

PLATTEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Learn God ~ Love God ~ Share God ~ Serve God



I observed something really amazing the other day. My daughter and her roommate were both moving out of their apartment. Both our van and our car were full of stuff. Amanda's parents came

to pick her up. She had moved most of her stuff already.

As we prepared to drive away, I noticed two girls trying to drag a dresser home. As I'm sure you all know, when they move out, college students leave lots of things on the curb as trash that are still good: they just don't want to move them. People go around and take them. These girls thought they had found a treasure and they were taking it home. But it was very large and they were struggling.

A few moments later, I watched Amanda and her parents drive away from the apartment, pull over, lift the dresser into their pickup truck, and follow the girls as they ran home, ahead of their treasure.

When I saw her the next day I told Amanda that she and her parents received my awesome-ness award of the week. She didn't know what I was talking about. She said they didn't do anything special. They just helped a couple of girls. No big deal.

It was a very big deal. In Matthew 25, Jesus said that whenever we do anything for somebody who can't do it for themselves, we do it for him. That day Amanda and her parents moved a dresser for Jesus.

Annie Dillard once wrote, "How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives." It is true. So many of us are so caught up in the busyness of our lives that we spend very little time each day doing things for people who cannot do things for themselves. We end up with another year going by with us having good intentions.

What are you doing for Jesus? How are you helping those who need it? What random act of kindness have you shown? How have you blessed somebody?

.Jesus said, "People will know you are my disciples by how you love each other." Jesus was talking about how disciples love other disciples, but Jesus also wants our love to reach out to others.

As you did anything for somebody who needed it, you did it for Jesus. Go do something for Jesus today. And tomorrow. And the next day. Make doing things for people such a regular part of your life, that when somebody brings it to your attention, you think it's no big deal.

I'll see you in church, where we fill up on love, so we can go share that love with others!

*Love
Pastor
Amanda*



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We had a hugely successful Sunday School program in 2013-14! More than 70 children and youth have participated in our Sunday School classes and activities this year. We learned the stories of Samuel and David, the Nativity, the teachings of Jesus, Holy Week and Easter stories, and about the leaders of the early church.

Our mission project for the year was to support Grant County Habitat for Humanity. Students brought in their quarters and dollar offerings each week, sponsored bakes sales each month, and decorated and sold wooden houses at Christmas to financially support the house building. On the weekends that our church members worked on the house, some of our youth helped prepare and serve the workers lunch. Our young people have raised \$5815.00 this year for Grant County Habitat for Humanity. 90% of that money will go to the Grant County project, and 10% will be used to build houses in Malawi, Africa.



On Sunday, May 18th, the Sunday School students went to visit the Habit for Humanity house that they have been raising money to build. They were so excited to see the house and how far it has come.

Heartfelt thanks to all our parents who brought their children to Sunday School classes (and also did a lot of baking!), to our church family who supported the children's mission project with donations and with labor, and most of all to these wonderful teachers who gave so much of their time and talents this year!

PreK-1st grade: Amber Vrielinck
 Debby Schroedl
 Ellen Carnahan
 Tianna Gile
 Blake Noel
 Makayla Loeffelholz

2nd-3rd: Dianne Edgette
 Sue Dykstra
 Jan Merfeld
 Amy Pohle
 4th-5th: George Krueger
 6th-HS: Amy Loeffelholz
 Mindy Freiburger
 Adult: Alice Clifton

Holy Rollers Update

After 12 amazing years, Mike Mair and Roxane Ford are retiring the Holy Rollers. Most of the students are seniors this year, so there are only a few returning students. That, coupled with the fact that Holy Rollers is still doing incredible ministry and has not yet begun to decline, makes it a good time to go out with a bang! Mike and Roxane have shaped the lives of over 60 teenagers. Those Holy Roller alumni will be able to look back on their time and know that their time in the Holy Rollers greatly impacted them. We thank Mike and Roxane for their hundreds (thousands?) of hours being the presence of Jesus for our teens. We look forward to seeing what ministry God has planned for them next!



Middle School & High School: Don't Miss Out on Awesome Fun at Pine Lake!!

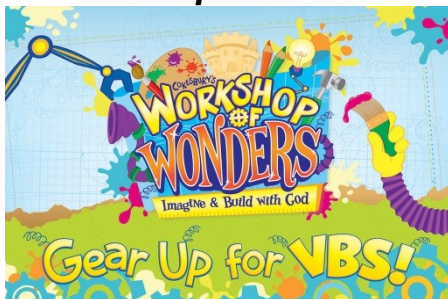
The middle school and high school youth will be having a retreat **June 16-18th** at Pine Lake Camp. We will be leaving around 10am on Monday and will be back around 4pm on Wednesday. Through this retreat our youth will be able to grow in their relationship with God, learn more about each other, and have fun around and in the lake. We will be doing at least one fundraiser before we go since the cost of this trip is \$80. If any youth need additional financial assistance, that is also available. If you know of anyone who would like to go, there are permission slips in the office. Please have permission slips in by **June 8th**. We also will need some adults to go with us. If any parents or leaders of the church would like to chaperone, please feel free to let Pastor Liz know. Chaperones will not have to pay for the trip.

