

PLATTEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



We have spent the last five weeks in worship talking about the early church in Acts chapter 2. A lot of people were relieved when they realized that the very early church was motivated by the understanding that Jesus was coming back soon. They worshiped every day, met in homes

every day, ate together every day, and sold everything they had to give to the poor because they thought that Jesus would be back any day. If not today, then tomorrow. If not tomorrow, next week. Certainly by next month.

It's been 2000 years and Jesus has not returned. Most of us do not expect to see his return in our lifetime. So, just as those early Christians lived like Jesus was coming back soon, we live as though he isn't. We don't make worship a priority. We do not feel the relationships of our church family to be a priority. We'll take a Bible class or join a small group later. We feel the need to hold onto as much money as we can because we might need it later.

But what if Jesus came back tomorrow? How would he find you?

I encourage you to continue with the challenges in the 30 Day Church Challenge: get connected in Christian community, worship weekly, grow in your faith by reading your Bible and praying daily, consider and pray about whether you need to give more of your stuff away, and invite people to come and see Jesus.

Whether Jesus comes back tomorrow, or after another 2,000 years, we have a job to do. He gave it to us. He said to be his witnesses. He said to make disciples. Let's try to regain some of that passion that those early believers had, to grow in faith ourselves, and to help others come to faith! To be a strong church that makes disciples and touches lots of people in mission!

I'll see you in church, where we grow into the dream God has for our church!

*Love
Pastor
Suzanne*



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PUMC Charge Conference

Monday, November 19th

Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm

The CAP Club met Oct 2. Members present were Pastor Brenda, Jim and Carol Kirkpatrick, Dee Gray, Hank and Judy Bossenbroek.

We continue to seek more people that would like a visit from any of our members. If you know of someone please let any of the members know.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

November 18th

United Church of Christ

3:00 pm

Our next meeting will be November 6th at 10:00.

Blessing to all from the Cap Club.

Barely Seniors

Barely Seniors will meet on Thursday, November 8 at 12:00 pm in the fellowship hall with a potluck lunch and program. Table service and beverages are provided. Seniors are asked to bring a dish to pass. The program will be, Jesse Kilian "Sewing Missions with Navajo Native Americans". Jesse will share her 16 year experience with Navajo Native Americans in Arizona and Montana. Her next trips will be in June and July 2013--she takes with her sewing supplies and would welcome donations of sewing thread (cotton/polyester, not quilting thread), bags of polyester stuffing for pillows, small scissors and fabric (at least two-yard pieces).

Bring a friend!

Christmas Bazaar

It's time to sign up to help with the Christmas bazaar. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex for participation in this holiday event. Many hands make light work!

The proceeds of the Christmas bazaar go to many great mission activities in our community and beyond. By extending your hand OUT with your contributions, you give someone else a needed hand UP.

Not sure how you can help? Call Rosemary Anderson at 348-7593

All Saints Day

On November 4th we will be celebrating All Saints Day during both worship services. 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

Nov. 2 - World Community Day, 2:00PM
at PUMC (our church)
Sponsored by Church Women United
Program, "Sewing with Native Americans"

Nov 6- No UMW General Meeting

Nov 15 - Rebekah Fellowship Group, 1:30
in Wesley Room, Program, "World Thank
Offering; Sowing Faith, Hope and Love"

SPECIAL NOTE:

During December, a Christmas "Stocking" offering is collected as a special offering for local and/or Methodist sponsored missions. It has been decided to give it to the UM Chaplaincy Ministry. Former District Supt. Fid Sailor retired last year after several years of service on this ministry. He has been replaced by Jane Follmer Zekoff . In the past years they have ministered to many of our people in the hospital and their service and help has been greatly appreciated by family, friends and pastors. If you are not able to attend the December General Meeting or the meeting of Rebekah, you may send, or give, your donation to Katie Cottingham, the new UMW Sec./Treas.

PECANS:

Pecans have again been ordered and will arrive in November. As in the past, please place your order on the clip board in the office and pay for them at the time they are ordered. This makes delivery/pick-up much easier and faster. They are \$9.50 for a 1 lb. bag. Thank You!!

