

PLATTEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Learn God ~ Love God ~ Share God ~ Serve God



November is the month when we typically do our annual stewardship campaign. We talk for a few weeks about our need to give and why we give to our church. As important as that is, it is easy to think that stewardship is only about money. Stewardship is about so much more.



Everything we have is a gift from God: our money, our time, our health, the people we love, the earth, our very lives. Stewardship is about how we use what God has given to us.

One of the most powerful principles in scripture is the principle of the first. According to the principle of the first, God will bless the areas of your life where you put him in first place. If you want God to bless your finances, then put him first in your finances. If you want him to bless your family, put him first in your family. If you want him to bless your time, put him first in your time.

What so amazing about this principle of the first is that it blesses us. God could tell us to put him first in our lives because he says so. Instead, he tells us that if we put him first he will bless us.

Not feeling very blessed financially? Then put God first in your financial life with a tithe. Feeling overworked or over-stressed or over-harried? Put God first in your time by making Bible reading and prayer your first priority of the day. Feeling frustrated or disillusioned by spouse, children or parents? Put God first in your relationships by going to church together, reading the Bible together and praying together.

Stewardship is about what you do with everything God has given to you. Putting God first gives us incredible blessing.

For the month of November, as we prepare to make our financial commitments to the church for 2015, put God first in your life, in every aspect of your life, and then prepare to be greatly blessed!

I'll see you in church, where we encourage one another to love God with all of our hearts.

*Love
Pastor
Suzanne*

NOVEMBER 2014

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Our New Custodian

Our New Nursery Supervisor



The Staff Parish Relations Committee would like to welcome Adam Abing to our church staff as our new church custodian.

The newest excitement in Adam's life is actually his brand new baby Neveah. Adam loves spending time with his significant other Dani and his other two children Macayla and Kalli. Be sure to ask Adam to show you a picture of his children when you introduce yourself to him.

You can find our newest staff member in the nursery on Sunday Mornings. Mariah Unhoeffer is a junior education major at UW-Platteville. Mariah comes to us highly experienced in child care, having previously worked in a day care center. Stop by and say hello to Mariah in our new (old) nursery room.

The Platteville Coats for Kids Project is collecting warm new and gently used kid-sized (baby to teens) coats. Please place any warm winter coats you have to donate in the box in the lobby. Coats that need cleaning will be taken to the Platteville Cleaners by Mission Committee members. Thank you for supporting this project that helps families in Southwest Wisconsin.

Believe it or not we are approaching our time for the Thanksgiving basket Food Collection for our adopted families. The Mission committee will be distributing baskets to families of our church and community for Thanksgiving. This year we will serve about 15 families. The baskets will include food items, paper products, and cleaning supplies.

Again this year we are asking for your help in donating to this mission. Nonperishable food items and other products can be dropped off at the church prior to November 20. The grocery cart is located in the upstairs hallway. Monetary donations may be made to the church by indicating food baskets in the notes.

Baskets will be sorted and distributed before Thanksgiving. Thank you so much for your support with this mission project.



The purpose of Family Promise of Grant County is to unite to religious community of Grant County, Wisconsin, in efforts to provide shelter, meals, and assistance to homeless families.

Our task group has been working hard to develop a structure for how this could work at Platteville UMC. We will keep you informed about our progress.

ASK ME! John Ambrosius, Nate Fosbinder, Calvin Koeller, Chad & Amy Phole, Bob Plourde, Susan Schlager, Don Shaw, Pam Smidt, and Dan Whitford.

Trustees Highlights for October

- The installation of the new covering of the accordion door in Fellowship hall is almost completed.
- The elevator pledges and donations have now surpassed \$63,000. The goal is \$80,000 to start construction.

<i>Financial Report as of September 2014:</i>	
Monthly Income (Budget)	
Received from all sources =	\$23,098.50
Expenses (Budget) Incurred =	\$25,468.81
Difference =	-\$2,370.31
As of September 2014:	
Year to date Income (Budget)	
Received from all sources =	\$216,533.0
Expenses (Budget) Incurred =	\$217,923.57
Difference =	-\$1,390.56



