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

#### Pastor's Message

We are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life – Ephesians 2:10

Sometime after he resigned from office, Richard Nixon revealed that the worst of his personal tortures was a loss of vocational purpose. He observed that in Southern California a number of people seem to live purposeless lives. They gather at expensive watering holes, where they eat too much, drink too much, talk too much, and think too little. The lack goals and any sense of lasting achievement. These people are overfed but undernourished.

One of our deepest hungers is for purpose. God intends that hunger to be fed by our vocation. Most people's ideas of a vocation is simply describing their job.

The Biblical writers talk another way. In the Bible, vocation is a vast and broad idea. It means God's calling. First, God calls unbelievers to repent and believe the Gospel. When they do, they get a second vocation. The second call, is to enlist in – The Church – the church militant for fighting the remaining evil in the world. All Christians are called to take part.

What has called us to do? We are to pray. That is the chief part of our thanksgiving for the King's landing. The other part is doing good for the kingdom. In this we at once find our vocation and our life's purpose. Into this life's vocation of doing good for Christ's sake each of must fit their work, play and relationships. "Your kingdom come," Jesus taught us to pray. And then he gave us the translation: "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Dear Lord, help us to direct all our living – what we think, say, and do – so that your name will never be blasphemed because of us, but always honored and praised. In Jesus' name, Amen. - From the Heidelberg Catechism.

**Pastor Manish** 



September meetings will be held on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room.

We are a caring, supportive group and welcome anyone at any time.

Please share this with someone you may know who is going through a hard time following a loss.



Our September meetings will be Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We have a devotion and then get started on our projects for the Holiday Bazaar. Won't you join us? Lunch is also served!

We are looking for helpers who would like to do some baking of breads and/or cookies for the Bazaar, or maybe you enjoy making candy! Crafty Ladies will furnish the ingredients and recipes, too! Please stop by one of our meetings and let us know you're interested, or talk with one of us. We'd really, really appreciate the help.

In November we'll need some extra hands to set up, assist shoppers during the Bazaar, cashier, and when the Bazaar is over for another year – help toput away whatever doesn't sell.

Please think about how and where you'd like to help out. You can let us know when you decide. And we hope to hear from you soon!! THANK YOU!!!

## AfterShock Youth Group

# THE LAST AFTERSHOCK: Turning the hearts of youth and families to God and each other.

<u>Haggai 2:6-7</u> This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'In a little while I will shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the LORD Almighty.

As I look back on the eighteen years and one month of youth ministry here at Peralta Methodist, from July 2007 through August 2025, my heart is full.

Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

That is what the Lord has done in my life through the Youth Ministry, your support and prayers, and through the years of love and fellowship with the youth members of our community. I am a far better servant because of the spiritual and life lessons that each one of these youth have imparted into my heart. My prayer is that each one of them will remember the love of Jesus Christ, and that His desire is to sustain them and keep them through every step of their lives.

When I announced to the youth that I would be retiring, and witnessed the emotion that ensued from them, it was extremely bitter-sweet. When 18 youth showed up for our last group meeting and we took the old blue bus to Dion's, it was even more bitter-sweet, even sad. I know the God who has plans for each of them, I know that He will direct their path, I trust that each one of them will retain the knowledge and faith that He has revealed to them and worked within and through them. Every youth member I have had the honor to work with and love, are world-changers, mighty warriors set apart for God's purpose, His glory, and witness unto this dark world. As I reflect on all the different members, their ministry, and service over the years, I am sure nothing could make a retired Youth Director more proud.

I will forever cherish these times and the lessons the Youth have taught me. I give thanks to God for this calling upon my life.

In His service that He may be glorified and His Love known more.

Marlow Frasier

#### Then.....JULY 2007 - Marlow initiated as the new Youth Director

Back row - L-R - Erin Blackwell, Amy Caswell, Curtis Heppler, Adam Pirard, A. Navarro Middle - C.J. Kinnikin, Marlow, Paul Wolf Front - Courtney Platt, Kendall Platt





# Now.... AUGUST 2025 - God's Blessings to You! Congratulations on your Retirement, Marlow!!



Your presence can be powerful in someone else's life. Imagine being the person who brings hope and joy into another's day—the one they look forward to seeing because you brighten their world. Whether it's a simple smile, a kind word, or an unexpected gesture of love, your actions can inspire others to embrace tomorrow with open arms. Let's strive to be those radiant souls who make others look forward to tomorrow. ©2025 Minerva Roiles/Come Out & Shine



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 Shirlay Nadia M Dan McCarty Ruth Romero Lvnn Schultz Erma Ward Mike Heppler **Cheryl Huber** Bill Lynch Don Gleichman Lois Meadors Daniel Gurule **Conrad Joseph Hughes** Cure for Cancer Donna Duke J'Amy Creel Joleen Baughman Karen Fastnacht Diego 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 Krista Storch Arlene Kochis Nate Meyer Jeremy Gray **David Martinez** Cliff Steuben Jim Kubisak

September 5 - Charlee Vaughn

September 6 – Mary Valigura

September 7 – Rosa Garcia

September 9 – Grant I rwin

September 11 – Dayle Eager

September 11 – Julieanne Frasier

September 12 – Ryan Rindels

September 17 – Matthew Gonzales

September 18 – Danene Eager

September 25 – Jennifer York





September 7 – Marlow & Julieanne Frasier

September 18 – Jordan & Amy Valigura

September 27 – Vernon and Wendy Honeyfield

September 30 – Dayle & Danene Eager



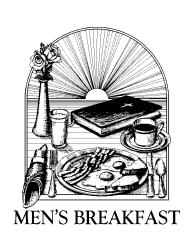
#### Peralta Methodist Women, Mary Circle

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

Join us for Prayer, Devotion, and Fellowship
Jackie Hardy
will be presenting our program.



All women at are cordially invited!



### Methodist Men's Breakfast Study Group

Men of the church - please join us on the  $2^{nd}$  and  $4^{th}$  Sundays of each month at 7:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

We fellowship and enjoy a delicious meal while praying and discussing the study topic.

Please accept this invitation and join us!!!!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 31st – 5th Sunday  8:30/8:45 – Sunday School 10:00 am – Worship  11:30 (after worship) POTLUCK LUNCH – AUDITORIUM  4:00 – Bell Choir No AfterShock Youth	Food Pantry will be OPEN 9:30 am – 12 pm	Office opens 9 am Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall, 9:30 am	3 Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall, 9:30 am 5:30 – Bible Study #101	4	5 EMMAUS, Fell Hall 6:00 pm	6
7 8:30/8:45 Sunday School 10:00 – Worship 4:00 - Bells	9:30 – Food Pantry 9:30 – Soulkeepers, Conference Room  5:30 – Scouts, Educ. Bldg. 7 pm – Scouts, Ed Bld	<b>9</b> Mary Circle, Fell Hall, 9:30 am	NMSU Cook class, Auditorium 8 am to 1:00 pm 5:30 – Bible Study #101	Study, Fell Hal 9:30 am  1 pm – GriefShare, Conference Room	12	Threads of Love, Fell Hall 10:30 am
7 am – Men's Breakfast study; Fellowship Hall 8:30/8:45 Sunday School 10:00 – Worship 4 – Bells	9:30 am -Food Pantry  5:30 – Scouts, Educ. Bldg. 6:30 – Girl Scout Svc Unit, Conf Room 7 pm – Scouts, Educ Bldg.	<b>16</b> Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall, 930 am	T7 Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall, 930 am 5:30 – Bible Study #101	Admiistrative Council meeting 6:30 pm, Conf Rm	19	20
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