



## Peralta Memorial United Methodist Church

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*Going Beyond Our Walls to Build God's Kingdom*

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Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday, November 19 – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Many delicious baked goods, candies and beautifully crafted home and holiday décor available...created by

The Crafty Ladies

United Methodist Men will be selling  
breakfast burritos, taco soup and drinks.

# TO BE A SAINT

*"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup> it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." – Matthew 13:31-32*

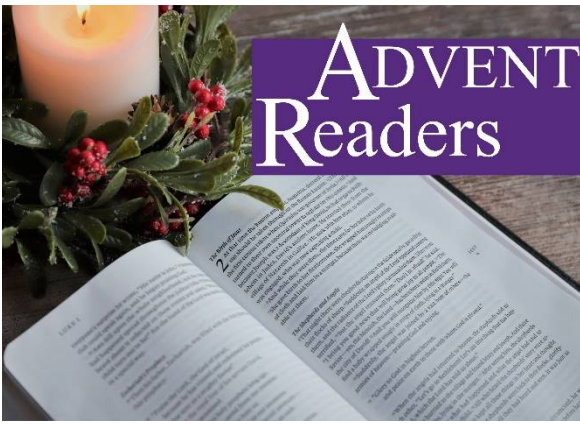
Each year on the weekend closest to the first day of November, we celebrate All Saints Sunday by considering the many ways we can act in solidarity with all those who have gone before us by leaving our own enduring legacy of blessing to others. Actually, the impulse to do this sort of thing is a very old tradition among Christians, dating all the way back to that lost Roman world in which the dead would be buried outside the walls of a city in a necropolis (literally, a "city of the dead") of their own. Richard Lischer of Duke University says that this is the oldest form of segregation, "Not 'separate but equal' but 'dead, therefore separate.'" But from our very beginning, the Church of Jesus Christ did something utterly unthinkable within that kind of early, pagan society: "The Church said, in effect, 'We see dead people, and, behold, they are good.' So Christians began taking their bread and wine and holy books out into the cemeteries where the faithful were buried and began worshiping with them. Then they did something even more radical. In the Sixth Century they began moving their dead inside the walls and onto sacred ground where they could be nestled around the church, and some of them they moved into the church. They began treating the dead saints as friends, invisible companions, and teachers."

So what exactly do these Christian saints of ours teach us, and what can we learn from remembering them? Here is Lischer's answer: "They are God's faculty . . . they teach the hardest subjects, the kind that, when you're honest with yourself you say, 'I could use a tutor,' subjects that even the world has not yet mastered and perhaps never will. They teach us how to forgive. They teach us how to say 'No' to power. They teach us how to forget our own problems and to serve others. But most of all, the saints teach us how to die. . . They are the ones who quietly incorporate the routines and the indignities of dying into their walk with Jesus and thereby turn their walk into a witness."

As a case in point, the story of Thérèse of Lisieux may be instructive to those who are tempted to underestimate the soul-shaping significance of their own humble circumstances. Typically remembered by many as a saint because of her famous "little way" of spirituality, Thérèse entered a monastery at age 15, and died of tuberculosis only nine years later. Obviously, that is not much time to work with, but if you ask what of importance was available for Thérèse to learn and experience in such a tragically shortened life, you find in her writing that she remains busy looking for ways to cultivate love in her ordinary, daily encounters with family and friends. For instance, on one occasion after learning about the impending execution of a criminal, she commits herself to prayer on his behalf, making intercession for him in the hope that he will turn to God before the end of his life. She even finds herself moved to prayer while bent over a laundry trough in her convent, frustrated by the rudeness of a nun standing next to her who has been splashing Thérèse with dirty water. Offering up the aggravation of that moment in love to her Lord Jesus, she writes a confession to the leader of her religious community: "My dear Mother, you can see that I am a very little soul and that I can offer God only very little things." But apparently her devotion to Jesus in this "little way" did the trick. For as one scholar observes, "When she got around to writing her autobiography at the ripe old age of 23, she had already dived into this pond named God so deeply that she neglects to tell her readers that she was dying of Tuberculosis."

What will become of the life that has been entrusted to you? God has planted his seed in each of us and there is a lifetime to let it grow and deepen, or we can fight the seeds growing. We can grow as humans, as saints, as Christ's or we can kill this life in us as it struggles to be born. By God's grace I want this seed of the kingdom to grow in myself and in others until finally in all of us it becomes a tree where the birds of the air come and make their nests in our branches. I believe this is what matters most of all really.

**Manish A. Shirly**



The Worship Committee is seeking anyone wishing to present the Advent readings at worship. First Sunday of Advent is November 27<sup>th</sup>. Readers are needed at 8:30 or 11:00 am and at one of the 2 services on Christmas Eve.

If interested, please contact Carol Smith.

Readings are provided to you ahead of time, allowing you to prepare.