- 1 John Gile
- 1 Brian Rewey
- 3 Judy Calcaterra
- 4 Wayne Abing
- 6 Doris O'Neill
- 6 Finnegan McGuire
- 7 Ray Meiklejohn
- 8 Kim Medley
- 8 Krista Feist
- 10 Donna Stephens
- 10 Irena Edge
- 11 Judy Soles
- 12 Dawn Gile
- 12 Beverly Dunbar
- 12 Soraeya Stone
- 15 Carol Kirkpatrick
- 17 Lowell Shinn
- 17 Don Hardy
- 17 Owen Hromadka
- 18 Mike Olds
- 19 Jeffery Steinback
- 20 Dennis Stephenson
- 21 Jay Dykstra
- 21 Macayla Abing
- 23 Eli Vrielinck
- 24 Brian NeCollins
- 25 LeeAnn Lindahl
- 25 Tim Rupp
- 28 Garrett Brehm
- 29 Blake Stephens
- 30 Donnie Millard
- 30 Ty Simmons

Anniversaries

- 5 Merlin & Nancy Deiter
- 11 Doug & Kathy Martin
- 12 Merlin & Sheena Rice
- 15 Gene & Janice Digman
- 30 Doug & Sharon Nodorft



JUST THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers for Pastor Appreciation Month! They are absolutely beautiful. I also received a card and some candy from a very precious family. Thank you very much for thinking of me! Love, Pastor Brenda

A very special thank you to Pastor Brenda and our church family for the prayers and kind words following Dan's auto accident. We are thankful that the injuries were not more severe for Dan or Michelle. Thank you Elizabeth for filling in on the piano on such short notice. We are fortunate to have wonderful people surrounding us during a very anxious time.

Dan and Nancy Fairchild

United Methodist Church ~ On behalf of our Board of Directors and office staff, I would like to thank you for your recent donation. Your continued supports helps make our mission possible. We appreciate all your efforts through volunteers, monetary donations and prayers. ~ The Habitat Board & Staff

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, November 23rd
Location and Time to be announced

PLATTE RIVER REGIONAL MINISTRY

Youth Group News

The youth group had a wonderful response to their fundraiser of Little Caesar Pizza Kits. Thank you to all who ordered in order to support our youth. Because there was so much support, the Platte River Youth Group continue to sell pizzas and cookie dough after church for the next several weeks! If you enjoyed your pizza and want more or weren't able to buy at the time, but would like some now, please support the youth by purchasing some of these delicious pizzas!

On October 19th, our youth went to Vesperman Farms! They enjoyed going through the corn maze, and having fun around the farm.

For November's fun activity the Youth Group will be having a **XBOX 360 Game Night!** The party will begin from **7-9pm** on **November 21**. Snacks and drinks will be provided!

Don't Forget! Youth Group meets every **Sunday Night** from **7-8pm!**



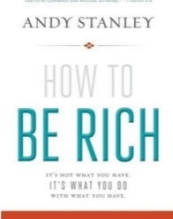
Pioneer Wesley Campus Ministry



Pioneer Wesley will be having a Thanksgiving dinner and movie on November 23rd. Proceeds will go towards the Passion Conference in Atlanta GA. We will be serving a full Thanksgiving meal! Participants will enjoy a wonderful and uplifting movie after the meal. Dinner begins at 6:00 pm, with the movie starting at 7pm. **Please join us!**



In preparation for our Stewardship Campaign this year, we will have a sermon series called "How to be Rich" based on 1 Timothy 6:17-20. Rich people in our country aren't very good at doing what Jesus and Paul said to do. We are going to talk about and practice being rich in case we ever become rich. Andy Stanley's book *How to be Rich* will be our secondary resource.



Let Jennifer know if you would like to order a book or would like to lead a small group in study.

David Ababio came to speak with the Sunday School Children about their mission project: Engineers Without Borders. David showed them pictures of the work they did on a school in Ghana over the summer. The children will be raising money for our Platteville chapter of Engineers Without Borders so they can continue their work on the school.



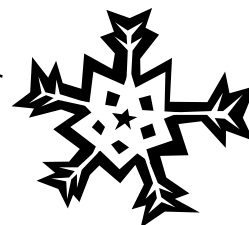
October 5th was Bible Sunday. Children at both services received Bibles. 23 Bibles were given to 4th graders, 3 year olds, and anyone new to Sunday School. Here are the children who received them at the 11:00 service





Holiday Fair

As of November 2, the sign up sheets for the Christmas bazaar will be in the narthex. Please try to be generous with your talents and time for this fun activity. Remember that all the proceeds of the bazaar go to mission work locally and nationwide. Giving even one plate of cookies, one craft item or an hour of time helps the day go so smoothly. As other churches are dropping their Christmas bazaars, ours has remained a popular place to be on a December Saturday. There will be an organizational meeting for the bazaar on TUESDAY, NOV. 11 at 8:30am. Be a part of this great outreach activity!



