



Peralta Memorial United Methodist Church

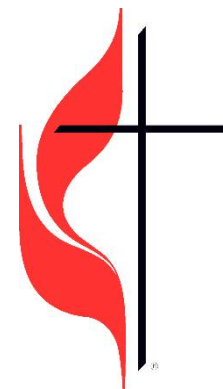
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We Serve Christ So All Will Follow Him

HUDDLES AND DISCIPLESHIP

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Does it mean attending church? That's part of it. Does it mean reading the Bible? That's part of it, too. Is there more to discipleship? Absolutely!

Discipleship means following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. Discipleship is a radical action following a radical God. Discipleship means looking at the world through the eyes of Jesus. This requires study of Scripture. It also requires accountability – allowing others to challenge our actions to make sure we're following in Jesus's footsteps and not straying off on our own course. As we follow Jesus, we are called to extend grace to the stranger and outcast. And just as Jesus's disciples were unlikely folks (smelly fishermen), we are also to call others to follow Jesus – sometimes unlikely folks. The only way we find new disciples is to look at the world through Jesus's eyes.

Where do we find Jesus in the 21st Century? How do we go where Jesus goes? One way is through a Huddle – a small group focused on intentional discipleship. A Huddle meets weekly, and each week we ask each other, "What is God saying to you this week and what are you going to do about it?" Then we take notes and hold each other accountable. We practice sharing our faith with others. We also study the Book of Acts and share together the ways the earliest disciples shared the love of Christ with others – including foreigners and those of different faiths. We cringe at the risks the early disciples took and the hardships they endured including beatings, arrests, and shipwrecks. We also study the book *Building a Discipling Culture* by Mike Breen that gives us the pattern and curriculum for our weekly Huddle meetings.

Our first Huddle group has been meeting since January of this year. It has been a transformative experience for all of us as we are growing more able to hear God's voice in our lives and more ready to engage others with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our Huddle members are Kristine Mather-McRae, Melodie Huff, Marlow Frasier, Dan Johns, and me. After one year in a Huddle, each Huddle member leads his or her own Huddle. Soon, each of us will be inviting others to be part of our new Huddles. I am encouraging our Huddle members to look inside and outside the church for prospective members of their upcoming Huddles.

This means some of you may be receiving an invitation to be part of a Huddle in the coming months. Huddles are filled by prayerful invitation only. If you are longing to be part of a Huddle but you are not invited this coming year, please wait prayerfully. As the Huddles spread throughout the church and community in the next few years, there will be many more opportunities to take part. If one of our current Huddle members invites you, I ask you to take a few days of prayerful consideration, especially if you want to decline the invitation at first. Often, the very best thing God has for us appears inconvenient, daunting, or even impossible.

The Huddle has the power to **transform Valencia County by its roots**. As we learn to go where Jesus goes and respond to God's call relationships get stronger, people come together, we live better lives on the inside and outside, and our community follows after God's heart.

Pastor David

LOGOS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 5th!!!

We are excited for the LOGOS program to begin again!! LOGOS is made possible by the amazing volunteers that contribute their time and energy. If you feel called to serve the youth in our congregation and community, please complete a volunteer request form, which can be found in the church office, online on our Facebook page at Pmumc LGOOS, or by e-mailing us at pmumc25@gmail.com.

LOGOS training for volunteers will be held on Saturday, August 26th at 9:00 am and will include an optional Safe Sanctuaries training (if you haven't yet completed that).

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: The LOGOS schedule will be Tuesdays from 4:30 to 7:00 pm (with homework hour from 3:30 to 4:30) starting September 5th. The LOGOS registration form is available in the church office, online on our Facebook page at Pmumc LOGOS, or by e-mailing us at pmumc25@gmail.com

Tiffany Karney

Shiya Genson

Co-Directors



Gospel Jam

Sunday, August 6th
3:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

Everyone is welcome
to come & enjoy the
GREAT music
that will be presented!!

