

## Peralta Memorial United Methodist Church

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### We Serve Christ So All Will Follow Him

### A BALANCED WHEEL

Melissa and I share a vehicle ownership strategy: drive the wheels off the car! We "drive 'em into the ground" or at least until the maintenance costs truly exceed the book value and the car is deemed not worth fixing this time. I am very fussy about the upkeep of our cars. At the first sign of trouble the car goes in the shop. Oil changes must be done on time. Every six thousand miles the tires get rotated and rebalanced.

Have you ever had a wheel get out of balance? The result is a vibration or a wobble. You can't drive down the road straight, and the problem gets worse the faster you go. Sometimes a weight has fallen off a wheel. Sometimes tire wear has changed the balance of the wheel or perhaps the last balancing job wasn't done correctly.

So it is with our lives sometimes, as we fall out of balance. Our salvation through the grace and mercy of Christ is still intact, but we're wobbling down the road of life and faith. This can happen when circumstances of life hit us broadside, when our health or the health of another takes a turn, or even when we are pursuing a goal with tunnel vision, and we act with singular focus at the expense of other people and our own well-being.

Enter the Means of Grace – a time-tested, proven, biblical way of keeping our lives in balance. For hundreds of years, Christians who have followed these very things that Jesus does and tells us to do have found balance restored and a life-giving journey following Jesus. The Means of Grace have two categories: Works of Piety and Works of Mercy.

Works of Piety are intentional actions to strengthen and shape our own faith. Works of Piety that we can do alone include reading, meditating and sharing the Scriptures, prayer, fasting, regularly attending worship, healthy living, and sharing our faith with others. Works of Piety that we do with others include sharing in the sacrament of communion, holding each other accountable for our lives, and Bible studies.

Works of Mercy are ways that we reach out and find Jesus in other people, as Jesus commands us in Scripture. Works of Mercy include visiting the sick, visiting people in prison, feeding the hungry, giving generously to meet the needs of others, and fighting against injustice and oppression.

One of the reasons Peralta Memorial UMC is such a strong church is that we participate fully in many of these Means of Grace. By following Jesus's mandates, we do amazing things. However, if you are focused right now on Works of Mercy, I encourage you to take some time to participate also in Works of Piety, as the brokenness of our world will gradually unbalance you. Center yourself in Scripture and self-searching prayer again. If you are fully focused on Works of Piety, I encourage you to engage in some Works of Mercy – there are many opportunities at our church – in order to see Jesus Christ alive and at work, bringing hope and salvation! If you rarely or never have participated in the Means of Grace, I encourage you to begin. Your faith journey will come alive and your path will be smoother and straighter. May we all find balance as we follow Jesus Christ.

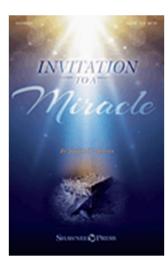
Pastor David



# It's Christmas Cantata Time!



## Calling all closet, shower and car radio singers!



Here is the perfect opportunity for you to lift praises to God in song in a large group setting. You will receive some Vocal/music training, a rehearsal cd to practice at home or in the car and lots of laughter. We will be singing, "Invitation to a Miracle" on Sunday, December 18th. The music has been ordered so as soon as it arrives, we will start rehearsing on Wednesday evenings at 7:00. Please contact me if you have any questions! Heather Rindels 866-1198---or e-mail hrindels4@msn.com

# AND THERE WERE TEN GOOD MEN!



That is.... ten wonderful men who came to help us at the Crafty Ladies meeting on August 16th.

They were so helpful and caring--working inside, outside and even in the kitchen! We ladies are so grateful for the tremendous help in finishing many projects, and the men even seemed to enjoy themselves!

Bill Grotefend cooked hamburgers and we had a great spread -- enough for two days and more!!

Thank you, Thank you, men! We can't say it enough! You are very, very appreciated!





