

# PLATTEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Right now, in the midst of summer, I am undergoing steps that I hope will lead to a physical transformation! I am training for a triathlon! I bike or run every day. Eventually I will swim, but first I must develop muscles to support these activities which I do through dvd workouts. I am alternating Jillian Michaels's six week six pack abs and killer buns and thighs workout dvds. This makes for a very sore body. The workouts burn while I am doing them. My muscles are weak and tired after them, and the next days I am sore. I know you're thinking, "Wow is it

worth it?" YES! To transform my body into a stronger healthy version of itself, it has to be broken down – my muscles are actually tearing - to be built back up in order to become stronger. I believe the same goes for spiritual growth.

Spiritual growth is rarely fun, is always messy and painful, but is always worth it. When you grow spiritually, you are not only growing closer to Jesus, but also becoming more like him! The fact is, like my physical training, spiritual growth is also painful: we are being broken – little tears form in our faith - so God can build us up stronger than we were before. This is where the transformation takes place. I not only hope you are experiencing this, but I PRAY you are experiencing this! Following Jesus is not always fun. Sometimes you just feel yucky, hurt, confused, and frustrated, but it is always worth it! God is working in great ways in midst of all of this!

I picked "Crazy Love" for our summer small group emphasis because I knew it would challenge and stretch this congregation, and transform us to be more like Jesus. Ultimately you and I both have a choice: we can give up because transformation does not feel good right now. If we chose this, we will forever remain the same. We will not be transformed, nor will we know what we could have been if we had chosen to continue where God was leading us. Or, we can choose to push through, continuing to study and be trained in our faith, following Jesus to new levels in our faith, as he makes us new. The first choice will come with regret; the second choice will come with grace and joy. What will you chose?

I will leave you with this: Jesus loves you exactly where you are, but he loves you too much to let you stay there! That's because he knows what you can be, what your potential is, and as always he wants to draw you closer to him!

Love,  
Mindy

*Mindy Freiburger is currently our Community and Small Group Coordinator.*



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## Board of Trustees Updates

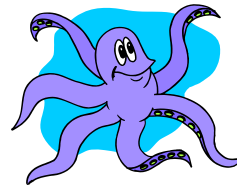
Thanks so much to everyone who helped de-clutter many rooms at our church! All of our "treasures" are now located in the left side of the Adult Sunday School classroom. On Thursday, July 12, this room will be open from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM for you to browse. Nothing is priced, but if you find items that you can use, please take them and leave a small donation. If you see something that a deserving family could use, please also feel free to take anything that would be of help. A variety of items are available including shelving, a sewing machine, a piano, children's chairs, decorations, and much more. Any donations will be used to update and redecorate our church to make it more welcoming. Contributions for the used piano will go into the grand piano fund.

Lastly, we're pleased to inform you that we have collected \$2,075 for the Wesley Room drapery fund. So \$525 is needed so that those drapes can be ordered. Also \$2,120.79 is needed for the grand piano fund. Thanks so much to everyone who has donated to these funds.

## Preparing for VBS

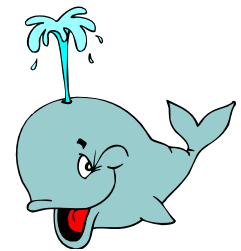
SCUBA diving is the theme for vacation Bible school. Come help cutout and paint whales, sharks, and other undersea creatures. We are making an underwater world for the chancel. These cutouts will be large—several feet in size—by using refrigerator and stove card-

board boxes. If you have a portable jig saw, please bring it for cutting the shapes out of the corrugated cardboard.



The first work session will be at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Wood Lab in Russell Hall at UWP. On Jay Street take the road which takes you to field house and to the south side of the Pioneer Student Center. Russell Hall is the building east of the field house across all the parking lots. The Woods Lab is the second large overhead door from the south end. The second work session will be July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Kids and youth are welcomed to help. It may be your only chance in life to paint a whale, shark, octopus, or jellyfish!