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9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.; Monday-Friday

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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 enjoying 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. Please join us on **November 18th** for our next rehearsal and performance. 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



Blue Survey Results: Earlier this summer I took a survey for two weeks asking people their preferences regarding the screen and offering. This was not a vote, but rather to give me an idea about peoples' preferences, the reasons behind those preferences, and further explore our ideas of what Traditional Worship looks like here at Platteville UMC.

The screen: nearly half of all respondents (46%) prefer that we use the screen all of the time and 3% prefer that we not use it at all (6% had no preference or said that this was my decision to make). The rest like it for special Sundays or to be used part of the time. I was expecting people to like it because it helps them to see better. What surprised me were the number of people who reported that the screen helped them to hear better. This alone causes me to believe that we need the screen regularly. We will not use it every week, but we will use it more often than in the past.

The offering: nearly two-thirds of respondents (63%) prefer collecting the offering in the back. However, most of the comments made by those who miss the offering expressed regret over the worship that is being lost. As your pastor, I also miss that time for the very same reasons that people expressed. I would like to thank the Worship Committee for their enthusiasm in recommending new things to try to improve worship. As your pastor I believe it best for now to put the offering time back into the order of worship.

Worship blessings, Pastor Brenda.

Birthdays This Month

1 Brian Rewey	17 Lowell Shinn
2 Judy Calcaterra	17 Owen Hromadka
4 Wayne Abing	18 Michael Olds
7 Ray Meiklejohn	19 Dawn Dunbar
10 Donna Stephens	21 Jay Dykstra
10 Irena Edge	25 LeeAnn Lindahl
11 Judy Soles	26 Tim Rupp
12 Beverly Dunbar	28 Garrett Brehm
15 Carol Kirkpatrick	30 Donnie Millard
16 Jeffery Curry	30 Ty Simmons



Anniversaries This Month

5 Merlin & Nancy Deiter
11 Doug & Kathy Martin
15 Gene & Janice Digman
30 Doug & Sharon Nodorft

We want to extend our “thanks” to our church family for all of the beautiful sympathy cards that were sent to us following the tragic death of our grandson, Owen Krause.

The kind words that were written, and many, many hugs that we received from all of you, have meant more than we can ever begin to say. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

We ask that you continue to keep our daughter, Cheryl, her husband, Chris, and Owen’s two older siblings, Alison and Oliver, in your prayers as they continue to deal with his loss.

May God bless each and every one of you....

Roger and Judy Stephens

I would like to thank you for a wonderful surprise on Clergy Appreciation Day! And yes, it was a surprise! Jennifer pulled my newsletter so that I never got one, and when I finally told her mine did not make it in the mail, she printed me a new one that had the Clergy Appreciation page missing! In all of my years of being a pastor, this has never been celebrated! Thank you for the food and fellowship, and thank you for the cards. I especially appreciate it when people tell me how they have grown in their faiths because of my sermons or teaching. Thanks to the staff for the beautiful tabletop fountain and picture, and thanks to everyone who gave some kind of gift. The cash gifts have been combined to purchase two “October Blaze” maple trees for our yard. I hope you will enjoy them as you drive by! Love, Pastor Brenda

The Christmas Toy Painting Shop

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:30p.m. from November 13th – December 18th

Advent, Anglicized from the Latin word *adventus* meaning "coming", is a season observed in the Christian church as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas.

This Advent Season we focus on worshiping fully, spending less, giving more, and loving all. Give more of your time this Advent season by helping paint toys for those in the community in need.

- Help paint the wooden toys that members of our congregation make each year. Help others who can't afford to buy gifts for their children
- Build relationships with others in the community through painting together.
- Painting will help reduce your stress & turn this holiday season into an Advent Season.
- Classes will start Tuesday, November 13th and go through December 18th.
- Time will be Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Come to all classes, come to one, come for 2 hours or come for just one hour, just come.
- Help yourself by helping others. Reduce the stresses in your life through opening up your creative side.
- Classes will be in the 2nd and 3rd grade classroom (downstairs in the church).
- Have items to paint for the upcoming Bazaar?
- Have something else you want to paint?

Come do it with our painting group.

All are welcome.

All ages are encouraged. No prior painting experience necessary.

Have extra paint? Extra paint supplies? Donate them to The Christmas Toy Painting Shop.





