

PLATTEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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As I write this newsletter article, the tornado hit Platteville 3 nights ago and I continue to be unsettled. Physically I was unaffected: we only lost the usual amount of branches from our willow tree and we didn't even lose electricity. My daughter's

apartment building was slightly damaged, but she wasn't even there when it happened, as she had our youth at Pine Lake on retreat. But emotionally I am still unsettled. What if? What if the tornado had taken a different path? If it had gone only a block south, my daughter's apartment building would have been destroyed. If it had gone north, many, many more people would have lost their homes. What if?

In my thinking and praying I have found myself doing "bad theology." Bad theology usually comes from cultural Christianity's pithy sayings, but it can come from twisting our beliefs as well.

Here is an example: there is a house off of Highway 151 that was severely damaged. When there are no leaves on the trees I can see it from my house. When I found out about it I prayed a prayer of gratefulness for God's protection that those strong winds were about quarter of a mile away from me. But I noticed my attitude: I was implying that God protected me more than others, a kind of, "Thank you God for protecting me when you didn't protect others." That's bad theology. I caught myself right away and changed my prayer.

Now, there is nothing wrong with praying prayers of thankfulness. I am incredibly grateful that nobody in my family was hurt, and that we had no damage to property. But there is a fine line between being grateful and feeling superior, and Christians fall into that thinking quite easily. God does not love me nor protect me more than my neighbor down the road – or the others who had property damage or were hurt. It's a fine line between being grateful and being glad that it was somebody else.

Bad things happen to good people. They just do. We can be grateful when they don't happen to us, but, when we imply that we were protected and others weren't, that's bad theology.

Perhaps it is best to be grateful for what we have, and the blessing of being alive. Most important, we need to remember that God is with us, in good times and bad times. God's heart breaks when his people hurt – all of his people. And God is able to take the bad stuff in our lives and do good things through it.

Bad theology: it's easy to do. Let's continue to meet together and talk and learn, so that we can continue to grow in being the light to the world that Jesus has called us to.

See you in church, where we grow in good theology

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Regional Ministry News

Youth Group Brat Sale

We had a brat sale in June that was a HUGE success! The 12 youth who worked each got \$60 placed in their activity accounts to help with the mission trips and retreats. A huge thanks to our adult leaders, Gary & Pam Craugh, Steve & Cheryl Stohlmeyer, and Tim Rupp for their help, and to all who came and bought brats. You are all awesome!



Youth Group Retreat to Pine Lake

The Youth had an amazing time at Pine Lake Camp! We had a great turnout from both churches. In attendance were: Allison Adrian, Hayden Adrian, Lauren Becker, Alec Ganarajah, Alex Legrand, Spencer Olds, Nate Reatiga, Kayla Rupp, and Tia Stohlmeyer. They were able to not only get to know each other better, but grow in their faith and relationship with God. They made a video that we showed in worship.



A huge thank you goes to Tome Lindahl, our male chaperone. We had a great experience!



If you have a youth that was not able to come on the retreat, but would like to start participating in other youth group activities, please feel free to join us for:

- July 4th – Park & Fireworks Together (6pm-11pm at Legion Field, Platteville)
- July 26th – Outdoor Movie Night (7-10pm) at Platteville UMC
- August 4th – Trip to Kalahari Waterpark (8am-5pm) Meet at Platteville UMC
- August 17th – Bonfire at Whig UMC (7pm-10pm)
- September 1st – Going Back to School Party (3-5pm) at Whig UMC

We would love some help with chaperoning! Not only will those who volunteer be able to get to know these youth better personally, but can help the youth grow more in their faith. Who wouldn't want to do that?! Please let Pastor Liz know if you would LOVE to help with the youth!

The Senior High Youth who are going on the Mission Trip are getting very excited for their upcoming trip to Dallas, TX. They have sent in some of their money, but are still looking for financial help to be able to go serve others. They will be leaving July 12th and will be getting back July 20th. These students from Platteville are: Becka Craugh, Kayla Rupp, Mattea Scanlan, and McKenzie Scanlan. Our Whig youth are: Grace Friederick, Alec Ganarajah, Tia Stohlmeyer, and Tyler Stohlmeyer. Adults going this year are: Warner Smidt, Tony Wieseler, and Pastor Liz.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Pastor Liz or call the office.

