

Peralta Memorial United Methodist Church

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We Serve Christ So All Will Follow Him

HOLY SPIRIT – CHURCH BEYOND THE WALLS

There is no better time to be a follower of Jesus Christ. People are hungry and longing. They are seeking something of significance in their lives. They want to get their lives right. So many places where people have put their trust are failing. The idols of this world are failing us: workaholism, greed, scarcity, competition, YOLO (you only live once), chasing after momentary pleasures. Loneliness is an epidemic. The Internet and smartphones are causing anxiety, controversy and distraction. The standard of living in our country is plunging downward. Yet Jesus Christ never fails. When we unflinchingly follow Christ there will be hard and difficult times but God will not fail us.

People are hungry for what Jesus Christ has to offer. However, distrust of institutions runs high. The life of abundance and grace that the Holy Spirit provides must be shared, person to person. Yes, sometimes people will drive by the church and come in. However, many more people need a *reason* to come to the church.

The Holy Spirit will provide the reason, but the Holy Spirit needs some hands and feet. That's where we come in. The Holy Spirit needs us now - not just to have faith but to be faith. We are called to feed the hungry – the spiritually hungry – with our words and our actions.

When is the last time you engaged in a spiritual conversation with someone who does not have a church home? When is the last time you spoke about God outside of the walls of our church?

Here's a way to start: every time you drive past a school, pray. Pray for the teachers and the students. Pray that a boy or girl there may find hope that never fails. Pray that a teacher may find encouragement through the Holy Spirit. When you drive by a nursing home, pray. Pray for the residents who have health needs. Pray especially for the staff who care for residents' needs around the clock and see much sickness and death.

And as we pray more and more, the Holy Spirit will open up conversations, open hearts, and make Christ happen outside the walls of the church. May it be so this summer.

Pastor David

A fterShock

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



July 30 will be a youth-led service followed by a pot-luck lunch for EVERYONE ... to be held in the Auditorium.

We look forward to serving the congregation during this wonderful youth service scheduled to begin at 11:00 am.

June 25 through 30 the youth group will have hosted VBS for the community of Cimarron and Maxwell. Find a youth member and ask them how this mission trip went. Thank you for all your prayers and support of the Aftershock youth and youth ministries.

*LIGHT NIGHT is held every 3rd Sunday in the Sanctuary from 6:30 to 8pm. This is for **everyone to attend** and is a wonderful spiritual time to spend with the Lord. Come check it out and you will not be disappointed. We can always use agape gifts to give out during this event.*



**December isn't that far away...
to think about reaching out to others**

The Church is seeking Coordinators and helpers for Operation Shoebox and Angel Tree outreach ministries.

Both programs share the love of Jesus at Christmas-time.

If you are interested in helping, or would like more information, please call the office, 865-9334.



**CRAFTY
LADIES**

*We are getting CLOSER to November and our
annual Holiday Bazaar,
so we will start meeting 4 days a month.*

Our July meeting days:

Tuesday, July 4th – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Wednesday, July 5th – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

AND

Tuesday, July 18th, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Wednesday, July 19th, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

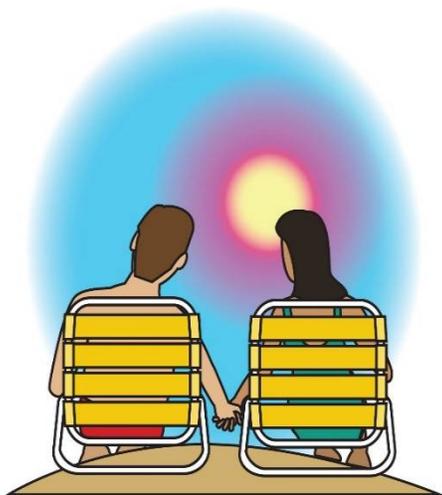
In Fellowship

For more information call Lois Meadors at 865-6791, Kelley Green at 865-6975.