My prayer for each of you is that every day you will "Put God in charge of your work, [so] then what you've planned will take place." (Proverbs 16:3) *The Messenger.* 

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



The next meeting of Mary Circle/UMW will be on **September 13**-the second Tuesday of the month as usual.

Why not mark your calendar for each second Tuesday and join us in **Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM;** we are gaining members and would like to see many more of you! All women and girls are welcome.

At Mary Circle we pray first, but we also learn, fellowship and reach out in mission! We are busy this month: Bernice Hughes will tell us about her experience and what she learned at Mission U; Roberta de la Rosa will serve as our hostess.

We have **election of officers** coming up, also preparations for **NM Conference Annual Meeting** in Alamogordo on October 15 & 16. Then there is a mission study, "The Bible and Human Sexuality" (a study from Mission U) at St. John's in Albuquerque on October 6. We need you all because there is a lot to do that is important.

Come and be a part of all of it. For more information call Chris Knox at 865-7864 or the church office.



**CRAFTY LADIES** September meetings are September 6, 7, 20 & 21 (the first and third Tuesdays and Wednesdays) from 9:00 am-2:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Please join us and help get ready for our most exciting time of the year--our famous bazaar!

All signs indicate that Bazaar time is coming up fast! We need bakers, especially people who will bake sweet breads in larger quantities. We will furnish recipes and the ingredients for you. It is best if you can come to pick these items up while we are meeting.

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SIGN UP for all baking AFTER BOTH SERVICES ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25th AND OCTOBER 2 If you want to sign up earlier, come at meeting time, or call Lois Meadors at 865-6791 or Kelley Green at 865-6975 – or speak with one of them directly. For more information you may also call the church office, 865-9334.



Aubrey Notman Memorial Library

### REMEMBER THE AUBREY NOTMAN LIBRARY IS OPEN BETWEEN SERVICES ON SUNDAYS AND IS AVAILABLE AT ANY TIME upon request.

We are still receiving donations which we welcome. Our collection consists of Christian books for adults including Christian fiction. We are in the process of inventorying and reorganizing our collection, <u>SO PLEASE HELP US BY</u> <u>RETURNING BOOKS YOU HAVE HAD CHECKED OUT FOR A LONG</u>

<u>TIME.</u> The best time to return books is Sunday morning, but you may leave them at the library door at any time and , if necessary, you may leave them in the workroom with a note. For more information contact Marianne Lynch at 620-7418 or the church office at 865-9334.

# Walk to Emmaus

Peralta has a strong Emmaus Community. We have a local gathering the first Friday of every month that includes a potluck dinner followed by worship. There is a women's reunion group that meets every Monday evening, a men's group meets every Friday morning, and a second women's group that will start meeting again on Tuesday mornings.

There is a need for another group and we would like to get another reunion group started. The planned time for this new group will be Friday evenings at the church. The group will meet for an hour. This would start at 6 or 6:30. It would be open to both men and women. If you are interested in this new group please contact Wayne Sharp at 505-620-8042 or email Wayne at <u>wsharp8042@msn.com</u>.



Hymn History

#### Are You Washed in the Blood?-1878



"To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood...to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." Revelation 1:5-6

As a preacher, Elisha Hoffman was of average ability, but as a minister who cared for the poor and downtrodden, he excelled. He also stands among the giants of the gospel song era, the author of such favorites as "I Must Tell Jesus", "Down at the Cross, " and "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

Elisha was born on May 7, 1839, in Orwigsburg, Pennsylvania, and died ninety years later, in 1929, in Chicago. His parents, Rev. Francis A. and Rebecca Ann Hoffman, were devoted to their son the middle name of Albright in honor of Jacob Albright, the denomination's founder.

