

Peralta Memorial
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Going Beyond Our Walls to Build God's Kingdom

Last week, on Ash Wednesday, began the season of Lent. Lent is a 40 day period, excluding Sundays, during which Christians prepare themselves spiritually for the commemoration of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. Beginning in the second century, Christians would undergo a brief period of fasting and prayer in preparation for Good Friday and Easter. By the fourth century the period had been extended to 40 days to coincide with the 40 days that Jesus fasted and prayed in the wilderness at the beginning of his ministry (which coincided with the 40 days Moses and Elijah fasted in the Old Testament).

The season was originally called "the forty days" but later came to be called Lent - from the Old English, *lengten*, a reference to the lengthening of the days that happens in the springtime.

It was common to fast from meat and dairy products during Lent, so on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday communities would cook all of their meat and dairy products, making pancakes and other elaborate meals - these parties became known as "carnivals" from the Latin *carni vale* - which means "farewell to meat." This also became known as *mardi gras* which comes from the French for "fat Tuesday" - an appropriate name because on that day everyone "pigged out"!

Lent was the season when Christian converts made their final preparation for receiving their baptism and first communion at the Easter vigil. It was also a time of repentance for those who had abandoned the faith during the persecutions. The season is a time for more intense and intentional spiritual growth during which we remember the message, the life, the suffering and death of Christ.

I want to invite you to do three things this Lent: 1. Be in worship every weekend (if you are out of town or sick, join us by watching live on you-tube); 2. Read your Study Guide on the Seven Deadly Sins daily and reflect upon their meaning for your life; 3. Fast from something as an expression of your faith and identification with Jesus' suffering.

In Christ,

Pastor Manish



**On Saturday, March 11th --- before you go to bed,
be sure to set your clocks AHEAD one hour
for daylight savings time.**



The Annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser hosted by the Methodist Men will be held on Sunday, March 19 from 7:30 am until 11:00 am in the Auditorium.

Please plan to enjoy the fellowship and delicious food while also helping to support the mission and ministries of the UMM.

Ticket prices: \$8.00 adults; \$5.00 children 12 and younger.

More help to cook, serve and clean up would be a tremendous blessing!!

You may contact Dan Rose, or the church office to offer your assistance.

AFTERSHOCK YOUTH NEWS

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

IGNITE 23 was a wonderful, spirit-filled experience!!! Thank you to all who helped in any way!! (The cookies were delicious and very much appreciated.

We look forward to planning Spring events and also Vacation Bible School in June.



Crafty Ladies are still needing horseshoes new or old if anyone can donate them to us. Our next meeting dates are March 7 and 8 at 9 am in Fellowship Hall.

Lunch will be soup prepared each day, in kitchen. Come and join us!!



We are preparing for the **Friendship Tea** to be held in September, benefiting the **Abundant Grace Free Store**.

Please join us for a planning meeting

March 14, 2023 at 5:30 pm in the NW Annex room.

There is a lot to do and we would love to have you join us! We will be discussing the food, decorations, fashion show, and all aspects of preparing for this important fundraiser event.

(Parking is available near the NW Annex Building)



Please join in the fellowship of the weekly Lenten breakfast in Fellowship Hall, each Tuesday at 7:00 am during Lent. Guest speakers will bring a short message, and a light breakfast will be served.

If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1 – Vernon Honeyfield

March 3 – Jane Reynolds

March 6 – Richard Grissom

March 8 – Kevin Jones

March 10 – Irene Browning

March 14 – Paul Valigura

March 14 – Micky Killough

March 16 – Glenn Jordan

March 18 – Gage Kinnikin

March 19 – Wyatt Eubank

March 24 – Ashley Wilkinson

March 24 – Dale Honeyfield

March 24 – Riley Redd

March 25 – Ruth Romero

March 27 – Betty Jean Troxell

March 27 – Marilyn Smith

March 28 – Daniel Altobello

March 30 – Marlow Frasier



March 4 – Bill & Micky Killough

March 24 – Alan & LaDena Skinner



We welcome these members into the Peralta Church Family.

