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I remember a few years ago, my daughter read a book called, *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan. She kept repeating “Mom, you have got to read this book!” The book wasn’t on my to-read list, so I never got to it. A couple of months ago, when Mindy and I were talking about the next small

group book study, she told me that the most powerful book for growing in discipleship was *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan. I decided I better read it.

Elizabeth and Mindy were right. *Crazy Love* is indeed a powerful book. It has the power to alter your relationship with God. It begins by helping us to understand God’s greatness. It moves on to assert that this incredible God loves us and wants a relationship with us. That’s just crazy! We should respond with a crazy love back. But we don’t.

Here’s a little taste of how Chan wants to push us:

The critical question for our generation – and for every generation – is this: if you could have heaven, with no sickness, and with all the friends you ever had on earth, and all the food you ever liked, and all the leisure activities you ever enjoyed, and all the natural beauties you ever saw, all the physical pleasures you ever tasted, and no human conflict or any natural disasters, could you be satisfied with heaven, if Christ was not there?

Chan asserts that for many of us, this is indeed acceptable. He argues that if we were deeply in love with God, we could never be satisfied in a heaven without Christ.

Do you really love God? Do you just want to go to heaven when you die, or do you really want a relationship with him? If you REALLY love God, you will be experiencing that T-word I’m always talking about. God Transforms people who make him a priority in their lives.

It is my greatest desire to help this congregation to grow in love of God and love of each other. I long to help you focus on God so God can Transform your heart into a heart like his. It is my hope that by focusing on *Crazy Love*, you will be inspired to love God more and more!

I will be preaching on themes from the book – about God’s crazy love and how we can respond with a crazy love, but I will not be preaching chapter to chapter. I encourage you to read the book with a small discussion group. Chan is theologically quite conservative and says some things that will be controversial. You need to have a place to share your opinions. And remember, in the United Methodist Church you are always welcome to disagree with books we read, with sermons, and with one another.

I’ll see you in church, where we grow to love God more and more and more!

*Love
Pastor
Sunda*



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NEWS FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE



Thank you, to everyone who donated food, money and time to help provide area families Easter food baskets. The families expressed heartfelt gratitude for your generosity. Thank you for being part of our Church's reaching out to care for the community around us.

Easter Egg Hunt ~ It was an EGG-citing day! Approximately 50 children ages eight and younger gathered 700 Easter eggs. The weather was beautiful and the young families stayed for treats and visited. Thanks you everyone who donated plastic eggs, candy, treats and took time to help fill/hide eggs and serve the refreshments. The donations from the hunt went to benefit Family Connections' car seat loan program.

Pennies for School Books ~ Our UMCOR project this year is to collect pennies for an East Angola orphanage. The Conference goal is to collect one million pennies to aid the Methodist orphanage in this war-torn area. To date we have collected 7,883 pennies! The money jar will be outside the Church office window until May 20th and the proceeds will be delivered to Annual Conference. Please help the Conference reach its goal.....one million pennies!

Covenant Missionaries Update ~ We received an email from covenant missionary, Rachel Gabler. She and her husband, Dan, are grateful for the many prayers for them during this transition period. Their recent trip to find a house, meet with their new co-workers in Lubumbashi was 3,662 miles round trip but, according to Rachel, a success! They ask us to continue praying for the myriad of decisions that have to be made in the weeks to come. She comments about our prayers, "Keep up the good work!"

The funeral luncheon committee is asking for volunteers to help serve funeral lunches. This does not mean you have to help with each funeral, just when you can. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Joan Kuehl I (608) 348-7095 if you would be interested in helping. Thank you!

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FYI: THERE'S A TOOOOOOON OF PEOPLE DOWN THERE THANKING YOU THAT IT IS FRIDAY

Thanks from the Trustees!

Thanks so much to the Scouts and Bob Plourde who raked the church grounds and picked up branches before Easter! Thanks also to the mowers who started work earlier this spring. It was really nice to see the lawn and Raymond Duewer Memorial Garden looking so beautiful!

Our appreciation also goes out to Dave Carnahan and Roger Elver who worked for hours adding more screws to the ceiling lights to reinforce them and make sure they are securely attached. 'Very nice to feel completely safe as we meet at church.

Lastly, thanks to the folks who have donated \$800 to the Wesley Room drapery fund. When the remaining \$1800 is raised then we will order the new drapes. If you'd like to donate to this, please write "Drapery Fund" on your check and envelope and turn them into the office or collection basket.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

May 1st UMW General Meeting at 1:30, in the Wesley Room. The program will be by John and Margaret Ambrosius on their recent mission trip to New Orleans. Men and women are welcome
Hostesses: Virginia Riter and Dee Gray

May 5th May Fellowship Luncheon
First English Lutheran Church
Program: "Listening to My Sisters"
Tickets available at the church office for \$5

May 17th Rebekah Fellowship Group at 1:30 in the Wesley Room; Program-Dee Gray Host: Katie Cottingham

Office Hours

9 a.m.—4:00 p.m.; Monday-Friday

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Thank you for supporting our youth!

We served around 75 people and over \$400 was donated at the Easter Brunch for our trip to Gatlinburg TN. Thanks to all the parents who donated food and those who helped in the kitchen, especially Gary and Pam Craugh, Dave Carnahan, Adam and Korie Whitford, and Richard and Peg Meyer.



Easter Brunch



Waffle Breakfast

We served around 160 people and donations of over \$600 were received at the waffle breakfast. A special thanks to Korie Whitford, Paula Schoenberg, Jody and Bryan Vargo, Richard and Peg Meyer who helped in the kitchen.

Also thanks to all the high school and middle school students that worked and donated the food.

I would also like to thank the congregation for their generous support. These mission trips our youth participate in would not be possible without your support.



-Mindy Freiburger, Small group and community coordinator

Birthdays This Month

01 Karen Heiser	17 Ben Demaree
03 Tom Ziegenfuss	17 Alaina Curry
03 Mike Finley	18 Harold Bethke
04 Carolyn Woodward	18 Carol Lange
04 Wayne Bottomly	18 Brian Loeffelholz
04 Doug Steinback Jr.	19 Pauline Henry
04 Mark Edgette	20 Dorothy Olds
04 Makayla Loeffelholz	21 Marian Masbruch
05 Becka Craugh	21 Pearl Wurtzbacher
06 Christine McCall	22 Jean McPhail
07 Bob Plourde	23 Nathaniel Curry
08 Kristine Curry	24 Thomas McCall
11 Max Anderson	28 Teddy McNett
11 Adam Lozeau	28 Colleen Lozeau
12 Sally Woodworth	28 Jan Langel
13 Ralph Day	29 John Meisel
14 Kelly Ingersoll	30 John Pluemer
15 Bill VanDeest	30 Austin Rutherford
15 Geri Wieters	31 Jason Simmons

Anniversaries This Month

12 Melvin & Helen Ingersoll
13 Tom & Karen Heiser
13 Kathy & Robert Flaig
16 Doug & Rebecca Rogers
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 Jason & Kelsie Simmons
28 Hank & Judy Bossenbroek
30 Doug & Janice Steinback

Baptisms

Harrison Glenn Pothour was baptized on March 15th. Harrison is the son of Jason and Patricia (Chandler) Pothour.



Just Thought You Should Know.....

Thanks to my church family for prayers, cards, food, visits and flowers during my recovery from surgery. Doris Tatge

Thank you sooo much for the prayers shawl. It is so comforting when I use it. It keeps me warm and also makes me feel cared for. Being alone and having a broken ankle is a challenge and having this shawl makes it a little easier. Thank you, Becky Peters

We offer our condolences to the families of Madge Day who passed away on March 31, 2012 and Doris Davis, who passed away on April 19. Please keep Randy Karsten, whose mother passed away on April 25, in your prayers.

