

FREE METHODIST CHURCH

350 E. Furnace Street
Platteville, WI 53818
Pastor Jeff Suits
September 16, 2018

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- Prelude
 - Welcome
 - Life in the Church
 - *Call to Worship Nehemiah 9:5b-6
 - *Hymn “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” #6
 - *Invocation
 - *Greeting One Another
 - *Songs of Praise
 - Pastoral Prayer
 - Song of Praise
 - Worship Through Giving
 - Offertory Kaaren Risic & Carol Frazer
 - *Doxology #758
 - Ministry of Music Logan Butson
 - Scripture Reading Ephesians 6:10-18
 - Message “Stand Your Ground”
 - Prayer
 - *Benediction

**indicates that the congregation should stand*

Song Sheets- Printed copies of the lyrics for today’s Songs of Praise are in the Foyer and Wing

Please take a moment to fill out the yellow attendance form and place it unfolded in an offering plate when they are passed.

Thank you for worshiping with us today. Worship is a priority for us. Our services are prayerfully planned with the intent of helping each person in attendance connect with God in a meaningful way. Our style of worship is one that blends the great hymns of the faith with newer praise and worship songs, seeking to relate to the varying preferences within our church family.

- Sunday: Sunday School 9:30 am
- Worship Service 10:30 am
- Evening Service 6:00 pm
- Celebrate Recovery 6:00 pm
- Wednesday: Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm

Adult Sunday School Classes:

Sonshine Center---Book of Hebrews---Teacher: Mark Christopher
Sanctuary Wing---Book of Romans---Teacher: Stan Ewing

Nursery & Toddler Nursery is for ages three and under
This Week: Del Rae Cushman, Liberty Johnston, Bethany Harkness
Next Week: Mackenzie Johnston, Michelle Eaches, Amanda Harkness
Usher Next Week: Robert Stephens & Taylor Wiech
Financial Tellers Next Week: Lea Goodney & Gordon Herr

SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE - Come and join us at 6:00 p.m. for some singing, prayer and some teaching about what the Bible has to say about the Devil.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY - A ministry for those struggling with hurts, habits and hangups - is held every Sunday evening at the Sonshine Center from 6:00-8:00 with fellowship starting at 5:30. Celebrate Recovery is for adults 18 years of age and older. We would love to have you join is if you feel you could benefit from this ministry.

MEN’S BARBECUE Tuesday evening, at 6:00 p.m. in the parsonage backyard.

FAMILY NIGHT every Wednesday night 6:30-7:45 p.m.

NEW YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS - Sunday mornings 9:30-10:15, specifically for ages 18-35ish in the south room of Sonshine Center. Please contact Scott Elliot with any questions.

NEW COLLEGE AGE SMALL GROUP - Sunday evenings 7:30-9:00, for Young Adults ages 18-24ish at the Elliot's home (1055 Hathaway Street). Together we will be praying, studying, and pursuing Jesus. Contact Scott Elliot with any questions.

CLC SNACKS – The signup sheet is in the basement in the kitchen for CLC snacks for anyone willing or interested in donating snacks for CLC.

KEEN-AGER POTLUCK – Are you 50 or more or married to someone who is? Please join us next Sunday for lunch after church in the Sonshine Center. Bring a dish or tow to share.

WOMEN’S RETREAT at Sky Lodge Christian Camp, September 28-30. Brochures are on the table in the church foyer.

UPDATING CHURCH DIRECTORY - If you have any changes since the last print please contact Carolyn Johnston at sahmof10@gmail.com or Janita Ewing at ewingsj64@gmail.com within the next two weeks or make it known on the yellow attendance sheet. Any families that need their picture updated should contact Carolyn Johnston.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE for Darlene Westemeier on Saturday, September 29th from 1:00-4:00pm at the Sonshine Center.

THANKS to the Community Missions group for their help at Dairy Days. The volunteers made short work of processing the recycled materials that were collected during the three-day event.
Dairy Days Committee

PRAY ABOUT MISSIONS

HIGHLIGHTING OUR MISSION GIVING

Juliana Joseph and Grouchina Norzil are young girls from Haiti that our congregation supports through ICCM. We recently received letters from each of them thanking us for our support. They both talk about the foodstuffs which are commonly grown in their villages. Corn, rice, peppers, tomatoes, and beans are all planted. Much of this food is used to feed their families as well as being sold in the market to help with household expenses. Our support for these girls allows them to attend school and provides for basic clothing as there is rarely any extra money left over from the food sales for the education of these girls. They also attend church and Sunday School regularly as it is a requirement for participating in the ICCM program.

