

# PLATTEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



We will be coming up soon to our Commitment Sunday, where we will pledge what we will give to God through Platteville United Methodist Church. You hear me talking regularly about tithing (giving God 10% or one's income), and the blessings I feel in life because I trust that if I give God a substantial amount of money, God has promised to bless me. I like to share those

blessings to encourage you to tithe as well.

Two actually happened on the same day last week.

For those of you who are unaware, my husband Dan is a truck driver. He hurt his back last spring and was out of work for a month during one of the busiest time of the year. Summer was horribly slow. Many of his friends are in danger of losing their trucks. I do his bookkeeping and told him two weeks ago that he is not in significantly better shape than his friends. His financial cushion is gone, and he needs to do something soon or he will be in danger of needing to sell the truck and get out of the business. He shared this with some people at the church. He was lifted by them in prayer that Sunday, and people said they were praying for him all week. A few days later he got a phone call and a short-term job that will pay very well. His first thought – to thank God for the blessing!

The second blessing on that same day was actually very frightening. We had an LP gas leak at our house that drained 125 gallons of LP gas from our tank through a connector– within inches of the house – in one day! The fire department was called, but a breeze had blown all of the gas away from the house. There was barely enough gas in the basement to register. As I considered that, had there not been a breeze, much of that gas would have settled into our basement, causing a fire – or explosion, I thanked God that he surrounds me with blessings every day. Some small, and some huge!

There are days where I would like to not put so much money in the offering plate. But putting God first financially makes a tremendous difference in how I understand the blessings of my life.

I encourage you to begin tithing, if you are not already – giving 10% of your income to God (see the Three Month Tithe Challenge on page 13) If you are already tithing, I encourage you to continue to grow in your giving. Many years ago, Dan and I began by tithing our net income, and have grown to giving to the church budget 10% of my entire pay package (salary, housing, health insurance, pension, etc.), and we set aside 15% of Dan's net income to sponsor children in poverty, to support Christian radio, to give to missions, and to fund additional programs and items at the church. We find that the more we give to God, the more blessed we feel!

I'll see you in church, where we love God, love each other, and encourage each other to put God first – in every aspect of our lives.

*Ave  
Pastor  
Sunda*



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***NEW CHURCH WEBSITE***

The new church website is making progress. It also takes a team of people to support a church website. Currently, Gary Lindahl is leading this effort technically and organizing with others to be involved. The website effort has opportunity for anyone interested in doing website design to preparing sermon podcasts can join the church's website team. The new website will hopefully be ready to be live sometime in October. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Gary Lindahl at church or by email: [garylindahl@yahoo.com](mailto:garylindahl@yahoo.com).

**BOOKS!** We have a table set up in the Narthex with books, bibles and reference materials on it. Please help yourself to any of them. If you would like to leave a donation to the library for new books, please place in an envelope and give to Jennifer in the office or place it in the collection plate on Sunday. Unwanted books will be donated to Red Bird Missionaries.

The Cap Club met on Sept 4th. Members present were Pastor Brenda, Tom & Nancy Ziegenfuss, Jim & Carol Kirkpatrick, Dolores Hutchison, Dee Gray, Hank & Judy Bossenbroek.

It is with sadness that we reported losing several of our friends we have been visiting. The Cap Club has changed our meeting day from the 1st Monday of the month to the first Tuesday at 10:00. Our next meeting will be October 2nd.

We look forward to having new members as well as having more friends we can visit.

Please let any of our members know of someone you think would like to have some company.

Blessing from The Cap Club

**Barely Seniors**

Barely Seniors will meet on Thursday, October 11 at noon in the Fellowship hall with a potluck lunch and program. Dr. Connie Valenza, Platteville Schools Superintende, will be here. Table service and beverages are provides. Seniors are asked to bring a dish to pass. Bring a friend!

***Hearts and Hands***

Meets every Wed. afternoon from 1:00-3:00PM

Come join the group and fellowship. All kinds of needlework is done: crocheting, knitting, embroidery. Some of it is for the Prayer Shawl and Baptismal shawl ministry, some for the Fair, some for the cribs made to give away at Christmas and some for personal projects. Be creative and join the group. It started after the Christmas Fair last year because someone wanted to learn how to do crocheting/tatting.

