O.W. meeting 6:30 pm, Conf Room	5 Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall, 9:30-2:00 Girl Scouts, & Boy Scouts Weather program, Conf Rm, 6:00 pm EVERYONE IS INVITED. Worship meeting, 6 pm, #104 Trustees, 6:30, #103 Lay Leadership, #101, 7 pm	6 Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall, 9:30-2:00 Study, #101, 6 pm Praise Team, 6 pm Choir. 7 pm SPRC, 7 pm #104	7 Exercise class, 9 am Fell Hall Stewardship, #104, 6:30 pm	8 Study, Fell Hall 10:00 am	9 Threads of Love, 10:30 am, Fell Hall Auditorium reserved for DINNER THEATRE at 6:00 pm
10 – Mother’s Day 7:00 – Men’s Breakfast 8:30- Worship 9:45- Sunday School 11:00- Worship 5:00 Bell Choir	11 Food pantry, 10-12:30 pm Emmaus, #101, 6 pm Scouts, Ed Bldg. 5 pm Leaders 6-8 pm-Pack Finance mtg, #104, 6:30 pm	12 U.M.W., Fell Hall 9:30 am Girl Scouts, 6-8 Ed. Bldg. Tea meeting, #102 6:30 pm	13 Study, #101, 6 pm Praise Team, 6 pm Choir, 7 pm	14 Exercise class, 9 am Fell Hall Ad Council, 6:30 pm, Conf Rm First Place 4 Health, #101, 6:30 pm	15 Study, Fell Hall 10:00 am Auditorium set up for 4/19	16
17 8:30- Worship 9:45- Sunday School 11:00- Worship 12:15 – VBS meeting, Fell Hall 12:15 – Veterans group mtg, #101 5:00 Bell Choir 6:00 – AfterShock Youth	18 Food pantry, 10-12:30 pm Presbyterian Health Plan Ed class, Fell Hall, reserved 12-3 Emmaus, #101, 6 pm Scouts, Ed Bldg 6-8 pm	19 Girl Scouts, 6-8 Ed. Bldg.	20 Study, #101, 6 pm Praise Team, 6 pm Choir, 7 pm	21 Exercise class, 9 am Fell Hall First Place 4 Health, #101, 6:30 pm	22 Study, Fell Hall 10:00 am Deadline for June newsletter info/articles	23 Girl Scouts Awards Ceremony, Fell Hall & Gazebo, 2-8 pm
24 7:00 – Men’s Breakfast 8:30- Worship 9:45- Sunday School 11:00- Worship 5:00 Bell Choir 6:00 – AfterShock Youth	25 – Memorial Day holiday Office closed Food pantry, will be open 10-12:30 pm Emmaus #101, 6 pm	26 Girl Scouts, Ed Bldg, 6-8 pm	27 Study, #101, 6 pm No Praise Team No Choir	28 Exercise class, 9 am Fell Hall First Place 4 Health, #101, 6:30 pm	29 Study, Fell Hall 10:00 am Auditorium set up for Sunday	30
31 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 12 noon – 5 th Sunday Potluck 5:00 Bells Sanctuary 6:00 – AfterShock Youth	June 1 Food pantry, 10:00 to 12:30 Emmaus 6 pm #101	June 2 Crafty Ladies, 9:00-2:00, Fell Hall	June 3 Crafty Ladies, 9:00-2:00, Fell Hall Study, 6 pm #101 Praise Team 6 pm Choir 7 pm NM Annual Conference- Glorieta	June 4 Exercise, 9 am, Fell Hall First Place 4 Health, #101, 6:30 pm	June 5 Study, 10 am, Fell Hall EMMAUS, 6:30 Fell Hall	June 6