“Workshop of Wonders: Imagine and Build with God”



We are getting even closer to our week of awesomeness at Vacation Bible School, and are ecstatic about showing God's love with the children of the community of Platteville. This year's theme will allow the children to use their imagination in order to create a more in depth relationship with God, and learn how to share the love of God with others. We are still in need of some help Vacation Bible School week. Here is a list of some of the jobs we still need filled: an actor or actress (to interact with our puppet, Rivet), science leader, science helper, craft helpers, recreation helpers, 3 year-old helpers, preschool helpers, and group leaders. Please let Pastor Liz know if you are interested in helping.

If you know of someone who would like to be a part of “Workshop of Wonders” who is not a part of our church, please let us know, and we will send them a registration form.

Also, if you would like to help set up for Vacation Bible School, we will be decorating the church **July 27th** from **5-7pm**. Please feel free to just come and help, no need for RSVPs.

There will be a program and potluck at PUMC on Friday August 1st at 6pm for all the families to see what their children learned over the week. There will also be a special worship service August 3rd to share VBS with the Congregation. We are going to try to have enough students at both services! Please come support this wonderful ministry!

Campus Ministry

We are getting very excited for the college students to come back in September. Over June and July, the new freshmen come to UW-Platteville to sign up for classes. During this time, we as a church are able to share with the incoming students what we have to help them grow in their faith. It is a wonderful opportunity! Like years past, we are going to be going on the Passion Trip January 2-4th, going on a mission trip over Spring Break, and will be doing many things around the church. If you would like to help with campus ministry, please contact Pastor Liz. Spiritual Relationships last a life time.



- 1 Tricia Pothour
- 1 McKenzie Scanlan
- 2 Wayne Simmons
- 3 Nancy Bottomley
- 4 Tom Lindahl
- 4 Shirley Schaal
- 4 Macayla Schwartz
- 6 Doug Rogers
- 6 Rachel Bailie
- 7 Les Hollingsworth
- 8 Lindsay Heiser
- 11 Ken Carp
- 11 Jeff Baker
- 11 Noah Hromadka
- 12 Milt Rewey
- 12 Drew Hromadka
- 13 Jennifer Fiedler
- 14 Rom Smith
- 14 Michael Loeffelholz
- 15 Richard Weygant
- 15 Lynn Schlager
- 15 Rich Bonin Jr.
- 15 Dean Goninen
- 16 Dan Edgette
- 17 Eva Hollingsworth
- 20 Sheena Rice
- 20 Faye Bailie
- 22 Adian Uppena
- 23 Ann Finley
- 23 Karina Shaw
- 24 Tonia Olds
- 24 Brittney Baker
- 25 Jonathan Curry
- 26 Rita Hoffman
- 26 Zach Pohle
- 27 Eleanor Noble
- 27 Shirley Stanton
- 27 Mike Myers
- 27 Nancy Mair
- 28 Myrtle VanNata
- 29 Sue Dykstra
- 29 Lynn Dew
- 30 Laurene Leuth
- 31 Galdys Bethke
- 31 Kayla Rupp
- 31 Tyler Vargo

Anniversaries

- 2 Terry & Melody Dillon
- 4 Mark & Dianne Edgette
- 5 Curt & Jean Bradley
- 10 Dave & Ellen Carnahan
- 10 John & Katie Cottingham
- 13 Eric & Pam Green
- 19 Les & Lindsay Hollingsworth
- 23 Ed & Gwen Moore
- 27 Kevin & Cindy Balk
- 28 Calvin & Sara Koeller
- 31 John & Joan Simmons



JUST THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW



The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) would like to welcome Bob Flaig to our church staff as our new custodian. Bob worked as a software engineer for Esterline Avista for over 20 years, did some software engineering as an independent contractor and is now changing career directions. He is studying art at UW-P to join his wife's crafting business. We are glad he has come to work for us while he pursues this new passion. He is already making the place sparkle!

