

PLATTEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Learn God ~ Love God ~ Share God ~ Serve God



Last Sunday after church I did what I usually do. Dan and I went out for lunch, and then went home to rest. I put on a pair of sweat pant and a t-shirt and took my “preacher’s nap.” I was quiet most of the afternoon and like most Sundays, didn’t feel like going anywhere.

So last Sunday evening when I needed to get dressed up to go to the prayer service at First English Lutheran Church, I almost didn’t do it. I really didn’t want to get out of my comfy clothes, and I certainly didn’t feel like going to church. I had announced for two weeks during worship that this prayer service was going to happen and for you to meet me there. So I grudgingly put my dress back on and drove to the church.

I am so very glad I did! It was a beautiful service. We sang some liturgy, lit candles, prayed and sang a hymn. I was almost moved to tears as we sang for peace for every country in the world by name. The candle lighting was extremely moving as well. I was so glad I went.

On my way home it occurred to me that each Sunday less than half of our members are in worship. They are probably sitting at home in pajamas or other comfy clothes and don’t feel like getting dressed for church. So they stay home and miss out!

The purpose of worship is to come together to offer praise to God. It is also a time for God to mold and shape us. We come expecting to give to God, and find that we leave with a renewed sense of peace and joy.

If you are one who doesn’t come to worship often, I encourage you to come back so that God can fill your spirit. If you do attend worship every week, think about friends and family who are often not here. Give them a call. Invite them to sit with you during worship and then go out to eat or invite them to your house to eat. Think about your friends and family who are far from God and could really use some peace and joy.

Because I am always leading worship, I forget how beautiful worship is, and how it fills your spirit. I hope you feel the same way, and I hope you invite others to it.

I’ll see you in church, where we love Jesus and each other.

*Ave
Pastor
Brenda*



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PLATTE RIVER REGIONAL MINISTRY

Youth Group:

The month of September has been an exciting month for all students as they have been getting back into the swing of things at school. We had some great fun, and are looking forward to what is coming next!

On September 1st, the youth group had a Back-To-School party, and we had a great time! Because of the pop-up storms, we enjoyed a great game of Monopoly with pizza and pop!



What's Next for Youth Group: We started meeting in September for youth group, and have had some great fun along with in-depth discussion about God's relationship with us, and how we are to share that relationship with others. We meet every **Sunday from 7-8pm**, and all middle school (6th grade) and high school are welcome!

Pizza Kits will be here on **October 17th**. If your student fundraised or if you ordered from a bulletin insert, please be here at **5:30pm** on the 17th to pick up the orders.

On **October 19th** we will be going to Vesperman's for their corn maze. The church van will leave at **2pm**. All interested 6th through 12th graders, please let Pastor Liz know if you would like to come! Please bring \$6 for the maze, and any other money for snacks, and pumpkins.

Pioneer Wesley Campus Ministry:

Our Welcome Back Cookies were a hit!!! We gave away 100 bags to students with 4-5 cookies in them. Thank you to all who donated cookies!!! Thank you also to those who donated desserts for the Inter-Religious Council's cookout on September 3rd! The students loved them!

We have had between 6-10 students between the two churches on any given Sunday! If you would be willing to make lunch for the students, please let Pastor Liz know. Pastor Liz is also visible on campus for several hours on Mondays for students to get to know her.

Pioneer Wesley will have our first fundraiser for the Passion Conference on **October 26th**. Wesley will be providing pumpkins for families to decorate for Halloween. Families will be asked to pay a small fee for the pumpkin, and all supplies will be provided. If families want to bring their own pumpkins, we ask for a donation towards our cause. The festivities will begin at **2pm** on October 26th.

Our next fundraiser will involve cuisine from around the world! Be sure to join us on **November 23rd** at **6pm**!

The Cap Club met on Tuesday, Sept 9th. Members present were Pastor Brenda, Dee Gray, Tom Lindahl, Jim and Carol Kirkpatrick, Dolores Hutchenson, Tom and Nancy Ziegenfuss, and Hank and Judy Bossenbroek.

We continue visiting the shut ins and welcome anyone needing a visit or know of someone that would like a visit from any of our members. Please let Pastor Brenda or any of the members know.

Our next meeting will be Nov 11th at 10:00 A.M. anyone interested in joining us would be very welcome.

Blessings from the Cap Club

Charge Conference will be Thursday October 23 at 6:00pm.

There will be items for review and items to be voted on. A vote will be taken regarding whether we want to move forward with the Accountable Leadership Structure. You must be a church member to vote. All church members are encouraged to attend.

