

# PLATTEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



Many of you know that Dan and I went to South Florida for a vacation in January. Since the kids have grown up, this has become a tradition for us. The two weeks after Christmas are a good time for both of us to take off work, and we have come to really enjoy having a week of South Florida sun and

heat in the midst of the cold and dark of winter.

Dan got sick while we were there, so for a couple of days I left him sleeping while I went down to the beach for an hour or two. It gave me a lot of time to be alone with God.

I went for a walk along the ocean. I was in water just above my ankles, but as the waves washed in it would get as high as mid-thigh. As I waked back to my beach chair sand completely covered my legs. I waited for it to dry, but still had a hard time brushing it off. There was so much sand. There were probably thousands of sand grains on my legs. I looked around and wondered how many grains of sand were on that beach: Billions? Trillions? And then if you counted all of the grains of sand on all of the Atlantic Sea Coast, how many grains would that be? I don't know how to count that high!

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

Were I to count them,

they would outnumber the grains of sand. Psalm 139:17

If you are ever feeling down, Psalm 139 is an excellent Psalm to read: it's about how close God is to us, and how God treasures us as his creation. I always read this first line above as: "How precious to me are your thoughts of me," which I believe is consistent with the rest of the Psalm. And those thoughts of how much God loves each one of us outnumber the grains of the sand.

I was just at the beach. I cannot imagine counting the grains of sand. And yet God's thoughts of you outnumber that.

What does God want in return? Simply for you to love him back and to allow the love he gives to you to flow out to love others. If his love for us outnumbers the grains of sand, we can certainly spread a lot of his love around!

See you in church – where we experience that amazing love of God and are encouraged to spread it around!



February 2015

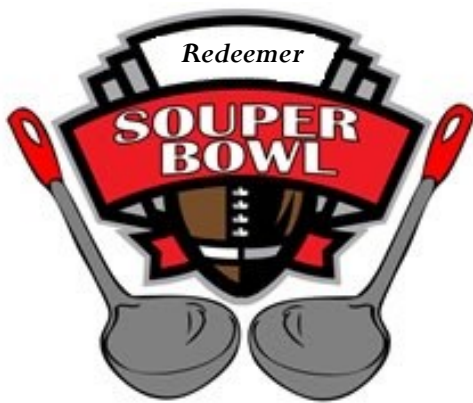
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*Love  
Pastor  
Sunda*



Bishop Hee Soo Jung will be spending the morning with us on February 1<sup>st</sup>. He will be preaching at both services and will be available for conversation between services. There are nearly 500 United Methodist Churches in Wisconsin, so churches often go for decades without a bishop coming to worship with them. It will be a blessing for us all to share this time with him. Let's show him what an amazing congregation Platteville UMC is by having a huge group of people worshipping at both services.



**“Souper Sunday” Soup Luncheon**, the only fundraiser annually to support Redeemer, will be on **Sunday February 1, 2015** 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 is being led this year by Dawn Drake, Dawn Gile and Jennifer Goninen. 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. 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 be offered at the soup lunch, dropped off at the church office or mailed to Platteville United Methodist Church, 1065 Lancaster St., Platteville, WI 53818.



Saturday, January 31st

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

PUMC Fellowship Hall

Come join us for a day of shopping!

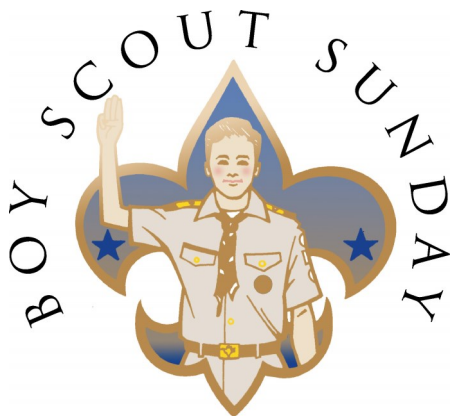
30 vendors from the area will fill the Fellowship Hall along with lunch available for purchase from the one and only Lunch Bus!

