

PLATTEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Learn God ~ Love God ~ Share God ~ Serve God



Everything is going to be okay in the end. If it's not okay, it's not the end.

That is one of my favorite non-biblical, anonymous quotes. I find that it brings me comfort as well as hope. Everything is going to be okay in the end. If

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That phrase came to mind as I was preparing my Easter sermon. I wrote the first draft of my sermon on Good Friday. I was frustrated because I couldn't think of anything "Easter-y" to say. I felt stuck in the pain and hopelessness of Good Friday. And then it occurred to me – that first Easter, the disciples were stuck in Good Friday too. I won't go through the sermon: you can listen to it on our website.

When the sermon was finished, I felt quite uneasy. It was not a "Glory, halleluiah!" type of Easter sermon. It was a sermon of hope in difficult times. It was not what I wanted. But I felt it was what God wanted. The scary thing for me is, even though I think a sermon is what God wants, I am always afraid of what people will think. I went to bed Saturday night feeling uneasy about the sermon.

As I preached that sermon, looking out into the congregation, at both services I identified people who I knew were struggling with serious issues in their lives. On Christmas and Easter there are as many people in worship that I do not know as I do know, so I have no idea how many people needed that sermon that God wanted me to preach.

I did speak to those not currently in difficult life situations – you have family, friends and neighbors, who are in a state of hopelessness, and they don't know the hope in Christ – and they need you to share Christ with them.

That very first Easter, and every day since, Christ has brought hope into our lives. Not only are we forgiven, but we rise with Christ to new life. Even when our life situation doesn't feel like it, everything is going to be okay, because everything is going to be okay in the end. If it's not okay, it's not the end.

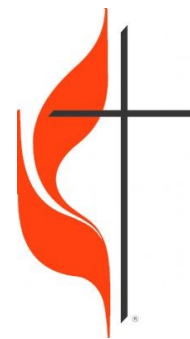
Many of our troubles will be solved in a few weeks, months or years. Our hope will give way to a better life situation. But for some, despair comes from knowing that their loved one has or is going to die, or their pain is never going to go away, or something will never be recovered. In those situations, it is still going to be okay, because this life is not the end. Jesus has made a way for us to live eternally with God. And even though some pain will never go away this side of eternity, we have all of eternity where everything will not only be okay, it will be perfect!

We already know how it all ends. God wins, paradise is restored, and we have eternal life in relationship with God and those we love.

Everything is going to be okay in the end. If it's not okay, it's not the end.

I'll see you in church, where we live into eternity now!

*Love
Pastor
Suzanne*



MAY 2014

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

On the opening day of Sunday School last September, we talked about the wise man and the foolish man, who both built houses, with differing outcomes.

Our Sunday School classes will be over for this year in the next few weeks, but I hope that the lessons learned this year will help our children form a firm foundation for their Christian "house" (faith). How cool that we even got to help build a "real house" this year with our mission project!! So far this year the Sunday School children have raised over \$5600.00 for Grant County Habitat for Humanity. Most of that money will stay here in Grant County, but 10% will go to help build houses in Malawi, Africa.

During 2 Saturdays in April, adults from our church helped at Habitat for Humanity workdays. On the 2nd workday, some of our Sunday School children and their families helped make and serve lunch to the work crew. We then watched the "wall raising" ceremony, when the 2x4s that were signed with our messages for the family were installed in the house.

