

PLATTEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Learn God ~ Love God ~ Share God ~ Serve God



It was all the rage. Perhaps by the time you are reading this, nobody is talking about it anymore. I'm talking about the ice bucket challenge. It was all over television and all over Facebook: people having buckets of ice water dumped on them in the hope of

raising awareness for Lou Gehrig's Disease. Is there anybody who didn't take the ALS ice bucket challenge? Nobody, except for me, maybe? Many people, my husband and son included, did the challenge more than once. I couldn't bring myself to do it at all.

The ice bucket challenge really bothered me. It took me a long time to figure out why. My husband suggested maybe what was bothering me was the backward-ness of the idea: by pouring ice water over one's self, one didn't have to contribute to the charity. But according to Time Magazine, nearly 2 million people have contributed nearly 80 million dollars to ALS in the name of the ice bucket challenge, so it can't be that.

Some clergy friends don't like the amount of water that's being wasted considering the rate at which children die from not having access to clean water. I read a blog that suggested the challenge is frivolous in light of the magnitude of suffering of people around the world. Those are both interesting points, but I can't honestly say those are my issues either.

Then it occurred to me. I'm jealous.

I'm jealous. Not at the amount of money raised, but by the passion that people are putting into this challenge.

I'm jealous because God wants our passion. God wants our heart, soul and mind. God wants us to be passionate for him. God wants us to be passionate for all of the people living in the world who are far from God.

I want the people in our congregation to be more excited about God than they were about the ice bucket challenge. I want you to challenge each other to pray and read your Bibles every day. I want you to challenge each other to come to worship every week, to join a small group, to be involved in mission. I want you to challenge each other to invite your friends to come to church with you. And then I want you to challenge each other to make new friends who are far from God, so that, when the time is right, you can introduce them to Jesus. I want you to know God in such a depth in your being that you are highly passionate about him.

Okay, I really don't want to be a wet blanket. Enjoy the ice bucket challenge. Hopefully a cure, or at least a treatment for ALS, will be found because of it.

But I'm not going to challenge you to dump a bucket of ice water over your head. I challenge you to challenge one another to deeper faith.

I'll see you in church, where we encourage one another to be passionate for Jesus.

*Alve
Pastor
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PLATTE RIVER REGIONAL MINISTRY

Youth Group

Our Back to School Fall Kick-off will be on **September 1st** from **3-5pm** at **PUMC!** We will be having pizza, ice cream, games, and all sorts of fun! You don't want to miss it!

We will be meeting every **Sunday from 7-8pm** at **PUMC beginning September 7.** We will be having activities, discussions and food. There will be additional fun and inspirational things throughout the year on other days and times to continue to grow in our relationships with God and each other.

Pioneer Wesley Campus Ministry

Pioneer Wesley is off to a great start! Our college students are back and are gearing up for a great school year! Thank you to all the people who made cookies for Welcome Weekend! Our campus ministry will be meeting on campus on Mondays for Bible study, along with Bible Study at the Carnahan's on Sunday evenings, free laundry, a campus band, and so much more! Please make sure that if you see college students at church that you welcome them with loving arms.

We will be re-launching our homemade lunch after the 11am service starting on September 14th. Please let Pastor Liz know if you would love to make the students lunch.