Elisha attended public school in Philadelphia, then enrolled in Union Bible Seminary at New Berlin, Pennsylvania, planning to follow his father's footsteps into the ministry. When the Civil War erupted, Elisha served with the Forty-seventh Pennsylvania Infantry Division. Near the war's end, he married Susan Orwig, the daughter of one of the bishops of the Evangelical Association. The couple moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where Elisha was hired as the publishing agent for the Board of Publications of the Evangelical Association. He later pastured churches in Ohio, Illinois, and Michigan.

In 1894, Elisha became the first music editor for the Hope Publishing Company of Chicago. He remained in that post until 1912. Through his years at Hope, he published fifty songbooks and hymnals and wrote the words or music to at least one thousand gospel and Sunday school songs. Some sources put the number at two thousand.

"Are You Washed in the Blood?" first appeared in *Spiritual Songs for Gospel Meetings and Sunday School,* published in 1878. Three years later, it was included in Ira Sankey's *Sacred Songs and solos,* published in England.

Elisha Hoffman is credited for popularizing the element of "altar" into hymnology of his day. Consider this well-known hymn that came from his pen:

You have longed for sweet peace, And for faith to increase, And have earnestly, fervently prayed; But you cannot have rest, or be perfectly blest, Until all on the altar is laid.

Is your all on the altar of sacrifice laid? Your heart does the Spirit control? You can only be blest, and have peace and sweet rest, As you yield Him your body and soul.

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



**Birthdays** 

September 1 – David Rea September 6 – Mary Valigura September 8 – Abby Altobello September 9 – Grant Irwin September 9 – Shiann Irwin September 9 – Luke Miller III September 10 – Joleen Atencio September 11 – Dayle Eager (#80) September 11 – Julieanne Frasier September 11 – Jerry Thompson September 11 – Julian Martinez September 12 – Randy Ward September 12 – Ryan Rindels September 14 - Erika Wade September 14 – Brittany Skinner September 16 – Martha Pekarek September 16 – Jenna Culver September 17 – Pete Broekstra September 18 – Danene Eager September 19 – Jessica Buckner September 20 – C. J. Kinnikin September 20 – Steven Copeland September 21 – John Gantzer September 23 – Brandon Candelaria September 25 – Jennifer York September 27 – Jeannie Schroth

September 4 – John and Betty Almquist September 4 – Becky & Ken Eubank September 7 – Marlow & Julieanne Frasier September 7 – Brenda Wolf-Robinson & Jonathan Robinson September 17 – Shawna & Chad Buckner September 18 – Jordan & Amy Valigura September 27 – Vernon & Wendy Honeyfield September 30 – Dayle & Danene Eager



AfterShock - Youth Group

#### Turning the hearts of youth and family to God and each other

Back to school time and it seems that summer went all too fast. The youth had a terrific summer filled with VBS, Isotopes baseball, camping, sanding the bus and mission trip to Cimarron. We have just finished our study from the book, "Stupid Parents" so ask your youth what they learned and you may be as surprised as they were that the title is a bit deceiving. But here is the thing I hope each of us will take to heart: Your students are subject to spiritual attacks each and every moment they are out in the world. Please remember to pray for your child/children every morning before they go out into the world. Remember that they run into all kinds of obstacles each and every day, obstacles that you yourself can remember if you think back on it, but much more intense with the technological advances of this day and age. If you think you had it tough, imagine what todays spiritual attacks are like on a young one in today's society. Pray for them, talk with them about their day, pray with them and let them know that you remember what it was like to be a teen. Then pray some more.

**PIE SUNDAY is coming up September 25<sup>th</sup>,** .....we are hoping for donations for the silent auction. Slightly used or new items, not including clothes, are the types we are looking for. Any and all types of jewelry, nick knacks, art, electronics, jackets, household items or any other type of item that you yourself would love to put a bid on, will help us tremendously towards our next year's mission trip. And of course those delicious pies that are always so fun to bid on against everyone else. We have some of the absolute best bakers in the county.

Your donations can be brought to the church workroom or placed on the porch of the Wright building. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Marlow at 480-3621. All the proceeds will go toward the youth mission for next year and to assist us in "Shaking up our community for the Glory of God"!

