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## October

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

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**In the morning, O Lord, You will hear my voice; in the morning I will order my prayer to You and eagerly watch. Psalm 5:3**

*The Washington Post featured a story in 2009 of Emma Daniel Gray who died on June 8, 2009, at the age of 95. For 24 years she was the woman who cleaned the office of the President of the United States. She served six presidents until she retired in 1979. Mrs. Gray was a devout Christian from Edgefield, S.C. who moved to Washington, D.C. in 1943 with her husband, William Gray. Her unofficial title was "chairwoman." Each night for 24 years she would clean the White House, and each time she approached the president's chair she would stand and pray—one hand holding the cleaning supplies and the other hand on the chair. She'd pray for blessings, wisdom, and safety. While reflecting on the way she lived life, her pastor, Bishop Royce Woods said, "She saw life through the eyes of promise is the way I'd put it. You can always look around and find reasons to be [unhappy]...but you couldn't be around her and not know what she believed."*

*Mrs. Gray passed away as the matriarch of six generations, and as a true inspiration to countless others, including 6 men who sat in the chair of the most powerful office in the world.*

**"Seeing life through the eyes of promise."** What an incredible description of one who prays: *the eyes of promise*. The Scriptures describe faith as the conviction of things unseen (Hebrews 11:1). Therefore, our lives manifest true faith when the perspective focuses on God's promises. The Scriptures also announce that all the promises of God are "yes" and "amen" in Jesus (2 Corinthians 1:20). The promises of God have been fulfilled and ratified in Christ. While in His earthly ministry, Jesus lived as the incarnate manifestation of all of God's promises. Through His death and resurrection, all the promises stand perfectly fulfilled. Even promises not yet realized are nonetheless fulfilled in Jesus. In Revelation 3:14, our Lord is called the "Amen," which means, "true, faithful, and certain." All the promises made through our blessed Redeemer shall be fulfilled.

So today, begin now to see your relationships, your days ahead, your family, your career, your uncertainties, your sickness, your burdens, and your dreams through the eyes of promise.

**Today, see your life and your day ahead through the eyes of promise – through the perspective of your faith in Jesus Christ. And in doing so, you will become a God *intended* blessing to all you meet.**

Grace and Peace,  
Manish

# New WORSHIP TIME

**FROM ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL ---** The Congregational vote about adjusting the worship times, was overwhelmingly in favor of **ONE** worship service at 10:00 am and this schedule will start on **October 6<sup>th</sup>**. Sunday School for children, youth and adults will begin at 8:30 am. Being able to worship all together is a wonderful blessing. See you on Sundays!!!!

*Thanks to everyone who voted and provided comments.  
Each and every one was prayerfully reviewed & considered.*

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*Crafty Ladies*

Information for Crafty Ladies...we'll meet on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and again October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be provided on all the days – Carmen Bennett and Kaye Groves will fix and serve lunch on Oct 1 & 2; and Mary Gustin and Irene Browning will provide lunch on Oct 15 & 16. Baking supplies were distributed starting in September, and as we get closer to the Bazaar, Kaye still has supplies for seven bakers. We'd like everyone to attend so the remainder of supplies may be distributed to you. There are only six work sessions left and there are still projects to finish!! Please make it a point to attend.

Remember, all ladies of the church are welcome to join us!!!

Still available for sale: quart and pint canning jars \$2 a dozen.

October 1 – Beverley Nilles  
October 6 – Jack Nilles  
October 11 – Frank Bonanno  
October 12 – Richard Stockton  
October 13 – Don Inman  
October 20 – Tony Altobello  
October 23 – Jordan Valigura  
October 24 – Valerie Smith  
October 24 – Heather Rindels  
October 26 – Jack Stayton  
October 26 - Carole Row  
October 26 – Melodie Huff  
October 27 – Sandy Allen  
October 29 – Sandy Blaine



Happy  
Anniversary!

October 14<sup>th</sup> – Neil and Linda Smith  
October 29<sup>th</sup> – Mike and Jan Buvinghausen



Our meeting days for GriefShare this month will be October 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:00 pm. Please join us in the Conference Room.

Anyone who is going through a time of loss are more than welcome!

If you'd like more information about GriefShare you may call the church office at 505-865-9334, or go to [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org).

# AfterShock Youth Group

Turning the hearts of youth and families to God and each other. *Haggai 2:6-7*

We would like to **thank the congregation in advance** for your wonderful support of the youth ministry on PIE Sunday and through the youth led service. All the youth had a great time interviewing some of our members who have earned the many memories they were able to share with us. We intend to continue this every few months and visit others from our congregation and highlight memories that they have as well. It is always good when one generation has the opportunity to learn from another generation.

**FEED THE HOMELESS** will be underway for preparation this next month and we will plan on going out with food, blankets, sleeping bags, gloves and socks by the end of October or very early in November before it gets too cold for those that will need it most. If you have any of these types of donations, please bring them to the office for us to share. Thank you.

