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Going Beyond Our Walls to Build God's Kingdom

Each year on Holocaust Remembrance Day the world takes stock of its darkest times. The Holocaust forces us to face the reality of evil as a deep and abiding horror.

The Holocaust perpetrated by the Nazi regime is one of the most well-known horrors of the horror-filled twentieth century. It is such a commonly discussed event that it has become shorthand for the reality of evil in this world. With eleven million dead, six million of these specifically targeted Jews.

The Holocaust is evil incarnate. This was not done by some oppressed people, seeking to redress sins inflicted in the past. Neither was it done by backwoods, uneducated people, so ill-informed about life that they lashed out at any and all who were different. This was done by Germany, arguably the most advanced and best educated nation in the world in that day. The leaders of German society, military, legal, and political, came together and planned this. They thought the matter through, and then they did it.

One of the greatest pains of life is when we cannot imagine that anyone sees our pain or hears our cries. Many times, when we face horrors like the Holocaust, we feel that no one is out there. But when we read God's word, we find that He hears us. Think of the Poetic books of the Bible, particularly Job, Psalms, and Ecclesiastes. There we find God's people crying out in anguish over the condition of the world. The Prophets lament to God that their people are both corrupt and oppressed, asking Him if He hears them. By placing our complaints and accusations in His Holy Word, God affirms our pain and reminds us that He hears us.

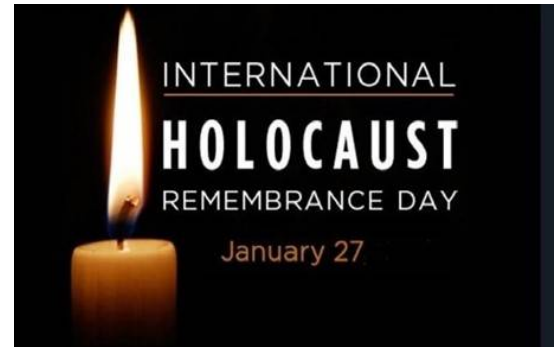
God not only heard our cries, but He did and continues to do something about it. While we today do not often think of it in this way, we should never underestimate the comforting power of knowing of God's wrath and the reality of Hell. The Bible promises that He will pour out His judgment on the very evil that we accuse Him of ignoring. He saw the sin of the pre-Flood world, and sent His cleansing judgment in reply. He heard cries of His people in Egypt, and He sent His plagues to drive Pharaoh into submission. Those who perpetrated the atrocities of the Holocaust, even the ones who seemed to have escaped the war crimes tribunals, will not escape the judgement seat of the Lord.

If we stopped here, we'd be left with justice alone. In light of the Holocaust, justice alone is not Christianity. It's not that Christianity is anything less than justice, but Christianity proclaims both that justice is done and that even the most guilty can go free in grace. It is wonderful that God hears us in our pain, and it is heartening that He has vowed His vengeance on those who desecrate His image bearers. But the glory of Christianity is that the most powerful, heartrending example of the death of the innocent came on behalf of the guilty. God, in His Justice, poured out the wrath for guilty humanity on His innocent Son, Jesus Christ.

Where was God? He was there. God did not stand apart from the pain of humanity but became human and took our pain upon Himself. He heard the cries from the horrors which His image bearers were inflicting upon one another, He enacted justice on the guilty sons of Adam and daughters of Eve, and He afflicted His only Begotten with the judgment which you and I deserved.

Where was God? Look to the cross.

Pastor Manish





Do You Sing in the Car??

Or maybe in the Shower??

*Then consider joining the Choir
to lift up your praises to God.*

I will *sing* and
make *music*
to the **LORD.**
Psalm 27:6, NIV



Now is an especially good time to blend your voice with others and become part of the Easter Cantata!!!! Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7 pm in the Sanctuary.

Contact Heather at hrindels4@msn.com by Feb. 10th if you think you'd like to join in for the Cantata. This allows enough time to order music books.



