



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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A New Year's Prayer for You

Well, the presents are all unwrapped. The refrigerator is bulging with leftover food. Family has all gone home. The lights of Christmas still glow on our trees, but it will be some time before we take them down and put them away.

It has been an interesting Christmas season. My mother died just before Christmas four years ago, so the season is forever changed. That's okay. The memories and even the pain associated with them are one of the ways I honor her. There were times I missed old friends. I also missed the wood burning fireplace in our former home. I found it challenging to find just the right spot for all my Christmas decorations in our new home, especially my music box collection. I was also challenged by the responsibility of creating worship services that would be meaningful for all of you and, most importantly, honor our Lord and Savior.

Today the house is quiet and all is well. The family has created new and warm memories of our first Christmas in Carroll. Our Christmas Eve service was beautiful with so much incredible talent shared by so many! Now I am pondering what my New Year's prayer or wish for you might be. My thoughts keep turning to my fathers-in-law. My mother-in-law married a wonderful man, two of them actually. My father in law, Richard, died in 2015, less than a year after my mother. He lived with prostate cancer for 15 years before it spread to his bones and took his life. He took many experimental treatments over the years, knowing it would not change things definitively for him, but praying it might change things for others in the future. He devoted his time to doing the most beautiful cross-stitch and making jewelry, including hand carved wooden crosses on hand made chain necklaces. Everyone who knew Rich, or even met him in passing, was likely to receive one of his crosses. He travelled to Baldwin, LA annually to volunteer in mission for the United Methodist Committee on Relief and was an active volunteer for the Habitat for Humanity Re-Store. He was an example of steady faithfulness exemplified through service and kindness to virtually everyone he met.

Shortly after his death, my mother-in-law married Steve. My father-in-law, Steve, is retired career military. He devoted many years to caring for his wife who was bed-ridden. Steve has a loving heart and an inquiring mind. He loves to travel and learn about new places. He often brings questions to us about something he has read in daily devotions or heard in worship. He is not afraid to question assumptions. It is fun to have him around and be challenged by the deep thoughts and questions he has.

This, then, is what I pray for you in the New Year. I pray for you the heart of a servant, like Richard. And, I pray for you an inquiring mind seeking always to go deeper in the knowledge and love of the Lord, like Steve. May God grant my prayers for you now and always.

Pastor Robyn Plocher

Administrative Council

The next meeting of the Administrative Council will be 7 pm, Wednesday, January 9, 2019.

2019 Administrative Council

Council Chair:	Charles Brobst	Recording Secretary:	Trudy Hastings
Education Committee:	Brenda Halterman	Worship Chair:	
Lay Leader:	Don Hamilton	Treasurer:	John Coons
Mission Outreach:	MJ Brown	3C's:	Connie Ridgley
Memorial Chair:	Nancy Haslup	UMW President:	Shanell Wagler
SPRC Chair:	JoAnn Alumbaugh	Lay Member of Annual Conference:	Karen Sievers
Trustee Chair:	Jay Merryman		

The next meeting of the SPRC will be 6:30 pm, Thursday, January 3, 2019.

SPRC Committee

- Serve thru 2019:** JoAnn Alumbaugh, Brian Bahrenfuss
- Serve thru 2020:** Ann Chambers, Ken Hickman, Pam Beardsley
- Serve thru 2021:** Karen Gerlich, Rachel Knudsen, Deb Schumacher
- Lay Leader:** Don Hamilton



The Perry Fine Arts Series Presents: Quartet 515, a modern string quartet, playing classical favorites and wonderful pop music. January 20th at 2:00pm at the Perry Performing Arts Center 1200 18th Street, Perry

Baptism & Membership

We will be receiving new members in February. Please contact Pastor Robyn as soon as possible if you are interested in baptism or church membership.

Serving Our Church

Greeters for January:

Jan 6 Tom & Nancy Loeck
Jan 13 Rich & Deb Schumacher
Jan 20 Bill & Jackie Wicks
Jan 27 Bob & Mary Williamson

Greeters for February:

Feb 3 Bob & Barb Vandeventer
Feb 10 Tom & Connie Jeschke
Feb 17 Kurt & Gayle Shackelford
Feb 24 Dennis & Jane Shepherd

Schedule for Chimes and Choir

Jan 10	6:30pm	Chimes Practice
Jan 13	9:30am	Chimes Play
Jan 24	6:30pm	Choir Practice
Jan 27	9:30am	Choir Sings

Feb 7	6:30pm	Chimes Practice
Feb 10	9:30am	Chimes Play
Feb 21	6:30pm	Choir Practice
Feb 24	9:30am	Choir Sings

UMW Calendar



January —NO UMW meeting

February — UMW meeting at 7:00pm

Hostess: Shanell Wagler

Lesson: Nancy Moore

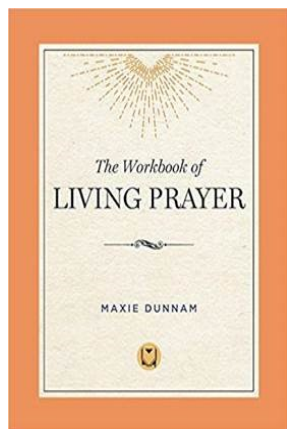


Pastor Robyn will be on vacation

Monday, January 14th through Tuesday, January 29th.

Preaching on January 20th will be Jimmy Smith Gospel Music.

Preaching on January 27th will be Jane Shepherd



Beginning Wednesdays, February 13, 6:00 p.m.

Come experience the Workbook of Living Prayer by Maxie Dunnam. This workbook will make the experience of prayer come alive. This six- week prayer adventure features daily commentary on a particular facet of prayer, scripture readings, and reflections by the author. Maxie Dunnam is the former World Editor of the Upper Room and President Emeritus of Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky, where he also served as president from 1994 through 2004.

We want to express our deepest appreciation to the women of the Stitch and Chatter group at Panora Christian Church for their generous gift of quilts, dolls, pillow cases and so many other beautiful items.

The gifts were displayed and blessed at a service held on November 7, 2018.

110 quilts including baby blankets

21 doll blankets

12 crocheted hats

13 dolls with new clothes plus extra outfits

25 pillowcases

2 pillows

Connie Ridgley speaks and receives the gift of quilts on behalf of 3C's Clothes Closet.



Youth Group

Every Wednesday at 6:15 pm

Open to students in Grades 8-12

Faithseekers

Sunday's at 9:30 a.m. in lower level.

Except for 1st and 5th Sunday's of the month is Family Worship Sunday

January 2019

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