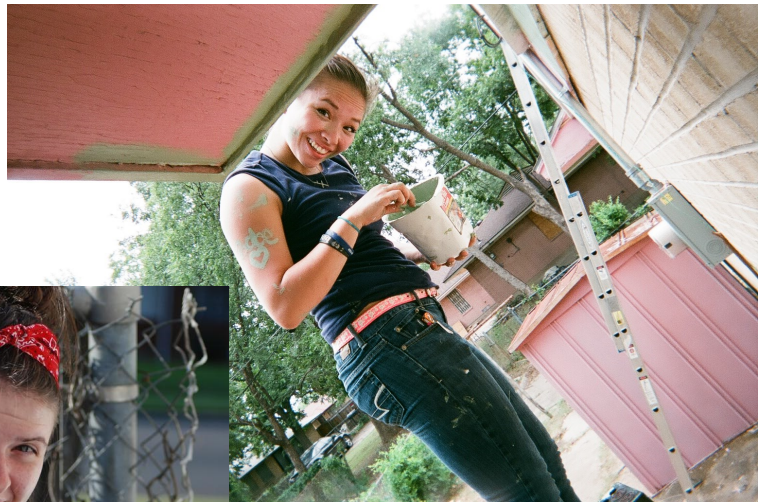


The Platte River Youth Group went to Noah's ark on August 6th. Because of storms in the dells, they ended up swimming most of the day at Governor Dodge in Dodgeville, WI.

Everyone had a great time despite the weather



The Youth Group and Campus Ministry will all be selling **Little Caesars Pizza Kits** from **September 14-28th**. You can choose from several different kinds of pizza kits, crazy bread kits, cookie dough, and much more. Each pizza kit makes several pizzas. For instance, the cheese pizza kit contains enough ingredients for 3-12 inch pizzas for \$18. Kits can be refrigerated for 7 days or can be frozen for three months. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to each seller's individual activity account, to go toward retreats, mission trip, or other activities.



The high school youth and adults that went on mission trip had a fantastic time! They experienced God in whole new ways as they not only worked on people's houses but were challenged in their relationship with God during worship. This year, the youth helped not only on the roof, but they also scraped, painted, and demolished. Each student was impacted, and throughout the next few newsletters, will be expressing to you how they were changed because of Mission Trip. Thanks again to all who





- 3 Ben Hasker
- 4 Christine Griffiths
- 5 Curtis Bradley
- 10 Allison Woodworth
- 11 Robert Winkers
- 11 Deb Dunbar
- 11 Blake Noel
- 12 Dale Griffith
- 12 Connie Stephens
- 13 Jody Vargo
- 13 Amber Vrielinck
- 13 Alyssa Gehrke
- 14 Laura Grossman
- 14 Gena Byrnes
- 15 Helen Ingersoll
- 16 Melvin Ingersoll
- 21 Dan Fairchild
- 21 Jesse Rewey
- 23 Mark Adrian
- 23 Michelle Hromadka
- 24 Cecile Hoffman
- 24 Becky Peters
- 27 Mattea Scanlan
- 28 Lynn Goninen
- 28 Ben Grossman
- 29 Gwen Moore
- 29 Sadie Schwartz
- 29 Jillian Fiedler
- 30 Caleb Green
- 30 Matthew Bailie

Anniversaries

- 2 Ron & Mary June Rewey
- 3 Roger & Judy Stephens
- 11 Jason & Jennifer Fiedler
- 14 Jason & Tracy Weigel
- 15 Ken & Patricia Noel
- 19 Jeff & Renee Baker
- 21 Rich & Jeanne Bonin
- 27 George & Linda Curry



JUST THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW

We offer our condolences to the family of Lou Ella Withrow Felderman who passed away on Saturday, August 23.

Dear Brenda ~ Thank you so much for getting those wonderful folks to do child care for our disaster service center. I don't think they were without children for any length of time on either day.

Thank you to Rosemary Anderson, Ellen Carnahan, Dawn Gile, Jocelyn Gile, Sally Woodworth, Allison Woodworth, Emily Simmons and MacKenzie Timlin for helping with the care of these children.

~ The American Red Cross

I would like to say thank you to all my church family for all their prayers, visits, calls and flowers when I had Glaucoma surgery.

I would also like to thank my wonderful caring neighbors for all their prayers, kind words and food. They are so thoughtful in so many ways.

A very special thank you to my caregiver, Joyce. Words cannot express enough how much she does for me and helps me to stay in my apartment.

God, thank you for helping me through difficult situations. I thank you for each new day you bring and for all you do for me. Praise Jesus!

I really appreciate everything. Thanks so much everyone.

God Bless, Donna Kittoe

Tuesday's from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm in the Choir Room
First Rehearsal will be on Tuesday, September 2



everyone is welcome

all voices are needed

no experience

is necessary

to sing!

