

PLATTEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Learn God ~ Love God ~ Share God ~ Serve God



March 2015



Don't you just love it when God steps in and guides you in what you are doing?! Last week when Miss Ellen gave her children's message, she told the children that she had no idea what to talk about. And then over the course of a half hour or so, God placed things in front of her in such a way that she

was able to discern a really good children's message.

Preparing for the same Sunday, I had a similar difficult experience. The sermon was done, but it didn't feel done. It was finished, but it felt like something was missing. I went back into research phase of sermon writing, God placed something in front of me, and I had an a-ha moment that changed the main point of the sermon.

I love it when God steps in and guides what I am doing!

I hope that you regularly experience this type of guidance in your life. If you don't, I have two suggestions for how to receive it.

First, make sure you are spending time with God. It's hard to hear from God when you don't spend time listening to him.

Second, make sure you notice and acknowledge that guidance.

You see, God is with you, guiding you every day. But as human beings we tend to not notice. The more you notice and thank God for his guidance, the more you notice.

I love it when God steps in and guides what I am doing. I hope that you will regularly connect with God, and then you will notice God guiding your life.

See you in church – where we praise God for his guidance.

Love Pastor Brenda

*Love
Pastor
Brenda*



We are the Church of Jesus Christ, and yet many of us don't know who Jesus is. Son of God? Human being? Who is he and what did he do? Join us as we talk about who Jesus is.

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New Membership Class
Sunday March 22, 12:15-2:30pm
 lunch included
 Child Care provided if requested

Anyone is welcome to participate in any activities of the church that they like. Membership is not required. The only actual benefits to being a member instead of simply an attender are the right to vote at our annual Church Conference and the right to apply to be on our Leadership Board. So why become a member of Platteville United Methodist Church?

Membership is about being part of something larger than yourself. Membership recognizes that you have gifts that are needed by the Body of Christ and that you want to share them. Membership says, "This is my church, and I take some responsibility for it." Membership is taking your place as part of the Body of Christ.

On March 22nd, membership class participants will learn about the Platteville United Methodist Church's ministry and mission, expectations and next steps. Please let the church office know by March 15 how many will attend so we can plan for lunch and child care.

Temple Beth El Visitor Shabbat
Friday March 27 at 6:30pm

Join the Confirmation students as they visit the Dubuque Synagogue. We will learn about Jewish worship customs and the items used during worship, then we will join their congregation in their Shabbat service. The evening concludes with a wonderful "oneg" – a fellowship time with a spread of yummy snacks. This visit is a Confirmation Class favorite. You can meet us there, or if you would like to ride with us, contact Sara Koeller or Pastor Brenda.



Looking Ahead to Holy Week Services

<i>Maundy Thursday, April 2</i>	7:00 pm Service
<i>Good Friday, April 3</i>	12:00 pm Community Service
	7:00 pm Service
<i>Easter Sunday, April 5</i>	6:30 am Sunrise Service
	8:30 am Traditional Service
	11:00 am Contemp. Service

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.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

March 3-UMW General Meeting at 1:30 in the Wesley Room

March 6-Church Women United World Day of Prayer
 9:30 am Coffee 10:00 am Service
 Host: Platteville United Methodist Church

Program: First English Lutheran

March 19-Rebekah Fellowship Group 9:30 am in the Wesley Room

The UMW will provide \$50 scholarships to anyone who attends a United Methodist Camp.

Trustees Highlights for January

Interior wall directional signs have been ordered to assist visitors to the church.

A subcommittee was formed to investigate the need for and the annual expenses for the 15-passenger van. It may be more economical to rent a van when one is needed than to own one.

Bids for the elevator hoistway construction in the East stairway will be reviewed and a contractor selected to start construction. During construction of the hoistway, the stairs will be removed and the stairway will be closed off at the top and at the bottom. The West stairway will be unaffected and will remain as it is to get from the upper level to the lower level of church.

Hot Chicken Salad

- 2 cups croutons - toasted
 - 2 cups diced cooked chicken
 - 1 1/2 cups celery (about 5 stalks)
 - 1 1/2 cups grated sharp cheddar cheese
 - 3/4 cup mayonnaise
 - 1/4 cup slivered almonds - toasted
 - 2 tablespoons miced onion
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- Combine 1/2 of the croutons with all the remaining ingredients. Turn into two-quart baking dish and cover with remaining croutons. Bake, uncovered, at 350 for 35 minutes. May be prepared ahead, but if so, do not put in croutons until baking time. This is good for a luncheon or light dinner with a molded salad or fruit salad and rolls. Serves 6

Barely Seniors Potluck and Program

Thursday, March 12 at Noon

Please bring a dish to pass.

The program will be, Steve Stephens sharing personal travel experiences "Australia-New Zealand/Colonials-Convicts/ Aboriginies-Maori"

Once again the mission committee will be collecting items to be distributed to out 15 adopted families before Easter. We'd appreciate donations of any of the following items by March 25th.

- Breakfast cereals
- Jelly
- Pancake mix/syrup
- Boxed rice
- Boxed potatoes
- Hamburger Helper
- Boxed meals
- Vegetables (canned)
- Fruit (canned)
- Peanut butter
- Baked Beans
- Mac & Cheese
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Soups
- Jello mix
- Pudding mix
- Canned meat
- Brownie mix
- Cake mix
- 5# potatoes
- Carrots
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- Bar soap
- Shampoo
- Dish Soap
- Laundry detergent
- Household cleaner
- Toilet paper
- \$\$ for meat and fresh produce



Community Meal and Rally Event

March 5th at 6:00pm

St. Clement Catholic Parish

135 S Washington St, Lancaster

Lasagna Dinner \$5.00/person

Plus:

Tours of the Day Center

Family Promise Development Update

Time for Questions

Next Steps

We are currently collecting candy for the eggs. If you would like to donate a bag or two, please drop them off at the church office. Thank you!

PLATTE RIVER REGIONAL MINISTRY

Youth Group

Becka Craugh, McKenzie Scanlan, and Anapaula Munoz have reached their goals for the Pie-In-the-Face Fundraiser! On March 1st, the girls will be pied, a parent will be pied, Dave Carnahan, Dean Goninen, Dan Whitford will be pied and Pastor Liz will be pied. We'll have a Fling into Spring potluck lunch before the pie throwing. Please join us for this great fun!

The participants for this year's mission trip are: Hayden Adrian, Becka Craugh, Alec Ganarajah, Anapaula Munoz, Nate Reatiga, McKenzie Scanlan and Tia Stohlmeyer with Warner Smidt, Tony Wieseler, and Pastor Liz as the adults. We have had a great start with fundraisers, and look forward to our spring fundraisers of yard work and the brat sale to bring in the rest of the money that we need for mission trip!

On Sunday February 15th, 9 youth and adults went to Mississippi River Museum in Dubuque, IA. We had a great time! The youth really enjoyed marveling at God's creation of aquatic life!

Youthsters (4th-5th grade youth group)

The fourth and fifth grade youth had a fantastic time at our first event on February 6th. We had 9 youth that participated! We had fun activities and talked about the parables.

Our next event is: **March 13th from 6-8pm.** Our mission is to allow the pre-teens the fun of youth group, while helping them get into the hang of coming and being together in the church! If you know of a fourth or fifth grade youth that would like to join us, please let Pastor Liz know! We are also still looking for adult volunteers! Nate Fosbinder, Sara Koeller, and Shaina Stone had a great time helping last month, and are looking forward to this month as well! Don't you want to help?!



Campus Ministry

Pioneer Wesley has had a great start to this semester! We have had 6 students for free dinner and Bible Study each Tuesday night so far!!

Currently the group is also working on organizing a mission trip May 18-26th. More information will come at a later date!



- 1 James Weigel
- 2 Merlyn Kuehl
- 2 Larry Woodard
- 2 Susan Myers
- 3 Michael Scott
- 4 Jacob Krueger
- 7 Delores Burkholder
- 8 Lauren Ford
- 9 Joseph Dillon
- 10 Beth Duggan
- 10 Mary Wilkins
- 10 Linda Bernhardt
- 11 Susan Schlager
- 11 Wyatt Wanezek
- 14 Rosemary Anderson
- 16 Michael Musarra
- 18 David Burkholder
- 25 Rob Hasker
- 26 Kienan Shaw
- 27 Brandon Weigel
- 27 Gavin Koeller
- 28 Harriet Gibbon
- 28 Brandon Ingersoll
- 29 Rita Ewers
- 29 Benjamin Witmer
- 30 Mick Goninen
- 30 Lukas Vrielinck

Anniversaries

- 4 1 Jay & Susan Dykstra
- 10 Roy & Deborah Schoredl
- 14 Robert & Betty Whitaker
- 15 Ron & Betty Smith
- 22 Ed & Gayle Gronski
- 23 Tom Scanlan & Dawn Drake



just thought
YOU should
KNOW

Rev. Dr. Russell May, retired member of the Iowa Annual Conference, died on Friday, January 16, 2015. Funeral services were held on Monday, January 19. Russ served as pastor at PUMC from 1993-1995. Memorials may be given to DOOR CANcer, Inc. (PO Box 423, Sturgeon Bay WI 54235). Condolences may be sent to his wife, Susan May, at 4998 Bay Shore Dr., Sturgeon Bay WI 54235.

Our sincere condolences go out to the families of Dale Griffith who passed away on January 28th, Doris Hill who passed away on February 10th and Cyril Clayton who passed away on February 17th.

Jennifer will be gone on vacation from March 13-23. Please make sure to call the office, (608)348-9508, before stopping in to ensure someone is here.

If you, a family member or church friend is in the hospital, please let the church know by calling 348-9508. Because of HIPAA laws we no longer know if someone is in the hospital unless you supply us with their proper name (not a middle or nickname) and what hospital they are in.

Easter Story: During the next few weeks our Sunday School lessons will be about the stories of Holy Week. Because we will have studied the stories of Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, the Crucifixion and the Resurrection of Christ, children will have this background knowledge, and would be able to relate to the special church services of Holy Week. I would encourage you to bring children to church on Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, and the evening services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. There will be **NO Sunday School on Easter Sunday.**

Singing in Worship Services: Pastor Brenda has been singing with the younger children during our Sunday School time. They will be performing their songs on Sunday, March 1, during the 11:00 service. On Palm Sunday, the children will sing at both services, and on Easter Sunday, they will sing at the 11:00 service.

Engineers Without Borders: Our children have raised \$____.____ so far for the Engineers Without Borders mission project. Be sure to check out the bulletin board in the upstairs hallway for pictures of the school buildings taken last summer. The project group will be traveling back to Ghana next summer to continue their work. The money our children have raised will help the group with materials and travel expenses.

Coffee Fellowship/Bake Sales: The children are sponsoring the Coffee/Fellowship and a bake sale each month to raise money for this mission project. On March 1, the PK-1st grade and the 2nd-3rd grade Sunday School classes will be hosting, and the 4th-5th grade class will host on April 12.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2015



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 on this team, please contact Pastor Liz at 608-482-2303 or pastorliz@centurylink.net





Girl Scout Sunday

March 8, 2015

If you are a Girl Scout, present or past, please join us in worship. Virginia Riter will have her amazing display of historic girl scout material set up in the lobby.

UMW Spiritual Retreat

(ALL women are welcome)

March 21, 2015 9:00 am

Sinsinawa Mound

Retreat Leader: Rev. Linda Vance

Theme: Revisiting the Past

Register by March 7th, \$20/person
after March 7th, \$25

Registration includes lunch.

Registration forms are available at the information booth in the lobby.



Redeemer's Soup-er Bowl Fundraiser was delayed by one week due to bad weather but that didn't stop the group from having a very successful event. In their 5th season, this musical youth ministry always finds tremendous support from Platteville UMC, plus extended family and friends and for that they THANK YOU! Redeemer is made up of 14 talented high school aged students from Platteville and the surrounding area playing contemporary Christian music. The group practices weekly with performances for church services, youth events and festivals. The funds raised assist with travel expenses, equipment and other miscellaneous items to support the band.



Redeemer Members

Dean Goninen and Josh Byrnes, Directors

Members: Blake Butson, Becka Craugh, Danielle Dillon, Tianna Gile, Adam Goninen, Jacob Krueger, Joseph Krueger, Anapaula Munoz, Ryan Pink, McKenzie Scanlon, , Georgia Schwarzmann, Noah Tashner, Lucy Tian, & MacKenzie Timlin.