Join us for an outdoor movie night! Middle School and High School Youth are invited to come to a movie night under the stars on **June 28th at 7pm**. We will be watching two movies, so please plan on the youth being done around 10pm.

On the Fourth of the July, we will also be getting together to have some fun at the park before we watch the fireworks! More information will be mailed out to youth about when and where to meet.

We will be having some other great fun this summer, including a trip to a waterpark, bonfire, bowling and more! More information on those will be in your July newsletter!

“Workshop of Wonders: Imagine and Build with God”



Our theme for Vacation Bible School is so awesome, and we are excited to share it with the children of the church and community. We are still in need of helpers for Vacation Bible School this year!

We are still in need of an actor or actress (to interact with our puppet, Rivet), science leader, science helper, craft helpers, recreation helpers, 3 year-old helpers, preschool helpers, and group leaders.

Please let Pastor Liz know if you are interested in helping.

Registration forms will be mailed out July 3rd. If you know of someone that would like to be a part of “Workshop of Wonders” who is not a part of our church, please let us know.





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



JUST THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Rev. Brenda & Friends at Untied Methodist, Thank you for all your help for Harriet's service. Rev. Brenda, you did an awesome job in helping us to celebrate Harriet's life. The ladies did an excellent job with the luncheon.

Thanks for your cards, prayers, & visits when Harriet was not able to get out to attend weekly services, especially, Jim and Carol Kirkpatrick. Thanks to Terry Dillon for the music!

Your kindness and thoughtfulness is appreciated very much.

Ernie & Shirley Thalman

A delegation from our Wisconsin Annual Conference visited South Korea as guests of the Dongbu Annual Conference of the Korean Methodist Church. Our Bishop and District Superintendent are part of the delegation. Here is a Facebook post from our District Superintendent Sam Royappa

"It has been more than a week in S Korea, visiting people and churches which are vital, healthy and growing. There are three reasons from my observational perspective. They are: importance to prayer ministry, radical hospitality with generous hearts and global mission. It clearly sounds like the church of Jesus Christ. I am surely inspired and greatly challenged."

Regional Shared Ministry News

On Sunday May 18, it was announced that the Cabinet has formally approved the Platte River Regional Shared Ministry and has appointed Rev. Brenda K. Whitford and Rev. Elizabeth M. Whitford to it. The appointments are effective July 1, 2014. It is typical for Regional Shared Ministry to begin immediately after being approved, so the Platteville SPRC has asked Rev Elizabeth Whitford to begin immediately.*



The SPRC would like to welcome Rev Elizabeth M. Whitford as our new Associate Pastor. Many of us here at PUMC are familiar with Pastor Liz, as she has attended 8:30 worship since her mother was appointed here. She entered the path to ordained ministry through our church, so it is especially exciting that she will be serving here. Pastor Liz will continue to preach each Sunday at the Whig UMC and provide their pastoral leadership and their pastoral care. She will be overseeing the areas that we have identified that we would like to be part of our Regional Shared Ministry. Pastor Liz will continue to lead Vacation Bible School, and will also oversee the areas of youth and campus ministries. During the summers she will be working considerably more. She will begin seminary in the fall, and will work half time between the two churches during the school year.

People are asking questions about Regional Shared Ministry

What is the Platt River Regional Shared Ministry? This is the formal name, required by the Book of Discipline, for the Platteville UMC and the Whig UMC to work together in specified areas. It allows us to have autonomy as churches and yet meet our needs for clergy in a new and creative way. It allows us to work together to make a greater difference for the Kingdom of God.

We used to have a lay staff person doing youth and campus ministry. Why do we want a pastor to do it now? Lay staff are generally hired to do ministry. Clergy are appointed to oversee ministry. Pastor Liz will begin by doing the ministry, as we currently have no volunteer leaders. Hopefully within the first year she will be able to raise some leadership and she will begin overseeing ministry done by the people of our church.

How can we afford to have two pastors again? When we discontinued our Youth, Campus Ministry and Small Group Coordinator position, we had a sum of money available. The SPRC decided to go in a different direction and is using those funds for our second pastor. No additional cost is being added to the budget.

