



Panora United Methodist Church

OUR MISSION:

LOVE GOD, LOVE NEIGHBOR, TRANSFORM THE WORLD

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Sunday Service

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

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Special individuals that influenced my spiritual journey most have already gone to be with their creator. Does that mean I am getting old, or that God takes the best? I am so looking forward to enjoying their heavenly wisdom again one day. Jesus Christ came to influence and change humanity's outlook on life and gave us an awesome gift as a payment for our sins. During this Lenten season is the time for us to re-examine our relationship with God, "ask for repentance and believe in the Good News" (Mark 1:15). It is time for us to submit our lives to Christ and trust in that gift of long ago, to give back to those who influenced what and who we are today. God lives in those who foster our journey!

Christ's love is truly shared with us during the Easter season. Let us slow our busy lives enough to focus on our Savior's gifts to humanity. Take in his knowledge of scripture and the teachings that surround them. Cherish the healing events of Jesus and the celebration parade of triumph as he enters the city of Jerusalem amongst cheers of his followers. Then add the agony at the hands of Christ the King's enemies. May we order our lives to be prepared to absorb every facet of the powerful meaning of this Lenten season. God orchestrates the resurrection!

Over the past several days I have followed some of the Olympic athletes televised competitions in Beijing. Their commitment to train and sacrifice came many years before they physically arrived at the site of this winter's competition. For some came disappointment and even injury following hours and years of hard work. Others were pleased with merely having the opportunity to participate. A few were honored enough to reach the podium. The performance expectations came very high from some of the sponsoring countries and tremendous pressure was placed on the shoulders of the athletes. God too has high expectations for us, but at the same time shows great patience in our performance. "Physical exercise has some value, but spiritual exercise is valuable in every way, because it promises life both for the present and for the future" (1 Timothy 4:7). With God as our sponsor and Christ as our coach we are part of a gold medal team that can make a difference in the world. The training period is over and the forty days prior to Easter is our time to commit to the performance of our life times. How are we going to serve God? What sacrifice are we going to make? Who are we going to benefit with our commitment? We are set apart for God's use, with our service we can reap the joy God has planned for each of us. "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). No act of love ever goes to waste, nor goes unnoticed. God is watching!

The Panora UMC faith community is solid and progressive and has a beautiful ministry to build upon in the future. During Lent, I encourage you to re-commit your life to Jesus Christ, have patience that Spring will come, and train for the journey of a life-time as you share the Good News with all who will listen. God is good, all the time!

Blessings in Christ. Revs. Jane and Dennis.

Administrative Council

The next regular meeting of the Administrative Council will be 7:00 pm, Thursday, March 17, 2022.

Don't forget to change your clocks to Daylight Savings Time before worship on Sunday, March 13.



Potluck Dinner



The Worship Committee along with Pastors Jane & Dennis has decided to do a service and potluck dinner on March 2nd for Ash Wednesday. There will be a simple potluck downstairs beginning at 6:00pm and a brief service/devotional upstairs at 7:00pm.

Help Decorate the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday

The Easter lily is the symbol of the resurrection. With its trumpet shape, it sounds out the Good News of Jesus' resurrection on Easter morning. Help us decorate our altar this year by making a donation of \$15.00. We will have lilies delivered to the church and then you may take one home with you after the Easter morning worship service.

Simply write a check for \$15.00 and mark it for "Easter Lily". Put your check in the offering plate or leave it in the church office.

You have the opportunity to share a lily in honor or memory of a loved one by adding that information with your donation. A list of people for whom the lilies have been dedicated will be available on Easter Sunday.



UMW Calendar



March 21— UMW meeting at 7:00pm

Hostess: Michelle Bassett
Co-Hostess: Shanell Wagler
Lesson: Mary Jane Sprague

April 18— UMW meeting at 7:00pm

Hostess: Denise Brobst
Co-Hostess: Shirley Dungan
Lesson: Jane Shepherd

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!"

March Birthdays

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| 3 – Don Hamilton, Trish Holbrook,
Cali Knudson | 14– Conni Jeschke |
| 4 – Rich Schumacher | 18 – Gigi Nelson |
| 8 – Deb DeBruin | 22– Connie Ridgley |
| 9 – Kerry VanGundy | 23 – Kathy Frampton |
| 11 – Bob Laidley | 27 – John Seward |
| | 29 – Doug Piper, Vicki Gubser |

April Birthdays

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| 2 – Don Beardsley, Megan Knaack | 16 – Jim Sievers |
| 3 – Noah Kirtley | 21 – Rachel Knudson |
| 8 – Chris Hastings | 22 – Sara Grove |
| 9 – Anna Holloway | 26 – Brooke Halterman |
| 11 – Riley Gibson, Landon Kirtley,
Dave Wagler | 27 – Rhonda Bellard |
| 15 – Becky Twigg | 29 - Christy Laabs |

Schedule for Chimes and Choir

Mar 10	6:30pm	Chimes Practice	Apr 10	9:30 am	Vocal Ensemble
Mar 13	9:30 am	Chimes Play	Apr 14	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Mar 24	6:30pm	Choir Practice	Apr 17	9:30 am	Choir Sings
Mar 27	9:30 am	Choir Sings	Apr 21	6:30 pm	Chimes Practice
			Apr 24	9:30 am	Chimes Play



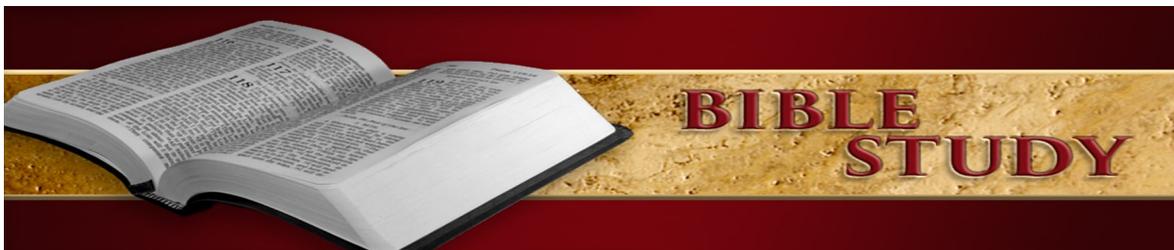
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As we compile an updated church directory, we are finding several people with whom we have lost touch. Can you help us with contact information for them?

Jerry & Deb Payton, Jon & Catherine Stetzel, Olivia Terrell,
Elizabeth Weilenman, Robert White, Jerry & Kara Sparks



**Tuesday afternoon, 1:00 p.m.
At Lake Side Village**

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