

PLATTEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Learn God ~ Love God ~ Share God ~ Serve God



Something really wonderful happened a couple of Sundays ago. I was just pulling into the church parking lot, expecting to be the first person there. Roger Elver pulled in just ahead of me. He parked his car, got out, and started walking across the

parking lot. Somebody had dropped a shopping bag of trash. Roger picked up the bag, picked up the trash that had fallen out of it, and brought it into the church to throw it away. Many of you would have stopped to pick it up too.

On Ash Wednesday, at the noon service, we had a woman worship with us who had never been here before. After worship, she told me that she had looked at church websites before she came. She said our website was very easy to navigate and very helpful. And then she said that almost every person who was there spoke to her! She has a church home, but she said that she felt very welcomed at our church, and that I should be proud of you!

Every Sunday I invite you to give a hug or handshake to somebody you know, and find somebody you don't know and introduce yourself. Greeting time used to be fairly quick, but now you are getting out of your pews and actually going to find people you don't know to say hello! There are days you are so friendly that greeting time takes a long time!

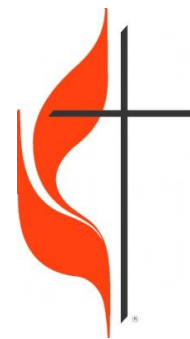
Our greeters are opening doors for others. I see people showing others where the children's activity bags are and showing people where Sunday School rooms are. I see people saying, "I can help you with that." I see people just taking initiative to do something that needs to be done, or quietly cleaning up something. Often I just see the end result of somebody's initiative. Many people at Platteville UMC are growing in servanthood. It is very inspiring!

Last year the Church Council identified that hospitality is something that we needed to work on. It doesn't matter if people are drawn to or invited to our church: if they do not feel welcomed, they will not come back. Hospitality starts in the church parking lot, continues with what the outside and the inside of the church look like, how easy it is to find bathrooms and classrooms, how we treat children and youth, how we treat our elderly, how we all treat one another and care about one another in addition to how friendly we are to somebody new.

Jesus' first words to his disciples were, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of people." His last words were, "Go and make disciples." Jesus wants us to love him and love others enough to bring people to him. Some of you are beginning to do that. Some of you are praying for guidance on who to invite and the courage to do it. I am so glad that so many of you are making our church a place where people who are far from God feel welcome, so they can experience the transformational power of Jesus Christ!

I'll see you in church, where we love God, love each other, and love those God is bringing to us!

*Love
Pastor
Isaiah*



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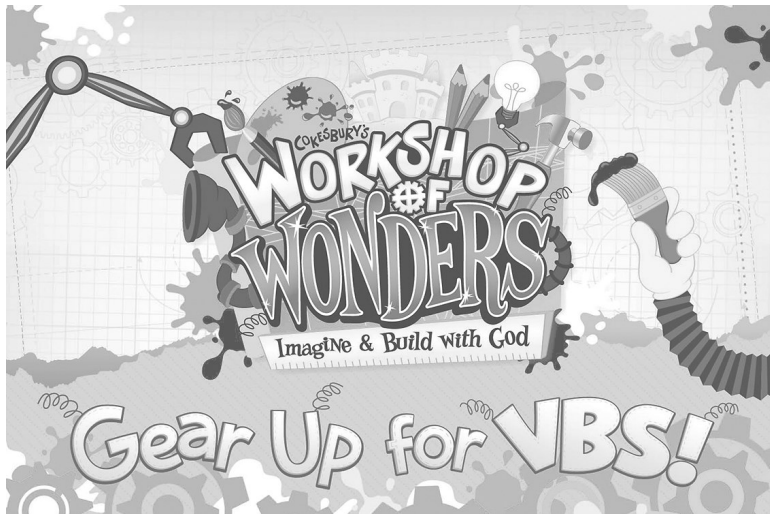
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During the next few weeks our Sunday School lessons will be about the stories of Holy Week. Because we will have studied the stories of Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, the Crucifixion and the Resurrection of Christ, children will have this background knowledge, and would be able to relate to the special church services of Holy Week. I would encourage you to bring children to church on Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, and the evening services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. There will be **NO Sunday School on Easter Sunday.**

Habitat for Humanity: Our children have raised an amazing \$5187.22 so far for the Habitat for Humanity mission project. Be sure to check out the red house on the bulletin board in the upstairs hallway.