Bob, a member of our congregation, is married to Kathy and they have 5 adult children and 1 grandchild.

THANK YOU!!!

We offer a huge thank you to our Volunteer Fire Department and other volunteers who left their homes and families to put in a tremendous amount of time after the tornado. Be sure to thank our church members who are part of the fire department: Wayne Abing, Jason Fiedler, Chad Pohle, Dean Simmons, and Christophe Vrielink? Also, the Red Cross asked us to provide child care for families as they met with resource providers, and people quickly stepped forward to help. Thanks to Rosemary Anderson, Ellen Carnahan, Dawn & Jocelyn Gile, Kimberly & Katelyn Niehaus, Emily Simmons, MacKenzie Timlin, and Sally & Allison Woodworth. Bad things happen in the world. Jesus calls us to help those in need. Many of you did many little and big things to help others after the storm. May God bless your love of others.

There is also a Platteville Tornado Relief Fund set up at Mound City Bank, 25 E Pine St, Platteville. The money will go towards businesses and residents who were affected by the 2 tornadoes.



On June 16, Platteville suffered a devastation that many of us have never encountered before. We give thanks that no one was killed and that there were few injuries. We ask the Holy Spirit to be with those families that had damage to or lost their homes and/or businesses.

A majority of us were without power for several days and had to throw all the food in the refrigerator away.

To help restock some of what was lost, we have gift cards for Piggly Wiggly and Wal-Mart available in the office. If you need help to purchase food, please stop by the office and Jennifer will get you a gift card.



Special visitor for worship on July 20

Shhhh...it's a surprise. We can't tell you who it is, but we are going to have a surprise visitor in worship on July 20. We know many people go out of town over the summer, but if you can figure out how to be in worship on July 20, be sure to be there. You won't want to miss this visit by somebody special.

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.



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.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

There is NO UMW General Meeting or Rebekah Fellowship Group meeting this month.

Members, please try to read THE INVISIBLE THREAD, so we can have a good discussion at our October meeting.

Final Mission Giving Report

Part 1-76% for Mission and Mission Support

Part 2-15% for Membership and Leadership Development

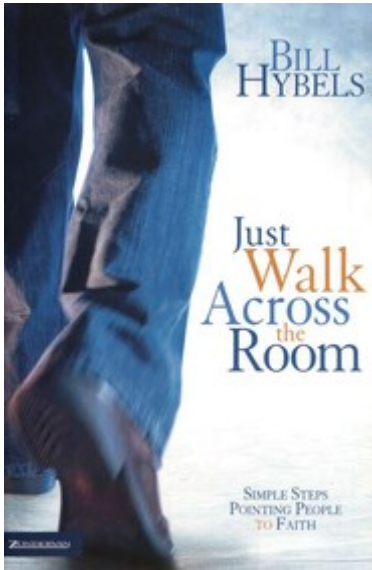
Part 3- 5% for Administrative Costs

This is expenses that apply to running the overall organization, to keep it moving forward-any expense that is not a direct cost of the mission, but of the organizations. (In other words, money that still also supports mission)

The UMW IS MISSION

Why not come visit/join us to meet and get to know new women of the church family and be in mission to help women, children, and youth who are in need of your care and support?.

Mission U (former School of Christian Mission) will begin on July 28th-31st for the 4-day session and August 1st for the Overview Day (1day)They have asked for monetary contributions. Attendees are asked to bring it to Mission U with them.



Short term small group opportunity

In worship the past few weeks we have been talking about how to share our faith with others. We will have a small group this summer that digs in a little deeper. Whether you are excited about sharing your faith, or are scared to death but want to learn more, you are invited to this group.

You may simply come watch the videos and discuss. You may follow with the participant's guide. Or, you may want to read the book.

This group will meet at Pastor Brenda's house with dinner included. We'll meet Wednesdays at 6:00pm beginning July 9 for four weeks.



