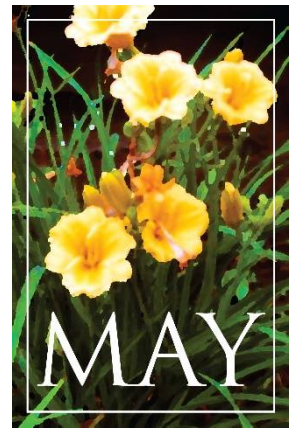


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*We Serve Christ So All Will Follow Him*

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## STAYING ALIVE

Annual Conference is the meeting of all United Methodist pastors and representatives from every United Methodist church. Most states have one Conference, some very populous states have more than one, and some sparsely-populated states combine with other states for a Conference. This year, the Annual Conference for the New Mexico Conference will take place the very end of May and beginning of June in Las Cruces. At the beginning of every Annual Conference everywhere in the United States, before any other official proceedings begin, everyone sings together the song *And Are We Yet Alive*. The words were written by Charles Wesley in 1749. This year, the words are especially significant to me.

- Verse 1:       And are we yet alive, and see each other's face?  
                  Glory and thanks to Jesus give for his almighty grace.
- Verse 3:       What troubles have we seen, what mighty conflicts past,  
                  Fightings without, and fears within, since we assembled last!

What troubles have we seen this year? What conflicts have passed and continue? I am concerned that people are growing more polarized and entrenched. I believe there are forces at work trying to divide us – our nation, our communities, and our church – in order to weaken us and break us down. The old pop song, “United we stand, divided we fall,” and the words of Abraham Lincoln, “A nation divided against itself cannot stand,” both come to mind. Where, then, do we turn? What do we do? Let’s return to the hymn.

- Verse 4:       Yet out of all the Lord hath brought us by his love;  
                  And still he doth his help afford, and hides our life above.
- Verse 5:       Then let us make the boast of his redeeming power,  
                  Which saves us to the utter most, till we can sin no more.
- Verse 6:       Let us take up the cross till we the crown obtain,  
                  And gladly reckon all things loss so we may Jesus gain.

The Lord brings us out of conflict and trouble with LOVE. Love is the key to salvation and hope. Love is the way of Christ when in the midst of conflict. We follow the cross of Christ and teach the redemption of Christ. No matter what storms rage about us and beneath us, when we stay focused on the redeeming power of our Lord, we are in the right. When we “reckon all things loss” and pursue the way of Christ, then we are doing the work we are called to do. Then we are truly alive.

May our church stay truly alive. May we continue the redeeming work of Christ that we already do so well, and may we expand upon it. May we teach the way of redemption – walking in the way of Jesus. May all other things fall away as we focus on what makes us most alive – the love of God.

**Pastor David**

## *Beneath the Cross of Jesus-1868*

*"For the message of the cross is...to us who are being saved...the power of God"*

I Corinthians 1:18



The author of this hymn, Elizabeth Clephane, was born in Edinburgh, where her father was sheriff of Fife. One of her siblings later wrote, "My sister was a very quiet little child, shrinking from notice and was always absorbed in books. The loss of both her parents at an early age taught her sorrow. As she grew up she was recognized as the cleverest one of our family. She was first in her class and a favorite at school. Her love for poetry was a passion. Among the sick and suffering she won the name, 'My Sunbeam.'" (Elizabeth's own comment on her nickname is written into a line of this hymn: "I take, O Cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;/I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face.")

At some point, Elizabeth's family moved to Melrose, southeast of Edinburgh, where she spent her remaining years. Though frail, she was a diligent Bible student, a sympathetic listener, and a worker among the poor. She and her sisters raised money for the unfortunate, on one occasion selling their horse and carriage for a needy family.

Elizabeth's poems were published in the Scottish magazine *The Family Treasury*. This one, appearing after her death, was discovered by Ira Sankey and introduced in the great Moody/Sankey meetings in Britain. In his Autobiography, Sankey stated, "The author of this hymn, Elizabeth Celphane, also wrote the widely known hymn, 'The Ninety and Nine,' and these two were her only hymns. The first time this hymn was sung is still fresh in my memory. The morning after I had composed the music, Rev. W.H. Aitkin was to speak at our mission in London...Before the sermon, I sang 'Beneath the Cross of Jesus' as a solo; and as in the case of 'The Ninety and Nine,' much blessing came from its use for the first time. With eyes filled with tears and deeply moved, the preacher said to the audience: 'Dear friends, I have intended to speak to you this morning upon work for the Master, but this new hymn has made such an impression on my heart, and evidently upon your own, that I will defer my proposed address and speak to you on "The Cross of Jesus."'

Sankey's tune has since been replaced in popular usage by ST.CHRISTOPHER, music composed for this hymn by Frederick C. Maker.

