



United Methodist Church

Learn God ~ Love God ~ Share God ~ Serve God

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WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

July 3rd

8:30 am Service

Holy Communion

Special Music, Bill & Dorothy Skidmore and
Elizabeth Duewer

July 10th

8:30 am Service

Special Music, Gavin Koeller

July 17th

8:30 am Service

Special Music,

Nancy Fairchild & Elizabeth Duewer

July 24th

8:30 am Service

Special Music, TBA

July 31st

8:30 am

Special Music, Gavin Koeller

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MISSION TRIP



Saturday June 25th - Sunday, July 3rd, some of the Youth Kids went on a mission trip to Louisiana! Stay tuned for images and their experience in the August Newsletter.





Dear Friends,

As I was thinking about writing this letter to you a couple of weeks ago, I thought it would be a good-bye letter.

June 26th would be my second to last Sunday because your new pastor would be moving to Platteville and getting ready to lead your congregation. My husband Jim and I had planned to provide a special fellowship time to thank you all for the wonderful hospitality and friendship that you have shown us. But sometimes plans change and a "Goodbye and Thank you Fellowship Time" has turned into just a "Thank you Fellowship Time".

I realize change is hard but I must say I am thrilled to be your pastor a little bit longer than planned. I know the Cabinet is working hard to find you a Pastor and that once here the pastor will be so happy to have come. You are a truly special congregation made up of wonderful, spiritual and mission-oriented people. I was truly amazed to witness Ruby's Pantry and see all the volunteers – both young and younger – who gave up their time to serve the members of this community. And to have it followed by the Fellowship Meal one week later where you delivered 100 meals to members and non-members alike – not to mention feeding people here in Fellowship Hall. That was truly remarkable! This is a spirit-filled church with opportunity after opportunity to make Christ known.

None of these wonderful things can happen without a gifted staff, dedicated church leadership and you – YES, the church needs YOU!

There are so many ways to get involved with varying levels of commitment. You can jump in with two feet or you can start out slow and small, but your church needs you. Written above the doors to the sanctuary are the words Learn, Love, Share, and Serve God. I ask you, how are you fulfilling your congregation's mission to serve God?

I consider it an honor to serve you.

God bless you all,
Pastor Barb



Vacation Bible School

July 25th - July 29th 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Free Lunch Immediately After

- ⊗ There's still time to register (which is required) for your child ages PreK-5th grade, or if you would like to join us as a volunteer for VBS! Either contact the Church Office or go online at www.myvbs.org/pvilleumc and join the fun!
- ⊗ All volunteers should plan on meeting at the Church on **Tuesday, July 19th at 6:00 pm** for a final prep meeting. If you can't make that time, contact Tracy and set up an alternate time beforehand.
- ⊗ We will be decorating for VBS at **11:00 am** on **Saturday, July 23rd and Sunday, July 24th**, then after "building up" an appetite, join us for sandwiches.
- ⊗ To continue our theme, all are welcome to scream for FREE ice cream from Vesperman's Ice Cream Truck who will be here on the last day, **Friday, July 29th**.



FOOD & FELLOWSHIP UPDATE

We have started our third year of Food & Fellowship and we are excited to have the meals back in Fellowship Hall. We have served several thousand people over the past 2 years with this mission. There are several groups who support the program and have received grants and gifts from the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation, the Platteville Community Fund, Ruby's Pantry, Thrivent Financial, as well as a variety of individuals. Each month, we have a co-sponsor that assists us financially and supplies workers for the meal. In addition, we have several people from our church who volunteer to make desserts for the meal. We deliver 100 meals each month to residents of senior living facilities and have completed a drive thru meal for the past 2 years, due to the pandemic. We are excited to be back in person and be able to focus on the fellowship portion of the mission. We hope you will join us for this free community meal and fellowship the second Wednesday of the month from 5-6 pm in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to volunteer to assist with the meal, please contact the church office.

COMMUNITY MEMORIAL GARDEN AND LABYRINTH UPDATE

By the time you read this article, we should have the first garden planted as part of the Memorial Garden and Labyrinth project. We will begin planning the building of the prayer labyrinth and hope to have it completed this fall. The signs are being constructed and will be installed later this summer. We are getting a bid for a gazebo to enhance this area as well. We have started promoting the garden to our community members. Please help us spread the word to others in the community to purchase a flower, bench or statue for the gardens. Thanks to everyone who has donated to or purchased something for the project. There is still time to order something in memory of a loved one. Order forms are in the lobby of the church.

ORDERING ADDITIONAL SCRIPPS CARDS

A big thanks to everyone who has been buying Scripps cards to raise funds for the church. While we will continue to keep a supply of cards on hand at the church, there are several hundred additional cards that are available for purchase. We will be placing an order on a monthly basis for additional cards that you can order. Be watching for further details about how to order these cards.



START KICKING YOUR SHOES OFF JULY 1st

FOR THE PUMC SHOE DRIVE TO BENEFIT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

If you've been wondering what to do with all those shoes that you don't wear any longer, have we got a deal for you!!! The church is sponsoring a shoe drive that begins July 1st. We are collecting shoes to send to Haiti and/or other developing nations. The drive will last from July 1st to August 31st. You can donate any shoes that are new or lightly used. We cannot accept any shoes that have holes or rips in them. We can accept all sizes; mens, womens, children, infant, etc. This includes, boots, flip flops, sandals, heels, flats, etc. You can put the shoes in the white box that is located in front of the church lobby. Help spread the word about this drive by contacting your friends, families, and neighbors. If you are at a garage sale this summer and see shoes there, let them know they can drop off leftover shoes at the church. Post the information on your Facebook account. Think of all the ways to help spread the word. We will have graphics and information that you can use to let people know about the drive. If you have questions, contact Dawn Drake at drake@uwplatt.edu.