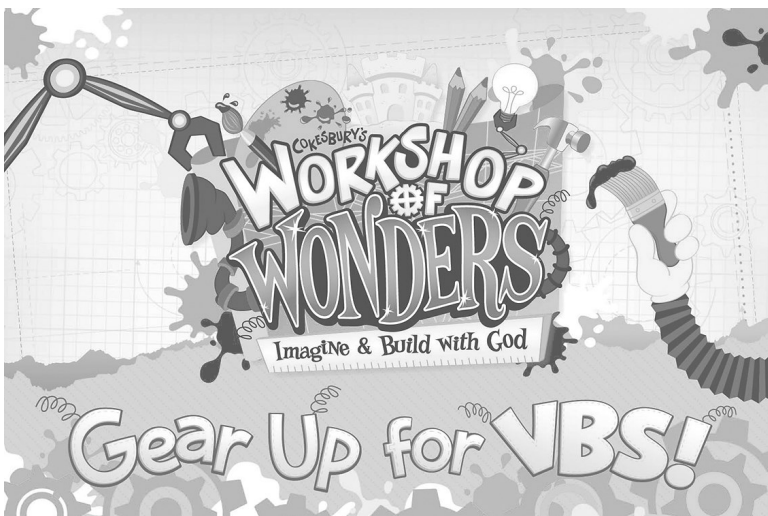
On Saturday, May 3, Grant County Habitat is sponsoring a concert from 4:00 - 10:00 at the BARn. Musical entertainment includes Mighty Wheel House, Triple Play, and John Elefante, former lead singer for the group "Kansas". Food and drink will be available for purchase. Tickets are available at church between services, or online at <http://grantcountyhabitat.com>

On Sunday, May 4, the 4th-5th and the 6th-HS Sunday School classes will host the last of the Habitat fundraising bake sales during our Coffee Fellowship time.

May 18 is our last day of Sunday School, and the day we recognize our Sunday School teachers during worship services. If you see one of these teachers, please say "Thank You" for working with our children all year!

PreK - 1st grade: Debby Schroedl
Amber Vrielinck
Ellen Carnahan
Tianna Gile
Blake Noel
Makayla Loeffelholz

2nd - 3rd grade: Dianne Edgette
Amy Pohle
Jan Merfeld
Sue Dykstra
4th - 5th grade: George Kreuger
6th - High School: Amy Loeffelholz
Mindy Frieburger
Adult: Alice Clifton



VBS Workday, May 10th at Fennimore UMC

Contact Warner Smidt if you would be interested in going.

Helpers are needed for the week of VBS. If you would be interested in helping out, please contact Elizabeth Whitford at 608-482-2303 or whitforde@uwplatt.edu

Thank you!!!

July 28-August 1 9:00 am- Noon

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOUR

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.

Summer camps for all ages are provided at each site, children learn of God's love, youth develop their leadership skills and develop spiritually, adults enjoy learning and community, and families share time to bond and grow together.

See you at CAMP!

On May 18th, we will be holding our 2nd annual Mound City Faith Fest. This is a free event that is open to the community. In order to offer this event for free, we are looking for donations from our congregation to help off-set the costs that come with the event.

Donations can be sent to:

Platteville United Methodist Church
1065 Lancaster Street
Platteville, WI 53818

Please specify on your check or envelope "Faith Fest".

There are other ways you can help the day of the event. Sign-up sheets are in the lobby of the church for volunteers through out the day.

We are also looking for people to donate baked goods to our bake sale.

Items that we would like to borrow for the day are:

- * Picnic tables
- * Large garbage cans

These items can be dropped off on Friday or Saturday. Please make sure you have your name on them so we make sure the correct items go back to the correct owners.

The Power of Camp is...

In a world where it is hard to be a kid, AND it is hard to be a parent, let church camp be your partner in faith and the development of your child.

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| <i>Lifelong Friendships</i> | <i>Outdoor Adventure</i> |
| <i>Positive Christian Role Models</i> | <i>Time to Unplug</i> |
| <i>Meaningful Conversations</i> | <i>Exciting Worship</i> |

With over 50 camps to choose from, one will be right for you and your child! Come enjoy a fun, faith-filled adventure all in one great place with caring staff.

Contact Jennifer or call the United Methodist Camping Office at 877-947-22677

or visit www.WIUMCamps.org



"Your open door to experience the wonder of God's creation and love in exceptional settings."

Scholarships are available from the UMW and the UMC conference. Please contact Jennifer for more information.

MOUND CITY FAITH FEST



2ND ANNUAL

Sunday, May 18th

5 Bands:

Holy Rollers ~ Redeemer

Fish Fusion ~ Sanctuary ~ Witness

Fun for the entire family!!