Announcing the new student ministries! Transit Student Ministries! Transit student ministries have been launched and will strive to reach the students of our church where they are and move them closer to God. Transit seeks to transform student by:

Transit: Come learn more about God Matt 5:6

Transit: Shine your light Matt 5:16

Transit: Go out and show God's love to the lost Matt 28:16-20

The Merge is a part of Transit Student Ministries and is a Sunday night student meeting at PUMC. It's a place where students 6th-12th grades can come and connect with each other and with God. We get together to learn about God and experience Him through teaching that you can understand and relate to, and by sharing our lives. The Merge is family. If you are looking for some strong friends who can help you through life, a passionate place to discover God and hear what He has to say to you, and a place where you can let your guard down a bit and enjoy life.....then Merge is for you!



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 for all of these. Join a group and discover how together you can make this Christmas one that will never be forgotten.

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue
<p>October 28</p> <p>Commitment Sunday Worship 8:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Mallow Ringers 6:00 pm</p>	<p>October 29</p> <p>Yoga w/Val 5:15 pm Lay Leadership 6:30 pm</p>	<p>October 30</p> <p>Yoga w/Val 4:15 pm</p>
<p>4</p> <p>All Saints Day Worship 8:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Youth Group 4:30 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Breakfast Prayer Group @ Country Kitchen 6:45 am Yoga w/Val 5:15 pm Cub Scouts 6:00 pm Lay Leadership 6:30 pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>CAP Club 10:00 am Yoga w/Val 4:15 pm Cub Scouts 6:00 pm</p>
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<p>18</p> <p>Come & See Choir 8:00am Worship 8:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Youth Group 4:30 pm Mallow Ringers 6:00 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Breakfast Prayer Group @ Country Kitchen 6:45 am Yoga w/Val 5:15 pm</p> <p>Charge Conference 6:00 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Yoga w/Val 4:15 pm Troop 82 Meeting 7:00 pm</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Worship 8:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Mallow Ringers 6:00 pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Breakfast Prayer Group @ Country Kitchen 6:45 am Yoga w/Val 5:15 pm Memorial Cmte 7:00 pm Newsletter Assembled 12:00 pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Yoga w/Val 4:15 pm</p>

	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	October 31 Bible Study 7:30 am Hearts & Hands 1:00pm Yoga w/Val 5:15 pm Redeemer & Holy Rollers Halloween Bowling Party	1 Dance Elite 3:30 pm Yoga w/Val 4:15 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Recovery Group 7:30 pm	2 Church Women United 1:30 pm	3 Girl Scouts 1:00 pm
	7 Bible Study 7:30 am Hearts & Hands 1:00pm Worship Cmte 6:00 pm Redeemer 6:30 am Holy Rollers 7:00 pm	8 Barely Seniors 12:00 pm Dance Elite 3:30 pm Yoga w/Val 4:15 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Recovery Group 7:30 pm	9	10 Whig Bazaar
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NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULES

Usher Schedule

8:30 a.m.	John Cottingham
	Doug Nodorft
	Jack Kirby
	Dick Bonin
11:00 a.m.	Ron Rewey

Please watch for the readers and greeters schedule in the weekly bulletins for November. Thank you!

Readers Schedule

November 4	8:30 a.m.
	11:00 a.m.
November 11	8:30 a.m.
	11:00 a.m.
November 18	8:30 a.m.
	11:00 a.m.
November 25	8:30 a.m.
	11:00 a.m.

Greeters Schedule

November 4	8:30 a.m.
	11:00 a.m.
November 11	8:30 a.m.
	11:00 a.m.
November 18	8:30 a.m.
	11:00 a.m.
November 25	8:30 a.m.
	11:00 a.m.

If you would like to be a reader, greeter or usher, please contact Jennifer in the office to be put on the calling list. Thank you!

November 4th

Celebrating All Saints Day
Revelation 21:1-7
Communion Both Services
8:30 Mallow Ringers
11:00 Blind Faith

November 11th

“Advent Conspiracy: Worship Fully”
Luke 1:46-55
8:30 Joyful Singers
10:30 Blind Faith

November 18th

“Advent Conspiracy: Spend Less”
1 Timothy 6:6-10
8:30 Come and Sing Choir
11:00 Blind Faith

November 25th

“Advent Conspiracy: Give More”
Philippians 2:5-11
8:30 Joyful Singers
11:00 Holy Rollers

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

Thanks to Richard Nehls and Dick Meyer, we now have the parking lot yellow lines repainted! 'Great to have that completed before winter arrives. Our appreciation also goes out to Kathy and Doug Martin and Debby and Roy Schroedl for clearing out the inner wall of the hallway behind the chancel in preparation for the remodeling project.