**JOIN
THE
CHOIR TODAY!**

The Platteville Choir will be starting up again!!!! Pastor Liz will be directing, and is super excited to start this ministry back up again. The choir will be meeting **Tuesdays from 6-7pm beginning September 2nd**. Our first performance will be September 21. Please come, and bring your friends!

On June 30 Pastor Brenda asked the congregation to write the difference their faith makes in their lives in 100 words or less. You can listen to that sermon on the church website. Here are 2 examples of how Jesus has made a difference in the lives of people of our church:

My family regularly attended a small, local rural church supported by five families. Most of the time, we just had Sunday School, but occasionally a retired pastor would preach for a week-long revival, concluded by an altar call.

At age 15, I attended a Youth for Christ meeting, and early the next morning, felt my heart "strangely warmed" as did John Wesley. Thereafter, I gave testimony in church, read the Bible daily, though unsystematically. At age 19, I was baptized in the Rushville Methodist Church. Bible reading slumped during my army and graduate school, but the eight Volunteers-in-Missions work camps enlivened my spirit, and a heart attack plus the death of my wife deepened my reliance on God and the church.

In the last 8 years, I have: visited approximately 9 shut-in, concluding with prayer, written four religious tracts, daily devotions from Upper Room, intercessory prayers fro the afflicted, family, the country, special needs, and reread the entire Bible over the last 15 months. ~ Roy Shaver

I can say with complete honesty that without my faith I would not still be present on this earth. My faith is what sustains me through all the troubles and challenges that life has presented me. I clearly know that God is walking with me every stet of the way. When I forget and decide to go it on my own, God has a way of nudging me (sometimes a little harder than a nudge) to remind me that I am not walking through this life alone. Thank you amazing God! ~ Tom Lindahl

Did you know? We have a Small Group Section in the library! All of the small group studies that various groups have done are there. Our newest additions are *Just Walk Across The Room*, which was used by one small group, and *Courageous*, based on the movie, which is brand new. We also have the materials for *Dare to Dream*. Is God calling you to lead a small group? Grab some friends and grow together!



Our new sermon series is based on the book *Dare to Dream: Creating a God-Sized Mission Statement For Your Life*. I keep telling you that God created you with a purpose that only you can fulfill. If you do not do what God created you to do, it will go undone. What is your purpose here on earth? Join us in worship for six weeks beginning September 14 as we explore God's dream for our lives.

At newsletter printing time, there is no small group studying *Dare to Dream*. Would you like to lead a small group where people explore God's dream for their lives? Contact Pastor Brenda or Jennifer.



Understanding the Impact of Social Media on Kids

Presentation by Sarah Olson from Family Advocates

Social media Web sites, such as Facebook and Twitter, have become nearly inescapable facets of modern life, particularly for kids. And a new report suggests they can have real benefits and risks for children. Do you know what they are? Do you know who your kids are talking to? Do you know what games they are playing and with whom? What age is appropriate to have an account? Get answers to all these questions and more at this presentation.

Sunday, September 28

Childcare and light snacks will be provided.

Please RSVP to Jennifer by Wednesday, September 24th

Trustees Highlights from August

The fabric on the Fellowship Hall side of the accordion door has been removed and a new cover is being created.

A new water bubbler with a filter to improve the taste of the water was installed in the upstairs hallway. The bubbler has a bottle filler!

A public address system-(microphone, controls and speakers) was donated by Mark and Lori Adrian. The system will be installed in Fellowship hall soon.

The new cedar siding that was installed on the south side of the lower level of the church will be stained soon.

New counter tops have been installed in the upstairs Sunday school rooms.

Bids for air conditioning of the nursery and two upstairs Sunday school rooms are being updated for the project to move forward.

The carpet has been cleaned in the lobby and Wesley Room.

September 2nd-UMW General Meeting at 1:30PM in the Wesley Room

Program: Pledge to Mission by Carol Lange

Hostess- Rosemary Anderson

September 13th-Annual UMW Celebration at Benton UMC, 8:30AM-3:00PM

Keynote Speaker will be Pastor Bill Busch from Richland Center Peace and Trinity UM Churches. He will speak on the mission trip to Honduras taken this summer by members of his congregations. They worked with VBS, churches and an orphanage. He will do a special small group session in the afternoon.

