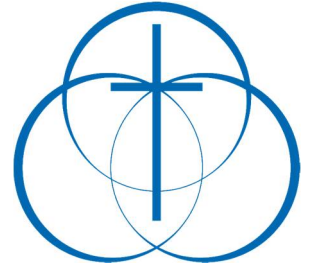




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## Going Beyond Our Walls to Build God's Kingdom

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### Pastor's Message

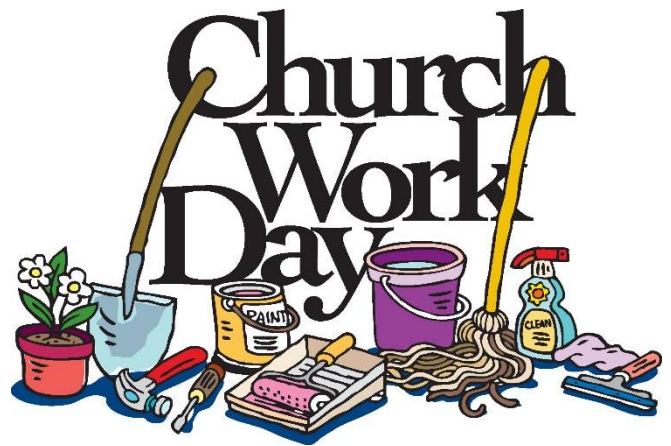
**"Morning and morning the Lord wakens my ear to listen – Isaiah 50:4"**

Although the list of the original, standard equipment that comes with the model that is me did not include *earlids*, my ability to turn a deaf ear to messages of importance can be breathtaking. Presumably, I am not alone in this. The perceptive novelist known as George Eliot sarcastically observed that perhaps it is necessary that we should grow dull and inattentive rather than being driven mad by being able to hear the growing of grass and the beating of squirrel hearts. But, she wrote, most of us are already so well-wadded with stupidity that we will manage to miss all but the most obvious points without much difficulty. This may prove to be a helpful explanation of governmental gridlock, intractable hostility in the Middle-East, and even befuddled husbands who will not stop at the gas station to ask for directions. We don't listen very well. The essential human condition turns out to be that we tend to stumble along while living as if we are hearing-impaired.

Biblical faith offers an alternative. Morning by morning, the prophet Isaiah recounted, the Lord opened my ear. Literally, the prophet was suggesting that listening to God is a process in which some elective surgery is performed by a divine hand. God is *digging out* our ears, applying a scalpel edge to open a new channel for receptive listening. It may be a way of saying that listening carefully to God may be very painful. Or it may be a way of saying that we only tend to listen carefully when we are in pain. But what seems clear from the image Isaiah uses is that God is not at all squeamish about cutting away absolutely anything that makes us insensitive and unresponsive to the words we should be hearing.

So when we gather again for worship we let Jesus tell us stuff that we would rather not hear. Let me simply tell you that it may be costly. Frequently it will be painful. And of course, *having your earlids removed is no guarantee that your life will turn out to be easy*. So forgive us poor preachers for suggesting at times that if you choose to make Jesus your choice you will drive a Mercedes. He will do even better than that if you will submit to the full treatment: Jesus can make you into a Disciple!

Pastor Manish



Church Trustees have some springtime projects to be done around the church grounds/buildings on

**Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – start at 9:00 am**

If you are able, please consider attending to lend a helping hand.

There are both inside and outside projects needing attention.

Lunch provided!!!

**THANK YOU!!!!**



Crafty Ladies will meet on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 am in Fellowship Hall. Following our devotional, prayer requests and short business – we begin on projects for the Holiday Bazaar. Won't you join us??? We would love to see you!! Crafting experience is a plus, but if you don't think you are "crafty" but you want to become part of this group to share and learn to make things – THIS IS YOUR SPOT!!! There are also 'at home' projects you can ask us about.

In planning for the Bazaar, we are looking for anyone who would like to bake!!! Ingredients will be provided. Baking can begin as early as September (freezers available at the church). You may contact Kelley or Bernice if you're interested. **PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING US !!!** Thanks.

# Methodist Men

## Men's Breakfast &

### Bible Study – Join Us!!!

Attention: Men of the church – you're invited to something just for you!

We gather for Men's Breakfast and Bible Study on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month – and we'd love to see you there. It's a time for good food, great fellowship and meaningful time in God's Word.

Whether you're a regular or this is your first time, all men are welcome. We'll share a hearty breakfast, enjoy honest conversation, and dig into Scripture together as we continue our study "The Books of the Bible" – growing in faith and encouraging one another.

