

PLATTEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Learn God ~ Love God ~ Share God ~ Serve God



Sometimes trying to figure out physics principles helps us as we consider our faith. Let me explain.

Dan gets up to go to work in the middle of the night, so we have never turned our thermostat down at night. This is the first winter that I have considered

turning the thermostat down each day while we are gone. I was curious if it actually saved energy, since it takes so much energy to warm it the house back up again. I went looking for a scientific explanation.

It turns out, the savings you get when you turn your thermostat down is from a reduction of heat transfer. Heat transfer in this case is the loss of warm air in your home as it tries to form an equilibrium with the cold air outside. When your house is warmer, you lose more heat. When you turn your thermostat down, there is less heat transfer - there's less heat to lose, so you save in energy costs.

When I tried to share this new knowledge, I found that I had a difficult time explaining it, and I am still not sure I have explained it well. But as I thought about it, I discovered that it is like our faiths. When our faith is warmer, there is more faith to share.

Each Pentecost we talk about how the Holy Spirit "set the church on fire." The people were given the passion and drive to go and tell people about Jesus. We need to tell this story every year, because it didn't take long then, and it doesn't take long now, for us to lose the heat, and the fire goes out.

Jesus wants us to share the fire – to share our faith – to share the good news of the gospel. Jesus wants our warmth to rush out and warm of the lives of people who are in need of the warmth of God. We are designed to have that fire renewed in our lives daily, by God, so we can keep giving that heat away. And yet we often find that we don't have anything to give, because the light of Christ is barely burning within us. Just like when the heat in our house is turned down and there is less warm air to lose, when we are not on fire with the Spirit of Christ, we are not able to give away our heat either.

It's February already. On Christmas Eve we remembered that Jesus came to be the light to the world. We are to carry on his earthly mission. Allow the love of Christ to rekindle your heart, to refire your thermostat. Go and do a little heat transfer of your own! Share the love of Christ with your friends!

See you in church – where God refuels us!

*Love
Pastor
Sunda*



FEBRUARY 2014

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MISSION COMMITTEE

The adopted families were all very grateful for the Christmas gifts and food baskets. Some excerpts from thank you notes:

"Many thanks to you.....thank you all so much for blessing my family."

"Thanks everyone for the gifts and food baskets for Christmas and Thanksgiving."

From girl (7 years old) - "Thank you for all the gifts you gave me for Christmas! You are so kind and we loved all of it."

From girl (12 years old) - "I would like to thank you for getting all those cool presents.....thank you, thank you."

"Thank you so much and God's richest blessings to all of you!"

Your generosity helped make the Christmas Season joyous for 22 families.

Volunteers in Mission (VIM)

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission provides volunteer opportunities to express Christ's love by helping our brothers and sisters in our local community, nation and world.

These volunteer opportunities are short term trips for usually one to two weeks in length. Wisconsin VIM coordinates the volunteer activities within the state of Wisconsin and out-of-state plus working with other agencies for national and international projects.

The next VIM trip is scheduled for March 1 to 9, 2014 to **Plymouth , NC.** with registration by February 1, 2014. The Plymouth Poverty Assistance trip is to address the need to help homeowners with maintaining and repairing their homes. Washington County, NC, has a very high poverty rate brought on by the layoffs of hundreds of well paid jobs in the wood products industry in that area. The UMC of Plymouth has formed an organization call CROSS (Christians Reaching Out in Sacred Service) to help home owners.

Anyone interested in this VIM opportunity or other VIM trips may contact Max Anderson or Rita Elver for more information. Scholarships are available to assist with the cost.

School Bus Cafe

After School Snacks, Crafts & Storytime

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

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

FOOD SPONSORED BY **Country Kitchen**, **DQ**, **Grill & Chill**

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Currently we have 10 kids attending School Bus Café on Thursday's after school. We have several volunteers: Amber Vrielinck (Church Member), Karen Forseth and Middle School student Rana Pluemer, that are here each week. The kids are really enjoying the program and look forward to coming each week. Led by Tracy Harle

The School Bus Café is looking for some donors to help cover the cost of the banner above and donations for craft supplies and snacks. If you would like to donate, please write SB banner on your check or envelope.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Coffee Hours are a time of fellowship and are held immediately after each Sunday morning service. 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.



Nearly 300 people were present for Christmas Eve worship! Jesus is the Light of the world. Keep his light burning in your heart!