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.



Wednesday,  
February 18th  
12:00 pm &  
7:00 pm

12:00 pm Lent service every  
Wednesday during Lent

**Sunday, February 8th**

Past and present boy scouts are welcome to wear their uniforms to service. Bob Plourde and his troop will have a display in the lobby.



***Barely Seniors Potluck and Program***

Thursday, February 12 at Noon

Please bring a dish to pass.

The program will be, Connie Valenza, Platteville Schools Superintendent. She will discuss the building proposals, possible referendum and other public schools issues.

## ***Trustees Highlights for January***

Heat tapes have been installed on the roof above the offices to prevent ice dams from forming.

Construction plans for the elevator are underway. After meeting with the Scott Chyko, President of Delta 3 Engineering, at the church and reviewing location options and potential construction difficulties, it was determined that the best location for an elevator is in the stairwell between the music room and the craft room. The stairs will be removed and an elevator installed in the space occupied by the stairs. Delta 3 has prepared plans for the elevator and has submitted them to the Safety and Buildings Division for approval. A down payment has been made for fabrication of the elevator cab. Once the plans are approved, a contractor will be hired to construct the hoist way. After the hoist way is completed and the elevator cab is fabricated, the elevator company will complete the installation of the elevator.



How do we make disciples of Jesus Christ at Platteville United Methodist Church? L<sup>2</sup>S<sup>2</sup>! We provide environments where people Learn God, Love God, Share God, and Serve God!

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### **Feb 3rd**-UMW General Meeting at 1:30 in the Wesley Room

Program will be on Prayer and Self-Denial by Dee Gray.

Offering will go to support mission institutions of today. See info below.

### **Feb 19th**-Rebekah Fellowship Group at 9:00 am

Mission Institutions of today.

"Volunteers of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and Methodist mission work in the 1800-1800's conceived and organized deaconess and missionary services based on the needs of women and children. Their early mission projects have produced the United Methodist Women mission institutions of today. United Methodist women carries the responsibility to undergird active and retired missionary personnel services and needs. This includes personnel pensions, health insurance, the Brooks-Howell Home retirement and health care facility, communications and service resources."

(from 2014-2015 UMW Program Book)

Ruth Walther, who grew up in this church and spent her life working for the church, now lives in Brooks-Howell, in Asheville, NC. She spent much of her life teaching children in an impoverished area in FL.

# PLATTE RIVER REGIONAL MINISTRY

## Starter Youth Group

Do you have a 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grader? Are they excited for Youth Group in a couple of years? Wait no longer! Pastor Liz along with some volunteers will be starting a Starter Youth Group. Our first gathering will be **February 6<sup>th</sup>** from **6-8pm** not including dinner! These will be held once a month, and will allow the pre-teens the fun of youth group, while helping them get into the hang of coming and being together in the church!

## Youth Group

The 2015 Mission Trip has been announced! The Platte River Regional Ministry along with Sidekick Missions will be going to Boulder, Colorado June 20-28<sup>th</sup>!!! The cost for this trip is \$500, and the youth will be working hard up until then to pay to go. If you know of a youth that would like to go but hasn't turned in their registration slip to Pastor Liz, please get all information to her by **February 6<sup>th</sup>**. The registration deadline was February 1<sup>st</sup>, but we will be able to slip a few people in afterwards.

Watch in the next month's newsletter for results and pictures from the **Pie-In-The-Face Fundraiser!**

We will be having a Youth Group **Fun Day** on **February 15<sup>th</sup>** at **1:30pm!** Youth will be traveling down to the Mississippi River Museum for a fun afternoon! If you have a youth that is interested! Please let Pastor Liz know by February 13<sup>th</sup>. Students should bring \$10 for a ticket into the museum.

For those youth excited about learning more from their Bible. Pastor Liz will meet with them February 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm.