- The 2nd-3rd grade Sunday School class will be hosting the Coffee Fellowship and Bake Sale the first weekend in April.
- Our next scheduled workdays on the Habitat house will be on Saturday, April 19 and Saturday, April 26. There is a sign-up sheet in the church narthex during April for any adult able to help on the construction project that day. We will have some of the children help make lunch for the workers on those days.
- Habitat for Humanity will be holding a Benefit Concert on Saturday, May 3rd, featuring John Elefante from the group "Kansas". The concert will be held at The BARn, and food and drinks will be available. Tickets can be purchased at church.



VBS Workday, April 12th at Fennimore UMC

Contact Warner Smidt if you would be interested in going.

Helpers are needed for the week of VBS. If you would be interested in helping out, please contact Elizabeth Whitford at 608-482- 2303 or whitforde@uwplatt.edu

Thank you!!!

July 28-August 1 9:00 am– Noon



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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COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Coffee Hours are a time of fellowship and are held between services. Our members, friends, and visitors are heartily welcomed to join us for a snack and a cup of delicious coffee or juice!

Coffee Hour is a wonderful opportunity to catch up on news with friends and acquaintances that we do not get a chance to talk to during the week. Visitors are especially encouraged to mingle during Coffee Hour. You are certain to feel at home and may even make a new friend or two.

If you would like to volunteer to host a coffee hour (it's easier than you think, and so appreciated) please sign up in the folder in the lobby or contact Jennifer in the church office.

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You're Invited to Elizabeth Whitford's Senior Recital

Saturday, April 12
3:00 pm

Brodbeck Concert Hall
CFA, UW-Platteville

Party to follow in the PUMC Fellowship Hall

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

Barely Seniors

Barely Seniors will meet on Thursday, April 10 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: Carol and Glen Balbach "Lords of the North" The Polar Bears at Churchill, Manitoba Canada



Our students continued to have a lot of fun this month. We have learned about how Jesus gives us true life and

how we can honor him with the way we chose to live, even as teenagers!

We had a bowling party at the bowling alley with pizza! This was a greatly attended party with 17 students and 4 adults. Fun was had by everyone!

I am preparing to join several of our amazing teens as I write this for the Winter Jam concert and some fun in Madison! This is will be a great time for sure!

April will bring a Good Friday service hosted by Merge students and an all night lock in at the church! The lock in will take place on April 25 and 26. More information will follow.



The Good Friday Service will be a little different this year. Merge will be hosting a prayer service to help us reflect on Jesus life and what that means for us, we will be praying through 13 stations. I would suggest planning on this taking 30-60 minutes. We will run the service from 6-8 pm. Please arrive when you would like but no later then 7:30. This will take place in the lower lever beginning in the fireside room and ending in fellowship hall.

We are looking for the following items: A dark purple robe, a faux landscaping rock, water pump and utility box cover. If you have any of these items we can borrow please call Mindy at (608)778-4607



Our college students have been traveling through Jesus' last

steps with Adam Hamilton in the "24 Hours that Changed the World" book. This small group meets on Sunday at the Carnahan house and is welcomed with a great home cooked meal!

I want to thank the Carnahan's and the whole congregation in helping out with Spark as it invests in college age people.

Finals are right around the corner so I will be preparing final bags to hand out to the students to help them through the last few weeks of school.

Thank you for your support in investing in lives at a very pivotal time!

Merge April Schedule

April 2 Regular Merge

April 9 Merge with Supper

April 16 Regular Merge

April 18(Good Friday) Prayer activity for the congregation in Fellowship hall 6:00-8:00 pm

April 23 Regular Merge

April 30 Regular Merge

Dear Brenda:

I greet your congregation in the name of Jesus Christ, the One who is the source of help, hope and healing.

I want to thank you and your congregation for paying 100% of your apportionments, also known as "connectional giving" in 2013. I give thanks to God for your faith community and for your continued commitment to the local and global church.

Each annual conference and local church pays apportionments to help support international, national and regional missions. At the general church level, the money supports bishops, United Methodist ministerial education, most general agencies and denomination-wide efforts such as the Black College Fund and Zimbabwe's Africa University.

I praise God for the innumerable opportunities and possibilities that are generously gifted to us and to share our common resources for the sake of supporting our church and community ministries.

Your gift of generosity has undoubtedly resourced a variety of ministries in Wisconsin, in the United States and around the world, especially in Asia and Africa. Thanks be to God!

I hope and pray that your gift of generosity will continue in 2014 and beyond, for which I am thankful to God's people of the Platteville Faith Community, with gratitude to God Almighty.

I am personally thankful for your support to my ministry of leadership.

Grace and peace,

Sam Royappa

Capital & Coulee District Superintendent



PLATTEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

INVITES YOU TO AN

EASTER EGG HUNT

Wednesday, April 16 4:30 pm

For all kids in 3rd grade and younger

Goody bags for kids

Please bring your own basket.
A freewill offering will be taken

1065 Lancaster Street ~ Platteville

The invitation card features a white cartoon rabbit with pink inner ears and a pink nose, sitting in a field of green grass. The rabbit is holding a large pink Easter egg. In front of the rabbit are several colorful Easter eggs in shades of blue, purple, green, yellow, and pink. A pink butterfly is flying in the upper right corner of the card.



- 1 Donald VanNatta
- 3 Julie Pluemer
- 4 Donna Kittoe
- 4 Randy Karsten
- 5 Roger Stephens
- 5 Dan Dunbar
- 7 Chase Carroll
- 8 Kjerstin Gronski
- 9 Chad Adrian
- 11 Norma Meisel
- 12 Cole Green
- 14 Dennis Cardin
- 14 Robert McCall
- 14 Nathan Fosbinder
- 14 Kia Gronski
- 16 Travis Hromadka
- 17 Karen Anderson-Carp
- 17 Alice Clifton
- 18 Scott Woodworth
- 19 Peg Meyer
- 21 John Putnam
- 21 Steve Chandler
- 21 Samantha Kuhls
- 22 Bryan Vargo
- 25 Dee Gray
- 25 Pete Mumm
- 26 Gary Baker
- 27 Diane VanDeest
- 27 Helen Napp
- 27 Helen Cardin
- 27 Vanessa Woodworth
- 28 Cortney Fosbinder
- 29 Marlene Winkers
- 29 Jill Hasker
- 30 Jim Olds
- 30 Bonnie Simmons

Anniversaries

- 1 Mike & Nancy Mair
- 1 Scott & Cara Nodorft
- 3 Harlan & Donna Stephens
- 4 Wayne & Nancy Bottomley
- 10 Mike & Susan Myers
- 12 Robert & Kim McCall
- 21 Chad & Amy Pohle
- 23 Wayne & Cathy Simmons



JUST THOUGH YOU SHOULD KNOW



Congratulations to John & Anna Hilfer, whose son, Evan Louis, was baptized on March 23. May he always find joy in being part of God's family!

Our condolences go out to the family of Harriett Gibbon who passed away on Monday, March 24. Services were held for Harriett on Friday, March 28 at Platteville United Methodist Church.

REMINDER! We will be holding our staff meetings out in the community on Wednesday mornings from 9-11 am. The office will be closed during that time.

MISSION COMMITTEE

Easter Baskets for Adopted Families

The mission committee is beginning the food collection for our adopted families' Easter baskets. Please use the shopping list included in this bulletin. Cash donations to purchase meat and fresh produce are always appreciated. The committee will collect items until Sunday, April 13 and deliver the baskets to the families during Holy Week. Thank you for being part of our church's outreach to care for the community around us.

School Bus Café

The School Bus Café is in need of cardboard egg cartons. If you have egg cartons to donate, please drop them in the basket in the church narthex. Thank you.



Hearts and Hands is our craft group that meets every Wednesday at 1:00 pm. They crochet our baptismal shawls, knit prayer shawls, do needlework, work on

other projects and best of all they enjoy great conversation. If you have a craft you would like to do, please join them on Wednesday's. No matter what it is, ALL are welcome!

Do you knit or crochet? If you do and would like to help with our baptismal shawl or prayer shawl ministry, please join us on Wednesday afternoons.

