



## Peralta Methodist Church

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

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR! I love New Year's Day as it marks a day of new beginnings and holds new possibilities and opportunities in our lives and in our church.**

**We have been given a gift – life. How are we living it? God wants us to realize that our time on earth is limited so that we will spend it wisely. But He gives us the choice about how we spend it. Psalm 90:12 (TLB) says, "Teach us to number our days and recognize how few they are; help us to spend them as we should."**

**Poet Dianne Ackerman said, "I don't want to get to the end of my life and find that I have just lived the length of it. I want to have lived the width as well."**

**Jesus is the perfect example of living the width of life. He used every moment of his life glorifying God. Everywhere he went, everything he said, and with everyone he met he glorified His Father. Shouldn't we do the same? Shouldn't every moment be a moment that we live for Christ?**

**Another year is dawning, dear Father, let it be  
In working or in waiting, another year with Thee.  
Another year of progress, another year of praise,  
Another year of proving Thy presence all the days.**

**Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace,  
Another year of gladness in the shining of Thy face;  
Another year of leaning upon Thy loving breast;  
Another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest.**

**Another year of service, of witness for Thy love,  
Another year of training for holier work above.  
Another year is dawning, dear Father, let it be  
On earth, or else in Heaven, another year for Thee - Frances Havergal (1874)**

*Pastor Mani sh*



January 1 – Zabrinia Winchester  
January 2 – Arielle Lansdell  
January 5 – Yvonne Braught  
January 5 – Diana Galey  
January 6 – Jerry Winchester  
January 7 – Jo Anne Hinds  
January 7 – Katrina Uptain  
January 10 – David Meyer  
January 14 – Cameron Platt  
January 16 – Tim York  
January 18 – Jan Buvinghausen  
January 19 – Anna Gipson  
January 19 – Wyatt Honeyfield  
January 21 – Tom Blaine  
January 23 – Rosemarie Maniscalco  
January 23 – Brenda Wolf  
January 26 – Gilbert Row  
January 26 – Jessica Meyer  
January 28 – Becky Eubank

*January 3 – Virgil & Ramina Proctor*  
*January 8 – Dan & Dorothy Rose*  
*January 16 – Bob & Carole Caswell*  
*January 30 – Garrett & Ashley Wilkinson*





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

# A Prayer for the New Year

Lord,  
Whether I leave behind  
a year of joy or of trials and difficulties,

I pause to *give thanks*.  
Thank you for being with me  
every day of every year.

Thank you for making all things **new**  
and for giving me the grace of  
fresh starts

and *new beginnings*.  
Remind me of your presence in the days to  
come,  
even when I feel pushed and rushed by  
busyness.

**Be glorified in my life this year.**

*Amen*

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| <b>Our Freedom</b>                       | Abundant Grace Free Store      |                        |                                 |                             |                        |
| <b>Rev. Manish Shirley</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>Beth Barnett</b>         |                        |
| <b>All military &amp; their families</b> | <b>Jay &amp; Marilyn Smith</b> | Don Taylor             | <b>Ted George</b>               |                             |                        |
| <b>Bruce &amp; Cindy Walters</b>         | <b>John Dutil</b>              | <b>Veronica Garcia</b> |                                 |                             |                        |



The New Year brings our meetings to twice a month again. We'll get together on January 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room. Everyone is welcome to join this group at any time. For more info you may contact Diana Ward, Carol Smith or the church office.

## Peralta Methodist Women, Mary Circle



*Mary Circle will begin the New Year  
with a meeting  
on Tuesday, January 9, 2024  
At 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.  
Jackie Hardy will present the program.  
We will also have prayer,  
Devotion, and good fellowship.  
Please Join Us!*



*All women at are cordially invited!*

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## The Pantry in Review

This has been quite the year for our food pantry. Our staff of volunteers is outstanding, dedicated, loving, fun, careful, creative, and just wonderful overall. I have never seen a group of people, mostly strangers when they came in to volunteer for the first time, find so much love and acceptance in one place. We've had folks who were on probation who still come in as volunteers. They have finished their community service, but like being around us.

Granted, we are a ministry of PMC, but we are also a family who takes care of one another. If someone is having a bad day, someone can fix it to the point of, at least, getting a smile out of them. And our clients are the same way. We have those who come for food and stay to help.

Our numbers have grown by leaps and bounds. Even though the pandemic is over, we have over 800 families listed on our roster. Every week we add 2 or 3 more families, with some days there being as many as 10 new families to our fold.