Registration is due by Sept. 5th. It is \$10 by that date and \$15 for late registration after that date. The registration can be sent to Stephanie Weber, E 3937 Lake Rd. Hillpoint, WI. 53937, giving your name, phone number. address and Unit. OR, we can send them all together after our Sept. 2nd meeting. Any questions, call Dee at 348-3296.

September 18th-Rebecca Fellowship Group

Breakfast Meeting at Country Kitchen at 9:00 AM

Welcome to anyone who wants to join us.

September 27th-State Church Women United Meeting at Lutheran Church of Peace.

In September, we will be collecting money for the No-Bake Bake Sale. If you cannot attend either of the above two meetings, donations may be sent or given to Katie Cottingham. Treas.

Pecans have been ordered and should arrive before Thanksgiving. Watch for the notice about sign-up.

WANTED: People who can knit and/or crochet. We are very short of people who can do this. PLEASE help with this important mission work join the Hearts and Hands Group on Wed. afternoons for good fellowship while working or they can be made at home. Over 200 Prayer Shawls have been given and at least 40 baby blankets at Baptisms



Our new Sunday School classes will start on Sunday, **September 14**. We have a full schedule of classes for everyone, from 3 year olds to 93 year olds! Sunday School happens between our two worship services, from 9:45-10:45. Grab a beverage and a snack and hang around after the 1st service, or come a bit early before the 2nd service, and spend some time growing in God.

Children are in for an interesting story line-up this fall, with the Creation story, Noah, Abraham, and Joseph. These are all classic stories that many children have some familiarity with. Our Junior-Senior High class will be talking about issues of concern to preteens and teenagers.

The Friendship Coffee Bible Study group will be looking at Colossians, with a study called "You Are Alive In Christ". This year, we will again be offering the popular Faith Link class for adults, dealing with current topics from a Christian viewpoint.

There is a place for YOU in Sunday School this year! See you there September 14th!

Beginning on September 14 at 9:45 am in the Library



Connecting Faith and Life

FaithLink is a study for use by individuals or groups of mature youth and adults who want to apply their United Methodist beliefs to current faith issues and world events. This essential guide not only motivates Christians to consider their personal views on important contemporary issues, it also

encourages them to act on their beliefs. Everyone is welcome to join!!! We hope to see you there.

Friendship Coffee Bible Study

There's a new Bible study starting September 14, 2014 at 9:45 am in the Adult Sunday School room. It is a guide to the book of Colossians and titled, " You Are Alive In Christ." This a basic Bible study for anyone. Books are \$7.50 each. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there.



After School Snacks, Crafts & Storytime

WELCOME TO PLATTEVILLE COMMUNITY KIDS AGES PRE-K-3RD GRADE

EVERY THURSDAY 3:45-4:45 348-9508

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Starting September 11th. Mark your calendars!

Volunteers are need contact Tracy 608-778-4045 if you would like to help volunteer.



Barely Seniors Potluck and Program

Thursday, September 11 at Noon

Please bring a dish to pass.

Program will be Larry Bierke, Platteville City Manager. Larry will give an update on developments for the City of Platteville and answer questions on issues.

Fall is approaching and we have had a bountiful summer in our community garden. Weekly, bucket loads of produce have been taken to the Platteville Food Pantry, some has been shared with a family in need and some with church families. If you know of someone within our church or someone outside of our church who you can share God's love with by visiting and sharing some produce come to the garden pick what you need and Go Out and Share God's Love.

In gratitude for all we have been given and in celebration of the beginning of the new Sunday School year we would again like to have our Bounty Garden Potluck on Sept 14 immediately after second service. We will have produce in the hallway refrigerator for you to use to prepare a dish to share. All are welcome, invite a friend to join us for Sunday School and dinner, be sure to make our college students feel welcome by personally inviting them to stay for dinner. This will be a wonderful way to kick off the new Sunday School year.