***A Look Ahead: All Saints Day***

November 4th we will be celebrating All Saints Day during both services of worship. We will be reading names and lighting candles for our members, friends, and relatives of members who have passed away in the past year (since last All Saint's Day). If you would like a candle reserved for a loved one who passed away this past year, please give Jennifer your name and the name of your loved one. There will be additional candles available for others to light in memory of those who have in previous years gone on to the church triumphant.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

*Tuesday, Oct. 2, in Fellowship Hall at 1:30*

Fellowship and Fun with ladies from churches in the Cluster area

Program: Nancy Fairchild with two high school students (you can add their names, if you wish)

Hostesses: Members of the UMW  
PUMC church members are welcome

*Thursday, Oct. 20th, Rebekah Fellowship Group at 1:30 in the Wesley Room*  
Program and Devotions": Carol Lange

Hostess: Katie Cottingham

A rose was put on the altar in honor of Virginia Riter's 50 years working with the Girl Scouts. Scouting honored her in the Dairy Days Parade.

Congratulations, Virginia!

At the UMW District Celebration at Lancaster on Sept. 29th, Carol Lange presented the Memorial Service for members who had passed away last year. White flowers were presented in memory of these members in our unit: Mary Barton, Wilma Richardson, Phyllis Cairy, Doris Yamada and Phyllis Rewey. Thank you, Carol.

### **Christmas Bazaar**

It's time to sign up to help with the Christmas bazaar. Be looking for a sheet in the back of church on the 21st to sign up for participation in this holiday event. Many hands make light work! Not sure how you can help? Call Rosemary Anderson at 348-7593

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## MUSIC MINISTRY

***Come and Sing Choir!***

Would you love to sing in the choir but don't have time for the rehearsals every week?

Do you think it would be great to sing in a multi-generational choir?

Did you sing in a choir "once upon a time" and miss singing?

Do you want to be part of something new at the church?

Do you enjoy singing (even if you think you aren't good enough to be in a choir)?

If your answer is yes to any or all of these questions, we hope you'll consider joining us for our new COME and SING Choir! It is just what the title says. COME and learn the song, and then SING it during the service that day. We will meet at 8 am on the designated Sundays. The first one is October 21. Our choir director, Jill, will lead everyone in learning the chosen hymn or song. Then we will sing that same day at the 8:30 service. We will sing songs that are catchy, have repeated parts, and are (hopefully) familiar and/or easy to learn. Singers of all ages are welcome. We'd love to have whole families!



MUSIC SUNDAY  
Sunday, December 16th



The 2012-2013 Holy Rollers kicked off the new church year with a pizza party, mixer and of course, playing music. PHS garage band "Viewing Party" is anchoring the Holy Rollers instrumental section this year giving the band a rousing start. Holy Roller veterans Arianna



From left to right: TJ Koeller, Tianna Gile, Justin Phillips, Tom Huble, Benjamin Hasker, EJ Krueser, Arianna Day, Will (BJ) Cooley and above, Tristan (Batman) Hirsch

Day, Will Cooley, Justin Phillips and Benjamin Hasker welcome five new members this year. TJ Koeller adds sax to the lineup this year after many years without a saxophonist. All of our new instrumentalists play multiple instruments and are prolific song writers. Look for some Holy Rollers original songs this year. Jared Pink joins Roxane Ford and Mike Mair as the third adult director. Roxane is developing a new devotional series this year based on Scripture mixed with Christian rock-n-roll videos. It is going to be an exciting year!