> Thanks to each of you for supporting the Aftershock youth and youth ministries of PMUMC.



P.I.E. Sunday Potluck & Auction

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> 12 NOON IN AUDITORIUM

**BRING A DISH TO SHARE, PLEASE!!** 

Come join in the FUN of bidding on delicious PIES – and auction items.

### PMUMC SUCESSFUL BIDDER ON PORTABLE CLASSROOMS

#### The Bidding Process

On Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:26 PM the bidding came to a close on the two 28' x 60' portable classrooms that the Los Lunas Schools had placed on the Public Surplus Auction site on August 5<sup>th</sup>. PMUMC was the successful bidder and each building sold for \$6,100.00. When the 10% auction fee was added the total cost to the church is \$14,520.00. The last 30,minutes of the on-line auction was intense. Initially there were three bidders. One dropped out early on, but the other ones very persistent. The bidding was scheduled to stop at 3:00 PM, but can be extended if a bid comes in within the last five minutes. Each time another bid comes, a new five minutes begins. At 2:57 PM, Jack Stayton, our building chairman, entered our proxy bid of \$7,500.00 on each building. This is the most the Building Committee wanted to bid. No other bidders can see our proxy amount and it automatically places the minimum bid amount (\$25.00) on top of the other guy's bid each time he raises. If our maximum is reached then we are no longer a bidder. Finally, the other bidder ceased bidding, the time expired, and subsequently we were advised that we were the successful bidder.

#### The Finances

On Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup>, at a Church Conference, the membership voted to borrow back \$50,000.00 of our mortgage equity from the Texas Methodist Foundation in order to try to purchase two portable classrooms that were to be placed up for auction by the Los Lunas Public Schools. The interest (4%) and the monthly payment (\$2,305.00) are to remain the same. Since we are now sure that we have purchased the buildings, we have submitted the necessary documents to process the loan. The funds will be treated as a construction loan, which means that we can withdraw the funds as needed. Additionally, a separate bank account has been opened and all contributions and disbursements for the project will be done thru this account. This is how the construction of the Community Building was also handled. Contributions have already started to come in for the project. Donations for this project should be designated "Building Fund". As long as the buildings remain on school property, they are covered by the school's insurance. Since they cannot be moved until after Highway 47 construction is completed, LLPS is allowing us to leave them on their property.

#### Where Do We Go From Here?

The building committee has already started making plans for site preparation and securing the necessary permits. Documents are being prepared to gain zoning approval from the Town of Peralta. This includes an elevation certification from a surveyor (we think we can use the one from the CB Construction); filling out the form for the proposed buildings (for permitting purposes these are modular buildings); and a site plan showing the location of the buildings on the property. There is also a permit fee.

Also, a building permit must be obtained from the NM Construction Industries Division. The application must be submitted by a licensed contractor. Ty Harris, who is a licensed contractor and on the building committee, has an architect who will make the site plan drawings and a licensed engineer who will make foundation drawings which will need to be submitted for approval with the application. A fee is also required. Randy's Electric is to take care of the electrical permitting and running the electrical to the buildings. These buildings are all electric and there is no plumbing required.

#### The Time Line

All permitting should be completed by September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Site preparation completed and ready for buildings by September 28th.

EGSM, the company that specializes in moving the types of buildings, say they cannot move them until

highway 47 construction is completed which will probably be late October. They move the buildings in one piece and late at night when there is less traffic.

