



Panora United Methodist Church

OUR MISSION:

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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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Growing in Faith

For seven weeks before Christmas I invited Sunday worshippers to help us consider what spiritual practices characterized four different levels of Christian faith development. The four levels were arbitrarily labeled as **Beginner**, **Explorer**, **Apprentice** and **Coach**.

A **Beginner** was defined as a person who was just starting to learn what it means to be a Christ-follower. An **Explorer** was defined as someone who was growing in their relationship with Christ. An **Apprentice** was defined as someone who was close to Christ and a **Coach** was defined as someone whose life was Christ-centered. A **Coach** would be expected to be capable of helping others learn new, more advanced spiritual practices.

Response forms were distributed for seven different areas of spiritual practices: 1) prayer, 2) Bible study, 3) worship, 4) giving, 5) service, and 6) witness. These include the five commitments made by members in the United Methodist Church (to support the church by their prayers, presence gifts, service and witness) plus the foundational practice of Bible study.

It is important to remember that a person may qualify as a **Coach** in one area of spiritual practice like prayer and still be a **Beginner** in another spiritual practice such as giving. The important thing is that each person is able to identify what are the "next steps" to help him or her grow in each area.

Individuals may disagree about specific level of faith development that a particular spiritual practices represents, but the hope is that as a whole the congregation will be able to rank order all the spiritual practices, so that we are able to describe the four levels of faith development with a set of spiritual practices that are generally agreed to represent increasing levels of spiritual maturity.

For example, within the spiritual practice of giving, someone who gives a little something whenever he or she attends worship might be characterized as a **Beginner** in the practice of giving, while someone who regularly gives a fixed percentage of his or her regular income (e.g., 5% or 10%) might be characterized as a **Coach** in the practice of giving. A table of the results is included on page 3 to help you look for your own "next steps."



-Pastor Bev Marshall-Goodell



The next meeting of the Panora UMC Administrative Council will be 7:00 pm Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Winter Sermon Series: Called To Be a Disciple

Learn more about the requirements for church membership and how a discipleship pathway can guide a person from being a new convert to becoming a deeply committed follower of Jesus.

Jan 7	2 Peter 1:2-8	God's Call
Jan 14	Matthew 6:5-13	Prayers
Jan 21	1 Peter 2:5-9	Presence
Jan 28	2 Corinthians 9:5-15	Gifts
Feb 4	Philippians 2:3-14	Service
Feb 11	John 4:25-30, 39-42	Witness



**Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday
February 14, 2018**

Lenten Bible Study



Watch for information on a new short-term Bible study for youth and adults using found/ non-precious materials to help us listen to, reflect on, and process God's message to us in the Lenten scriptures. Participants will work to create individual and group sculptures.

Spiritual Practices for Four Levels Of Christian Faith Development

	Beginner	Explorer	Apprentice	Coach
Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has prayed a Sinner's Prayer Knows/uses prayers of the church such as The Lord's Prayer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can pray a table grace Prays for others in crisis Praises God through prayer in worship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prays daily Prays for opportunities to serve Prays for guidance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listens for answers to prayer Is always praying Prays outside worship Prays during free time
Bible Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can find the 23rd Psalm in the Bible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has read accounts of the events of Christmas and Easter Can apply biblical teachings to daily life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reads from the Bible most every day Can locate Bible verses useful in times of trouble 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Had read through or listened through the entire Bible. Is part of a regular Bible study group
Worship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has been to church for a wedding or funeral Attends worship for Christmas/Easter/Mother's Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has been baptized Has joined the church Sings along with the hymns and/or praise songs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attends worship at least twice a month Knows The Lord's Prayer Receives communion whenever possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attends worship every Sunday unless sick or out of town Attends special (non Sunday) worship services
Giving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gives a little something for a special offering May give regularly, but grudgingly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budgets a small but specific amount for giving to the church each year. Gives when he/she attends worship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes a commitment to increase giving every year Never misses an opportunity to support an important mission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gives a fixed percentage of income (e.g., 5 or 10%) Includes the church in his/her will Gives when not in worship
Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brings snacks for worship, if asked Helps with a youth meal, if asked 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will serve on a short-term task force Will help with a special event or mission project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actively seeks opportunities to learn and develop skills for mission and ministry Will serve on a church standing committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knows his/her spiritual gifts and seeks to use them Will chair church committee Helps plan new ministries and missions
Witness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wears faith-based clothing/jewelry to places besides church Invites friends/family to worship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gives faith-based gifts to unsaved friends Can describe the difference Jesus has made in his/her life Talks with others about his/her faith if asked 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chooses faith-based greeting cards Regularly prays for unsaved friends and family 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lives a life that manifests fruit of the Holy Spirit Listens for opportunities to share a faith story with unsaved family or friends

Where are you in your Christian Faith Development?

What are your "next steps" so you continue to grow?

Serving Our Church

Greeters for January:

Jan 7 Bill & Toni Wright
Jan 14 Bill & Jackie Wicks
Jan 21 Tom & Conni Jeschke
Jan 28 Ken & Shari Crouse

Greeters for February:

Feb 4 Karwyn Gibson & JoAnn Alumbaugh
Feb 11 Tammy Deal & Gigi Nelson
Feb 18 Jon & Catherine Stetzel
Feb 25 Bob & Mary Williamson

Schedule for Chimes and Choir

Jan 11	6:30pm	Chimes Practice
Jan 14	9:30am	Chimes Play
Jan 25	6:30pm	Choir Practice
Jan 28	9:30am	Choir Sings
Feb 8	6:30pm	Chimes Practice
Feb 11	9:30am	Chimes Play
Feb 22	6:30pm	Choir Practice
Feb 25	9:30am	Choir Sings



United
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Women
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UMW calendar

February 19—UMW meeting at 7:00pm

Hostess: Julie Zajicek

Co-Hostess: Donna Johnson

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January 2018

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
1	2 1:00pm Women's Bible Study at Lakeside Village	3 6:15pm Youth Group	4	5	6	
7 9:30am Family Church 1:00-2:00pm Seeking God Together at Church	8	9 1:00pm Women's Bible Study at Lakeside Village	10 6:15pm Youth Group 7:00pm Administrative Board Meeting 6:00-7:00pm Seeking God Together at Church	11 6:30pm Chimes Practice	12	13
14 9:30am FaithSeekers 9:30am Chimes Play	15	16 1:00pm Women's Bible Study at Lakeside Village	17 6:15pm Youth Group 7:00pm Confirmation	18	19	20
21 9:30am FaithSeekers	22	23 1:00pm Women's Bible Study at Lakeside Village	24	25 6:30pm Choir Practice	26	27
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February 2018

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FaithSeekers Youth Group

For students in grades 8-12

Meets every 1st and 3rd and 5th Wednesday

at 6:00 p.m.

Join for food, fellowship, and fun!