Directors: Roxane Ford  
Mike Mair  
Jared Pink

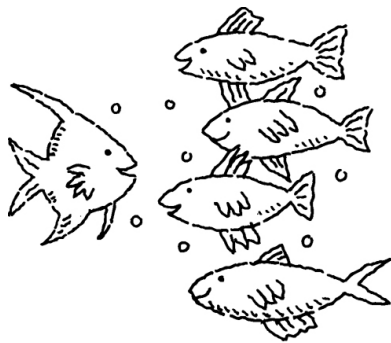
## Birthdays This Month

02 Doug Martin	14 Eunice Dagnon
02 Jon McPhail	14 Nick Demaree
03 James Holler	16 Sheila Stephenson
03 David Oudyn	16 Roxane Ford
03 Savannah McCall	17 Amy Loeffelholz
04 David Duggan	18 Ed Moore
05 Clinton Henry	19 Mitchel Fure
05 Emily Wieters	19 Genevieve Pothour
05 Bryan Calcaterra	19 Brianna Edgette
07 Cathy Simmons	20 Richard Dagnon
07 Alyvia Wanezek	20 Sarah Fosbinder
08 Virginia Riter	23 Pearl Henry
08 George Curry	24 Jill Ingersoll
09 Nora Bonin	25 Ann Kettler
09 Michelle Leverentz	25 Mike Mair
10 Mary June Rewey	28 Lori Adrian
11 Dale Bernhardt	28 Sadie Olds
12 Shirley Edwards	29 Kim McCall
12 Dorothy Arndt	31 Kevin Balk
12 Jeffery Heins	31 Mitchell Leuth
13 Hailey Weigel	

*Celebrate*

## Anniversaries This Month

05 Dean & Jennifer Goninen
06 Ray Meiklejohn & Carol Butts
08 Mark & Tracy Harle
15 Dan & Cheryl Funk
18 James & Suzanne Weigel
20 Jason & Tricia Pothour
30 Lynn & Mick Goninen



# NEW Member Orientation

- \*\* Have you transferred your membership from another church to our church in 2011?
- \*\* Have you quietly been added as a member in 2012?
- \*\* Are you not currently a member but would you like to become a member of the Platteville United Methodist Church?

We will be receiving new members during worship on Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup> at both services. If you fall into any of the above three categories, Pastor Brenda would like to invite you to attend a New Member Orientation either on Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm or Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. Please let Jennifer in the office know which session you will be attending.



## *Dirty Girl*

On Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup> I was not in church but rather I was on my way to my newest hobby and a whole new adventure. It was a 5k run, only it was a Dirty Girl Run. It is a Dirty Girl Run because along the 5k route there is 13 obstacles that are not only challenging but also filled with mud! I put a post on facebook in January saying I wanted to do this run not really expecting any one to respond. I mean who besides me would want to do something that crazy, but I got three responses from my best friends saying they would love to do this. One week later we were all signed up.



Do you have any of those friends that you've been through every things with? Like they've seen you at your worst, you best, and everything in between? Maybe you met in high school, college, or after college but that doesn't matter what matters is the endless memories you've had together. The three that I did the race with, I met in college. We have slept outside on cold October nights on the trampoline, froze on the "M" eating popsicles together, led bible

studies on campus, walk through heartbreaks together, difficult tests, tried studying together (this was more of an epic fail), planned campus wide events, and so many more!



So our latest adventure was the Dirty Girl mud run! Our mission was to laugh, have fun, and come back completely muddy! I would say we were pretty successful! (as you can see from the pictures.)

After I got home and was relaxing my very tired muscles on my chair wishing I was still hanging out my girls and missing them. I love those girls! I real-

ized how much our run today represented our times together: Helping each other over life's obstacles, crawling through mud and hard parts of life, getting through the hard times, laughing, and having fun, staying by each other through the run, encouraging each other, and talking through life. This is what community is all about. Community is about being there for each other through the obstacles, helping each other through life, encouraging, laughing, having fun, but also going through the struggles with them.

I thank God for these girls, this community, the many struggles we have walked through together, the fun times and the times to come! I am also so thankful that in our freshman year we all took time out of our busy schedules to go to a small group where these friendships were formed!

~ Mindy

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## YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth group has begun and is off to a great start. We kicked off the year with a bonfire, pudgy pies, and a water blob. It was an awesome night! We will be going through Joshua Harris's Dug Down Deep series where we will discover how to build our lives on a solid foundation that will last even the toughest trials. We will also be going to a conference, helping build wooden toys for Christmas along with other service activities, and having tons of fun! If you are grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> please come join us! We meet in the youth room on Sunday nights from 4:30-6.



Sarah Hasker, McKenzie Scanlan, Savannah McCall, Becka Craugh, Mattea Scanlan, Madison Loeffelholz, Mackayla Loeffelholz, Emma, Kayla Rupp,

**Youth Group Fundraiser**

The youth group is selling calendars for \$6 dollars per calendar. These calendars are beautiful with a different verse to memorize each month. If you stop down to my office and look on the walls you will see that I have taken previous calendars and framed them. They are so beautiful and great decorations! So help support the youth group and get a lovely calendar too! They make great gifts! Contact any student in the youth group or Mindy Freiburger to buy one.