**Mary Circle-UMW meets on the second Tuesday
of each month, except in July when we do not meet.**

**Our next meeting will be held in August on Tuesday,
August 8th at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall.**



**JULY
ANNIVERSARIES**

July 2 – Charles & Jackie Barnes

July 5 - Tracy McRae & Kristine

Mather-McRae

July 5 – Earl & Helen Thompson

July 30 – Thom & Rebeka

Knowlton

July 31 – Ruben & Kristy Garcia

July 31 – Ty & Katie Harris

July 1 – Justin Heppler
July 2 – Joshua Demick
July 3 – Kaye Groves
July 3 – Joshua Parker
July 4 – Trevor Green
July 5 – Jenna de la Rosa-Galey
July 6 – Kylie Colvill
July 7 – Landon Rindels
July 7 – Summer Row
July 9 – April Smith
July 10 - Marj West
July 12 – Maddy Honeyfield
July 15 – Santi Garcia
July 15 – Jazabelle Row
July 17 – Eva Timmons
July 17 – Reagan Green
July 18 – Jasmine Martinez
July 18 – Tanner Medina
July 19 – La Nelda Ross
July 20 – Lisa Inman
July 21 – Dorothy Rose
July 22 – Earl Thompson
July 22 – Sunshine Van Curen
July 25 – Hannah Lumpkin
July 26 – Lana Fastnacht
July 27 – Ashley Cook
July 28 – Don Honeyfield
July 28 – Bob “Red” Knowlton
July 29 – Sharon Ramirez
July 29 – Connie Irwin
July 30 – Jessica Matsutani
July 31 – Kendall Platt

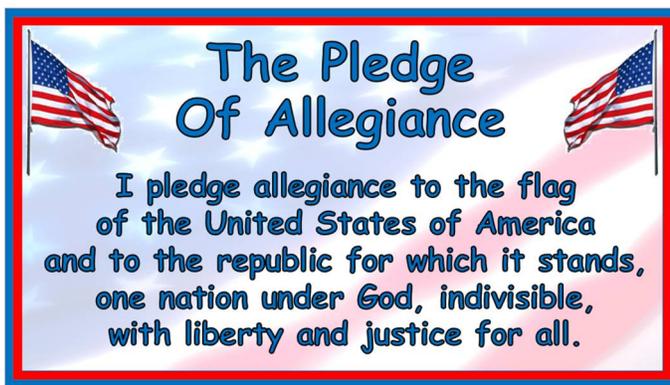


JULY
BIRTHDAYS



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.

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| Pastor David & Family | Valencia County Abundant Grace Free Store | Donna Duke | 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 Derossett |
| Joleen Baughman | Karen Fastnacht | Nate Meyer | USA Leaders |
| Michael Garrison | Our Freedom | Richard & Linda Darnell | Lori Buvinghausen |
| Freta Hawkins | All Caregivers | Anne Cassidy-Vigil | All military & their families |
| Pauline Taylor | Marilyn Smith | Mike Romero | Chris Knox |
| | | Bill Lynch | Our Freedom |



The other morning at church as I stood along with the congregation to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, it occurred to me that I had no idea who wrote it or when or even why. For some odd reason, I just thought the Pledge came along with the Declaration of Independence! . . . and that sent me on a seek and find mission through the world of Google.

One of the first versions (yes, there have been several revisions besides the addition of *under God* in 1954) was

composed by a Civil War veteran, Colonel George Balch. It read:

We give our heads and hearts to God and our country; one country, one language, one flag.

However, the Pledge of Allegiance as it basically is now was composed by a Baptist minister (who was also a Christian socialist [and that term took me in another Google search!]) by the name of Francis Bellamy. His original Pledge was written for and first published in *The Youth's Companion* magazine on September 8, 1892. Mr. Bellamy believed the patriotism and national feeling was at a low point. He explained, "(t)he patriotic ardor of the Civil War was an old story. . . . The time was ripe for a reawakening of simple Americanism and the leaders in the new movement rightly felt that patriotic education should begin in the public schools."