FREE ADMISSION

Face Painting ~ Popcorn ~ Cotton Candy ~

Kids Games ~ Craft Corner ~ Door Prizes ~

Bounce House ~ Bake Sale ~

Twinkle The Clown

Food Provided by

The Lunch Bus

**Come and join
the fun!**

1:00 pm-5:00 pm

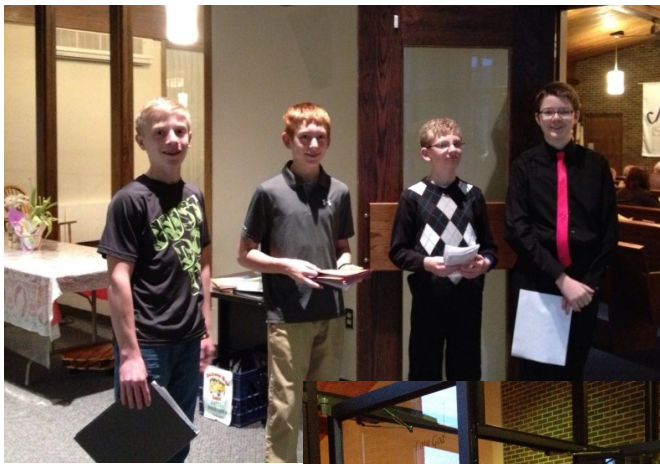
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For more information, call 608-348-9508



Thank you Redeemer for the great job helping to lead worship bright and early on Easter Sunday (6:30am kind of early)!



Blessing the congregation.



The confirmation students were up bright and early on Easter Sunday as well.



- 1 Karen Heiser
- 3 Tom Ziegenfuss
- 3 Mike Finley
- 4 Wayne Botomly
- 4 Carolyn Woodward
- 4 Doug Steinback Jr.
- 4 Mark Edgette
- 4 Makayla Loeffelholz
- 5 Becka Craugh
- 6 Hank Bossenbroek
- 6 Christine McCall
- 7 Bob Plourde
- 11 Max Anderson
- 12 Sally Woodworth
- 13 Ralph Day
- 13 Connie Cullen
- 14 Kelly Ingersoll
- 15 Bill VanDeest
- 15 Geri Wieters
- 17 Ben Demaree
- 17 Alaina Curry
- 18 Harold Bethke
- 18 Carol Lange
- 18 Brian Loeffelholz
- 18 Sarah Schlager
- 19 Pauline Henry
- 20 Dorothy Olds
- 20 Jeanette Bradley
- 21 Marian Masbruch
- 21 Jayne Osterholz
- 22 Jean McPhail
- 22 Ryan Heins
- 23 Amy Pohle
- 23 Nathaniel Curry
- 24 Thomas McCall
- 25 Natalie Fosbinder
- 28 Teddy McNett
- 28 Colleen Lozeau
- 28 Jan Merfeld
- 29 John Meisel
- 30 John Pluemer
- 31 Jason Simmons

Anniversaries

- 1 Melvin & Helen Ingersoll
- 13 Bob & Kathy Flaig
- 13 Tom & Karen Heiser
- 18 Dan & Nancy Fairchild
- 19 John & Norma Meisel
- 20 Dale & Linda Bernhardt
- 20 Harold & Gladys Bethke
- 22 Max & Rosemary Anderson
- 23 John & Margaret Ambrosius
- 26 Kelsie & Jason Simmons
- 28 Hank & Judy Bossenbroek
- 30 Dog & Janice Steinback



JUST THOUGH YOU SHOULD KNOW



Congratulations to Chris & Mallory McGuire, whose son, Finnegan James, was baptized on April 6. May he always find joy in being part of God's family!

Finnegan joins sister Gena and brother, Cooper.

Platteville Children's Choir

25 years Spring Concert

Sunday, May 4, 2014 at 3:00 pm

Platteville High School Auditorium

The Cap Club met on April 8th. Members present were Pastor Brenda, Jim & Carol Kirkpatrick, Tom Lindahl, Dolores Hutchison, Nancy Ziegenfuss, and Hank & Judy Bossenbroek.

We still strive to hear of shut ins that would like having someone visit them. If anyone knows of a need for visits to shut ins please contact pastor Brenda or any of our Club members.

