



Platteville United Methodist Church



April 2026



Dear Friends,

As I am writing this I am planning the services for Holy Week. I pray these services make a profound impact in your life, as we remember the passion of Jesus Christ our Lord.

We are part of a church that has strong social justice beliefs. Beginning in 1908 we have had a Social Creed. It has been updated over the years and I wanted to share with you our current United Methodist Social Creed.

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.

We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.

We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.

We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons.

We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress. We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.

We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.

I read this and remember why I am committed to being a United Methodist. I hope you feel the same as you read it. I am so proud of how this church lives this and I pray that continue to be people who live the resurrection every day, by being the hands and feet of Jesus.

Blessings,
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APRIL HIGHLIGHTS



The food and fellowship free community meal will take place at **5pm on April 8th**. Please invite your friends! There is plenty of food for everyone and dessert.

Ruby's Pantry will be on the first Thursday of the month,

April 2nd from 4-5:30pm.

It will be \$30 per share. Please call the church office at 608-348-9508 if you have any questions or would like to volunteer!



Family Promise

Thank you to everyone who volunteered!



Quilting and Crafting 4 Christ

We invite you to come to church on Tuesday afternoons from 1-4 to help with the various projects that we are working on with our quilting/crafting group. Our main project for March will be making simple book bags to donate to Midwest Mission. We need people to cut material, iron, pin material and sew. We have all the supplies and sewing machines that are needed for this project. You do not need to come every Tuesday and you don't need to come for the whole time, but we hope to see more people come and be involved. Please help spread the word throughout the community.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5pm Ruby's Set-up 5:30pm Alive Band practice	2 4pm-5:30pm RUBY'S PANTRY 7pm Maundy Thursday Service	3 7pm Good Friday Service	4
5 8:30am Easter Sunday Worship 11:00am Easter Sunday Worship HAPPY EASTER!	6 9am Money Counters	7 1pm Quilting 4 Christ 1:30pm UWF Meeting 5:15pm Choir Practice	8 5pm Food & Fellowship 5:30pm Alive Band Practice	9 9am Hatching Play Time 1:30pm Trustee Meeting 1:30pm Small Group	10	11
12 8:30am Sunday Worship 11am Contemporary Worship 9:30am Coffee Hour 9:30am Sunday School 9:45am Confirmation 6pm Bell Choir Practice	13 9am Money Counters	14 1pm Quilting 4 Christ 1pm PEO Meeting 5:15pm Choir Practice	15 5:30pm Alive Band Practice	16 9am Hatching Play Time 1:30pm Small Group	17 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	18
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Tracy and youth to Midwest Mission						
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SCIENCE SPARK: SPENDING TIME IN NATURE REDUCES STRESS AND BOOSTS MOOD. PAIRING THAT WITH ACTS OF CARE FOR THE PLANET DOUBLES THE FEEL-GOOD DOPAMINE REWARD.

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Carry a refillable water bottle and notice how good it feels to help the planet.	Lean against a tree — breathe in its calm strength.	Pick up trash safely with gloves or tongs. Every piece helps.	Identify three things you love about nature.	Send a note of appreciation to your local park staff, garbage collector, or recycling crew.	Spend one minute in sunlight.	Learn what happens when food scraps turn back into soil — and try composting!
Gift a reusable bag, bottle, or mug and inspire someone to do the same.	Plant bee and butterfly-friendly flowers. They'll repay you in beauty.	Take five slow breaths outside—let the air remind you to slow down.	Create art inspired by the outdoors—then gift or display it to spread appreciation.	Donate clothes, books, or toys instead of tossing them out.	Skip the car for one trip today—move your body, lighten your footprint.	Tell someone their green habit (like using a bike or bottle) inspires you.
Take a shorter shower or turn off the tap while brushing—every drop counts.	Give a plant, seed packet, or herb cutting labeled "Grow Kindness."	Watch the sunset or stars—no phones, just wonder.	Leave water for birds, sugar water for bees, or build a bug hotel.	Replace one disposable thing (napkins, wipes, straws) with a reusable version.	Make or find a playlist of nature sounds—rain, waves, birdsong—and share it.	With friends or family, each share one thing you love about the planet.
Pack or prepare a meal that leaves no trash behind.	Offer to help a neighbor, elder, or school garden grow.	Snap a photo in nature and share one Earth Kindness you practiced.	Join a local cleanup, plant a tree, or host a mini Earth Kindness challenge.	Step outside before bed, look up, and thank the Earth for another day.		