Church Membership Class

Sunday February 9 at 12:15-2:15pm in the Wesley Room

Lunch will be provided

Our church is not a clubhouse. Our members are the Body of Christ who commit to one another

through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Anybody is welcome to participate in any activity or event in our church. The only benefit to becoming a member is that you can vote at our Charge Conference (yearly meeting). Membership is not what you get. It's about taking responsibility for ministry and mission. It's about taking ownership in what God is doing through our church. It's about saying, "This is my church."

We have a lot of people who are attending worship regularly and who are participating in our various ministries and missions. If you are one of those people and would like to take your commitment further, please join Pastor Brenda for lunch and conversation on what it means to be a church member. Lunch will be provided. Childcare will be provided if needed. Please RSVP to Jennifer in the church office if you plan to attend so we can plan lunch and childcare.

Barely Seniors

Barely Seniors will meet on Thursday, February 13 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.

The program will be Carol and Glen Balbach; "Lords of the North" The Polar Bears at Churchill, Manitoba Canada



Merge is ready to kick off the second semester! The students asked for more food and events, and Merge is bringing all that to

them! Some highlights of this semester are an all night ski event, Merge dinner once a month, going out to Dunkin Donuts once a month, a bowling party. No doubt this will not be a semester you want to miss of Merge.

Merge is also working on new ways to connect to students. Some ideas I have as Merge director are working on assisting coach basketball and eating lunch with students. This is critical to the programs success.

Be sure to see the complete Merge schedule and the write up about the Refuel conference on page 5.

Merge 45 also has a new schedule this semester. Merge 45 will now be meeting on the first Sunday of each month at 2:00-3:30 pm. We will be playing games, having a short lesson, doing crafts, and eating snacks. The dates we will be meeting are as follows:

Feb. 2	May 4
March 2	June 1
April 6	



They are coming! They are coming! Second semester is starting and so is Spark in full force. What a great

way for our students to kick off the semester; mission trip to Nashville and the Passion conference. Be sure to attend the brunch on Jan 26 to hear all about our trip from our students.

Some of Spark's goals for this semester are to have an on campus small group meet during the week, have more contact with students on campus by working out in the PAC, attending sporting and music events and others!

Spark also plans on having at least one community event each month, along with a retreat to Pine Lake.

This will be a very active and exciting semester for Spark!



We have many small groups in process and are starting new ones this month! Check out the brochure for a full line up of groups offered. Not in a small group but want to be? Not a problem! Most of them you can join at anytime. The exception is Financial Peace by the nature of the material as it is essential to join at the beginning. This one starts on February 9 so you still have time to join! Contact the office or Mindy if you are interested in joining a small group!

The Connect Group program is looking at investing in our fabulous leaders. They are great leaders now but we want them to continue developing and continue sharpening their skills. To do this we are meeting once a month after 11:00 church at Berry Yo for a short leadership discussion and soup or frozen yogurt. Our first meeting is Feb 9 12:30-1:30. All current and interested small group leaders are encouraged to attend!

November 22-24, Merge took 5 students up to the ReFuel conference at the Wilderness in Wisconsin Dells. It was a great weekend filled with fun and lessons about God! Here is what the students had to say about it.



“Refuel was a great time! I had so much fun! The water park was amazing and I learned so much about God and feel so much closer to him!” -Savannah McCall

“Refuel was great I love that they have at the Wilderness! I feel like I am more connected with God and that my faith is rekindled again this was much needed in my life again.” -Kendall Leighman

“ReFuel was fun and the water park was awesome! The services got long but they were interesting. I want to be a roof ripped and bring others to youth group!” -Brandon Kaiser and Joseph Coe

“Fall Refuel was a lot of fun and the wilderness is so big we got lost in the halls and ended up getting good exercise! The worship and prayer was really intense. I was like something I never experienced!” -Spenser Olds

February Merge Schedule

- Feb 5 Regular Merge
- Feb 12 Merge with Supper
- Feb 19 Regular Merge
- Friday Feb 21 All Night Ski at Sundown (a note will come home)
- Feb 26 Regular Merge with Dunkin Donuts after

March Merge Schedule

- March 5 Regular Merge
- March 12 Merge With Supper
- March 19th Merge Bowling and Pizza Party (a note will come home)
- March 23(Sunday) Winter Jam 2014 concert in Madison. Leave right after church for some shopping and meals in Madison. (a note will come home)
- March 26 Regular Merge