**Advent Conspiracy**

What if Christmas was different this year? What if we didn't have the stress, the expensive after Christmas bills to pay, the waiting in the lines to check out, the running around trying to find the perfect gift? Would we be able to rediscover the joy of having family together, of the simple things of eating, celebrating, and making memories together? What if our gifts didn't buy some new thing that will just fade away in someone's closet but gave a gift that would enable people to live? The next small group series of Advent Conspiracy will go into detail in all of these. Join a group and discover how together you can make this Christmas one that that will never be forgotten.

Please contact Mindy about signing up to lead one of these life changing groups.

## SMALL GROUPS

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

I'm sure many of you have noticed that the town is a lot more lively and busy because the college students are back! We have students joining us to worship at each service. Let's help them feel at home in this congregation. As the Ministry to College Age People coordinator, I am planning a new model of ministry. The basis of this ministry is for the congregation to reach out and get to know college students and then move into a mentoring relationship. Sit by them in church, ask them how their week was, how school is going. Start developing a friendship with them. If you feel you have started getting to know one, invite him or her over to your house for supper. Having an impact in their life can be really simple! College age people are interested in life of adults because they are slowly becoming one. If you would like more ideas or like to discuss this more please contact Mindy Freiburger at 608-778-4607 or freiburgerm@gmail.com

*Depression... mental health issues...* What do you think about when you hear these words? For many they are scary—things you avoid and don't talk about. People who have never experienced depression or mental health issues often misunderstand them, and as a result, unintentionally hurt or push away people they love when they most need love and support.

If you have ever experienced depression, did you feel like no one understood or that you were being judged? In our society there is often a stigma associated with mental health issues making it difficult for people to admit they have a problem and get the help they need. So they try to hide it and end up feeling isolated and alone. Are you experiencing these feelings and wonder to whom you can safely talk? Do you know someone facing these challenges and don't know how to help them? If you haven't experienced mental health issues personally how much do you understand

about it? Is this church a safe place for people suffering from mental health issues or depression, or is it one more place where someone has to put up a front and pretend they have it all together for fear of being judged? We need to be a church that surrounds people who are going through difficult times with community and prayer, understanding that they need these things more than ever and probably don't have the energy to do it on their own.

Statistics show that each year nearly 1 in 3 Americans have mental health issues, and Christians are not immune. Depression/mental illness can be triggered by stressful life-changing events such as going to college, moving, the death of a loved one, getting a new job, financial strains, stepping into a responsibility or position which was much bigger than anticipated, chronic illness, abuse, rape, and even marriage, child birth, or the overwhelming responsibility of raising a child. Multiple changes or losses within a short period of time can be very stressful. A situation or change that seems like nothing to one person may be the "straw that breaks the camel's back" to another.

Have you ever wondered why one person can handle more than another person? God created each of us as unique individuals and we each have different responses to life experiences which I could compare to how each of our immune systems responds to the same bacteria or virus. Some will get sick and others can "fight" the bug or are resistant to it. If your body chemistry is thrown out of balance depression can be the result.

My daughter, Sarah, has dealt with depression for the last 18 months. Helping people understand depression is so important to her that she asked me to tell her story. After a year of Lyme disease it became very obvious to her siblings and me that she was depressed. I tried to discuss it with her but got nowhere. I called her doctor to make him aware of the situation and he reassured me after her phone appointment that all was well. Several months later, her boss (the campus chaplain) addressed it with her and set up an appointment for her. After several appointments, she ended up telling me she was going to counseling, unaware that I had already tried to talk to her about depression. It was difficult for her to tell me this because she was afraid of how I would respond. I made it very clear how relieved I was that she was getting help because I was concerned about her. I let her know that her siblings were also concerned and she needed to let them know she was getting help. All of us were grateful that God had answered our prayers that she would recognize the problem and get help.

If any of you or your friends would like to develop a better understanding of mental health issues, please let me know and I will form a discussion group/class. We want to be a church that supports, prays for, and loves people through these difficult times—not one that unintentionally contributes to the stigmatization, isolation, and judgment that people suffering from mental health issues often feel. Awareness and education are steps we can all take towards being a loving, supportive church.