Businesses often give the church discounts. This month we'd like to thank Kelly Ingersol of Ingersol Plumbing for the discount on the new drinking fountain as well as labor which he regularly donates.

School Supplies Mission Project: Thank you to everyone who donated to the school supplies mission. Nancy Fairchild received every item on her wish list. This should help start her music classes on the right note. Donated general supplies fit the elementary and middle school lists so these supplies were divided up and given directly to the schools. Next, the schools will give these supplies to students in need. Again, thank you from the missions committee.

The Platteville Coats for Kids Project is collecting warm new and gently used kid-sized (baby to teens) coats. Please place any warm winter coats you have to donate in the box in the lobby. 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.

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| <i>Financial Report as of August 31, 2014:</i> | |
| Monthly Income (Budget) Received from all sources = | \$24,627.51 |
| Expenses (Budget) Incurred = | \$23,331.59 |
| Difference = | \$1,295.92 |
| Year to date Income (Budget) Received from all sources = | \$193,434.51 |
| Expenses (Budget) Incurred = | \$192,454.76 |
| Difference = | \$979.75 |

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustees Highlights from September

The elevator match of \$5,000 was reached and the new total of pledges to be received and donations for the elevator has now reached a total of \$62,340. The goal is to reach \$80,000 to begin the addition of an elevator.

New (to PUMC) office furniture was purchased for the business office, Pastor Brenda and Pastor Liz's offices from IFES in Platteville. Their old desks were moved to the library and adult Sunday school room to provide space for Sunday School Superintendent/teachers, lay leaders and others to work at church.

An air conditioner/heat pump was ordered for the nursery and two preschool Sunday School rooms.

A new computer has been purchased for Jennifer and Pastor Liz will now have Jennifer's old computer to use.



- 1 Patricia Noel
- 2 Doug Martin
- 2 Jon McPhail
- 3 James Holler
- 3 David Oudyn
- 3 Savannah McCall
- 7 Cathy Simmons
- 7 Alyvia Wanezek
- 8 Virginia Riter
- 8 George Krueger
- 9 Nora Bonin
- 9 Michelle Leverentz
- 10 Mary June Rewey
- 11 Dale Bernhardt
- 12 Shirley Edwards
- 12 Dorothy Arndt
- 12 Jeffery Heins
- 13 Hailey Weigel
- 12 Eunice Dagnon
- 16 Shelia Stephenson
- 16 Roxane Ford
- 17 Amy Loeffelholz
- 18 Edwin Moore
- 19 Tom Osterholz
- 19 Mitchel Fure
- 19 Geneveve Pothour
- 19 Brianna Edgette
- 20 Richard Dagnon
- 20 Sarah Fosbinder
- 24 Jill Ingersoll
- 25 Ann Kettler
- 25 Mike Mair
- 28 Lori Adrian
- 28 Eric Green
- 28 Sadie Olds
- 29 Kim McCall
- 31 Kevin Balk

Anniversaries

- 3 Pete & Lisa Mumm
- 5 Dean & Jennifer Goninen
- 6 Ray Meiklejohn & Carol Sue Butts
- 8 Mark & Tracy Harle
- 13 John & Vicki Miles
- 18 James & Suzanne Weigel
- 20 Jason & Tricia Pothour
- 30 Mick & Lynn Goninen



JUST THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW

The family of Lou Withrow Felderman would like to express their gratitude to pastor Brenda for the beautiful service to help us celebrate Mom's life. A thank you to the United Methodist Women who worked so hard to provide the lunch for a very large group of family and friends. God bless our church family and friends who supported us with cards, memorials, flowers, food, and kind words at this difficult time. Mom was blessed with a full healthy life of nearly 98 years. She will be greatly missed, but will live through the lives of her children and grandchildren.

We wanted to thank you for your gracious donation to the Family Advocates Shelter. The produce you donated will be put to great use here. Thanks again for your generosity.

Sincerely, Family Advocates Inc.

Thank you very much for you donation to our pantry. These items have been distributed with our weekly food orders. We appreciate your support.

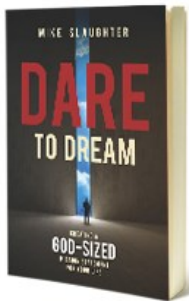
The Platteville Food Pantry

Thanks to all for your cards and/or expressions of sympathy in the loss of my sister. She was a special person and loved by many.

Norma Meisel



Redeemer had their first performance at Dairy Days on September 7th. This was their first performance with 7 returning members and 6 new members. They did wonderful and we can't wait to hear them again!