- 01 Sharon Glass
- 02 Suzanne Weigel
- 02 Jamie Weigel
- 02 Harrison Pothour
- 03 Jane Rupp
- 04 Christina Byrnes
- 04 Austin Uppena
- 05 Anna Musarra
- 06 Dorothea Bradley
- 06 Keith Wanezek
- 07 Rachel Demaree
- 09 Harlan Stephens
- 09 Sam Krueger
- 09 Allison Brehm
- 11 Janice Digman
- 12 Beverly Holler
- 13 Gary Craugh
- 15 Jennifer Goninen
- 18 Mark Harle
- 18 Tammy Rupp
- 18 Jessica Plourde
- 19 Jason Pothour
- 22 Joe Witmer
- 22 Brittany Noel
- 24 Danielle Dillon
- 25 Nancy Deiter
- 25 Pam Craugh
- 25 George Krueger
- 25 Mackenzie Timlin
- 26 Arica Wanezek
- 26 Josh Brynes
- 27 Kandice Stephens

Anniversaries

- | 1 Gary & Sandy Baker
- | 1 Mike & Ann Finley
- | 8 Brian & Amy Loeffelholz
- | 9 Donnie & Janet Millard
- | 12 Roger & Rita Elver
- | 12 Kelly & Jill Ingersoll
- | 14 Randy & Connie Stephens
- | 14 Tom & Christine McCall
- | 20 Darrell & Pauline Henry
- | 25 Duwayne & Nancy Stuelke



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YOU should
KNOW

A Big Thank You: Last spring we requested prayers for our daughter-in-law's nephew, Kobe. He is 14 years old and was diagnosed with acute leukemia. We spent the 4th of July at home and then continued his treatments in the hospital. In August he contacted a serious infection and almost died. In early November he underwent a bone marrow transplant. He left the hospital around the first of December. He was back for his 2 month check-up after the transplant and was declared cancer free. Praise the Lord! His body could still reject the transplant, but for now he is glad to be home and is doing well. We want to thank you for your prayers and concerns. John and Norma Meisel

Dear United Methodist Church, Thank you very much for allowing our softball team the use of your kitchen facilities. As you may be aware, our team needed a large space to make pizzas, which players sold to raise funds to pay for tournament fees, equipment, and other expenses. The sale, we're happy to report, was a great success. Ten girls sold and made over 320 pizzas! Everyone had a lot of fun making pizzas. It was truly a great team-building experience. Thank you for supporting youth sports in our community. Sincerely, Kory Wein & Ray Wagner, Coaches

Family Promise of Grant County

Tuesday, February 4th 6:30 pm

First Congregational UCC

Congregations in Grant County are exploring networking together to provide, on a rotating basis, overnight accommodations and meals for homeless families.

As people who know me, December was a tough month. My sister's passing was very hard on me. I would not be feeling as good as I am if not for my good friends, Dee Gray, Jan Digman, Doris Tatge and Teddy McNett. Their calls and cards helped me with my sadness. I am so grateful to all my friends, even those no listed. Also, thank you to Helen Ingersoll for her calls. ~ Joan Kuehl

The UMW would like to let the congregation know that the 2013 Christmas bazaar had a profit of \$2700. This profit was possible because of the efforts of those who helped set up, publicized the bazaar, brought goods in to sell, worked at the stations in Fellowship Hall, served the luncheon, and cleaned up. Those attending the bazaar had praise for how creative our crafts were, what a variety of goodies there were to buy, and how tasty the lunch was. They also complimented us on how friendly we were to our guests. This is one way of showing what our church is all about and how we reach out to the community. Our profits will be going to missions in our neighborhoods, both local and abroad. Thanks to everyone who helped! Remember to save Dec. 6, 2014 for our next bazaar! Rosemary Anderson

February Calendar of Events

Tuesday, Feb. 4-UMW General Meeting at 1:30 in the Wesley Room
 A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial/ "Calling to Act"
 Program: Dee Gray Hostess: Virginia Riter

Thursday, Feb. 20-Rebekah Fellowship Group at:
 9:00 Coffee Time
 9:30-Business Meeting/Program
 (Please check in Green Yearbook for info about serving)

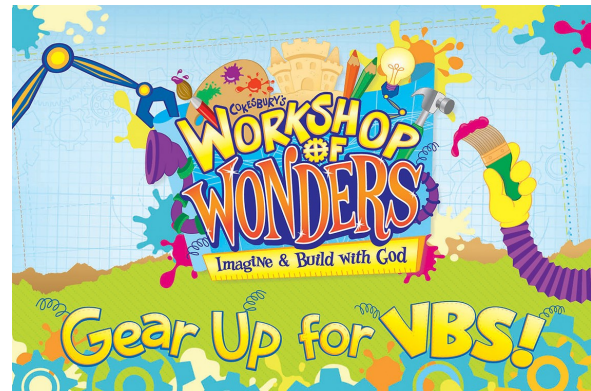
Pecan Sale!
\$10
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Bag!



