



Peralta Memorial United Methodist Church

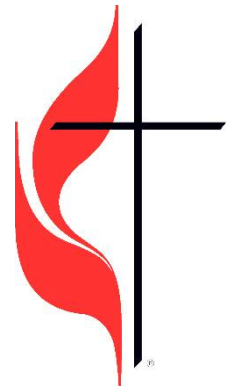
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We Serve Christ So All Will Follow Him

TRANSFORMING THE WORLD

Hatred. Anger. Fear. Hurt. Brokenness. Poverty. Greed. Dishonesty.

Last month I wrote that I was unsettled and uneasy. I knew the Holy Spirit was up to something, but I couldn't say what it was. Something amazing was happening.

Now I know. It's part of a worldwide movement, and one of the nuclei is here – right here – in Peralta. God is calling us to be part of an amazing work. It's powerful and inspiring. It's terrifying and clarifying. It is the work of bringing the Kingdom of God to fruition here and now.

It is slow work. The sign beneath Jesus on the side of our Community Building says it all, "Reaching One Heart at a Time." The Holy Spirit is calling me to call all of us to make disciples – one heart at a time. Jesus spent three years in close company with his twelve disciples, calling them to follow him and learn from him daily, and even then they fought over who was greatest, they fell asleep in the garden, and Peter denied that he ever knew Jesus. But with the help of the Holy Spirit they shared the good news of Christ, preached and baptized, and laid the groundwork for the Christian faith.

The effect, though, is exponential. Every disciple has the opportunity to make countless more disciples among family, co-workers, and friends. And slowly, one heart at a time, the world is transformed from the negative words above to a world of peace, grace, and hope. Slowly, those lives that have been transformed by the Kingdom of God break into the world. In a world of microwaves, YouTube and Netflix, and so much instant gratification, Kingdom of God work is Crock-Pot work.

But when the people of God are doing the work of God, the Holy Spirit breaks through, too, and multiplies the efforts! When the people are about the work God has called them to do, God makes things happen in mighty ways.

Here's the good news: at Peralta we are already making disciples! We are making disciples who know the good and the bad and choose the good. We are making disciples who live out God's grace. We are making disciples who are capable of leading people, families, and organizations inside and outside the church to know God and to choose the good and right path.

It's time to vanquish those bad and ugly things. Through lives transformed, the world is transformed. May the Holy Spirit lead us to a new way of being in our community! May lives and a community transformed by God be our "Main Thing" in the year to come.

Pastor David



NEW YEAR PRAYER



Thank you, Lord for giving me
the brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
as each new day I tread.

Give me gentle wisdom
that I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
so a shoulder I might lend.

The year ahead is empty,
help me fill it with good things ---
Each new day filled with joy
and the happiness it brings.

AMEN

New Year Blessings to all From Ruth Romero

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	Randy Ward	Marj West
Lynn Schultz	Erma Ward	Mike Heppler	Cheryl Huber
Karel & Martha Pekarek	Don & Peggy Gleichman	Sharon Ramirez	Dorothy Marta
Conrad Joseph Hughes-Faganello	Cure for Cancer	Eva Timmons	J' Amy Creel
Jim Kubisak	Janette Baughman	5 year old Diego	Jim & Melba Derosssett
Joleen Baughman	Karen Fastnacht	Nate Meyer	USA Leaders
Michael Garrison	Our Freedom	Richard & Linda Darnell	Lori Buvinghausen
All Caregivers	Anne Cassidy-Vigil	All military & their families	Dennie Miller
Pauline Taylor	Mike Romero	Chris Knox	Bill Lynch
		Debbie Hester-Rael	USA Leaders

Happy New Year from Crafty Ladies

Thanks again for a wonderful bazaar, now we look forward to 2017!

Join us for a Brunch Potluck on Tuesday, January 3rd at 9 AM in Fellowship Hall. And, we'll also meet again Wednesday, January 4 from 9 AM to about 2 PM.

We need you to come and help us in any capacity. The really crafty people can always use an extra pair of hands. There is something for everyone and lots of good fellowship and food!

You can help from home: **If you are discarding any Christmas/holiday decorations, DON'T throw them away. Bring them to us, please....**you'll be surprised at what we can use.

