

# Peralta Memorial United Methodist Church

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We Serve Christ So All Will Follow Him

The Flame

### TIME TO REST

It's mid-morning, the Monday after Easter at our house. As I'm writing this article Julia is napping, Samuel is curled up on the couch, and Melissa is resting, too. Some days we just have to rest. I know I've written an article similar to this before, but it is so easy for us to forget the importance of rest. Sometimes I think I can do it all. Sometimes I just work myself too blasted hard. Sometimes I engage in the idolatry of the self, thinking that I can solve every problem.

As we become followers of Jesus we have to remember that Jesus rested – intentionally. We remember that God made the Sabbath for us to rest, yet we try to do just a little more and then a little more and find ourselves exhausted. Indeed, it is easy for us to forget one of the Ten Commandments: keeping the Sabbath holy – set aside for God – different.

How do you like to rest? Do you prefer to spend quiet time alone, or would you rather be in the company of family or friends? Do you like to nap, fish, read, hike, hunt, build, paint, go to the spa, or go to a concert? There is no wrong way to rest, as long as it is rest! And while we're resting, may we take some time to be in God's presence, too. After all, God is longing to spend time with us.

May we all find intentional times of rest this Spring. We will be happier. Our lives will be more fruitful. Our church will look even more like God's house.

Peace and rest to you!



### Crafty Ladies will meet on April 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall

Please join us for crafting and fellowship!!!

For more information about Crafty Ladies call Lois Meadors at 865-6791, Kelley Green at 865-6975 or the church office, 865-9334.



## Come support the saCramento assembly Summer Campers!

There will be a spaghetti dinner Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, from 5 pm to 7:30 pm in the Auditorium of the community building.

We have several youth, ages 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to senior high, that would like to attend camp. The families of Peralta Memorial UMC are raising money for those students to attend.

If you would like to help with the spaghetti dinner or have any questions, please call Diana Galey at 350-0919.

We look forward to seeing you there!

The FLOCK

(Families Looking Over Christ's Kids)

## AfterShock Youth Group

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

We had a terrific turnout for the Good Friday Pilgrimage to Tome Hill. 34 people left from the parking lot of the church to walk the ditch bank, about 9 miles to the hill and back to the base to the Platt's home. It is always a great time of fellowship and personal reflection. One of the things we asked at the top was, why did you choose to make this walk? Different people walk for different reasons, and we always see some very different kinds of people on the way. Some carry small wooden crosses, some bigger and heavier crosses, some walk the hill barefoot and we even have seen some who crawl on hands and knees up the rocky terrain. Whatever the reason people make this walk, Jesus is at the center, He is on our minds, and we know that He is walking with us. We got up Friday morning feeling good; anticipation upon our hearts, but over 2000 years ago, Jesus started that walk with deep wounds upon His body and His heart. He carried the burden of an extremely heavy cross and an even heavier burden of our sin ...yours...and mine. These are some of the reflections we discussed and then we prayed for one another, for our community, and for this broken country we live in. All in all, it is good to commune with one another and God on such a day as Good Friday.

**Thank you, thank you** to the Platt's for hosting our annual Good Friday brunch, it was a delicious meal and fellowship time and those who helped to make it happen are terrific: Tinka and Terry, Susi, Cynthia, Theresa, Beth, Melodie, Larry, Dorothy, and...if we missed anyone we certainly didn't mean to. This was near as we can tell about the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Good Friday walk, and God is certainly good *all the time*.

#### **SPRING BREAK WORK DAY**

The youth will be having a workday during Spring break, we haven't decided the exact day yet so be thinking about which day works best for everyone. We really need to complete the clean-up of the Wright building so we can finalize it for storage. Everyone's help will be greatly appreciated, food and ice-cream supplied!!!!



Thanks

From Melodie Huff, Children's Ministries Director

Thank you to all who **generously** gave donations for the egg hunt – what a fun time the children experienced! Special thanks to Carolyn Honeyfield who filled 23 dozen eggs!!! To All My Dear Prayer Warriors,

I share this "letter" with you. Thank you for your prayers, Ruth Romero



I know that many days you feel like a weary Warrior, too tired to fight.