On Sunday, June 1, the children presented a "check" to Pastor Brenda and a representative of Habitat for Humanity for the amount of \$5,815.89, which is the amount the children collected for this mission project the past year. Handing over the "check" made them feel proud of all the hard work, effort and concern they have put into the project this year. Thanks to Ellen Carnahan and the rest of Sunday School teachers, as well as our congregation, for teaching our children the importance of missions by your example.

MISSION COMMITTEE

Thank you to everyone for the donations to fill 21 health kits which were delivered to Annual Conference. The kits will benefit men and women who are experiencing personal crisis and are being served by Harbor House, Superior, and Northcott Neighborhood House, Milwaukee. Thank you for supporting this important mission project.

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.

Coming up:

Vacation Bible School ~ we are looking for students in grades 6-12 and adults to help lead groups and help with activities during the week of July 28-Aug 1.

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.

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JULY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July Usher Schedule

8:30 a.m. John Meisel
 11:00 a.m. Dan & Deb Dunbar

July Readers Schedule

July 6	8:30 a.m.	Nancy Fairchild
	11:00 a.m.	Dawn Drake
July 13	8:30 a.m.	Sara Koeller
	11:00 a.m.	Jacob Krueger
July 20	8:30 a.m.	Elizabeth Duewer
	11:00 a.m.	Mike Mair
July 27	8:30 a.m.	Lindsay Hollingsworth
	11:00 a.m.	Amy Pohle

July Greeters Schedule

July 6	8:30 a.m.	Tom & Nancy Ziegenfuss
	11:00 a.m.	Pam & Warner Smidt
July 13	8:30 a.m.	Jim & Carol Kirkpatrick
	11:00 a.m.	Bill & Diane VanDeest
July 20	8:30 a.m.	Lynn Dew/Jane Peoples
	11:00 a.m.	Pluemer Family
July 27	8:30 a.m.	Dave & Ellen Carnahan
	11:00 a.m.	Woodworth Family

July Children's Message

July 6 - Elizabeth Whitford
 July 13 - Ellen Carnahan
 July 20 - Sara Koeller
 July 27 - Brenda Whitford

July Coffee Hour Hosts

July 6 - Nurture Committee
 July 13 - Dave & Ellen Carnahan
 July 20 - **OPEN**
 July 27 - **OPEN**

July Worship Schedule

July 6

Becoming, Being, Bringing: Explaining
 Salvation to Others
 2 Corinthians 5:11-21
 Communion Both Services

July 13

Becoming, Being, Bringing: Sharing our
 stories
 Romans 10:13-15
 Watching Family Promise Video

July 20

Surprise Visitor!

July 27

Favorite Stories: The Good Samaritan
 Luke 10:25-37

July Mowers Schedule

July 6 - 12—Dave Carnahan
 July 13 - 19—Wayne/Jason Simmons
 July 20 - 26—Randy Karsten
 July 27 - Aug 2—Bossenbroek/Cottingham

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:00 pm Zumba	2 7:00 am Bible Study 7:00 am Yoga w/Val 1:00 pm Hearts & Hands 6:00 pm Youth Group 6:00 pm Just Walk Small Group @ Pastor Brenda's home	3 9:00 am Small Group	4 OFFICE CLOSED Independence Day	5
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27 8:30 Worship 11:00 Worship 1:00 pm 90th Birthday Party for Milt Rewey 5:00 pm VBS Set-Up	28 6:45 am Breakfast Prayer Group @ Country Kit. 9:00 am Vacation Bible School	29 9:00 am Vacation Bible School 6:00 pm Zumba	30 7:00 am Bible Study 9:00 am Vacation Bible School 1:00 pm Hearts & Hands 6:00 pm Youth Group 6:00 pm Just Walk Small Group @ Pastor Brenda's home	31 9:00 am Small Group 9:00 am Vacation Bible School	August 1 9:00 am Vacation Bible School 6:00 pm VBS Potluck and Program	



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Vacation Bible School



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9:00 am-Noon

