

PLATTEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Learn God ~ Love God ~ Share God ~ Serve God



Happy 2015! Or maybe you are reading this a few days before 2015 and will be celebrating the New Year soon. Either way, 2015 is going to be an exciting time at Platteville UMC. It is the year we are going to push up our sleeves and be in mission to much more of our community.

The Church Council has spent the last couple of years talking about what it means to be a disciple here at PUMC. As they pass their new goals for Learn God, Love God, Share God and Serve God to the new Leadership Board, the hope is that we will all take a step forward in our discipleship while we bring people far from God to Jesus.

The ministry goal is that as we change structures, the old way of a few people doing a lot of things will give way to a lot of people doing fewer things. As we transition some of our ministry committees to task groups and add others, we hope to see many people doing a few things.

Mission is where we are going to see the greatest growth in 2015.

Traditionally we have had a few people organize a tremendous amount of mission giving to our local community. In 2015 we will have opportunities for much greater participation.

Perhaps as early as March we will begin to partner with Ruby's Pantry to offer a food bank once a month to the community. Dawn Drake, Pam Curry-Green and Deb Putnam are leading this project that will be looking for a whole lot of people who will do a little. Later this month the Family Promise Task Group will be presenting to the congregation their proposal to be a host church. Again, we have a handful of people, this time led by Don Shaw, leading a project that will give many people an opportunity to be a little involved in mission work.

The Church Council has affirmed that our church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Disciples at Platteville UMC Learn God, Love God, Share God and Serve God. It is the church's job to provide the environments for people to grow in these areas. As people grow in discipleship, they step forward to participate in ministry. I am very excited to see how people step forward in serving this year!

See you in church – where Learn God, Love God, Share God and Serve God!

*Ave
Pastor
Branda*



January 2015

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Thank you!!!

Special thanks to the money counters, John Ambrosius, Mary June Rewey, Katie Cottingham, Ellen Carnahan, Carol Kirkpatrick, Nancy Ziegenfuss and Norma Meisel. Your help is deeply appreciated.

Thank you to my ladies that help me with the newsletter each month. I appreciate all you do to help fold and prepare the newsletter for mailing each month. ~ Jennifer

Thank you to the congregation for the much appreciated Christmas gifts. We are blessed to work for such a generous congregation. ~ PUMC staff: Jennifer, Amy and Adam

Thank you to the ladies that help with funeral luncheons. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you to everyone in the congregation that donates food for funeral luncheons. I would not be able to do it without all of you. ~ Jan Digman, Funeral Lunch Coordinator



Wishing you and your families a joyful, bright, healthy, prosperous and happy new year!

From the staff of Platteville United Methodist church

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.

We now have a television in the lobby that is dedicated to announcements. Several people on the hospitality task group feel it is important so they donated the funds to purchase it. Thanks, team!

Readers, Greeters and Ushers are needed for 2015

If you would like to help serve your church a few times a year reading, greeting or ushering, please let Jennifer know. She will be putting monthly schedules together soon.

Pastor Brenda will be on vacation the first two Sundays in January. Mike Mair will be leading worship both Sundays with a two part evangelism sermon series. But, here's a warning: if you don't like to have fun, you better stay home. We are keeping the format of the sermon on January 4th a secret, but a poignant message is going to be wrapped in a very fun experience. You won't want to miss worship on the 4th (unless you believe you should never have fun in worship). For January 11, Mike is busily re-working his infamous Fender T-Shirt sermon. The original Fender T-Shirt sermon from two years ago is one of our most listened to sermons on our website. Start 2015 off with perfect worship attendance by making sure that you do not miss these memorable worship services!



Barely Seniors Potluck and Program

Thursday, January 8 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 December

- A sound system was donated and has been installed in Fellowship Hall.
- Civil Engineering students researched options to prevent ice dams on the roof and presented their findings at the December trustees meeting. They recommended adding more insulation to the roof as a long term solution and using heat tapes as a short term solution.
- A \$2,000 grant for the elevator was received recently from the Ann & Leo Stohl Charitable Trust.
- Total funding of cash and pledges for the elevator reached the budget goal of \$80,000. Planning for construction is underway.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

No General meeting in January.

No Rebekah meeting in January

2015 Planning meeting on January 6th at 1:30PM in the Wesley Room. Bring lots of good program ideas.

Many thanks to Rosemary Anderson and Barb Browning (co-chairs) for the hours of work and leadership for the success of the Christmas Fair. Also, many thanks to those who chaired many sections, and those who worked, contributed, and purchased items. It takes many hands, and feet, to make such a project a success and your help was greatly appreciated along with the good relationships that fostered a long busy, but FUN day. Again, THANK YOU!!



Mark your calendar! Bishop Hee Soo Jung will be spending the morning with us on February 1st. 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 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.

PLATTE RIVER REGIONAL MINISTRY

Starter Youth Group

Do you have a 4th or 5th 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 6th** from **5-7pm!** 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 20-28th!!! The cost for this trip is \$500, and the youth will be working hard up until then to pay to go. Please keep your eyes open for the exciting fundraisers that we will be doing!

