

# PLATTEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



I had the blessing this summer of seeing three of the Heartland Festival shows. “Nunsense” and “Frankly Scarlett, You’re Dead” were absolutely delightful. I am still not sure what I think about “Fiddler on the Roof.”

This was my second time seeing “Fiddler.” I knew most of the songs before I went the first time, but I didn’t know how it ended. I left the theater this time feeling the same way I felt last time – a conflicted kind-of feeling. It was a beautiful story: parents dealing with children growing up and the difficulty of change. The acting, set and music were all beautiful. But the ending is so very sad. And what makes it sadder is knowing that every day people in other countries are still going through this same thing. I don’t have a sermon to preach on that, or any kind of an answer, so it just makes me feel bad.

But there is one other thing that I noticed both times I watched the musical. It also intrigued me and had me thinking. The primary character, Tevya, prays a lot. Tevya prays formal prayers, but also spends a great deal of his time just talking to God. Tevye talks to God when he is happy, frustrated and confused. When he doesn’t know what to do, he turns to God in prayer. The apostle Paul wrote to the church at Thessalonica that they should “pray without ceasing.” I think Tevye is a good example of what Paul meant.

Since I saw “Fiddler,” I have been wondering what I would be like if I spent as much of my time praying as Tevye did. I have been wondering the difference it would make to our church if we all spent as much time praying as Tevye did.

It is through prayer that God is able to mold and shape our hearts. It is through prayer that God is able to help us to become like him. It is through prayer that God is able to shape us into all he created us to be. And this praying is simply what Tevye did. It is just talking to God.

I encourage you pray more. Just talk to God. Tell him why you are happy, why you are sad, why you are frustrated. Tell him your hopes and your dreams. And be sure to spend plenty of time listening, getting impressions of how God wants you to live your life.

I think we will find we will be glad we did.

I’ll see you in church, where we pray some more

*Love  
Pastor  
Sunda*



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# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Watch the September newsletter for more pictures and an article from this awesome week.



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

***Weekly Announcements***

Wednesday by noon

***Newsletters***

3rd Friday of the month



Check out our new website at  
[www.plattevilleumc.org](http://www.plattevilleumc.org)

Thank you Gary Lindahl for your time and dedication to getting the new site designed and launched!!

The newsletter can be viewed and printed from our new website. If you would like an electronic copy sent or view the newsletter on the website, please let Jennifer know and you will be taken off the mailing list.

Just a friendly reminder that if you need to meet with Pastor Brenda, please call the office to make an appointment with Jennifer.

Also, if you or a family member are in the hospital or ill, and would like to be put on the prayer chain, please call Jennifer to let her know. If you would like a visit from Pastor Brenda, please let us know.

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# HOLY ROLLERS AND REDEEMER



On Thursday, June 27th, the Main Street Program's Music in the Park featured Holy Rollers and Redeemer, merged for one performance. The band put on an AMAZING show.





1 Joanne Bailie  
 1 Merle Duggan  
 1 Ellen Carnahan  
 2 Taylor Rutherford  
 4 Roy Shaver  
 4 Sara Koeller  
 5 John Cottingham  
 5 Sharon Nodorft  
 5 Katherine Finley  
 6 Joe Clifton  
 8 Terry Dillon  
 10 James Wieters  
 10 Lucas Adrian  
 11 Linda Curry  
 12 Dick Meyer  
 12 Jane Howell  
 12 Sandy Baker  
 12 Christophe Vrielinck  
 15 Charles Drago  
 15 Dianne Edgette  
 17 Dick Bonin  
 19 Merlin Deiter  
 19 Emmett Shaw  
 19 Avery Curry  
 20 Harriett Burbach  
 20 Caleb Shaw  
 22 Jane Peoples  
 22 Renee Baker  
 22 Jennifer Freiburger  
 23 Joseph Musarra  
 25 Jason Fiedler  
 28 Doris Hill  
 28 Pam Curry-Green  
 30 Zeke Schwartz  
 30 Madilyn Grossman  
 31 Alyssa Simmons

