



# 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

**"Sunday Funday"** for kids  
July 9th & August 13th

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## The Purpose of the Church

Although it was hard in many ways, the Pandemic was a powerful reminder of a deep, ancient truth that we often take wildly for granted in the 21<sup>st</sup> century: we need to take time to be with people on a meaningful level. It's not enough to sit in the same room while a television is going –it may not even be enough to sit around a table with coffee or food sitting on it. We need to find venues and ways to do what I call 'soul-digging.'

Going way back to our early Methodist roots (before it was even an 'official' denomination), one of the first rituals our spiritual ancestors instituted was habitual gatherings. Back then they called them Holiness Clubs. John Wesley and the early Methodists made it a point to get together on a regular basis, and ask questions like, "how is it with your soul?" They would also read the Bible together, serve the poor together, and talk about their struggles and aspirations and short-comings together. The structure and the activity mattered less than the fact that they were together.

These days, most of us fill our calendars with activities. We do chores, have hobbies, work, consume entertainment, play pickleball and golf ---e.g. we get stuff done. Even at church, we focus on tasks instead of persons: on prayer, and bible study, and service. But if we have a task in the church, it is to *love* (see Matthew 22:36-40); and you cannot complete the greatest commandment alone. It has to be done with others –with God, and with your neighbors.

Have we forgotten that every single human being on earth is created in the image of God?

Let us therefore dive into the holy mystery of the person right next to us, or right next door.

In Christ, Jeremy

Administrative  
Council

The next regular meeting of the  
Administrative Council will be  
7:00 pm, Thursday, July 20, 2023.



Rev. Jeremy will be on Vacation  
July 4th—18th



Sunday, July 23rd 11:00am—1:00pm

Provided: Hamburgers, Brats, drinks & table service

Anyone is welcome to bring a side dish or dessert

Lake Panorama Sunset Beach

Pontoon rides will be available

**MIDWEST**  
disaster relief • education



**MISSION**  
health • micro business

Please Join Us!

July 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>

Midwest Mission Distribution Center  
Bring a friend! Fun-Fellowship-Service  
Sign-up sheet in the back of sanctuary  
Contact: Scott Fredrickson

## 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!"

### July Birthdays

- |                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 – Trudy Hastings             | 18 – Sue Merryman  |
| 3 – Jannis Hoobin              | 20 – Karen Sievers |
| 6 – Avery Ambrose, Toni Wright | 23 – Denise Brobst |
| 10 – Michael Klein             | 25 – Grant Zajicek |
| 14 – Barb Bahde, Tom Loeck     | 29 – Jean Cornish  |
| 16 – Kinze Laabs               | 30 – Ryan Gerth    |
| 17 – Tammy Deal                | 31 – Julie Tibbles |

### August Birthdays

- 9 – Joyce Hagler
- 12 – Lois Creese
- 15 – Morgan Twigg
- 17 – Ann Chambers
- 18 – Heather Wilker



### UMW Calendar

**July** — NO MEETING  
**August** — NO MEETING

### Schedule for Chimes and Choir

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|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Jul 13 6:30pm  | Chimes Practice | Aug 10 9:30 am | Chimes Practice |
| Jul 16 9:30 am | Chimes Play     | Aug 13 6:30 pm | Chimes Play     |
| Jul 20 6:30pm  | Choir Practice  | Aug 24 6:30 pm | Choir Practice  |
| Jul 23 9:30 am | Choir Sings     | Aug 27 9:30 am | Choir Sings     |

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