

Banning United Methodist Church

First Sunday After Christmas Day

December 31, 2023

† Congregation rises in body or spirit

Congregational response in bold

GATHERING MUSIC

Cathy Mauge

CENTERING WORDS

*How can you stay silent in the joy of the Messiah's birth?
Rejoice and sing God's praises, for the Lord's glory is with you this day.*

Myrle Petty

PRELUDE

Cathy Mauge

WELCOMING FRIENDS and NEWCOMERS

Myrle Petty

We ask that you please sign the attendance book, then pass it to the middle aisle. If you are here this morning as a guest, please include your address and phone number, so that we can reach out to you. If this is your first time visiting and would like to introduce yourself, please raise your hand, and a microphone will be brought to you.

WELCOME and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Doug

MINISTRY MOMENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Myrle Petty

†CALL TO WORSHIP

L: With mighty mountains and crashing seas,

P: Praise the name of the Lord.

L: With rolling valleys and lush forests,

P: praise the name of our God.

L: With tiny ants and majestic eagles,

P: praise the name of the Holy One.

L: With innocent children and wise elders,

P: praise the name of Love.

Myrle Petty

†OPENING HYMN

"I Love to Tell the Story"

UMH #156

OPENING PRAYER

Myrle Petty

Almighty Creator, we come to shout and rejoice in the wonderful gift of Your Son for our world. It is a miracle that fills our lives with Your glory. On the last day of the year, may our celebration honor the good we have received from Your hand, even as we look forward to walking with You in the year ahead. As those who came before us, we will not be silent in our love for You, we will not mute our pure joy for what You have brought to our lives. Amen.

PSALM READING

Psalms 148 NRSV

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

²Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

³Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

⁶He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

⁸fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

⁹Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹²Young men and women alike, old and young together!

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

Myrle Petty

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Galatians 4:4-7 NRSV

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Pastor Doug

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SUNDAY ENSEMBLE

SERMON

"Heirs?"

Pastor Doug

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR and PEOPLE

Children in Prayer

(After all slides: In Your mercy, **Lord, hear our prayer**)

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Doug

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

GIVING BACK TO GOD (TITHES AND GIFTS)

Myrle Petty

MASON JAR MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

Cathy Mauge

†DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Myrle Petty

God of the heavens and the earth, we come before You in celebration, bringing gifts for those who cannot celebrate with us. Our songs of praise are for Your name and honor. May these gifts give others the opportunity to sing praise to Your name as they come to know the endless love You have for each of Your children. Amen

†CLOSING HYMN

"Away in a Manger"

UMH #217

†BENEDICTION

Pastor Doug

POSTLUDE

Cathy Mauge

In Ministry:

Pastor: Doug Purcell

Rev. Moonyoung Lee, East District Superintendent

Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank, California-Pacific Annual Conference

Cheerfully Serving the Lord in Worship this Morning...

Liturgist: Myrle Petty **Organist:** Cathy Mauge **Pianist:** Maxine Hoth **Music Director:** Myrle Petty **Head Usher:** Jack Holstad

Assisted by: Penny Holstad, Dick Carris, and Sonya Moore, Ron & Sandra Glickman, Charlee Neitzel

Sound Technician/Video Technician: Tiffany Douglas



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Sunday, December 31st
10:30 AM Worship Service

Monday, January 1st
Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2nd
Office Closed
9:00 AM The Gathering - Office Lounge

Wednesday, January 3rd
11:00 AM Removal of the Greens

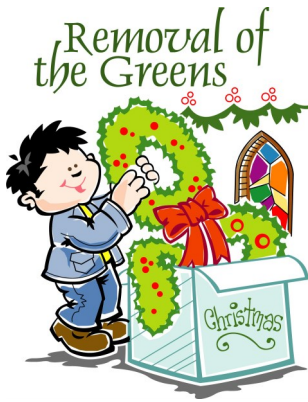
Friday, January 5th
10:00 AM United Women in Faith - Office Lounge

Sunday, January 7th
10:30 AM Worship Service



The Single Board Church Council will meet on Wednesday, January 24th, in the Office Lounge. Please send all admin reports to

Ana Maria, banningumc@aol.com. Missions, UWF & UMM Chairpersons, please remember to submit a monthly report to the pastor.