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James B. Upham, a marketer for *The Youth's Companion*, wanted to use this pledge not only to support his own patriotic vision of instilling the idea of American nationalism in students but also to advance his commercial interest---selling flags to public schools! Mr. Upham was known to share ideas with his wife, and often reportedly said to her, "Mary, if I can instill into the minds of our American youth a love for their country and the principles on which it was founded, and create in them an ambition to carry on with the ideals which the early founders wrote into The Constitution, I shall not have lived in vain."

The original Pledge read:

*I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands,
One nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*

Mr. Upham's campaign was apparently quite successful. 25,000 schools acquired flags in that first year (1892-1893). A few years later, *The American Monthly*---magazine of the Daughters of the American Revolution, cited Colonel Balch's Pledge as a "formula of allegiance." Their version read:

I pledge allegiance to my flag, and the republic for which it stands.
I pledge my head and my heart to God and my country. One country, one language and one flag.

Then, in 1923, at the National Flag Conference, members voted to change "my Flag" to "the Flag of the United States" so new immigrants wouldn't "confuse loyalties between their birth countries and the United States." At the next year's conference, they added "of America" to the pledge, and on June 22, 1942, the United States Congress recognized the Pledge for the first time. It read:

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

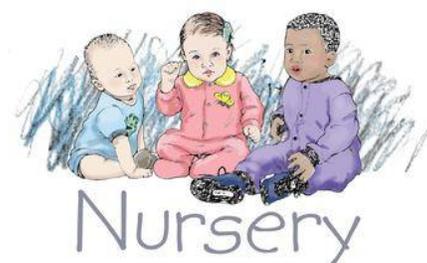
On June 14, 1954, the phrase *under God* was incorporated into the Pledge by a Joint Resolution of Congress. Also, on that Flag Day, President Eisenhower (who had recently been baptized as a Presbyterian) said:

From this day forward, the millions of our school children will daily proclaim in every city and town, every village and rural school house, the dedication of our nation and our people to the Almighty. . . . In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource, in peace or in war."

I believe our country (actually, our world) has fallen far away from God, and once again the time is "ripe for a reawakening of simple Americanism" and to, once again, "instill into the minds of [Americans] a love for their country and the principles on which it was founded."

Happy 241st birthday, USA!!!

We are blessed to live here.



The church Nursery is in need of safety gates
to keep children protected.
If you have a safety gate to donate,
please take it to the Nursery on a Sunday morning.
We are looking for 3-4 gates, please. THANKS!



5th
Sunday
Potluck

Sunday, July 30th

ONE worship service - 11:00 am

With potluck lunch in
Auditorium afterwards

My Country, 'Tis of Thee- 1831

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..." Psalm 33:12

This patriotic hymn was written by Samuel Francis Smith, a native Bostonian, born on October 21, 1808. After attending Boston Latin School, he enrolled in Harvard, then attended Andover Seminary. While there, Samuel became fascinated by the work of Adoniram Judson, America's first missionary, and he developed a lifelong passion for world evangelism.

It was also during Samuel's first year at Andover that hymn publisher Lowell Mason sought his help. Mason had a stack of German songs and materials needing translation. Learning that Samuel was proficient in German, he recruited the young student to translate them.



On a cold February afternoon, about a half hour before sunset, Samuel sat in his sparsely furnished room, pouring over the materials. He was struck by the words of "*Gott segne Sachsenland*" ("God Bless Our Saxon Land"), set to the tune we know as "America" (used in Great Britain for "God Save the Queen").

"I instantly felt the impulse to write a patriotic hymn of my own adapted to this tune," Samuel later said. "Picking up a scrap of paper which lay near me, I wrote at once, probably within half an hour, the hymn, 'America' as it is now known."

