



Peralta Methodist Church

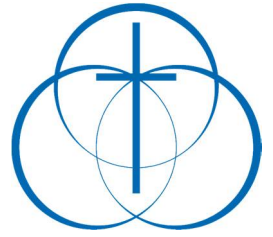
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Going Beyond Our Walls to Build God's Kingdom

We're now in the fourth week of our Lenten journey with Jesus as he makes his determined march toward the decidedly uncomfortable reality of a Roman crucifixion that will nonetheless serve as God's own chosen weapon of mass reconciliation. Any salvation there is to be gained and experienced by the likes of people like us cannot be reduced to the type of minor alterations that will protect our comfort and convenience at all times. But lately it seems that we have grown confused on this point, preferring as we often do spiritual pathways that will make little or no demand upon us once we have come to acknowledge some sort of vague sense of remorse or contrition over the fact that we might actually find ourselves in sin and error from time to time. While it is true that God loves you just the way you are, this gracious God also loves you deeply and righteously enough to expect that some further changes to your character can and should occur.

If you or someone you love have been stuck for a time, endlessly regretting and repenting but never really getting, you know, healed and transformed by grace, then the season of Lent may be just what the doctor prescribed. Sometimes the pace of spiritual growth under the influence of the Holy Spirit proves to be agricultural, at least according to the Lord who told a perhaps unintentionally hilarious story about a gardener pleading for just one more year to apply a healthy dose of manure so he could grow fruit from what had been a rather reluctant and unproductive fig tree.

If the story fits, maybe God intends to bury you this Lent under a fresh batch of fertilizer made the old-fashioned way. Who knows? That might be just the kind of thing you need to help you decide to get un-stuck and ready to move on. Or maybe this Lent will turn out to be the kind of moment described by Barbara Brown Taylor about a student erupting into a "theological temper tantrum" one day during his first semester as a seminary student at Yale. "All you Americans seem to care about is justification!" complained the student from Lebanon to his startled classmates. "You love sinning and being forgiven, sinning and being forgiven," he cried, "but no one seems to want off that hamster wheel. Have you ever heard of sanctification? Is anyone interested in learning to sin a little less?"

Now that is a Lenten question, don't you think?

Pastor Manish



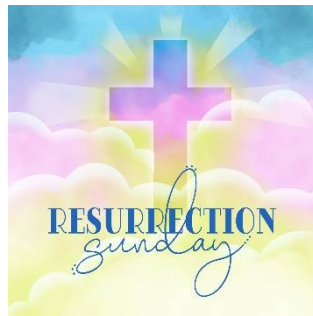
Sunday, March 24th – 8:30 and 11:00 am worship
Special music from 'A Joyful Noise' bell choir



**Thursday, March 28th – Remembrance of the Last Supper
Worship Service at 6:30 pm**



Friday, March 29th
Join the Youth on the walk to Tome Hill departing from the church at 6:30 am
Good Friday Worship Service at 6:30 pm



Sunday, March 31st @ 6:30 am - outdoors, weather permitting



@ 8:00 am in Fellowship Hall



ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 AM
Easter Message
and Cantata by Peralta Choir
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"



AFTERSHOCK-YOUTH

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

The Aftershock youth are starting a new study by Francis Chan, called Crazy Love. We will be learning how to view God more personally in our everyday lives and prayer time. Danny Altobello and Maggie Kelly-Karney are leading us through this very enlightening study.

HOLY WEEK is fast approaching. The youth are planning on hosting a Lock-in sleepover on Thursday March 28, following the Maundy Thursday service. We will arise early on Good Friday, and plan to leave the church by 6:30 am, to walk the pilgrimage to Tome Hill. We participate in this event, not to worship on the high places, but for fellowship with one another and other Christians from our community. We walk along the ditch banks all the way to Tome Hill, climb the hill for some reflection and devotional time, then descend the hill for a delicious brunch before returning to the church on the bus. Everyone is invited to join us for the walk and brunch, you can call Marlow for more information. Remember to wear good hiking shoes, no flip-flops or sandals, dress in layers, bring water, (some will be provided as well), snacks and sunscreen. You may also contact Marlow if you would like to donate any food and drink items for the brunch fellowship.

Fellow pilgrims may meet us at the church on the morning of Friday the 29th by 6:30 am to join us. Everyone is invited!



The weekly Tuesday morning Lenten breakfast continues on Tuesdays at 7:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

Schedule of dates:
March 5th, 12th and 19th.
You are cordially invited to attend.