What is going to be different? Only the areas in which the churches are working together will be affected. Vacation Bible School will continue exactly as it has been, since we've already been working together. Whig college students have been participating in the Passion Conference, so we will simply be doing more together. We will no longer each have our own youth group. The two church youth groups will be combined in order to reach more youth for the Kingdom of God.

*Clergy in the United Methodist Church are not hired, they are appointed by the Cabinet, which consists of the Bishop, the Assistant to the Bishop, and the four District Superintendents.

MOUND CITY FAITH FEST



4 bands performed this year and filled the neighborhood with amazing music. Thank you to you all for your all your hard work and beautiful songs!



We had 2 bands from area churches here too! We hope they come back next year. They were awesome!

Make a
Joyful noise
Unto The
Lord!





Thank you to everyone who came out to the Mound City Faith Fest on May 18th. Over 300 people enjoyed music from the Holy Rollers, Redeemer, Witness and Sanctuary. Children of all ages bounced around in the bounce house and obstacle course. The Lunch Bus served a yummy lunch and bake sale items were donated. 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 preparations for the 2015 event will begin soon!

T-shirts from the event are still available for \$12 each. Please let Jennifer know if you would like one.

If you would like to help with next year's event and be on the planning team, please contact Jennifer at 608-348-9508 or plattevilleumc@centurylink.net.



Annual Conference In-Gathering Project - Kits for Men & Kits for Women

Each year the mission committee organizes an in-gathering project which is delivered to Annual Conference in June. This year our in-gathering project will be women's and men's health kits. These kits will benefit residents at Harbor House, Northcott Neighborhood House and Solomon Community Temple. New items, please, may be dropped off at the church until June 15th. Thank you for your support of this important Conference in-gathering.

Men's Kits

1 antiperspirant
 2 bars of soap
 1 toothbrush
 1 washcloth
 1 toothpaste
 1 comb
 1 hand sanitizer
 1 nail clipper
 1 disposable razor
 1 shaving cream
 1 sewing repair kit
 1 travel-size tissue box
 1 pen & pad of paper
 1 travel size shampoo
 6 adhesive plastic bandage strips
 (plain)

Women's Kits

1 antiperspirant
 2 bars of soap
 1 toothbrush
 1 washcloth
 1 toothpaste
 1 comb
 1 hand sanitizer
 1 nail clipper, emery board
 1 sewing repair kit
 1 travel-size tissue box
 1 pen & pad of paper
 1 lip balm
 1 travel size shampoo
 1 hair spray/mousse
 6 adhesive plastic bandage strips
 (plain)

We need stories!

June 22 is going to be an exceptionally moving worship service – or – it has potential to be! I would like before and after stories: stories about our lives before we knew God's incredible love and our lives after. You may not remember existing without God. If that case, a story about the difference God has made in your life would be wonderful. If you don't want to speak in front of people you can be videotaped, but telling the story live might be more meaningful. The stories shouldn't be longer than 4-5 minutes. I would like 4 of them, the same ones told at both services. If you would LOVE to share the difference God has made in your life, please contact Pastor Brenda



Baccalaureate will be at 7:00pm on Wednesday, June 4, at Platteville United Methodist Church. It will be a service of celebration and prayer for our 2014 high school graduates. All are welcome to attend.

Annual Conference

June 20-23 Dave Carnahan, Tom Lindahl, Pastor Brenda and Pastor Liz will be attending Annual Conference. Please pray for the Conference, that we will grow in love of God and one another, that we care more about what holds us together than what we disagree on, and that this year we can come together as the Body of Christ to build the Kingdom of God.

COME SERVE WITH US

Greeting ~ Create a warm and welcoming environment for new guests.

Ushering ~ Welcome guests and help them find a seat.

Coffee Host ~ Help create an energetic lobby atmosphere and an inviting experience for guests.

Nursery ~ Provide a loving, fun and safe place for children during church services

Tech ~ Run the sound board or the PowerPoint presentation during worship services

Reading, serving on a team (hospitality, elevator etc...) or a committee (worship, mission, SPRC, etc) are just a few more.

Coming up:

Vacation Bible School ~ we are looking for students in grades 6-12 and adults to help lead groups and help with activities during the week of July 28-Aug 1.

There is a lot to help with at PUMC and these are just a few ways you can serve your church. Please contact Jennifer if you would like more information on any of these opportunities.

