



Peralta Methodist Church

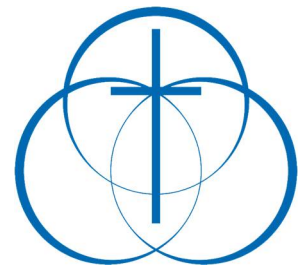
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Going Beyond Our Walls to Build God's Kingdom

ADVENT

We are now entering the first week of our Advent journey. The Scriptures disclosing to us that God so loved the world that God gave a beloved Son make it clear that the Gospel truth is never delivered to us addressed to *Current Occupant*. We're named rather than numbered when we are born, and no matter how demeaning and anonymous our lives may seem to us at any given moment, the Good News of Advent reaffirms that there is no dimension of human experience that can ever be written off as God-forsaken.

Say what you will about the wholly unexpected story of God-in-the-flesh arriving among us as another uninvited mouth to feed born in a smelly livestock feedlot over in Bethlehem, but the most obvious implication of that human baby is that we now see how highly the Creator values every child entrusted to our care. So let's stop, look and listen long enough this Advent to recognize and remember that none of the slightly inconvenient and frequently obnoxious human beings with whom we share the planet should be overlooked. We are grasped by the mystery of the Incarnation.

Advent is the reminder that God will always have your address. But it is also an invitation intended to suggest that you need not remain any longer as you are. As Saint Irenaeus put it centuries ago, God "became what we are in order to make us what He is Himself."

Pastor Manish



Sunday, December 3rd – Worship 8:30 and 11:00 am
First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 10th – Worship 8:30 and 11:00 am
Second Sunday of Advent



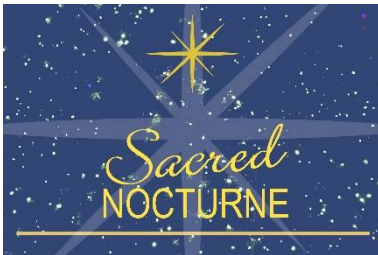
Saturday, December 16th - NATIVITY WALK

In Fellowship Hall from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm

Experience the joy of the Christmas season as you view the displays of nativity scenes from around the world.



Sunday, December 17th - ONE SERVICE at 10:00 am
Peralta Choir presents: "Love is Born for Us"
Third Sunday of Advent



Wednesday, December 20th at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary
A service of peace, reflection and music.
Featuring guest cellist, Jayme Eck



Christmas Eve
Morning Worship

Sunday, December 24th – ONE SERVICE
in the morning at 10:30 am

4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve
Holy Communion



Sunday, December 24th

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 6:00 pm

Candlelight and Communion

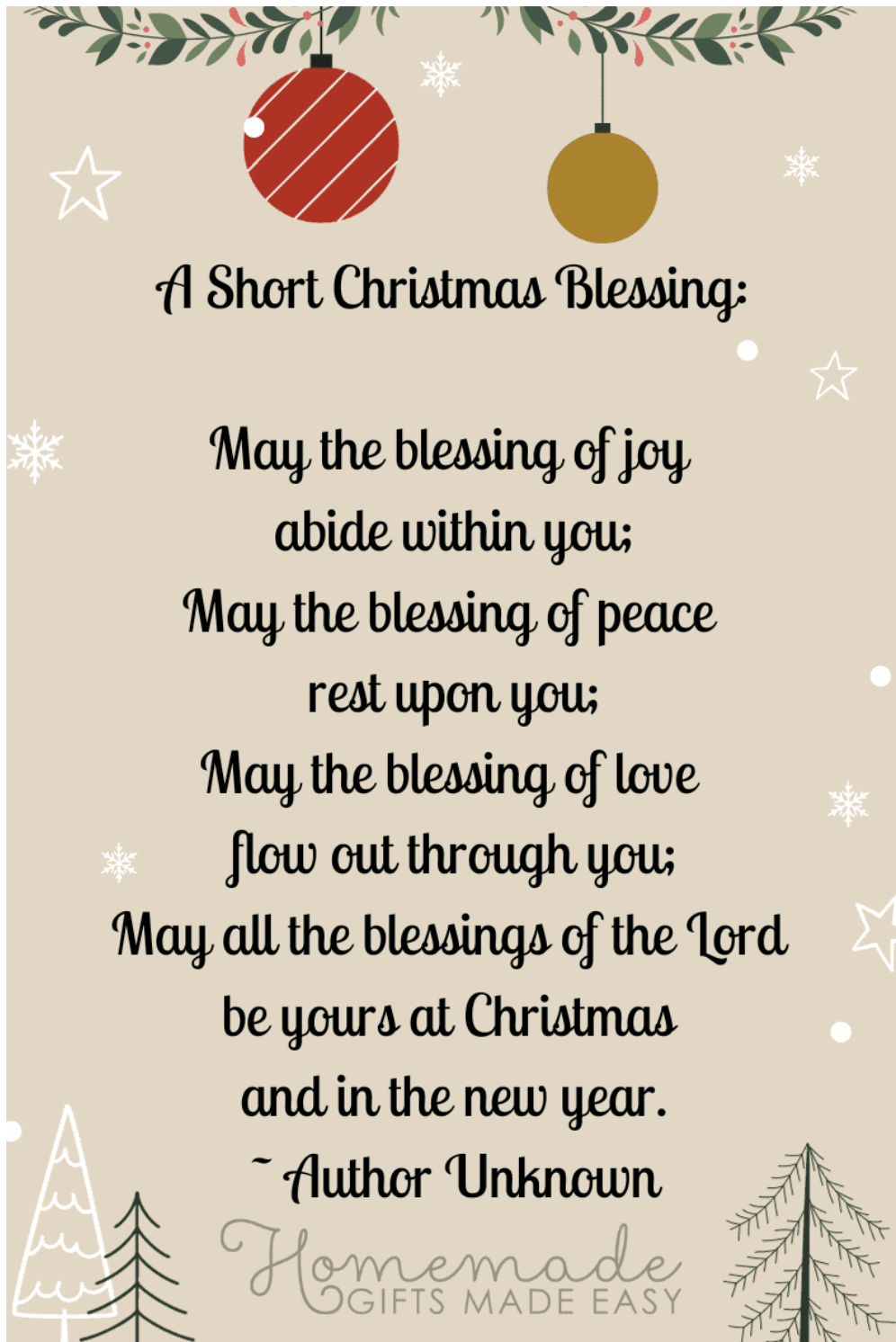


DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December 2 – Bill Killough
December 4 – Tinka Platt
December 6 – John Drayer
December 8 – Kelley Green
December 8 – Luke Rindels
December 11 – Caity Blaine
December 12 – John Gobert
December 17 – Lisa Hansen
December 18 – Nick Gipson
December 18 – Troy Meyer
December 21 – Jeanette Smith
December 25 – Jose Garcia
December 26 – Cheryl Huber
December 26 – Carol Smith
December 27 – Mike Buvinghausen
December 29 – Mialena Sanchez
December 30 – Lilly Genson
December 31 – Angie Davis
December 31 – Johnathon O'Brien



December 3 – Trevor & Carissa Green
December 5 – Jack & Gayle Stayton
December `15 – James & Beth Barnett



A Short Christmas Blessing:

*May the blessing of joy
abide within you;*

*May the blessing of peace
rest upon you;*

*May the blessing of love
flow out through you;*

*May all the blessings of the Lord
be yours at Christmas
and in the new year.*

~ Author Unknown

*Homemade
GIFTS MADE EASY*

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 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 | | |



The ONE meeting for GriefShare in December will be on Thursday, December 14th at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room. Anyone is welcome to join this group at any time.

For more info you may contact Diana Ward, Carol Smith or the church office.



Crafty Ladies would like to thank everyone for the donations and hard work in helping with the Holiday Bazaar.

As we look toward 2024 we will take a break in December to enjoy our annual Christmas luncheon on December 5th.

Many thanks and lots of appreciation to all the congregation for your support. Merry Christmas to you all!!!



Peralta Methodist Women, Mary Circle

*Mary Circle will be meeting for a special lunch
in December at Ribs Restaurant
on December 12 at 11:30 am.*

*All women of Peralta Methodist are cordially
invited, & bring a guest if you'd like!*

*If you wish, you can also participate by bringing a
wrapped "White Elephant" gift for exchange.*

*Please call Sylvia Regelbrugge
so we can make a reservation.*





The Salvation Army bell ringing has been a part of our church for many years. The 2023 campaign has begun. This great ministry will support the people of Valencia County. We plan to ring at the Walmart and Smith's stores in Los Lunas. We need **Your** help. Ringers are needed, as well as help to drop off and pick up the kettles. Please plan to give your support in any way the Spirit may lead you to help. Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex each week. Please talk to the person at the table on Sunday, or call one of us with any questions. Wayne Sharp or Gayle Stayton. **Thank You!!**

AfterShock Youth

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

A CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held on December 3 at Jim Kubisak's wonderful winter extravaganza. We will leave the church by 5pm with the van, or you may meet us there by 5:30. We will have fellowship, food, and white elephant gift sharing/stealing. If you bring a gift, you will receive a gift. Recommended gift of \$5 or something that you wish to re-gift. Remember, we also will have our infamous paper machete saxophone playing clown that someone will keep for the year and re-gift to a "blessed" winner next year! ***This is a family event***, not just for youth members, & I hope to see you ALL there. Contact Marlow if you have any questions.