## Anniversaries

1 Steve & Colleen Lozeau	20 Mark & Lori Adrian
2 Lynn & Susan Schlager	20 Pamela & Michael Scott
5 Dick & Peg Meyer	20 Ron & Judy Calcaterra
6 Nathaniel & Crystal Curry	28 Joe & Alice Clifton
6 Adam & Korie Whitford	29 Steven & Debra Becker
12 Delbert & Jane Rupp	
17 Richard & Carolyn Trewartha	
18 Dan & Deb Dunbar	
18 Nate & Sarah Fosbinder	
18 James & Beverly Holler	
18 Jim & Dorothy Olds	



just thought  
 YOU should  
**KNOW**

I would like to give a special thank you to Pastor Brenda and Mindy for visiting me while I was in the hospital after my horse accident. Also thank you to Mindy for the visits after I came home from the hospital. And I would also like to thank my church family for the prayers, prayer shawl and cards.

May God Bless You All, Kayla Rupp

THANK YOU to all of you who expressed sympathy at the passing of Mike. Your cards, phone calls, raspberries and caring words were greatly appreciated now, as were your caring friendships through the years. What a Blessing those friendships have been.

Dee Gray and the families of Michael, Carla, David and Denise

As you might have noticed there have been some improvements going on with our Church! We hope you have been pleasantly surprised thus far.

The Hospitality team is growing and we are praying for people to be moved to join us in sharing Christ. As churches across the nation are shrinking we want to be proactive and be the "Hands of Christ" to make this parish GROW!

We pray that some of you will answer th call to be part of the hospitality team. Greeters and Ushers are so important. They are the open arms for our church family and to all who need a welcoming smile or handshake. We want people to feel a part of something...something incredible...The Lord's Loving Family.

We wish to have people who truly want to be a part of this movement and share their love for Christ with others. We have asked a few people to join our growing team, and would welcome anyone who feels this is a place where they could Learn God, Love God, Share God and Serve God with others. We will be contacting the current Greeters and Ushers to make sure they are all on board as well.

Please Contact Tom Lindahl at 348-6628 or Amy Pohle at 608-330-2534 if the Lord is calling you to join this team.

Remember, that you cannot run from God, he will keep calling....answer his call or you too could be swallowed by a BIG FISH.

Love and Peace,  
PUMC Hospitality Team

*“Again, mercy is literally love in action.”*  
 — [Nelson Searcy, \*The Greatness Principle: Finding Significance and Joy by Serving Others\*](#)



Mark your calendars for Barely Seniors. Barely Seniors will meet, as in previous years, on the second Thursday of each month -Sept through May in the Fellowship Hall with the potluck at noon

***The Sept 12 program will be:***

Larry Bierke, Platteville City Manager this has been the initial Fall program for several years with updates on city projects and other developments

***The Oct 10 program will Be:***

Carol Sue Butts and Ray Meiklejohn will be sharing their experience of travel to Cuba earlier this year.

**UMW NEWS**

The Executive Board will meet on Tuesday, August 5, at 1:30 PM in the Wesley Room.

**Mission U**

One of the studies for this year will be about the Roma. They are the people we used to call gypsies. Read about them and their struggles to get an education and work, in the response magazine in the library.

***Holiday Bazaar***

December 7 is this year's date for the UMW Christmas Bazaar. As we enter jam making season, consider making an extra jar or two for the Christmas Bazaar. Preserves are always a hit at the bazaar. Not a jam maker? Perhaps you can knit, embroider, crochet or woodwork an item for the bazaar while you are sitting outside in this wonderful weather. And remember to keep an eye out for those "treasures" you might find in an attic or closet that would look great on our re-sale table.