Our first fundraiser will be a **Pie-In-the Face Fundraiser**.

Youth will be asked to collect change in a jar in order to throw a pie in someone's face. If a youth raises \$50 in change, they will get a pie in the face. If a youth raises \$100, they will get to throw a pie in their parent's face. That's not the end though! If a youth raises \$150, they will get to throw a pie in a church leader's face. If a youth raise \$200, they will get to throw a pie in their pastor's face. Who doesn't want to participate in this?! Pie-In-The-Face will begin on **January 11th** with the pie throwing on **January 25th**!



On Sunday, **January 11th**, Youth Group will be beginning a new way of doing Youth Group! Please join us from **6:30-8pm!** We will have some awesome games, and continue with some great activities! While we are having fun we will also be applying faith to our lives.

Pioneer Wesley

Pioneer Wesley passed out 80 finals bags! This semester Pioneer Wesley had 4 students for Bible Study on campus, 6 students at church for the Regional Ministry, and we only have had one semester! I am so excited for what is in store for next semester!

Pioneer Wesley is also in need of fresh cookies for Spring Semester. Please bring fresh baked cookies by **January 16th at noon**. The college students love them!

Our college students along with Pastor Liz will be going to Atlanta GA for the Passion Conference. Please pray they have a safe trip and grow in there faith.



- 1 Michelle Koeller
- 2 John Ambrosius
- 2 Judy Bossenbroek
- 3 Elizabeth Whitford
- 4 Lenny Glass
- 5 Earl Appenzeller
- 5 Bill Soles
- 6 Delbert Rupp Sr.
- 6 Cailey Jones
- 7 Tom Scanlan
- 8 Dolores Hutcheson
- 8 Lauren Becker
- 9 Spencer Olds
- 9 Will Hollingsworth
- 10 Deb Schroedl
- 10 Allison Demaree
- 10 Aubree Hromadka
- 12 Tracy Harle
- 14 Pam Catellier
- 15 Mia Simmons
- 18 Norene Masbruch
- 18 Jacki Hardy
- 21 Janet Millard
- 22 Jerry Burkard
- 22 Richard Trewartha
- 24 Ron Rewey
- 24 Jim Bruun
- 24 Nancy Ziegenfuss
- 25 Nancy Fairchild
- 25 Jocelyn Gile
- 27 Roy Schroedl
- 28 Kallena Pluemer
- 30 Deb Putnam
- 30 Lindsay Hollingsworth

Anniversaries

- 3 Ben & Laura Grossman
- 12 Rob & Jill Hasker
- 18 Merlyn & Viola Kuehl



just thought
YOU should
KNOW

Thanks to all those who knit prayer shawls, while praying for unknown recipients!

I received a prayer shawl and was touched by the receipt of it and it moved me greatly! Thanks! Roy Shaver



Congratulations to Nate and Crystal Curry whose daughter, Adele Rose Curry, was baptized on Sunday, November 30th. . She joins her 2 older sisters, Alyana and Avery. May she always find joy in being part of God's family!

MISSION COMMITTEE

Adopted Families

The Missions' Committee extends a huge thank you to everyone who helped contribute Thanksgiving and Christmas donations for our adopted families. This included the wonderful wooden toys that were made and decorated, donations of food and other useful products, plus cash to purchase additional items needed. It was wonderful to see our narthex Christmas tree become surrounded with 87 presents for the 13 families that were adopted. In addition 40 coats were donated for the Coats for Kids project. Your kindness is much appreciated!!



The mission committee will sponsor coffee hour on January 25th to benefit the Imagine No Malaria project. We appreciate your support!
~ The Mission Committee



The children helped with the blessing of the toys and gifts on December 14th.



“Bless our toys, oh Lord. Help us be truly grateful for the time you give us to play. Help all of our play to be holy play. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Accountable Leadership Structure Progress

At our yearly Charge Conference on October 23 we voted to change our church administrative structure to the Accountable Leadership Structure, which combines the four administrative committees into one Board for greater efficiency and to focus on making disciples of Jesus Christ. Our current Administrative Committees are discerning what they want to complete before we move to the new structure on April 1.

The people who have been accepted by the Church Council to sit on the new Board are:

Hank Bossenbroek	Mike Olds
Dave Carnahan	Amy Pohle
Elizabeth Duewer	Deb Putnam
Nate Fosbinder	Don Shaw
Tom Lindahl	Wayne Simmons
Mike Mair	

The Lay Leadership Committee is looking for a woman under the age of 40 to fill the remaining position.

Please pray for these individuals as they begin meeting. Pray for them to have the mind and heart of Jesus along with a love for the people of our church, and the people God wants to draw to our church. Pray for wisdom and strength for each one of them.



The School Bus café continues to grow each month. Thank you to all who help make this ministry possible.



The children's Christmas program was held on December 14th at the 11:00 service. All the children did a great job. Thank you to all who helped make the program a success.