LUMINARIAS will be placed for the Christmas Eve service, weather permitting. We need help placing and lighting them, so if you are available, we would like to put them out on the 24th by 3 pm. Again, contact Marlow if you are available to assist.

Thank you all for your continued support of the Aftershock youth and youth ministry.

IGNITE 24 will be February 3 right here at Peralta Methodist church. Please be in prayer for the youth of Valencia County and beyond for this youth led conference.

Adult Sunday School opportunities



December Series Pastor Manish's class #204

Everyone has a favorite Christmas movie. We watch year after year. These films bring friends and families together. They inspire us. They make us laugh. Sometimes, they remind us of what Christmas is all about – the timeless story of hope and joy and love – the birth of a child.

December 10 - Hope: Miracle on 34th Street
December 17 - Peace: How Christmas Changed the Grinch
December 24 - Joy: It's a Wonderful Life



The Heritage Class – which meets in the Conference Room is beginning an Advent Study on December 3rd.

Everyone is more than welcome to join the class!!



There are two other Adult Sunday School classes meeting at 9:45 am on Sunday mornings, too!

They meet in #201 and #202 upstairs in the Community Building.

You are welcome to visit and join whichever class you choose.



DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Emmaus, Fell Hall, 6:00 pm	2 Auditorium reserved
3 – 1 st Sunday of Advent 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 3:45 – Bell Choir 5 pm – Youth to Kubisak home	4 9:30 – Soulkeepers, Conf Room 10 am- Food Pantry 5:30 – Emmaus #101 5:30 – Cubs scouts Educ. Bldg. 7 pm – Scouts- Court of Honor, Auditorium and Kitchen	5 Fellowship Hall reserved – Crafty Ladies 4:30 – Fitness #203 6-8 – Auditorium reserved	6 4:30 – Fitness, #203 5 pm – Children’s Choir 5:30- Bible Study #101 6 pm -Girl Scouts – Educ. Bldg. 6 pm – Choir rehearsal	7 4:30 – Fitness #203 6-8 – Auditorium reserved	8 Auditorium reserved NMSU Ext Svc, 4 pm to 8 pm	9 Scouts in Comm Bldg 8 am to 6 pm Threads of Love, Fell Hall, 10-30 am G.S. Svc Unit 12 – 6 pm, Fell Hall
10- 2 nd Sunday of Advent 7 am - Methodist Men Study & Breakfast, Fellowship Hall 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 3:45 – Bell Choir 6 pm – AfterShock Youth	11 10 am- Food Pantry 5:30 – Emmaus #101 5:30 - Cub Scouts, Educ. Bldg. 7 pm - Scouts, Educ. Bldg & #204	12 Mary Circle, Fell Hall, 9:30 am 4:30– Fitness #203 G.S. Svc Unit mtg, Fell Hall 6:30 pm 6-8 – Auditorium reserved	13 4:30 – Fitness, #203 5 pm – Children’s Choir 5:30- Bible Study #101 6 pm -Choir Rehearsal 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Educ Bldg.	14 1 pm – GriefShare Conference Room 4:30 Fitness #203 6-8 – Auditorium reserved	15 Ed Bldg Kitchen reserved 9 – 11 am Fell Hall reserved for set up 11 am	16 NATIVITY WALK 10 am – 5 pm Fell Hall Sanctuary reserved 4:30 -6:30 piano recital Auditorium reserved
17 – 3 rd Sunday of Advent CHRISTMAS CANTATA ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 am Sunday School – check with your teacher 3:45 – Bell Choir 6 pm – AfterShock Youth	18 9:30 – Soulkeepers, Conf Room 10 am – Food Pantry 5:30 – Emmaus #101 5:30 pm - Cub Scouts, Auditoirum reserved 7 pm - Scouts, Educ Bldg, & #204	19 4:30 Fitness 6-8 – Auditorium reserved	20 4:30 – Fitness, #203 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Educ Bldg. 7 pm - Sacred Nocturne service in Sanctuary	21 4:30 Fitness,#204 6-8 – Auditorium reserved Ad Council Meeting 6:30 pm, Conf Room	22	23
24 – 4 th Sunday Advent & CHRISTMAS EVE  MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:30 AM CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT 6:00 PM	25 Behold, Jesus is Born!  Christmas Blessings	26 4:30– Fitness, #203 6-8 – Auditorium reserved Order of Arrow? Fell Hall 6:30	27 4:30 – Fitness, #203	28 4:30 – Fitness #203 6-8 – Auditorium reserved	29	30
31 New Years’ Eve 8:30 – Worship 9:45 - Sunday School 11 am – Worship	<i>January 1, 2024</i>  2024 <i>Office is closed today</i>	<i>January 2, 2024</i>	<i>January 3, 2024</i>	<i>January 4, 2024</i>	<i>January 5, 2024</i>	<i>January 6, 2024</i>