Office Hours

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.; Monday-Friday

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September Usher Schedule

8:30 a.m. Doug & Kathy Martin
 11:00 a.m. David Oudyn

September Readers Schedule

September 7	8:30 a.m.	Don Shaw
	10:30 a.m.	Dawn Drake
September 14	8:30 a.m.	Sara Koeller
	11:00 a.m.	Tom Scanlan
September 21	8:30 a.m.	Elizabeth Duewer
	11:00 a.m.	Amy Pohle
September 28	8:30 a.m.	Dave Carnahan
	11:00 a.m.	Mike Mair

September Greeters Schedule

September 7	8:30 a.m.	John & Margaret Ambrosius
	10:30 a.m.	Gile Family
September 14	8:30 a.m.	Max & Rosemary Anderson
	11:00 a.m.	Pluemer Family
September 21	8:30 a.m.	Jan & Gene Digman
	11:00 a.m.	Tom & LeeAnn Lindahl
September 28	8:30 a.m.	Roy Shaver & Cecile Hoffman
	11:00 a.m.	Dan & Deb Dunbar

September Children's Message

September 7 - Sara Koeller
 September 14 - Ellen Carnahan
 September 21 - Pastor Liz
 September 28 - Pastor Brenda

September Coffee Hour Hosts

There no one signed up for coffee hour in September.
 Please sign up at the information booth in the lobby.

*September Worship
 Schedule*

September 7

Prodigal: The Father
 Luke 15:11-32
 8:30am at the church
 Communion served
 Special Music: McKenzie Scanlan,
 Michael Ababio & Pastor Liz
 10:30 at the Diary Days Tent
 Music by Redeemer

September 14

Dare to Dream: Dreaming the Dream
 Genesis 28:10-22
 8:30 Special Music TBD
 11:00 Blind Faith

***Bounty Garden Potluck , Sept 14
 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
 Produce is available in the
 refrigerator by the pop machine***

September 21

Dare to Dream: Discovering Your
 Identity
 1 Corinthians 2:9-10
 8:30 Choir singing!
 11:00 Blind Faith Band

September 28

Dare To Dream: Your Burning Bush
 Exodus 3:1-10
 8:30 Mallow Ringers playing!

September Mowers Schedule

September 7 - Wayne & Jason Simmons
 September 14 - Fiedler/Pohle
 September 21 - Dick Bonin
 September 28 - Calvin Koeller

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 8:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Worship under the Tent @ Legion Field	8 6:45 am Breakfast Prayer Group @ Country Kitchen 1:00 pm Bloodmobile 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val	9 5:00 pm <i>Missions</i> 6:00 pm Choir Practice	10 7:00 am Bible Study 1:00 pm Hearts & Hands 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val 6:30 pm Redeemer Practice	11 12:00 pm Barely Seniors 3:45 pm School Bus Cafe 7:00 pm <i>Finance</i>	12	13
14 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:00 pm Bounty Garden Potluck Lunch	15 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val	16 6:00 pm Choir Practice	17 7:00 am Bible Study 1:00 pm Hearts & Hands 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Redeemer Practice 6:30 pm Extreme Self Care 7:00 pm <i>SPRC</i>	18 9:00 am Rebekah Cir @ Country Kitchen 3:45 pm School Bus Cafe	19	20
21 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	22 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val	23 2:00 pm <i>Nurture</i> @ <i>Cliffon home</i> 6:00 pm Choir Practice	24 7:00 am Bible Study 1:00 pm Hearts & Hands 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val 6:30 pm Redeemer Practice	25 3:45 pm School Bus Cafe 6:00 pm <i>Church Council</i>	26	27
28 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Blood Pressure Checks 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Social Media & our kids presentation	29 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val	30 6:00 pm Choir Practice				
						6 Dairy Day's Parade 9:30AM



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JOIN US FOR



Sunday, September 7th

10:30 am

Legion Field under the BIG white tent

Redeemer will be playing!

We hope you can join us!!

Dairy Day's Parade
Saturday, September 6
9:30 am