

Peralta Methodist Church

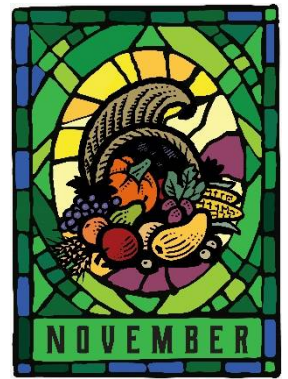
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Going Beyond Our Walls to Build God's Kingdom

Pastor's Message

Then they also will answer, Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Matthew 25:44

Thomas Muenzer, one of the most colorful characters of the Protestant Reformation, regarded Martin Luther as a half-baked reformer. He criticized Luther not for his beer drinking, but rather for drinking beer while he should have been working harder for reform. He called Luther "Professor Easy Chair".

Sins of omission (failure to do something) are easy to see in others, and they are very real in others. More than one ministry has failed because no one could be budged out of an easy chair to do it. More than one ministry to the hungry, or the imprisoned has foundered because Christian people were simply indifferent. More than one family of children has grown up starved for a father's love because the father omitted to love them. We see such omissions in others and wonder why they don't see them.

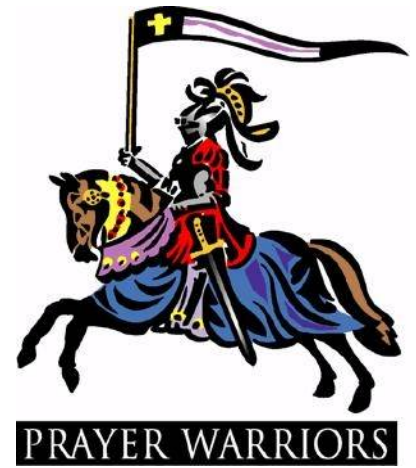
Sins of omission are harder to see in ourselves, and yet they are very real. One of Christ's most disturbing teachings is that you and I will be judged not merely for what we have done, but also, maybe particularly, for what we have not done. We will be asked about those things we never did. It is a sobering thought that the heaviest charge against any one of us may be the charge that we were unconcerned.

Someone's need was at our door, and we preferred to watch television. A call went out to begin a prisoner visiting program, and we answered the call to start a golf league. A cancerous relative was dying, and we were too timid to visit. Another student at school was unpopular and unhappy, and we tried not to notice. Our whole nation pointed itself toward destruction, and we didn't even bother to vote.

Of course, we could always plead ignorance. On the last day we could say, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or in prison?" But how good really is an excuse like that?

O Lord Christ, we come to you for mercy. Forgive those things we ought to have done and did not do. Soften our hearts and ready our hands to do Your work. AMEN

Pastor Manish



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 Shirley	Nadia M
Ruth Romero	Lynn Schultz Betty Heppler	Cheryl Huber	Dan McCarty Bill Lynch
Cure for Cancer	Lois Meadors Daniel Gurule	Conrad Joseph Hughes	
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	Krista Storch
Arlene Kochis	Nate Meyer Jeremy Gray	David Martinez	Cliff Steuben Jim Kubisak



In November, we'll only meet once, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Our meeting will be held on November 13th at 1:00 pm. At this gathering, we will discuss and share the workbook "Navigating the Holidays". Anyone is more than welcome to this special meeting, even if you haven't been to GriefShare previously. Please join us if you're interested.

NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN

From Bill Killough – Adult Education Coordinator

We are inundated with information due, in no small part, to the incredible advances in technology. How do we deal with this constant bombardment? This constant stream of sometimes subtle and subliminal messages? Messages that trivialize or outright denigrate Christian precepts? How do we stand up to it, especially with love and grace? After all, in this politically correct world we live in, the only group left that is acceptable to offend is Christians. How do we put it all in perspective?

Many of our founding fathers believed that the knowledge of God was the beginning of all knowledge. Many of the men that signed our founding documents made it a point to read through the Bible once a year because it taught them how to live a virtuous life.

There are many Christians that have achieved great things in the name of God and are famous for it. There are also many that have persevered, and help us under tremendous adversities, that you seldom hear about. The one thing all these folks have in common, usually, is that they have set aside time on a daily basis for communion with God through prayer and the Word. There are many good examples in this regard!