We will meet in the sanctuary on Wednesday, January 3rd, at 11:00 AM to remove all the Christmas decorations.

Any help is greatly appreciated.

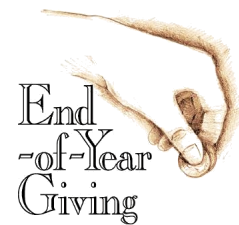


United Women in Faith

The United Women in Faith will meet on Friday, January 5th at 10:00 AM, in the office lounge. All women are welcome to

attend.

We will continue the program "Bad Girls of the Bible: And What We Can Learn from Them" by Liz Curtis Higgs, led by Alice Ann Daugherty.



As 2023 comes to a close, please remember that all intended giving for 2023 must be received in our office today, December 31st.

Following Federal and State Tax Codes, all intended giving for next year, 2024, must begin in January. All

contributions received on or after January 1st, will go towards your 2024 contributions, no exceptions. Thank you for understanding.

PRAYER REQUEST

Prayer request slips can be found in each pew. If possible, please fill out requests prior to worship service and return it to an usher, or to Pastor directly, to insure correct spelling in next week's bulletin. **Remember, if you have a loved one's name on the prayer list that can now be removed, please call the office, 849-3413.**

Margaret Aarung
Yvonne Adams
Donna Alsop
Gabriel B.
Judy Beard
Sékou T. Billings
Tracy Boop
Barbara Brinton
Nancy Brown
Phillip Brown
Lois Butler
Dick Carris
Bev & Bill Cassaga
Robert Curry
SGT 1st David Dimattio
Justin Dominguez & Family
Zach Echternkamp
Marlena Esterson
Mandy Felix
Olga Figueroa
Sergio & Janet Figueroa

Dean Fisher
Carleen Fiske
Alma Jo Fultz
Courtney Gallegos
Joan Golden
Rosie Griffin
Jim Grim
Brooklyn Grupp & Family
Tenise Hajali
John Hammersla
SGT Matt Harker
Lori Harrand
Sarah Hernandez
Hobert-Herr & Family
Rita Heslop
Donna Hill
Nancy Hill
Jack & Penny Holstad
Rev. Dave & Amie Horning
Ben & Jeanette Hoyt
Jill Hughes

Hull Family
Mackenzie Hurley
Sallie Hurley
Carleen Jerrel
JoAnne Jesson
MAJ Mark Jones
Janice Katuls
Fern Koehnemann
Dan & Janice Mabey
Don & Marsy Maraska
Nahla Marine
Reah McLaughlin
Jack Menzia
SSGT Lance Miller
Gloria Miranda
Betty Neese
Darrel & Doug Oestman
Margie Peach
Carol Perrizo
David Pieksma
Sonia Presley

Emma Poole
Jennifer Ratliff
Fran Route-Wilson
Jim & Eve Rusk
SSGT Ryan Savely
CPT Brock Schnute
Barbara Semec
Anita Simon
Jennifer Sofie
Patti Stewart
SFC Korey Stillion
Pelton Teague
Jerome W.
Sherry Walker
Conceptionia Winters

If you need to put a name on the Prayer Chain immediately, please call Diane Doser, 769-9087.

BLESS US in this new year, Lord.



My future is in YOUR HANDS. PSALM 31:15, NLT



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Banning United Methodist Church: Mission Statement
Our mission is to serve and share the Love of God by developing personal faith through Jesus Christ and by promoting the unity of believers; membership in His family; and, Christian service through acts of justice, mercy and loving obedience in the church and in the community.

Banning United Methodist Church would like to welcome any newcomers joining us in worship this morning! We hope our worship service touches your heart and that you feel the presence of the Lord. If you have any questions about our church, please call the church office at 849-3413.

May God bless your day, and we hope you will worship with us again!