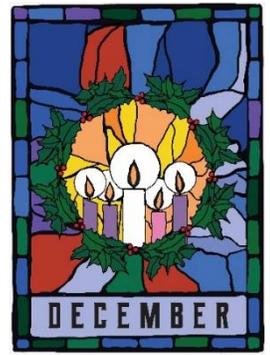


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Going Beyond Our Walls to Build God's Kingdom

This week we will remember a meal in the fall of 1621 shared between the Pilgrims at Plymouth Colony and the Wampanoag, a Native American tribe from that region. The colonists, most seeking religious freedom, had landed at what would become Plymouth in December of 1620. There were 102 colonists on board the Mayflower when it arrived in the New World. By the following fall only 53 were still alive. Of the original 18 adult women, only four had survived.

Earlier in the Spring Chief Massasoit and his people and the Pilgrims had entered into a treaty with one another pledging friendship, help and mutual protection. At that meal in 1621, 90 Wampanoag men arrived including the chief. They brought with them five newly killed deer to share with the colonists. The colonists had shot fowl, likely not turkey but geese or ducks. Historians say there were no potatoes, but corn, grapes, waterfowl, deer, pumpkins and squash and maybe even lobster and clams.

I was with two families who recently lost loved ones. Thanksgiving was borne out of such a season of loss. The Israelites and early Christians learned that pausing to give thanks in the midst of seasons of loss and adversity actually lightened the load. It was a moment to focus on the blessings, and to remember with glad thoughts loved ones who had died. **Giving thanks in the midst of difficulty was an act of trust**, not only of looking back for the good, but of looking ahead trusting that there were good things yet to come. Paul notes, "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

As you prepare for your Thanksgiving meal, and think about **the blessing you share before the mealtime**, take a few moments to write down what you are thankful for during the last year. It may also be helpful to allow silent time for others to express what they are grateful for around the table. And you may find it a blessing to read from one of the Psalms of Thanksgiving, like this one, found in I Chronicles 16, written some 3,000 years ago.

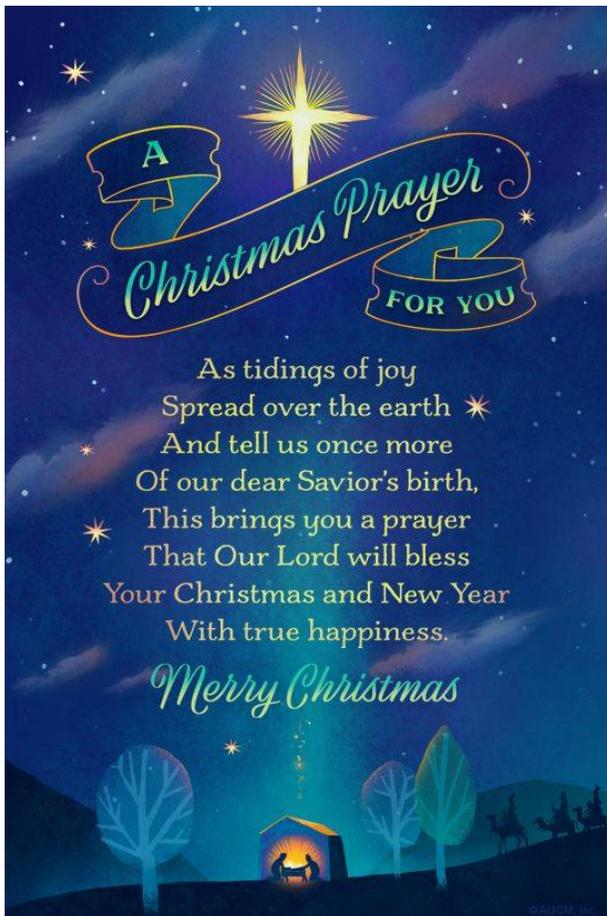
*David...appointed the singing of praises to the Lord by Asaph and his kindred.
O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him, tell of all his wonderful works.
Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence continually...tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He is to be revered above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.
Honor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place...
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice,
and let them say among the nations, "The Lord is king!"
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it.
Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever...
Then all the people said "Amen!" and praised the Lord*

**Among the many things I am grateful for this year is the privilege of serving as your pastor here at PMC.
Happy Thanksgiving! Pastor Manish**

New Sunday School series

Pastor Manish will begin a new series on December 1st – Sunday School begins at 8:45 am. The topic is “The Advent Conspiracy”. Two thousand years ago, prophets told of a coming messiah, a king who would turn the world upside down, changing the order of things for good. During Advent we will explore the depth and meaning of these prophecies, and how they were fulfilled in the birth of Jesus. This series leads us to consider what these events mean for our lives today and for us to examine what’s gone wrong in our typical approach to Christmas. This challenges us to prepare and to celebrate Christmas in a remarkable new way.