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## AFTERSHOCK YOUTH NEWS

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

It seems to have been a really interesting summer in the Aftershock youth group. We went from being cooped up in our homes through the pandemic, back into trying to get back to normal. During the isolation time we had a great participation in group, being one of the only social activities we could really do. Once school started back up, participation seemed to be hit and miss, due to busy schedules, homework that the youth had to get used to doing again, and just a general business of trying to restore normal. Moving forward into November and December, the Aftershock youth group will be focusing on next year's event schedule, and with things finally becoming more open, hopefully we will be able to fully experience the goodness God is providing in the way of ministry opportunities. We would like to thank this congregation for the many ways in which you continue to bless the Aftershock youth and youth ministry.

**IGNITE 2023** is going to be held right here at Peralta Methodist church on February 5<sup>th</sup>. The Youth Net team, which is comprised of youth and youth leaders from churches in Valencia County, are beginning to meet and plan for this event. It is a youth led conference consisting of over 150 youth from Valencia County and beyond, for a day of worship and student led workshops. Please keep the team in prayer as we work out details on theme, scriptures, and event scheduling. We expect great things this year. As always, we will be hosting King's Kids from El Paso to stay the night here at PMUMC. Volunteers are always welcome, pending Safe Sanctuary training.



# November

BIRTHDAYS

November 2 – Josh Hernandez

November 9 – Kristy Smith

November 9 – Lucy Darst

November 12 – Roy Carson

November 12 – Liam Crews

November 14 – Lanna Sharp

November 15 – Mark Scholz

November 16 – Coleen Tracy

November 17 – Matthew Inman

November 17 – Layla Hernandez

November 18 – Katie Heyborne

November 19 – Don Smith

November 20 – Atlantis Meyer

November 23 – Bob Caswell

November 23 – Julie Riley

November 25 – Jennifer Rose

November 25 – Michelle Candelaria

November 25 – Antigone Genson

November 27 – Henry Winchester-Jones

November 28 – Larry Huff

November 28 – Ava Heppler

November 30 – Lisa Stockton

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## GRIEF SHARE®

On November 3rd we will be viewing the "Surviving the Holidays" video, followed by discussion. Our second meeting in November will be on the 17<sup>th</sup>, and both meeting days begin at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room. Co-leaders are Mary Valigura and Phyllis Graham.

New members are always welcome to join the group!!!

*"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble". Psalm 46:1*



The Salvation Army bell ringing has been a part of our church for many years. The 2022 campaign will soon begin. This great ministry will support the people of Valencia County. We plan to ring at the Walmart and Smith's stores in Los Lunas. This year, as was done last year, safety protocols will be in place. We plan to invite other churches to be involved. But we need **Your** help. Ringers are needed, plus help is needed to drop off and pick up the kettles (mid day and end of day). Please plan to give your support in any way the Spirit may lead you to help. Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex soon. **Thank You.**



**The NM Men's Recovery Academy** is asking for men's clothing (including basic underwear).

If you have items to donate, please be sure there are no logos or camo style items. You may leave

**THANK YOU!!!**



## CRAFTY LADIES



## The Holiday Bazaar is around the corner!!!

We are asking for anyone who is able, to come help us set up items for the Bazaar beginning on Friday, November 11th at 9 am, Sat. the 12<sup>th</sup> and on the 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>. Help is also needed in the following areas: Cashiers and floor helpers on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>; and to help after the Bazaar with the take down of remaining items, on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Thanks to the many bakers and goodie makers – please bring baked goods and candy to the church by Nov 17<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. Thanks to everyone for the donations, and the support throughout the year.



It's time again to fill and send Christmas shoeboxes. The table in the Narthex has sample items that go in the boxes. A brochure is available that has a **"How to pack a Shoebox" with a Shoebox Label**. This brochure tells what items that can be packed and items that CAN NOT be packed. You will need a label for each box you pack.

**Shoe boxes need to be turned in by Nov 20<sup>th</sup> - you may bring them to the church.**

Any questions, please contact Wayne.

## Thanksgiving Prayer

Dear Lord,  
Today we give thanks  
For our many blessings,  
As we pray for those in need,  
We give thanks  
For our family and friends  
As we pray for those who are lonely.  
We give thanks for our freedoms  
As we pray for those who are oppressed.  
We give thanks for our good health  
As we pray for those who are ill.  
We give thanks for our comfort and prosperity  
As we share our blessings with others.  
On this day of Thanksgiving,  
May the love of God enfold us,  
The peace of God dwell within us  
And the joy of God uplift us.  
Amen



PRAYER WARRIORS

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 at 450-4204 or the church office, 865-9334. If you would like to be a part of Prayer Warriors, please let us know.

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



## Peralta Methodist Women Mary Circle

Mary Circle will meet on Tuesday,  
November 8, 2022 at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

We will have devotion, prayers, and  
a delightful program presented by Jackie Hardy.  
We will also be finalizing plans for the Christmas Gift Plates.  
There will be light refreshments.

***All women are welcome and cordially invited!***





"Hanging of the Greens" is a special time of decorating the Sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas Season.  
YOUR Help is needed!!!! Please!