Please Contact: Lois Meadors at 865-6791, Kelley Green at 865-6975 or the church office if you need more information.

Hymn History



There Is Power in the Blood-1899

“Inasmuch as there is none like You, O Lord (You are great, and Your name is great in might.)”
Jeremiah 10:6

Both the words and music of this old hymn were written during a camp meeting at Mountain Lake Park, Maryland, by Lewis Jones. Jones, A California native, graduated from Moody Bible Institute and spent his vocational life with the Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA). ON the side, he wrote hymns. This, his best known, is particularly effective in resisting the “wiles of the devil”

One day, as missionary Dick Hillis preached in a Chinese village, his sermon was suddenly interrupted by a piercing cry. Everyone rushed toward the scream, and Dick’s coworker, Mr. Kong, whispered that an evil spirit had seized a man. Dick, having not previously encountered demon possession, didn’t believe him. Just then, a woman rushed toward them. “I beg you help me!” she cried. “An evil spirit has again possessed the father of my children and is trying to kill him.”

The two evangelists entered the house, stepping over a filthy old dog lying in the doorway. The room was charged with a sense of evil. “An evil spirit has possessed Farmer Ho,” Kong told the onlookers. “Our God, the ‘Nothing-He-Cannot-Do One’ is more powerful than any spirit, and He can deliver this man. First, you must promise you will burn your idols and trust in Jesus, son of the Supreme Emperor”

The people nodded. Kong asked Dick to begin singing the hymn “There Is Power in the Blood.” With great hesitation, Dick began to sing, “Would you be free from your burden of sin...”

“Now,” continued Kong, “in the name of Jesus we will command the evil spirit to leave this man.” Kong began praying fervently. Suddenly the old dog in the doorway vaulted into the air, screeching, yelping, whirling in circles, and snapping wildly at his tail. Kong continued praying, and the dog abruptly dropped over dead.

Instantly Dick remembered Luke 8, the demons of the Gadarenes who invisibly flew into the herd of swine. As Kong finished praying, Farmer Ho seemed quiet and relaxed, and soon he was strong enough to burn his idols. At his baptism shortly afterward, he testified, “I was possessed by an evil spirit who boasted he had already killed five people and was going to kill me. But God sent Mr. Kong at just the right moment, and in Jesus I am free.”

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR from Mary Circle/UMW!!



2017 is going to be an exciting year starting off with our first meeting on **Tuesday, January 10, at 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall** with our **Pledge Program** led by Debbie Hester-Rael, our out-going treasurer. (Thank you for your years of service, Debbie!!!)

We will enjoy **exchanging small gifts** (\$5 or less) with our Secret Prayer partners.

Finally Kaye Groves will lead us in establishing a **Barnabas Writing Ministry**.

There will be time for prayers---worldwide and our own. And, yes, there will be refreshments provided by Marianne Lynch!

All women are welcome to join us! We hope to see some new faces for 2017! For more information call Chris Knox at 865-7864 or the church office.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 2 – Arielle Lansdell