A fterShock

“ Turning the hearts of youth and families to God and each other ”

This has been a busy summer for Aftershock. VBS, Mission trip to Cimarron, Youth-led services, Isotopes game and an awesomazing youth camping trip to the Catwalk with the highlight of staying at the beautiful ranch of Hugh B. and Margie McKeen. A special thanks to them for sharing God with us, and to Mike and Ruth Romero for setting us up to stay there. There was a beautiful grassy area to set up tents under what may very well be one of the tallest cottonwood trees in New Mexico. Well over 100 feet tall and we measured the girth to be 24 feet 6 inches. A full semi-outdoor kitchen with 2 bathrooms, gazebo, huge grill, plenty of picnic tables, a swimming hole complete with diving board, canoe, minners ,crawfish and some of the most stunning sunsets you'll ever see. The Catwalk has been redone after much flood damage, but only to about a mile of the original trail. Some of the adventurers in our group braved on up the washed-out part of the trail for some ways. It is disappointing that it has changed so much but still amazing and we all experienced a lifetime of memories on this trip.

Chris led us in worship on Sunday before we left, accompanied by his trusty music stand - Luke. Shelby shared an insightful message from 1 John chapter 5 on whose we are and how we all need to love those who also are loved by the Father, even the ones who don't seem so loveable to us at the time. Thanks to all the adults who transported us and assisted on the trip.

Thank you to each and every one of you who support the Aftershock youth and youth ministries and allow us to experience God in such an amazing way.

DON'T FORGET LIGHT NIGHT ON THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH at 6:30 pm. Come join us sometime, you might just be amazed!! We can always use more agape items for this event. We have plenty of bookmarks, but can always use more of "other types" of gift items and special messages. **Thanks**



Crafty Ladies now meet 4 times a month---
the **first and third** Tuesdays and Wednesdays!
August meeting dates are August 1, 2, 15, & 16
from 9AM-to about 2 PM. **Please join us!**

**PMUMC Men – you are invited to LUNCH
on August 15th at 12 noon.**

Please join us -- we'd like to say "thanks".

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!

We now need: buttons of all sizes, pretty dinner and salad plates and cups and saucers, (none of them have to match), zippers of all sizes and more wooden rolling pins. Please, come and see what we are doing with all these donations!!

BAKER'S MAN, BAKER'S MAN....

BAKE ME SOME BREAD AS FAST AS YOU CAN!

We are looking for people who will bake more than 1-2 loaves of bread, about 18-20 loaves. We have recipes, (or you can show us your own) and we will provide ingredients, except for eggs. This year we would like the smaller loaf sizes, as we sell to many couples and individuals. We hope to have lots of individual size loaves as well as those baked in the 7 1/2 x 3 3/4 x 2 1/4 inch pan.



SIGN UP FOR BAKING WILL START AFTER BOTH SERVICES STARTING MID AUGUST. We can start baking by the end of August as we have freezer space. Talk to us on Sundays to volunteer and to bring us your ideas, or any time. You may contact Kaye Groves at 865-9163 or 290-7906. For more information call Lois Meadors at 865-6791, Kelley Green at 865-6975 or the church office.



**SCHOOL
SUPPLIES
Collection**

SCHOOL STARTS SOON!!!

August is here which means teachers will be heading back to the classrooms very soon, and students will follow about a week later! We can help the teachers greatly by helping our students in need to have the school supplies required. Once again, we will have some church families as well as many pantry families

who will be asking for supplies to help out their budgets.

School supplies are out on the store shelves now and have fairly good prices. Wal Mart has the grade level school needs posted.

Please bring donations to the workroom next to the office. Back packs are always needed, but ALL supplies are GREATLY appreciated. Let's bless our teachers and students by giving them a hand-up to start the year. For more information, you may call the church office, or Margrace Grotefend at 869-9385.



August 5 – Rich & Carol Sams
August 11 – Dick & Sheryl Pelland
August 15 – Frank & Karen Bonanno
August 17 – Dale & Carolyn Honeyfield
August 20 – Cleve & Shawnda Lumpkin
August 21 – Paul & Mary Valigura
August 29 – Roy & Judy Carson
August 30 – Karel & Martha Pekarek