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH—FORMER UMW**

When you hear of Platteville's United Women in Faith (formally UMW), the first thing that comes to mind is *"When is the Christmas Fair and will they be selling their famous canned beef?"* We love that comment, but want to remind everyone we have a lot more opportunities to participate in. During our last meeting in June, we brought our fun filled picnic lunch indoors, since the weather was a bit threatening. Jan presented an informative program on Prayer and Self Denial. All women in the church are welcome. We typically meet in the afternoons and have a great time. If afternoons do not fit your schedule, let us know, as we can create an evening group as well. We are looking forward to meeting again this September that we will announced in the August Newsletter.

Susan Schlager
UWF President

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

On June 27th, the American Red Cross hosted a blood drive in Fellowship Hall. This was also in memory of Levi Linscheid who passed away in an automobile accident at the age of 24, back in October of 2019.

"Levi Linscheid was a dedicated fitness trainer who will be remembered for his unmatched kindness to everyone, his commitment to his client and his passion for health. As a trainer, Levi's job was to teach and inspire-his memory will continue to do that in all the lives he touched, both in the gym and out. We will strive to "Live Like Levi"."

-American Red Cross

Each unit that is brought in helps people of all ages and a variety of needs.

Unfortunately, there is still a shortage that is being seen everywhere.

If you are interested in donating when we hold our next Blood Drive in September, here are some tips to have you ready before arrival;

- Keep hydrated-Drink at least 16 oz of fluid before and after your donation.
- Keep your iron count high-Eat high protein foods at least a week before.
- At least 17 years of age, unless accompanied by a parent.
- Weigh at least 110 lbs.

To set up an appointment, which is always encouraged, call 1-800-RED CROSS. (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and search sponsor code: **Levi**.



Bring a friend and help save lives together.



Summer is here...It is time for outdoor fun. The best part of this is that with COVID, outdoors is the best place to be. It is still wise to social distance in large crowds even when outdoors.

Now that I have you outdoors, remember it is tick season. Deer seem to have taken up residence in Platteville. I know personally as they have been enjoying hastes, bean and strawberry plants every night in my yard. The point being, it is important to check for ticks even if you haven't been in the woods camping and hiking. I will have information on the rack next to the library door regarding summer safety.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

~ Susan RN, Parish Nurse 608-348-9575

MAKE MUSIC PLATTEVILLE

On June 21st, "Make Music Platteville" was held on the longest day of the year, and also one of the hottest. It was amazing to see how "cool" our 3 members were when performing in City Park. Gavin Koeller and Nancy Fairchild started with 3 toe tapping songs, then Nancy continued with Elizabeth Duewer by playing a couple favorites together on the piano. If you missed it not to worry, the Platteville Journal was there filming and shooting images as well.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LT5A3c9_NzQ. courtesy of The Platteville Journal



INGATHERING



Thank you to all that were able to donate items and funds for the In-gathering projects that were sent to the WI Annual Conference. The items were delivered to the drop-off site, Fennimore UMC, on June 8th and were transported to the Annual Conference.

Your generosity will be making an impact on projects such as Harbor



House, Northcott, UM Children's Services, and Solomon Outreach.

WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

JUNE

Ruby's Pantry:
286 Shares

Food & Fellowship:
250 Meals Served

JULY

Ruby's Pantry:
Thursday, 7th

Food & Fellowship:
Wednesday, 13th

AUGUST

Ruby's Pantry:
Thursday, 4th

Food & Fellowship:
Wednesday, 10th



In June volunteers distributed 286 food bundles. We had some help from the homeschooling network. Thanks to all that volunteered! Our next distribution is Thursday, July 7th. Do you know of a group that can help us? If you are planning to volunteer, please email Deb Putnam - putnamd@uwplatt.edu



Our next Family Promise host week will be held for the first time in 2 years, at Platteville United Methodist Church Sunday **July 10th - July 16th**. Please contact Tracy Harle at outreach.youth@plattevilleumc.org for volunteering or if you have any questions.



Thank you to all that helped make the first indoor Food & Fellowship after 2 years, run as well as it did. We had about 250 meals including deliveries and carryout. Our menu will be Sloppy Joes, Potatoes, Beans, Fruit, and Dessert. We are looking forward to seeing everyone July 13th.

SUPPORT OUR MISSIONS

RUBY'S PANTRY • ADOPTED FAMILIES • FAMILY PROMISE

ENVELOPE

- Write the mission on a church or personal envelope.
- Write the mission on the memo line of your check.

DIRECTLY FROM YOUR BANK

- Call your bank or go online to your bank's website to setup your contribution.

This service is normally provided free of charge.

E-GIVING

- Visit the church website.
 - Click on 
 - Click on the Create Profile button, follow the instructions to create an online profile and schedule your support.
- You can choose which mission you want to support.*



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*Now the Lord is the Spirit, and
where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom.*

-2 Corinthians 3:17 (NRSV)