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

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JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

January Usher Schedule

8:30 a.m. Calvin Koeller & Lynn Schlager
 11:00 a.m. Joe & Alice Clifton

Readers Schedule

January 4	8:30 a.m.	Dave Carnahan
	11:00 a.m.	Tom Scanlan
January 11	8:30 a.m.	Max Anderson
	11:00 a.m.	Tom Lindahl
January 18	8:30 a.m.	Sara Koeller
	11:00 a.m.	Amy Pohle
January 25	8:30 a.m.	Ellen Carnahan
	11:00 a.m.	George Krueger

January Greeters Schedule

January 4	8:30 a.m.	Carolyn Woodward
	11:00 a.m.	Pohle Family
January 11	8:30 a.m.	Dan Whitford & Carnahans'
	11:00 a.m.	Tom Scanlan & Dawn Drake
January 18	8:30 a.m.	Jan & Gene Digman
	11:00 a.m.	Gile Family
January 25	8:30 a.m.	Pete & Lisa Mumm
	11:00 a.m.	Woodworth Family

January Coffee Hour Hosts

January 4	Sunday School
January 11	Nurture Committee
January 18	OPEN
January 25	Mission Committee

January Children's Message

January 4	Sara Koeller
January 11	Elizabeth Duewer
January 18	Pastor Liz
January 25	Ellen Carnahan

January Worship

January 4th

Heaven Can Wait
 Mike Mair
 8:30 Special Music TBD
 11:00 Blind Faith

January 11th

Fender T-Shirt Revisited
 Mike Mair
 8:30 Special Music TBD
 11:00 Blind Faith

January 18th

BE More: You Are [Already] My Beloved
 Matthew 3:13-17
 Remembering our Baptisms
 Communion both services
 8:30 Special Music TBD
 11:00 Blind Faith

January 25th

BE More: You are not God
 Psalm 46
 8:30 Special Music TBD
 11:00 Blind Faith

February 1st

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

New Sermon Series – BE More

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.

JANUARY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>OFFICE CLOSED</i>	2 <i>OFFICE CLOSED</i>	3
				<i>Brenda on Vacation Jan 1-12</i>		
4 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	5 6:45 am Breakfast Prayer Group at Country Kit. 1 pm Blood Drive 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val	6 1:30 pm UMW Planning Meeting 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val 6:00 pm Choir Practice	7 1:30 pm Small Group <i>6:00 pm Worship Committee</i> 6:30 pm Redeemer 6:30 pm Confirmation	8 12:00 pm Barely Seniors 3:45 pm School Bus Café <i>7:00 pm Trustees</i>	9	10
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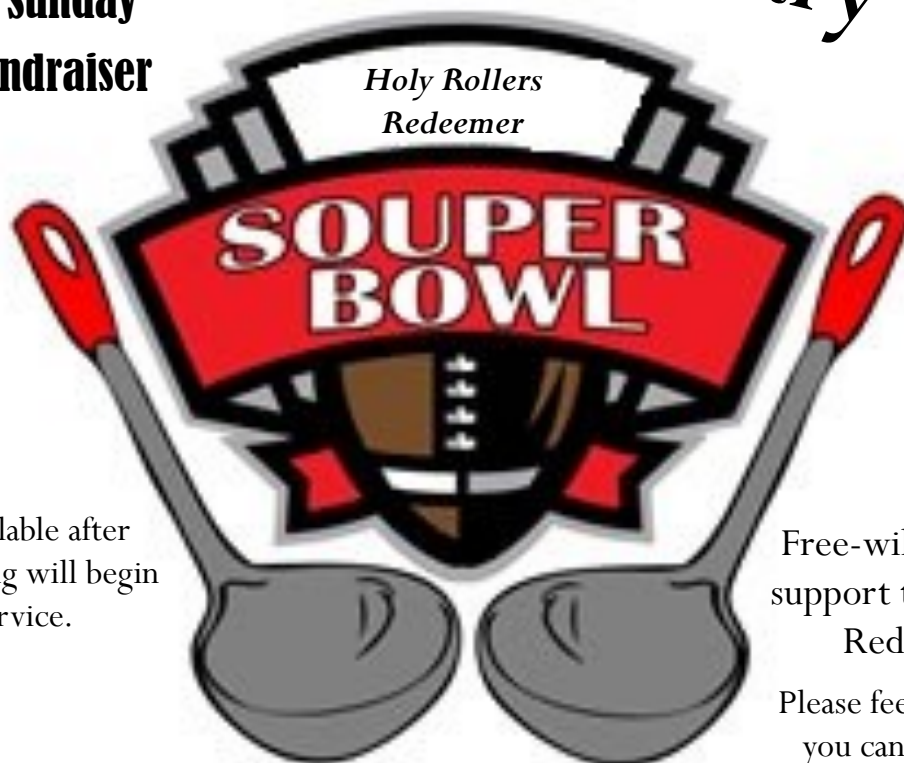
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**The Holy Rollers & Redeemer
Soup-er Bowl Sunday
Soup Lunch Fundraiser**

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 Holy Rollers and Redeemer ministry.

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