Cindy Smith
Lisa Hansen
Harold Bayley
Claudia O'Brien
Grant Irwin
Walter Boyett

Prayer For March

Dear Lord, we thank you for bringing us to the start of a new month. We pray that when this month is over, we will be closer to you than we are at this moment. Please bless our family and friends and keep them safely in your care. We ask for your healing hand to be upon those who are ill and we ask for your hand of provision to meet each need. We thank you in advance for all you will do. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen



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.

Our Freedom	Abundant Grace Free Store	Rev. Manish Shirlay	Nadia M	Ruth Romero	Lynn Schultz
	Erma Ward	Mike Hepler	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 Barnett	Jay & Marilyn Smith	Don & Pauline Taylor	
	Ted George	Cindy Walters	John Dutil & daughter Lora (caregiver)	Veronica Garcia	



Peralta Methodist Women, Mary Circle



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

Come and join us for **Prayer, Devotion, and Christian Fellowship.**
We will also have light refreshments!

All women are welcome and cordially invited!



Spring Cleaning???

The NM Men's Recovery Academy is once again 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. Please leave items in the workroom - clearly marked NMMRA or Academy .


THANK YOU!!!



Our March meeting dates are the 9th and 23rd. We meet in the Conference Room of the Community Building at 1:00 pm. New members are always welcome!

We meet to offer support and encouragement to grieving people. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mary Valigura or Phyllis Graham.



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 – Stretch & Relax – Fell Hall 4:30 Fitness, #203 6-8 – Auditorium reserved 7:30 – Girl Scout Service Unit, Fell Hall	3 6:00 – Emmaus, Fell Hall & kitchen Community Building, downstairs reserved all weekend, BSA	4 Community Bldg, downstairs reserved all weekend, BSA
5 BSA departing by 8 am ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 am ALL CHURCH MEETING – 11:00 am 3:45 – Bell Choir rehearsal 6 pm- AfterShock Youth	6 10 am Food Pantry 5:30– Emmaus, #101 5:45 Cub Scouts, Educ. Bldg. 6-8 pm – Auditorium reserved 7 pm - Scouts, Educ Bldg, & #204	7 7 am - Lenten Breakfast, Fell Hall Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall & Kitchen, 9-2 4:30– Fitness, #203 6-8 Auditorium reserved Trustees' meeting, 6:30 pm, #201	8 Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall & Kitchen, 9-2 4:30 – Fitness, #203 5:30 -Bible Study, Conf Room 6 pm – Girl Scouts Educ. Bldg. 6 pm – Praise Team 7 pm - Choir	9 9 am–S& B- Fell Hall 10:30 –S & R Fell Hall 1 pm m - GriefShare, Conf Room 4:30 – Fitness, #203 6-8 pm – Auditorium reserved SPRC meeting, 6:30 pm, Conf Rm	10	11 10:30 am – Threads of Love – Fell Hall  Set clocks ahead 1 hour at bedtime
12 7 am UMM Breakfast, Fell Hall 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 3:45 – Bell Choir Rehearsal 6 pm- AfterShock Youth	13 – 9:30 – Soullkeepers, Conf Room 10-Food Pantry 5:30 – Emmaus #101 No Cub Scouts 6-8 – Auditorium reserved 7 pm - Scouts, Educ Bldg, & #204	14 7 am – Lenten Breakfast, Fell Hall Mary Circle, Fellowship Hall, 9:30 am 4:30 – Fitness #203 6-8 – Auditorium reserved Tea meeting, 5:30 pm, glass workshop NW annex	15 4:30 – Fitness, #203 5:30 -Bible Study, Conf Room 6 pm – Girl Scouts Educ. Bldg. 6 pm – Praise Team 7 pm - Choir	16 9 am S & B- Fell Hall 10:30 – S & R Fell Hall 4:30 – Fitness #203 6-8 pm – Auditorium reserved 6:30 – Ad Council meeting, Conf Room	17	18 Set up Auditorium for Sunday
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