Pecan Sales

The clipboard has been placed in the office for you to sign up for the number you wish to purchase. They are the same price as last year, \$10.00 a bag. Please pay as you make your order, as it makes pick-up time much easier for everyone.

United Methodist Women News

November 4th-UMW General Meeting in Wesley Room at 1:30PM

Program-World Thank Offering -Dee Gray Hostess: Rosemary Anderson

Remember to bring your Thank Offering you have been collecting during the year, as you experienced events that you were thankful for.

November 20th-Rebekah Fellowship Group Meeting at 9:00 AM in the Wesley Room

Program-Carol Lange will complete her report on the Roma, one of the studies for the year.

Hostess; Dee Gray

Church Women United

Friday, Nov. 7th-St. Mary's Catholic Church at 2:00PM

Program-Through God Our Hands Can Heal

Host: First Congregational Church and Cornelia Church

Important dates for the UMW/all women of the church.

November 1st-Coulee District Day of Enrichment at Viroqua UMC at 9:00 AM

The speaker will share her experiences as a mission worker in Honduras.

At the State Church Women United Meeting at The Lutheran Church of Peace on September 27th, 257 school kits were collected and delivered to the following area school districts: Boscobel, Lancaster, Fennimore, Platteville and Cassville. They were greatly appreciated by all.



UNITED METHODIST VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION
Christian Love in Action!

VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION - MISSION TRIP LEAVING FROM PUMC

POVERTY ASSISTANCE - NAVASOTA, TEXAS – Feb.14 to 22, 2015

Navasota, Texas is the winter home of an active Wisconsin VIMer, retired Pastor Steve Groves. We will travel by bus, leaving from the parking lot of the United Methodist Church in Platteville for the two day trip to Navasota. We will be hosted by the First UMC of Navasota, sleeping on VIM air mattresses and using their kitchen for meal preparation. This church also has showers.

Our work will consist of helping low income folks in the area with home repairs. There are also some small churches that could use some help with some necessary updates or repairs. We may take some time off on Wednesday afternoon to see local sights or attractions.

COST - \$455. This covers the bus, food on work days, motels and donation for materials. Cost for those driving on their own will be \$225. Send registration form and deposit of \$50 to Chuck Wedemeyer.

All money is due on Jan. 8, 2015 to Chuck. Bus and motel deposits need to be finalized.

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**Would you like to receive
you newsletter
electronically? If you
would, please contact
Jennifer in the church
office.**

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Please Notify the Church Office When...

- * You or a member of your family is hospitalized.
- * You have a change of address.
- * Your phone number has changed.
- * Your email address has changed.
- * Your board or committee changes a meeting date or time.
- * Members of your family are students attending school away from home or are living at a different address
- * If you are leaving for the winter, PLEASE contact Jennifer with a forwarding address or to hold church mailings and dates you will be away.

Your help with all of the above is very much appreciated!

Every Sunday people tell me important information before and after worship. Since I am focusing on worship, and I have so many things to remember about the two different worship services, I often forget what people tell me. A couple of weeks ago someone told me about someone who was recently diagnosed with cancer. Not only do I not remember who the person with cancer was, I don't remember who told me. If you have something important to tell me, please tell me, and then please follow up with a call to the church office or with an email. If you do tell me something on Sunday morning and I have not followed through, please give me a gentle reminder. Thank you! Pastor Brenda



Barely Seniors Potluck and Program

Thursday, November 13 at Noon

Please bring a dish to pass.

Program will be

Henry Bossenbrok and Tom Ziegenfuss on their participation in a Honor Flight

The little elves in Mary and Joseph's workshop have been busy already!! In the lobby, you will find wooden toys that need to be finished. You can take as many as you want to paint, stain, or decorate in any way you please. This is a fun activity for kids and adults or do them as a family.

Please have finished toys back to the church no later than December 10th.

Toys will be distributed to our adopted families at Christmas.

Thank you!