~ Susan Schlager, Parish Nurse



## *The Chancel Remodeling Project*

The work has already begun in a small way. One long second pew in the back on the north side has been removed and the shorter back pew moved where the second pew was. This provides the space where the control console will be for the new audio and video system. The old control box by the organ is starting to have problems and is too old to repair. Not only will it be eliminated but it will free more space on the new chancel platform.

Volunteers will be doing the carpentry work. We will be working on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 9pm starting soon. Even if you can't be there for the entire work session, come when you can. We have removed the three pews and modesty rail on the south side of the chancel platform. Next, we will start removing the carpet from the existing platform and where the expanded platform will be. After that we can start framing the new platform.

During the construction phase, the sound system that the Holly Roller use when they perform on the road will be set up. The construction should cause minimal disruption to our worship services.

If you can help, just show up on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Direct questions to Warner Smidt, [smidt@uwplatt.edu](mailto:smidt@uwplatt.edu), 348-5017 or David Carahan, [dacarnahan@yahoo.com](mailto:dacarnahan@yahoo.com), 348-3629.

## *Mary and Joseph's Workshop*

Last spring some of the ladies started making blankets and other accessories for the wooden toys that PUMC manufactures and gives to families-in-need at Christmas. The youth group will have some work sessions this fall to cut parts and assemble the toys. They will learn how to operate saws, drill presses, and other power tools. This will be great training to develop their skills for future mission trips to repair houses for families-in-need!

Mary and Joseph's Workshop (MJW) includes more than the toy make which PUMC has been doing for several years. It will also include other building, constructing, repairing, and small-scale manufacturing activities for people-in-need. Jesus commanded us to "pick up your cross and follow me". Mary and Joseph's Workshop will be a variation on this command, "pick up your hand and power tools to help those in need."

The wooden toys are made out of 1x4s, 1x6s, and other materials and supplies available from the local lumber yard and hardware stores. If you would like to financially contribute, just designate it for "Mary and Joseph's Workshop". It can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the church office.

**Wanted:** Scroll saw or band saw operators. Some of the toys parts need to be cut on a scroll or band saw. If you have one of these saws, would you be willing to cut out some parts? If you know how to operate these saws but don't have access to one, would you be willing to use somebody else's saw? If you have a saw, would you be willing to let someone else use it? This summer I overhauled my band with new guides and purchased some new blades. You are welcome to use it anytime that fits your schedule to start cutting out parts. If you can help or have a saw, let me know. Warner Smidt

## OCTOBER WORSHIP SCHEDULES

**Usher Schedule**

8:30 a.m.	Harlan Stephens
	Joe Witmer
11:00 a.m.	Sheena Rice
	Lowell Shinn

**Readers Schedule**

October 7	8:30 a.m.	<b>OPEN</b>
	11:00 a.m.	Steve Lozeau
October 14	8:30 a.m.	Dave Carnahan
	11:00 a.m.	Warner Smidt
October 21	8:30 a.m.	Elizabeth Duewer
	11:00 a.m.	Deb Dunbar
October 28	8:30 a.m.	<b>OPEN</b>
	11:00 a.m.	Tom Lindahl

**Greeters Schedule**

October 7	8:30 a.m.	Tom & Nancy Ziegenfuss
	11:00 a.m.	Judy Calcaterra
October 14	8:30 a.m.	Hank & Judy Bossenbroek
	11:00 a.m.	Joe & Alice Clifton
October 21	8:30 a.m.	Ruth Steinback
	11:00 a.m.	Dan & Deb Dunbar
October 28	8:30 a.m.	Tom & Karen Heiser
	11:00 a.m.	<b>OPEN</b>

**October 7<sup>th</sup>**

“30 Day Church Challenge:  
Life Is About Growing”  
Acts 2:42-47  
Communion Both Services  
8:30 Mallow Ringers  
11:00 Blind Faith

**October 14<sup>th</sup>**

“30 Day Church Challenge:  
Investments”  
Acts 2:42-47  
8:30 Joyful Singers  
10:30 Blind Faith