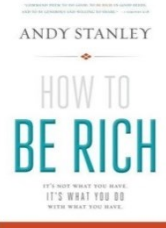


We will experience the last half of our Dare to Dream sermon series in October. As we consider God's dream for our lives we will look to God's dream for Moses. God created you with a purpose that only you can fulfill. If you do not do what God created you to do, it will go undone. What is your purpose here on earth? Join us in worship as we continue to explore God's dream for our lives.

Expanded Listening Guides continue to be given out during worship including daily Bible readings about our topic of the week, as well as questions to help you as you listen for God to give you his dream. *Dare to Dream: Creating a God-Sized Mission Statement For Your Life* by Mike Slaughter is our secondary resource. There are still a couple of books available for purchase in the church office if you would like to read along.



In preparation for our Stewardship Campaign this year, we will have a sermon series called "How to be Rich" based on 1 Timothy 6:17-20. Rich people in our country aren't very good at doing what Jesus and Paul said to do. We are going to talk about and practice being rich in case we ever become rich. Andy Stanley's book *How to be Rich* will be our secondary resource.



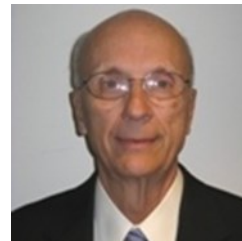
Let Jennifer know if you would like to order a book or would like to lead a small group in study.

Accountable Leadership Structure

Eight people on our church leadership teams have attended one or both of the introductory and advanced Accountable Leadership Structure workshops. All participants feel it is something our church should consider.

The Accountable Leadership Structure combines the Church Council, the Finance Committee, the Trustees, and the Staff-Parish Relations Committee into one 12 member Leadership Council. In this system, the Leadership Council governs, the pastor leads, the staff manages and the members of the church do ministry. The mission, vision and strategic goals of the church become the driving force behind making decisions and deploying of resources.

This system was created by our very own Rev. Dick Jones, pastor of Platteville UMC from 1974-1980. From Platteville, Dick was moved to Whitefish Bay, where he was so successful in leading the church to reach people for Jesus that the Conference kept him there for over 20 years! While he was at Whitefish Bay, Dick came to the conclusion that current church leadership structure was impeding the ministry of the church. He developed the Accountable Leadership Structure which continues to be used at Whitefish Bay, is being used in the West Ohio Annual Conference, and is being considered by several Wisconsin UMC churches. Should we decide to go with this structure, we will be on the leading edge of churches in Wisconsin who are looking to streamline decision-making for the purpose of mission and ministry.



Rev Jones will be here on Saturday October 4 from 9:30-noon to explain the Accountable Leadership Structure in depth, and to answer questions. Anyone who plans to vote on this at Charge Conference should attend.

October Events

October 7, UMW General Meeting in the Wesley Room at 1:30 PM

Program: Discussion of The Invisible Thread, a book on the 2014 Reading
It is a true story of the relationship that develops between a successful New York business woman and a young boy she offers to help as he begs on the street for money to eat.

Hostess: Katie Cottingham

October 16, Rebekah Fellowship Group in the Wesley Room at 9:00 Am

Program: Carol Lange

Hostess: Katie Cottingham

Pecans have been ordered, so watch for the sign-up sheet in the middle of the month of October.

Thanks to those who gave to the No-Bake Bake Sale in Sept. If you have not done so, please send/give the money donation to Katie Cottingham at your earliest convenience.

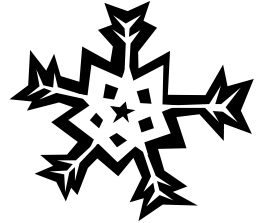
Congratulations to UMW member, Carol Lange, who has been elected to be President of the Coulee District UMW. Give her your support!!

A thank you to Lee Ann Lindahl for the lovely crocheted doilies, the bibles and flower used for the first time at the Lou Felderman funeral lunch.



Holiday Fair

Mark your calendars for annual Christmas Fair on December 6. This is a great time to show support for the activities of United Methodist Women. The profits of the fair go to mission activities here and throughout the world. Every year the UMW donates money to help our own youth to attend camps and do mission work. We will need your crafts, canned jams and jellies, and gently used items to sell, but what we really need is your gift of time. Donating an hour or more of your time to help us set up on Friday or working at the fair on Saturday will not only make the fair go smoothly, but will also be a time of wonderful fellowship. Many women of our church have given many hours in the past to make this event a success and they are hoping that the next generation of church women can carry this tradition forward. If you have questions on how you can help, call Rosemary Anderson at 348-7593.