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9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.; Monday-Friday

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November Usher Schedule

8:30 a.m. John Cottingham, Jack Kirby, Dick Bonin, & Dick Trewartha

11:00 a.m. Ron Rewey

November Readers Schedule

November 2 8:30 a.m. Lynn Schlager

11:00 a.m. Tom Lindahl

November 9 8:30 a.m. Max Anderson

11:00 a.m. Amy Pohle

November 16 8:30 a.m. Sara Koeller

11:00 a.m. Dawn Drake

November 23 8:30 a.m. Dave Carnahan

11:00 a.m. George Krueger

November 30 8:30 a.m. Elizabeth Whitford

11:00 a.m. Tom Scanlan

November Greeters Schedule

November 2 8:30 a.m. Roy Shaver & Cecile Hoffman

11:00 a.m. Pohle Family

November 9 8:30 a.m. Dave & Ellen Carnahan

11:00 a.m. Scanlan Family

November 16 8:30 a.m. Jim & Nancy Kirkpatrick

11:00 a.m. Pluemer Family

November 23 8:30 a.m. Max & Rosemary Anderson

11:00 a.m. Gile Family

November 30 8:30 a.m. John & Margaret Ambrosius

11:00 a.m. Bill & Diane VanDeest

November Children's Message

November 2—Elizabeth Duewer

November 9—Sara Koeller

November 16—Pastor Liz

November 23—Ellen Carnahan

November 30—Pastor Brenda

November Coffee Hour Hosts

November 2—Sunday School

November 9—Nancy Mair

November 16—**OPEN**

November 23—**OPEN**

November 30—**OPEN**

*November Worship Schedule***November 2**

How to be Rich: Congratulations

1 Timothy 6:17-19

Communion both services

8:30 Mallow Ringers

11:00 Blind Faith Band

November 9

How to be Rich: Side Effects

1 Timothy 6:17-19

8:30 Joyful Singers

11:00 Blind Faith Band

November 16

How to be Rich: Percentage

Mark 12:41-44

8:30 Special Music TBD

11:00 Blind Faith Band

November 23

How to be Rich: Sending Ahead

Luke 12:13-21

Commitment Sunday

8:30 Mallow Ringers

11:00 Blind Faith Band

November 30

The Other Sides of Commitment

Ephesians 4:1-16

Baptism of Adele Curry

8:30 Joyful Singers

11:00 Blind Faith Band

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 7:00 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>3 6:45 am Breakfast Prayer Group @ Country Kitchen 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val</p>	<p>4 1:30 pm UMW 6:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>5 7:00 am Bible Study 1:00 pm Hearts & Hands 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val 6:00 pm <i>Worship Committee</i> 7:00 pm Redeemer Practice</p>	<p>6 3:45 pm School Bus Café 7:00 <i>Trustees</i></p>	<p>7 Church Women United @ St. Mary's 2:00 pm 6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>8 Whig Christmas Fair Trewartha & Keeffer Wedding</p>
<p>9 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Mallow Ringers 7:00 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>10 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val</p>	<p>11 10:00 am <i>CAP</i> 5:00 pm <i>Missions</i> 6:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>12 7:00 am Bible Study 1:00 pm Hearts & Hands 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val 6:00 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Redeemer Practice</p>	<p>13 12:00 pm Barely Seniors 3:45 pm School Bus Café 7:00 pm <i>Finance</i> 7:00 pm American Music Recital</p>	<p>14 2:00 pm Circuit Mtg</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Mallow Ringers 7:00 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>17 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val</p>	<p>18 2:00 pm <i>Nurture</i> 6:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>19 7:00 am Bible Study 1:00 pm Hearts & Hands 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val 7:00 pm Redeemer Practice 6:30 pm Extreme Self Care</p>	<p>20 9:00 am Rebekah Cir 12:00 pm Newsletter Assembly 3:45 pm School Bus Café 6:00 pm <i>Church Council</i> 7:00 pm <i>SPRC</i></p>	<p>21 2:00 pm Circuit Mtg</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 <i>Commitment Sunday</i> 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Brunch 9:30 am Blood Pressure Checks 9:45 am Sunday School 7:00 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>24 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val</p>	<p>25 12:00 pm Newsletter Assembled 6:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>26 7:00 am Bible Study 1:00 pm Hearts & Hands 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val 7:00 pm Redeemer Practice</p>	<p>27 Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed</p>	<p>28 Office Closed</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Adele Curry Baptism 6:00 pm Mallow Ringers 7:00 pm Youth Group</p>						



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COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Sunday, November 23

Join us for a church wide fellowship
brunch to celebrate the gifts we have
been given.

9:30 am-11:00 am in the
Fellowship Hall

Sponsored by the Finance Committee

