

PLATTEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



“You’ll be in my thoughts and prayers.”

That is a statement that has always bothered me. What good does it do to be in somebody’s thoughts? It’s prayers that are needed! Pray for the person, and let them know that you are praying for them!

That’s what I thought until the week before and the week following the death of my father.

I have shared during prayer concerns time in worship that I believe the most valuable use for Facebook is knowing what is going on in each other’s lives so that we can pray for each other. I posted a few things those two weeks, but found it difficult. Dan kept everyone updated with his posts. I spent an exorbitant amount of time looking at comments from people and found, to my surprise, incredible comfort when people said, “I’m thinking of you,” or “You are in my thoughts.” I knew my father was in the hands of God. I knew people were praying for my family. But hearing that people were thinking of me made it all seem so much easier to bear.

I am so grateful that I was not only in peoples’ prayers, but in their thoughts as well.

Mindy talks a lot about community. She’s our small group coordinator, so it is her job to try to hook you into a small group. The most important part of small group ministry is community. We were created to be in community. God called a nation, the Israelites, to worship and live their lives as God’s people in community. Jesus didn’t do his ministry alone: he did it in community. After Jesus’ ascension, the early church did everything in community. We were created to be in community. But we are not just any community: we were created to be in a community of faith. And in that community we experience the love of God.

I see the value of this community all the time in many, varied ways. But most recently, this community of faith has made my father’s illness and loss so much easier for me to bear.

I encourage you to make your community of faith a priority. Get to know the people who sit near you in church. Talk to people between the services. Be part of some kind of small group so that you are able to form relationships within your community of faith. Be praying for the people in your community of faith. And let them know that you are thinking about them. And then invite others to come into this community.

I’ll see you in church, where we grow in love of God and love of each other, and we expand the community to all who need Jesus,

*Ave
Pastor
Granda*



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our children's Sunday School classes have been very busy this year, learning to know and love God, and growing to serve Him through mission. Sunday School classes for this year will conclude on May 19, and we will have a special Teacher Recognition at both services that day for those teachers who have given so much of their time and talents to our youth.

The children have done an amazing job promoting the Water For Life mission project to build wells and bring clean water for villages in Liberia, Africa. Through their efforts (and the congregation's support) they have raised \$14,539.99 for the water project this year, and they're not finished yet! So far we have enough money to build 6 wells, and almost half of a 7th well. Our goal is to raise the rest of the money (we still need \$1,560.01) for that 7th well.

On Sunday, May 5, between services, all of the Sunday School classes will be participating in a bake sale and selling "Miracles" (some call them marigolds!). This mission project truly has been a miracle, for our church and for those villagers in Liberia!

On Sunday, May 19, our church will be hosting the Platteville Christian Youth Music Festival outside on our south lawn. This afternoon festival will feature 4 different youth bands, games, activities and food. Our Sunday School students will be sponsoring a food stand selling drinks and desserts, with the proceeds to go toward our Water Project.

As we finish this Sunday School year, we are looking forward to the excitement of Vacation Bible School, July 22-26. We will continue to learn, grow, and give!

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

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SAVE THE DATE!!!



Vacation Bible School

July 22-26

9:00 am– Noon

Barely Seniors

Barely Seniors will meet on Thursday, May 9 at 12:00 pm in the fellowship hall with a potluck lunch and program. Table service and beverages are provided. Seniors are asked to bring a dish to pass.

Program: Tim Murphy, Grant County Veteran's Service Officer, Veterans Programs and Issues

Barely Seniors will not meet in June, July or August. The next meeting after May 9 will be Thursday September 12.

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 in greeter/host positions, overseeing tech, organizing lunch and organizing snacks. If you would be interested in serving that day in one of those positions, please contact Jennifer

The Cap Club met on April 2nd. Members present were Pastor Brenda, Dee Gray, Dolores Hutcheson, Nancy Ziegenfuss, Hank & Judy Bossenbroek.

At this meeting we decided we will meet every other month.

Our next meeting will be June 4th.

We ask everyone who might know of someone who would like a visit from Pastor Brenda or one of our members to let us know.

Gods Blessings to all.

The Cap Club

Office Hours

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.; Monday-Friday

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UMW NEWS

May 3rd-May Friendship Day for Church Women
United

12:00 Noon Luncheon at St. Mary's Catholic
Church

Program: "Swinging Wide the Doors of
Hospitality"

First Congregational UCC and Cornelia Churches

May 7-UMW General Meeting at 1:30 in the
Wesley Room Host: Carol Lange
Speaker: Darlene Masters from Family Advocates
will talk on povety issues. A collection will be
taken for Family Advocates.