*I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas*.....What? It is only July! Now is the time to think about what we can work on this summer and then contribute to the UMC Christmas Bazaar. Needlework, carpentry items, and jams and jellies are all popular items at the bazaar, as well as those gently used items from your attic. Would you like to make something for the Christmas bazaar, but don't have any fabric? Check in the "free fabric" Christmas gift bag in the adult classroom, help yourself to any material or kit in the bag, and bring the your item to the bazaar. Happy summer sewing! Contact Rosemary Anderson (348-7593) if you have questions.

The Cap Club met on June 4th. Members present were Pastor Brenda, Tom Ziegenfuss, Dolores Hutchinson, Carol Kirkpatrick, Hank and Judy Bossenbroek.

We all continue to visit our shut ins. We encourage everyone to let us know if you have someone that would enjoy having one of our members to visit them.

Our next meeting will be July 2nd.

Blessings from the Cap Club



**No General Meeting until Sept. 4.**

**NO meeting in July or August.**

**August 16th**—Executive Board Meeting at 1:30 in the Wesley Room.



I will be out of the office during the week of July 2-6 for our family vacation to Texas. Office hours will be limited so please call to make sure someone is here before you come. Thanks, Jennifer

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9 a.m.—4:00 p.m.; Monday-Friday

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**Question: I don't like some of the things that Francis Chan says in "Crazy Love." Do Pastor Brenda and Mindy really expect me to believe all this stuff?**

**Answer:** Not necessarily. We do expect it to transform you! Let me explain: Francis Chan is highly conservative, theologically, and many United Methodists are not. So you are allowed to disagree with some of the things he says. But his premise is flawless: the fact that the God who created the universe loves us, is "crazy" – it's beyond our understanding. God wants for our response back - loving God and loving others - to be just as crazy.

Our United Methodist theology is an incredible blessing! We agree that we all believe the essentials (basically the Apostles' Creed), and then we are allowed to have an opinion on the rest. We are all allowed to consider scripture, tradition, reason, and experience (called the "quadrilateral") and create the nuances of our own theology through them. Theology is simply what you believe about God. Our United Methodist theology is rich especially because we come together to share our individual theologies, disagree, and grow because of our interaction with others. John Wesley, when he first started the Methodist movement, insisted that people meet together in small groups to hold one another accountable to growing in faith. As we read Crazy Love, you might disagree with some of the things Francis says and then be stretched by others. Talking about it in a small group helps us grow as we talk about the things that challenge us. You may decide, as with any Christian author, that there are some things you simply disagree with. But as Mindy said earlier in the newsletter, you must decide if you are going to continue living the way you always have, or if you will let God transform your life through Francis' writing and your discussion in your small group.

I'm always praying for your transformation,

*Love  
Pastor  
Brenda*



**Attention Men:** Are you a real man? Do you want to be the man God has called you to be? You are invited to a Promise Keeper men's conference July 13 & 14 at the UNI Dome in Cedar Falls, IA. We'll need to carpool, as the youth mission trip will have the van. We'll stay Friday night at a hotel. The cost will be \$115 (double occupancy). Scholarships are available, so don't let the cost stop you. contact Warner Smidt at 608-348-5017 if you are interested in attending.

There are still books available and it's not too late to join a Crazy Love Group:

Sundays 9:45am in the youth room led by Colleen Lozeau

Monday at 1:30pm in the youth room led by Peg Meyer

Wednesday at 6:30pm at Pastor Brenda's house, with dinner and conversational prayer

Thursday at 7:00pm in the youth room led by Mark Thacher

There are nearly 30 people participating in small groups. Won't you join them?

Do you need to talk one-on-one about how Crazy Love is causing "spiritual soreness?" You are welcome to meet individually with Mindy, Pastor Brenda, or Elizabeth Whitford to talk about how Crazy Love is impacting you.