Please join us on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.

A potluck lunch will be held,  
after the decorating is done.

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Our Church Family welcomes the following people who have joined the membership of Peralta Church this year.

Bob & Carole Caswell  
Sandy Allen  
Richard Grissom  
Mark & Lesley Scholz  
Patti Elliott  
Karla Binkley





# NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	October 31  9:30 Soulkeepers, Conf Room 10 – Food Pantry 5:30 –Emmaus, #101 5:45 – Cub Scouts Ed Bldg 7:00 – BSA, Ed Bldg & #204	<b>1</b>  9 am Crafty Ladies Fell Hall & Kitchen  4:30 – Fitness #203	<b>2</b>  9 am Crafty Ladies Fell Hall & Kitchen 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Educ Bldg 6 – Praise Team 6 – Bible Study, Conf Room 6:30 – Cub leaders' mtg, #103 7 pm - Choir	<b>3</b>  9 am – Strength & Balance, Fell Hall  1 pm GriefShare, Conference Room  4:30 – Fitness, #203 6 pm – Chaplain mtg. Conf Room 7:30 – Girl Scout Service Unit, Fell Hall	<b>4</b>  Emmaus, Fell Hall 6 pm  Order of Arrow Conference – begin at 4 pm through Saturday, Community Bldg, downstairs – all rooms	<b>5</b>  Order of Arrow Conference until 8 pm – all rooms downstairs, Comm Bldg.  Set clocks back at bedtime!!!! 
<b>6 – All Saints' Day</b>  8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11 am – Worship  3:45 – Bell Choir 6 pm- AfterShock Youth	<b>7</b>  Food Pantry – 10 am <i>Office closes at 1:30</i>  5:30 –Emmaus. #101 5:45 Cub Scouts, 7:00 – BSA Educ Bldg. & #204	<b>8</b>  UMW – Fellowship Hall, 9:30 am  4:30– Fitness, #203	<b>9</b>  5:30 -Bible Study, Conf Room 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Education Bldg. 6 pm – Praise Team 7 pm - Choir	<b>10</b>  9 am S& B Fell Hall  4:30 – Fitness, #203  6 pm – 'Elevate' #204	<b>11-</b>    Fell Hall reserved	<b>12</b>  10:30 am – Threads of Love – Ed Bldg.  Bazaar set up – Ed Bldg.
<b>13</b>  7 am – UMM Breakfast 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship  3:45 – Bell Choir 6 pm – AfterShock Youth	<b>14</b>  Bazaar set up in Fell Hall 9:30 – Souilkeepers, Conf Room 10-Food Pantry 5:30 – Emmaus #101 6 pm – Cub Scouts Auditorium 7 pm – BSA ?????	<b>15</b>  Bazaar set up, Fell Hall  4:30 – Fitness #203	<b>16</b>  Bazaar set up, Fell Hall  5:30 -Bible Study, Conf Room 6 pm – Girl Scouts ?? 6 pm – Emmaus #101 6 pm – Praise Team 7 pm - Choir	<b>17</b>  Bazaar set up  1 pm – GriefShare, Conference Room  4:30 – Fitness #203	<b>18</b>  <b>43<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>Holiday Bazaar</b> <b>9 am-5 pm</b>	<b>19</b>  <b>43<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>Holiday Bazaar</b> <b>9 am-3 pm</b>
<b>20</b>  8:30- Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 - Worship 3:45 – Bell Choir 6 pm – AfterSchock Youth	<b>21</b>  10- Food Pantry  5:30- Emmaus, #101 No Cub Scouts, 7:00 – Scouts, Educ Bldg. & #204	<b>22</b>  4:30– Fitness #203  6:30 – Order of Arrow, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen	<b>23</b>  <b>Office is closed</b>  No Bible Study 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Education Bldg. No Praise Team No Choir	<b>24</b>   Celebrate WITH ALL THE BOUNTY THAT ALL THE LORD YOUR GOD HAS GIVEN TO YOU. DEUTERONOMY 24:16, NRSV	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Advent</b>  7 am – UMM Breakfast, Fell Hall 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11 am – Worship 12 noon - Hanging of the Greens: Decorate Sanctuary – <b>POTLUCK afterwards</b> 3:45 – Bell Choir 6 pm –AfterShock Youth	<b>28</b>  9:30 – Soulkeepers, Conf Room 10 - Food Pantry  5:30- Emmaus, #101 5:45- Cubs, Educ Bldg. 7 pm – BSA, Educ Bldg & #204	<b>29</b>  4:30 Fitness	<b>30</b>  5:30 -Bible Study, Conf Room 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Education Bldg. 6 pm – Praise Team 7 pm - Choir	<b>Dec 1</b>  1 pm GriefShare, Conf Room  4:30 Fitness  7:30- Girl Scout Service Unit, Fellowship Hal	<b>Dec 2</b>	<b>Dec 3</b>