As you can see some of the pews at the left front of the sanctuary have been removed to make way for the chancel extension. The pews are now being stored in the Fellowship Hall. We need to find a new home for them. If any of you know a good use for them, please contact one of the Trustees.

A bur oak tree is being planted north of the upper parking lot in memory of Phyllis Rewey. Milt, we thank you and your family for this wonderful tribute to the memory of your wife! This will be a beautiful addition to our landscape!

As most of you know, for months the Trustees have been researching and discussing what should be done about the condition of the church cedar siding. Our goal is to select or restore siding that makes it attractive and welcoming, is as maintenance free as possible, and is not too costly. We've narrowed down our ideas to a few good possibilities, but we still have at least one more selection that we are studying. We know this is a very important decision and we want to take time to get it right! Since winter is approaching we have decided to add some insulation to the damaged areas on the south side to protect that section. We really appreciate your patience with our decision making process! Hopefully a siding decision can be reached in the next few months.

Please Notify the Church Office When...

- * You or a member of your family is hospitalized.
- * You have a change of address, especially if you are going away for the winter.
- * Your phone number has changed.
- * Your email address has changed.
- * Your board or committee changes a meeting date or time.
- * Members of your family are students attending school away from home or are living at a different address

Your help with all of the above is very much appreciated!

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

Weekly Announcements

Wednesday morning

Newsletters

3rd Friday of the month

Please have any articles to the office no later than Friday afternoon. This will ensure that your article will get in the newsletter. Dates are posted in the weekly announcements, newsletter and sent out by email.

3 Month Tithe Challenge

"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."
Malachi 3:10

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 actually says to test him in this. He promises that if you tithe, he will bless you. People go into the tithe challenge looking for blessings, and come out with a stronger faith as they grow to trust God in all areas of their life.

Because we want you to experience the growth of faith that comes from 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.

Wait a minute – we are going to give people their money back? Yes. Pastor Brenda and the Finance Committee struggled with that too. What if God doesn't bless the person? That, my friends, is a faith issue. Tithing is a faith issue. First, do I trust God enough to give him 10% of my money? (That's actually the first faith issue: the belief that what we have belongs to us. It actually belongs to God.) Then, do I trust that God is great enough and powerful enough that if EVERYBODY tithed, that God would have enough blessings for all. Yes, we are going to give people their money back if they tithe and do not feel blessed. And we are counting on God to pour such blessings over our church family, that the stories start pouring in!

What if we all tithed?

What if we all tithed? What if every family that is part of Platteville UMC gave 10% of their income to God? What could we do? If we take the 2009 median household income (as reported by city-data.com) of \$32,851, it would take approximately 76 families to cover our budget. What the rest of our families would give would total \$400,000 to do ministry and mission in Platteville and around the world. That's \$400,000 in addition to our church budget! If we all tithed, we could make such a difference for the Kingdom of God!

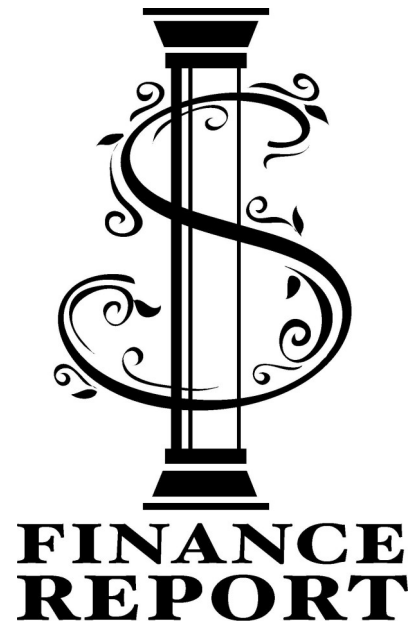
WANTED!!! We are looking for someone to take pictures during the 11:00 service. We are also looking for tech people to help run the slides. Please contact Jennifer if you are interested.

If you are reading this before October 28th:

Sunday, October 28th is Commitment Sunday. We will be filling out our pledge cards in worship. We will celebrate our financial commitments between services with brunch. Be sure to come and be part of the celebration!