## Birthdays This Month

01 Tricia Pothour	16 Dan Edgette
01 McKenzie Scanlan	17 Eva Hollingsworth
02 Wayne Simmons	20 Sheena Rice
03 Nancy Bottomly	20 Faye Bailie
04 Tom Lindahl	22 Aiden Uppena
04 Shirley Schaal	23 Ann Finley
04 Macayla Schwartz	23 Karina Shaw
06 Doug Rogers	24 Tonia Olds
06 Rachel Bailie	24 Britney Baker
07 Les Hollingsworth	25 Jonathan Curry
08 Elizabeth Peters	26 Rita Hoffman
08 Lindsay Heiser	27 Eleanor Noble
11 Ken Carp	27 Mike Myers
11 Jeff Baker	27 Nancy Mair
11 Noah Hromadka	27 Kim Chandler
12 Milton Rewey	27 Ed Gronski
13 Brian Vaassen	27 Cassandra Bonin
13 Jennifer Fiedler	28 Myrtle VanNatta
14 Ron Smith	29 Susan Dykstra
14 Michael Loeffelholz	27 Lynn Dew
15 Richard Weygant	30 Laurene Leuth
15 Lynn Schlager	31 Gladys Bethke
15 Rich Bonin Jr.	31 Kayla Rupp
15 Dean Goninen	31 Tyler Vargo
15 Christopher Peters	

## Baptisms



On June 10th, Bennett Dean Liddicoat was baptized. Bennett is the son of Tammy Rupp and Michael Liddicoat. He joins big sister Mackenzie in our family of faith.

## Anniversaries This Month

02 Terry & Melody Dillon
04 Mark & Dianne Edgette
05 Curt & Jean Bradley
06 Dan & Ann Kettler
10 Dave & Ellen Carnahan
10 John & Katie Cottingham
13 Erik & Pam Curry-Green
19 Les & Lindsay Hollingsworth
23 Edwin & Gwen Moore
23 Alex & Allison Walker
26 Kevin & Cindy Balk
28 Calvin & Sara Koeller

## Just Thought You Should Know.....

I wish to thank everyone for their prayers during my recent health concerns. I especially wish to thank Pastor Brenda for taking time from her busy schedule to visit me at the hospital. It was a great joy to receive the prayer shawl after I returned home. When I put the shawl around my shoulders it is so soft and warm it makes me feel that I have wrapped God's family around me and it gives me peace. Thank you all. Tom Lindahl

Dear Blind Faith, Thank you so much for playing at Cuba City UMC. Your music was inspiring and helpful for worshipping. I so appreciated your willingness to come on the road for us. May God continue to bless your ministry. God's Blessings, Pastor Deb



The Sunday School kids presented a check for 2127.76 to Heifer International. Money was collected during the 2011-2012 school year by the Sunday school kids. Thank you to all you helped support our kids.

## New in the Library

There are two new DVD's in the library for you to check out and enjoy:

*The Perfect Game* is based on a true story about a team of Mexican boys that win the 1957 Little League World Series despite poverty and against extraordinary odds.

*Jumping for Joy* is about a girl who turns a boys basketball team into winners—only they don't know she is a girl!



We have a \$2,000 grant from the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation to use to send people to conferences. There is some interest in the Change the World Conference, so Pastor Brenda is hoping to take a group there:

*"Why attend Change the World? Because life is way too short & the mission too critical to just play church. It's time to be the church."*

Change the World Conference, Ginghamburg UMC, Tipp City, OH, October 18-19. Let's take a large group!

The Chancel Task Group is finishing up their assignment. They have created a new design for the front of the sanctuary that allows for the needs of both services of worship while maintaining the sacredness of the space. The church council would like your input before they go forward with the plans. Be watching the bulletin and mail for the date and time of their presentation.

# Mission Trip Stock

*Platteville United Methodist Church Youth*

*Summer Mission Trip 2012*

*Gatlinburg, Tennessee*

*The bearer of this stock certificate has invested \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ shares of stock in the 2012 Summer Youth Mission Trip. Bearer will receive a postcard from Gatlinburg, an invitation to Mission Trip Worship, an invitation to the Mission Trip Reception, and knowledge of impacting the lives of both the youth and the people we will be serving.*

*Thank you for your investment in us!*

*Becka Craugh, Mattea Scanlan, McKenzie Scanlan, Ben and Sarah Hasker, and chaperones Paula Schoenberg and Mindy*

*Freiburger*



2012 Stockholder Information

Please complete the information below and return it with \$20 per share of stock to Platteville United Methodist Church, 1065 Lancaster St, Platteville, WI 53818

Make checks out to Platteville UMC & indicate Mission Trip Stock in memo.