- March 1st – Vernon Honeyfield
- March 6 – Richard Grissom
- March 6 – Adam Honeyfield
- March 8 – Kevin Jones
- March 10 – Irene Browning
- March 14 – Paul Valigura
- March 14 – Micky Killough
- March 16 – Glenn Jordan
- 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 – Danny Altobello
- March 30 – Marlow Frasier

March 4 – Bill & Micky Killough
March 24 – LaDena & Alan Skinner



GriefShare will meet on March 14th and 28th at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room, located in the Community Building.

This group is open to anyone from the church or the community. If you'd like additional information, please call the church office.

“The great thing in prayer is to feel that we are putting our hearts into the hands of God, and that He is taking hold of them.”



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
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	Beth Barnett
All military & their families	Jay & Marilyn Smith	Don Taylor	Ted George	
Bruce & Cindy Walters	John Dutil	Veronica Garcia		



Peralta Methodist Women, Mary Circle

*Mary Circle will meet Tuesday, March 12, 2024
At 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.
We will be have devotion and prayer time,
& Pam Eppers will present our program.*

Please join us!

All women at are cordial I y invited!



Children's Choir at 5:00 pm &
Adult Choir at 6:00 pm
will meet on the following days:
March 6, 20th and 27th.



Did you know that Peralta Methodist has a wonderful Church Library??

It is located at the top of the stairwell in the Community Building. You are always welcome to browse through the selection of books that range from curriculum to Bible studies to non-fiction. The Nbtman Memorial Library is open on Sunday mornings.

During March, there is a shelf of books in the Narthex that are being deleted from the library. These books are FREE! So, please take a minute to look them over and help yourself to any that appeal to you.

After the month of March, any remaining books will be donated to charity. Our church is very blessed to have this awesome Library. Won't you take a few minutes to "check it out"?



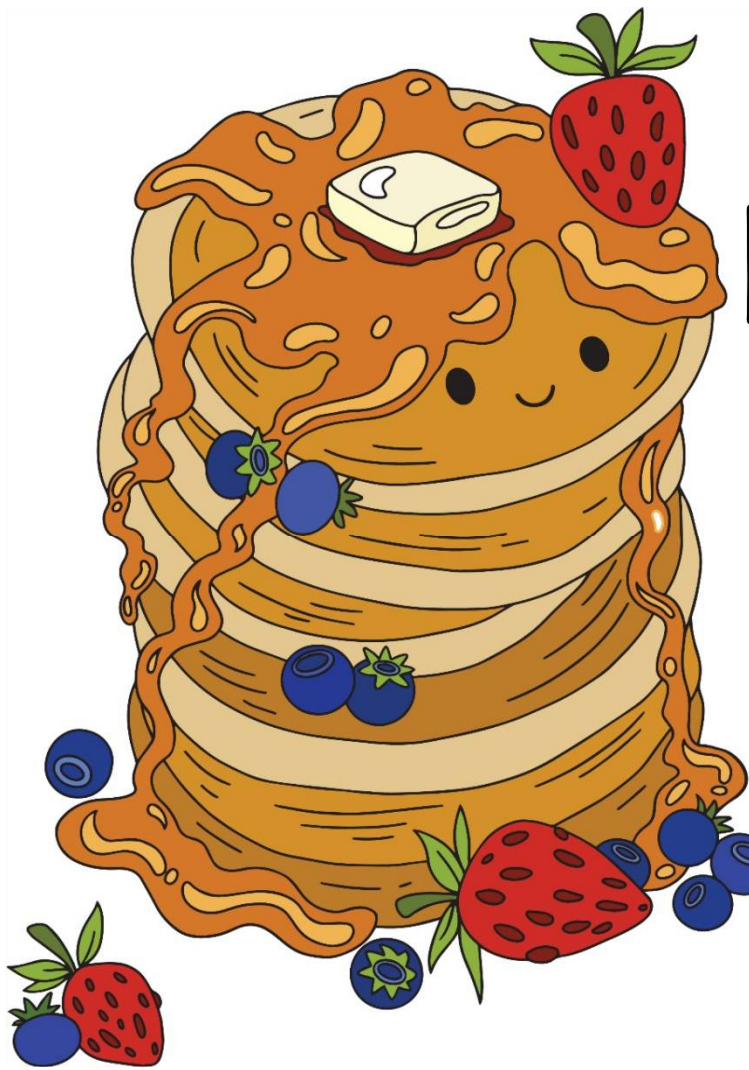
Meeting days in March are March 5th and 6th
from 9:00 am until about 2:00 pm.

We are seeking donations of horseshoes, please.

