

Peralta Memorial United Methodist Church

Pastor Manish Shirlay

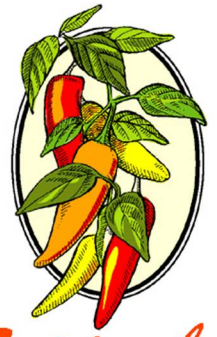
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September

Going Beyond Our Walls to Build God's Kingdom

Inclusion and Belonging

Since a church like ours is already committed to the value of inclusion in our dealings with others, let me suggest that there is a world of difference between *inclusion* and *belonging*. The problem with affirming that ours is a fully inclusive church is that the people who may receive a friendly greeting from us on Sunday morning may in fact be experiencing inclusion without at the same time feeling any real, strong sense of belonging. *Just because you are allowed to take up space in a room does not in and of itself provide a guarantee that anybody else actually loves you.*

Earlier this week listening to a podcast I heard theologian John Swinton from the United Kingdom tell the story of an elderly woman from his congregation who regularly attends weekly worship and the tea and coffee time of fellowship that follows. While she was always made to feel perfectly welcome by the other parishioners for that hour-and-a-half of worship and social exchange every Sunday, she had come to understand that her only friendships with these other congregants lasted precisely ninety minutes each week. For the rest of the week she lived alone in silence, for nobody bothered to call on her or check on her welfare. As Swinton pointed out, *she is fully included in the life of her church, but she does not really yet belong.* And she will not finally *belong* to that church until the moment that the fact of her physical presence or absence as part of the Body of Christ becomes a truly personal concern to somebody else. Simply being allowed into the room does not mean that you are really loved. Honest love always requires that someone else actually gives a rip whether or not you are around.

Here's the deal: I want you to commit yourselves to demonstrate in very personal, tangible ways that you will be useful to God in helping bring others to a full sense of belonging within our own family of faith. I don't expect that the process will always feel comfortable and convenient, for helping someone come to know that they are actually *loved* and not merely *tolerated* in my life and family and will usually require me to take pains to demonstrate that fact. And perhaps that is always the problem for those of us who have been called to follow Jesus. For as happy as Jesus might one day be to welcome me to the magnificent place he has been preparing all of these years, I suspect he will still think to ask me that one eternal question: *Where are all the others?*

In Christ, Pastor Manish



P.I.E. Sunday
Potluck & Auction

AfterShock Youth
annual fundraiser

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

**Times for Sunday School and
Worship will be different, so keep
your eyes and ears open!!!**

Following Sunday School and Worship there will be the Potluck Lunch & PIE Auction in the Auditorium. Look for the silent auction items in the Conference Room and the common areas of the Community Building. **Please mark your calendars!!!** There will be yummy pies available, good food to share, and fun items to bid on.

AFTERSHOCK YOUTH NEWS

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

PIE SUNDAY is coming SOON. September 25 will be the Pie auction, potluck, and silent auction. We have already received some awesomazing items for the silent auction but are in need of other gently used or new items that you may wish to donate. Remember, this is the biggest fund raiser of the year for the Aftershock youth group. We are excited and anxious for this year's event. As you know, someone must get pie in the face, so we will all be looking forward to who that may be this year.

If you have items for the auction, you may bring them by the office Monday through Thursday and put them in the workroom next to Genevieve's office. If you need help getting your items to the church, please call Marlow at 505-865-9334. We thank you in advance for your continued support of the Aftershock youth and youth ministry.



September 4 - Becky & Ken Eubank
September 7 - Marlow & Julieanne Frasier
September 18 - Jordan & Amy Valigura
September 27 - Vernon & Wendy Honeyfield
September 30 - Dayle & Danene Eager

September 3 - William Armstrong
September 6 - Mary Valigura
September 7 - Rosa Garcia
September 8 - Abby Altobello
September 9 - Grant Irwin
September 10 - Faith Switzer
September 11 - Dayle Eager
September 11 - Julieanne Frasier
September 12 - Ryan Rindels
September 14 - Erika Wade
September 17 - Pete Broekstra
September 17 - Matthew Gonzales
September 18 - Danene Eager
September 20 - CJ Kinnikin
September 23 - Brandon Candelaria
September 25 - Jennifer York
September 26 - Aurora Christopher
September 29 - Donna Hinders



GRIEF SHARE®

GriefShare is a bi-weekly support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. We will resume our group on September 8th at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room.

We know it hurts, and we want to help. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mary Valigura or Phyllis Graham.



To all who made the ramp at my home possible, by sharing your time and talent or making a donation to the New Mexico Ramp Project organization... I most sincerely THANK YOU!!! Your kindness is greatly appreciated. The ramp is wonderful, so easy to use and so beautiful!!!

God Bless You, Dorothy Marta



Crafty Ladies would like donations of picture frames 8x10 or 9x12; wood only please (no metal).

We'll meet again on September 6th and 7th beginning at 9 am. Lunch will be a potluck so bring your favorite casserole to share. We need your help in the areas of devotion, fellowship and crafting. See you soon!!!