*“God loves you just the way you are, but He refuses to leave you that way. He wants you to be just like Jesus.”*

— *Max Lucado*

The Garden Committee would like to thank all those who have worked hard in the garden so far this summer. At the risk of leaving a silent worker off of the list I will list those I know about. We can always use more help as the harvesting season is upon us. For those who are unavailable during the week we also need to pick on the weekend. For those who can't pick and weed we can use help with rinsing off vegetable and packaging for the food pantry, mission families, etc. In addition those who work have an opportunity of taking some of the freshest produce home to eat. Give me a call if you have questions or would like to help on Sat. There will always be someone working in the garden on Wed at 5.

Max Anderson  
Hank Bossenbroek  
Pam Curry-Green  
Debbie Schroedl  
Bill Schroedl

Susan Schlager  
Anna (Schlager) Leach  
Lynn Schlager  
Warner Smidt

Our church garden is doing wonderfully now that the weather has gotten hot. We have produce to take to the food pantry and plenty to share with our church family. If you would like to help pick and/or deliver to the food pantry join us on Wed evening at 5. Feel free to come and pick on Fri and Sat for yourself and to share with our elderly members who are unable to pick and would enjoy a visit. Call Susan Schlager at 348-9575 if you have any questions.

As a celebration of our bounty and kicking off the Sunday School year we will be having 3rd Annual Bounty Garden Potluck Sept Sept 15th immediately following the 2nd service. Please mark the date on your calendar and think about people you would like to invite to church as your guest. Watch for more information in the Sept newsletter.

*2013 Wisconsin Annual Conference Report*  
*Delegate Tom Lindahl*

I am providing you with some of the information of the conference which I found very inspiring as our new Bishop Jung led his first Wisconsin Conference Session. It is always great to be together as the extended church and see our many fellow Christian friends. Thanks for giving me this opportunity this year.

The 2013 Wisconsin Annual Conference took place at the Madison Marriott West in Middleton June 7th – 9th. The Conference session featured the theme “[Live the Fruit of the Spirit](#),” the new theme for the new quadrennium. Conference attendees lived their ministry by giving generously for Ingathering, amassing \$5,858 and a number of items including more than 50 infant hats; 46 bedding kits; 124 layette kits; 134 Sewing kits; 159 cleaning buckets; 175 sweaters; 257 birthing kits; 450 Health kits; 1065 kits for Harbor House Crisis Shelters, Northcott Neighborhood House, United Methodist Children’s Services of Wisconsin, and Solomon Temple; and 2005 schoolbag kits. The offerings included \$1,868 for Summer Developers and Rising Sun Camp at the Opening Worship service, and \$2,546 for the Clergy in Transition Fund at the Ordination and Commissioning service. Visit our Wisconsin Conference UMC home page at [www.wisconsinumc.org](http://www.wisconsinumc.org) to review featuring links to archived video that was live streamed, and recaps of events from each day. I encourage you to go the website and watch some of the sessions.

The Conference welcomed Bishop Chul Lee and other delegates from the Dongbu Conference of the Korean Methodist Church to honor the sister partnership between the two Conferences. The Dongbu delegates participated in worship services, spoke at Plenary sessions and Bishop Jung’s banquet on Saturday evening.

During his inspiring Opening Sermon, Bishop Jung spoke about being blessed through his many visits to Wisconsin congregations since last fall. “It will require more than a year to visit all 485! But if I am to lead you, I need to know you,” he said. He also introduced his new fruit-producing strategy, [Imagining Wisconsin Anew](#), which he explained as “an effort to bear good fruit by serving new people, diverse people, young people, elderly people, and all people. It is about being passionate in inviting new people to a relationship with Jesus Christ.

On Saturday evening, members and friends of the Conference gathered for a banquet to welcome Bishop Jung and his wife Im, who is a clergy member of the Wisconsin Conference. Rev. Amanda Stein shared a presentation that celebrated Bishop Jung’s travels around the state of Wisconsin during his first year, recognized Bishop Chul Lee and delegates, and featured the commissioning of Hyo-Won Park as a missionary through the General Board of Global Ministries. Rev. Park will serve as a church planter in Russia.