Come join us at either or both meetings and get to know better the other women of the church and help us be in mission to women, children and youth. Our theme for 2014 is, "A Calling for This Time".

Coming soon! Scrip Fundraising is a no-selling program that enables families to raise money for their non-profit organization.

If you would like to be on the Scrip Team, please contact Jennifer in the church office.



July 28-August 1
9:00 am– Noon

Special Thanks to Wayne & Max

The chancel remodeling was completed over one year ago. However, installing the solid pieces of oak trim to cover the exposed plywood edges on the sound booth was never done.

A special thanks goes to Wayne Simmons who stained and varnished all the trim pieces last spring. Another special thanks goes to Max Anderson for doing the finish carpentry work of installing the trim pieces. Some of the ends of the trim pieces had to be cut at odd angles resulting in some ends requiring touch staining and varnishing which Max also did.

About half of the trim pieces were milled from the bases of the old communion rails. The exposed parts of the communions rails were made out of oak, but the hidden parts of the bases were white ash. Unless you look very closely, you can barely tell the difference. Some of the most beautiful grain patterns in these trim pieces are the ash pieces.



“Souper Sunday” Soup Luncheon, the only fundraiser annually to support the Holy Rollers and Redeemer, will be on Sunday February 2, 2014 following the 11:00AM worship service. Soup Take Outs will be available after the 8:30AM worship service. The teen music ministry is self-funded through the generous donations offered and has been an annual event on Super Bowl Sunday every year since its inaugural event in 2004. The annual fund raiser has been led every year by Linda Curry and Nancy Mair. The teens have been so grateful for the financial support and encouragement they have received over the years.

All are invited to enjoy lunch with over 15 varieties of soup, salads, cheese platters and a mega selection of deserts. A large hardcover digital photo album of the Holy Rollers titled “The First Decade” will be available for reminiscing. Video of the Holy Rollers and Redeemer will be displayed throughout your “Souper” lunch. Supporters are invited to donate generously to support our young Christians as they go forth and make disciples for Jesus Christ with praise and song! Donations to support the youth music ministry may offered at the soup lunch, dropped off at the church office or mailed to Platteville United Methodist Church, 1065 Lancaster St., Platteville, WI 53818.



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Sunday School News

Our Sunday School students adopted Grant County Habitat for Humanity as their mission project this year. All of the quarters and dollars they bring in for offering each week, the money they raise hosting Coffee Fellowship and bake sales each month, and money donated for the wooden houses they decorated in December have gone toward this mission. The Christmas Eve offering also went toward Habitat for Humanity. Thanks to our children and the congregation's generous support, we have raised an amazing total of: **\$ 4,431.25.**

In February, the Sunday School students will not host a Coffee Fellowship, because the Holy Rollers are holding their "Souper Bowl" lunch on the first Sunday of the month. The mission committee will be doing a special project for Habitat for Humanity during the month of February.

During December, the Sunday School classes learned about the Christmas story, and the birth of Jesus. This culminated in a delightful Children's Christmas Program on Jan.5. In January and February our stories will focus on Christ's ministry here on earth, leading up to the story of Holy Week.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the children's program. Despite the date change due to weather, the program was wonderful!!!



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FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

February Usher Schedule

8:30 a.m. Doug & Kathy Martin, Roy Shaver & Cecile Hoffman
 11:00 a.m. Bill VanDeest & Barb Browning

February Readers Schedule

February 2 8:30 a.m. Mindy Frieburger
 11:00 a.m. Mattea Scanlan
 February 9 8:30 a.m. Boy Scouts
 11:00 a.m. Boy Scouts
 February 16 8:30 a.m. Elizabeth Whitford
 11:00 a.m. Tom Lindahl
 February 23 8:30 a.m. Calvin Koeller
 11:00 a.m. George Krueger

February Greeters Schedule

February 2 8:30 a.m. Dan & Elizabeth Whitford
 11:00 a.m. Gile Family
 February 9 8:30 a.m. Boy Scouts
 11:00 a.m. Boy Scouts
 February 16 8:30 a.m. Dick & Peg Meyer
 11:00 a.m. Bill & Diane VanDeest
 February 23 8:30 a.m. Tom & Nancy Ziegenfuss
 11:00 a.m. Amy & Chad Pohle

