



United Methodist Church

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WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

February 3rd

Transforming Light: Sharing

8:30 Special Music, TBA

11:00 Redeemer Band

Communion at both services

February 10th

Disciples Need Disciples: A Perfect Fit

8:30 Special Music, Ian McCann

11:00 Beyond Belief Band

February 17th

Disciples Need Disciples: Loving Your Body

8:30 Special Music, Mallow Ringers

11:00 Beyond Belief Band

February 24th

Disciples Need Disciples: Unity Not Uniformity

8:30 Special Music, Ian McCann

11:00 Beyond Belief Band

NEW SERMON SERIES

The church is a group of disciples who work together.

In February we will talk about the church as a group of disciples who work together to partner with God as God builds his Kingdom. We'll work through 1st Corinthians 12 & 13 and culminate with Christian unity. Disciples need disciples to do what God has called us to do.



I love the United Methodist Church! I love our structure and our connection. I love that we are a “covenantal” church and not a “confessional” church. That means that how we relate to one another and how we live as followers of Jesus Christ are more important than having strict doctrinal directives. I also love that our doctrine is simple. We have some standards, and then we are a church that does

theology. Every United Methodist is encouraged to think about God, starting with scripture, and then using the lenses of tradition, reason and experience. We are allowed, even encouraged to have different opinions. I think that makes our theology significantly richer as we all try to become more like Jesus.

Being a non-confessional church does, however, make it harder for General Conference, our top-level, world-wide decision-making body, to make decisions. This month, the General Conference of the United Methodist Church is meeting for a special session to determine how to handle the questions of whether or not LGBTQ persons should be allowed to be ordained as clergy and whether same sex couples should be allowed to be married in United Methodist Churches. General Conference delegates have been arguing about this for decades, and this General Conference is tasked to settle the matter.

We have had a presentation in our church, and you were invited to go to a listening session on the work that has been done to prepare for General Conference. If you have questions, there are binders in the lobby with more information, and there is a lot of material at <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/commission-on-a-way-forward>. I will also talk about this during the sermon on Sunday, February 24th in the framework of unity.

It's important to remember that no matter what the outcome of General Conference, we are still the Platteville United Methodist Church. We will continue to worship together, make disciples, and impact the community with love and care.

As we wait for General Conference February 23rd - 26th, you are encouraged to be in prayer for the delegates and for General Conference in general. You may pray however you like, or you may go to the website umcprays.org to pray prayers specifically written for this time.

I'll see you in church, where unity is important, and we do theology together.

*Love
Pastor
Brenda*

MISSION TRIP PRESENTATION - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

In January, Allison Woodworth went on a medical mission trip to Panama. She saw this trip as living out her faith in the area where she is planning her life's work. Allison will present stories from her trip and a slide show of pictures on Sunday, February 24th at 9:45 am in the Wesley Room. All are invited to attend.



ATTENTION: USHERS, GREETERS, COFFEE FELLOWSHIP PROVIDERS

There will be an All Hospitality Training on Saturday, February 16th at 10:00 am. We will talk about the important role each of you plays in making first time guests and long-time members feel welcome at the Platteville United Methodist Church. We'll go through roles and responsibilities, talk about how the different roles complement each other, and share ideas to make what we do even better. If you think that this is something you'd like to do or you've served in this role for many years, you are encouraged to come to this training.



BARELY SENIORS

Due to the kitchen remodel, Barely Seniors will not be meeting in February or March.

FRIENDLY REMINDER

We are so very blessed with many ministries here at church and with that comes a very busy calendar. The office staff would just like to remind everyone that all activities including meetings, contract or repair work, rehearsals, etc. need to be coordinated through the office. Thank you!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

MESSY VALENTINE'S DAY - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH



The theme for this month is God's Love and we will have heart themed crafts. Dinner begins at 5:30 pm, and Messy Church will start at 6:00 pm. Join us!

Dustin Nunn is leading the Youth Group (grades 7th - 12th) and they will meet on February 13th and 27th. Come for dinner first at 5:30 pm. The meeting will follow at 6:00 pm.

Please note that while the kitchen is being remodeled, all meals will be served upstairs in the lobby and Wesley room each Wednesday night beginning at 5:30 pm.

WISCONSIN ANNUAL CONFERENCE JUNE 14TH-16TH YOUTH DELEGATES WANTED

Applications are now being accepted and we are looking for the best and brightest from our youth ministry to be involved shaping the future of the Wisconsin Annual Conference! Those in grades 6th - 12th can apply. If you would like an application, please contact Pastor Cheryl at pastorcheryl@centurylink.net or text (920) 450-2643.

Applications with recommendations are due February 15th!