Habitat for Humanity Work Days

Construction on the Habitat for Humanity house on the corner of Jefferson and Sowden Streets in Platteville will resume this spring. **Work days for PUMC are April 19 and April 26th.** Construction of the basement, walls, and roof were completed last fall. This spring work will resume and tasks will include installing windows, building interior walls, insulation, and drywall. Volunteers are needed for April 19 and/or April 26th. Come for part of a day or all day. The work day begins at 8 a.m. and will conclude by 4 p.m. with a midmorning break and a lunch. A signup sheet is available in the church lobby. If you have any questions, please contact Max Anderson at 348-7593 or andermax65@gmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Tuesday, April 1; UMW General Meeting at 1:30 PM in the Wesley Room Program-Rita Elver on the Mission Committee Hostess: Katie Cottingham

Thursday, April 17; Rebekah Fellowship Group in Wesley Room Coffee at 9:00 AM Meeting at 9:30 AM Program-Virginia Riter Hostess-Carol Lange

INTERESTING FACT #1:

For UMW Mission Giving MISSION and MISSION SUPPORT (for) National Mission Institutions, international ministries projects, scholarships, grants, current and retired deaconesses and

home missionaries, Reading Program, print and media resources for mission education.

Brooks-Howell Home in Asheville, North Carolina is such a home and Ruth Walther has retired there from her latest work as a deaconess at a school for underprivileged children in FL. Ruth grew up in our church and her family members were long-time faithful and active members of our church. Watch for Fact #2 in the May newsletter.



Godspell

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville's Department of Performing and Visual Arts-Theatre and Pioneer Players will present the musical "Godspell" in the Richard and Helen Brodbeck Concert Hall. Performances are Thursday through Saturday, April 3-5 at 7:30 p.m. and April 5-6 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for general admission, \$8 for faculty, staff and seniors, and \$5 for students. The production is recommended for all audiences. For tickets and information call the University Box Office at (608) 342-1298 or 1-(877) 727-1CFA, or go to tickets.uwplatt.edu.



When Skies Are Grey Recital

When Skies Are Grey will be hosting a recital in the First English Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 13th at 2pm with a reception to follow. Founded in 2013, When Skies Are Grey is a female vocal quartet consisting of UW-Platteville music majors Madison Anderson, Megan King, Sara Mueller, and Amanda Zasada. This a cappella group explores a variety of musical genres including gospel, sacred, popular, classical, and their favorite, barbershop. The event is free and open to the public, so bring along all your friends and family! See you there!

**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

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

The Nursery is Moving!!!!

The nursery will be moving to the room at the end of the hall (the old Family Connections Rm). We have several parents that would help in the nursery but want to hear the service.

In this room, that is just what they can do!

So the nursery will be staffed by volunteer parents. If you would like to help, please sign-up on the sheet outside the current nursery.





On March 14th, the Confirmation Class students attended Visitor Shabbat at Temple Beth-El in Dubuque. Visitor Shabbat is offered by the Temple Beth-El once each year for members of any faith to come and hear about the Jewish faith and their rituals, ask questions, and experience a Friday prayer service. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed Oneg (refreshments). The students had a wonderful time meeting Rabbi Anne Persin and learning from her, and they especially enjoyed the treats afterwards. We will be organizing another trip next year, and all are welcome to join us! Look for it in the spring newsletters!

FLOWERS FOR EASTER

You are invited to honor or remember someone with a plant this Easter. Plants will be placed in the sanctuary for worship on Easter and may be taken home after the 11:00am service. A special bulletin insert will list the names of the people the plants are in memory of or honors.

Please contact the office with your order or fill out a form at church on Sunday. Payments can be made out to "Platteville United Methodist Church" and be turned into the church office by : April 10th

Lily—\$13.50 Cyclamen—\$16.50

Orders need to be in by April 10th . Thank you!

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9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.; Monday-Friday

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April Worship

April Usher Schedule

8:30 a.m. Harlan Stephens
 11:00 a.m. Sheena Rice & Lowell Shinn

April Readers Schedule

April 6 8:30 a.m. Elizabeth Duewer
 11:00 a.m. Mike Mair
 April 13 8:30 a.m. Elizabeth Whitford
 11:00 a.m. Jacob Krueger
 April 20 8:30 a.m. Please sign-up in the lobby
 11:00 a.m. Please sign-up in the lobby
 April 27 8:30 a.m. Mindy Freiburger
 11:00 a.m. Tom Scanlan