August 1 – Lois Meadors
August 1 – Don Taylor
August 1 – Tiffany Karney
August 4 – Walt Timmons
August 5 – Ken Eubank
August 6 – Pastor David
August 7 – Brice Proctor
August 8 – Buddy York
August 9 – Colton Kinnikin
August 12 – Kim Blaine
August 13 – Bryce Redd
August 13 – Paighton Row
August 14 – Greg Culver
August 14 – Jonathon Baker
August 15 – Jan Harp
August 20 – Gladys Ansley
August 20 – Kace Green
August 22 – Hannah Stockton
August 23 – Kirsty Platt
August 24 – Carolyn Honeyfield
August 24 – Susi Broekstra
August 24 – Joshua Gentry
August 27 – Nancy Pettis
August 29 – Chris Knox
August 30 – Bre Green
August 30 – Carissa Green
August 30 – Betty Hennigan
August 30 – Bart Regelbrugge
August 30 – Naomi Jordan
August 31 – Virgil Proctor
August 31 – Ruben Garcia



A PRAYER FOR OUR STUDENTS

DEAR GOD,
 THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF
 EDUCATION IN EVERY FORM.
 AS OUR CHILDREN PREPARE TO START A NEW YEAR
 MAY CONFIDENCE BE THEIR FOUNDATION,
 MAY GRACE BE THEIR GUIDE AND
 MAY HOPE BE THEIR COMPASS TOWARD A BRIGHT FUTURE.
 I PRAY THEY WOULD HAVE EYES TO SEE
 THE NEEDS OF THOSE AROUND THEM
 AND A HEART TO LOVE WELL.
 MAY THEY FACE EACH DAY WITH POSITIVITY
 KNOWING THAT NO MATTER
 WHAT COMES THEIR WAY,
 THEY DO NOT HAVE TO FACE IT ALONE.
 AMEN

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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	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'Amly 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	Mike Romero	Chris Knox	Bill Lynch
			Our Freedom



Mary Circle/UMW will meet on August 8 at 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. Lanna Sharp will serve as our hostess. Bernice Hughes has just returned from Mission u and has agreed to be our speaker for August. So come, and let Bernice teach you something that she learned at Mission u. I know there were two very interesting topics: The Bible study was "Living as a Covenant Community" and the Geographic Study was The Missionary Conferences of the UMC (Alaska, Oklahoma and Red Bird) the Native American Conferences, and I know Bernice is very excited about what she learned!

Also, we need to make the plans for our next Sweet and Salty Cinema production on September 10th and our meeting with a special speaker and Belen UMW as guests on September 12th. So we have busy and exciting things to do. Come and join us----we want to see new faces.

For more information about Mary Circle/UMW call Chris Knox at 865-7864 or the church office.

Little Brown Church in the Vale– 1857

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.” Exodus 20:8

The Little Brown Church in the Vale sits in a beautiful park alongside Highway 218 in the town of Bradford, near Nashua, in northern Iowa. But it wasn't there when the song was written.



A New York native named William Pitts, about 27, was traveling by stagecoach from his home in Wisconsin to Fredericksburg, Iowa, to see his girlfriend. It was a bright afternoon in 1857. When the stagecoach made a pit stop in Bradford, Pitts took a stroll among the trees to stretch his legs. The gently sloping hills formed a slight valley, and the Cedar River flowed peacefully by. That grove of trees, it seemed to Pitts, would be the perfect setting for a church.

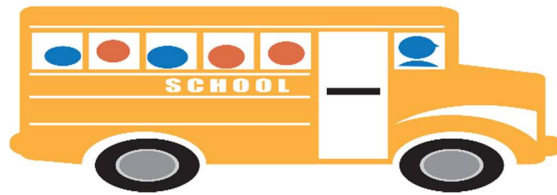
Unable to erase the scene from his mind, Pitts returned home and composed the words and music to “Little Brown Church in the Vale.” Nothing came of his song, however, and he filed it away. Five years later, Pitts, now married to his sweetheart, relocated to Iowa to be near his elderly in-laws and to teach music at Bradford Academy. Imagine his surprise when he saw a church building sitting in the very spot he had previously envisioned it. Christians in the community, growing tired of meeting in abandoned stores, had determined to build a church. The Civil War was raging and times were hard, but by 1862, the building was up. It had to be painted using the cheapest color-which was brown.

When Pitts saw the little brown church in the vale, he rushed home and found “Little Brown Church in the Vale,” packed among his papers. He sang his hymn at the building's dedication in 1864. Soon afterward, he sold his manuscript to a publisher in Chicago for \$25.00. He used the money to enroll in Rush Medical College, and William spent the rest of his life as the town physician in Fredericksburg Iowa, about 14 miles from Bradford.