Excerpt taken from Then Sings My Soul by Robert J. Morgan

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**Gospel Jam**

**Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 pm in  
Fellowship Hall**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED AND WELCOME!!!**



# Memorial Day Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

**With a sober heart we come before You this Memorial Day. We pause for a moment and call to mind all the men and women who have died in the service of our nation since 1776.**

**Dear God, please look with mercy on our brave and selfless brothers and sisters, who did not shirk from their task but gave themselves completely to the cause of defending and protecting us all. Bless all who have given their lives for the sake of liberty, and grant them eternal rest with You.**

**We remember also our brave men and women now serving in our Armed Forces, both at home and abroad. Dear God, send out Your angels to protect them all. Help them discharge their duties honorably and well. Please bring them safely home to their families and loved ones. Please bring Your peace and mercy to our troubled world.**

**We ask this, Father, in the name of Jesus, Your Son. 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.

<b>Pastor David &amp; Family</b>	Valencia County Abundant Grace Free Store	<b>Randy Ward</b>	Marj West
<b>Lynn Schultz</b>	Erma Ward	<b>Mike Heppler</b>	Cheryl Huber
Karel & Martha Pekarek	<b>Don &amp; Peggy Gleichman</b>	Sharon Ramirez	<b>Dorothy Marta</b>
<b>Conrad Joseph Hughes-Faganello</b>	<b>Cure for Cancer</b>	Eva Timmons	<b>J'Amy Creel</b>
Jim Kubisak	<b>Janette Baughman</b>	5 year old Diego	<b>Jim &amp; Melba Derossett</b>
<b>Joleen Baughman</b>	Karen Fastnacht	<b>Nate Meyer</b>	USA Leaders
<b>Michael Garrison</b>	<b>Our Freedom</b>	Richard & Linda Darnell	<b>Lori Buvinghausen</b>
<b>All Caregivers</b>	Anne Cassidy-Vigil	<b>All military &amp; their families</b>	<b>Beth &amp; Dennie Miller</b>
<b>Pauline Taylor</b>	Marilyn Smith	<b>Mike Romero</b>	Chris Knox
		<b>Bill Lynch</b>	Our Freedom

## SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING – 2017

The deadline for the completion of training and background checks for 2017 is May 15<sup>th</sup>.

All adults who work with children and youth must receive Safe Sanctuaries training EVERY YEAR. This training can be done online or in person. The dates and times of the in-person training at Peralta Memorial UMC held in the Conference Room are:

Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 PM or Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 11:00 AM.

If you work with youth and children at Peralta Memorial UMC and your background check was not completed in 2016, please visit [www.ministryopportunities.org/PeraltaMemorial](http://www.ministryopportunities.org/PeraltaMemorial) to enter your personal information. You'll then receive an e-mail with a link to take the online training.

May 1 – Margaret Zartman  
May 1 – Nina Eastburn  
May 1 – Sam Blaine  
May 5 – Jean Babb  
May 6 – LaTiffany Decker  
May 7 – Tommy Selisky  
May 7 – Crystal Hernandez-Harris  
May 10 – Wyatt Harris  
May 10 – Becky McCain  
May 10 – Cindy Russell  
May 10 – Nate Meyer  
May 14 – Jackie Inman  
May 15 – Ted Van Curen  
May 17 – Wayne Sharp  
May 18 – Rowena Kerry  
May 20 – Stella West  
May 21 – Dorothy Vaughan  
May 21 – Butch West  
May 22 – Heather Parker  
May 22 – Brian Eubank  
May 24 – Molliemay Row  
May 25 – Nate Knowlton  
May 27 – Diana Ward  
May 27 – Sara Sams  
May 28 – Bill Grotefend  
May 30 – Steve Davis



**Matt & Joleen Atencio – May 17**  
**Wayne & Lanna Sharp – May 20**  
**Gabe & Michelle Candelaria – May 21**  
**Don & Corene Honeyfield – May 23**  
**John & Meredith Row – May 24**  
**Jim & Melba Derossett – May 26**





Mary Circle/UMW meets on the second Tuesday of the month; **in May that will be Tuesday, the 9th, at 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall.** Mary Circle meetings are a wonderful place for fellowship and sharing! There is also lots of time for prayer including the Huddle program, world-wide missions and our local concerns! If you like to visit and pray or need prayer, come to be with us!

Beverly Nilles will tell us about the special group she has started. Jane Reynolds will serve as our hostess. We will also have a report from those who attended the Albuquerque District Annual meeting.

