



Peralta Methodist Church

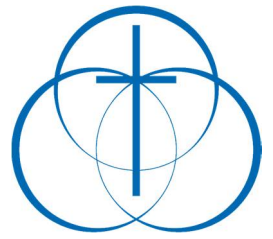
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Going Beyond Our Walls to Build God's Kingdom

FATHER FIGURES

Because preacher-types are always digging around for fresh nuggets of good material, I smiled at my good fortune to find Garrison Keillor's observation that any father who has a daughter is nothing but *a high-class hostage*. Even the best father can at times turn a stony face to his sons, Keillor warned, "He berates them, shakes his antlers, paws the ground, snorts, runs them off into the underbrush, but when his daughter puts her arm over his shoulder and says, 'Daddy, I need to ask you something,' *he is a pat of butter in a hot frying pan.*" Now maybe that is exactly how it should be, especially in a frightful world which as a general rule always seems to suffer not from too much but rather too little evidence of love. So if you are a Dad who is prone to excess in the passionate defense of his beloved little girls, so be it.

Because I am a rather slow and stubborn learner, on Father's Day this year I'm grateful to have been the beneficiary of many men whose investments of time and influence in my life made them very significant father figures for me. In recent days I have been thinking about some of those remarkable contributors whose gifts to me only seemed to surface over time as a result of the extraordinary adversity they had overcome.

For example, as a pastor, *rarely do I meet someone who is actually living the life that he or she planned*. Instead, most of us usually seem to tumble headlong into a very different type of life, a life in which the hard and unyielding circumstances become formative for our character in ways that never develop as the result of our comfort and convenience. This is especially true for leaders, which may go a long way in explaining why so many of our greatest leaders are occasionally quite reluctant to accept the roles for which they are later remembered and celebrated. As one writer puts it in a recent essay, "They had other plans for life. But something happened to push them into a responsible role. It wasn't really their skills or résumés, and certainly not their ambition. There's no evidence that these leaders were having a good time along the way, but they knew what they had to do." And then he warns us by drawing a rather familiar contrast: "The worst leaders are those who narcissistically believe they're destined to greatness. That always ends in a Waterloo, a maniac fiddling while Rome burns, or even the horrors of a holocaust. *History cautions us never to have faith in a leader who isn't reluctant.*"

So if you are thinking that there might be something for you to yet be and do in accepting your own role as a person who will leave a legacy of blessing for others, let me simply remind you that sometimes the most important gifts only develop over time. Learning how to choose *today* something of lasting value and significance that will only become visibly evident on some *tomorrow* far removed from your present circumstances is a critical skill of spiritual discernment that can require a great deal of both faith and practice. As the late Lewis Smedes put it: *The ultimate meaning of the promises I make today will be clear to me only at the very end of my life; but the eventual meaning of my life at its final end will be forever different precisely because I am making this promise today.* In other words, every promise you make creates a set of possibilities that you could never fully imagine right now. But keeping those promises, to yourself, to your spouse, to your kids, to your Lord and his Church; these steadfast expressions of daily faithfulness do in fact change you for the better over time.

God knows whether or not you will choose to embark on such a path, but I sure hope you do. I suspect that the Lord also knows that we are still much in need of some worthy father figures.

In Christ, Pastor Manish

JUNE & JULY



Summer SCHEDULE

Sunday School at 8:45 am

Nursery opens at 8:30 am

Worship begins at 10:00 am



GriefShare will continue to meet during the Summer, and our meeting days in June will be June 13th and 27th.

Join us at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room in the Community Building. We'll continue the video series, and discussions.

Anyone is more than welcome to be a part of this wonderful group, supporting each other through tough times.



5th Sunday Potluck

**SUNDAY
JUNE 30TH**

**FOLLOWING
10 AM WORSHIP**

Please plan on attending this time to enjoy delicious food and fellowship!

Bring a dish to share, and bring a friend with you, too!!!

June 5 – Robyn Albani
June 8 – Ramina Proctor
June 12 – Peggy Shoemaker
June 12 – Maggie Kelly-Karney
June 16 – Sherrie Cobb
June 17 – Felina Martinez
June 23 – Michelle Smith
June 25 – Erec Kelly
June 25 – Peyson Genson
June 27 – Gayle Stayton
June 27 – Cindy Smith
June 28 – Dan Rose
June 30 – Gavin Laughlin



June 9 – Ted & Cynthia Van Curen

June 19 – Grant & Connie Irwin



Our meeting days will be June 4th and 5th starting at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

Lunch will be hosted by Kaye Groves and Carmen Bennett.