May 16-Rebekah Fellowship Group will meet at
9:00 in the Wesley Room

Program-Dee Gray

Host: TBA

The UMW will give \$50 to each camper going to a UM sponsored camp, \$200 for a family camp experience at one of the UM sponsored camps. Just let the treasurer of the UMW know when the camp experience is over and the money will be provided. Last year money was given to four(4) campers. It would be great to see more young people going to these camps.

We are collecting materials for the Kits for Kids. Please bring them to either May meeting. We hope to fill a gallon ziplock bag.

We also are collecting Campbell labels to help Northcott House in Milwaukee, and Milk Moola and 5 cent labels from Kwik Trip for the Hmong House in Milwaukee. Both are worth while projects and the items to be saved would be thrown away, if not saved for these mission projects. Thank You

The books on the Reading Program are for the UMW to complete a Reading requirement and add to the main topics for programming this year. BUT, they are GOOD reading for any one in the church. I just finished Praying for Strangers. It is about a lady writer who decides to make a resolution for the new year and wants it to be something to help her live with the deployment of two sons to Iraq and Afganstansin. She decides to pray for a new stranger every day and to talk with them about this decision so they will know she is doing it and if they need prayers for something special. It tells about her experiences in telling the people about her resolution, getting to know their special needs for prayer, and how it has changed her life and way of thinking about how she deals with life. As when someone does visiting, you often receive more than you give. Take a chance and read it, you won't be sorry.

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

Weekly Announcements

Wednesday by noon

Newsletters

3rd Friday of the month

MISSING!!!

One of the small metal carts from the kitchen is missing. If any one know where it is or what happened to it, please let Jennifer in the office know. Thank you!



- 1 Karen Heiser
- 3 Tom Ziegenfuss
- 3 Mike Finley
- 4 Wayne Botomly
- 4 Carolyn Woodward
- 4 Doug Steinback Jr.
- 4 Mark Edgette
- 4 Makayla Loeffelholz
- 5 Becca Craugh
- 6 Hank Bossenbroek
- 6 Christine McCall
- 7 Bob Plourde
- 11 Max Anderson
- 12 Sally Woodworth
- 13 Ralph Day
- 13 Connie Cullen
- 14 Kelly Ingersoll
- 15 Bill VanDeest
- 15 Geri Wieters
- 17 Ben Demaree
- 17 Alaina Curry
- 18 Harold Bethke
- 18 Carol Lange
- 18 Brian Loeffelholz
- 18 Sarah Schlager
- 19 Pauline Henry
- 20 Dorothy Olds
- 20 Jeanette Bradley
- 21 Marian Masbruch
- 21 Jayne Osterholz
- 22 Jean McPhail
- 22 Ryan Heins
- 23 Amy Pohle
- 23 Nathaniel Curry
- 24 Thomas McCall
- 25 Natalie Fosbinder
- 28 Teddy McNett
- 28 Colleen Lozeau
- 28 Jan Merfeld
- 29 John Meisel
- 30 John Pluemer
- 31 Jason Simmons

Anniversaries

12 Melvin & Helen Ingersoll

26 Kelsie & Jason Simmons

13 Bob & Kathy Flaig

28 Hank & Judy Bossenbroek

13 Tom & Karen Heiser

30 Dog & Janice Steinback

16 Doug & Rebecca Rogers

18 Dan & Nancy Fairchild

19 John & Norma Meisel

20 Dale & Linda Bernhardt

20 Harold & Gladys Bethke

22 Max & Rosemary Anderson

23 John & Margaret Ambrosius



just thought
YOU should
KNOW

I want to offer my thanks to so many of you! My father passed away on March 18. I was gone for a total of 13 days. In that time I talked to Jennifer twice, who assured me that I needn't concern myself with PUMC: everything was being taken care of. It was wonderful to be able to focus on my father, my mother, and just be with family, without having to worry about work while I was gone. I am incredibly grateful to Jennifer for handling everything, to Mindy Freiburger who led worship with two days' notice, and to Tom Lindahl who, without even being asked, volunteered to plan and lead Palm Sunday worship. Thanks to everyone who drove all of the way to Janesville for either the visitation or funeral, and for the plant, flowers and wind chimes that were sent. Thank you to all who gave a memorial to be used here at the Platteville United Methodist Church. I plan to designate them to a project that the Trustees are currently considering, if approved. Thank you to all who brought food for my family. I am grateful to all who sent cards – what a comfort they continue to be! Even the simple Facebook comments were so precious to me. This is an amazing church! Thank you for all you did in my absence, and for how you have loved me. I appreciate you more than you can know! Love, Pastor Brenda

Baccalaureate will be at 7:00pm May 22 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ. It will be a service of celebration and prayer for our 2013 high school graduates. All are welcome to attend.



Body & Soul Challenge

Potluck

Saturday, May 4th

5:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

If you are participating in the challenge or would like to join the challenge, please join us for a potluck dinner for good food and fellowship.