CRAZY LOVE

We will be starting our next small group series on Francis Chan’s “Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God.” Here’s a brief description of the series.

God is love. Crazy, relentless, all-powerful love. Have you ever wondered if we’re missing it? It’s crazy, if you think about it. The God of the universe--the Creator of nitrogen and pine needles, galaxies and E-minor--loves us with a radical, unconditional, self-sacrificing love. And what is our typical response? We go to church, sing songs, and try not to cuss. Whether you’ve verbalized it yet or not...we all know something’s wrong. Does something deep inside your heart long to break free from the status quo? Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world with tangible, even radical, solutions? God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. Because the answer to religious complacency isn’t working harder at a list of do’s and don’ts--it’s falling in love with God. And once you encounter His love, as Francis Chan describes it, you will never be the same. Because when you’re wildly in love with someone, it changes everything.

If you would like to lead a small group please contact Mindy Freiburger at freiburgerm@gmail.com or (608)778-4607

If you would like to lead a group, join a small group or just read the book, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office. A list of group leaders and times will be available soon.

Crazy Love Small Group Sign-Up

Sign up for:	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> Book	8.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Book & Workbook	18.00
<input type="checkbox"/> I would Like to lead a small group	
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to join a small group	
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to read the book on my own	



Method of Payment Check Cash

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Have a Kindle, ipad or smart phone? Crazy Love for Kindle is currently \$2.24 on amazon.com!

Please return this sign-up to the church office or drop it in the collection plate in church. Thank you!

Electronic Giving

Wouldn't it be nice to be able to give what you'd like to the Church with out having to remember to bring an envelope to Church each week.

Setting up an auto transfer is as easy as 1-2-3

1. Get a authorization card from Jennifer.
Make sure you let her know if you are a MCB member or non-member so you get the correct card.
2. Fill out the card
3. Return the card to the office so it can be submitted to the bank

There will be a two new member classes offered in the month of May. You may choose between Tuesday May 14th at 6:30pm and Saturday May 19th 9:00am. We will be discussing what it means to be a member at Platteville UMC. New members will be welcomed during worship on May 20th. Please let Jennifer know if you are coming so enough materials can be prepared.



BACCALAUREATE
S E R V I C E

Our church will be hosting Baccalaureate this year, Wednesday May 23 at 7:00pm. Please come to worship with our High School Seniors, as we pray them into their future. The Holy Rollers will be leading our music. A person or two are needed to organize a small reception afterward. Please see Jennifer or Pastor Brenda if you are interested.

The deadline for the June newsletter will be on Friday, May 18th.



The following students will be recognized as graduating seniors during worship on *May 27th*. If you know of a student that is not listed, please let Jennifer know immediately. We do not want to miss anyone.

Matthew Bailie

Logan Cooley

Caleb Green

Kjerstin Gronski

Carrie Hardy

Sam Krueger

Ryan Nodorft

Jonathan Plourde

Readers and Greeters Schedule

Readers for 8:30 Worship Services

May 6 ~ Ellen Carnahan
 May 13 ~ Dave Carnahan
 May 20 ~ Dawn Drake
 May 27 ~ OPEN

Greeters for 8:30 Worship Services

May 6 ~ OPEN
 May 13 ~ Carol Lange
 May 20 ~ OPEN
 May 27 ~ OPEN

Readers for 11:00 Worship Services

May 6 ~ Tom Lindahl
 May 13 ~ Nancy Mair
 May 20 ~ OPEN
 May 27 ~ OPEN

Greeters for 11:00 Worship Services

May 6 ~ George & Linda Curry
 May 13 ~ OPEN
 May 20 ~ Joe & Alice Clifton
 May 27 ~ OPEN

Coffee Hour Hosts

May 6 ~ John & Katie Cottingham
 May 13 ~ Nurture Committee
 May 20 ~ OPEN
 May 27 ~ OPEN

May Ushers

8:30 am ~ John Cottingham
 Dick Bonin
 Doug Nodorft
 Jack Kirby
 11:00 am ~ David Oudyn
 Don VanNatta

May Lawnmowers

May 6 –12 Calvin Koeller
 May 13—19 Tom Lindahl
 May 20—26 Warner Smidt
 May 27—June 2 John Ambrosius

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 unburden some 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.