**October 21<sup>st</sup>**

“30 Day Church Challenge:  
Lost and Found”  
Acts 2:42-47  
8:30 Come and Sing Choir  
11:00 Blind Faith

**October 28<sup>th</sup>**

“Testing God”  
Malachi 3:8-12  
Commitment Sunday  
8:30 Joyful Singers  
11:00 Blind Faith

**The deadline for the  
November newsletter will be  
on Friday, November 16th.**

# October 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Breakfast Prayer Group @ Country Kit 6:45 am CAP 10 am Yoga 5:15pm Scouts 6:00 pm	2 LNTW 1:30 pm Yoga 4:15 pm Scouts 6:00 pm Scouts 7:00 pm	3 Bible Study 7:30a Hearts & Hands 1 pm Worship 6 pm Redeemer 6:30pm Holy Rollers 7:30 pm	4 Dance Elite 3:30p Trustees 7 pm Recovery 7:30 pm Yoga 4:15 pm Yoga 6:00 pm Scouts 6:30 pm Recovery 7:30 pm	5 Yoga 8:30 am	6 Girl Scouts (FH)
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# **OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH**

Please join us on Sunday, October 14th, as we extend our thanks and appreciation to Pastor Brenda for her ministry here at Platteville United Methodist Church. Pastor Brenda's work here with us makes it clear that God has truly blessed us, and we want to be sure to express our appreciation.

We will be presenting her with a gift basket on October 14th at both services filled with goodies from the congregation. If you would like to include a gift, a card, snack, money, gift card (what ever you want) in the basket, please send or drop off at the church office during office hours which are Monday—Friday 9am –Noon and 1 pm—4 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer, 348-9508 or [plattevilleumc@centurylink.net](mailto:plattevilleumc@centurylink.net)  
(Brenda does not see this email)

## ***Appreciation Coffee Hour***

The church committees will be hosting coffee hour on October 14th in celebration of Pastor appreciation. Please stay after 8:30 worship or come early for 11:00 worship and enjoy fellowship and good food.  
Everyone is welcome!

### **Commitment Sunday**

We will be filling out our pledge cards in worship on Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup>. We pledge our giving for two reasons. It is important to have an idea of the income that the church will be receiving so we can plan our 2013 budget. More importantly, it is a tool for you to use to help you grow in faith. Your offering to Platteville United Methodist Church is actually your offering to God, to do God's work in Platteville. Your pledge is your promise to God, to put God ahead of money in your life. As you grow in faith each year, you will find that your offering to God increases as well. Pledging is a way for you to keep track of that. Pledge Cards will be available to be filled out and dedicated to God on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Celebration Brunch!**

We will be celebrating our commitment to God in pledging our tithes and offerings with a celebration brunch between the two worship services! We continue to hear comments about how people enjoyed last year's brunch. Although it is not a potluck, you are invited to sign up to bring something. Sign-up sheets will be passed around during worship on Oct 14 & 21.

### **The Three Month Tithe Challenge**

Everything we have is a gift from God. The Bible asks us to put God first in our lives by giving our first and our best back to God, and he will bless the rest. This first is the tithe, or tenth of our income. We return to the Lord 10% of what he's given us, because it belongs to him. God then makes sure we have enough.

Have you ever considered tithing but were afraid to? If you are not tithing already, a great way to start is with the Three Month Tithe Challenge. It is based on Malachi 3:10. *God says this: "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."* God does not only promise that you will have enough. God promises blessings!

Because we want you to experience the blessings of tithing, we offer the Three Month Tithe Challenge. In the Three Month Tithe Challenge, we commit to you that if you tithe for three months and God does not hold true to his promises of blessings, we will refund 100% of your tithe. No questions asked. Watch for more information.

### **Wise Women Do Finances**

Women of all ages and all stages of life are invited to a day of learning and sharing on Saturday, November 3rd at Madison First UMC or Saturday, November 17th at Wauwatosa: Wauwatosa Ave UMC from 9:00 am-3:30 pm. Registration opens at 8:15 at each site. Registration fee is \$5, lunch is on your own.

Following a Keynote Address at 9:15 am, participants will choose two workshops: Advanced Investment Topics; Living your Faith through your Legacy; Faithful Budgeting; Planning for Retirement; Investing for Beginners; or Preparing Legally for all Stages and Changes in Life.