Thank you!

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Number of shares purchased \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 = amount paid \_\_\_\_\_

Individual you would like to invest in \_\_\_\_\_

You may split investment among participants (check if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

## July Readers and Greeters Schedule

Do you remember someone ever saying to you that “**many hands make light work?**” This is the problem, we need many more hands to make sure that the work remains light, fun and unburdened for all. If you were asked to participate every week, you might decline the invitation to participate, but if you were asked to participate in a rotation of every three months, it would be easy to say “yes.” If you would prayerfully consider how you might be able to steward an hour of your time here at PUMC, then make a quick phone call to Kathy Martin (348-5605), our Worship Committee chair person, and she will gladly add you to the list.

### Readers for 8:30 Worship Services

July 1 ~ Sara Koeller

July 8 ~ **OPEN**

July 15 ~ Ellen Carnahan

July 22 ~ Karen Anderson-Carp

July 29 ~ **OPEN**

### Greeters for 8:30 Worship Services

July 1 ~ **OPEN**

July 8 ~ Hank & Judy Bossenbroek

July 15 ~ Dave & Ellen Carnahan

July 22 ~ Carolyn Woodward

July 29 ~ **OPEN**

### Readers for 11:00 Worship Services

July 1 ~ **OPEN**

July 8 ~ Don Shaw

July 15 ~ Steve Chandler

July 22 ~ Colleen Lozeau

July 29 ~ Deb Dunbar

### Greeters for 11:00 Worship Services

July 1 ~ **OPEN**

July 8 ~ **OPEN**

July 15 ~ Steve & Connie Chandler

July 22 ~ Steve & Colleen Lozeau

July 29 ~ **OPEN**

### May Lawnmowers

July 1-7 Lynn Schlager

July 8-14 Steve Chandler

July 15-21

July 22-28 Bossenbroek/  
Cottingham

### July Ushers

8:30 am ~ John Meisel

11:00 am ~ Dan & Deb  
Dunbar

### Coffee Hour Hosts

July 1 ~ **OPEN**

July 8 ~ Nurture Committee

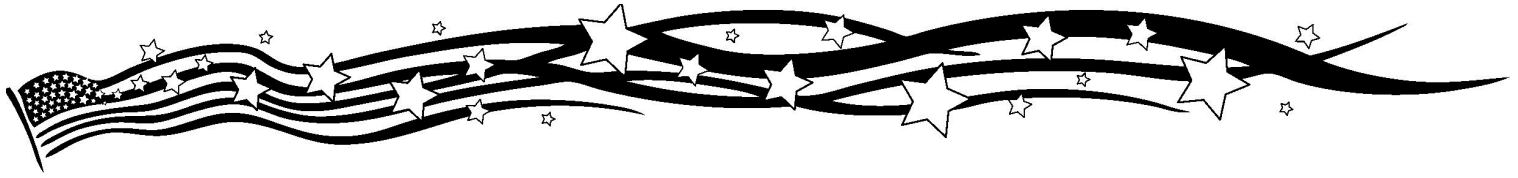
July 15 ~ **OPEN**

July 22 ~ **OPEN**

July 29 ~ **OPEN**



# JULY 2012



1 Worship 8:30 & 11 Sunday School 9:45am	2 CAP 10 am Yoga 5:15 pm Jennifer on Vacation	3 Yoga 7:15 am Zumba 5 & 6pm	4 Office Closed	5 Yoga 7:15 am	6/7
8. Worship 8:30 & 11 Sunday School 9:45am	9 Higher Ed 6 pm Finance 6:30 pm Yoga 5:15 pm	10 Yoga 7:15 am Zumba 5 & 6 pm Mission 5 pm All Staff Mtg 6 pm	11 Bible study 7am Hearts & Hands 1 pm Yoga 5:15 pm	12 Yoga 7:15 am Trustees 7 pm	13/14
15 Worship 8:30 & 11 Sunday School 9:45am	16 Church Council 6 pm Youth Mission Trip	17 Yoga 7:15 am Zumba 5 & 6 pm	18 Bible study 7am Hearts & Hands 1 pm Yoga 5:15 pm SPRC 7pm	19 Yoga 7:15 am <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	20/21
22 Worship 8:30 & 11 Blood Pressure checks 9:30 am Sunday School 9:45am	23	24 Yoga 7:15 am Zumba 5 & 6 pm	25 Bible study 7am Hearts & Hands 1 pm <i>Newsletter Assembled</i>	26 Yoga 7:15 am	27/28
29 Worship 8:30 & 11 Sunday School 9:45am	30	31 Yoga 7:15 am Zumba 5 & 6 pm	<b>The Breakfast Prayer group meets on Monday mornings at 7:00 am at the Platteville Country Kitchen. Anyone is welcome to join them for breakfast and fellowship.</b>		

# HOLY ROLLERS &

Another great performance by our Holy Rollers and Redeemer youth bands at Wisconsin Badger Camp on June 14th. Badger Camp is one of the highlights of the year as the campers LOVE the performance

# REDEEMER



WISCONSIN BADGER CAMP 