I see you when you have exhausted your faith and lost your passion for my people.

Today, I want to paint an eternal picture for My beloved Warrior.

Every act of kindness you share will water someone's thirsty soul.

Every time you pray for someone, you are changing their destiny from darkness to light.

Your faith will continue to be a raging fire that will burn in the hearts

of many generations who follow your wonderful works on earth.

Love, Your Eternal King

From Pintrest, heckyeahjesussaves

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.

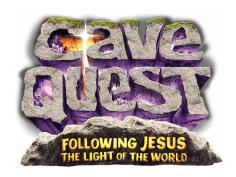
Valencia County Abundant Grace Free Store Pastor David & Family Lynn Schultz Erma Ward Karel & Martha Pekarek Don & Peggy Gleichman Dorothy Marta Mike Heppler Marj West **Conrad Joseph Hughes-Faganello** Cure for Cancer **Eva Timmons** J'Amy Creel Jim Kubisak Janette Baughman Jim & Melba Derossett **Janet & Larry Hardy Larry Huff** Joleen Baughman Karen Fastnacht **Nate Meyer USA Leaders** Lori Buvinghausen Michael Garrison Terry & Cheryl Huber **Our Freedom** Richard & Linda Darnell **All Caregivers** Anne Cassidy-Vigil All military & their families Randy Ward



### Abundant Grace Free Store-Friendship Tea & Fashion Show

The Free Store Friendship Tea will be Saturday, June 4th, 2016 from 2 to 4 pm.

Tickets will be available beginning April 13.
Contact Genevieve to purchase yours.
Tickets... only \$ 10.00



# News from *Cave Quest 2016!*Cave Quest is June 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2016!

Thank You to all the volunteers that we already have ....but we are still in need of more volunteers.

We are looking for volunteers in the following areas;

registration, sound and video, crafts, leaders and assistants for the kindergarten group, 1st and 2nd grade group and 3rd and 4th grade group. If you are interested in any of these areas please call or email me at the number and address at the end of the article. Always remember we can use as many volunteers as possible and are grateful to each and every one of you.

Our next Cave Quest meeting will be **Sunday**, **April 17**, **2016 right after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service**. Please plan on attending and bring any updated information. I will need your list of supplies that you will be needing that way we can start "shopping."

Just a reminder, if you plan on being part of the Cave Quest team you need to be Safe Sanctuaries Trained. There will be an adult training on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm and Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. You may also do the training online if you would like. Marlow will also provide a Safe Sanctuaries Training just for the Youth, on the Sunday before VBS.

**Cave Quest 2016** is only 2 months away, so please help us out by spreading the word! Let everyone know that at **Cave Quest** they will be following **Jesus** through the light of the world! Let people know that there will be lots of cool stuff at Cave Quest, like Bible expeditions, great games and yummy snacks. Again all this fun stuff will happen June 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00am and ending at 12:00pm daily.

We will have the registration form in May's <u>Flame</u>, plus we will be having early registration after church services starting in May. If you have any questions about Cave Quest or just want to volunteer, please call or email me at (505) 306-5551 or <a href="mailto:scthlumpkin@yahoo.com">scthlumpkin@yahoo.com</a>. Thank you to everyone that has already volunteered and for everyone's support.

Are you searching for a place to serve God?

Consider some of these opportunities. Call the church office if you are interested.

- Reading scripture for one month during either 8:30 or 11:00 am worship service
- Helping at the Food Pantry on Mondays from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm
- Assisting in children's Sunday school --- or at LOGOS on Tuesdays --- or VBS in June
- Taking donations to the Abundant Grace Free Store once a month
- Being an usher/greeter or assisting with communion one month a year
- Cooking for Youth Group; or helping at Youth Group or one of their special events



## Come and fellowship with us at Mary Circle/UMW on Tuesday, April 12, at 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall.

Mary Circle supports mission work throughout the world. We have put our emphasis on prayer beginning with those mission concerns listed in the official prayer calendar from all over the world, then continuing with special prayers for LOGOS and children's ministries, and ending

with church and personal concerns.