School Bus Café and “Mya’s Bucket List”

School Bus Café is a free “After School Snack and Activity Program” open to all children Pre-K to Third Grade every Thursday from 3:45PM-4:45PM. School Bus Café is hosted by the Platteville United Methodist Church. School Bus Cafe' children learned about baby Mya’s wish for Valentine’s Day cards on her Face Book page “Mya’s Bucket List.” School Bus café kids showered Mya with a large number of creative and colorful Valentine’s Day cards. Director Tracy Harle and the School Bus Café children were rewarded with a special visit by baby Mya on Thursday February 12. Mya’s parents are Jeff Gleason and Niccole Millin who live in Shullsburg, Wisconsin.

Baby Mya is 3- 1/2 months old with an incurable and untreatable abnormality of the brain and spinal cord called PCH. Most children with this disease do not live past infancy. The disease is so rare that there have been only a handful of documented cases worldwide.



I WISH TO SHARE FLOWERS FOR EASTER

Your are invited to honor or remember someone with a plant this Easter. Plants will be placed in the sanctuary for worship on Easter and may be taken home after the 11:00am service. A special bulletin insert will list the names of the people the plants are in memory of or honors.

Please complete the form below and return it with payment to the church office by : **Monday, March 23rd**

Name _____

In Memory Of: _____

In Honor Of: _____

Please indicate the number of plants below and return form and check to the church office by **Monday, March 23rd**

Make checks payable to: UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Please note “Easter Plant” on the check.

_____ Lily \$13.50 (white)

_____ Cyclamen \$16.50

All plants will be foil wrapped with a bow.

MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March Usher Schedule

8:30 a.m. Calvin Koeller, Max Anderson, John Putnam
Nate Fosbinder

11:00 a.m. Don Shaw

March Readers Schedule

March 1	8:30 a.m.	Sara Koeller
	11:00 a.m.	Amy Pohle
March 8	8:30 a.m.	Pastor Liz
	11:00 a.m.	Dave Carnahan
March 15	8:30 a.m.	Nancy Fairchild
	11:00 a.m.	Deb Dunbar
March 22	8:30 a.m.	Lynn Schlager
	11:00 a.m.	Roxanne Ford
March 29	8:30 am	Lindsey Hollingsworth
	11:00 am	Tom Scanlan

March Greeters Schedule

March 1	8:30 a.m.	Nate & Sarah Fosbinder
	11:00 a.m.	Pohle Family
March 8	8:30 a.m.	John & Deb Putnam
	11:00 a.m.	Jerry & Peg Burkard
March 15	8:30 a.m.	Mike & Tonia Olds Family
	11:00 a.m.	Judy Calcaterra
March 22	8:30 a.m.	Roy Shaver & Cecile Hoffman
	11:00 a.m.	Gary & Pam Craugh
March 29	8:30 a.m.	Doug & Kathy Martin
	11:00 a.m.	Dianne Edgette

March Worship

March 1st

Jesus Is: Human
John 11:1-44
Communion both services
8:30 Mallow Ringers
11:00 Blind Faith
Children Singing

March 8th

Jesus Is: Our Example
John 13:1-17
8:30 Lucy Tian, Flute
11:00 Blind Faith

March 15th

Jesus Is: Our Teacher
Matthew 13
8:30 Special Music TBD
11:00 Blind Faith

March 22nd

Jesus Is: Our Healer
Luke 4:38-40
8:30 Special Music TBD
11:00 Blind Faith

March 29th

Jesus Is: Our Lord
Palm Sunday!
Mark 11:1-11
Children Singing Both Services
8:30 Mallow Ringers
11:00 Blind Faith

A HUGE thank you to Nancy Ziegenfuss for working so hard on the schedules for ushering and greeting. This is a very time consuming task and we are so grateful for all she has done to help with this. If you have questions about ushering or greeting, please contact Nancy at 608-348-3526.

March Children's Message

March 1	Pastor Liz
March 8	Pastor Brenda
March 15	Sara Koeller
March 22	Elizabeth Duewer
March 29	Ellen Carnahan

March Coffee Hour Hosts

March 1	Sunday School PK-1 & 2/3
March 8	Yun Li
March 15	Cecile Hoffman
March 22	Yun Li
March 29	OPEN

MARCH 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 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 UMW	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 9:00 am Church Women United World Day of Prayer	7
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Sunday, March 8th 12:00 pm

Everyone is invited to a potluck lunch in the fellowship hall. Please bring a dish to pass. Following lunch, we will have our Pie-In-The-Face pie throwing. We hope you can join us!