## Campus Ministry

Spring Semester for the UW-Platteville has kicked off! Thanks to all who donated cookies!! The students loved them.

Free Dinner and Bible Study for Pioneer Wesley will be Tuesdays from 5-6pm this semester. Pastor Liz will also be on campus Mondays from 3-5pm to meet with students.

### **Annual Trivia Night Fundraiser**

A Night of fellowship and fun to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Grant County

Saturday, February 28th 7-10pm (doors open at 6pm)

WI Bank and Trust Community Room, 10 Keystone Pkwy, Platteville

Donation \$10/person

Teams are currently being formed. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby.



- 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 Dorothe 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

## *Anniversaries*

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



*just thought  
YOU should  
**KNOW***

Thank you very much for thinking of me at Christmas time and on my (50<sup>th</sup>!) birthday! The card shower was wonderful! Your cards and gifts for Christmas were enjoyed and greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness. More than that, I praise God that he has placed his Spirit within you, and that you share his love with me, one another, Platteville, and around the world! Christ's blessings! Love Pastor Brenda

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Our sincere condolences go out to the family of Milton Rewey, Milt passed away on Wednesday, January 21st.

Dear United Methodist Church,

On behalf of the Westview Elementary School, we would like to thank you for your generous donation of school supplies. Your generosity and support of our school district is greatly appreciated. Many thanks for your continuous involvement.

Sincerely, Westview Elementary School staff

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Dear members of United Methodist,

Just a short note expressing our sincere appreciation of all your hard work with the "Alone for Christmas" dinner. Your kindness and generosity made a difference for many folks. Platteville is truly blessed to have people like you in our community. Thanks again and God bless.

Sincerely, The Alone for Christmas Committee

Our Sunday School students adopted UWP Engineers Without Borders as their mission project this year. This group is building a school in Ghana, Africa, which will offer formal schooling for the first time to children from several rural villages. All of the quarters and dollars our students bring in for offering each week, and the money they raise hosting Coffee Fellowship and bake sales each month have gone toward this mission. Half of the Christmas Eve offering also went toward Engineers Without Borders. Thanks to our children and the congregation's generous support, we have raised a total of \$2,824.25.

In February, the Sunday School students will host a Coffee Fellowship on February 8th, which is the second Sunday of the month. The Redeemer band is holding their "Souper Bowl" lunch on the first Sunday of the month, so we do not want to compete with them.

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! In January and February our stories will focus on Christ's ministry here on earth, leading up to the story of Holy Week.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2015



**Conquering Challenges with  
God's Mighty Power**

*Mark your calendar for July 27th-July 31st*

We are looking for our team to put on this great program. If you would like to be one this team, please contact Pastor Liz at 608-482-2303 or [pastorliz@centurylink.net](mailto:pastorliz@centurylink.net)






# Electronic Giving

## Electronic Giving is a convenient, consistent way to support our church year round.

Consider scheduling a recurring electronic contribution today. It's easy! You will no longer need to write out checks and prepare envelopes every week. Even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, your electronic contributions will continue to be received on an uninterrupted basis. Get started today! Ask for an authorization form in the church office.

OR

Visit our church website at [www.plattevilleumc.org](http://www.plattevilleumc.org) and click on the  button.



OR



Prefer to use your smart phone? Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's QR code reader and it will take you directly to our church website.

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### *Advanced Lay Servant Course*

#### *Leading Prayer*

Dates:

Sundays, March 1, 8, 15, & 22, 2015

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Place: Lancaster United Methodist Church  
216 S Monroe St, Lancaster, WI 53813

Teacher/Facilitator: Pastor Barbara Cook

Registration: By Feb 15, 2015

To register: send an email to [dbcook@tds.net](mailto:dbcook@tds.net) or  
by calling 608.723.4332

Registration fee is \$25.00 and can be paid on the  
first day of class.