Our meetings are designed to be very informal with plenty of time for fellowship and sharing and refreshments. At this upcoming meeting, Judy Carson will serve as our hostess and also lead the program for us! We hope to see you then!

We are proud to announce that we have three members planning to attend the Albuquerque District Annual Meeting at Paradise Hills church in Albuquerque on April 23rd.

We are asking that everyone PLEASE support a Bake Sale that will be sponsored by UMW/Mary Circle on Sunday May 15th. We would appreciate receiving donated baked goods and of course.....customers! Thank you!

For more information call Chris Knox at 865-7864 or the Church office - or just join us on April 12th, we would love more "new" faces!

#### Hello everyone,

Recently I attended a United Methodist Women's weekend retreat at Sacramento Assembly. The retreat came at a perfect time since I was feeling spiritually run down and so very tired. I was excited as I drove the 4+ hours to Weed, NM. I arrived a bit late and walked in just as the other attendees were milling around. I have to admit, I was a little apprehensive; would I know anyone? Well, as I stood there feeling a bit out of place, I heard my name from across the room! It was my very first Circle friends! And then, I saw someone else from Los Alamos UMW! Finally, I met the guest lecturer, Reverend Diana Loomis; she was from McCurdy schools and I was a 1983 graduate of McCurdy. I knew I was with friends and family.

The weekend was about creating our own Happiness Action Plan. It was interesting because at work we have Health Action Plans. How appropriate that UMW would have a Happiness Action Plan. Reverend Diana talked quite a bit about what happiness is and how easy it is to get caught up with life and lose our happiness. We read and talked about selected scripture, listened to uplifting music and we colored beautiful pictures. Of course we had time to talk about things as only women can!!! She encouraged each of us to keep happiness in our lives; and to remember to keep God in that plan. We must each remember to keep our happiness plan close by and keep it current to reflect changes in our lives. And most of all, we need to keep Christ in the center of our plans; through Christ we can truly find the happiness we often lose and forget! As an aside, we also learned about the new changes at McCurdy Charter School and how the church is still involved in the Espanola Valley. Our offering that weekend went to support the McCurdy Ministries.

As I left Sunday morning, I realized just how much I missed the fellowship of other women in the church. I was saddened that I was leaving this circle of women, but excited that I had made new friends with UMW members just an arm's reach away!

I was encouraged by the women at the retreat to begin an evening circle at Peralta Memorial; so, if you see an invitation in the near future, please come on over!

I want to thank Mary Circle for providing me the opportunity to attend the retreat.

The next UMW event at Sacramento Assembly is Mission University this summer. Contact Chris Knox for more information.



### **LOGOS NEWS**



LOGOS is fast approaching the end of its first year at Peralta Memorial United Methodist Church.

Our last day for this year will be on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016. We chose that date to end the year since the month of May is always so very busy for parents and our staff volunteers with graduations, end of the year functions at school, and much more.

It will definitely feel a little empty not coming together each Tuesday for a while but we will definitely be busy preparing for LOGOS this Fall which will include our next Staff Training at the end of the summer.

Some important events that are coming up in April are:

**April 24<sup>th</sup> –** LOGOS Staff Appreciation Luncheon at 12:30 at Beulah (All staff should be receiving information in the mail regarding this event).

**April 26<sup>th</sup> –** Last Night of LOGOS....the Kids will be presenting something special during our Closing that night. It will be at 7:00 and we invite ALL who have participated in LOGOS in any way to come and see what our LOGOS kids have put together just for YOU! This includes all our LOGOS Parents as well.

**May 15<sup>th</sup> –** LOGOS Sunday at Church. On May 15<sup>th</sup> the LOGOS Kids and staff will be sharing with the congregation what LOGOS has meant to them. We will also be showing a slideshow of what was happening at LOGOS this year.

We have certainly been blessed this year with all of our kids and all of our staff that have come each week to participate in this mid-week miracle and we thank God for bringing this program to PMUMC.