April Greeters Schedule

April 6 8:30 a.m. Mumm Family
 11:00 a.m. Deb Schroedl & Becky Peters
 April 13 8:30 a.m. Roy Shaver & Cecile Hoffman
 11:00 a.m. Pohle Family
 April 20 8:30 a.m. Please sign-up in the lobby
 11:00 a.m. Please sign-up in the lobby
 April 27 8:30 a.m. Rita Hoffmann & Dorothy Arndt
 11:00 a.m. Coe Family

April Coffee Hour Hosts

April 6 - Sunday School
 April 13 - Colleen Lozeau
 April 20 - Easter—No Coffee Hour
 April 27 - **OPEN**

April Children's Message

April 6 - Carissa Tolzman
 April 13 - Ellen Carnahan
 April 20 - Sara Koeller
 April 27 - Pastor Brenda

April 6

Final Words: I Thirst
 Luke 19:28-29
 Communion Both Services
 11:00 Baptism of Finnegan McGuire
 8:30 Music: TBA
 11:00 Music: Blind Faith & Gena Byrnes

April 13

Palm Sunday
 Palm Sunday/Final Words: "Into Your
 Hands I Commend My Spirit"
 Mark 11:1-10 & Luke 23:43-47
 8:30 Music: Mallow Ringers
 11:00 Music: Blind Faith

April 20

Easter Sunday
 6:30 Sunrise Service
 Confirmation Class & Redeemer
 8:30 TBA
 11:00 Blind Faith

April 27

Camp Sunday
 (We're going to have fun!)

Be The Reason Someone Smiles Today.

Holy Week Services

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|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Maundy Thursday, April 18 | 7:00 pm Service |
| Good Friday, April 18 | Prayer Service beginning at 6:00pm |
| Easter Sunday, April 20 | 6:30 am Sunrise Service |
| | 8:30 am Traditional Service |
| | 11:00 am Contemp. Service |

Readers and Greeters are needed at these services. Please sign-up at the information booth in the lobby

APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

APRIL 2014

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|---|---|--|---|
| 6 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship McGuire Baptism 6:00 pm Mallow Ringers | 7 6:45 am Breakfast Prayer Group at Country Kit. 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val 6:00 pm Final Words group | 8 2:00 pm Nurture Committee 4:15 pm Yoga w/Val 5:00 pm Missions | 9 12:00 pm Lent Service 1:00 pm Hearts & Hands 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val 6:30 pm Holy Rollers & Redeemer 6:30 pm Merge w/Supper | 10 12:00 pm Barely Seniors 1:30 pm Small Group 3:45 pm School Bus Cafe 7:00 pm Finance | 11 12:00 pm Good Friday Ecumenical service at First Congregational UCC 6:00 pm Good Friday Prayer Service Newsletter Deadline | 12 VBS Workday @ Fennimore UMC Elizabeth W's Piano Recital & Party |
| 13 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship | 14 6:45 am Breakfast Prayer Group at Country Kit. 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val 6:00 pm Final Words group | 15 4:15 pm Yoga w/Val | 16 1:00 pm Hearts & Hands 4:30 pm Easter Egg Hunt 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val 6:30 pm Holy Rollers & Redeemer 6:30 pm Merge 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Extreme Self Care Small Group | 17 9:00 am Rebekah Circle 1:30 pm Small Group 3:45 pm School Bus Cafe 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service | 18 12:00 pm Good Friday Ecumenical service at First Congregational UCC 6:00 pm Good Friday Prayer Service Newsletter Deadline | 19 Habitat House Workday |
| 20 Easter Sunday 6:30 am Sunrise Service 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship | 21 6:45 am Breakfast Prayer Group at Country Kit. 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val Office Closed | 22 4:15 pm Yoga w/Val | 23 1:00 pm Hearts & Hands 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val 6:30 pm Holy Rollers & Redeemer 6:30 pm Merge | 24 12:00 pm Newsletter Assembled 1:30 pm Small Group 3:45 pm School Bus Cafe 6:00 pm Church Council | 25 | 26 Habitat House Workday |
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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 18 12:00pm Ecumenical
service at First Congregational UCC

Good Friday, April 18 at 6:00pm Prayer Service

Easter Day

Sunday, April 20

6:30 am Sunrise Service

8:30 am Traditional Service

11:00 am Contemporary Service