Financial Report

July income = \$25,403.10


July expenses = -\$18,286.62

Net gain = \$7,116.48

Jan-July income = \$156,422.51

Jan-July expenses = -\$147,554.76

Net gain = \$8,867.75




A Prayer For Labor Day

Lord on this Labor Day, we thank You for the blessing of work. We ask for strength to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask for Your guidance and hope for everyone seeking employment. We ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of all of us.

Amen.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy burdened, And I shall give you rest."
Matthew 11:28-30



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Please be in prayer for each of these in our continuing prayer list. If you know of anyone else who needs to be added, please call Ruth or the church office, 865-9334. If you would like to be a part of Prayer Warriors, please let us know.

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| Our Freedom | Abundant Grace Free Store | Rev. Manish Shirly | Nadia M | Ruth Romero |
| Lynn Plante | Lynn Schultz | Erma Ward | Mike Heppler | Cheryl Huber |
| Don Gleichman | Lois Meadors | Dorothy Marta | Daniel Gurule | Conrad Joseph Hughes |
| Cure for Cancer | Donna Duke | J'Amy Creel | Jim Kubisak | Diego |
| Karen Fastnacht | Nate Meyer | USA Leaders | Larry & Melodie Huff | Michael Garrison |
| Richard & Linda Darnell | Lori Buvinghausen | All Caregivers | Anne Cassidy-Vigil | |
| All military & their families | Beth Miller | Jay & Marilyn Smith | Don & Pauline Taylor | |
| Ted & Madeleine George | Cindy Walters | John Dutil & daughter Lora (caregiver) | Veronica Garcia | |



United Methodist Women
Mary Circle

UMW will meet on Tuesday, September 13, 2022
at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.



In addition to our devotion, prayers, and refreshments,
Pastor Manish will speak to us about issues concerning the Methodist Church.

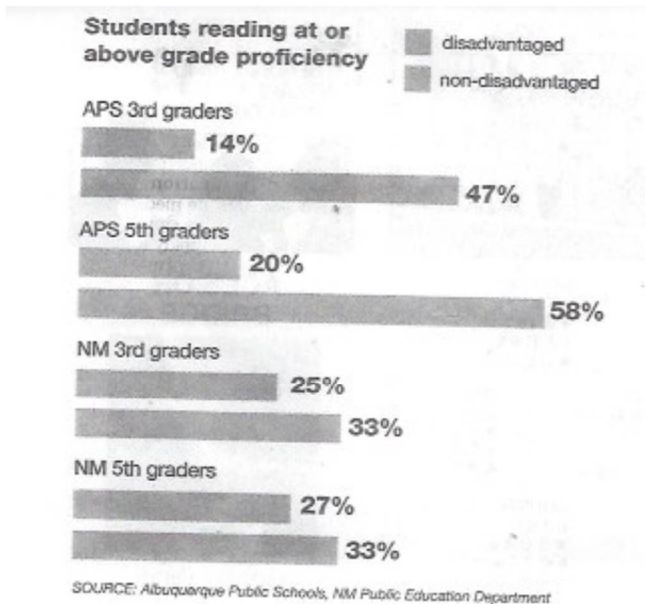
All women are welcome and cordially invited!

FEEDING CHILDRENS' MINDS AND STOMACHES

According to this article in the Albuquerque Journal 70% schools in NM are title 1 schools. According to this article there are a lot of disadvantaged kids in New Mexico. As we all know, kids cannot learn well on an empty stomach. As you can see kids that are disadvantaged are not reading at the level they should be. According to the article the largest negative home-influenced factor is a lack of exposure to the printed word. The absence of books and other reading material in the homes is a huge factor in kids reading at level. There are other deterrents in homes of disadvantaged kids such as no school supplies, no breakfast, no utilities, and many others. This is a large problem in New Mexico and Valencia County. These children need our help. **IF NOT US WHO. According to the article 85.2% schools in NM are title one schools. 70.9% get free or reduced lunches. We have to help these children**

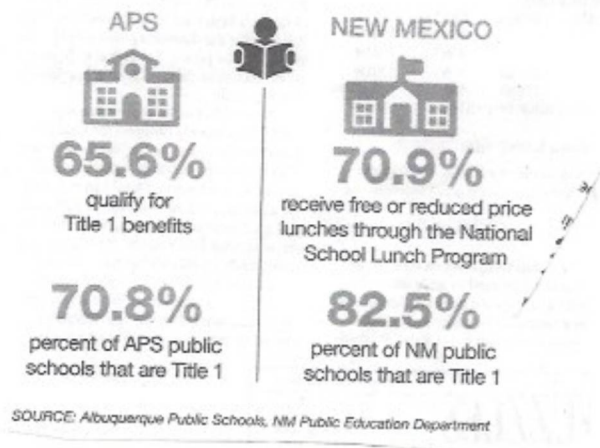
As most of you know, we have been giving away free books to kids for a couple of years. Last year we gave over 700 books. This year we will be giving books to teachers for their rooms. The first books ordered arrived today, and will be distributed this week. We will also continue to send books home in food bags through the schools. We also give Grace Church books for their Wednesday night dinner to persons that are needing help. We will continue to do all we did last year plus giving to the teachers. We hope to give out close to a thousand books this year. Bart also gives me books through his organization Read With Me.