Checks can be made payable to the Lancaster  
United Methodist Church.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Just a friendly reminder of the weekly announcement and newsletter deadlines.

### ***Weekly Announcements***

Wednesday morning

### ***Newsletters***

3rd Friday of the month

***Please have any articles to the office no later than Friday afternoon. This will ensure that your article will get in the newsletter. Dates are posted in the weekly announcements, newsletter and sent out by email.***



## **Who is Jesus?**

Who is Jesus? They say Jesus is both God and human. How can that be? Who was Jesus? How did he save me? It has come to Pastor Brenda's attention that a lot of people are confused about Jesus.

Sundays during Lent we will have a sermon series on Christology: the theological study of the person and work of Jesus the Christ. We will be using passages from the Bible, as well as the Creeds that can be found in the hymnal. By the time we get to Easter, you should be able to answer these questions and more about who Jesus is.



### **Office Hours**

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.; Monday-Friday

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

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 1 8:30 a.m. Elizabeth Whitford  
11:00 a.m. Lori Adrian  
February 8 8:30 a.m. Boy Scouts  
11:00 a.m. Boy Scouts  
February 15 8:30 a.m. Elizabeth Duewer  
11:00 a.m. Dawn Drake  
February 22 8:30 a.m. Carol Lange  
11:00 a.m. Debby Schroedl

**February Greeters Schedule**

February 1 8:30 a.m. Tom & Nancy Ziegenfuss  
11:00 a.m. Joe & Alice Clifton  
February 8 8:30 a.m. Boy Scouts  
11:00 a.m. Boy Scouts  
February 15 8:30 a.m. Lynn Dew & Sharon Glass  
11:00 a.m. Bill & Diane VanDeest  
February 22 8:30 a.m. Jim & Carol Kirkpatrick  
11:00 a.m. Fiedler Family

**February Coffee Hour Hosts**

February 1 Souper Bowl Lunch  
February 8 Sunday School  
February 15 OPEN  
February 22 OPEN

**February Children's Message**

February 1 Sara Koeller  
February 8 Pastor Brenda  
February 15 Elizabeth Duewer  
February 22 Ellen Carnahan

*February Worship*

**February 1<sup>st</sup>**

Bishop Hee Soo Jung preaching  
Communion both services  
8:30 Mallow Ringers  
11:00 Redeemer, Children's Choir  
& Drum Circle

**February 8<sup>th</sup>**

BE More: Be Still  
Psalm 46  
8:30 Special Music TBD  
11:00 Blind Faith

**February 15<sup>th</sup>**

BE More: Be Transformed  
Romans 12:2, Luke 5:16,  
Mark 1:35, Mark 6:31  
8:30 Mallow Ringers  
11:00 Blind Faith

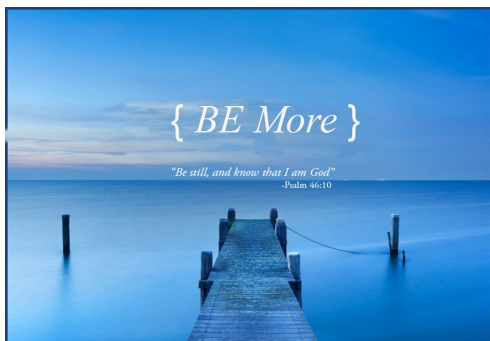
**February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

New Sermon Series on  
Jesus life and work  
8:30 Special Music TBD  
11:00 Blind Faith

**BE More Sermon Series Continues**

Everywhere we turn we are told we need to be MORE. We are not good enough, fast enough, strong enough, skinny enough, and rich enough. We are told we need more success, more money and more stuff. We need to work more, enroll our kids in more extracurricular activities, and volunteer more. Everywhere we turn we are told we need to be MORE. Enough already.

This January and February we are going to talk instead about our need to BE more. Join us for four weeks as we talk about the importance of just BEING a child of God.