LETTER FROM PASTOR CHERYL

Dear Members and Friends of Platteville UMC,

As most of you know I will be graduating from seminary in May and I have been approved to be commissioned as a Provisional Elder in the Wisconsin Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Both of these events require that

I have a full-time appointment and my position here at Platteville UMC is part-time. The Bishop and the Cabinet have offered an appointment to be the new pastor at Prairie du Chien and Eastman United Methodist Churches and I have accepted. I will begin my new appointment on July 1st, 2019.

Mark and I have been so blessed in the past 18 months that we have been here in the Southwest part of the state and I know that I have reiterated many times how welcome we have felt. I have loved every opportunity that I have had to get to know you and serve among you. I will be here through June 30th and will continue to work with the youth ministry and develop leaders for the future.

Please know that I will take what I have learned with me into my new appointment and you will always hold a special place in my heart, and I will continue to pray for all of you!

Pastor Cheryl

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Our Sunday School students adopted the Platteville School District's weekend "snackpack" program as their mission project this year. This project sends home breakfast, lunch and snack foods for the weekend with students whose families rely on the school meal program for much of their nutrition. A bag filled with healthy foods is slipped into their backpacks on Friday afternoons.

All of the quarters and dollars our students bring in for offering each week, and the money they raised hosting Coffee Fellowship each month have gone toward this mission. The Christmas Eve offering also went toward Operation Snackpack. The Mission Committee and several of our wonderful church friends have contributed to the project. Thanks to our children and the congregation's generous support, we were able to send a check to the School District in January for **\$3,600.00!!!**

In February, the Preschool & Kindergarten Sunday School students will host a Coffee Fellowship on February 3rd, which is the first Sunday of the month. Please help our kids help other kids by giving generously for Coffee Fellowship.

This winter, our Sunday School stories will focus on Christ's healing ministry, leading up to the story of Holy Week and Easter.

OPERATION:



CELEBRATION OF SERVICE SUNDAY

We had a fabulous Celebration of Service on January 27th! Nearly 200 people serve God through the church in many various ways. Each person received a thank you pin, we prayed over people as they serve in the new year, and we celebrated with cake!



 **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

General Meeting : Tuesday, February 5th at 1:30 pm in the Wesley Room.

Program: Prayer and Self-Denial, presented by Elizabeth Duewer.

Host: Katie Cottingham

Thank you to all who helped with the Christmas Fair. We could not have done so well without your assistance.

~Shalom, Susan Schlager

NORTHCOTT NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

Northcott Neighborhood House has provided health and welfare ministries to low income families for over 53 years. This nonprofit agency of the United Methodist Church is strongly supported by the United Methodist Women and the Advance Specials of UMC. The mission project of the children and youth of our congregation also raised the awareness of this vital "home away from home" in Northeast Milwaukee.

Although Northcott Neighborhood House has made some wonderful gains during this year, there are still needs to be met. Recently a campaign was launched to invite participants to "dig deep into their pockets" to support Northcott. I urge you individually, as members of United Methodist Women or as a congregation to support the Neighborhood House. Monetarily "Gifting" Northcott is only one way of serving. Collecting supplies or volunteering services are also ways of giving. If you would like more information about the campaign or receive a copy of the letter from the Director of Northcott, highlighting gains and future needs, please contact me by phone at (608) 348-4588 or email at langec@uwplatt.edu. I also have brochures available.

This agency is only one of the nearly 100 National Missions supported by the United Methodist Women. We are extremely pleased with the outstanding support for missions in the 150 years of existence of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations. Supporting and learning more about our National and International Mission Programs is why I am a proud member of United Methodist Women.

Watch for news about a Southwest UMW District mission trip to Northcott and the UM Children's Services in Milwaukee for June 2021. The District UMW Committee will share more information as plans progress.

~Carol Lange

THE PLATTEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ACCOUNTABLE LEADERSHIP BOARD CONTACT INFORMATION

The Accountable Leadership Board is transitioning to new membership. We are grateful for Elizabeth Duewer, Mike Mair, Amy Pohle and Don Shaw for their four years of service. We welcome Dawn Drake and Lynn Schlager to the Board. All of the Board's contact information is below. We are excited for what the future holds!

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Our next Family Promise host week is Sunday, April 7th through Sunday, April 13th. Make a difference for families in need by providing housing, food, and Christian support. Please contact Bob Plourde at (608) 642-1018 with any questions.



In January we had 257 guests, a significant drop from previous months. We do not know why. The sun was shining and the snow was melting! Our next distribution is **Thursday, February 7th**. If you can volunteer, please contact Deb Putnam at putnamd@uwplatt.edu.



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If you would no longer like to receive this newsletter, please contact the church office to take your name off the mailing list. Thank you!



Redeemer Soup Lunch Fundraiser Postponed



Due to the kitchen remodel, the Souper Bowl Fundraiser has been postponed. Please keep an eye out for updates!

Redeemer will still perform at the 11:00 am
Worship Service on Sunday, February 3rd.