Ladies are more than welcome to join us –simply stop by and see for yourself, all the wonderful projects happening as well as the fun fellowship.



Before bedtime on
Saturday, March 9th,
Be sure to set your clocks
AHEAD one hour
for Daylight Savings Time.



Methodist Men's Pancake Fundraiser

SUNDAY, MARCH 17th in the Auditorium

**The Methodist Men are hosting a pancake breakfast
from 7:30 am to 10:45 am
In the Auditorium**

**Tickets will be available
from the Methodist Men - soon.**

For more info contact Dan Rose, President

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>World Day of Prayer – Sanctuary open 8:30 to 2 pm</i> Emmaus, Fell Hall 6-8 pm Order of Arrow in Comm. Bldg 6 pm until Sunday am	2 Order of Arrow reserve Community building until 8:30 am Sunday
3 Scouts depart 8:30 am 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 12 pm - VBS plan meeting, Fell Hall 3:45 – Bell Choir 6 pm –Youth Group	4 9:30 am –Soulkeepers, Conf Rm 10 am- Food Pantry 5:30 – Cubs scouts Educ. Bldg. 7 pm Scouts, Educ. Bldg & #204	5 7 am – Lenten breakfast, Fell Hall 9 am – Crafty Ladies, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen 4:30 – Fitness #203 6-8 – Auditorium reserved	6 9 am – Crafty Ladies, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen 4:30 – Fitness, #203 5 pm – Kids' 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	9 Threads of Love, Fell Hall, 10-30 am SET YOUR CLOCKS Ahead!
10 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 - Cub Scouts, Educ. Bldg 7:00 – Scouts, Educ Bldg & #204	12 7 am – Lenten breakfast, Fell Hall 9:30 am – Mary Circle, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen 4:30– Fitness #203 6-8 – Auditorium reserved 6:30 – Girl Scout Svc Unit – Fell Hall	13 4:30 Fitness, #203 No Kids Choir No PMC Choir No Girl Scouts 5:30 – Bible Study, #101	14 1 pm – GriefShare, Conference Room 4:30 Fitness #203 6-8 – Auditorium reserved	15	16 Auditorium reserved for set up
17 <i>Methodist Men Pancake fundraiser</i> 7:30 – 10:45 am 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 3:45– Bell Choir 6 pm – AfterShock Youth	18 9:30 am Soulkeepers, Conf Rm 10 am – Food Pantry 5:30 - Cub Scouts, Educ. Bldg. 7 pm – Scouts, Educ Bldg & #204	19 7 am – Lenten breakfast, Fell Hall 6-8 – Auditorium reserved	20 4:30 – Fitness, #203 5 pm – Kids' Choir 5:30 –Bible Study #101 6 pm – Choir Rehearsal 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Educ Bldg.	21 4:30 Fitness, #204 6-8 – Auditorium reserved 6:30 – Chaplains' meeting, Conf Room	22 Cub Scouts set up Auditorium 5 pm until Saturday	23 Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby and car show – Auditorium til 5 pm
24 -PALM SUNDAY 7 am – Methodist Men Study & Breakfast F.H. 8:30 – Worship 9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 am – Worship 6 pm – Youth Group	25 10 am – Food Pantry 5:30 – Cub Scouts, Education Bldg. 7 pm – Scouts, Educ Bldg & #204	26 4:30– Fitness, #203 6-8 – Auditorium reserved 7 pm - Order of Arrow, Fell Hall	27 4:30 – Fitness, #203 5 pm – Kids' Choir 5:30 -Bible Study #101 6 pm – Choir Rehearsal 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Educ. Bldg.	28 – Maundy Thursday 1 pm – GriefShare, Conference Room 4:30 – Fitness #203 6-8 – Auditorium reserved WORSHIP 6:30 PM Youth overnight	29 –GOOD FRIDAY Pilgrimage to Tome Hill , depart church 6:30 am WORSHIP 6:30 pm	30
31 EASTER 6:30 am – Sunrise Service 8:00 am – Breakfast, Fellowship Hall 10:00 ---ONE WORSHIP SERVICE CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS!!! 	April 1 9:30 – Soulkeepers, Conf Room 10 am – Food Pantry No Cub Scouts 7 pm – Scouts, Educ. Bldg & #204	April 2 9 am – Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall 4:30 Fitness #203	April 3 9 am – Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall 4:30 Fitness #203 5:00 – Kids Choir 5:30 – Bible #101 6:00 – Choir 6:00 – Girl Scouts, Educ. Bldg.	April 4 4:30 Fitness #203	April 5 6 pm – Emmaus, Fell Hall	April 6