During the banquet, the recipients of several Conference awards were also honored. The Harry Denman Evangelism award, which recognizes excellence in evangelism, was given to Renee Thomas. The Thelma Gregg award, which honors lay persons who are doing vital missions in ways that reflect the love of Christ, was given to John Wierschem. Other awards were given to Doug Pierce (Commission on the Status and Role of Women Bridgebuilder Awards), The United Methodist Women of the Wisconsin Conference (Perry Saito Awards), and Ron Schobert and Chuck Wedemeyer (Love in Action Award).

Ray Buckley, renowned author and international speaker, led Bible Studies on Saturday and Sunday mornings. He drew on his Native American heritage to tell impassioned stories of suffering and forgiveness. On Saturday, he spoke on the significance of the names children are given at birth within the Native American culture, and that we shouldn’t live by the names of derision that others give us. We need to be positive about who we are and live out our sacred names, he explained. On Sunday, he spoke about the sadness of the past treatment of Native Americans and how they were tortured and killed by many people, including Methodists. Many Native Americans today don’t know their ancestors’ stories, he said, because they were raised in institutions and adoption agencies. He spoke of the Act of Repentance and the importance of both United Methodists as well as the Native Americans to repent. “We Native Americans need to repent for our years of anger and learn to forgive,” he said. Buckley also talked about the importance of all United Method-

ists to take responsibility to make disciples of Jesus Christ. It doesn't matter if you are clergy or laity, he said. He challenged all brothers and sisters to "Take thou authority. Go into the world and tell the story of Jesus Christ to people who are tired. Serve where there is a need...if you don't do it, no one else will." Rev, Buckley's presentations were a definite highlight for me and for the conference. He is a very dedicated disciple of Christ.

During his State of the Church presentation on Sunday morning, Bishop Jung talked about his delight and surprise to be back in Wisconsin to lead our congregations for the next four years. He also talked about our quadrennial theme – Live the Fruit of the Spirit – and how we will be inviting new people into a relationship with Jesus Christ through existing congregations and new faith communities. "I believe we will bear good fruit by serving new people of all ages and ethnicities," he said. He celebrated the amazing commitment of our Wisconsin United Methodists who participate in missions here in Wisconsin and around the world, as well as the generous giving of our membership. Bishop Jung also spoke about his priorities and recommendations for the Conference. "Since arriving in Wisconsin, I have made visiting every congregation and circuit a priority. So far, I have visited 140 congregations in 10 months, and I look forward to traveling to the rest of the churches and circuits prior to the end of 2014," he said. Bishop listed other steps he is taking, including focusing on abundance and not scarcity, adding the Director of Connectional Ministries to the Cabinet, producing new resources for congregational leaders, building bridges to other faith communities, emphasizing recruitment rather than retention, adding a Director of Congregational Development to the Cabinet, exploring the possibility of adjusting the number of districts, and planning a possible Capital Campaign to help fund new faith development and other ministry connections.

Rev. Steve Scott presented the Clergy Covenant report at Sunday morning's Plenary session. The Clergy Covenant team was formed at the 2012 Annual Conference session and after the trial of Amy DeLong in order to help resolve issues that harm the clergy covenant within the Wisconsin United Methodist Church. "This is all very personal," Scott said. "We are the Church together. What we have discovered is that we can either continue to debate over differences in theology or we can focus, as this team is charged to do, on living together in better ways." Bishop Jung affirmed the document as "a tool to be used for future conversation, not as a document up for debate or approval

Several Conference action items were voted on for implementation in the coming year. All were passed. Some of the approved items included: the 2014 budget, continued partnership with the Hmong House of Good News, Cedar Crest, Inc., and Hillcrest Family Services; the chartering of Whitewater: Cristo La Roca UMC, the discontinuance of Neillsville UMC, and the abandonment of Reedsville UMC; and the approval to elect delegates to General Conference a year earlier than previous years, in 2014. It was great to see a new church start but sad to see a church of many years be abandoned.