From Pastor Brenda

A clarification is in order:

There is a rumor going around that when the Bishop visited, he said that our older people who don't want change can just leave the church. Although I cannot speak for the Bishop, how he is being interpreted is not what I believe he meant.

The question as I remember it was: how do we help our older members accept the changes that need to be made? I don't think the Bishop answered the question. What I inferred from his answer was that if people are going to stand in the way of making disciples, they should be asked to leave. That wasn't the question. The question as I understood it was: how do we help people accept change? Not "what if they stand in the way of change," but rather "how do we help them?"

As your pastor, I believe that we need to always be looking for balance. On one side, we need to continually be evaluating how well we are reaching new people for Jesus Christ. This is not an option. It is called the Great Commission because Jesus told us to go and make new disciples. On the other side, our older members who might find change difficult hold an incredible treasure. They have been followers of Christ for a very long time and we need them to share their incredible faith with newer believers. We need to hold old faith / new faith in balance.

Notice, however, in the above paragraph, I still separated us into groups – into us and them. A better goal is for us to see us only as us. Some of us have been here a long time, some of us have been here a shorter time, and some of us aren't here yet. We need to continue to reach out to those of us who still need Jesus. It's all us. How do we love and value all of us? It is my hope that as we truly love all of us – those who have been here a long time and those who are not yet here – as we love all of us, we will be okay making the changes that need to be made, without causing unnecessary hurt to those for whom change is hard.

How do we help older members accept the change that needs to be made? We love them through it. All of us, loving all of us.



We will observe Bible Sunday this fall on Oct. 5, at both worship services. The Beginner's Bible will be presented to all 3-year-olds, and those young children who are new to our Sunday School program. The Hands-On Bible will be presented to all 4th graders, and older students new to Sunday School in our church.

This year our Sunday School children will begin a new mission project. We will be supporting the UWP Engineers Without Borders chapter that is building the NAVA Primary School in rural Ghana. This group of college students and their advisor have been traveling to Africa to build the school, which will serve children in Kindergarten through 6th grade. The Engineering group has to raise all funds for building materials and for their own travel and living expenses, so our kids are going to help them out! If you would like to see the groups work, check them out at: <http://uwplattewb.org>

Our students will host the Coffee Fellowship time and a bake sale on the first Sunday of each month, and donations will be given to Engineers Without Borders. We also plan a special fundraiser before Christmas, and other activities throughout the year. All of the children's Sunday School offering money will go toward this project.

On October 12, the children will be helping Pastor Brenda with the children's message by singing a special song at both services.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Please Notify the Church Office When...

- * You or a member of your family is hospitalized.
- * You have a change of address.
- * 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
- * If you are leaving for the winter, PLEASE contact Jennifer with a forwarding address or to hold church mailings and dates you will be away.

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

Every Sunday people tell me important information before and after worship. Since I am focusing on worship, and I have so many things to remember about the two different worship services, I often forget what people tell me. A couple of weeks ago someone told me about someone who was recently diagnosed with cancer. Not only do I not remember who the person with cancer was, I don't remember who told me. If you have something important to tell me, please tell me, and then please follow up with a call to the church office or with an email. If you do tell me something on Sunday morning and I have not followed through, please give me a gentle reminder. Thank you! Pastor Brenda

Would you like to receive you newsletter electronically? If you would, please contact Jennifer in the church office.



Barely Seniors Potluck and Program

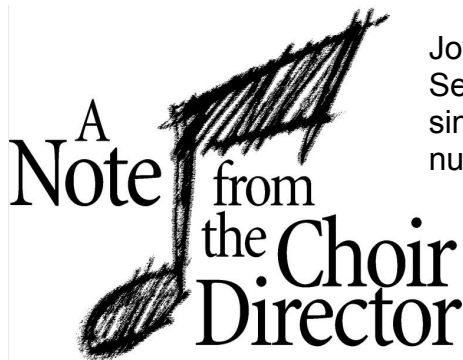
Thursday, October 9 at Noon

Please bring a dish to pass.

Program will be Roy Shaver, "God is a Chemist"

November 13 Program Alert

Henry Bossenbrok and Tom Ziegenfuss on their participation in a Honor Flight



Joyful Singers is having a great start! We sang 2 pieces on September 21st, and are looking forward to what we are going to sing next! We are making wonderful music, but are smaller in numbers! We would love more singers!

