

PLATTEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



We got two kittens eight years ago. One of them was gray and white so we named him ashes, and one was black and white so we named her Oreo. As we grew to love them, we changed their names.

Ashes had very severe ear mites when we got him. They say if ear mites are bad enough they can affect the kitten's brain. We don't know if that is what happened, or if Ashes was simply a cognitively deficient kitten. Dan said that the kitten reminded him of Jethro on "The Beverly Hillbillies." I said we were not calling a cat by a name intended to imply that he was dumb. He turned out to be a very loving cat, and particularly loved Dan and Adam. They started lovingly calling him Jethro, and it stuck.

Oreo began growing disproportionally. Her ears got too large for her head, and she began looking like a bat. One of Elizabeth's favorite books when she was little was *Stellaluna*, a book about a baby bat. She started calling Oreo, Stellaluna, and Stella stuck.

Several years ago Jethro ran away and we never found him. We assumed he got hit by a car because he loved to lie in the middle of the street and make cars drive around him (yes, he always lived up to his name.) Stella still has the run of the house. I hadn't thought about their name changes in a very long time. We gave them names, and then we gave them new names because we loved them.

You have names. You have the name that your parents named you. Your parents or grandparents may have called you pet names. Often the names that give us identity are negative names that our siblings or classmates gave us. Or we take our identity from the names we have assumed for ourselves based on our own frustrations with ourselves.

But your best name does not come from any of those places. It comes from the God who loves you more than anybody else loves you. God calls you his child. God calls you precious. God calls you beautiful. God calls you enough. God calls you beloved.

If you come to my yard when my cat is outside and yell, "Stella!" she will come running across the yard to you (although sometimes she will not – she is a cat after all). Stella knows her name because it was given to her in love.

It is my hope that you know your name – the one given to you by God, and that when he calls you, you run to him!

I'll see you in church, where we are reminded that God calls us beloved,



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Thank You!

A big "Thank You" to our Sunday School teachers for working with our youth and adults this year. We have had a wonderful year of learning and growing, with over 50 students involved in our Sunday morning classes. That's a lot of energy infusing our Church each week!

Our teachers have given of their time, their skills, and often their patience! We thank them for their dedication and caring.

- PreK-K-1st: Debby Schroedl
Amber Vrielinck
Tianna Gile
Megan Dietrich
Ellen Carnahan
- 2nd-3rd: Sue Dysktra
Dianne Edgette
- 4th-5th: George Krueger
- 6th-7th-8th: Rob Hasker
- Sunday Morning Bible Study: Alice Clifton

Nursery Worker ~ We are looking for someone to cover the nursery on Sunday's when our regular nursery worker is not available. If you would be interested in this position, please contact Jennifer in the church office.



On Sunday, May 5, the Sunday School children held a "Miracle" (marigold) and bake sale to raise money for the "Water for Life" project. (2nd & 3rd grade class pictured)

SAVE THE DATE!!!



Everywhere Fun Fair takes children to a global celebration with the look and feel of a world's fair. Children will make friends with neighbors around the world and discover that God's love can be found everywhere, including their own neighborhoods. Children will be introduced to special places from all over the world and discover that we are all neighbors and all children of God

Vacation Bible School

July 22-26

9:00 am– Noon

Registration forms will be available soon!
Please contact the office you would like one mailed or emailed to you.

Just a friendly reminder of the weekly announcement and newsletter deadlines.

Weekly Announcements

Wednesday by noon

Newsletters

3rd Friday of the month

Scholarships are available from the UMW and the UMC conference. Please contact Jennifer for more information.

The Power of Camp is...

In a world where it is hard to be a kid, AND it is hard to be a parent, let church camp be your partner in faith and the development of your child.

<i>Lifelong Friendships</i>	<i>Outdoor Adventure</i>
<i>Positive Christian Role Models</i>	<i>Time to Unplug</i>
<i>Meaningful Conversations</i>	<i>Exciting Worship</i>

With over 50 camps to choose from, one will be right for you and your child! Come enjoy a fun, faith-filled adventure all in one great place with caring staff.

Catalogs and brochures are located at the Information booth.



Just a friendly reminder that if you need to meet with Pastor Brenda, please call the office to make an appointment with Jennifer.

Also, if you or a family member are in the hospital or ill, and would like to be put on the prayer chain, please call Jennifer to let her know. If you would like a visit from Pastor Brenda, please let us know.

Office Hours

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.; Monday-Friday

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UMW NEWS

NO General Meeting this month.