1. A Conspiracy of Hope
2. The Way of Peace
3. Songs of Joy for deliverance yet to come
4. Love came down at Christmas
- 5.



If you would like to be a part of Prayer Warriors, you may call Ruth or the Church Office, to be added to the email list.

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

Our Freedom	Abundant Grace Free Store	Rev. Manish Shirly	Nadia M
Ruth Romero	Lynn Schultz	Erma Ward	Mike Heppler
Bill Lynch	Don Gleichman	Lois Meadors	Daniel Gurule
Donna Duke	J'Amy Creel	Diego	Joleen Baughman
USA Leaders	Larry & Melodie Huff	Michael Garrison	Richard & Linda Darnell
All Caregivers	Anne Cassidy-Vigil	Beth Barnett	All military & their families
Don Taylor	Ted George	Bruce Walters	John Dutil
	David Martinez	Cliff Steuben	Jim Kubisak
			Cheryl Huber
			Dan McCarty
			Conrad Joseph Hughes
			Cure for Cancer
			Nate Meyer
			Lori Buvinghausen
			Marilyn Smith
			Krista Storch

AfterShock Youth Group

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

2024 has been a trying year for the youth of the Aftershock group. Business of the world and school and work and extracurricular activities make it difficult to attend as many church related functions as we would all like. May the Lord continue to bless each of our students and assist them in prioritizing spiritual needs more than the business of the world. We could all use that assistance. **Amen**

The Aftershock youth will be holding our annual Christmas Party at Jim Kubisak's home on December 8. Parents and others are invited to join us if you like from 5pm till 7pm. We host a white elephant gift exchange and always have lots of delicious food and goodies thanks to Jim. Get a hold of Marlow if you need additional information. Thanks be to Jim and to God and to this congregation for the many blessings provided.

December 15 we will be out caroling for Christmas on a hay ride together with the Aftershock youth and children's choir. All are invited to join us in this event following the Cantata presentation at the morning services. Times will be announced when we finalize them. You may get more information from either Marlow or Heather!

God bless us each and every one leading into the Christmas season and this blessed New Year!



GriefShare will meet only on December 12th this month. We begin at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room.

Please know that everyone is welcome to join us at anytime.



December 5 – Jack & Gayle Stayton
December 15 – James & Beth Barnett
December 28 – Richard & Ginny Grissom

December 2 – Bill Killough
December 4 – Tinka Platt
December 4 – Samantha Inman
December 6 – Ernie Vineyard
December 6 – John Drayer
December 7 – Waylon Inman
December 8 – Kelley Green
December 8 – Luke Rindels
December 12 – John Gobert
December 12 – Wyatt Bland
December 17 – Lisa Hansen
December 18 – Nick Gipson
December 28 – Troy Meyer
December 25 – Jose Garcia
December 26 – Cheryl Huber
December 26 – Carol Smith
December 27 – Mike Buvinghausen
December 31 – Angie Davis
December 31 – Lilly Genson



PERALTA METHODIST CHURCH				
GENERAL FUND OPERATING REVENUE/EXPENDITURE				
Highlighting the month of October 2024 Note the ACTUAL REVENUE				
Total Year to Date is for the period from January to October 2024				
Month	Budget	ACTUAL		Surplus
		Revenues	Expenses	(Shortfall)
October	22,896	18,219	22,639	(4,420)
Total Year to Date	228,959	193,930	198,355	(4,425)
GOAL for the GENERAL FUND OPERATIONS				
General operating revenue for our church is \$20,000 to \$21,000 MONTHLY,				
UPDATE: October giving was only \$18,219, which leaves the church a deficit of \$4,425 in expenses over revenues for the 2024 year-to-date.				
Monthly revenues are averaging \$19,393 while operating expenses average \$19,836				
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 OCTOBER 2024				
March 2023	2023 Principal	12/31/2023	2024 Principal	10/31/2024
LOAN	Payments	Loan Balance	Payments	Loan Balance
110,000.00	26,289.53	83,710.47	19,395.60	64,314.87
Continue to pay down the disaffiliation loan balance				
UPDATE: Loan repayment available balance as of Oct 2024 is \$4,870.21				

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE:

In the business of decorating, less is more. In the Biblical sense, a little is a lot. What seems small can be a mighty work in the kingdom of God.