Ladies, we are growing in membership, so why don't you join us, too? There are many opportunities for spiritual growth through UMW. **July 24-27 is Mission u,** another great retreat **at Sacramento.** There is one scholarship available to each district and they are often not used. If you are interested, please let me know, so we can get an application in early. You do not have to be a member of Mary Circle to be eligible! I don't have a lot of information about this year's program as yet, but I do know they are always more than worthwhile! For more information, contact Chris Knox at 865-7864 or the church office.

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CRAFTY LADIES

**Crafty Ladies will meet May 2nd & 3rd 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! We even have projects to send home if that works better for you. **We are in need HELP!**

We will be very busy this summer and we sure could use more hands and more ideas!! For more information call Lois Meadors at 865-6791, Kelley Green at 865-6975 or the church office.



Come join us for VBS  
on June 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017!

Pre-school children (age 4 and potty trained) through 6<sup>th</sup> grade may participate.

We are in need of a leader for KidVid, & also crew leaders, and assistant crew leaders. Please watch the bulletin for information about item donations. **Our next meetings for VBS will be Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 after 2<sup>nd</sup> service in the Fellowship Hall.** Remember, whomever is participating in VBS needs to be Safe Sanctuaries trained and have an up to date background check. The dates in May for the in-person trainings are Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 PM and Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. You can also do the training on your own time through this website:

[www.ministryopportunities.org/PeraltaMemorial](http://www.ministryopportunities.org/PeraltaMemorial).

**On Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> starting a 9:00 AM I am going to need as many helping hands, especially from youth... to decorate the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.** As always I am grateful for everyone's help and prayers. If you have any question please contact Shawnda Lumpkin @ [slumpkin@lsschools.net](mailto:slumpkin@lsschools.net) or 505-306-5551.

God Bless You, Shawnda Lumpkin, VBS Director

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**SUNDAY-MAY 14TH**

*In the Auditorium 8:00 am to 11:30 am*

*Hosted by United Methodist Men*

*Everyone is invited!!*

*For more information*

*contact Dan Rose at 480-4926*



**A letter from the Central New Mexico Area, Church Relations Team Representative, Josie Alderete, was received by Ruth & Mike Romero last month. A summarization of the letter follows:**

"Thank you for your hard work which has paid off again! Operation Christmas Child successfully reached many, many more children and families because of your sacrificial service to our Almighty God. My personal thanks for your dedication to Operation Christmas Child! With the partnership of churches and/or groups, our local final count for 2016 was 28,482 shoeboxes and was beyond our goal of 27,000 shoebox gifts. The United States total was 9,121,799 and the global total was 11,485,662. These boxes are on their way around the world to impact children and families with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Please continue to pray with us for the journey of these boxes – that every shoebox arrives into the hands of God's intended child; God's blessing be on the distributions that take place; the gospel is clearly presented in culturally appropriate ways and that the Holy Spirit would prepare the hearts of millions of boys, girls, moms and dads not only into a redeemed way of life, but to be faithfully following Jesus Christ and also sharing the gospel. Please know these results were based on the investment of many volunteers' time and energy (like yourselves) and truly noteworthy.

Thank you – and to God be ALL the glory!"

Please look for the Certificate of Appreciation to Peralta Memorial UMC which is posted on the bulletin board.

**Mike & Ruth have coordinated this ministry for several years now, but it is time for a new leader. If you feel called to step up into this position, you may contact Ruth at 869-4842 and she will be HAPPY to provide you with pertinent information. You will no doubt be blessed in this endeavor. Be in prayer about this.**

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**Congratulations and  
God's Blessings to:**