Our next meeting will be June 3rd.

Blessing to all from The Cap Club



Hearts and Hands is our craft group that meets every Wednesday at 1:00 pm. They crochet our baptismal shawls, knit prayer shawls, do needlework, work on

other projects and best of all they enjoy great conversation. If you have a craft you would like to do, please join them on Wednesday's. No matter what it is, ALL are welcome!

Do you knit or crochet? If you do and would like to help with our baptismal shawl or prayer shawl ministry, please join us on Wednesday afternoons.

Barely Seniors

Barely Seniors will meet on Thursday, May 8 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.

Program: The Last Mystery Ship of World War II. Presented by Mike Mair

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Friday, May 2 - Church Women United May Friendship Day 12:00 pm Luncheon
Host: First Congregational UCC
Program: Lutheran Church of Peace

Tuesday, May 6 - UMW General Meeting in the Wesley Room at 1:30
Program: Rosemary Anderson
Hostess: Dee Gray

Wednesday, May 7 - Cluster at Stitzer UMC at 1:00PM
Program: Info on one of the goals for the year, ELDER ABUSE
Contact Carol Lange for more information.

Thursday, May 15 - Rebekah Fellowship Group in the Wesley Room
9:00 AM Coffee
9:30 AM Meeting and Program
Program-Rosemary Anderson
Hostess: Elizabeth Duerer

UMW Mission Giving FACT #2

78%-FACT #1 for Mission and Mission Support
15%-FACT #2 Support for Mission Membership and Leadership Development

1. Leadership Development Days (local-national)
2. Mission U (new name) A 4-day meeting to learn the studies for the new year, hear of mission work, meet mission workers and other UMW. Contribute to mission projects.
3. Assembly-Meets every 4 years to learn about and meet national and international leaders and mission workers. A highly motivational time.
4. Ecumenical connections and other seminars to develop members and leaders fo help women, children and youth in need.

These activities have enriched the life and faith journey of members and led many into a life of ministry and other full-time ministry/mission work.

Adopted Families' Easter Baskets

Thank you for your donations to the adopted families' Easter baskets. 15 families benefited from your gifts and all greatly appreciated your generosity. Many of these families are going through difficult times. Please include them in your prayers. Thank you ~ The Mission Committee

Annual Conference In-Gathering Project - Kits for Men & Kits for Women

Each year the mission committee organizes an in-gathering project which is delivered to Annual Conference in June. This year our in-gathering project will be women's and men's health kits. These kits will benefit residents at Harbor House, Northcott Neighborhood House and Solomon Community Temple. New items, please, may be dropped off at the church until June 15th. Thank you for your support of this important Conference in-gathering.

Men's Kits

1 antiperspirant
 2 bars of soap
 1 toothbrush
 1 washcloth
 1 toothpaste
 1 comb
 1 hand sanitizer
 1 nail clipper
 1 disposable razor
 1 shaving cream
 1 sewing repair kit
 1 travel-size tissue box
 1 pen & pad of paper
 1 travel size shampoo
 6 adhesive plastic bandage strips (plain)

Women's Kits

1 antiperspirant
 2 bars of soap
 1 toothbrush
 1 washcloth
 1 toothpaste
 1 comb
 1 hand sanitizer
 1 nail clipper, emery board
 1 sewing repair kit
 1 travel-size tissue box
 1 pen & pad of paper
 1 lip balm
 1 travel size shampoo
 1 hair spray/mousse
 6 adhesive plastic bandage strips (plain)

The Nursery is Moving!!!!

The nursery will be moving to the room at the end of the hall (the old Family Connections Rm). We have several parents that would help in the nursery but want to hear the service.

In this room, that is just what they can do!

So the nursery will be staffed by volunteer parents. If you would like to help, please sign-up on the sheet outside the current nursery.



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

Reading, serving on a team (hospitality, elevator etc...) or a committee (worship, mission, SPRC, etc) are just a few more.

Coming up:

Faith Fest ~ we are looking for people to help during the day at various activities. Please see the sign-ups in the lobby.

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.