In 2023, we helped 12,476 people have food to eat. That number breaks down to nearly 5000 families. That's a lot of people, in the Los Lunas School District, who have not had to go hungry. And now, we are getting families from Venezuela and Bolivia, who have settled in Valencia County, who are coming in to apply for help.

We have come a VERY long way from Janice Knowlton's kitchen. Road Runner Food Bank likes to send their supervisors out to visit, just so they can observe our "well-oiled machine" at work. We have been a model, so to speak, for how a Pantry should operate. And for that, we would like to **thank everyone** who has rung the Salvation Army bell and/or volunteered with the work of making The Pantry operate.



We'll be starting off the New Year by meeting on January 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 am to about 2:00 pm.

Thanks again to everyone who helped with the 2023 Bazaar – and we look forward to working on the 45<sup>th</sup> Holiday Bazaar for 2024!!

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# ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS

The graphic consists of a central white rectangular box containing the text 'ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. This box is set against a background of a grey and white geometric pattern of triangles and polygons.

You may request a giving statement for 2023 by calling the church office, or by completing a form on Sunday mornings (forms will be on the welcome table). There are 2 options – you may request a printed copy or you may request your statement be emailed to you.

Printed giving statements will be available for PICK UP on/about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in February.

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### *NEW YEAR PRAYER:*

Thank You Lord for giving me  
The brand new year ahead.  
Help me live the way I should  
As each new day I tread.  
Give me gentle wisdom  
That I might help a friend,  
Give me strength and courage  
So a shoulder I might lend.  
The year ahead is empty,  
Help me fill it with good things  
Each new day filled with joy  
And happiness it brings.  
Amen.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Dec 31<sup>st</sup></b> <b>One Worship</b> <b>Service at 10:00 am</b>	<b>1</b> <b>Food Pantry</b> <b>OPEN 10-12:30</b> <b>HAPPY</b> <b>NEW</b> <b>YEAR!!!</b>	<b>2</b> Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall, 9 am-2 pm	<b>3</b> Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall, 9 am-2 pm  5:30 – Bible Study #101	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7 – Epiphany</b>  8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship  6 pm – Youth Group	<b>8</b> 10 am- Food Pantry  5:30 – Cubs scouts Educ. Bldg.	<b>9</b> 9:30 am – Mary Circle, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen  4:30 – Fitness #203 6:30 – Trustees' meeting, #201 6:30 – G. S. Svc Unit, Fell Hall	<b>10</b> 4:30 – Fitness, #203 5:30- Bible Study #101 6 pm -Girl Scouts – Educ. Bldg.	<b>11</b> 8:45 – Exercise, Fellowship Hall  1 pm – GriefShare, Conference Room  4:30 – Fitness #203	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> G. S. Service Unit, Auditorium 8:30 am to 2:30 pm  Threads of Love, Fell Hall, 10-30 am
<b>14</b> 7 am - Methodist Men Study & Breakfast, Fellowship Hall  8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 6 pm – AfterShock Youth	<b>15 -MLK Day</b> 10 am- Food Pantry 5:30 – Emmaus #101 No Cub Scouts  Finance meeting	<b>16</b> 4:30– Fitness #203	<b>17</b> 4:30 – Fitness, #203 5:30- Bible Study #101 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Educ Bldg.	<b>18</b> 8:45 – Exercise, Fellowship Hall  4:30 Fitness #203	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 6 pm – AfterShock Youth	<b>22</b> 10 am – Food Pantry 5:30 pm - Cub Scouts, Education Bldg.	<b>23</b> 4:30 Fitness  7 pm – Order of Arrow, Fellowship Hall	<b>24</b> 4:30 – Fitness, #203 5:30 – Bible Study, #101 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Educ Bldg.	<b>25</b> 8:45 – Exercise, Fellowship Hall  1 pm – GriefShare, Conference Room  4:30 Fitness, #204  6:30 pm – Chaplains' meeting, Conf Room	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>Auditorium set up for Sunday</b>
<b>28</b> 7 am – Methodist Men Breakfast, Fell Hall 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 am – Worship  POTLUCK LUNCH in Auditorium – for everyone!!	<b>29</b> 10 am – Food Pantry 5:30 – Cub Scouts, Education Bldg.	<b>30</b> 4:30– Fitness, #203	<b>31</b> 4:30 – Fitness, #203 5:30 – Bible Study, #101 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Educ. Bldg.	Feb 1 8:45 – Exercise, Fell Hall 4:30 – Fitness #203	Feb 2 Set up Sanctuary and Community Building for IGNITE	Feb 3 <b>IGNITE – all day – Community Bldg &amp; Sanctuary reserved</b>