We should emulate these heroes of the faith. This effort to mature in our walk with the Lord does not go unrewarded. The fruits of the Spirit become more evident in our lives and we gain wisdom, understanding and discernment (in time) which is crucial in our culture today. Knowing what is wrong yet what is right no matter what those around us are doing is paramount. We need to be able to see through the lies of “the Great Deceiver” who wants to steal our joy and destroy our lives and our country.

“There is nothing new under the sun,” so someone has told us. We are not going through or experiencing anything that others before us have not. We have the same tools and resources at our disposal! John Wesley was an advocate of small groups, and the early church in biblical times relied on meeting in homes. The importance of those that have accepted Christ to gather with other believers to share experience, clarify and solidify teaching, cannot and must not be underestimated.

We have that available to us today. I believe every ministry in this local body is a “small group”. Every Adult Education and Sunday school class is a “small group”. Please take advantage, like many have, of the opportunities available to advance your spiritual “walk”.

At the end of George Whitfield’s funeral sermon, John Wesley prayed: “Let the fire of Thy love fall on every heart! And because we love Thee, let us love one another with a love strong than death. Take away from us all anger, and wrath, and bitterness; all clamor and evil speaking. Let Thy spirit so rest upon us that from this hour we may be kind to each other, tender hearted; forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake has forgiven us!”

Continue reading on the next page to see some opportunities for you to become part of a “small group”. If you have any ideas for other opportunities, you may reach out to the church office, or me (Bill Killough, Adult Ed Coordinator).

I invite you to visit and/or join whichever group(s) interests you!!

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES CURRENTLY OFFERED:

SUNDAY SCHOOL/Bible Study -- weekly at 8:30/8:45 am in the Community Building

Conference Room – study “Tried, Tested, Triumphant” series by Dr. David Jeremiah

#201 – Study the Book of Job

#202 – Continuing study of the Bible, book by book

#204 - “Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit”

Children’s Sunday School (8:45) and Children’s Church (during worship) – in the Education Bldg.

Methodist Men’s breakfast & study group – meets in Fellowship Hall, 2nd and 4th Sundays at 7 am

MONDAYS (alternate weeks)–“Soulkeepers” meets 9:30 am in Conference Room, see calendar for days

The Food Pantry ministry is also a ‘small group’ – sharing a prayer and short devotional before distributing food assistance to our community and working together as a team.

TUESDAYS – 2nd Tuesday of each month; Mary Circle for women, 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAYS/WEDNESDAYS – 1st full week of month – Crafty Ladies, 9:00 am, Fellowship Hall, additional days the 3rd full week of month July – October.

WEDNESDAYS – Bible Study group, meets 5:30 pm in #101 of the Community Building

THURSDAYS – GriefShare support group meets 2nd and 4th Thurs, 1:00 pm in Conference Room (except holidays on Thursdays)

FRIDAYS – 1st of each month, anyone who has been on an EMMAUS weekend is welcome to this monthly gathering at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

SATURDAYS – 2nd Saturday of the month, if you like to sew, “Threads of Love” meets in Fellowship Hall at 10:30 am to sew/create baby blankets (that are donated to community organizations).

Young At Heart choral group

This is an open invitation to you- please come and enjoy the 2025 Christmas concert “Rejoice!” presented by Young At Heart. This concert will be held Friday, November 7th at Del Norte Baptist Church located at 8500 Montgomery Blvd NE in Albuquerque. There are TWO showings – one at 3:00 pm and one at 7:00 pm. This is a FREE event, but a love offering will be taken.

You are invited to enjoy refreshments which will be served after each concert. You may visit our website for more information. www.yahchoir.org

November 2 – Josh Hernandez
November 6 – Ethel Mae Peoples
November 14 – Lanna Sharp
November 17 – Matthew Inman
November 17 – Layla Hernandez
November 19 – Don Smith
November 19 – Hadley Costa
November 20 – Atlantis Meyer
November 23 – Bob Caswell
November 23 – Julie Riley
November 28 – Larry Huff
November 28 – Ava Heppler



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



November 11 – Josh &
 Valerie Hernandez

Peralta Methodist Women, Mary Circle

Mary Circle will meet in November
 on Tuesday, November 11, 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!