May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 UMW 1:30pm Yoga w/Val 4:15pm	2 Bible Study 7:30am Hearts & Hands 1 pm Yoga w/Val 5:15 pm Confirmation 6pm Worship 6pm	3 Yoga w/Lori 6p Trustees 7pm	4 Yoga w/Lori 8:30am	5
6 Hilfer Baptism Sunday School 9:45am Youth Group Bowling Party 5p Mallow ringers 6p	7 CAP Club 10a Yoga w/Val 5:15 pm Front of sanctuary task group 6:30	8 Yoga w/Val 4:15pm Missions 5pm Higher Ed 6:30	9 Bible Study 7:30am Hearts & Hands 1 pm Yoga w/Val 5:15 pm	10 Barely Seniors 12p Yoga w/Lori 6p	11 Yoga w/Lori 8:30am	12 UW-P Graduation
13 Mother's Day Sunday School 9:45am	14 Yoga w/Val 5:15 pm Finance 6pm	15 New member class 6:30 pm	16 Bible Study 7:30am Hearts & Hands 1 pm Yoga w/Val 5:15 pm SPRC 7pm	17 Rebekah Cir 9am	18 Newsletter Deadline	19 New member class 9 am
20 Last Day of Sunday School 9:45am Mallow ringers 6p	21 Yoga w/Val 5:15 pm	22	23 Bible Study 7:30am Hearts & Hands 1 pm Yoga w/Val 5:15 pm Baccalaureate 7:00 pm	24 Newsletter Assembled & Mailed	25	26
27 High School Graduation Recognition Pentecost	28 Memorial Day <i>Office Closed</i>	29 Nurture 2pm	30 Bible Study 7:30am Hearts & Hands 1 pm Yoga w/Val 5:15 pm	31 Annual Conference <i>May 31-June 3</i>		

HOLY ROLLERS



REUNION TOUR

CELEBRATING **10** Years



Saturday, April 28

Social gathering ~

7:30 pm

The Barn

6935 Moundview Road, Platteville

Sunday, April 29

11:00 worship service

featuring Holy Rollers and alumni

Platteville United Methodist Church

1065 Lancaster St

Potluck Lunch and Concert to follow

May Worship Schedule

As of newsletter deadline, the Sunday we will begin our new Crazy Love emphasis may need to be adjusted; therefore, our worship schedule is not solidified yet. Below you will not find scriptures and sermons topic for the weeks, but you will find additional information.

May 6

8:30 Joyful Singers

11:00 Allison Hilfer baptism

Blind Faith

May 13

Mother's Day -

A gift for all mothers in attendance

8:30 4yrs – 1st grade Sunday School class singing

11:00 Blind Faith

May 20

Welcoming New Members

Sunday School Teacher Recognition

8:30 Bell Choir

11:00 Blind Faith

May 27

Pentecost – wear red!!

Recognition of High School Graduates

8:30 Women's Choir

11:00 Blind Faith

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The 4yr old – 1st grade Sunday School classroom will be singing in church on Mother's Day, May 13th at the 8:30am worship service.

Sunday School will be wrapping up on May 20th. Please join us in Worship to recognize all our Sunday School teachers for all the time and hard work they put into teaching our children.



On Palm Sunday, the Pre-K, Kindergarten & 1st grade Sunday school kids sang "Shout Hosanna!" at the 11:00 am service. They did an awesome job. Yes, they are jumping in this picture!!



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The youth group will be
wrapping up the year with a
bowling and pizza party on

Sunday, May 6, 2012

At

Pioneer Lanes, Platteville

5:00 pm