January 3 – Joslynn Martinez

January 3 – Julia Madara

January 4 – Stephen Rose

January 5 – Yvonne Braught

January 5 – Diana Galey

January 6 – Chad Buckner

January 7 - Jo Anne Hinds

January 7 – Katrina Uptain

January 7 – Hope Schroth

January 10 – Joan Culver

January 10 – David Meyer

January 13 – Leon Rael

January 13 – Kristy Garcia

January 13 – Cleve Lumpkin

January 14 – Cameron Platt

January 16 – Tim York

January 18 – Jan Buvinghausen

January 19 – Anna Caswell

January 19 – Adriana Nunez

January 19 – Wyatt Honeyfield

January 21 – Glenna Giles-Gelder

January 23 – Rosemarie Maniscalco

January 23 – Brenda Wolf-Robinson

January 26 – Gilbert Row

January 26 – Jessica Meyer

January 28 – Becky Eubank

January 30 – Betty Almquist

January 2 – Mike & Ruth Romero

January 3 – Virgil & Ramina Proctor

January 8 – Dan & Dorothy Rose

January 28 – Don & Pauline Taylor



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

AfterShock - Youth Group

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

It is difficult to believe that another year has passed, and the Aftershock youth group has experienced and amazing 2016 and are really looking for God to move us in 2017. Thank you to all the congregation of PMUMC for the wonderful support you continue to allow our youth and youth ministry. We concluded our year with a wonderful Christmas party hosted by Jim Kubisak, and the next week, we went around Peralta and Bosque Farms caroling on the back of the Blaine's trailer hay-ride. Thanks Tom and Sam! We followed that up with a great annual Aftershock Christmas party and white elephant gift exchange. Then we had a lock-in (what was I thinking)? Thank you to Julieanne, Susi and Pete, Melodie and Larry, Jim, Tinka, and everyone who participated in this event with 21 youth and 3 adults spending the night and not getting much sleep. Thank you, Jesus, for every heart that has been touched by our youth and for your leading light to us in the new year.

LIGHT NIGHT IS COMING SOON, PEOPLE GET READY

Pastor David challenged me as the Youth Director, in contemplating if we are allowing God to reveal Himself to our youth. That starting me thinking of how the dynamics of our weekly youth group meetings have changed and evolved over the last ten years. While the focus has always been about Jesus in our lives, we have carried this out in many different ways according to the different needs of the youth who were attending. We have utilized evening Vesper services, video teachings, stories and lessons straight from the bible, and bible based curriculum geared for youth. In my prayer and contemplation time concerning this current challenge, I believe God is revealing a new avenue for allowing our youth, and others, the opportunity to quiet our hearts and minds, and allow the Holy Spirit to open the ears of our soul to hear God's direction, encouragement, and purpose to those who participate in "Light Night". Once every month, we will come together in the Sanctuary from 7 to 8pm on our regular Sunday youth group night, and upon entering everyone will be given a journal (theirs to keep), to write down what has touched us or encouraged us. Everyone will also pick up a book light that will be used for the night. We will find a quiet place where we can each get some one-on-one time with our Lord, and while we listen to spiritual music, we will be writing down God's word for us in our journals. The altar will be open with candles and objects that anyone who feels led may bring and leave for others to learn from or to be encouraged by. Items such as bookmarks, scriptures written or on a card, small gifts, crosses, books or pamphlets etc., that someone participating may take back to their spot and with their booklight, look up in the bible or read as God speaks to them. [We need your help in supporting us with prayer, with items to be left at the altar, and in joining us on "Light Night" as you feel called.](#) Our desire for this event is to cast all burdens before the Lord, receive His word and call in our lives, and to be encouraged and empowered in our personal and Spiritual lives. The journals are to be a source of encouragement that we may all look upon should we need encouragement or the lifting of our spirits anytime during the week, until the next "Light Night". All suggestions and ideas are welcome as we prepare for the first Light Night in January. Look for dates in the January bulletins.

In Christ's service,

Marlow Frasier

LOGOS NEWS



We have completed our first semester of LOGOS! What a great time we had with all the kids and the leaders who faithfully serve to nurture and love our LOGOS kids.

The LOGOS kids presented a Christmas program on December 11th and what a blessing it was to all, thanks to two of our faithful leaders, Tiffany Karney and Shiya Genson who put together and worked with the kids on their presentation.

During the Thanksgiving and now the Christmas season we have taken time to reflect on just how blessed we are and just how much so many are doing to ensure our kids are blessed each week at LOGOS.

We are blessed and thankful for.....

Dayle Eager who graciously cleans up after all those little feet that blaze through the Community Building and the Sanctuary each week. Surely, LOGOS gives an added burden to all his hard work and we so appreciate him and all he does for our Church.

Genevieve who helps so much by keeping us on track in many areas and keeps us pointed in the right direction. Genevieve manages much for PMUMC, helps us with whatever we need and is such a blessing to all of us.

Our congregation and LOGOS parents. The kids so appreciate the snacks donated for our homework hour each week. The kids come directly from school and their little bellies are growling by the time they arrive.

All of our LOGOS Volunteers. They are indeed the heartbeat of LOGOS because without each and every one of them LOGOS could not happen.