### Operation Christmas Child 2016 (Shoeboxes)



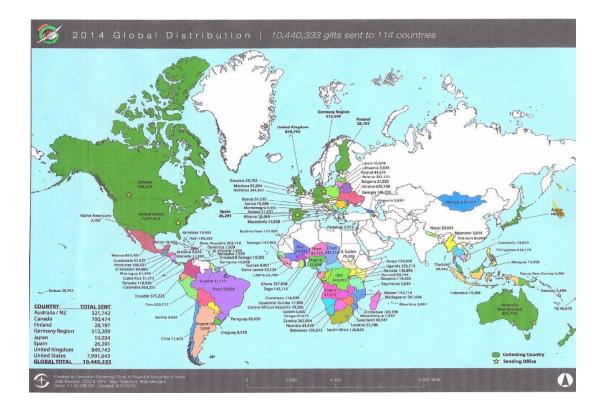
Once again, Mike and I are heading up the Christmas Shoeboxes project (Operation Christmas Child) at our church. However, after much prayer, we have decided this will be our last year to do this, and we pray the next person(s) to take it over will experience as many blessings and as much love and joy as we have these past few years.

That being said, the final collection date for this year will be November 20 (as I write, that is 79 days away!). So...., now is a great time to get some of the much-appreciated school supplies to include in your boxes! Pencils (and sharpeners), notepads, colors, etc. are always a hit, and stores are filled with that *stuff* at some great discounted, back-to-school prices. Items such as small flashlights (and batteries), simple toys, toothbrushes and toothpaste, are always welcome gifts, too, for children ages 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14.

Operation Christmas Child is "the world's largest Christmas project," which not only brings joy and hope to needy children around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes but also the Good News of God's love. Since 1993, more than 100 million shoe box gifts have been delivered to children in more than 130 countries. Last year, the driver of one of the semi-trucks filled to the brim with shoeboxes was in a wreck on its way from Albuquerque to the distribution center in Denver. Sadly, the driver did not survive, but almost all of the gifts were salvageable and repackaged. It appears, though, that some of the checks did not get cashed; they were probably lost in the crash.

As you look over the distribution map (from 2014), you can see how far and wide God's words are shared through Operation Christmas Child. To read some of the testimonies from shoebox recipients, I suggest you check out this website: https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/shoebox-stories-index/ Thank you very much for your support. You have blessed so many with your gifts and/or your prayers as these little shoeboxes are filled and sent on their ways.

# Ruth and Mike Romero





LOGOS NEWS



Our next year of LOGOS is fast approaching and we are excited for our 2<sup>nd</sup> year to begin.

LOGOS will start on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 and 4:30. We will be offering our Homework hour again which will start at 3:30 each week. Thanks so much to our Homework Tutor volunteers who come and help our LOGOS kids with their homework so they don't get behind.

We had our annual LOGOS Training for all our LOGOS staff on August 20<sup>th</sup> and WOW what a great time we had at training; all the Staff are equipped for another year to work with our children and youth.

We held our Parent Meeting/Registration on August 28<sup>th</sup> and teamed up with the Aftershock Youth Group and Children's Ministries in a Family Fun day at the same time and that was also a great success. We have 16 kids signed up for LOGOS and many more to come.

Thank you to all who have answered God's call to help and serve in the Program. We are so thankful for each of you and the gifts you have to share with the children and youth.

#### WHERE WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are now in need of a K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Study teacher and assistant. If you could pray about this and see if God is calling you to serve in this arena, we would greatly appreciate it as we are fast approaching our start date. We also need an assistant for our K-3<sup>rd</sup> Worship Skills and could also use some more assistants for Recreation.

Also a new addition we would like to add is a set-up crew and a clean-up crew. The kitchen staff work tirelessly and are on their feet for hours every Tuesday evening and could really use some support in clearing the dining hall after dinner; if you would like to be part of the set up crew, we will train you on how to set up the tables and how we set the place settings each week. Training for the clean-up crew will also be provided.

Remember, God does not call the equipped....He equips the called.

Finally, we need your prayers over the LOGOS Program throughout the year. The staff need your prayers as well as the kids to ensure God's spirit overcomes all obstacles that try and come against us in carrying out this ministry for the Lord.

Many blessings to each of you from the LOGOS Ministry Team – Julieanne Frasier, Director Robyn Albani, Co-Director



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