We really need all the help we can get, so PLEASE come and see what we do; fellowship with us; & enjoy a good meal.

Thank you Lord,
For this wonderful and amazing
blessing of TODAY,
For your WORD of hope which
gives us strength,
For your LOVE that makes our
life meaningful,
For your PEACE that gives
us comfort,
For your GRACE that renews
and restores our life,
WE give you PRAISE,
in Jesus' Name.
Amen.



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	Marilyn Smith	Don Taylor	Ted George	
Bruce Walters	John Dutil	Veronica Garcia		



Our Food Pantry is doing very well, but it could use more business. Since May 27 is a holiday, we will be closed for a much-needed break. As of our closing at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, we have served 1525 families, which breaks down to 5597 people. That's a LOT of families served who don't have to worry about Food Insecurity!

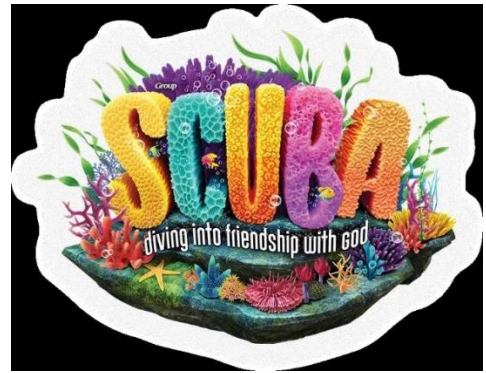
We still have hundreds of people to reach, many right here in our own congregation. On a recent Monday morning we signed up 8 new families from the Los Lunas School District and Isleta Pueblo. Since we are now partnering

with Walmart on the Food Rescue, we have so much more to give in a box.

We'd like to thank all of our volunteers, who put in an exceptionally full and busy day every Monday. There is no room for slacking. Even Pastor Manish comes to help where he can. And he's got the hang of The Pantry thing going on!

Thank you also to those of you who donate to The Panty on a regular basis. Your support is greatly appreciated.
 From the Pantry Co-Directors

SAVE THE DATE FOR
VBS



VBS will be July 8th – 12th
from 9 am to 12 noon each day.

For children ages Kinder – 5th

Register now by scanning
this QR code which takes you to
the registration site.



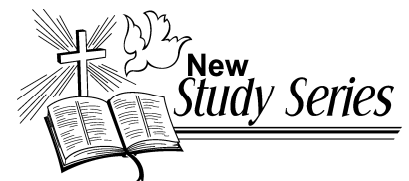
Please call the church office if you are interested in your child/youth attending Summer Camps at Sacramento.

Or for more information go to www.sacramentocamp.org.

The Parables of Jesus #204 Sunday mornings at 8:45 am

We've all heard of the "good Samaritan" or the "prodigal son" or the fool who built his "house on the sand." We know of the "pearl of great price" and the "lost sheep." All of these expressions share something in common: They are taken from parables of Jesus.

When Jesus taught he often spoke in parables – short stories which helped to answer important questions: What is God really like? How are we meant to live? Why do we struggle in doing the right thing? What will life be like in heaven? How is God at work in our world today? Through the parables Jesus sought to reveal the truths of the Kingdom of God and to teach us the meaning of life. Some are simple to understand. Some are more challenging. Beginning Sunday, May 26 we will hear and understand the message of six of the best known and most important of Jesus' parables. Join us as we study the words of Jesus Christ, and explore the meaning of The Parables of Jesus.





Congratulations!!

**Prayers for
god's Guidance
in your future**

Abby Altobello, Valencía High
Daughter of Joe & Juanita Altobello

Antigone Genson, Valencía High
Daughter of Andy & Shiya Genson

NATE MEYER – son of David & Danielle Meyer

LANDEN SMITH – grandson of Neil & Linda Smith

JENNA GALEY – granddaughter of Roberta de la Rosa



Peralta Methodist Women, Mary Circle

*Mary Circle will meet Tuesday, June 11, 2024
At 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.*

*We will be having devotion and prayer time,
Sylvia Regelbrugge will present our program:*

*“Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John-
who were they and how did they come to write the gospels?”*



*Please join us!
All women are cordially invited!*

AfterShock

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

YOUTH NEWS – JUNE 2024



VBS IS COMING UP QUICKLY, July 8-12 here at PMC and then we leave July 14-19 for VBS at Cimarron. The youth and volunteers are actively working towards an awesomazing VBS for this summer. Thank you for your prayers.

Youth group is all about the games, and Jesus of course. Here are some games you'll only play once with your youth group. "From the (un)Official Church Staff Manual by Mark Riddle-Youth Pastor Edition.