Don't be shy....you don't need to sing a solo (unless you want to!) ... just come and sing along with others!!!



Our GriefShare group is designed to provide support to the grieving person. We will meet February 9 and 23 at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room. New members are ALWAYS welcome!

Do not hesitate to contact Mary Valigura at 505-865-5590 or Phyllis graham at 505-869-2040, if you have any questions.

"Every snowflake s different though the storm looks the same."

AFTERSHOCK YOUTH NEWS

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

IGNITE 23 will be happening right here at Peralta Church. We expect to have more than 120 youth from around the county. This is a youth led conference that started in the year 2000. There will be student led worship, student led workshops, videos from Ignite alumni, lunch catered by Rutilio's from Belen, games, and general fellowship all day long. This will be on **Feb. 4 starting at 8:30am** and ending about 5pm. Please keep the youth of this valley in your prayers, that God will speak to them mightily and draw them near to Him through the working of the Holy Spirit.

Feel free to poke your head in throughout the day and see what the Spirit is doing. **Also, if you are available to help us put tables and chairs away at 12:45 we could use your help to get ready for games in the auditorium, which start at 1:15.**

We celebrate the break, after games, with a cookie and coffee time, so if you are able, **we could use homemade cookies to share with these youth.** A dozen or more of your best homemade love would go a long way in these youth experiencing this event.

**Thank you in advance
for your prayers and assistance for Ignite 23!**



February meeting days for Crafty Ladies will be February 7th and 8th from 9 am to 2 pm. Please join us!! Come and see what exciting things we're planning for this year's Holiday Bazaar!!!

We are seeking donations of horseshoes (new or old) for a project. You may bring in donations on our meeting days.

Join us as we craft and fellowship together!!!



February 1 – Pauline Taylor
February 5 – Jane Owensby
February 5 – Carole Caswell
February 8 – Aubrey Valigura
February 13 – Jay Smith, Jr.
February 14 – Dorothy York
February 15 – Danielle Meyer
February 17 – Roberta de la Rose
February 17 – Jeremy Smith
February 20 – Trent Green
February 24 – Allie Zamora
February 26 – Bobby Green
February 27 – Wendy Honeyfield
February 27 – Amy Valigura
February 27 – Jess Davis



February 14 – Larry & Melodie Huff
February 16 – Gustavo & Renee Garcia
February 22 – Andrew & Danielle Ortiz



We welcome the following people

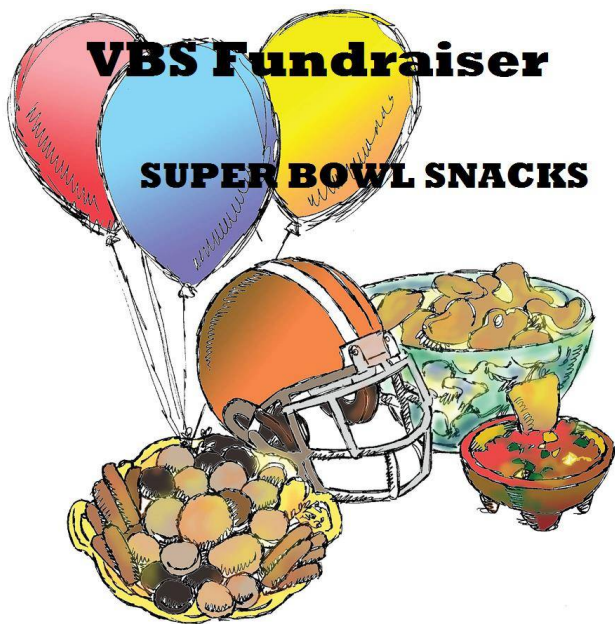
into the professing membership of Peralta Church!!!