February Worship

February 2nd

Breathing Room: In Our Schedules
 Communion Both Services
 8:30 Special Music
 11:00 Holy Rollers & Redeemer

February 9th

Breathing Room: In Our Relationships
 8:30 Mallow Ringers
 11:00 Blind Faith

February 16th

Love to Stay: What Ephesians 5 Really Means
 Ephesians 5:21-33
 8:30 Special Music
 11:00 Blind Faith

February 23rd

Love to Stay: Doing Love
 8:30 Special Music
 11:00 Blind Faith

Breathing Room Sermon Series Continues

Ever feel like you can't catch your breath? Not enough time or money? In our attempt to get the most out of life, it's easy to lose control of our lives. What we need is a little breathing room. We are continuing a 4 week sermon series called "Breathing Room." We're talking about how God intended for us to live, how we got into this mess in the first place, and how we can find breathing room in our finances, our schedule, and our relationships. Be sure to invite your friends to this practical sermon series! Life is better with breathing room.



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.

FEBRUARY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Souper Bowl Soup Lunch 12:00 pm</i>	3 6:45 am Breakfast Prayer Group at Country Kit. 1 pm Blood Drive 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val	4 10:00 am CAP Club 2:00 pm Nurture 4:15 pm Yoga w/Val 6:30 Love To Stay Small Group 6:30 pm Family Promise Mtg at	5 1:00 pm Hearts & Hands 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val 6:30 pm Holy Rollers & Redeemer 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Merge	6 1:30 pm Volunteer Rocket 3:45 pm School Bus Caf� <i>Trustees 7:00 pm</i>	7 Girl Scouts – Cookie Delivery	8
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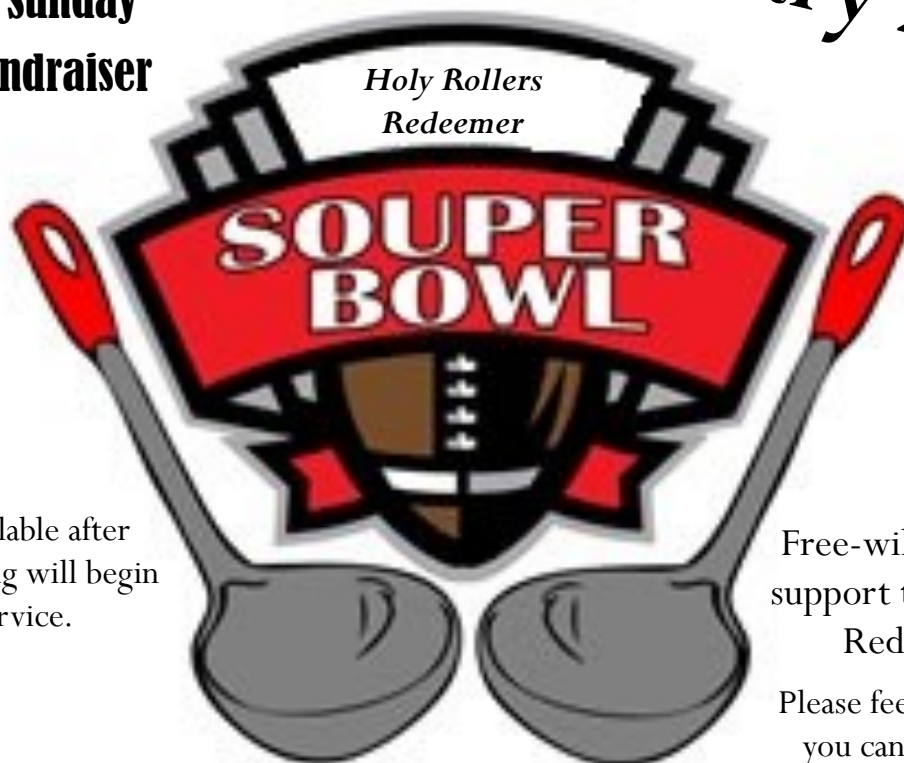
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**The Holy Rollers & Redeemer
Soup-er Bowl Sunday
Soup Lunch Fundraiser**

February 2, 2014



Carry-out will be available after the 8:30 service. Serving will begin after the 11:00 service.

Free-will offerings will help support the Holy Rollers and Redeemer ministry.

Please feel free to donate even if you cannot attend the lunch.