Although we are not in a church-wide small group emphasis, there are several groups that are ongoing, and you are welcome to join any of them: Bible Study during Sunday School 9:45am (contact Alice Clifton), Monday morning prayer group at 6:45am at Country Kitchen (contact Mark Thacher), Bible study at 7:00am on Wednesdays (contact Dolores Hutcheson), Hearts & Hands knitting/crocheting group Wednesdays at 1:00pm (contact Virginia Riter or Doris Tatge), Thursdays 1:00pm small group "Gigs" Bible Study (Peg Meyer).

Mother's Day Rose Sale



The Merge students will have roses for sale on Mother's Day. They are raising money for their mission trip this summer.

A \$3.00 donation is appreciated.



Spring cleaning got you wishing someone else could help you? The Merge kids will be offering to help with yard work and light house cleaning in the month of May to help raise funds for their summer camp in June. I am very excited to not only be able to help out with spring cleaning but also to take the Merge students on an awesome summer camp that will draw them closer to God and be a ton of fun! If you would be willing to sponsor a portion of our summer camp in exchange for spring cleaning please contact Mindy Freiburger.

Mindy's

Corner

Isn't it crazy how a little color can make everything seem better? If you have not noticed yet my office was recently painted and I love it. It is more bright and brings out the beautiful wood ceiling which is my favorite. If you haven't seen it come check it out! I love how it has changed the whole atmosphere of the room, with just a splash of color. The office is renewed in a sense. It is the same room but is has been upgrade, changed, and looks fresh. It looks new. Jesus does the same thing to us. We are lost and trapped everyday but his mercies and grace are new everyday. We are made new every day! Given a new fresh coat of paint everyday! There is a requirement first though we must come to him and turn from our sins realizing they are a HUGE deal-which they are! Our sin no matter how big or small they are make us DEAD but Christ gives us LIFE and freedom from these every morning! Turn to Jesus and let him color your life!



Merge, our student ministries, 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 than fun, games, 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 announcement on page 6.

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



The school year is wrapping up for the college students. We will once again be doing final bags please watch for more information in weekly the announcements. Also please take some extra time to care for our college students as the end of semester is a stressful time.

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

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our confirmation class of 2013: Sarah Hasker, Laura Hoppe, Makayla Loeffelholz, and Kayla Rupp! They have spent many, many hours in class, worshipping both at our church and other churches, completed assignments, memorized scriptures, the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles' Creed. They created a wonderful video that we hope to get up on Facebook and on our new church website when it launches. These young ladies have chosen to take their faith to the next level! Congratulations, ladies!!

Our confirmation coordinator, Sara Koeller, did a fantastic job organizing everything and teaching many of the classes! Thanks to our other teachers, Deb Putnam, Roy Shaver, Bill VanDeest and Pastor Brenda. Serving as mentors were Nora Bonin, Dave Carnahan, Diane Hoppe, and Susan Schlager.



As their first act of service, our confirmation ladies hosted an all-church luncheon after worship. Thanks to Deb Putnam for coordinating the luncheon with the class.



Annual Conference In-Gathering Project - Kits for Kids

Each year the mission committee organizes an in-gathering project which is delivered to Annual Conference in June. This year the committee has chosen to gather personal care products and books/crayons for children. This is an UMCOR project and like all other supply kits, the Kits for Kids will help care for the most vulnerable children during times of crisis. The list of needed supplies is as follows:

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|---|--------------|
| 1 toothbrush | 1 wash cloth |
| 1 toothpaste | 6 pencils |
| 1 kid shampoo | 1 board book |
| 1 coloring book | 1 comb |
| 1 flavored lip balm | |
| 1 travel-size tissue box | |
| 1 pack of party-favor size play dough | |
| 6 kids' adhesive plastic bandage strips | |
| 24 count pack of crayons | |
| 1 pack of ponytail holders/hairclips | |

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

Collection for the kits will begin April 7 and continue through May 31.

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.

- Bleach (two 1-qt. or one 82 oz. bottle)
- 5 scouring pads
- 7 sponges
- 1 scrub brush
- 18 cleaning towels (reusable 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)

You're invited to celebrate

John Karsten's 30th Birthday

(son to Randy & Margaret Karsten)