A friend, William Jenks, took a copy to the pastor of Boston's Park Street Congregational Church. There "America" was first sung by the Juvenile Choir at a Sunday School Rally, on July 4, 1831.

In the years that followed, Samuel Francis Smith grew into a powerful Baptist preacher, pastor, college professor, hymnist, linguist, writer, and missionary advocate. He traveled the world in support of evangelism, and he rejoiced when his son became a missionary to Rangoon, Samuel lived to ripe old age and remained active till the end. He died suddenly in his late eighties at the Boston train station en route to a preaching appointment.

But he has always been most revered for the patriotic hymn he wrote as a 23-year-old student. As his friend and Harvard classmate Oliver Wendell Holmes put it at a class reunion:

*And there's a nice youngster of excellent pith,—
Fate tried to conceal him by naming him Smith;
But he shouted a song for the brave and the free,—
Just read on his medal, "My country, of thee!"*

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
No Meetings this month						July 1st PMUMC Choir go to Good Life for a Hymn Sing with residents, 11:30 am Everyone else is invited too!
2 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 6 pm – AfterShock Youth	3 Church Office open 9 am -12 pm Food Pantry 10-12:30 Emmaus, #101, 6:30 Boy Scouts 7 pm, Ed Bldg.	4 – INDEPENDENCE DAY OFFICE IS CLOSED Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall 9 am to 2 pm No Tai Ji Balance class	5 Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall 9 am to 2 pm 6 pm- Bible Study, #101	6 Exercise, Fell Hall 9 am Tai Ji Balance class, Fell Hall, 1-2 Cub Scout leaders' mtg. Ed Bldg 6 pm	7 Huddle #101, 8:30 am	8 Threads of Love, 10:30 am, Fell Hall Jones Memorial service, 11 am Fell Hall reserved 1:00 to 5:00 pm
9 7 am – Men's Breakfast, Fell Hall 8:30-Worship 9:45-Sunday School 11:00-Worship 12:15 – Youth LT, F. H. 6 pm AfterShock Youth	10 'Soul' class #103, 9:30 am Food Pantry, 10 to 12:30 Emmaus #101, 6:30 7 pm Boy Scouts in Ed. Bldg.	11 Tai Ji Balance class, Fell Hall, 4-5 pm	12 6 pm – Bible Study, #101 6 pm GriefShare, #103	13 Exercise Fell Hall 9 am Tai Ji Balance class, Fell Hall, 1-2	14 Huddle, 8:30, #101	15
16 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 6 pm AfterShock Youth 6:30 – Light Night, Sanctuary	17 Food Pantry Auditorium set up, 1 pm for Tuesday Emmaus #101, 6:30 pm 7 pm Boy Scouts Ed Bldg.	18 Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall, 9 am to 2 pm NMSU cooking class, Auditorium & Kitchen 9 am to 1 pm Tai Ji Balance class, Auditorium, 4 pm	19 Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall, 9 am to 2 pm 6 pm – Bible Study, #101	20 Exercise Fell Hall 9 am Tai Ji Balance class, Fell Hall, 1-2	21 Huddle, 8:30, #101 EMMAUS, Fell Hall 6:30 pm	22
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30- 5th Sunday ONE SERVICE AT 11:00 AM POTLUCK LUNCH afterwards, in the AUDITORIUM 6 pm - AfterShock	31 Food Pantry, 10-12:30 Emmaus #101, 6:30 pm 7 pm Boy Scouts, Ed Bldg	<i>August 1</i> Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall, 9 – 2 Tai Ji Balance, Auditorium, 4 pm	<i>August 2</i> Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall, 9 – 2 Bible study, 6 pm #101	<i>August 3</i> Exercise, Fell Hall 9 am Tai Ji Balance, F.H. 1 pm 6 pm Cub Leaders' mtg, Ed bldg. class	<i>August 4</i> EMMAUS, Fell Hall, 6:30 pm	<i>August 5</i>