#### DETAILS:

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month

Time: 7:00 am

Where: Fellowship Hall

*This is a great opportunity to build relationships with other men in the church, strengthen your walk with Christ, and start your Sunday grounded in faith. Bring a friend – we'll save you a seat!!*

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GriefShare will meet on May 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Conference Room at 1:00 pm.

We'll be starting with the GriefShare video series #1 soon, but our sessions also include a time for sharing and discussion.

Anyone who is grieving a loss is welcome to join AT ANYTIME.

You don't have to wait for a specific session or time to start. Please join in when you're comfortable doing so.





**PRAYER WARRIORS**

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 Shiralay    Nadia M  
 Ruth Romero    Lynn Schultz  
 Erma Ward    Mike Heppler    Cheryl Huber

Dan McCarty	Bill Lynch	Don Gleichman	Lois Meadors	Daniel Gurule	Conrad Joseph Hughes
Cure for Cancer	Donna Duke	J'Amy Creel	Diego	Joleen Baughman	Karen Fastnacht
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
Arlene Kochis	Nate Meyer	Jeremy Gray	David Martinez	Cliff Steuben	Jim Kubisak

## Peralta Methodist Women, Mary Circle

*Mary Circle will meet in May  
 on Tuesday, May 13, at 9:30 am  
 in the Fellowship Hall.*

*Join us for Prayer, Devotion, and Fellowship  
 Jackie Hardy will be presenting our program  
 "The Church-Is That You?"*



May 4 – Theo Valigura

May 10 – Becky McCain

May 10 – Cindy Russell

May 10 – Nate Meyer

May 17 – Wayne Sharp

May 21- Dorothy Vaughan

May 21 – Butch West

May 22 – Amiah Hernandez

May 27 – Diana Ward

May 27 – Phyllis Graham

May 30 – Steve Davis

May 31 – Ginny Grissom



May 12 – Bobby & Kelley Green

May 20 – Wayne & Lanna Sharp

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## AfterShock Youth Group

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

**ATTENTION ALL YOUTH GROUP MEMBERS....  
HERE'S SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION.**

*PLEASE ATTEND Youth Group on Sundays from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. VBS is around the corner and we need your time and input for leading at VBS here at Peralta and also in Cimarron. There's only 3-4 more Sundays before VBS. (We won't meet on May 11<sup>th</sup> so you can spend time with your mom).*

*Looking forward to seeing you this coming Sunday!*



## CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Danny Altobello- Valencia High School  
Maggie Kelly-Karney – Valencia High School  
Landon Rindels – Valencia High School

Ryan Rindels – University of New Mexico  
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Film Production

Graduates will be recognized by the Church, along with presentations by the Methodist Men and Mary Circle during worship on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

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## SACRAMENTO CAMP OPPORTUNITIES 2025

Adventures in beautiful mountains to grow in faith and friendship. Discover biblical truths with engaging lessons; fun outdoor activities, group experiences & worship. Each camp is planned according to ages of campers. Early bird registration ends May 15 – save \$15. Contact Church office to obtain registration information.



- Young Elementary – entering grades 2-4; June 6-8; Cost \$180
  - Elementary Horse Camp-entering grades 4-6; June 9-13; Cost \$450.00
    - SYC – Grades 7 – recent grads; June 16-20; Cost \$400
  - Youth Horse Camp – Grades 7-recent grads; June 23-27; Cost \$450
    - Older Elementary – entering grades 4-6; July 7-11; Cost \$360
    - Whoz We R – entering grades 406; July 14-18; cost \$360
  - Family Camp – June 29-July 4 price varies based on age & lodging
    - Camp Sunshine – June 23-27; price \$375
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# STAY CONNECTED – FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!!!

Did you know our church has a Facebook page? It's more than just announcements – it's a place for connection, encouragement and community.

We invite **ALL OUR CHURCH MEMBERS** to follow our page, **like, comment** and **share** our posts. Whether it's a Sunday morning message, an upcoming event, or an inspiring verse, every interaction helps spread the word about what God is doing in our church family.

When you engage with our posts, you're not just staying informed – you're helping us reach others in our community who might be looking for a church home or message of hope. It's one small way to be a light online and help grow both our **online community and our in-person congregation**.

Here's how you can help:

1. **Follow** our page: <https://m.facebook.com/p/Peralta-Methodist-Church-1000649116721543/>
2. **Like and share** posts that inspire you.
3. **Comment** to encourage others and share your thoughts
4. **Tag a friend** who might be blessed by what you see.