We are also giving snacks to kids at Century High School. Century is an alternative school which needs our help with a lot of things. The snacks are given to teachers who give them to kids that come to school with no breakfast and some with no dinner the night before.



PLEASE HELP US WITH THIS IMPORTANT MISSION. I WILL HAVE THE BOX IN THE ENTRANCE TO THE SANCTUARY TO LEAVE SNACKS, AND ALSO I WILL LEAVE A LIST OF WHAT IS APPROVED. IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO DONATE FOOD AND WOULD RATHER GIVE A MONETARY DONATION TO HELP ME BUY SNACKS, MARK THE MEMO ON YOUR CHECK OR YOUR DONATION ON LINE HOW MUCH YOU WANT TO DONATE AND MARK IT FOR CENTURY HIGH. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP AND PLANTING SEEDS FOR LOTS OF KIDS TO KNOW WE LOVE THEM AND THEY WILL GET HELP WHEN THEY NEED IT.

BY THE NUMBERS



Art-Glass Windows Presented to St. Matthews Episcopal Church



Left to right: Pam Eppers, Fr. Robert Munday-St. Matthews Episcopal Church, Regina Janke, Naomi Jordan, Sylvia Regelbrugge, Pastor Manish Shiralay –Peralta Methodist. Absent from photo was Susan Reese.

On Saturday, August 20, 2022 four art-glass windows were presented to Fr. Robert for St. Matthews Episcopal Church.

The windows were originally requested by Warren Janke of Peralta Methodist's "Crash-Glass-Gals" for St. Matthews church. They depict traditional Episcopal emblems representing the apostles St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, and St. John. Warren's support of this project is appreciated. We were saddened at his passing prior to the completion of the project. We were happy that Regina Janke was able to be with us for the presentation.

The "Crash-Glass-Gals" - Pam Eppers, Susan Reese, Naomi Jordan, and Sylvia Regelbrugge, had continued to work on art glass projects after the art glass windows for the sanctuary in Peralta Methodist were completed. The art glass pieces made use of recycled tempered glass (such as from shower doors), and ground glass from the Los Lunas Glass Recycling facility. While the project took longer than anticipated due to Covid, and some health issues, the "Crash-Glass-Gals" agree that it was an enjoyable and uplifting project.

**CHURCH CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH AT 6 PM
AT FIRST UMC IN BELEN**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



SEPTEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Aug 30 Planning meeting for Trunk or Treat at 6 pm in Conf. room Join us please!!	Aug 31 6 pm Girl Scout Leaders, Educ Bldg 6 pm Bible Study, Conf Room 6 pm Emmaus #101	SEPTEMBER 1 Office hours 8:30 to 11:30 am 4:30 – Fitness #203 7:30 Girl Scout Service Unit, Fell Hall	2 EMMAUS gathering 6-8 pm in Fellowship Hall	3
4 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11 am – Worship No AfterShock Youth	5 –  Office is closed Food Pantry is closed	6 Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall & Kitchen, 9 am to 2 :00 pm 4:30– Fitness, #203	7 Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall & Kitchen, 9 am to 2 :00 pm 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Education Bldg. 6 pm -Bible Study, Conf Room 6 pm – Emmaus #101 6 pm – Praise Team 6:30 – Cub leaders’ meeting, #104 7 pm - Choir	8 9 am- S & B - Fell Hall 1 pm – GriefShare, Conference Room 4:30 Fitness, #203 6 pm – ‘Elevate’ young adult group, #204	9	10 Threads of Love, Fellowship Hall 10:30 am
11 7 am – UMM Breakfast, Fell Hall 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11 am – Worship 6 pm- AfterShock Youth 	12 9:30 – Soulkeepers, Conference Room NEW HOURS:- Food Pantry 10 am-12:30 5:30- Emmaus, #101 5:45 – Cub Scouts, Educ. Bldg. 6:30 – BSA Court of Honor, Auditorium	13 UMW – Fellowship Hall, 9:30 am 4:30– Fitness, #203	14 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Educ. Bldg. 6 pm - Emmaus #101 6 pm – Bible Study, Conf Room 6 pm – Praise Team 7 pm - Choir	15 9 am S& B Fell Hall 4:30 – Fitness, #203	16	17
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25 – PIE SUNDAY 7 am – UMM Breakfast, Fell Hall Look for times for Sunday school and Church in the coming weeks. YOUTH’s annual potluck lunch plus the PIE Auction & Silent Auction in the Auditorium/ Comm Bldg.	26 9:30- Soulkeepers , Conf Rm 10-12:30 – Food Pantry 5:30- Emmaus, #101 5:45 – Cub Scouts, Educ. Bldg., 7:00 – Scouts, Educ Bldg, & #204	27 4:30– Fitness #203 6:30 – Order of Arrow, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen	28 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Educ. Bldg. 6 pm Emmaus #101 6 pm Bible Study, Conf Rm 6 – Praise Team 7 – Choir	29 9 – S & B, Fell Hall 4:30 – Fitness #203	30	Oct 1