## **CENTURY HIGH CLOTHING DRIVE**

Century High School is looking to start a "Free Store" in the school for donations that will support their needy students. Century High School is classified as an "at risk" school and they can certainly use our help. We will have more information in the very near future but will be looking for clothes for teenagers in all sizes to stock their hangars. If you have or can bring some of these types of items, please label them as Century High and bring them by the workroom. They will be much appreciated. Thanks!

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The Food Pantry begins their new schedule for food distribution on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

These hours of operation will be **permanent**.

**Open at 9:30 am, closes at 12 noon, every Monday.** (some exceptions).

If you're interested in helping on Fridays or Mondays, please contact one of the following: Gayle Stayton, Ruth Romero, Diana Ward, Carol Smith or Patti Elliott.

**Thank you for you continuing support of this ministry!!**





# WE ARE GOD'S ADMINISTRATORS

The Bible is clear that it is God who provides wealth to us. "Every good gift and every perfect gift" is from Him (James 1:17); He is the one who gives the ability to accumulate wealth (Deuteronomy 8: 18). We have created this notion in our culture of being a "self made man," but nothing could be further from the truth. Yes, there is hard work and initiative; but more than anything, there is the blessing and provision of God. Even our creativity and strength to work comes from Him.

After giving great amounts of his personal wealth for the building of the first temple in Jerusalem, King David declared in 1 Chronicles 29: 14, "For all things come from You, and of

Your own we have given You." That is the essence of an understanding of stewardship; God gives to us; and from what He has given, we give back to Him. When we write a check and take it to church, we are not giving to God from our own but from His own.

The founder of Methodism, John Wesley, understood this principle wholly; "When the processor of heaven and earth brought you into being and placed you in this world, He placed you here not as an owner, but as a steward; and as such, He entrusted you for a season with goods of various kinds. But the sole (ownership) of these still rests in HIM. As you are not your own, but His, so is everything that pertaineth to you."

Taken from 'GIVING TO GOD' by Dr. David Jeremiah

## UPDATE CHURCH FINANCES THROUGH AUGUST

PERALTA METHODIST CHURCH				
GENERAL FUND OPERATING REVENUE/EXPENDITURE				
Highlighting the month of August 2024 Note the ACTUAL REVENUE				
Total Year to Date is for the period from January to August 2024				
Month	Budget	ACTUAL		Surplus
		Revenues	Expenses	(Shortfall)
August	22,896	17,244	21,679	(4,435)
<b>Total Year to Date</b>	<b>183,167</b>	<b>150,377</b>	<b>157,108</b>	<b>(6,731)</b>
GOAL for the GENERAL FUND OPERATIONS				
General operating revenue for our church is \$20,000 to \$21,000 MONTHLY,				
<b>UPDATE: August giving was \$17,244 a shortfall in revenue of \$6,731 for the year.</b>				
Monthly revenues are averaging \$18,797 while operating expenses average \$19,639				
Operations is Pastoral and staff support, mission outreach, program ministries, and property maintenance: Utilities, Insurance, cleaning supplies, building maintenance/repairs.				
HISTORY OF THE DISAFFILIATION LOAN FROM MARCH 2023 to AUGUST 2024				
March 2023	2023 Principal	12/31/2023	2024 Principal	8/31/2024
LOAN	Payments	Loan Balance	Payments	Loan Balance
110,000.00	26,289.53	83,710.47	17,673.63	66,036.84
Continue to pay down the disaffiliation loan balance				
<b>UPDATE: Loan repayment available balance as of August 2024 is \$4,540</b>				



**A Fall Festival will be held on  
Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.**

Preparations and planning are underway, and your help, ideas, suggestions are requested. Please attend a meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup> at about 11:15 am in Fellowship Hall.

If unable to attend the meeting but you want to help or if you have an idea, please contact Angie Davis or Marlow Frasier. **THANK YOU!!!**

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### **Peralta Methodist Women, Mary Circle**

*Mary Circle will meet in October  
on Tuesday, October 8 at 9:30 am  
in the Fellowship Hall.*

*We will be having devotion and prayer time, and  
Jackie Hardy will present our program:  
“Finding Your Spiritual Gifts”*


*Please join us!*

*All women at are cordially invited!*



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### **Convenient/Easy ways to make donations to Peralta Church**

- On Facebook for Peralta Methodist – click on “shop now” which will take you to the VANCO site where you log in and make a donation.
- Online -- visit the church website at [www.peraltamethodist.org](http://www.peraltamethodist.org). Click on the “Donate Now” button which will take you to VANCO. You’ll create a profile and schedule your donation. The choices of giving one-time, weekly, monthly etc. are available.
- With a smart phone, download the QR code app and then scan this QR code  which will take you directly to the donation page at VANCO.

- Contact Genevieve in the church office to learn about a monthly direct withdrawal from your bank account.

# Autumn Blessings

Let us not become weary in doing good,  
for at the proper time we will reap a harvest  
if we do not give up. GALATIANS 6:9



If you would like to be a part of Prayer Warriors, you may call Ruth (505-450-4204) or the Church Office, to be added.