Jackie Hardy

Jan Mitchell

John & Angel Dear

Michelle Smith

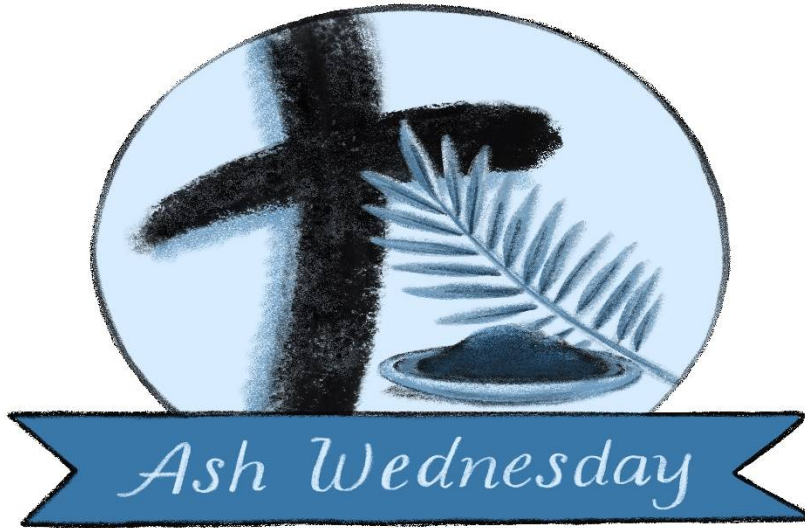


On Sunday February 12th - please stop by Fellowship Hall to buy a "snack or two" that you can enjoy while watching the Super Bowl game - or a good movie! Proceeds support Vacation Bible School which will happen June 5-9th.

If you'd also like to help out by donating a snack item or baked goods - it will help make this fundraiser more successful.

THANK YOU one and all!!!

Please contact Bernice for more info.



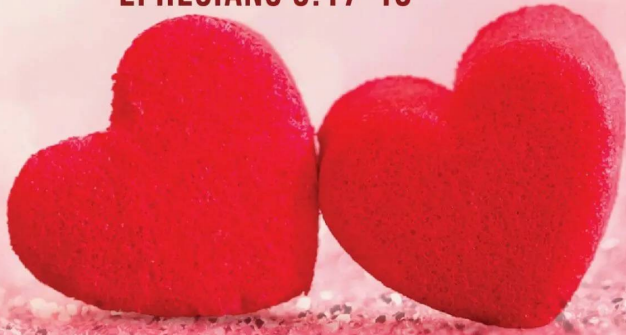
**WORSHIP
SERVICE
AT 6:30 PM
February 22nd**

This will begin the Lenten Season

OUR FOREVER VALENTINE

I PRAY THAT YOU,
BEING ROOTED AND ESTABLISHED IN LOVE,
MAY HAVE POWER... TO GRASP
HOW WIDE AND LONG AND HIGH AND
DEEP IS THE LOVE OF CHRIST,
AND TO KNOW THIS LOVE
THAT SURPASSES KNOWLEDGE- THAT
YOU MAY BE FILLED TO THE MEASURE
OF ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD.

EPHESIANS 3:17-19



Pease 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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| Erma Ward | Mike Heppler | Cheryl Huber | Dan McCarty | Bill Lynch |
| 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 George | Cindy Walters | John Dutil & daughter Lora (caregiver) | Veronica Garcia | |

Our Freedom Abundant Grace Free Store
Rev. Manish Shirley Nadia M
Ruth Romero Lynn Schultz

Peralta Methodist Women, Mary Circle

Mary Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 14, 2023
at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

*Come join in the fun to make valentines for
congregation members.*

As usual, we will have devotion and prayer time.
We will have light refreshments.

All Women of the Church are cordially invited!