Julieanne Frasier, Director Robyn Albani, Co-Director



# Young Adult Discussion Group 'Common Ground'

AGES: 20 to 30s but IDs will not be check at the door.

This group was formed because God has been leading our hearts to bring together local young adults to share God's word, group discussion, worldly contrasts, and our daily lives. In this group, participants will be able to safely share their thoughts, beliefs, feelings, understandings, misconceptions, and build new relationships. This will be a judgment free zone, so come just as you are.

Group discussions will begin with a ten minute video by Rob Bell. Discussions will be facilitated by leaders, but will follow different trails as group members participate in the conversation. These video sessions will occur every other week on Thursdays and Sundays. On the off Sundays, the meeting room will be open for members who wish to congregate, drink yummy beverages, and share conversation. On these off Sundays, Rhett will come prepared to lead a side discussion, based on Christian and biblical topics.

There will be two meeting options starting Sunday, April 3rd and Thursday, April 7th.

- 1. Sunday morning 9:45-10:45 in the Conference Room in the Community Building. This group will be led by Rhett. There will be a K-cup machine with multiple options to satisfy preferences. Childcare will be available for those who need it (Nursery or children's Sunday school classes).
- 2. Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30 upstairs in the Community Building. This group will be led by Renee. Light snacks and beverages will be planned. At this time there is no childcare available but no one will be turned away if they have to bring children with them (although discussions may tend toward adult topics).

A Facebook page has been set up to facilitate group participation, connectedness during off times, and to keep conversation alive between the two classes. Access to this page is provided upon request in order to maintain member's privacy. On this page you will find leaders' bios, links to previous videos, continued conversations from meetings, prayer requests, and anything that members feel like sharing with the group.

#### If you have any questions or comments please contact

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Renee (304-2130) reneekgarcia44@gmail.com
Pastor David (865-9334) davidmadara@rocketmail.com



April 1 - Bill Lansdell **April 3 - Mattea Demick April 3 - Kate Johns** April 4 - Renee Garcia **April 4 - Bernice Hughes** April 6 - Ambria Malizia **April 8 - Linda Smith April 11 - Alicedon Miller April 14 - Melba Derossett April 15 - Samuel Madara** April 17 - Rylan Green April 18 - Makayla Broekstra **April 18 - Steve Lansdell** April 18 - Barbara Springer April 19 - Ryan Honeyfield **April 21- Karen Bonanno** April 21 - Autumn Valigura **April 23 - Shelby Eubank** April 23 - Lana Baughman April 24 - Armando Malizia **April 28 - Theresa Blake April 29 - Margrace Grotefend** 

April 14 – Bill & Margrace Grotefend April 20 – Walt & Eva Timmons (65<sup>th</sup>) April 21 – Jerry Thompson & Patti-Harris Thompson April 22 – Steve & Angie Davis April 27 – Gilbert & Carole Row





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3 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 12:15 – Youth LT, Fell Hall 2:00 – Financial Peace, Conf Room 4 – Bells 5– Youth Praise Band 6 pm AfterShock Youth	Food Pantry, in Ed Bldg, Narthex 10-12:30 (9-1) No Cub Scouts Emmaus #101, 6:30 6:30 Stewardship mtg, #104 N.O.W., please submit reports by e-mail	5 RRFB Food Delivery Auditorium Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall, 9:00 am-2 pm NO LOGOS Financial Peace, #204, 6:30 pm Trustees, #201 6:30 pm	Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall, 9:00 am-2 pm NMSU set up in Auditorium 12 noon No Choir/Praise 6 pm Bible Study #101 6-8 pm, Girl Scouts, Ed Bldg.	Exercise, FH, 9 am NMSU cooking class, Auditorium 9 am-1 pm Worship comm. mtg, #101, 6:00 pm 6-7:30 – Study, #203 6:30 – First Place, Conf Room 6:30–GriefShare #103 6:30 – Common Ground, #204 6:45-8:45 – Boy Scouts, Ed. Bldg. 7 pm – SPRC #104	8 Bible Study, 10 am to 11:15, Fell Hall	Threads of Love, Fell Hall-10:30 am
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