Please be in prayer for each of these listed on our continuing prayer list. And, if you know of anyone else who needs to be added, please call Ruth or the church office, 865-9334.

## PRAYER WARRIORS

**Our Freedom** Abundant Grace Free Store **Rev. Manish Shirly** Nadia M  
**Ruth Romero** Lynn Schultz **Erma Ward** Mike Heppler **Cheryl Huber** Dan McCarty **Bill Lynch**  
Lois Meadors Daniel Gurule **Conrad Joseph Hughes** Cure for Cancer  
**Donna Duke** J'Amy Creel 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** **Marilyn Smith**  
Don Taylor **Ted George** **Bruce Walters** **John Dutil** **Veronica Garcia** **Krista Storch**  
David Martinez **Cliff Steuben** Betty Jean Highland **Jim Kubisak**





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 29 <sup>th</sup>  <b>WORSHIP AT 10:00 am</b> Men invited to wear Hawaiian shirts; Ladies wear your fancy hats!!  5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck Lunch afterwards, plus the Youth Group P.I.E. auction	September 30 <sup>th</sup>  Food Pantry 9 – 11:30 Soulkeepers, Conf Rm 9:30 am 5:30 – Cub Scouts, Ed Bldg. 6 – Prayer Group #101 7 – Scouts, Educ Bldg	<b>1</b> Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall; 9 am -2 pm  5 pm- Kids Choir 5:30 – Bible #101 6 pm – Choir 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Educ Bldg.	<b>2</b> Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall; 9 am -2 pm  5 pm- Kids Choir 5:30 – Bible #101 6 pm – Choir 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Educ Bldg.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  EMMAUS, Fell Hall – 6:00 pm	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 8:30 am – Sunday School – for all ages  <b>WORSHIP 10:00 am</b>  <b>Fall Festival meeting, 11:15 am – Fell Hall</b>  5 pm – Bell Choir 6:00 pm AfterShock Youth Group	<b>7</b> <b>New Hours for Food Pantry 9:30 – 12 noon</b>  5 pm – Cub Scouts Auditorium & Kitchen 6:00- Prayer Group #101 7:00 pm – Scouts, Ed Bldg, & #204	<b>8</b> Mary Circle, Fellowship Hall 9:30 am  Girl Scout Service Unit, Fell Hall 6:30 pm	<b>9</b> 5 pm- Kids Choir 5:30 – Bible #101 6 pm – Choir 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Educ Bldg.	<b>10</b> Study, Fellowship Hall 9:30 am  1 pm GriefShare, Conf Room	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Threads of Love, Fellowship Hall 10:30 am
<b>13</b> 7 am – Men’s Breakfast study, Fellowship Hall  8:30 – Sunday School WORSHIP 10:00 am  5 pm – Bell Choir 6:00 pm AfterShock Youth Group	<b>14</b> 9:30 - 12– Food Pantry 9:30 – Soulkeepers, Conf Rm 5:30 – Cub Scouts, Educ Building 6:00- Prayer -#101 <b>6:30 – Finance Comm Meeting, Conf Room</b> 7:00 pm – Scouts, Ed Bldg, & #204	<b>15</b> Crafty Ladies, Fellowship Hall, 9 am  Office closed today	<b>16</b> Crafty Ladies, Fellowship Hall, 9 am  5:00 pm - Kids Choir 5:30 – Bible Study, #101 6 pm – PMC Choir 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Educ Bldg.	<b>17</b>  <b>6:30 pm Administrative Council, Conf Rm</b>  6:30 Chaplains meeting #201	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20 – Children’s Sabbath</b>  8:30 – Sunday School 10:00 am – WORSHIP  5 pm – Bell choir 6 pm – AfterShock Youth Group	<b>21</b> 9:30 - 12 Food Pantry  5:30 – Cubs, Educ Bldg 6-8 – Prayer - #101 7 pm – Scouts, Educ Bldg & #204	<b>22</b>  7 pm – Order of Arrow, Fell Hall	<b>23</b> No Kids’ Choir 5:30 -Bible Study #101 No PMC Choir 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Educ. Bldg.	<b>24</b> 9:30 am Study, Fellowship Hall  1 pm – GriefShare, Conference Room	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  <b>Fall Festival</b>  Conf Room reserved 12:30 –5 G.S. Service Unit training
<b>27</b> 7 am – Men’s Breakfast Study, Fellowship Hall  8:30 – Sunday School  10:00 am – WORSHIP 5 pm – Bell Choir 6 pm – AfterSchock Youth Group	<b>28</b> 9:30 - 12– Food Pantry 9:30 am –Soulkeepers, Conf Room  5:30 – Cub Scouts, Educ Building 6:00- Prayer #101 7:00 pm – Scouts, Ed Bldg, & #204	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  No Kids’ Choir 5:30 -Bible Study #101 6 pm – PMC Choir 6 pm – Girl Scouts, Educ. Bldg.	<b>31</b>	<b>November 1</b> <i>All Saints’ Day</i>  EMMAUS 6 pm Fellowship Hall	<b>November 2</b> 