



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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Change—Who loves change? Well, it depends, doesn't it? There are good changes and bad changes, happy changes and sad changes. Getting married changes your life. Having a baby changes everything. But they are good changes. When the children grow up and leave home, you become an empty nester. Another change and we adapt.

Getting a new computer, a new phone, or a new car is a change Each one comes with a learning curve, however, and it takes a little effort to adapt. Today as I compose this article, my laptop refused to open up. So I am writing on a legal pad. I haven't done that for a long time, and I had to adapt.

Getting a new pastor will be a change for you and also for the old and new pastors. We will need to adapt, won't we?

The scriptures frequently remind us that God does not change.

But we are often warned by prophets, John the baptizer, and Jesus himself that we must, "Change our sinful ways and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near."

Dennis and I have told you how much we love you. We thank you most sincerely for your support and patience while we filled in as your pastors, especially through Covid 19. You've been affirming and gracious to us. That's who you are! So we're asking that you do not change, even though a change is coming. Remain who you are: supportive, patient, affirming and gracious. Gosh, it sounds like Jesus, doesn't it? God be with us all as we adapt to this change. God bless you and God bless Rev. Jeremy Poland, your new pastor.

Blessings in Christ. Revs. Jane and Dennis.

May 7th at 8:00am
We hope to be done by 12.
Rain date May 21st.



*Administrative
Council*

**The next regular meeting of the
Administrative Council will be
7:00 pm, Thursday, May 19, 2022.**

**The next regular meeting of the
SPPRC will be
6:00 pm, Thursday, May 19, 2022.**



The 2022 Iowa Annual Conference Session will be on
Saturday, June 4, and Sunday, June 5.

The session will be held at the
MidAmerican Energy RecPlex near DMACC
6500 Grand Ave, West Des Moines, IA 50266

Celebrating Reverends' Dennis & Jane Shepherd June 27th

Reverends' Dennis and Jane last service will be June 27, 2022 for the Panora United Methodist Church as our appointed pastors. Please come and celebrate their service to our church the past two and a half years. They came out of retirement and gave their time to help heal this church. We want to show our appreciation that day. Let's plan on writing them notes of appreciation and filling a basket with the cards that Sunday. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this special service at 9:30am on June 27th!

Welcome Reverend Jeremy Poland July 3rd!



The Bishop and her appointive cabinet would like to announce that Reverend Jeremy Poland will be appointed to Panora United Methodist Church as the next pastor, effective July 1, 2022.

District Superintendent Melissa Drake started meeting with our Staff Parish Committee in October to profile our congregation. We shared with her our missional priorities. The Bishop and her cabinet discerned that Pastor Jeremy is a missional match for our Congregation. He has the gifts and the abilities to help us live into our priorities.

District Superintendent Melissa Drake asks that we continue to keep Pastor Jane and Dennis, as well as Pastor Jeremy and his wife Kristin and their two children in our prayers during this season of transition.

With that said, we are planning a special welcome service for Pastor Jeremy and his family on July 3. Our service will be led by one of our own lay leaders who will introduce Pastor Jeremy Poland to preach his first service.

We'll provide name tags for everyone and have a meet and greet session after the service. Please make room in your schedule to come to church on July 3 and give our new minister a warm welcome! Another way to welcome Reverend Jeremy is to write him a short note of welcome.

Starting in May we will have Panora United Methodist Church postcards available at Sunday services for you to write a short welcome note with words of encouragement introducing yourself to Pastor Jeremy. Let him know that we are all praying for him and his family for a smooth transition to PUMC.

These cards need to be placed in the offering plate and Sue Merryman will deliver them to the pastor in May. Let's show him how much our congregation is looking forward to meeting him in person July 3!

Happy Birthday!

(I know there are some of birthdays missing! Please send to Shelley at PUMC@netins.net)
“God was there to hear your borning cry; we rejoice that you are part of our church family!”

May Birthdays

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

June Birthdays

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| 1 – Mary Beidelman | 17 – Taelyn Gerth |
| 3 – Chan Rivera | 19 – Charles Brobst |
| 7 – Ken Hickman | 22 – Bill Wicks |
| 9 – Mickell Gerth | 23 – Jay Merryman |
| 13 – Sara Smith | 27 - Leo Grove |
| 14 – MJ Brown, John Coons | 28 - Jim Chambers |
| 16 – Delila Wilker | 30 - Dave Beidelman |

Schedule for Chimes and Choir

May 19	6:15pm	Chimes Practice	Jun 9	9:30 am	Chimes Practice
May 22	9:30 am	Chimes Play	Jun 12	6:30 pm	Chimes Play
May 26	6:30pm	Choir Practice	Jun 23	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
May 29	9:30 am	Choir Sings	Jun 26	9:30 am	Choir Sings

UMW Calendar

May 16—	UMW meeting at 7:00pm	June—	No Meeting
	Hostess: Linda Dahl		
	Co-Hostess: Trudy Hastings		
	Lesson: Mickell Gerth		



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Summer kick off \ last day of Sunday school party May 22nd



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

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