Today the Little Brown Church boasts a membership of about 100, but it's best known for the hundreds of weddings and thousands of tourists who flock there each year to see the church in the valley by the wildwood, the little brown church in the vale.

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

August



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July 30 – Sunday School @ 9:45 11 am – ONE worship service Potluck Lunch afterwards	July 31 Food Pantry 10-12:30 Emmaus #101, 6:30 Boy Scouts 7 pm Ed. Bldg.	AUGUST 1st Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall, 9-2 Tai Ji Balance, Auditorium 4-5	2 Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall, 9-2 Bible #101, 6 pm GriefShare, 6 pm #103	3 Exercise, Fell Hall 9 am Tai Ji Balance, Fell Hall 1-2 6 pm Cub Leaders' mtg. Ed. Classroom	4 Huddle #101, 8:30 am Emmaus, Fell Hall & K, 6:30	5
6 8:30 – Worship 9:45– Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 12:15 –Youth LT mtg Fell Hall GOSPEL JAM – Fell Hall @ 3 pm (reserved 1:30-6) 6 pm – AfterShock Youth Group	7 ‘Soul’ class, #103, 9:30 am Food Pantry 10-12:30 Emmaus, #101, 6:30 Boy Scouts 7 pm, Ed Bldg.	8 UMW, Fell Hall, 9:30 am Tai Ji Balance class, Fell Hall, 4-5 pm Trustees, #201 6:30 pm	9 6 pm- Bible Study, #101 6 pm Praise Team 7 pm Choir	10 Exercise, Fell Hall, 9 am Tai Ji Balance Fell Hall, 1-2 6 pm Worship mtg. #101 7 pm, SPRC #104	11 Huddle #101, 8:30 am Bible study resumes, 6 pm #103	12 Threads of Love, 10:30 am, Fell Hall
13 7 am – Men's 8:30-Worship 9:45-Sunday School 11:00-Worship 6 pm AfterShock Youth Group	14 <i>Back to school prayers</i> Food Pantry, 10 to 12:30 Emmaus #101, 6:30 Finance mtg, #104, 6:30 pm 7 pm Boy Scouts in Ed. Bldg.	15 Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall, 9-2 PMUMC men invited for lunch at 12 noon Tai Ji Balance, Auditorium 4-5	16 Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall, 9-2 6 pm – Bible Study, #101 6 pm GriefShare, #103 6 pm Praise Team 7 pm Choir	17 Exercise Fell Hall 9 am Tai Ji Balance class , Fell Hall, 1-2 Ad Council, 6:30 pm, Conf Room	18 Huddle, 8:30, #101 Bible study, #103, 6 pm	19
20 8:30 – Worship 9:45– Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 6 pm AfterShock Youth Group 6:30 – Light Night, Sanctuary	21 ‘Soul’ class, #103, 9:30 am Food Pantry 10-12:30 Emmaus #101, 6:30 pm 7 pm Boy Scouts Ed Bldg.	22 Tai Ji Balance Fell Hall, 4-5 pm	23 6 pm – Bible Study, #101 6 pm Girl Scouts, Education Bldg. 6 pm Praise Team 7 pm Choir	24 Exercise Fell Hall 9 am Tai Ji Balance class , Fell Hall, 1-2 First Place 4 Health, 6:30, Conf Room	25 Huddle, 8:30, #101 Bible Study, #103, 6 pm	26 LOGOS Training, Conf Room 9 am-12:30
27 7 am – Men's Breakfast, Fell Hall 8:30 – Worship 9:45- Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 6:00 – AfterShock Youth Group	28 Food Pantry, 10-12:30 6 pm Boy Scouts Auditorium & Kitchen Emmaus #101, 6:30 pm	29 Tai Ji Balance, Fell Hall, 4-5 pm	30 6 pm – Bible Study, #101 6 pm Girl Scouts, Ed. 6 pm Praise Team 7 pm Choir Bldg	31 Exercise, 9 am, Fell Hall Tai Ji Balance class, Fell Hall, 1-2 First Place 4 Health, 6:30, Conf Room		