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

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Dear Church Family & Friends,

As I think of the fall I think of change and how change is built in nature. And the question that comes to mind is this, Is God constant or are there changes in God? Some ancient Philosophers decided that if God is perfect, any change in God would have to be toward imperfection. Therefore, they declared, God does not change and change cannot affect God. We can respect those philosophers for their striving to make things come out neatly, but we have this day to live, and their reasoning helps little.

According to the ancient storytellers, the biblical authors, some thing or some things do change God. The scriptures tell of one whose mind and actions change when people turn; one who is moved to righteous anger by injustice; one who alters attitudes in order to show mercy instead of divine anger.

Whether over juice or coffee, in front of an open Bible, hurrying to work or resting from it, on a sickbed or fresh from an athletic field, we call to mind the responsive community of those who search in hope. Then we grow less concerned about ancient philosophy and dogma about God's unchangeability. Aware of the brevity of time as we change, due to the passage of life and our own withering, we have one concern: that nothing will change the character and constancy of God. The power given to us is the true life of the one whose characteristic it is to love – in constancy, in all seasons.

Grace & Peace,

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# P.I.E. Sunday will be October 1<sup>st</sup>!!!

On Sunday, there will be **ONE** worship service at 10:00 am followed by the potluck lunch, in the Auditorium. (Please bring a dish to share!!)

The AfterShock Youth will host the pie auction, as well as the silent auction in the Conference Room.

This is always a great time of fun, fellowship, good food and delicious, yummy PIES!!!!

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## **AfterShock Youth**

*"Turning the hearts of youth and families to God and each other."*

Thanks (in advance) to each and every one of you who support this Youth Group, especially with the P.I.E. Sunday event. We appreciate the participation provided by you all with baking the delicious pies, buying and enjoying the pies as well as bidding on the auction items. We love to see everyone having a good time enjoying the food, fellowship, visiting with one another and laughing together.

Your support helps AfterShock with their mission and ministry projects through the year.

**THANK YOU - THANK YOU!!!!**



## NEWS FROM CENTURY HIGH SCHOOL

It has been a while since I gave you an update on Century High School. Last year was a good year. The only thing they needed was some snacks from time to time. I bought snacks about 5 times and that was a really good year.

This year, however is off and running. I have already given them snacks and they have already gone through them. I am not sure how many kids are there, but they are hungry. Julie and I stay in very close contact. She has requested hoodies for boys and girls and some shoes for six of the kids. The shoe request came for their social worker. I will put the specifics in the bulletin. The hoodies are for boys and girls s,m,l and men's xl. They can be gently used or new. If you don't have time to purchase a hoodie and just want to donate - I will shop for you. Just mark your donation on the memo line for Century High School.

I know we are all struggling right now and everyone is asking for donations. I never want you to give to this ministry instead of our church budget, but if you have a few extra dollars you would like to give, they sure do need some help.

The kids go to Century because they are looking for some kind of connection they can't find in a traditional large high school. The classes are smaller which allows their students to get personal attention from teachers. The entire district is now getting free lunch and breakfast. Some of the kids only get what they have at school so the snacks go home with them or they use them when they are hungry. You can't learn very much on an empty stomach.

I would like to thank you for supporting this ministry for the last 6 years. God has richly blessed our church so we have been able to pass on the blessing. If you would like to help with the shoes and want to make a monetary donation just mark your check kids' shoes century high.

Thank you so much for helping these kids for so many years

Bev Nilles

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### Peralta Methodist Women, Mary Circle

**Mary Circle will meet on  
Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup>  
at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Join this caring group of women  
to share devotion,  
a thoughtful prayer time,  
and great fellowship.**

We will have light refreshments.

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



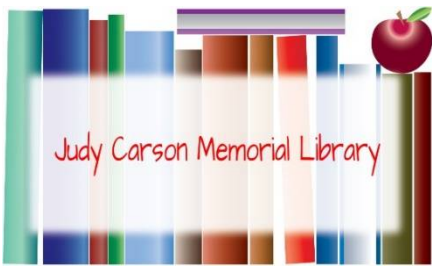
October 1 – Beverley Nilles  
October 3 – Ryan Galey  
October 6 – Jack Nilles  
October 11 – Frank Bonanno  
October 12 – Richard Stockton  
October 13 – Don Inman  
October 14 – Dorothy Marta  
October 15 – Danielle Ortiz  
October 15 – Cooper Maynes  
October 17 – Anthony Smith  
October 18 - Stormie Van Curen  
October 18 – Elliott Green  
October 20 – Tony Altobello  
October 20 – Ashlyn Eubank  
October 21 – Curtis Heppler  
October 23 – Jordan Valigura  
October 24 – Heather Rindels  
October 26 – Jack Stayton  
October 26 – Carole Row  
October 26 – Melodie Huff  
October 27 – Sandy Allen  
October 29 – Sandy Blaine

## October Birthdays



October 14 - Neil & Linda Smith

October 29 - Mike & Jan Buvinghausen



## JUDY CARSON'S BOOK NEWS

Hi everyone! Just a catch up on Judy Carson's Memorial

Last year we gave 5 books to each teacher in 5 schools and others that needed books.