If you are reading this after October 28th:

We hope you enjoyed the food and fellowship of our celebration on Commitment Sunday. If you were unable to be present, you will soon be receiving a pledge card in the mail. It has two sides. There is the regular pledge side. The back is to be filled out only if you are taking the 3 Month Tithe Challenge. We are pledging early this year, as the Finance Committee wants to base the 2013 budget on our pledges, and have it ready to present at Charge Conference (on November 19th). Thank you for turning your pledge card into the office promptly.



Earlier this year, the Finance Committee proposed, and the Church Council approved, a budget that had a \$10,000 deficit. Monies were added to the budget to support our pastor at a senior pastor level, as we had done before we had clergy couples, we added Mindy as program staff, and then increased ministry area budget items to reflect our growing programs. The challenge that we have is that giving so far this year has not made up all of the difference. Our giving is a little down: it always fluctuates some, and people are catching up from the summer. Our giving for 2012 is currently \$20,000 behind our budget. Apportionments have been paid at 100% through September. Had we been paying apportionments at the level we had been paying them in previous years, our deficit would be very small. The Finance Committee has decided to put on hold apportionment payments for now, hopefully to be paid at the end of the year. We are looking to take a special offering at Christmas time to make up this deficit.

What are Apportionments?

Apportionments are the monies we send to the Conference that enable us to be in ministry together. They pay for our structure, for our Bishop and District Superintendents, for many United Methodist health and welfare programs, and they pay for many and varied things that our Boards and Agencies oversee. Pastor Brenda is on the Board of Congregational Development, which helps missional congregations, congregations that need help revitalizing, and new congregations that are just beginning. A portion of this money is sent to the General Conference, so together we are in mission around the world. Apportionments are how we work together. Our Apportionments are what we give to share in mission and ministry together with United Methodists around the world!

Adopted Families

Once again we plan to support the needs of area families during the Holiday Season. The mission committee will begin collecting food for adopted families' Thanksgiving baskets on Sunday, November 4. Please place any food donations in the shopping cart in the hallway. Monetary donations can be made to the church with a note stating that it is for Holiday baskets.

Helping needy area families enjoy the Holiday Season has become a tradition at Platteville UMC. Thank you for your generosity.

Coats for Kids

Thank you to those who donated to the Coats for Kids program. You have helped provide coats for kids who would otherwise not have a warm coat during the winter months.

Food Pantry Giving

Area food pantry shelves are low and churches and organizations are being asked to help. These days everyone's food budget is stretched so the mission committee is asking that when you do your shopping, please consider purchasing just one item to donate, drop it in the grocery cart in the Narthex and a member of the committee will make deliveries to the pantry. If we each do a small part, the results will be great!

All donations are appreciated but right now the pantry is low on: canned meat (tuna, chicken), spaghetti noodles and spaghetti sauce, egg noodles, pizza mix, stuffing mix, tomato soup, pork/beans (small cans), canned fruit (Mandarin oranges, pineapple, applesauce, peaches), canned tomato, pancake mix and syrup, hamburger and tuna helper, sugar, flour, coffee, tea, and laundry soap.

As always, thank you for your generosity,
Mission Committee

Take delight in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord, trust in him and he will act. Psalm 37:4

The Health & Wellness committee would like to offer an Advent Conspiracy discussion group during the Sunday School hour November 11-December 2. This group will hopefully meet the needs of those people who are drug down during the Advent season by social and family pressures rather than being uplifted by anticipating the Christ Child's birth. As we learn how to: Worship Fully, Spend Less, Give More and Love All.

In our Advent Conspiracy discussion we will look at our own feelings during this season and how we can ward off the stress caused by outside pressures and seek out those people who lift us up and treasure love shared with others.

If you are interested, call Mindy, 608-778-4607 to get a book and sign up.

Susan Schlager and Jan Merfeld (Langel)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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 \$2,300, 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 fundraising 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.



On Sunday, October 14th, the 4th-8th grade Sunday school kids sold bottles of water to help raise money for the Water for Life mission project. Thank you for all you donated to help our kids reach their goal. So far, \$453 has been raised.

Watch for more exciting fundraising projects from the kids!



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Holiday Fair

The United Methodist Women will be holding their annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, December 1st. Remember to mark your calendar and come on over. Lots of great items and of course holiday treats. Come early for rolls and coffee. Lunch will also be served.