If you would like to join us, we rehearse on **Tuesday nights** from **6-7pm**.

Office Hours

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.; Monday-Friday

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October Usher Schedule

8:30 a.m. Harlan Stephens

11:00 a.m. Sheena Rice & Lowell Shinn

October Readers Schedule

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| October 5 | 8:30 a.m. | Nancy Fairchild |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Deb Dunbar |
| October 12 | 8:30 a.m. | Elizabeth Whitford |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Nancy Mair |
| October 19 | 8:30 a.m. | Carol Lange |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Lori Adrian |
| October 26 | 8:30 a.m. | Lindsay Hollingsworth |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Sally Woodworth |

October Greeters Schedule

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| October 5 | 8:30 a.m. | Helen Cardin/Carolyn Woodward |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Warner & Pam Smidt |
| October 12 | 8:30 a.m. | Dan Whitford & Dave Carnahan |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Pohle Family |
| October 19 | 8:30 a.m. | Milt Rewey & Delores Hutcheson |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Fiedler Family |
| October 26 | 8:30 a.m. | Rita Hoffmann/Dorothy Arndt |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Woodworth Family |

October Children's Message

October 5 - Ellen Carnahan

October 12 - Pastor Brenda

October 19 - Pastor Liz

October 26 - Sara Koeller

October Coffee Hour Hosts

October 5 - Sunday School (PK-1st grade)

October 12 -

October 19 -

October 26 - Pioneer Wesley

*October Worship
Schedule**October 5*

Dare To Dream: Losing Your Big Buts
Exodus 3-4:13, selected verses
Communion both services
Bible Sunday
8:30 Joyful Singers
11:00 Blind Faith

October 12

Dare to Dream: You Can't, But You Can
Exodus 3:4-17, selected verses
8:30 Mallow Ringers
11:00 Blind Faith
Children singing both services

October 19

Dare to Dream: Perseverance
Deuteronomy 34:1-8
8:30 Special Music TBD
11:00 Blind Faith

October 26

All Saint's Day
8:30 Joyful Singers
11:00 Blind Faith

During worship on October 19 there will be a short survey about the listening guides. Did you like it better the old way? Do you love it the new way? Do you fill it out during worship? Do you do the next steps? Do you follow the daily Bible study? The survey will be in the bulletin on the 19th and available on the 26th as well.

October Mowers Schedule

October 5 - Nate Fosbinder

October 12 - Randy Karsten

October 19 - Dave Carnahan

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 7:00 am Bible Study 1:00 pm Hearts & Hands 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val 6:00 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Redeemer Practice | 2 3:45 pm School Bus Café 7:00 pm <i>Trustees</i> | 3 | 4 Dick Jones ~ Accountable Leadership 9:30 am |
| 5 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Mallow Ringers | 6 6:45 am Breakfast Prayer Group @ Country Kitchen 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val | 7 1:30 pm UMW 6:00 pm Choir Practice | 8 7:00 am Bible Study 1:00 pm Hearts & Hands 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val 7:00 pm Redeemer Practice | 9 12:00 pm Barely Seniors 3:45 pm School Bus Café 7:00 pm <i>Finance</i> | 10 5:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal | 11 Baker & Elkstrom Wedding |
| 12 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship | 13 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val | 14 5:00 pm <i>Missions</i> 6:00 pm Choir Practice | 15 7:00 am Bible Study 1:00 pm Hearts & Hands 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val 6:00 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Redeemer Practice 6:30 pm Extreme Self Care | 16 9:00 am Rebekah Cir 3:45 pm School Bus Café 7:00 pm <i>SPRC ??</i> | 17 5:30 pm Little Caesars Pizza Delivery Newsletter Deadline | 18 |
| 19 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 2:00 pm Youth Group to Vesperman's 6:00 pm Mallow Ringers | 20 2:00 pm Circuit Mtg. 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val | 21 6:00 pm Choir Practice | 22 7:00 am Bible Study 1:00 pm Hearts & Hands 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val 7:00 pm Redeemer Practice | 23 12:00 pm Newsletter Assembly 3:45 pm School Bus Café 6:00 pm <i>Charge Conf.</i> | 24 | 25 |
| 26 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Blood Pressure Checks 9:45 am Sunday School 2:00 pm Pumpkin Decorating 6:00 pm Mallow Ringers | 27 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val | 28 6:00 pm Choir Practice | 29 7:00 am Bible Study 1:00 pm Hearts & Hands 5:15 pm Yoga w/Val 6:00 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Redeemer Practice | 30 | 31 | |



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