February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 4:30 Fitness, #203 5:30 – Bible Study, Conf Room 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Educ Bldg. 6 pm – Praise Team 6:30 – Cub leaders' meeting, #104 7 pm - Choir	2 9 am – Strength & Balance, Fell Hall 10:30 – Strength & Relax – Fell Hall 4:30 Fitness, #203 7:30 – Girl Scout Service Unit, Fell Hall	3 6:00 – Emmaus, Fell Hall & kitchen Sanctuary & Comm Bldg set up for IGNITE	4 IGNITE Youth Workshop, Community Bldg. all day
5 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11 am – Worship 2 pm –All Church Information Meeting - Sanctuary 6 pm- AfterShock Youth	6 10 am Food Pantry 5:30 – Emmaus, #101 5:45 Cub Scouts, Educ. Bldg. 7 pm - Scouts, Educ Bldg, & #204	7 Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall & Kitchen, 9-2 4:30– Fitness, #203	8 Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall & Kitchen, 9-2 4:30 – Fitness, #203 5:30 -Bible Study, Conf Room 6 pm – Girl Scouts 6 pm – Praise Team 7 pm - Choir	9 9 am – S & B- Fell Hall 10:30 – S & R Fell Hall 1 pm - GriefShare, Conf Room 4:30 – Fitness, #203 SPRC meeting, Conf Room 6:30 pm	10	11 10:30 am – Threads of Love – Ed Bldg.
12 7 am – UMM Breakfast, Fell Hall 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School VBS – Super Bowl Fundraiser (& at 12 noon) 11:00 – Worship No AfterShock Youth	13 – 9:30 – Soullkeepers, Conf Room 10-Food Pantry 5:30 – Emmaus #101 5:45 - Cub Scouts Educ. Bldg. 7 pm - Scouts, Educ Bldg, & #204	14 – <i>Valentine's Day</i> Mary Circle, Fellowship Hall, 9:30 am 4:30 – Fitness #203	15 4:30 – Fitness, #203 5:30 -Bible Study, Conf Room 6 pm – Girl Scouts 6 pm – Praise Team 7 pm - Choir	16 9 am S & B- Fell Hall 10:30 – S & R Fell Hall 4:30 – Fitness #203 6:30 – Ad Council meeting, Conf Room	17	18 Blue & Gold Banquet, Cub Scouts, Auditorium reserved, 3-8 pm
19 7 am – UMM Breakfast, Fell & Kitchen 8:30- Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 6 pm AfterShock Youth	20 – PRESIDENTS' DAY Office is closed 10- Food Pantry 5:30- Emmaus, #101 No Cub Scouts, 7 pm - Scouts, Educ Bldg, & #204	21 4:30– Fitness #203	22 – ASH WEDNESDAY 4:30 – Fitness, #203 No Bible Study 6 pm – Girl Scouts 6:30 – Worship Service	23 9 am – S & B- Fell Hall 10:30 – S & R Fell Hall 1:00 – GriefShare, Conf Rm 4:30 – Fitness, #203	24	25
26 7 am – UMM Breakfast, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 am – Worship 6 pm – AfterShock Youth	327 9:30 Soulkeepers, Conf Room 10 am – Food Pantry 5:30 –Emmaus, #101 5:45 – Cub Scouts, Educ. Bldg. 7 pm - Scouts, Educ Bldg, & #204	28 4:30 Fitness 6:30 pm – Order of Arrow, Fell Hall & K	<i>March 1</i> 4:30 Fitness, #203 5:30 – Bible Study, Conf Room 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Educ Bldg. 6 pm – Praise Team 6:30 – Cub leaders' meeting, #104 7 pm - Choir	<i>March 2</i> 9 am – Strength & Balance, Fell Hall 10:30 – Strength & Relax – Fell Hall 4:30 Fitness, #203 7:30 – Girl Scout Service Unit, Fell Hall	<i>March 3</i> EMMAUS, Fell Hall & Kitchen 6:00 BSA overnight until Sunday 8 am Community Bldg. reserved	<i>March 4</i> Auditorium & downstairs C.B. reserved for BSA workshops & overnight