We reached more kids by putting books in the classrooms. Each school had around 400 kids and we gave each teacher 5 books for their room. By my calculations we reached over two thousand kids last years. It was a good year. The schools were all very glad to get the books. We will be doing the same thing this year with the same schools, if they want, and we will add another school this year.

We also gave books to a children's home who have 14 kids. We gave them books all year and in the summer time we gave them books so they could try to catch up from the years of covid. We also bought them workbooks.

As you can see we had a great year. There are still books in the reading room. As you know take some keep them and bring back the same amount to the reading room for others to read. Or bring back the ones you took to read.

Off to start contacting schools and ordering books.

Bev Nilles



SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>  
2:00 - 5:00 pm



### FREE FAMILY EVENT

LOTS of GAMES      FOOD TRUCKS  
CAKE WALK      FACE PAINTING  
JUMPERS      PUMPKIN DECORATING  
AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!!!

If you would like to bring your decorated vehicle & pass out candy; help by hosting a game (we have some supplies for games & the prizes), bake for the cake walk, assist with set up/ clean up, donate wrapped candies, be a guide for the visitors --- we'd love your help!!! Please sign up on a Sunday morning (in the Narthex) or contact Angie.

THANK YOU!!!



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.

Our Freedom    Abundant Grace Free Store    Rev. Manish Shiralay    Nadia M    Ruth Romero  
 Lynn Schultz    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    Joleen Baughman    Karen Fastnacht  
                  Nate Meyer    USA Leaders    Larry & Melodie Huff    Michael Garrison  
 Richard & Linda Darnell    Lori Buvinghausen    All Caregivers    Anne Cassidy-Vigil    Beth Barnett  
                  All military & their families    Jay & Marilyn Smith    Don Taylor    Ted George  
                  Bruce & Cindy Walters    John Dutil    Veronica Garcia

## Crafty Ladies

The countdown toward the 44<sup>th</sup> Holiday Bazaar is marching on!! Please come and join us as we finalize the many beautiful projects we've been working on. Meeting dates in October are October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, and also October 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in Fellowship Hall.

Seeking help for the Bazaar with set up and or take down/ be a cashier/ floor assistant/ courier taking purchases to people's vehicles – please contact Kelley or Bernice.

Do you have a gently used, rural mailbox that you'd like to donate to us?  
Please bring it to us when we meet. Thank you!!



The GriefShare leaders welcome anyone who is going through a time of loss to be a part of this support group. We watch a video from the GriefShare series and then have a time to share.

October meeting days are: October 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. We begin at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room.

If you'd like more information, please contact Diana Ward, Carol Smith or Phyllis Graham. The church office can provide their phone numbers to you.



Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Peralta Methodist Church on *Monday, October 16, 2023 beginning at 9:00 am.*

A package of four screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

- **Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque)**  
An ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries (a pair of blood vessels in the neck that deliver blood to your brain) for buildup of fatty plaque. This buildup, called atherosclerosis, is one of the leading causes of stroke.
- **Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening**  
An Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) test is performed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. It is important to screen for PAD because it increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke.<sup>1</sup>
- **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)**  
An ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm. AAA can lead to a ruptured aortic artery, which is a serious medical emergency.
- **Atrial Fibrillation**  
A 6-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for Atrial Fibrillation. AFib can lead to blood clots, stroke, and heart failure, and other heart-related complications.<sup>2</sup>

These 4 vital screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll free 1-844-591-7160, or text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or online at <https://llsa.social/HC>. (Price is \$149).

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### **SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCES**

September is National Suicide Prevention Month, and here are some resources that are available if you – or someone you know – is in crisis:

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline – Call or text: 988 – this call provides 24/7 free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals.
- Crisis Text Message Line – 741741 – is a non-profit organization providing free crisis intervention via SMS message. The organization's services are available 24 hours a day every day throughout the US by texting... 741741
- Valencia County Community Wellness Council – (505)388-3547 – In general, community health councils plan and coordinate community-level responses to pressing health issues.