Rebekah Fellowship Group will meet on June 20th
Meeting will be at Country Kitchen at 9:00PM for food and fellowship.

UMW members, remember to make contributions to Klits for Kids!! Our May Rebekah meeting helped us understand how these kits go through channels of UMCOR to be sent where needed.

On Sunday, May 5th, Carolyn Woodward was recognized for her dedication and work with the Coffee Fellowship at PUMC. Thank you Carolyn!



Congratulations to our UMW for receiving the following awards:

Mission Today Unit for 2012

Five Star Award 2012

2012 UMW Reading Program



Church Women United held its 2013 May Friendship Day at St. Mary Catholic Church May 1. The theme was "Swinging Wide the Doors to Hospitality." Each year CWU presents its Valiant Woman Award to recognize someone active and supportive in her church, CWU and Platteville. This year's recipient is Virginia Riter, pictured with CWP President Carol Lange.



2 John Clifton
 3 Suzie Wetter
 4 Eric Abing
 4 Leah Harle
 6 Don Hull
 7 Viola Kuehl
 7 Merlin Rice
 7 Rita Elver
 10 Melody Dillon
 10 Crystal Curry
 11 Jim Kirkpatrick
 11 Cooper McGuire
 12 Cy Clayton
 12 Katie Cottingham
 12 Jeanne Bonin
 12 Joseph Krueger
 13 Tianna Gile
 15 Randy Stephens
 16 Cindy Balk
 17 Tom Heiser
 18 Nancy Krell
 18 Alex Abing
 18 Conner Timlin
 20 Kris Abing
 20 Tracy Weigel
 21 Doris Tatge
 21 Elizabeth Duewer
 21 Dan Whitford
 21 Kelsie Simmons
 22 Jonathon Plourde
 24 Betty Whitaker
 25 Judy Stephens
 25 George Bailie
 25 Cody Vargo
 26 Rana Pluemer
 27 Dave Carnahan
 27 Kameron Finley
 28 Morgan Mumm
 29 Ken Noel
 30 Lauren Heiser-Ertel

Anniversaries

5 Don & Myrtle VanNatta 24 George & Joanne Bailie
 6 Tom & Nancy Ziegenfuss 25 John & Dawn Gile
 8 Dick & Nora Bonin 26 James & Geri Wieters
 10 Jerry & Peg Burkard 26 Steve & Connie Chandler
 17 Bryan & Jody Vargo
 20 Scott & Sally Woodworth
 21 Randy & Margaret Karsten
 21 Ken & Karen Anderson-Carp



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KNOW

Dear United Methodist Church ~ I would like to thank you for your thoughts and prayers while I was ill and having treatments. I've had my last treatment and back to work part-time. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. ~ Robert Rice (son of Merlin and Sheena Rice)



Sunday, May 19th was Jill Hasker's last Sunday as PUMC's choir director. Rob and Jill will be moving to Milwaukee with their family. Thank you Jill for your years of service and dedication to the choir and your church.