And to our Nursery Leader and Workers. WOW! Thank you for coming early this Semester and for all you do to take care of the babies so parents can work in LOGOS, as well as watching out for our preschoolers when we need it. You all are AMAZING!

Our hearts are so touched and thankful for all of God's mighty blessings and we thank ALL who bless LOGOS and each of us through this ministry.

Julianne Frasier, Director
Robyn Albani, Co-Director



The “Walk to Emmaus” is an experience of spiritual renewal that begins with a 3 day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God’s grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.

Our next Men’s Walk is scheduled for April 27th-April 30th.

Our next Women’s Walk is scheduled for August 3rd-August 6th.

Both Walks will be held at the Inlow Baptist Camp south of Tijeras on Highway 337. Sponsors will be needed for each Walk.

After the three day experience, participants are joined together in small groups to support each other in their ongoing walk with Christ. A monthly gathering is also held to meet, eat and worship. Our Peralta monthly gathering is the first Friday of the month, (except in July, when we hold the Albuquerque Community Gathering) in Fellowship Hall at 6:30. A Women’s reunion group meets on Mondays in Room 101 at 6:30pm in the Community Building. A Men’s group meets at Henrietta’s Restaurant on Friday mornings at 8:30. Another group was forming on Friday evenings at 6:30 in Room 101 of the Community building. This group is still in the formation state and may meet at a different time depending on participation.

Everyone is also invited to the Albuquerque Community Gatherings which are held the 3rd Fridays of the month. The location of this Gathering changes each month and is posted on the website: newmexicoemmaus.org. Emails will be sent with information on upcoming Gatherings.

Questions about the Walk to Emmaus, the gatherings or the Reunion groups can be directed to Wayne M Sharp 505-620-8042 or Gayle M Stayton 505-261-7579.



The Salvation Army committee would like to thank everyone for their support of the 2016 bell ringing campaign.

To everyone who filled a slot, (or many slots), and/or to those who prayed for our safety and success. The generosity of the county was evident in the donations during the campaign. Though weather was an issue a few days this year, our volunteers persevered and “got the job done”. A “Letter to the Editor” is being sent to The News Bulletin to thank the contributors and “Thank You” letters are being written and sent to Smith’s and Walmart for their ongoing participation in these campaigns.