Stewardship has many forms in which we can serve God, how we use our time, talent and yes, our tithing. As the year ends, may there be accountability of all the resources that God has entrusted to us, be available to do what God is asking us to do, and be anxious to carry out God's will.

"I am the vine, you are the branches, He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing". *John 15:5 NKJV*

As this year ends and a new one approaches, I pray you will find an area to serve, attend a Sunday School class, Bible Study, help in serving our Lord in any of the ministries we have here at the church. What will that dash represent between the beginning of life when Christ came into my life and when I meet Christ at death's door?



The Salvation Army bell ringing has been a part of our church for many years. The 2024 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 in the Narthex each week. Please talk to the person at the table on Sunday, or call one of us with any questions. Lanna Sharp Wayne Sharp or Gayle Stayton **Thank You!!**



PERALTA METHODIST WOMEN, MARY CIRCLE

*In December, Mary Circle will meet for a
Christmas lunch in lieu of a regular meeting.*

We will resume regular meetings in January, on

Tuesday, January 14—see more information in the January newsletter.



Shoebboxes are collected by hundreds of churches and other organizations and sent to children around the world. This wonderful and caring congregation at Peralta Methodist filled 66 boxes this year.

I'd like to thank everyone that filled boxes or donated items to fill boxes. May the children be blessed by your love and kindness. Wayne Sharp



Thank you for the support of this year's Crafty Ladies Bazaar.

We will resume meeting on January 7-8, 2025.

We hope everyone heals and rests over the holiday break. We need everyone to participate...a few can't do it, we need all of you.

Merry Christmas, rest, heal and remember we are serving God through our hard work.



NATIVITY
Walk

Saturday, December 14th in Fellowship Hall
From 10 am - 3 pm

You are invited to bring your personal nativity scenes to be included ... set up is: Friday December 13th

Contact Kaye Groves for info.



CHRISTMAS
CANTATA

The Adult Choir and Children's Choir will present
"A Star is Born"
Sunday, December 15th at 10:00 am worship



CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24th
WORSHIP AT 5:30 PM



May the JOY and blessings that come
at this glorious time of Jesus' birth,
surround each and every one
now and throughout the New Year.

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 – 1st Sunday of Advent 8:45 – Sunday School 10:00 – Worship 4 pm – Bells Youth Group activity	2 9:30 – 12 noon – Food Pantry 5:30 Cub Scouts 7 pm – Scouts, Ed. Bldg. & 204	3	4 5 pm Kids' Choir 5:30- Bible #101 6 pm O Choir	5 Study Group, Fell Hall, 9:30	6 Auditorium reserved, NMSU Ext. Svc 1-9 pm EMMAUS, Fell Hall 6 pm	7
8 – 2nd Sunday of Advent 7 am – Men's Breakfast, F. H. 8:45 Sunday School 10:00 – Worship 4 pm – Bells 5 pm – AfterShock Youth Group @ Jim Kubisak home – church is invited too!!	9 9:30 – Food Pantry 9:30-Soul keepers Conf room 5:30- Cub Scouts 7 pm-Scouts, Ed. Bldg.	10 Fellowship Hall reserved 9 am to 3 pm	11 6:30 pm – Girl Scout Svc Unit Fell Hall 5 pm- Kids Choir 5:30 – Bible study in #101, Comm Bldg. 6 pm – Choir	12 1 pm GriefShare, Conf. room Fellowship Hall set up for Sat.	13 Fellowship Hall set up for Sat. Bring your nativity sets today.	14 Threads of Love, Conf Rm 10:30 am Nativity Walk 10 am to 3 pm, Fellowship Hall Sanctuary reserved 4:30 -7 pm
15 – 3rd Sunday of Advent 8:45 Sunday School 10:00 – Worship "A Star is Born" Choir Cantata AfterShock Youth Group joins the children's choir on hayride event	16 9:30 am – Food Pantry Fellowship Hall reserved until 3 pm 5 pm Cub Scouts, Auditorium 7:00 pm – Scouts, Ed Bldg,	17 Fellowship Hall kitchen reserved for Mary Circle	18 5:30 – Bible Study, #101 6 pm Choir	19 Office closed Study group, Fell Hall 9:30 am	20	21
22 – 4th Sunday of Advent 7 am – Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall 8:45-Sunday School 10 am Worship No Youth Group	23 9:30 – Food Pantry Office closed No Scouts	24  WORSHIP AT 5:30 pm	25 	26 Office Closed	27	28
29 8:45 – Sunday School 10 am – Worship	30 9:30 am – Food Pantry Office open 8:30 – 12 noon	31 Office Closed	January 1, 2025  Office closed	January 2 Office will be open today	January 3	January 4