MOUND CITY



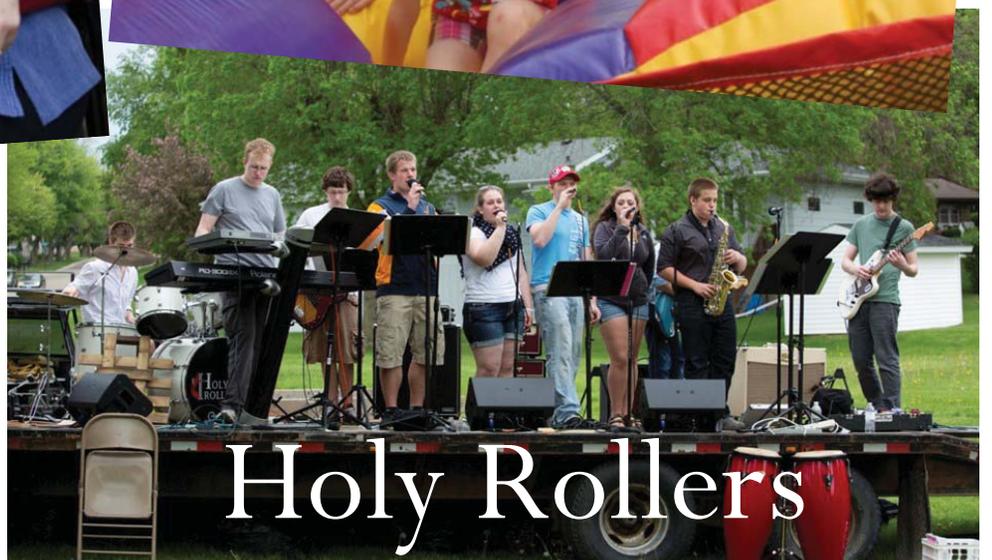
Redeemer



FAITH FEST

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Mound City Faith Fest on May 19th. Over 300 people enjoyed music from the Holy Rollers, Viewing Party and Redeemer. Children of all ages bounced around in the bounce house and obstacle course. Brats, hotdogs and walking tacos were on the menu for the day. Water and baked goods were sold to help raise money for the "Water for Life" project. Door prizes from area businesses were given away throughout the day.

Thank you to everyone who helped plan, set up, clean up and help at this event. Also, thank you to all who donated to this event. It was a huge success and plans for next year have already begun.



MISSIONS

Flood Buckets

The heavy spring rain is causing flooding and UMCOR is responding to requests for flood buckets. Replenishing the flood bucket supply has become an urgent need. We have empty buckets so please help us fill them with the necessary cleaning supplies. A list of the cleaning supplies is in the basket outside the office window. Thank you for your helping with this important UMCOR project.

All items being collected for missions and the food pantry may be placed in the shopping cart located in the hallway by the office.

- Bleach (two 1-qt. or one 82 oz. bottle)
- 5 scouring pads
- 7 sponges
- 1 scrub brush
- 18 cleaning towels (reuseable wipes)
- Liquid laundry detergent (two 25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottle)
- 1 household cleaner (12 - 16 oz. bottle)
- Disinfectant dish soap (16 - 28 oz. bottle)
- 50 clothes pins
- Clothes line (two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.)
- 5 dust masks
- 2 pair latex gloves
- 1 pair work gloves
- 24-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags, (33-45 gal.)
- 1 insect repellent spray (6 - 14 oz. can)
- 1 air freshener (8 - 9 oz. an)

An Opportunity to Serve:

On Saturday July 20 we have the privilege of being a host site for a live streaming of a stewardship event by Michael Slaughter. There are opportunities to serve that day. We need

somebody overseeing hospitality, overseeing tech, Nora Bonin will we organizing lunch and snacks, and we need people who would love to serve in those areas. If you would be interested in serving that day in one of those positions, please contact Pastor Brenda or Jennifer

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR STEWARDSHIP EDUCATION AND MOTIVATION!!

Sponsored by the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

MICHAEL SLAUGHTER
 VIA LIVE STREAM at PLATTEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Saturday, July 20
 Registration opens 8:30 AM, Streaming starts at 9:00 AM. Break for an hour lunch provided at Noon. Ends at 3pm



Rev. Mike Slaughter, lead pastor at Ginghamburg, OH UMC will be speaking via live stream from the Northern Illinois UM Foundation. Mike will debunk common stewardship myths, tell how to develop kingdom investors, explore mission driven giving and more!

Saturday, July 20 at PLATTEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 1065 Lancaster Street, Platteville 608-348-9508 Registration opens 8:30 AM, streaming starts at 9:00 AM. This is a break for an hour lunch provided at Noon. The session ends at 3pm.

Bring your finance team, stewardship team, Ad council, pastor, and any others interested for a spectacular day of ideas, inspiration and education about stewardship issues.

\$25 per person or \$70 for three or more persons from the same church/charge. Includes lunch, snack and materials.

Perspective isn't it a crazy thing? Sometimes we are so focused on something going just right that we miss the blessing God has placed right in front of us. My devo on day hit me hard. It was talking about how in this life we are guaranteed trouble and that we should not be dismayed or frustrated because we experience trouble but walk through each trial with God, enjoying what he has to show us. Yes God will give us a trouble free life eventually==in heaven but that is to come until than we are to seek justice, love mercy and walk humbly with our God.



Merge will continue to meet on Wednesday nights this month. We will be having a variety of fun events so watch for announcements on the bulletin board downstairs! Come join us for a crazy fun game, food,

and a lesson about God on Wednesday nights starting with drum circle at 5:00 then fun, games, dinner, and a short lesson for 4th through 12th grade students.

June 9th-14 we are going on an awesome summer camp in Lansing, IA. This will be a week of incredible fun including paintball, horseback riding, zip line, laser tag, swimming, and learning more about God! You will not want to miss out on this and invite friends to join us! Registration is due soon so please contact Mindy soon about this! We will be fundraising to help pay for this camp. Please see the announcement about ways you can support our youth growing in their faith this summer!