Please note --- not all building requests have been received-- so at the time of the newsletter being published some events/groups/meetings may not be shown. Check the Sunday bulletins for updated calendar information.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p>  <p>Welcome 2017!</p> <p>8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Holiday – Church office closed No Food Pantry</p> <p>No Cub Scouts No Boy Scouts</p> <p>Emmaus #101, 6:30</p>	<p>3</p> <p>RRFB Food Delivery</p> <p>Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall & K, 9-2</p> <p>Trustees' meeting, #201, 6:30 pm</p> <p>No LOGOS</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall & K, 9-2</p> <p>Bible Study, #101, 6 pm Praise Team, 6 pm Choir, 7 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Exercise, 9 am, FH 6 pm – Worship meeting #101</p> <p>7 pm, SPRC, Conf room</p>	<p>6</p> <p>EMMAUS, 6:30, Fell Hall & Kitchen</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 12 noon – Youth LT, FH</p> <p>6 pm – AfterShock Youth</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Food Pantry 10-12:30</p> <p>Emmaus, #101, 6:30 Finance Meeting, #104, 6:30 pm</p> <p>Boy Scouts 7 pm, Ed Bldg.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>UMW/Mary Circle, Fell Hall 9:30 am</p> <p>LOGOS, 4:30-7:45 Homework/Nursery @ 3:30 pm</p> <p>Tea Meeting, 6-8, Fell Hall</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6 pm – Girl Scouts, Ed Bldg. 6 pm- Study, #101 6 pm – Praise Team 7 pm – Choir</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Exercise Fell Hall 9 am Ad Council meeting, Conf Room, 6:30 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Pastor's Huddle #101, 8:35 am</p> <p>Emmaus #101, 6:30 pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Threads of Love, 10:30 am, Fell Hall</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30-Worship 9:45-Sunday School 11:00-Worship 6 pm-AfterShock Youth</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Office open 9-12</p> <p>Food Pantry, 10 am to 12:30</p> <p>Emmaus #101, 6:30 Boy Scouts, 7 pm, Ed. Bldg.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>LOGOS, 4:30-7:45 Homework/Nursery @ 3:30 pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6 pm Girl Scouts, Ed. Bldg. 6 pm - Study, #101 6 pm Praise Team 7 pm Choir</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Exercise Fell Hall 9 am P.a.C.T. – call office for location 6:30 GriefShare resumes, #103</p> <p>Chaplains' mtg. #201, 6:30 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Pastor's Huddle #101, 8:35 am</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:30-Worship 9:45-Sunday School 11:00 – Worship</p> <p>6 pm– AfterShock Youth</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Food Pantry, 10 am to 12:30 pm</p> <p>Emmaus #101, 6:30 pm Boy Scouts, 6-8:30 – Ed Bldg.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>LOGOS, 4:30-7:45 Homework/Nursery @ 3:30 pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6 pm – Girl Scouts, Ed Bldg.</p> <p>6 pm – Bible, #101</p> <p>6 pm Praise Team 7 pm Choir</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Exercise Fell Hall 9 am 6:30 GriefShare-103</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Pastor's Huddle #101, 8:35 am</p> <p>Emmaus #101, 6:30 pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Fell Hall & 3 classrooms, County Girl Scouts, 8:30-3:30</p>
<p>29 – 5th Sunday Potluck honoring First Responders</p> <p>Recognition of First Responders At 11 am service</p> <p>8:30-Worship 9:45-Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 12 noon – POTLUCK LUNCH IN AUDITORIUM 6 pm – AfterShock Youth</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Food Pantry, 10-12:30</p> <p>Emmaus #101, 6:30 pm Boy Scouts, 6-8:30 – Ed Bldg.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>LOGOS, 4:30-7:45 Homework/Nursery @ 3:30 pm</p>	<p><i>Feb 1</i></p> <p>6 pm – Girl Scouts, Ed Bldg.</p> <p>6 pm – Bible, #101</p> <p>6 pm Praise Team 7 pm Choir</p>	<p><i>Feb 2</i></p> <p>Exercise Fell Hall 9 am 6:30 GriefShare-103</p>	<p><i>Feb 3</i></p> <p>Pastor's Huddle #101, 8:35 am</p> <p>EMMAUS, 6:30 pm Fell Hall & Kitchen</p> <p>Kings' Kids EP, overnight, Comm. Bldg. until Sunday morning</p>	<p><i>Feb 4</i></p> <p>Kings' Kids EP, overnight, Comm. Bldg. until Sunday morning</p>

OPTION FOR TITHING/GIVING to the Church

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

You would authorize the church to debit your bank account electronically, transferring funds to the church’s bank account per your authorization. All that is required is you completing an authorization form which is available from the Church Treasurer.

A brief overview of how this program works:

You provide permission/authorization and pertinent bank information regarding your monthly giving to the Church Treasurer. Your donation will be set up so that the church’s account will directly receive your donation, pledge, tithe from your bank account. This transfer would occur on the 7th of each month, or the closest business day following the 7th of the month. **You may cancel or stop this automatic giving at any time with a WRITTEN/SIGNED request no later than the 15th of the month before the next scheduled withdrawal transfer.** (i.e. if you want to stop the transfer in April, you would submit a written request to the Church Treasurer no later than March 15th).

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING AN AUTHORIZATION FORM to participate in electronic giving PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING, AND A FORM WILL BE POSTAL MAILED TO YOU. Or you may call the church office to request one, 865-9334.

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS, INCLUDING ZIP CODE

If you have any questions, please call 865-9334 between 8:30 am and 3:00 pm, Monday through Thursday, or leave a voicemail on the church’s answering machine and someone will respond.

END OF YEAR STATEMENT of GIVING FOR 2016

Per the Finance Committee, end of the year giving statements for 2016 MUST be requested. Those statements will be ready and available in the Narthex (foyer) by February 5th, 2017.

Please complete the information below, and place in the offering plate or in the church office. THANK YOU!!

YES! I would like a printed, end of year giving statement for donations made in 2016.

NAME(s) of givers: _____

ADDRESS _____