Saturday, May 11th from 1:30-4:30 pm

At Mound City Bank Community Room

Tropical Attire optional

No Gifts Please

MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Usher Schedule

8:30 a.m. John Cottingham, Dick Bonin,
Bob Weier, Jack Kirby

11:00 a.m. David Oudyn

Greeters Schedule

May 5 8:30 a.m. Max & Rosemary Anderson

11:00 a.m. Scanlan Family

May 12 8:30 a.m. Delores Hutheson &
Milton Rewey

11:00 a.m. Jay & Susan Dykstra

May 19 8:30 a.m. John & Katie Cottingham

11:00 a.m. Joe & Alice Clifton

May 26 8:30 a.m. Dick & Peg Meyer
Mindy Freiburger

11:00 a.m. Pam & Warner Smidt

Readers Schedule

May 5 8:30 a.m. Carol Lange

11:00 a.m. Dawn Drake

May 12 8:30 a.m. Tom Lindahl

11:00 a.m. Susan Dykstra

May 19 8:30 a.m. Ellen Carnahan

11:00 a.m. Debby Schroedl

May 26 8:30 a.m. Elizabeth Duewer

11:00 a.m. Warner Smidt

Reminder ~ If you are unable to read or greet on your scheduled date, please find a replacement.

If you would like to be on the readers and greeters rotation, please contact Jennifer in the church office.

Lawn Mowers for the Week of:

April 28-May 4 Bossenbroek/Cottingham

May 5-11 Dave Carnahan

May 12-18 Richard Meyer

May 19-25 Nate Fosbinder

May 26-June 1 Dick Bonin

May 5th

So That You May Have Life

John 20:30-31

Communion Both Services

Golden Cross Sunday (special offering)

8:30 Special Music

11:00 Blind Faith

May 12th

Wait For It, Wait for It...

Acts 1:1-11

8:30 Come and Sing Choir

11:00 Blind Faith

May 19th

...Now!

Acts 2:1-41

Teacher recognition & thank you

8:30 Joyful Singers & Mallow Ringers

11:00 Blind Faith

May 26th

New Sermon Series

Peace With Justice Sunday

(special offering)

8:30 Special Music

11:00 Blind Faith

Our Youth Music Festival has been named "Mound City Faith Fest". We want to offer this free to the community so we are in need of people to donate to the costs of advertising and kids bounce house. We also still need additional volunteers. Please contact Mark Thacher, 608-330-1160, to volunteer.

MAY 2013

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|---|---|---------------------------|--|
| | | | 1 Hearts & Hands 1:00 pm Yoga w/Val 5:00 pm Worship Committee 6:00 pm Redeemer 6:30 pm Holy Rollers 6:30 pm | 2 Small Group 1:30 pm Yoga w/Lori 6:00 pm Board of Trustees 7:00 pm Recovery Group 7:30 pm | 3 Yoga w/Lori 8:30 am | 4 Body & Soul Challenge Potluck 5:30 pm |
| 5 Worship 8:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Mallow Ringers 6pm | 6 Breakfast Prayer Group 6:45am @ Country Kitchen Yoga w/Val 5:00 pm | 7 UMW 1:30 pm Yoga w/Val 5:00 pm | 8 Hearts & Hands 1:00 pm Yoga w/Val 5:00 pm Merge 5:00 pm Redeemer 6:30 pm Holy Rollers 6:30 pm | 9 Barely Seniors 12:00pm Yoga w/Val 5:00 pm Girl Scouts 6:00 pm (FH) Recovery Group 7:30pm | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Worship 8:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am | 13 Breakfast Prayer Group 6:45am @ Country Kitchen Yoga w/Val 5:00 pm | 14 Mission Committee 5:00 pm Yoga w/Val 5:00 pm Finance Committee 7:00 pm | 15 Hearts & Hands 1:00 pm Yoga w/Val 5:00 pm Merge 5:00 pm Redeemer 6:30 pm Holy Rollers 6:30 pm SPRC 7:00 pm | 16 Rebekah Circle 9:00 am Yoga w/Val 5:00 pm Church Council 6:00 pm Recovery Group 7:30 pm | 17 Newsletter Deadline | 18 |
| 19 Worship 8:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Last Day of Sunday School Mound City Faith Fest 1:00 pm | 20 Breakfast Prayer Group 6:45am @ Country Kitchen Yoga w/Val 5:00 pm | 21 Nurture Committee 2:00pm Yoga w/Val 5:00 pm All Staff Meeting 6:00 pm | 22 Hearts & Hands 1:00 pm Merge 5:00 pm Yoga w/Val 5:00 pm Redeemer 6:30 pm Holy Rollers 6:30 pm Baccalaureate @UCC 7:00 pm | 23 Newsletter Assemble 12:00pm | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Worship 8:30 am Worship 11:00 am | 27 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED | 28 Cleregy Day with Sam @PUMC Yoga w/Val 5:00 pm | 29 Yoga w/Val 5:00 pm | 30 Yoga w/Val 5:00 pm | 31 | |



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Sunday, May 19th
1:00 pm-4:00 pm

Featuring:
Holy Rollers
Redeemer
Living Proof
View Party

Face Painting ~ Popcorn ~ Food Stand
Kids Games ~ Door Prizes ~ Bounce House

Free Admission