



Panora United Methodist Church

OUR MISSION:

LOVE GOD, LOVE NEIGHBOR, TRANSFORM THE WORLD

A More Genuine Love

We say the Golden Rule is to treat others as you want to be treated (although this isn't *quite* how the Bible puts it); but my dad didn't seem as happy as I would have been when I got him the video game *I* wanted for Christmas. I was in 7th grade at the time, and it had seemed like such a great idea. Get my dad a present, and also get to play a video game I really wanted to play! Two birds. One stone.

In hindsight, I can see that I hadn't really gotten my dad a gift that year at all –I had only *pretended* to get him a gift. The video game was just for me. But I was the only one who had been fooled. Unfortunately, we do this all the time. We do 'nice' things for people –the kinds of things we would want other people to do for us, if they were in our place. There's only one problem: not everyone wants what we want! Sure, we all want to be treated with respect; we all want to be loved; we all have to eat, and so on. But on a deep and practical level, *all of our hearts have different yearnings*.

In the church, we do something very similar to what I, as a teenager, had done for my dad that Christmas. We approach new people hoping they'll give us what we want: money to help pay our church's bills, bodies to fill our sanctuary, people to serve on the committees we don't want to serve on. And most of us do this without much of a thought about what kind of a gift we could be or offer to them. That's a pretty lop-sided love! (And maybe it's not really love at all.)

To love sincerely, we have to pay better attention to ourselves and to our neighbors. We have to recognize our own deep-seeded hopes and insecurities. And then we have to turn our focus to our neighbors. We have to learn to recognize what they want, and what they need, so that we can become a gift to them. For that is our call: to be a gift!

Let's pray to be a gift to someone today –even in just a small way.

In Christ,
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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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Administrative Council

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

The Panorama Methodist Church will continue to support the 'Adopt-a-Family' for this Christmas season. We will be adopting four families.

Adopt-a-Family



Like last year, you may donate money by either sending a check or dropping off money at the church, with the notation that it goes to Adopt-a-Family. UMW will do the shopping and wrapping for you.

You may also purchase gift cards or gift certificates from a local store and drop those items off at the church.

Shanell, UMW President can be reached at shanell.wagler@gmail.com or cell at 515-371-0505.

Help decorate our altar for the Christmas season with a Memorial or Thanksgiving gift of a poinsettia. Simply return this form to the church office with your donation of \$25 and we will have the poinsettias delivered to the church in time for our Hanging of the Greens Service on Sunday, November 27.

Enclosed is my donation for \$ _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

In grateful memory of: _____

In celebration of _____ on _____

Other: _____

Given by: _____



Suggested donation of \$25. Please return to the church office by November 20th.



Got plans for Christmas Eve?

Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held at 5:30 p.m.

UMW is offering chili, crackers and brownies to folks that sign up to receive. Plan to attend the Christmas Eve service at the church and then, for a free-will donation, stop downstairs in the kitchen and get your meal for the evening. Sign-up opportunities include a sign-up sheet distributed during services or emailing Shanell Wagler at shanell.wagler@gmail.com. Sign up includes pint-size (for 1 person) and quart size (2 people) or multiple quarts based on your need for that evening.

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!"

November Birthdays

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| 1 – Karen Gerlich | 23 – Jackie Wicks |
| 2 – Curtis Twigg | 24 – Kurt Shackelford |
| 5 – Kolby Shackelford | 25 – Steve Laidley, Bryce Wilkie |
| 6 – Marian Esbeck | 29– Michael Bahde |
| 21 – Emmett King | 30– LuAnn Waldo |
| 22 – Mary Williamson, Julie Zajicek | |

December Birthdays

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| 3 – Kendra Wilkie | 20 – Jim Tibbles |
| 4 – Bob Cornish | 24 – Bob Williamson |
| 8 – Kris Hickman | 25 – Erin Kirtley |
| 11 – Abby Holloway, Jane Shepherd,
Bill Ridgley | 26 – Chris Davenport |
| 13 – Dave Bassett | 27 – Shawn Holloway |
| 18 – Shirley Dungan, Tom Smith | 28 – Joan Fredrickson |
| | 31—Gayle Shackelford |

Schedule for Chimes and Choir

Nov 10	6:30pm	Chimes Practice	Dec 15	9:30 am	Chimes Practice
Nov 13	9:30 am	Chimes Play	Dec 18	6:30 pm	Chimes Play
Nov 22	6:30pm	Choir Practice	Dec 22	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Nov 27	9:30 am	Choir Sings	Dec 25	9:30 am	Choir Sings

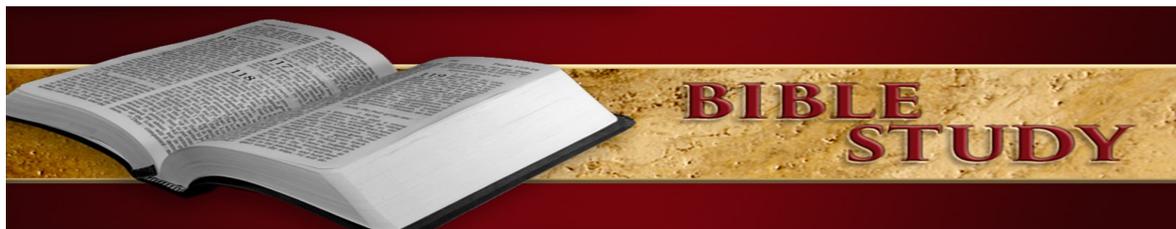
UMW Calendar

November 21— UMW meeting at 7:00pm
Hostess: Shanell Wagler
Co-Hostess: Julie Dent-Zaijeck
Lesson: Work on Senior Kits and Adopt-A-Family



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

Wednesday Evening, 6:00 p.m.
Church, upstairs tables