**Let us join in prayer for all who may be in crisis:**

**God of all mercy,  
From whose love nothing can separate us,  
we pray this day for all persons dealing with mental illness  
and those who love and care for them.**

**Especially this day, we pray for all whose lives have been touched by suicide,  
for those who have died by suicide and those who have attempted it.**

**We offer up this prayer in the name of Jesus who promises to love us with an everlasting love.**

**AMEN**





# October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10 am – WORSHIP  <b>P.I.E. Sunday potluck lunch and pie auction after church in Auditorium</b>  No AfterShock Youth	2 10-12:30 Food Pantry  5:30 – Emmaus #101 5:30 – Cub Scouts Pack in Auditorium 7 pm – Scouts, Ed Bldg & #204	3 Crafty Ladies, 9:00 – 2:00, Fell Hall  4:30 - Fitness	4 Crafty Ladies, 9:00 – 2:00, Fell Hall  4:30 – Fitness 5 pm – Children's Choir 5:30 – Bible #101 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Educ. Bldg. 6 pm – Choir rehearsal	5  4:30 Fitness #203  7:30 – Girl Scout Svc Unit, Fellowship Hall	6 Emmaus, 6 pm Fellowship Hall & Kitchen	7
8 7 am – Methodist Men Breakfast Study, F. Hall 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship  6 pm AfterShock Youth	9 9:30 – Soulkeepers, Conference Room 10 am- Food Pantry  5:30 – Emmaus #101 7 pm – Scouts, Educ. Bldg & #204	10 9:30 am – Mary Circle, Fellowship Hall  4:30 – Fitness #203	11  4:30 – Fitness, #203 5 pm – Children's Choir 5:30- Bible Study #101 6 pm -Girl Scouts – Educ. Bldg. 6 pm – Choir rehearsal	12  8:45 am – S & B, Fell Hall 1 pm – GriefShare, Conference Room 4:30 – Fitness #203  <b>SPRC meeting 6:30 pm</b>	13	14 10:30 am – Threads of Love, Fell Hall
15  8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship  6 pm – AfterShock Youth	16 10 am- Food Pantry  <b>Auditorium reserved – LifeLine Screening – 9 am to 4 pm</b> 5:30- Emmaus, #101 5:30- Cub Scouts, 7 pm - Scouts, Educ Bldg, & #204	17 9 am Crafty Ladies, Fellowship Hall  4:30– Fitness #203	18 Crafty Ladies, Fellowship Hall 9 am  4:30 – Fitness, #203 5 pm – Children's Choir 5:30- Bible Study #101 6 pm -Choir Rehearsal 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Educ. Bldg.	19 8:45 - S & B, Fell Hall  4:30 Fitness #203  <b>Administrative Council meeting, 6 pm, Conf Room</b>	20	21
22 7 am- Methodist Men breakfast Study, F. Hall 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship  Fell Hall Reserved 1:30 to 5:30 pm, G. S. Svc Unit event  6 pm – AfterShock Youth	23 9:30 Soulkeepers, Conf Room 10 am – Food Pantry  5:30 –Emmaus, #101 5:30 – Cub Scouts, Education Bldg. 7 pm - Scouts, Educ Bldg, & #204	24  4:30 Fitness  6:30 – Order of Arrow, Fellowship Hall	25  4:30 Fitness, #203 No Children's Choir 5:30 Bible Study #101 6 pm– Choir Rehearsal 6 pm – Girl Scvouts, Educ. Bldg.	26 8:45 am - S & B  1 pm – GriefShare, Conference Room  4:30 Fitness, #203  7 pm – Chaplains' meeting, Conf Room	27  Girl Scouts' overnight 6 pm until Saturday – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen	28 Girl Scouts depart by 9 am   <b>2:00 – 5:00 pm</b>
29  8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship  6 pm – AfterShock Youth	30 10 am - Food Pantry  5:30 Emmaus, #101 5:30 Cub Scouts – Education Bldg. 7 pm - Scouts, Educ Bldg #204	31 – Halloween  4:30– Fitness, #203	<i>November 1</i> <b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b>  4:30 – Fitness #203 5:30 – Bible, #101 6 pm - Choir Rehearsal 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Educ Bldg.	<i>November 2</i>  8:45 - S & B- F. Hall  4:30 Fitness #203  7:30 – Girl Scouts Svc Unit, Fellowship Hall	<i>November 3</i>  Emmaus, 6 pm Fellowship Hall & Kitchen	<i>November 4</i>  Set clocks back at bedtime!  