Merge Waffle Breakfast on June 2nd to send our students to camp where they will have fun, experience amazing worship sessions, and experience God in a new way! Please come enjoy a great breakfast and support our youth! Serving 9:30 through 10:30



Drum Circle Wednesdays
from 5:00 pm-6:00 pm for youth
in grades 4-12.

Mindy Freiburger
608-778-4607 or freiburgerm@gmail.com

JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Usher Schedule

8:30 a.m. Roger Stephens & Calvin Koeller
 11:00 a.m. Tom & LeeAnn Lindahl
 Tom Scanlan & Dawn Drake

Greeters Schedule

June 2 8:30 a.m. John & Margaret Ambrosius
 11:00 a.m. Helen Cardin
 June 9 8:30 a.m. Jane Peoples
 11:00 a.m. Deb & Dan Dunbar
 June 16 8:30 a.m. Hollingsworth Family
 11:00 a.m. Chad & Amy Pohle & Family
 June 23 8:30 a.m. Roger & Judy Stephens
 11:00 a.m. Lynn & Susan Schlager
 June 30 8:30 a.m. Hank & Judy Bossenbroek
 11:00 a.m. Sheena Rice & Cailey

Readers Schedule

June 2 8:30 a.m. Dave Carnahan
 11:00 a.m. Colleen Lozeau
 June 9 8:30 a.m. Elizabeth Duewer
 11:00 a.m. Deb Putnam
 June 16 8:30 a.m. Sara Koeller
 11:00 a.m. Deb Dunbar
 June 23 8:30 a.m. Carol Lange
 11:00 a.m. Tom Scanlan
 June 30 8:30 a.m. Elizabeth Whitford
 11:00 a.m. Mike Mair

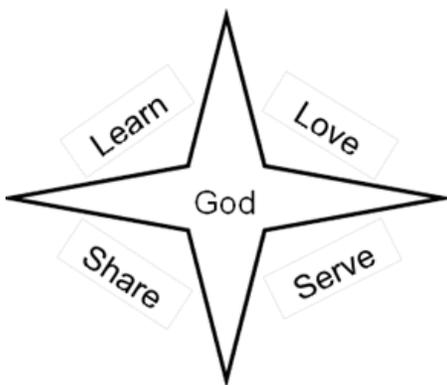
June 2nd
 L²S²: Love God
 Psalm 100
 Communion Both Services
 8:30 Special Music
 11:00 Blind Faith

June 9th
 Guest Speaker
 8:30 Special Music
 11:00 Blind Faith

June 16th
 L²S²: Share God
 Romans 10:13-15
 Father's Day
 8:30 Special Music
 11:00 Blind Faith

June 23rd
 L²S²: Serve God
 Matthew 25:31-40
 8:30 Special Music
 11:00 Blind Faith

June 30th
 Splash: When We Run Away From God
 Jonah 1:1-2:1, 2:10
 8:30 Special Music
 11:00 Blind Faith



Our L²S² sermon series is based on our new “model” or process for making disciples here at Platteville United Methodist Church. This answers the question: how do we make disciples at our church? The Church Council is still going to be spending some time fleshing out what this means for us. For the four weeks beginning May 26 the sermons will continue our theme of BEING the church by dreaming about what each piece of this model could mean for us as a church.

Splash! is a new 3 part sermon series on the Bible’s Book of Jonah beginning June 30th. The story of Jonah is way more than just a cute children’s fish story. Like us, Jonah was a complex man, who struggled with God’s calling on his life.

JUNE 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Worship 8:30 am Waffle Breakfast Blood Pressure Checks 9:30 am Worship 11:00 am	3 Breakfast Prayer Group 6:45am @ Country Kitchen Yoga w/Val 5:00 pm	4 Zumba 5:00 pm Zumba 6:15 pm	5 Hearts & Hands 1:00 pm Yoga w/Val 5:00 pm Merge 5:00 pm Redeemer 6:30 pm Holy Rollers 6:30 pm	6 Small Group 1:30 pm Board of Trustees 7:00 pm Recovery Group 7:30pm	7 Annual Conference	8 Annual Confer- ence
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16 Worship 8:30 am Worship 11:00 am Father's Day	17 Breakfast Prayer Group 6:45am @ Country Kitchen Yoga w/Val 7:15 am Meals on Wheels Delivery	18 Zumba 5:00 pm Zumba 6:15 pm	19 Hearts & Hands 1:00 pm Merge 5:00 pm Yoga w/Val 7:15 am SPRC 7:00 pm	20 Small Group 1:30 pm 6:00 pm Church Council (tentative)	21 Newsletter Deadline ↓	22
23 Worship 8:30 am Worship 11:00 am	24 Yoga w/Val 7:15 am	25 Finance Committee 7:00pm	26 Yoga w/Val 7:15 am	27 Newsletter Assemble 12:00pm Small Group 1:30 pm Holy Rollers & Redeemer @ Music in the Park	28	29
Merge Mission Trip						↓
30 Worship 8:30 am Blood Pressure Checks 9:30 am Worship 11:00 am	July 1	July 2	July 3	July 4 OFFICE C:LOSED	July 5	July 6