Fifteen retiring clergy were recognized for their years of service. Two former Wisconsin bishops participated in the Licensing, Commissioning and Ordination Service on Sunday afternoon. Bishop Sharon Rader gave the sermon, and Bishop Linda Lee gave an opening blessing. During the service, four individuals were licensed as local pastors, two were commissioned as deacons, five were commissioned as elders, one was ordained as a deacon, and five were ordained as elders. "We're gathered here because we know the spirit of God has placed a message deep in our hearts," Bishop Rader said. She talked about the message Living the Fruit of the Spirit manifesting itself in ways such as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. She also talked about the meaning of freedom through the Church: "There are those outside the Church who think we're not about freedom at all; that you, who are to be licensed, ordained, commissioned – you're not free. But I declare to you: you are, we are; this Church has been set free to live, to love, to dance, and to invite others to do the same."

It was great to see new leadership that will have the enthusiasm and drive to lead our church. We all need to give our Bishop support and our prayers through the years ahead.

**Usher Schedule**

8:30 a.m.  
 11:00 a.m. Tom & LeeAnn Lindahl  
 Tom Scanlan & Dawn Drake

**Greeters Schedule**

August 4 8:30 a.m. Mission Trip Kids  
 11:00 a.m. Mission Trip Kids  
 August 11 8:30 a.m. Gene & Jan Digman  
 11:00 a.m. Jay & Sue Dykstra  
 August 18 8:30 a.m. Rita & Roger Elver  
 11:00 a.m. Julie Pluemer & family  
 August 25 8:30 a.m. Jim & Carol Kirkpatrick  
 11:00 a.m. Pam & Warner Smidt

**Readers Schedule**

August 4 8:30 a.m. Mission Trip Kids  
 11:00 a.m. Mission Trip Kids  
 August 11 8:30 a.m. Mindy Freiburger  
 11:00 a.m. Tom Lindahl  
 August 18 8:30 a.m. Dave Carnahan  
 11:00 a.m. Mike Mair  
 August 25 8:30 a.m. Carol Lange  
 11:00 a.m. Debby Schroedl

**Grace sermon series beginning August 11**

God showers us with a plethora of grace, and yet we live our lives as if everything depends on us. Join us as we discover how to be set free from trying to earn God's approval and instead live out of the love of God's amazing grace!

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!

**August Worship**

**August 4**

High School Mission Trip Testimonies  
 Communion Both Services  
 8:30 TBA  
 11:00 Blind Faith

**August 11**

Grace: Saved By Grace  
 John 8:2-10  
 8:30 TBA  
 11:00 Blind Faith

**August 18**

Grace: You Can Rest Now  
 Acts 15:1-20  
 8:30 Elizabeth Duewer  
 11:00 Blind Faith

**August 25**

Grace:  
 Mindy Freiburger  
 8:30 TBA  
 11:00 Blind Faith



# AUGUST 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Small Group 9:00 am	2	3
4 Worship 8:30am Worship 11:00am Mission Trip Sunday	5 Breakfast Prayer Group 6:45 am @ Country Kit. Yoga w/Val 7:15 am UMW Exec. Board 1:30 pm	6 Zumba 6:00 pm Zumba 7:15 pm	7 Bible Study 7:00 am Yoga w/Val 7:15 am Merge 5:00 pm Storyline Small Group 6:00 pm <i>Worship Committee 6:00 pm</i>	8 Small Group 9:00 am <i>Trustees 7:00 pm</i>	9	10 <i>Health &amp; Wellness Potluck Dinner 5:30 pm</i>
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25 Worship 8:30am Worship 11:00am	26 Breakfast Prayer Group 6:45 am @ Country Kit. Yoga w/Val 7:15 am	27 Zumba 6:00 pm Zumba 7:15 pm	28 Bible Study 7:00 am Yoga w/Val 7:15 am Merge 5:00 pm Senior Center Summer Picnic	29 Small Group 9:00 am	30	31



Our youth ministry has had a fantastic summer and we are not done yet!