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are very excited to offer Summer Sunday School for the first time this year. This will be for a short term (5 Sundays in July), and all the lessons will be about the same book or story, so if a child misses one week, they can jump right in again the next Sunday. These classes will be during the regular Sunday School time of 9:45-10:45, on July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.

We are offering two classes for two different age groups.

**3 year old - 1st grade:** These would be all those children who were in Ellen, Debby and Amber's class last year. We will be studying the parable of The Sower and the Seed (Matthew 13), and using our Church garden out back to relate to the story of the seeds. Each week we will read a different version of the Bible story, do an art or science project, plant and weed in the garden, and have a "garden" snack. This class will be co-taught by Kelsie Simmons, Tracy Harle, Susan Schlager and Pam Smidt, and will meet in the upstairs classroom.

**2nd - 5th grade:** This class is for those who were in the 2nd-3rd class (Jan Langel and Sue Dykstra) and the 4th-5th class (George Krueger) this past year. This summer we are going to do a book discussion club on the classic C.S.Lewis novel The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. Many children know this story because of the movie, but it is a story that expresses some of the most profound truths of the Christian faith. This will give our youth a chance to see this fairy tale from a Christian perspective. The class will involve reading 4 chapters a week at home (children can read the book themselves or have a parent read aloud) and then discussing the chapters and doing activities during the class. Books will be available at the first class.

This is the first time we have offered a book club/discussion for kids, and we think it will be a great experience. The class will be co-taught by Jan Langel, Sara Koeller and Dianne Edgette, and will meet in the middle classroom downstairs. If you have a child in the Junior High class who would like to participate in the book club, they are very welcome to join the class.

Schedules are hectic during the summer, and you may not be home every weekend. Consider these as "drop-in" classes, that your child can attend the Sundays that you are home. Children may bring friends to these Sunday School classes with them, even if they are not church members. Hope to see you during July!

Ellen Carnahan, Sunday School Superintendent

P.S. We will also be offering **Vacation Bible School** the week of August 6-10. Look for more information to come out in July!



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If you would like to help with VBS, please contact Elizabeth Whitford at 608-482-2303 or [whitforde@uwplatt.edu](mailto:whitforde@uwplatt.edu)

## SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST 6-10, 2012

Dive in and discover God's underwater universe! Swim with humpback whales and seahorses, scuba through a vibrant coral reef, and take a personal submarine to the ocean floor, where eels and octopi play. As they journey miles below the water's surface, kids plunge into Bible stories of people with deep faith and learn to trust a God whose love is bigger than the sea.

Participants will learn to "go deep" into God's Word for their lives, exploring the meaning and application of Bible stories about people who exhibited deep faith.

We are working on a pool party one of the evenings where the children will actually get to try scuba gear! You don't want to miss this!!