To register: go to [www.wumf.org](http://www.wumf.org) and click Register for Wise Women Events



***Coats for Kids***

The Platteville Coats for Kids Project is collecting warm new and gently used kid-sized (baby to teens) coats starting September 24 through October 31. Please place any warm winter coats you have to donate in the box in the Narthex. Coats that need cleaning will be taken to the Platteville Cleaners by Mission Committee members. Thank you for supporting this project that helps families in Southwest Wisconsin.

***School Supplies***

Thank you everyone for the generous school supply contributions. The supplies were delivered to our adopted families and to families referred to us by Family Connections.

The remainder of the donations were taken to the Platteville School System's central supply and distributed to children who came without their basic back-to-school needs. Thank you for helping these children get their school year off to a great start!

Check out the new look in the library!! We have added a small children's reading area. There are books for children, youth, teens and adults. New books will be added in the coming months. Stop in and check out a book or two!

***Roasted fall and winter vegetables***

Wash and slice any fall vegetables like squash, carrots, onions, turnips, parsnips, rutabago, eggplant.

Sprinkle with kosher salt and bake for 10 to 30 minutes per pan. I use parchment paper for easy clean-up.

Some vegetables may need to be removed from the pan earlier than others.

You will find everything tastes sweeter and becomes caramelized for a wonderful vegetable on its own or in a soup, stew or casserole.

Enjoy.

Healthy Cooking using Fall/Winter  
Garden Produce with Linda.

Wednesday, October 17th 10:00AM

**Bounty Garden Pot Luck**

Thanks for all that participated in the Bounty Garden Potluck this last Sunday! All volunteer help and dishes/drinks/donations are appreciated.

If anyone has wide mouth jars or jelly jars from last years Christmas Fair purchases please bring back to church to get refilled for this year's fair. We love to reuse that which may be taking valuable space in your house.

## Sunday School Mission Project

Our Sunday School children are undertaking another mission project this year. The project is called "Water for Life", and is sponsored by the United Methodist Church Global Ministries. The Liberia (Africa) Annual Conference is coordinating this project in 40 communities in Liberia. The issue of safe drinking water in this country is a serious problem that needs to be addressed urgently. The goal of "Water for Life" is to construct 40 wells in these communities, set up community leadership to supervise the wells, and educate the people on the dangers of drinking from rivers, creeks and streams.

The cost to build one of these wells is \$2300.00, and our goal is to collect that much money this year in our mission drive. That is a lot of money, but these amazing youth raised nearly \$2200.00 last year to purchase animals for Heifer International to help 21 needy families around the world. I believe they will succeed again this year!

Watch for fund raising projects from our youth this year. They will need your support to reach this goal, but it will be very exciting for our church to be able to help a whole village of people build a well and have clean and safe water.

*Bible Sunday* will be on Sunday, October 14th. All 4 year olds and 4th graders and any new children will receive a Bible.

## Baptisms



On September 23rd, Natalie Paige Fosbinder was baptized. Natalie is the daughter of Nate and Sarah Fosbinder and little sister to Courtney. We welcome her to our family of faith.



The Sunday School kids sang the new baptism song, "Jesus Loves You", to Natalie at her baptism.



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## **You are Invited to a Regional Celebration to Welcome Bishop Jung to Wisconsin!**



There will be a Welcome Celebration held in the Capital Coulee Region:

**Saturday, October 6, 2012, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

**Dodgeville UMC, 327 N Iowa Street, Dodgeville 53533**

The celebration will begin with a time of worship and a time for Bishop Jung to share about himself and his vision for the future as he begins his service as a bishop in Wisconsin. The rest of the time will be spent meeting, greeting, and enjoying food and fellowship.

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung comes to Wisconsin from Chicago, where he served for eight years as Resident Bishop in the Chicago Area (Northern Illinois Conference). He was assigned to serve the Wisconsin Conference at the 2012 Jurisdictional Conference held in Akron, Ohio in July of this year. Prior to his election as a bishop, he served congregations and as a District Superintendent in the Wisconsin Conference.

Bishop Jung is married to Rev. Im Jung, a clergy member of the Wisconsin Conference on Extension Ministry, and they have two adult sons.

**[Please join in the celebration!](#)**