# FEBRUARY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <b> Souper Bowl</b> <b> Sunday Fundraiser</b> 7:00 pm Youth Group	2 6:45 am Breakfast Prayer Group at Country Kit. 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val	3 1:30 pm UMMW	4 1:30 pm Small Group 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val 6:30 pm Redeemer 6:30 pm Confirmation	5 3:45 pm School Bus Café 7:00 pm Trustees	6 6:00 pm 4th & 5th grade Starter Youth Group	7
8 Boy Scout Sunday 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Mallow Ringers 7:00 pm Youth Group	9 6:45 am Breakfast Prayer Group at Country Kit. 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val	10 5:00 pm Mission Committee	11 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val 7:00 pm Redeemer	12 12:00 pm Barely Seniors 3:45 pm School Bus Café	13	14
15 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 7:00 pm Youth Group	16 6:45 am Breakfast Prayer Group at Country Kit. 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val	17	18 Ash Wednesday 12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service w/ Redeemer	19 9:00 am Rebekah Circle 3:45 pm School Bus Café 6:00 pm Church Council 7:00 Finance	20 Newsletter Deadline	21 Chinese Spring Festival
22 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Mallow Ringers 7:00 pm Youth Group	23 6:45 am Breakfast Prayer Group at Country Kit. 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val	24	25 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val Redeemer @ Cuba City UMC	26 12:00 pm Newsletter Assembled 3:45 pm School Bus Café	27	28 Boy Scouts



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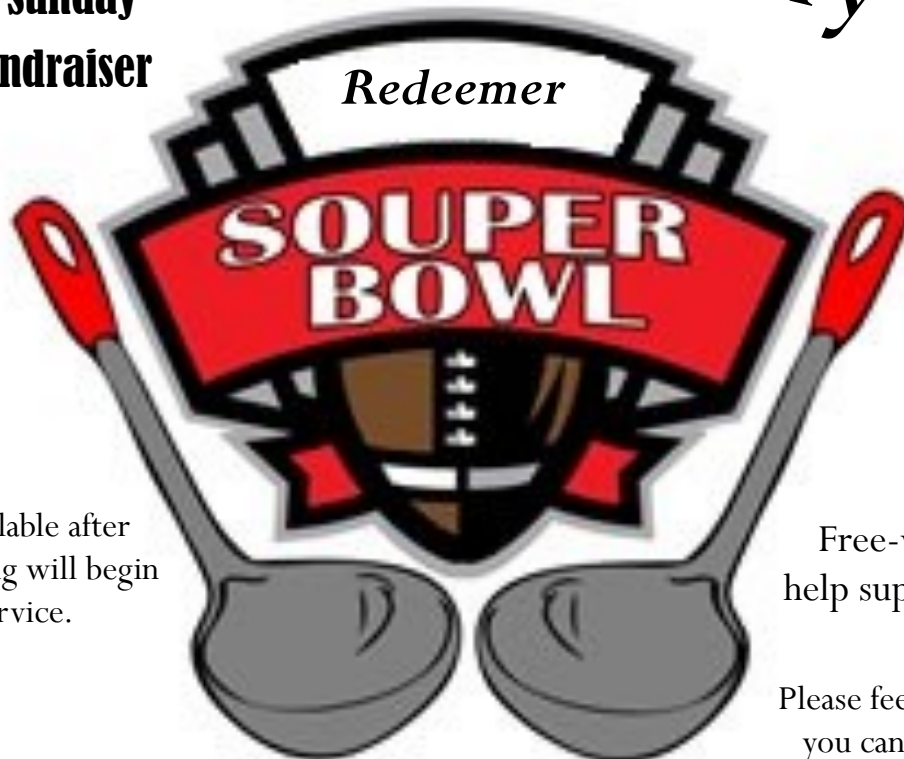
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Return Service Requested

**The Redeemer**

**Soup-er Bowl Sunday  
Soup Lunch Fundraiser**

**February 1, 2015**



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 Redeemer ministry.

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