We took five middle school students to camp and they had the time of their lives! (See additional camp page with pictures and stories from camp.)

Six high school students went on a mission trip to West Memphis, Arkansas and were the hands and feet of Jesus, roofing houses in 100° heat! (Watch for pictures and stories next month.)

We've done yard work and planted flowers to raise money. We had a party at the pool, and July 31 we are taking 21 youth to Noah's Ark in the Dells. We are having a blast!! All this, and we continue to meet each Wednesday!

Summer is the time when we attend New Freshman Registration at the University to meet the incoming freshmen. Several of us were introduced to over 20 students who are interested in joining together with us in ministry at our church.

The students will be coming back soon!! Please help us welcome students into the church. Look for welcome back bag sign ups in the lobby!



Connect Groups will be looking different this year. Instead of doing one class as a church we will be offering several different classes. We will be meeting year round in three semesters. We will have fall semester, spring semester, and summer semester. Fall semester will run September 15 through Dec 15.

So far the groups I have planned are "Love to Stay" by Adam Hamilton, his new book on marriage, "Grace" a study by Max Lucado, and a Servant Leadership Study. Don't see something that sparks your interest? Is God calling you to lead a small group? Contact me! [Freiburgerm@gmail.com](mailto:Freiburgerm@gmail.com) or (608)778-4607

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*"I am writing to recommend joining a small group. I have enjoyed getting to know people better than just a casual "Hi" at church. Our discussions have strengthened my faith and my commitment to my church. Think about joining one of the small groups that are meeting now or will be starting up in the fall. Thanks," Norma Meisal*

*"What does a small group mean to me? I've been in a small group for years. I've learned so much about myself. Sometimes we study scripture and sometimes we have a book study. I've learned from the other members of my group. I have so much to learn about my faith journey! Join a small group!" -Carolyn Woodward*

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*I am a member of a small group and recommend small group participation to everyone. I learn something new every week in my small group. A small group is a great way to grow in faith and connect with church members. Join a small group!" -Diane VanDeest*

**Mindy Freiburger**  
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# Merge Summer Camp



I wish I could put into words everything that happened at camp. It was such a week of adventure, fun, and growing closer to God. I was truly blessed to take this amazing group of girls to camp. We spent the week zip lining, horse back riding, playing laser tag and incredibly silly games. But mostly we spent time getting to know each other and God more. We all grew closer to each other and to God. I will never get tired of seeing people realize that God is

real, he deeply cares about them, died to rescue them from their sins, make them clean, and welcomes them into his own family. They in return offer to live their lives for him. This is an incredible experience and this is exactly what happened at camp. I wanted the campers to explain what happened in their own words though not all of them are featured in this newsletter but watch for them in upcoming newsletters.

Kendal has been my neighbor for years and I invited her to Merge one day as she was sitting on her porch. She eagerly accepted to come to Merge and camp! I am so glad she did as she had the time of her life! Here is Kendal's story: "At camp I learned that there are many different ways to worship God. And he can be everywhere at once. Also, when we are talking to him he can hear us. Lastly, I learned it's ok to not be ashamed of who you are and what you believe."

To see the transformation of these girls after camp has been incredible. Through Merge they have been given Bibles and have been reading them on their own and taking notes on what they learn. They are on the way of becoming disciples! Here are some pictures of them reading their new Bibles after receiving them!



*Maddie and Lauren with their new Bibles!*



*Savannah and her new Bible!*

Beginning now the mission committee will be taking donations of school supplies. We will create school supply kits for our adopted families and . . . new this year – we will be adopting Sally and Scott Woodworth’s classrooms. Sally and Scott are both members of our congregation. Please mark your donations for their classrooms. For the adopted families please use the school supply lists found at most stores. Sally teaches 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Westview; she will be starting her 31<sup>st</sup> year.