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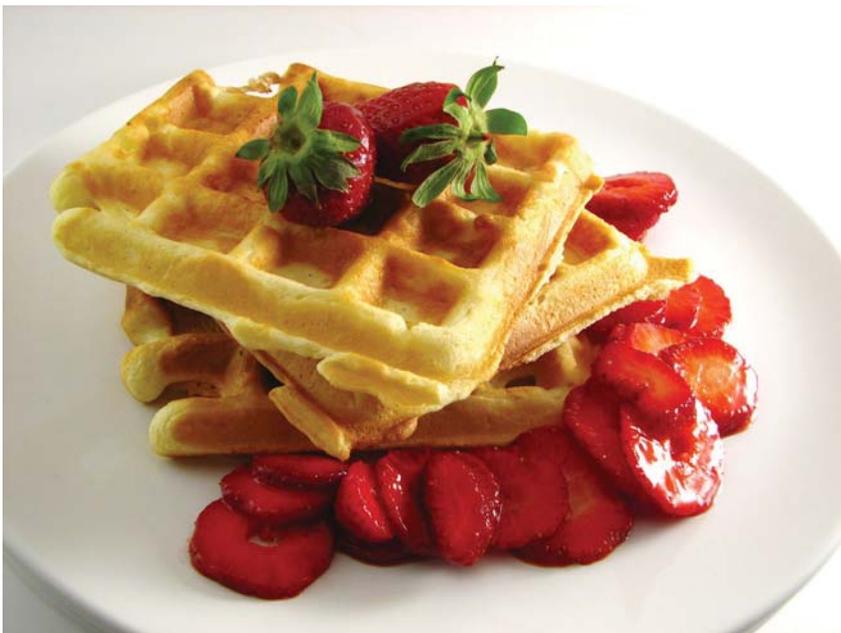
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Merge Waffle Breakfast



June 2nd

Serving begins at 9:30 am

Help send our youth to
summer camp!

Safely Enjoy the Wonderful Out of Doors this Summer

Every summer I become the annoying mother. As I watch Sarah struggle with Lyme disease taking 2 steps forward and then 1 step backwards I remind the others to take precautions. Don't stay in and avoid the out-of-doors, just take precautions.

- walk in the middle of hiking paths
- wear light colored clothes so ticks can be seen and removed
- tuck clothes in in heavily insect populated areas to make it more difficult for ticks/mosquitoes to get under clothing
- if you do get a tick bite, remove properly

Yes, mosquitoes and ticks do spread disease, but some simple precautions can allow you to enjoy outdoor activities with less concern about potential insect transmitted disease. Remember you don't need to be in the woods to encounter these insects. They may be residing in your back yard or the city park.

In addition, some plants, like poison ivy, oak, and sumac are concerns for people who like hiking and camping, especially in overgrown wooded areas. Contact with these plants may cause severe dermatitis, especially after repeated contact. Simple precautions can prevent problems.

I have information sheets on the above topics in the leaflet rack by the library door. Feel free to take and read. I can make more copies if needed. Enjoy a change of pace this summer and take advantage of the opportunity to relax with friends and family. Get some exercise which may have been long neglected over the winter and take time to enjoy the wonderful world God created.

If you have questions about any of the above mentioned topics please come talk to me.

Susan Schlager RN, Parish Nurse

Blood Pressure checks: June 2 and June 30 following 8:30 service in the library

We are actively planting the garden now. All those interested in getting involved are welcome to join us Wed evening around 5:00. If you would rather weed, pick or deliver veg later in the season please contact me and I will get touch with you at the appropriate time. We do have fun working together and would like to meet some more people interested in gardening. We all learn from each other and share ideas. I hope to see some new faces in the garden soon.

Susan Schlager, Garden Chair