Let's use social media as a tool to share God's love, invite others in, and keep our church family connected throughout the week. **We're excited to grow together – both online and in person.**

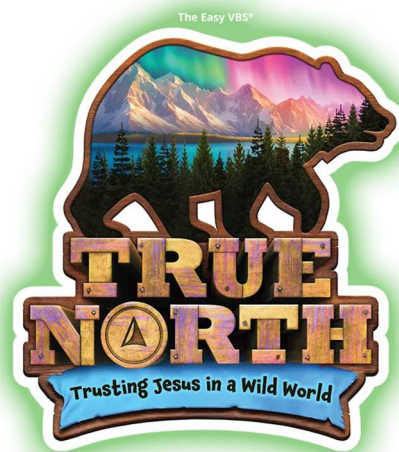
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June 9 – 13

9 am to 12 noon

Kinder – 5<sup>th</sup> grades

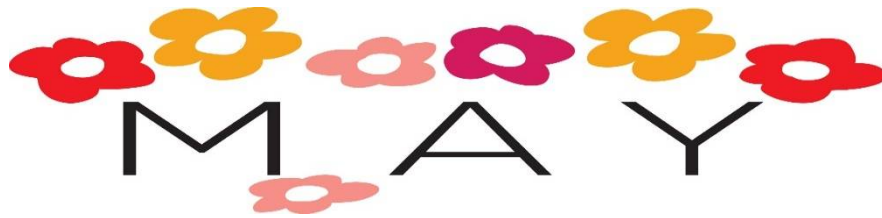


VBS flyers are available at the church for you to share with family, friends and neighbors – please take one (or more) and pass them along. Thank you.

Pre-registration is open now. You may scan the QR code below, or go to the following address to register your VBS student.

<https://vbspro.events/p/26017d>





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	<b>2</b> EMMAUS, Fell Hall 6:00 pm	<b>3</b> <b>ALL CHURCH WORK DAY – 9 am</b> <b>PLEASE come to help!!</b>
<b>4</b> 8:45 Sunday School 10:00 – Worship  3 pm – Bell Choir  5:30 pm – AfterShock Youth	<b>5</b> 8 am – NMSU cook class - Auditorium 9:30 -12 pm- Food Pantry 5:00– Cub Scouts Auditorium & Kitchen 5:30 –Prayer Group, #101 7 – Scouts, Education Bldg.& Auditorium	<b>6</b> Crafty Ladies, 9 am Fellowship Hall  <b>6 pm – Worship comm. mtg, #101</b> <b>6:30 – Trustees' mtg, #201</b>	<b>7</b> Crafty Ladies, 9 am Fellowship Hall  No Bible study 6 pm - Choir	<b>8</b> Study group, 9:30 am F.H. Kitchen  1:00 pm GriefShare, Conf Room	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Threads of Love, Fell Hall 10:30 am
<b>11</b> <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>  7 am – Men's Breakfast Study, Fellowship Hall  8:45 Sunday School 10:00 – Worship  3 pm – Bell Choir No AfterShock Youth	<b>12</b> 9:30 am -Food Pantry 9:30 am – Soulkeepers, Conf Rm  5:30 – Prayer Group, #101 5:30 – Cub Scouts Educ Bldg 7 pm Scouts, Educ.	<b>13</b> Mary Circle, 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall  6:30 – Girl Scout Svc Unit, Fell Hall	<b>14</b>  5:30 – Bible study #101 6 pm – Choir	<b>15</b>  <b>6:30 pm, Ad Council, Conf Rm</b>  Chaplains' mtg, 6:30 pm, #204	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>  8:45 Sunday School 10:00 – Worship <b>GRADUATION SUNDAY</b>  3 pm – Bell Choir 5:30 pm – AfterShock Youth	<b>19</b> 9:30 – Food Pantry 5:30 – Prayer Group, #101 5:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm – Scouts, Educ. Bldg.	<b>20</b>  Order of Arrow, Fell Hall, 7:00 pm	<b>21</b>  5:30 – Bible study #101 6 pm – Choir	<b>22</b> Study group, Fell Hall 9:30 am  1:00 GriefShare, Conf Room	<b>23</b>  <i>Last Day of School!!</i>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 7 am – Men's Breakfast Study, Fellowship Hall  8:45 –Sunday School 10 am – Worship  3 pm – Bell Choir ?? – AfterShock Youth	<b>26 – MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY</b>  Food Pantry will be CLOSED today  9:30 am – Soulkeepers, Conf Rm  5:30 – Prayer Group #101	<b>27</b>  Order of Arrow, Fell Hall, 7:00 pm	<b>28</b> 5:30 – Bible study #101 6 pm – Choir	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>