**Kylie Colvill  
Michael Nunez**

**2017**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup></b> <b>5<sup>TH</sup> Sunday</b>  One Service at 10:00 am Led by the Youth  Potluck Lunch afterwards in Auditorium	<b>1</b> 'Soul Group' #103, 9:30 am Food Pantry, 10-12:30 NMSU, set up Auditorium 12 noon Cub Scouts 6 pm, Ed. Bldg. Emmaus, #101, 6:30 Boy Scouts 7 pm Ed Bldg.	<b>2</b> NMSU cook class, Auditorium, 9-1  Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall & K, 9-2  Tai Ji Balance class, Conf Rm, 4-5 pm	<b>3</b> Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall & K, 9-2 NMSU set up Auditorium  Bible study #101 6 pm 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Ed Bldg. 6 pm Praise Team 7 pm Choir	<b>4</b> <b>NMSU District Mtg, Auditorium &amp; Conf Room 7 am to 4 pm</b>  Exercise, Fell Hall, 9 am <b>Tai Ji Balance class, Fell Hall, 1-2</b> First Place 4 Health, 6:30, Conf Rm Cub Leaders mtg, Ed Bldg class, 6 pm	<b>5</b> Huddle, #101, 8:30 am Bible Study, Fell Hall, 10:00 am  Bible study #103 6 pm  EMMAUS, Fell Hall 6:30 pm	<b>6</b>  Girl Scout Tea, Auditorium & Kitchen reserved 10-5
<b>7</b> 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 12 noon – Youth LT Fell Hall 2:00 pm Gospel Jam (Fell Hall, reserved 1-5) 5:00 Bell Choir 6 pm – AfterShock Youth	<b>8</b> Food Pantry 10-12:30  Cub Scouts, Ed Bldg, 6 pm Emmaus, #101, 6:30 <b>Stewardship, #103 6:30 pm</b> Boy Scouts 7 pm, Ed Bldg.	<b>9</b> UMW/Mary Circle, Fell Hall, 9:30 am  Tai Ji Balance class, Conf Rm, 4-5 pm Tea Meeting, Fell Hall, 6 pm Trustees' meeting, #201, 6:30 pm	<b>10</b> 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Ed Bldg. 6 pm- Study, #101 6 pm – Praise Team 7 pm – Choir	<b>11</b> Exercise Fell Hall 9 am Tai Ji Balance class, Conf Rm, 1-2 <b>Worship committee meeting, 6 pm #101</b>  First Place 4 Health, 6:30 pm Conf Rm <b>SPRC meeting #103, 7 pm</b>	<b>12</b> Huddle #101, 8:30 am Bible Study, Fell Hall, 10 am Bible study, #103, 6 pm Safe Sanctuaries class, Conf Rm 6:30	<b>13</b> Safe Sanctuaries class, Conf Rm, 9 am Threads of Love, 10:30 am, Fell Hall  Auditorium set up for Sunday
<b>14</b> <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> Spring Breakfast, hosted by UMM in Auditorium 8 am-11:30 8:30-Worship 9:45-Sunday School 11:00-Worship Sanctuary reserved 2-5 No Bell Choir No AfterShock Youth	<b>15</b> 'Soul Group' #103, 9:30 am Food Pantry, 10 to 12:30 Cub Scouts, Ed Bldg, 6 pm 6 pm – Boy Scouts in Auditorium Emmaus #101, 6:30 <b>Finance meeting, 6:30 pm Conf Rm</b>	<b>16</b> Tai Ji Balance class, Conf Rm, 4-5 pm	<b>17</b> 6 pm Girl Scouts, Ed. Bldg. 6 pm- Study, #101 6 pm Praise Team 7 pm Choir	<b>18</b> Exercise Fell Hall 9 am  Tai Ji Balance class, Conf Rm, 1-2 First Place 4 Health, #101, 6:30 pm  Ad Council, Conf Rm, 6:30 pm	<b>19</b> Huddle, 8:30, #101 Bible Study, Fell Hall, 10 am Bible study, #103, 6 pm	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 12:15 – VBS mtg, Fell Hall 5 pm – Bell Choir 6 pm - AfterShock Youth 6:30 – Light Night in Sanctuary	<b>22</b> Food Pantry, 10 am to 12:30 pm  6 pm Cub Scouts, Ed Bldg. Emmaus #101, 6:30 pm 7 pm Boy Scouts Ed. Bldg.	<b>23</b> <b>June Newsletter info deadline</b>  Tai Ji Balance class, Conf Rm, 4-5 pm	<b>24</b> 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Ed Bldg. 6 pm – Bible, #101 6 pm Praise Team 7 pm Choir	<b>25</b> Exercise Fell Hall 9 am Tai Ji Balance class, Conf Rm, 1-2 First Place 4 Health, Conf Room 6:30 pm	<b>26</b> Huddle #101, 8:35 am Bible Study, Fell Hall, 10-11:30 am	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 7 am – Men's Breakfast, Fell Hall 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 5 pm – Bell Choir 6 pm- AfterShock Youth	<b>29 – MEMORIAL DAY</b> <b>Office closed</b> 'Soul Group' #103, 9:30 am Food Pantry, 10-12:30 Emmaus #101, 6:30 pm Boy Scouts, 6-8:30 pm Ed Bldg.	<b>30</b> <b>Prayers for our Pastor and delegates attending Annual Conference in Las Cruces until 6/2</b>  Tai Ji Balance class, Conf Rm, 4-5 pm	<b>31</b> 6 pm – Bible, #101 6 pm Praise Team 7 pm Choir	<b>June 1</b> Exercise Fell Hall 9 am Tai Ji Balance class, Conf Rm, 1-2 6 pm – Cub Leaders mtg, Ed. Classroom  First Place 4 Health, Conf Room 6:30 pm	<b>June 2</b> Huddle #101, 8:35 am  Bible Study #103, 6:30 pm  EMMAUS, 6:30 Fell Hall	<b>June 3</b>