Office Hours

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.; Monday-Friday

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MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May Usher Schedule

8:30 a.m. John Cottingham, Dick Bonin, Dick Trewartha, Jack Kirby
 11:00 a.m. David Oudyn, Don VanNatta

May Readers Schedule

May 4 8:30 a.m. Lynn Schlager
 11:00 a.m. George Krueger
 May 11 8:30 a.m. Ellen Carnahan
 11:00 a.m. Amy Pohle
 May 18 8:30 a.m. Calvin Koeller
 11:00 a.m. Steve Lozeau
 May 25 8:30 a.m. Deb Putnam
 11:00 a.m. Dawn Drake

May Greeters Schedule


May 4 8:30 a.m. Max & Rosemary Anderson
 11:00 a.m. Pluemer Family
 May 11 8:30 a.m. Dan & Elizabeth Whitford
 11:00 a.m. Warner & Pam Smidt
 May 18 8:30 a.m. Tom & Nancy Ziegenfuss
 11:00 a.m. Bill & Diane VanDeest
 May 25 8:30 a.m. Joe & Alice Clifton
 11:00 a.m. Gile Family

May Coffee Hour Hosts

May 4 - Sunday School
 May 11 - **OPEN**
 May 18 - Amy Pohle & Jennifer Fiedler
 May 25 - **OPEN**

May Children's Message

May 4 -
 May 11 - Elizabeth Duewer
 May 18 - Ellen Carnahan
 May 25 - Elizabeth Duewer




Please join us as we offer

Richard Nehls

*Best wishes on his retirement
 After 10 years of service at
 Platteville United Methodist
 Church*

A party for Richard will be held on
 Sunday, May 18th at 1:00 pm in the
 Wesley Room at the church




Baccalaureate will be at 7:00pm on Wednesday, June 4, at Platteville United Methodist Church. It will be a service of celebration and prayer for our 2014 high school graduates. All are welcome to attend.

MAY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4</p> <p>8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Mallow Ringers</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:45 am Breakfast Prayer Group at Country Kit. 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val</p>	<p>6</p> <p>1:30 pm UMMW 4:15 pm Yoga w/Val</p>	<p>7</p> <p>12:00 pm Lent Service 1:00 pm Hearts & Hands 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val</p> <p>6:00 pm Worship Committee</p> <p>6:30 pm Holy Rollers & Redeemer 6:30 pm Merge w/Supper</p>	<p>8</p> <p>12:00 pm Barely Seniors 3:45 pm School Bus Café 7:00 pm Finance</p>	<p>2</p> <p>12:00 pm May Friendship Day at UCC</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Habitat for Humanity Benefit Concert at The Barn</p>
<p>11</p> <p>8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship</p> <p>Mother's Day</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:45 am Breakfast Prayer Group at Country Kit. 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val</p>	<p>13</p> <p>4:15 pm Yoga w/Val 5:00 pm Missions</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1:00 pm Hearts & Hands 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val 6:30 pm Holy Rollers & Redeemer 6:30 pm Merge 6:30 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00 am Rebekah Circle 3:45 pm School Bus Café 6:00 pm Church Council</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 1:00 pm Retirement Party for Richard 1:00 pm Faith Fest</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:45 am Breakfast Prayer Group at Country Kit. 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val</p>	<p>20</p> <p>4:15 pm Yoga w/Val</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1:00 pm Hearts & Hands 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val 6:30 pm Holy Rollers & Redeemer 6:30 pm Extreme Self Care Small Group</p>	<p>22</p> <p>12:00 pm Newsletter Assembled 3:45 pm School Bus Café</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>8:30 am Worship 11:00 am Worship</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:45 am Breakfast Prayer Group at Country Kit. Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>27</p> <p>4:15 pm Yoga w/Val</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1:00 pm Hearts & Hands 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val 6:30 pm Holy Rollers & Redeemer 6:30 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:30 am Mission/Insite Training 1:00 pm District Strategic Team</p>



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1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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Holy Rollers
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Face Painting ~ Popcorn ~ Food Stand ~ Twinkle the Clown
Kids Games ~ Door Prizes ~ Bounce House ~ Cotton Candy

Free Admission