1. Sardines: Kids hide open cans of sardines around the church and then try to find them all.
2. Leech Fishing: In that particularly nasty part of the river at church camp, have two kids wade into the water for five minutes. The one who emerges with the most leeches wins!
3. Telephone Relay Race (Vomit Style): A "fresh" take on an old game. Instead of passing a sentence from one person's ear to the next, have contestants puke on the next person. See which team can get to the end of the line first.
4. Fly Swatter Tag: Give each kid a fly swatter and play tag. Everyone's "It."
5. Dirty Diaper Softball
6. Christian and the Lions
7. Is This Coffee Hot?
8. Ultimate Darts: A variation of ultimate Frisbee
9. Paint the Freshman
10. Sword Drills: With real swords.
11. Minor Surgery

Be looking for next month's instruction: How to Dig a Mud Pit



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Note new times for Sunday School & Worship this month and in July</p>						<p>1 Memorial Service for Cindy Walters at 11 am – reception afterwards in Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Community Bldg rooms & Auditorium reserved 8 am - 6 pm</p>
<p>2 8:45 am – Sunday School for all ages</p> <p>10:00 am - WORSHIP SERVICE</p> <p>2:00-4:30 pm – Fell Hall reserved G.S. Svc Unit 5:00 pm - Bell Choir 6 pm – AfterShock Youth</p>	<p>3 9 am –11:30 am Food Pantry (summer hours)</p> <p>7:00 – Scouts, Educ Bldg & #204</p>	<p>4 Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall – 9 am to 2 pm</p>	<p>5 Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall – 9 am to 2 pm</p> <p>5:00 - Kids Choir 5:30 pm Bible Study #101 6 pm -PMC Choir</p>	<p>6 9:30 am – study group, Fell Hall Kitchen</p>	<p>7 6 pm – Emmaus, Fell Hall & Kitchen</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 7 am - Methodist Men Study & Breakfast, Fellowship Hall 8:45 AM– Sunday School 10:00 am – WORSHIP 1:00-4:00 – G. S. Svc Unit in Auditorium 5 pm - Bell Choir 6 pm AfterShock Youth</p>	<p>10 9:00 am – Food Pantry 9:30 am Soulkeepers, Conf Rm</p> <p>7 pm – Scouts, Educ Bldg & #204</p>	<p>11 Mary Circle, 9:30 Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:30 – Girl Scout Svc Unit – Fell Hall</p>	<p>12 5 pm Kids' Choir 5:30 pm - Bible Study #101 6 pm PMC Choir</p>	<p>13 1:pm – GriefShare, Conf Rm</p>	<p>14 Global Methodist Church Conference in Lubbock, TX</p>	<p>15 Global Methodist Church Conference in Lubbock, TX</p>
<p>16 8:45 am – Sunday School 10:00 am – WORSHIP 5 pm Bells No Youth Group</p> 	<p>17 9 am – Food Pantry</p> <p>Office opens late; 1:00 pm</p> <p>7 pm – Scouts, Educ Bldg & #204</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 5 pm – Kids' Choir 5:30 -Bible Study #101 6 pm – PMC Choir</p>	<p>20 9:30 am – study group, F H Kitchen</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 7 am – Men's study & breakfast, Fell Hall 8:45 am – Sunday School 10:00 am- WORSHIP 5 pm – Bells 6 pm – AfterShock Youth</p>	<p>24 9 am – Food Pantry 9:30 – Soulkeepers, Conference Room</p> <p>7 Scouts, Educ Bldg & #204</p>	<p>25 7 pm – Order of Arrow, Fell Hall</p>	<p>26 5 pm – Kids' Choir 5:30 -Bible Study #101 6 pm – PMC Choir</p>	<p>27 1 pm – GriefShare, Conference Rm 4</p>	<p>28 Auditorium set up for potluck on Sunday</p>	<p>29 Kairos training, Community Bldg, all rooms 8-5</p>
<p>30 5th Sunday Potluck at 11 am</p> <p>8:45 am – Sunday School 10:00 am – WORSHIP Lunch in Auditorium After church 5 pm – Bell Choir No Youth Group</p>	<p>July 1 9:00 – Food Pantry</p> <p>7 pm – Scouts, Education Bldg & #204</p>	<p>July 2 9 am – Crafty Ladies, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>July 3 9 am – Crafty Ladies, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>No Kids' Choir 5:30 -Bible Study #101 No PMC Choir</p>	<p>July 4</p>  <p>Office closed</p>	<p>July 5</p>	<p>July 6 VBS prep, decorating in all buildings</p> <p>Auditorium – Emmaus 9:00 to 3:00 pm</p>