



# 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 returns in  
September  
Nursery Available

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## Robyn's Ramblin's

<sup>14</sup>You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can't be hidden.<sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house. In the same way, **let your light shine** before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise **your** Father who is in heaven.

**Matthew 5:14-16** (CEV)

This was Jesus's instructions to his disciples. Some people think that we are not supposed to draw attention to ourselves when doing good for others. Surely it is true that we are not to be boastful or arrogant or proud. However, Jesus never said that we are supposed to hide the light of our good deeds. We don't cover them up or keep them hidden in a closet.

What is Jesus talking about here? Jesus would remind us that our good deeds are meant to draw attention to God, not ourselves. Every good thing we do should be covered in prayer. Such a prayer might **thank God** for providing all that we need to help others whatever they need. Next ask God to lead and guide you as you interact with others, being sensitive to their needs but also to their personality; That we would speak to them and behave around them in ways that **preserve their self-respect and maintain their dignity**. Finally, ask God to help you refrain from all boasting and pride. Ask God to let our good deeds shine out as a beacon to others **so that** they too might glorify the Heavenly Father.

In our Tuesday afternoon Bible Study, we recently discussed what becomes of a person who lives a very Christ-like life, a life of goodness with a giving and generous spirit, but does not actually believe in Christ. No easy answers to that, of course. However, Jesus' teaching implies that the motivation and purpose of our good deeds makes a difference. Let your light shine **SO THAT** your Father in Heaven will be glorified.

**WHY** do we do what we do? How can we deepen the spiritual connection between **WHAT** we do and **WHY** we do it? Should people know that we are "the church" when we serve them in their need? Does it matter?

I think it does matter. I invite you to reflect on these questions and discuss them with me or others in the months ahead.

"Because of Jesus" is a phrase you will see frequently in the months ahead. This is just one small way that I remind myself, and you, that all that we do as the Body of Christ we do because Jesus himself showed us the way of sacrificial living. Jesus showed us the way to love without counting the cost. Jesus showed us the way to live a life of joy and spiritual abundance.

So...  
Because of Jesus,  
Pastor Robyn Plocher

## New Sermon Series

We have begun a new sermon series, "Fierce Faith: Christians Coping with Fear." The schedule and sermon titles are listed below:

- Sunday, September 2 -- Fierce Faith – The 5 Bad B's**
- Sunday, September 9 – Fierce Faith: What if the Kids Aren't OK?**
- Sunday, September 16 – Fierce Faith: What if I Fail?**
- Sunday, September 23 – What if I Get Hurt Again?**
- Sunday, September 30 – Fierce Faith: What if Things Fall Apart"**



In the Mental Health First Aid course, you learn risk factors and warning signs for mental health and addiction concerns, strategies for how to help someone in both crisis and non-crisis situations, and where to turn for help. The course is being offered at Carroll First United Methodist Church on Saturday, November 10, 2018 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. A light breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided by the United Methodist Women for a free will offering. To sign up for the course contact the church at 712-792-1122 or on-line at <https://www.iaumc.org/mentalhealthinitiative>. The courses are listed by date and location. This course is offered in cooperation with the Iowa Conference Mental Health Task Force. Pastor Robyn has already completed this training. She encourages any interested persons to plan to attend this worthwhile and free training!

world  
communion  
sunday



**October 7th**

## We are a Mission-Minded Church

This is cause for celebrating, and for telling our neighbors—who might be looking for a relevant church to connect with! What missions can you tell people we are supporting “because of Jesus?”

### Locally

- 3C's (Children's Clothes Closet), next door to church
- Adopt-a-Family for Christmas
- Senior Boxes (UMW)

### County

- Tori's Angels (financial help for family expenses incurred with 7 children's life-threatening illnesses)
- Change a Child's Story (a literacy initiative of the Iowa United Methodist Conference), which included free lunch

### State

- Tori's Angels (financial help for family expenses incurred with 25 children's life-threatening illnesses)
- Tornadoes and flooding donations/support
- Ingathering kits

### Regional/National

- Wild fires
- Ingathering Kits – flood buckets, health kits

### World

- Solar Bibles for Ethiopia
- Soccer Balls for Ethiopia
- Financial support for missionaries to Ethiopia/Sudan/Greece/Romania

All of the above makes our giving-awareness very well-rounded (that's a good thing!) For our annual report, we submit all kinds of giving: financial, in-kind, and volunteer hours.