Visit our site for even more kindness ideas: <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/kindness-ideas>

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The Kindness Project

We have talked in church about the ongoing issues in our nation and the need for people to be kind and support one another. The Mission Committee is sponsoring a Kindness Project to keep this on our minds throughout the year. Each month you will receive a calendar with random acts of kindness you can do each day (see attached calendar for March). Please take some time to review the items on the calendar and see how many of these things you can do each month. You will have an opportunity to record the variety of kindness activities you participated in when you come to church each week. It will be fun to watch the kindness activities grow throughout the year.

In addition, we want your ideas about ways we can show people in our community that we care. We will continue to do our Mission Sunday bags, Food and Fellowship, Ruby's Pantry, and Family Promise. What other ways can we be kind to our community? Some ideas that have already been submitted, include: recognition of teachers, health care workers, and first responders.

We hope that we receive so many ideas that the mission committee is overwhelmed. The ideas do not have to be big or serve a large amount of people, but are a way to show kindness throughout our community, one person at a time.



Clay Pot Painting Party

In March the Campus Ministry hosted a painting party where there was snacks and clay pots for people to come paint. The turn out was great and we thank everyone who came and participated! In March the Campus Ministry will be hosting another crafting party but this time they will be making cement stepping stones. More information about this upcoming event is on page six of this newsletter.



Stepping Stone Arts and Craft Night

On April 28th the Campus Ministry will be hosting another craft night at 6pm. This craft will be creating and decorating stepping stones. The event is completely free and all the supplies and snacks will be provided. It is required that you RSVP. To do so you can call or email the church office.



Haiti Shoe Drive

It is once again that time of year to start the shoe drive for Haiti. Please help spread the word about this mission throughout the community. As a reminder, we can take all kinds of new or gently used shoes (heels, flats, boots, flip flops, slippers with soles, etc.). We cannot accept ice skates or roller skates, but any other kind of footwear is acceptable. Please bring your donations to the church and put them in the box under the carport. Our goal is to collect 4000 pairs of shoes. We were very close to this amount last year. If you have a suggestion for where we can put boxes in the community for donations, please contact Dawn Drake at drake@uwplatt.edu.



Change for Christ

The mission committee is promoting "Change for Christ" during the Lenten season. Please bring all those pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters to church and put them in the "Change for Christ" box in the lobby. The donations will be given to Sleep in Heavenly Peace, who help change the lives of people one bed at a time.

HOLY WEEK 2026

WORSHIP SERVICES

27
MARCH
PALM SUNDAY
8:30AM 11:00AM

2
APRIL
MAUNDY THURSDAY
7:00PM

3
APRIL
GOOD FRIDAY
7:00PM

5
APRIL
EASTER SUNDAY
8:30AM 11:00AM



EXPERIENCE THE GRACE OF HOLY WEEK. COME, PRAY, AND BE RENEWED WITH PLATTEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

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The Nest

Pictured above are prepped hygiene care bags that was gifted to The Nest. The Nest also received a grant of \$5000 this month. We would like to continue to thank everyone who volunteers and donates supplies. We are making a big difference in our community and it shows!

Happy Birthday!

- 04/03 Julie Pluemer
- 04/04 Randy Karsten
- 04/05 Roger Stephens
- 04/07 Chase Carroll
- 04/11 Norma Meisel
- 04/14 Dennis Cardin
- 04/17 Alice Clifton
- 04/18 Scott Woodworth
- 04/19 Peg Meyer

- 04/21 John Putnam
- 04/25 Pete Mumm
- 04/27 Diane Van Deest
- 04/27 Vanessa Woodworth

Happy Anniversary!

- 04/21 Chad & Amy Pohle
- 04/23 Wayne & Cathy Simmons



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