



Panora United Methodist Church

OUR MISSION:

LOVE GOD, LOVE NEIGHBOR, TRANSFORM THE WORLD

119 E. Main Street
P. O. Box 601
Panora, IA 50216
(641) 755-2655
Email: pumc@netins.net

Revs
Dennis & Jane Shepherd

Dennis 515-351-2268
Email:
revdshep@gmail.com

Jane 515-351-2269
Email:
jane.shepherd@iaumc.net



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

None of us anticipated this lengthy Covid-19 pandemic. None of us would have dreamed we would be battling it for more than a year. None of us realized we would be separated for such a long time. I have been saying, "It will be behind us soon...Soon we will be able to sing out loud again...We'll all be in worship together again soon." And I believed it would be happening, as soon as the vaccinations could be distributed. But it isn't quite going as planned. A couple good friends of mine are refusing the vaccine. They may be listening to alternative mis-information, not the medi-

cal professionals. I pray the majority of us will be vaccinated, and SOON...we can return to church as normal.

So, just what is church as normal? Occasional attendance, dull worship, dust gathering on your Bible? I hope this separation from each other will transform "church" into something precious, exciting, and essential for each of us. Our membership vows promised our "Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Witness, and Service."

The church cannot be whole, it cannot be a light to the world, it cannot be inspiring, it cannot reach out to the poor...without you. Why is that? Because it takes all of us. It takes the diversity of each and every member to make the church complete. It takes your commitment to do the work of the church. Remember, the eye cannot do the work of the ear and so forth. We are made differently for a reason, and each member has their particular role to fill.

I keep checking the annual conference website for guidance on getting back together. I will let you know when we leave the Yellow (cautionary) stage and proceed with the Green (safe) stage. In the meantime, there are some people attending worship with the necessary protocols (masks, distancing, contact tracing list). I hope you're participating remotely, and anxiously looking forward to returning in person. I am so glad we have not had a virus break-out within the congregation. And I am extremely grateful we have not been in the wilderness for 40 years!

God takes our mistakes and misfortunes and transforms them into something wondrous. I am praying that God is in the process of transforming our church into something even more inspiring than before. I am looking forward to seeing you again SOON.

Blessings in Christ, Pastors Jane and Dennis Shepherd.

Sunday Service

9:30 a.m. Worship Service
FaithSeeker's Sunday
School every 2nd, 3rd, &
4th Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Nursery Available

Inside this Issue

Article from Pastor's

SPPRC Meeting	2
Mission/Outreach Meeting	2
Administrative Council	2
New Members	2
Iowa Annual Conference Meeting	2

May/June Birthday's	3
UMW Meetings	3

Bible Studies	4
VBS	4



The next meeting of the
SPPRC Committee will be
6 pm, Thursday , May 6,



The next meeting of the
Missions & Outreach will be
6 pm, Thursday , May 13, 2021.

The next regular meeting of the
Administrative Council will be
7 pm, Thursday , May 13, 2021.



We have had a few transfers of membership into our congregation during the isolation of the pandemic. Please welcome Ryan & Mickell Gerth and Wanda Steburg, who have become professing members of our local church (without the traditional in-person recognition). We're so glad you're a part of our church family!



Iowa Annual Conference is scheduled for
June 4th-6th , 20 21.

It will be a 3-day electronic legislation session on Zoom.

Happy Birthday!

(I know there are some of birthdays missing! Please send to Jane, 515-351-2269)
“God was there to hear your borning cry; we rejoice that you are part of our church family!”

May Birthdays

3 – Avery Bahrenfuss, Bryce Halterman	24 – Nancy Moore
16 – Pam Beardsley	25 – Jason Kirtley
19 – Donna Johnson	26 – Marilyn Coghlan
20 – Nancy Loeck	28 – Paul Scott
21 – Janet Adamson	30 – Dave Beidelman

June Birthdays

1 – Mary Beidelman, Lora Koch	16 – Delila Wilker
3 – Chan Rivera	17 – Taelyn Gerth, Barb VandeVenter
7 – Ken Hickman	19 – Charles Brobst
9 – Mickell Gerth	23 – Jay Merryman
13 – Sara Smith	27 – Leo Grove
14 – MJ Brown, John Coons	28 – Jim Chambers
	30 – Dave Beidelman



UMW Calendar

May 17 — UMW meeting at 7:00pm

Hostess: Linda Dahl
Co-Hostess: Trudy Hastings
Lesson: Denise Brobst

June — NO MEETING

Our Mission:
Love God, Love Neighbor,
Transform the World

Panora United Methodist Church
119 E. Main, P. O. Box 601
Panora, IA 50216
Phone: 641-755-2655
email: pumc@netins.net
website: www.panoraumc.org



Tuesday afternoon, 1:00 p.m.
At LakeSide

Wednesday Evening, 6:30 p.m.
Church, upstairs tables

VBS

Save the Date: July 19th—22nd

Time: 6:00—8:00 PM

Location: Panorama Elementary

Age Group: Kids entering Kindergarten—5th Grade

Registration: Sunday, June 20th –Saturday, July 10th