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9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.; Monday-Friday

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June Usher Schedule

8:30 a.m. Roger Stephens & Calvin Koeller

11:00 a.m. Tom and LeeAnn Lindahl

Tom Scanlan and Dawn Drake

June Readers Schedule

June 1 8:30 a.m. Elizabeth Whitford

11:00 a.m. Debby Schroedl

June 8 8:30 a.m. Dave Carnahan

11:00 a.m. Tom Scanlan

June 15 8:30 a.m. Max Anderson

11:00 a.m. Mike Mair

June 22 8:30 a.m. Elizabeth Duewer

11:00 a.m. Tom Lindahl

June 29 8:30 a.m. Carol Lange

11:00 a.m. Warner Smidt

June Greeters Schedule

June 1 8:30 a.m. Delores Hutcheson & Milt Rewey

11:00 a.m. Tom & LeeAnn Lindahl

June 8 8:30 a.m. Hollingsworth Family

11:00 a.m. Dan & Deb Dunbar

June 15 8:30 a.m. Dan Whitford & Dave Carnahan

11:00 a.m. Helen Cardin & Sheena Rice

June 22 8:30 a.m. Harlan & Donna Stephens

11:00 a.m. Woodworth Family

June 29 8:30 a.m. Gene & Jan Digman

11:00 a.m. Scanlan Family

June Children's Message

June 1 - Ellen Carnahan

June 8 - Elizabeth Duewer

June 15 - Sara Koeller

June 22 - Tracy Harle

June 29 - Pastor Brenda

June Coffee Hour Hosts

June 1 - Max & Rosemary Anderson

June 8 - *OPEN*

June 15 - Father's Day Brunch

June 22 - *OPEN*June 29 - *OPEN**June Worship Schedule***June 1**

Being A Christ Follower:

Serving Outside The Church Walls

Matthew 25:31-46

Communion Both Services

Celebrating our Graduates

June 8

Pentecost Sunday

Bringing Others To Christ: Why?

Acts 2:1-41

June 15Bringing Others To Christ: Relational
Evangelism

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

June 22

The Difference Christ Has Made

Sharing Stories

Scripture TBD

June 29Bringing Others To Christ: What's Your
Story?

John 9:1-38

8:30 Baptism of Kade Michael Galdi,
Son of Eric & Amy (Clifton) Galdi***Becoming, Being, Bringing***

Jesus has called us to follow him. Being a Christ follower begins by choosing to become one, continues with being one, choosing to live each day as one, and culminates in choosing to bring others to Christ. In this sermon series we are breaking down these ideas in order to choose to follow Jesus again, or perhaps for the first time. You can listen to previous sermons in this series on our website.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 Worship 11:00 Worship Celebrating our High School Graduates	2 6:45 am Breakfast Prayer Group @ Cntry Kit. 7:00 am Yoga w/Val	3 10:00 am CAP Club	4 7:00 am Yoga w/Val 1:00 pm Hearts & Hands 6:00 pm Worship Committee 6:30 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Baccalaureate	5 3:45 pm School Bus Caf� 7:00 pm Trustees	6	7
8 8:30 Worship 11:00 Worship	9 6:45 am Breakfast Prayer Group @ Cntry Kit. 7:00 am Yoga w/Val	10 <i>Clergy Day with Sam</i> 5:00 pm Missions 6:00 pm Zumba	11 7:00 am Yoga w/Val 1:00 pm Hearts & Hands 6:30 pm Youth Group	12 3:45 pm School Bus Caf� 7:00 pm Finance Committee	13	14 9:00 am-3:00 pm Vitality Team coaching in Sun Prairie
15 8:30 Worship 9:3.0 am Father's Day Brunch 11:00 Worship	16 6:45 am Breakfast Prayer Group @ Cntry Kit. 7:00 am Yoga w/Val Youth Group	17 6:00 pm Zumba	18 7:00 am Yoga w/Val 1:00 pm Hearts & Hands 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Extreme Self Care Small Group	19 9:00 am Rebekah Circle @ Country Kitchen 6:00 am Church Council 7:00 pm SPRC <i>Holy Rollers & Redeemer to Badger Camp</i>	20 Newsletter Deadline	21 Annual Conference →
22 8:30 Worship 11:00 Worship	23 6:45 am Breakfast Prayer Group @ Cntry Kit. 1:00 pm Bloodmobile 7:00 am Yoga w/Val	24 6:00 pm Zumba	25 7:00 am Yoga w/Val 1:00 pm Hearts & Hands 6:30 pm Youth Group	26 12:00 pm Newsletter Assembled	27	28 7:00 pm Youth Outdoor Movie Night
29 8:30 Worship Baptism of Kade Galdi 11:00 Worship	30 6:45 am Breakfast Prayer Group @ Cntry Kit. 7:00 am Yoga w/Val					
Annual Conference						



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Sunday, June 15th

9:30 am – 1:00 pm

Platteville United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall