

# PLATTEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Learn God ~ Love God ~ Share God ~ Serve God*



A few days ago several people from our church went on our first prayer walk. We hopped into the church van and drove down to the neighborhoods that were hit by the tornado. As we walked by each house we prayed silently for the people who lived there. We

prayed for their strength and for their peace. We prayed for healing from their loss. We prayed for their fears and for their hopes. We said hello to a few people, but we mostly just quietly prayed. As we slowly walked from house to house, I felt myself becoming different. I felt filled with compassion and love.

Prayer is a strange thing. It impacts us as it impacts God. We often think of prayer as making requests of God, but God also uses our prayer life to transform us. The goal of the Christian life is to become more like Christ. God uses our prayer time for this transformation.

In Paul's letter to the church at Rome, Paul wrote, "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." That is incredible compassion! Praying for others grows our heart of compassion for others.

As summer continues, and you are spending time outside with neighbors, family and friends, in your yard, at the pool or beach, camping, or at ball games, notice those around you. Say brief little prayers for those you know and those you don't know. Say hello. Show little acts of kindness. As you continue seeing some of the same people, continue praying for them. Continue growing in relationship with them. So many people in our town are hurting and need the love that Christ would flow through you. Perhaps at some time the Holy Spirit will nudge you to share your faith with that person.\* The more you pray for people, the more compassion God will give you for people, and the more you will share the love of Christ by just being you.

We will soon be scheduling a prayer walk in the neighborhoods by our church. You are welcome to join us, so be sure to watch the announcements. And be sure to be doing your own praying for people that you see when you are out and about.

I'll see you in church where we expect that God will transform our hearts to become like his.

*Love  
Pastor  
Sandra*

\*On June 30 the sermon was about how to share your faith in 100 words or less. You can find that sermon and others on our church website.



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# PLATTE RIVER REGIONAL MINISTRY

## Youth Group News

We were able to raise all of the money for the Mission Trip! Thank you to everyone who helped us raise this money! We could have not done it without you!! The mission trip report Sundays will be at Whig on July 27 and Platteville on August 17th. Please join us so we can share with you the ministry we were able to do in Dallas, TX.

The picture is the send-off of the kids as they left for Dallas. Front: MaKenzie Scanlan, Pastor Liz, Becca Craugh, back: Tony Wieseler, Alec Ganarajah, Grace Friedrich, Tia Stohlmeyer, Tyler Stohlmeyer, Kayla Rupp, Mattea Scanlan.



We will not be meeting for Youth Group on Wednesdays in the month of August. We will relaunch this important weekly ministry in September.

We are still going to do some FUN things in August! On **August 4<sup>th</sup>** the Youth will be going to the Dells for an awesome day waterparking! We will meet at PUMC at 8am and will be back around 5pm. The cost for this trip is yet to be determined, but it will be around \$40. If youth have money in their account from the brat sale, they are more than welcome to use it for this trip. We will need some parent chaperones, so if you're a parent and are interested, please let Pastor Liz know.

Youth will also be having a bonfire at Whig UMC on **August 17<sup>th</sup>** from 6-10 pm. There will be food, games, and of course S'MORES! If your youth needs a ride out to Whig, please let Pastor Liz know ahead of time.

Youth, save the date for **September 1<sup>st</sup>**. We will be having a "Back to School Party" at Whig UMC from 3-5pm. We will have lots of snacks, games, and fun! Please come and have a blast!

## **CAMPUS MINISTRY HAS A NEW NAME:** Pioneer Wesley Campus Ministry

Students will be coming back to UW-Platteville in a few weeks! Are we ready? Please make sure if you see a campus student at our services that you welcome them. We will be getting ready to send out Welcome Bags soon, so if you would like to bake some homemade cookies, brownies, etc. please let Pastor Liz know.

Pastor Liz is looking for some help from the congregation! She needs volunteers who are willing to let college students use their washer and dryer. What better way to help college students with their finances than to give them free laundry?! Please let her know if you would be willing to help with this ministry.

When Pastor Liz went to a nationwide United Methodist Campus Ministry conference in June, she discovered that many U.M. Campus Ministries are named "School team name Wesley." By changing our name to "Pioneer Wesley" students will hopefully be able to find us more easily.

The Bishop is coming! Mark your calendar and set the time aside! The Bishop is coming to Platteville to spend some time with us!

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung has made it a goal to visit every church in our Wisconsin Annual Conference within the first two years of his appointment.

He will be in our circuit on Monday August 25 and will be at our church from 12:45-1:30pm. He will be meeting with all of the churches of the circuit at Livingston UMC at 7:00pm.

The content will be different, so be sure to attend both events if you are able.



### ***And the mystery guest was....***



Our mystery guest on July 20th was John Wesley! He reminded us that we need to attend worship regularly, study our Bibles and pray, really love one another, and give sacrificially. He spoke about his childhood and shared stories of his ministry. It was quite inspirational. Playing the part of John was Tom Dillon, brother of our very own Terry Dillon. He did a fantastic job! If you missed it you can listen to it on our church website.

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:

I grew up believing that I was a good Christian. I tried to be good and for the most part, I did what I was told. We would go to church semi-regularly. As I became an adult, I found it hard to say "God". I actually felt awkward about it. I never prayed and seldom went to church. Then years later, a man from church began prodding me to attend a Promise Keepers convention with him. I eventually decided to go. My eyes were opened and my faith exploded. I can now say "God" freely. I pray at meals and talk with God many times throughout the week. When bad things happen, I look to him for guidance. I Love My God! ~ Dan Whitford

I always went to church and Sunday School all my life and I was a Sunday school teacher for twenty-nine years. Yet, when I was in university, I began to question and doubt the existence of God due to the teaching of evolution. The microscopic world which was opened to me in college made me realize that it did not happen just by chance. Only God could create that intricate, beautiful, microscopic world. ~ Elizabeth Duewer

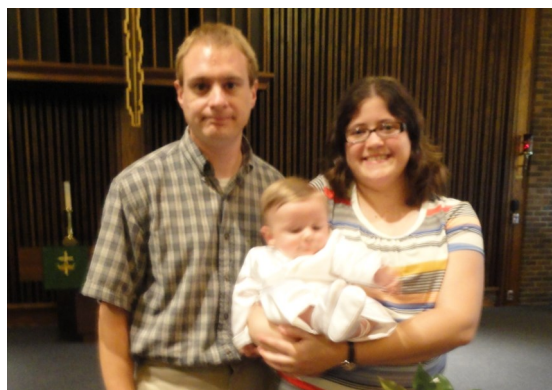




- 1 Joanne Bailie
- 1 Merle Duggan
- 1 Ellen Carnahan
- 2 Taylor Rutherford
- 4 Roy Shaver
- 4 Sara Koeller
- 5 John Cottingham
- 5 Sharon Nodorft
- 5 Katherine Finley
- 6 Joe Clifton
- 8 Terry Dillon
- 10 James Wieters
- 10 Lucas Adrian
- 11 Linda Curry
- 12 Dick Meyer
- 12 Jane Howell
- 12 Sandy Baker
- 12 Christophe Vrielinck
- 15 Charles Drago
- 15 Dianne Edgette
- 17 Dick Bonin
- 19 Merlin Deiter
- 19 Emmett Shaw
- 19 Avery Curry
- 20 Harriett Burbach
- 20 Caleb Shaw
- 22 Jane Peoples
- 22 Renee Baker
- 22 Jennifer Freiburger
- 23 Joseph Musarra
- 25 Jason Fiedler
- 28 Pam Curry-Green
- 30 Zeke Schwartz
- 30 Madilyn Grossman
- 31 Alyssa Simmons

## Anniversaries

- Steve & Colleen Lozeau
- 2 Lynn & Susan Schlager
- 5 Dick & Peg Meyer
- 6 Nathaniel & Crystal Curry
- 6 Adam & Korie Whitford
- 12 Delbert & Jane Rupp
- 17 Richard & Carolyn Trewartha
- 18 Dan & Deb Dunbar
- 18 Nate & Sarah Fosbinder
- 18 James & Beverly Holler
- 18 Jim & Dorothy Olds
- 20 Mark & Lori Adrian
- 20 Pamela & Michael Scott
- 20 Ron & Judy Calcaterra
- 28 Joe & Alice Clifton
- 29 Steven & Debra Becker



Congratulations to Eric and Amy Galdi, whose son, Kade Michael, was baptized on June 29. May he always find joy in being part of God's family!

Amy is the daughter of Joe and Alice Clifton.



Congratulations to Christophe and Amber Vrielinck, whose son, Eli Thomas, was baptized on July 20. May he always find joy in being part of God's family! Eli joins big brother, Lukas.

JUST THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW

**If you get caught at church when a rain storm hits, there are umbrellas available for use. These are above the coat rack and are available for anyone to use.**

In February, I had the opportunity to attend a women's conference at an area church. Over 200 women were in attendance and the church used both its main floor and its lower level for the conference. I took the elevator from level to another with an elderly woman, a woman walking with a cane and a young woman with a baby in a stroller. Those women commented that without an elevator they would not have been able to attend and they were grateful that the church had this available for its visitors. They considered it truly an outreach ministry that helped people come together in worship. We have the opportunity to also reach out to our own members and visitors by building an elevator. Please consider giving to the elevator "match" fund so that we may receive the wonderful gift offered by a community member. ~ Rosemary Anderson

**Christmas Fair Preparation**

Its raining. Its hot. Its buggy outside. What is there to do? Consider making a craft item for the annual Christmas bazaar! Men and women can contribute handmade wooden items, fabric crafts and jellies and jams. Our bazaar is well attended and has a great reputation for quality merchandise. Be a part of this wonderful congregation effort!



**PUMC Elevator Challenge**

The elevator task force would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the elevator project. The elevator budget is \$80,000 and we are getting closer to what is needed to start construction. Currently, the amount received in donations for the elevator exceeds \$37,000 and over \$14,000 more has been pledged but not received. All of the donations have been placed in a fund that is restricted for use in constructing an elevator.

The Platteville United Methodist Church provides space for many functions and groups outside of worship service and church related functions in Fellowship Hall. This service to the community was highlighted in a proposal to the Platteville Community Fund for \$5,000 for the elevator. Unfortunately, the proposal was not selected for funding. However, the PUMC service to the community impressed another individual who saw the proposal and has offered to match the next \$5,000 that is raised for the elevator. If we raise an additional \$5,000 we can receive \$5,000 from the benefactor. In effect, every dollar of the next \$5,000 donated will be doubled. If we are able to meet the challenge of raising \$5,000 more, we can get the \$5,000 match and our total will be closer to the total needed to proceed. Please help us meet this challenge by donating to the elevator fund and help us achieve our goal. Any contributions that are made for this challenge should be designated that they are for the challenge match.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

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.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Tuesday, August 5th--Executive Board will meet at 1:30 :PM in the Wesley Room to make plans for the rest of the year, 2014. There will be NO regular UMW meeting or Rebekah Fellowship Group meeting in August.

The response magazine is provided to the library by the UMW. It is called the magazine for women in mission, but is good reading for women, men and youth. The May 2014 issue is dedicated entirely to the topic, The Church and People with Disabilities, one of the studies for the UMW in 20115, and one of the three studies at Mission u, July 28-31 and the one day experience on Aug.1st.

Here are some statistics from the magazine:

There are 303,858 Persons living with disabilities in the US. Of this, 241,682 are 15 or older.

21.3%-People 15 and over who live with disability

14.6%-People 15 and over with a sight disability

3.1%-People 15 and over with a reading disability

1.2%=People 15 and over with a speech disability

12.6%People 15 and over who have difficulty walking

6.3%-People 15 and over with a mental or emotional disability

41.1%-People 15 and over with a disability who are employed.

Source: "Americans With Disabilities: 2010Household Economic Studies: U.S.Census Bureau

Check the magazine out for yourself and read and ask how we as individuals and PUMC meet the needs of these people in our midst. How about the idea for an elevator?

**Accountable Leadership Workshop**

We are going to be considering moving to a different type of church governance and leadership and are looking for people who would like to work on this. There will be a workshop on August 16. Participants will need to prepare by reading a book. If you are interested in working on this, please see Pastor Brenda or Tom Lindahl.



Every child who is baptized at Platteville UMC receives a baptism blanket crocheted by one of our church members. Recently Eli Vrielinck was baptized, and was excited to snuggle with his new blanket!

**Social Networking & Our Kids**

Understanding the impact of Social Media on Kids  
 (speaker from Family Advocates)  
 Tuesday, August 19th at 6:00 pm  
 Childcare and a light dinner will be provided.  
 Please RSVP to Jennifer by Friday, August 15



# Scrip Fundraising

You can purchase gift cards for America's most popular retailers through Scrip and use them for everyday purchases. Scrip gift cards are the same as gift cards you can purchase from the retailer. With over 300 of the country's biggest brands, including grocery and department stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels and home improvement, Scrip has something to appeal to every family.

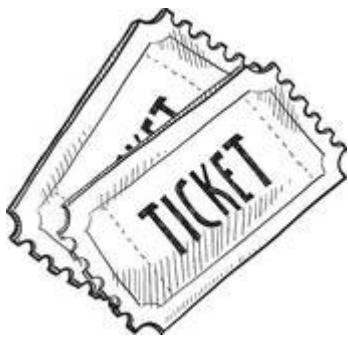
Families pay face value for their gift cards and PUMC orders them at a discount from Great Lakes Scrip Center. The church receives an instant rebate and families do not have to purchase anything they don't need.

**Jennifer's Example:** At my mom's church they sell Scrip. She gets a \$100 Kwik Trip card each month. She is able to use the card to purchase gas, milk, bread, etc at Kwik Trip. The church receives a 9% rebate on every card she purchases for Kwik Trip. So, at the end of the year she has purchased 12, \$100 cards, and the church has received \$108 just from that one family. If 10 families did the same thing, that would be over \$1000/year for the church.

Jennifer will order scrip on Tuesdays. All orders can be turned in with a check made out to PUMC, include "Scrip" in the notes area. Cards usually arrive 2 days after they are ordered. Orders can be picked up in the office or on Sunday mornings.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer.

The list of retailers that has been created is compiled of local stores. There are so many more! If you would like a complete list, please go to [glscrip.com](http://glscrip.com) and click on Retailer List or ask Jennifer she can get a full list for you.



Get entered to win a \$25 gift card when you place your **FIRST** order with Scrip! All our church families that place an order in the month of August will be entered into a drawing to win.

Scrip is Fundraising While You Shop!™







### ***Mission Committee Adopted Classroom***

The Missions Committee has adopted Nancy Fairchild's classroom this year as part of our school supplies project.

"I just completed my 24th year in the district. Prior to those 24 years, I was a long term substitute teacher in the music gifted and talented program in Platteville. At the time, this program was called the 'Modules Program'. Dan and I joined the church in November of 1983 and were married here in 1984. I have been playing church organ for 39 years with the last 32 being at the Platteville United Methodist Church."

We are also taking general supplies to donate to school children in our district. Please use a school supply list from one of the local retailers. Please drop off supplies by Monday August 11th so we can deliver the supplies.

### **High School Band Department Wish List**

Electrical tape white and black  
 CD R's for music  
 AA Batteries-Duracell  
 9 volt Batteries-Duracell  
 Bobby pins

Safety pins  
 Cork grease for clarinets (Blue Note Repair)  
 Valve Oil (Al Cass) from Blue Note Repair  
 pencils



### ***Wanted: task group members for our church to consider being a host church***

A group of people from Platteville, including some from our congregation have been studying ways to help the homeless and have decided to start a Family Promise chapter in Grant County. They hope that our church will sign on as a host church. As a host church we would offer a week of overnight hospitality for up to five families or fourteen people total, four times a year. We would provide dinner, semi-private places to sleep, two hosts that would sleep overnight at the church, breakfast, and a sack lunch. The families would not be at the church during the day. We are in need of a task group to explore how this would fit in our congregation and how we would do this logistically. We have four people interested in the task group already. Would you like to join them? Church Council chairperson Don Shaw said, "I don't see how we can not do this," as he volunteered to be part of the exploration task group. There will be an eight minute video shown during worship on July 12 to introduce our congregation to Family Promise. A task group will gather to figure out logistics, and then it will be brought to the congregation for questions and input before a vote will be taken by the church council. Would you LOVE to serve on this task group to help our church figure out how to be in ministry more deeply to the homeless? Contact Pastor Brenda



# 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.

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.

*Love to Stay by Adam Hamilton is FREE on Kindle right now (as of July 24). This book is recommended by Pastor Brenda and is used for our pre-marital counseling. Get your copy today!*

*Copies of the Annual Conference report can be found at the information booth in the lobby. If you would like an electronic copy, please contact Jennifer.*

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9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.; Monday-Friday

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**August Usher Schedule**

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Tom &amp; LeeAnn Lindahl and Debby Schroedl

**August Readers Schedule**

August 3 8:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School

11:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

August 10 8:30 a.m. TBA

11:00 a.m. TBA

August 17 8:30 a.m. Mission Trip Kids

11:00 a.m. Mission Trip Kids

August 24 8:30 a.m. Lynn Schlager

11:00 a.m. Tom Lindahl

August 31 8:30 a.m. Ellen Carnahan

11:00 a.m. Warner Smidt

**August Greeters Schedule**

August 3 8:30 a.m. Rita Hoffman/Dorothy Arndt

11:00 a.m. Gile Family

August 10 8:30 a.m. Mumm Family

11:00 a.m. Pohle Family

August 17 8:30 a.m. Hank &amp; Judy Bossenbroek

11:00 a.m. Joe &amp; Alice Clifton

August 24 8:30 a.m. John &amp; Norma Meisel

11:00 a.m. Scanlan Family

August 31 8:30 a.m. Carol Lange &amp; Carolyn Woodward

11:00 a.m. Debby Schroedl &amp; Becky Peters

**August Children's Message**

August 3 - Vacation Bible School

August 10 - Ellen Carnahan

August 17 - Mission Trip Sunday

August 24 - Pastor Brenda

August 31 -

**August Coffee Hour Hosts**

There no one signed up for coffee hour in August.

*August Worship Schedule***August 3**

Vacation Bible School Sunday!  
Communion Both Services

**August 10**

Lay Speaker to be announced

**August 17**

Mission Trip Sunday

**August 24**

Prodigal: The Son  
Luke 15:11-32

**August 31**

Prodigal: The Not-So-Prodigal Son  
Luke 15:11-32

As part of our Regional Shared Ministry agreement, Pastor Liz will be leading worship VBS Sunday and Mission Trip Sunday at Platteville UMC, so Pastor Brenda will be leading worship at Whig UMC on those Sundays.

For three weeks beginning August 24 we will be having a sermon series on the Parable of the Prodigal Son. We will read the story each week from a different perspective: the younger son, the older son, and the father. Join us each week as we break apart what Jesus was trying to tell us about each of these characters.

**August Mowers Schedule**

August 3 - Lynn Schlager

August 10 - Calvin Koeller

August 17 - Nate Fosbinder

August 24 - John Ambrosius

August 31 - Tom Lindahl/Hampton

# AUGUST 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Pastor Brenda will be on vacation and then at a conference from Aug. 4-15. Pastor Liz will be caring for emergencies.</p>						
3 8:30 Worship 11:00 Worship <b>VBS Sunday</b>	4 6:45 am Breakfast Prayer Group @ Country Kit. Youth Group to Wisconsin Dells	5 10:00 am CAP Club 1:30 pm UMW Exec. Board Meeting 6:00 pm Zumba	6 7:00 am Bible Study 1:00 pm Hearts & Hands 6:00 pm Worship Committee	7 9:00 am Small Group <b>7:00 pm Trustees</b>	1 9:00 am Vacation Bible School 6:00 pm VBS Program & Potluck	2
10 8:30 Worship 11:00 Worship	11 6:45 am Breakfast Prayer Group @ Country Kit.	12 5:00 pm Missions 6:00 pm Zumba	13 7:00 am Bible Study 1:00 pm Hearts & Hands	14 9:00 am Small Group	15	16
17 8:30 Worship 11:00 Worship <b>Mission Trip Sunday</b> 7:00 pm Youth Group Bonfire	18 6:45 am Breakfast Prayer Group @ Country Kit. 11:30 am Bishop is here 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val 7:00 pm Bishop @ Livingston UMC	19 6:00 pm Zumba 6:00 pm Social Media Informational Meeting for Parents	20 7:00 am Bible Study 1:00 pm Hearts & Hands 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val 6:30 pm Extreme Self-Care Small Group	21 9:00 am Small Group <b>6:00 pm Church Council</b> <b>7:00 pm SPRC</b>	22 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	23
24 8:30 Worship 11:00 Worship	25 6:45 am Breakfast Prayer Group @ Country Kit. 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val	26	27 7:00 am Bible Study 1:00 pm Hearts & Hands 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val	28 9:00 am Small Group 12:00 pm Newsletter Assembled	29	30



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## *VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY*

*SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD*

Join us as we see and hear our kids from VBS sing songs and share their fun experiences from the week.

## *MISSION TRIP SUNDAY*

*SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH*

Join us as we hear how the week in Dallas TX impacted our youth.