## Faithseekers Sunday School

Classes for students age 4 years-high school resume on Sunday, September 9, 2018 at 9:30AM

We will have a Tailgating Party in the Panora State Bank parking lot across the street.

Sunday school will meet every 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sunday of the month

Students are invited to join us for Family Church every 1st and 5th Sunday at 9:30AM.

Ages will be:

Nursery: Rachel Knudsen

3rd-5th: Brenda Halterman

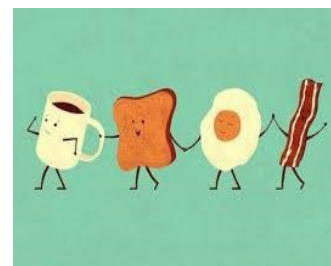
Middle School: Shanell Wagler

High School: Erin Kirtley

Music Leader: Gayle Schakelford

## Faithseekers Breakfast

October 21st the Faithseekers will be serving a breakfast after church service. This will be a free will offering.



## Serving Our Church

### Greeters for September:

Sep 2 Shirley Dungan & Donna Vokes  
Sep 9 Janet Adamson & Judy Johnson  
Sep 16 Brian, Melissa Bahrenfuss & Family  
Sep 23 Kathy Frampton & Jan Hoobin  
Sep 30 Dennis & Jane Shepherd

### Greeters for October:

Oct 7 Rich & Deb Schumacher  
Oct 14 Jim & Karen Sievers  
Oct 21 Mike & Vickie Klein  
Oct 28 Bill & Jackie Wicks

## Schedule for Chimes and Choir

Sep 6	6:30pm	Chimes Practice
Sep 9	9:30am	Chimes Play
Sep 20	6:30pm	Choir Practice
Sep 23	9:30am	Choir Sings
Sep 27	6:30pm	Chimes Ensemble Practice
Sep 30	9:30am	Chimes Ensemble Plays

Oct 11	6:30pm	Chimes Practice
Oct 14	9:30am	Chimes Play
Oct 25	6:30pm	Choir Practice
Oct 28	9:30am	Choir Sings



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## UMW Calendar

**September 17**—UMW meeting at 7:00pm

Hostess: Shirley Dungan

Co-Hostess: Mary Kay Hamilton

Lesson: Jane Shepherd

**October 16**—UMW meeting at 7:00pm

Hostess: Mary Beidelman

Co-Hostess: Mary Jane Sprague

Working on Ingathering Kits

Administrative  
Council

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

# September 2018

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4 1:00pm Women's Bible Study at Lakeside Village	5 6:15pm Youth Group	6 6:30pm Chimes Practice	7
9 9:30am FaithSeekers Tailgating Party 9:30am Chimes Play	10	11 1:00pm Women's Bible Study at Lakeside Village	12 6:15pm Youth Group	13	14
16 9:30am FaithSeekers	17 7pm UMW Meeting	18 1:00pm Women's Bible Study at Lakeside Village	19 7pm Board of Trustee Meeting 6:15pm Youth Group	20 6:30pm Choir Practice	21
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30 9:30am Family Church 9:30am Chimes Ensemble Play					

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	1	2 1:00pm Women's Bible Study at Lakeside Village	3 6:15pm Youth Group	4	5	6
7 9:30am Family Church World Communion Sunday	8	9 1:00pm Women's Bible Study at Lakeside Village	10 7pm Ad Board Meeting 6:15pm Youth Group	11 6:30pm Chimes Practice	12	13
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**Faithseekers**

**Youth Group**

**Every 1st and 3rd and 5th Wednesday at 6:15 pm**

Open to students in Grades 8-12