Sally’s Classroom Wish List:

Headphones or earbuds --- these are used daily in our computer lab, Quality student scissors --- Fiskars are best, Chlorox Disinfecting wipes --- any brand is fine. We go through these like crazy, especially during cold and flu season! Small Dixie type cups, 2 pocket folders --- these don't last a whole year and typically need to be replaced mid-year, Markers, Glue sticks and Elmer's glue, Games --- checkers, Trouble, Legos, etc. We use these on inside rainy recess days and they get a lot of use, Lead for mechanical pencils, size 0.7 --- I don't know how many of these I bought last year! I guess I should add mechanical pencils to the list as they are becoming more popular and they actually save on all that pencil sharpener noise! Any small, inexpensive items to give to students as prizes or rewards. I have a “free draw” bucket on my desk that students get to pick from whenever a prize or treasure is appropriate. Things like pencils, cap erasers, sugar-free bubble gum, little notepads, markers, etc. goes in there. I go through a lot of items each week!

Scott Woodworth is also starting his 31<sup>st</sup>. year in the Platteville district. He teaches second and third grade physical education and health. Scott could use 70 pieces of tagboard --- not the real flimsy or real thick, just the kind for projects. Bright colors – pink, blue, green etc. This is used for a Human Body project in Health. I buy it at Wal-mart.

We will feature other teachers from our congregation next year. Please have all donations to the church by Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> so we can package and distribute donations.

#### Kits for Kids

Thank you for the many donations and money for the Harbor House Kits for Kids and flood buckets. A total of six flood buckets and fifteen kits were assembled and sent to annual conference. Also, we received an email from UMCOR, the Oklahoma annual conference used its meeting time to purchase items and assemble relief kits for citizens of Moore and others suffering loss from the tornadoes. Thank you again for donations to the Oklahoma tornado relief project.



Ginahong Wang Lindahl was baptized on June 30, 2013. Ginahong is the daughter of Gary Lindahl and Xiaohong Wang.

***SPONSOR SUNDAY WORSHIP  
BULLETIN COVERS***

The Worship Committee is offering the Congregation an opportunity to sponsor the special Sunday worship bulletin covers in full-color throughout the year. Consider contributing a memorial or in honor of special people or events in your life. The cost is \$10.00 per service.

***ALTAR FLOWERS***

Thank you to all who have generously sponsored weekly Altar Flowers, Easter flowers, and Christmas poinsettias this past year. Your contributions have enhanced the worship experience for everyone who attends Platteville United Methodist Church.

If you would like to sign up to sponsor flowers or bulletins, please sign up in the folder in the lobby or contact Jennifer in the church office.

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.

***Dairy Days*** is approaching fast and we would LOVE to have a float in the parade. We are looking for a few individuals to work on this project. If you would like be part of this team, please let Jennifer in the office know. Thank you!

***Prayers from a Parishioner***

The past few weeks some of us were tested:

Two priests in Pakistan were beheaded by Islamic jihadists because there were infidels (non-Muslims).

An American college professor in Alabama directed his students to write the name "Jesus" on a piece of paper, place it on the floor and stomp on it. Only one student refused, and he was expelled from class.

A high school valedictorian in Texas had to submit his graduation speech to the school for approval because no reference to God or Christ is allowed. He did so but at the time of his speech he tore it up and recited The Lord's Prayer. He was suspended.

Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, we come to You today to humbly ask for you to extend Your love to your community and to our Nation as a whole. At a time when America is seemingly straying from your leadership and denying your love, we ask that you help guide us and provide us with your protection, direction and support. Please help us live according to your plan, gain strength in Your name, and to praise You in all aspects of our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

~ submitted by Keith Kischer



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**Sunday, September 15th**

8:30 am Traditional Worship

9:45 am First Day of Sunday School

11:00 am Contemporary Worship

12:30 pm Garden Bounty Potluck

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