46th Holiday Bazaar

Friday, November 21st 9 am to 5 pm

Saturday, November 22nd 9 am to 3 pm

Spread the word!!!!
Come, enjoy this unique shopping experience

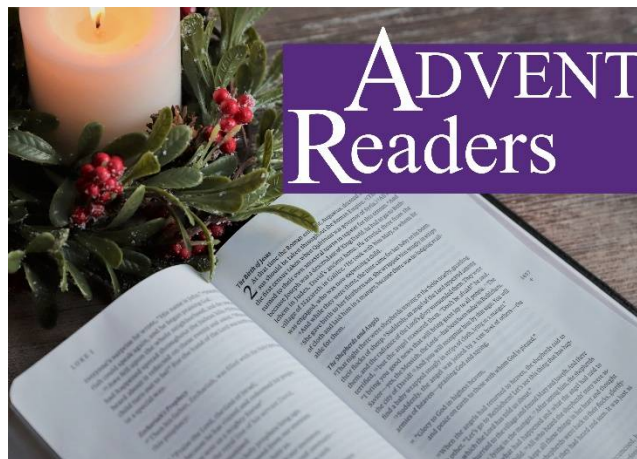


FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE



On Sunday, November 23rd, after the worship service, we'll serve a light lunch and ask volunteers to join us as we decorate the Sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas season.

If you are willing and able to help in making the Sanctuary look beautiful – PLEASE join in!!!



There are 4 Sundays in Advent plus Christmas Eve.

We are seeking people/families who would like to read the Advent scripture message, and light the Advent candles.

If you are interested, please contact Carol Smith at the church.

Readings will be provided to you in advance.

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 All Saints' Day Turn clocks back one hour at bedtime. 
2 - All Saints' Sunday 8:30/8:45 Sunday School 10:00 - Worship 4:00 - Bells	3 9:30 - Food Pantry 9:30 - Soulkeepers, Conference Room 5:30 - Scouts, Educ. Bldg. 7 pm - Scouts, Ed Bld	4 Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall 9 am to 2 pm	5 Crafty Ladies, Fell Hall 9 am to 2 pm 5:30 - Bible Study #101	6 Study group, 9:30 am, Fell Hall	7 EMMAUS, Fell Hall, 6:00 pm	8 Threads of Love, Fell Hall 10:30 am Auditorium reserved 2-6 pm, Girl Scout Svc. Unit
9 7 am - Men's Breakfast study; Fellowship Hall 8:30/8:45 Sunday School 10:00 - Worship 4 - Bells	10 9:30 am - Food Pantry 5:30 - Cub Scouts 7 pm - Scouts, Educ Bldg.	11 - Veteran's Day  Mary Circle, Fell Hall, 9:30 am Girl Scout Service Unit, Fell Hall 6:30 pm	12 5:30 - Bible Study #101	13 1 pm - GriefShare, Conference Room "Navigating the Holidays" Educ Bldg, Bazaar set up begins	14 Educ. Bldg, Bazaar set up continues	15 Educ. Bldg, Bazaar set up continues
16 8:30/8:45 Sunday School 10:00 - Worship Educ. Bldg, Bazaar set up continues 4 pm - Bells	17 9:30 - Food Pantry 9:30 - Soulkeepers Conference Room Fell Hall - Bazaar set up continues No Cubs No Scouts - or alternate location	18 Bazaar set up continues	19 Bazaar set up continues 5:30 - Bible Study #101	20 Bazaar set up, Fell Hall Study group, 9:30 am, Conf Rm Men's group in C.B. Kitchen, prep	21 46th Holiday Bazaar, 9 am to 5 pm 	22 46th Holiday Bazaar, 9 am to 3 pm 
23 8:30/8:45 - Sunday School 10 am - Worship After Worship - Hanging of the Greens in Sanctuary - light lunch will be served 4 - Bells	24 9:30 - Food Pantry 5:30 - Scouts, Educ. Bldg. 7 pm Scouts, Educ Bldg.	25 Order of Arrow, Fell Hall 7 pm	26 Office closed today No Bible Study	27 THANKSGIVING DAY 	28	29
30 - 1st Sunday of Advent 7 am - Men's Breakfast study; Fellowship Hall 8:30/8:45 - Sunday School 10 - Worship 4 pm - Bells	December 1 Food Pantry 9:30 am 5:30 Cubs, Educ Bldg 7 pm Scouts, Ed. Bldg	December 2	December 3 5:30 - Bible Study, #101	December 4 9:30 - Study, Fell Hall NMSU Workshop, Auditorium 8 am to 6 pm	December 5 EMMAUS, Fell Hall, 6 pm Order of Arrow overnight 5 pm til Sunday 8 am Community Bldg.	December 6 Order of Arrow overnight til Sunday 8 am Community Bldg