OTHER MISSION NEWS

AFRICA-Former missionary, Tim Kratzer, requests prayer for Dr. Lwabanya Marx and his wife Christine who lost their infant son this week. Dr. Marx is the Medical Director of Nundu Deaconess Hospital in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Baby Lokendo Itabelo Norman died from malaria. Please pray for the comfort of the Holy Spirit to surround this family and the hospital team. Also, pray for the Central African Health Organization (CAHO) as they seek to partner with the FM church in Africa to provide healthcare to very needy people. Missionaries Thom and Sherry Cahill will be traveling throughout Kenya this month holding seminars in biblical leadership and discipleship. Pray for Thom's preparations, safety in travel and the work of the Holy Spirit in each of these sessions.

ASIA-Pray for church planting efforts in Thailand and Nepal and for urgent resources that are needed for church planting pastors and their families.

EUROPE-Pray for the economic development ministries in Bulgaria. Several new products and projects are currently in process. These microenterprises help the pastors and churches to be financially self-sustaining. Also, pray for the support and effectiveness of their Virtual Christmas Gift Box project.

LATIN AMERICA-Pray for missionary Glenn Lorenz and the Pastoral Formation Team for Latin America as they finalize the new pastoral formation curriculum and plan for a gathering in November to introduce the curriculum to Latin American leaders.

MIDDLE EAST-Praise the Lord for a project that provides Christian discipleship while giving refugees a purpose through meaningful labor and a sense of community. Pray specifically for Robert who trains other refugees in barbering and handicrafts and visits refugee families to pray and share scripture.

FMWM FAMILY-Continue to pray for Phyllis Sorter, former Free Methodist missionary, who is seriously ill with malaria. Phyllis lives in Nigeria and is leading work through an affiliate partner Schools for

Africa. Pray for the family of Earle H.R. Hawley, former missionary to Egypt (1959- 1967;1969-1986) and Haiti (1967-1968) who passed away Friday, September 7. In addition to his missionary service, Earl pastored several churches in Canada.

INTERNATIONAL CHILD CARE MINISTRIES (ICCM) Pray for the children who are waiting for sponsors. Pray they will fully understand how much God loves them and is caring for their needs.

OUR MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Mike and Vickie Reyen - Togo

PRAYING FOR LOCAL MINISTRIES

Clarity Clinic of SW Wisconsin-Karen Bradley

PRAYING FOR PLATTEVILLE

Rolling Hills Church – Matt Wunderlin

OUR CHURCH FAMILIES

Monday	The Paul Bendorfs
Tuesday	Sandra Bennett
Wednesday	The Jim Bottomleys
Thursday	Thomas Bottomley
Friday	The John Bruggers
Saturday	The Steven Burgstahlers
Sunday	Darlene Butson

SPECIAL NEEDS - PRAY FOR:

1. President Trump, his administration, Congress, Supreme Court
2. Spiritual revival in the United States
3. Our military personnel–Vincent Anderson, Brice Brooks, Christopher Harkness, Taylor Wiech, Bret McMahon
4. Neighbors, friends and family members who need to know Jesus
5. Families in our congregation that are struggling
6. Those with health issues
7. The leaders, children, teens and adults for our fall Wednesday Family Night program
8. Those needing employment
9. Persecuted believers that they stand firm in their faith

PRAISE & ANSWERS:

1. Thankful for God's love that never fails and His grace that we don't deserve.

A WEEK OF BIRTHDAYS

9/16 Rita McMahon
9/16 Tom Butson
9/17 Jean Pick
9/22 Summer Colorado
9/23 Robert Stephens



A WEEK OF ANNIVERSARIES

9/16 Paul & Nancy Bendorf (58 yrs)
9/24 Eric & Summer Colorado (14 yrs)
9/24 Matthew & Sheila Stephens (7 yrs)



**The Platteville Free Methodist Church exists for the purpose of:
Magnifying JESUS through worship and the Word,
Moving believers in JESUS toward maturity and ministry,
and
Making JESUS known to our neighbors and the nations.**

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Bulletin Information: Call Janita Ewing by Thursday afternoon at 348-9865 or email: ewingsj64@gmail.com

Pastor Jeff's day off each week is Monday.

Copies of today's service are available immediately following the service. Please ask the sound technician for a CD.

Church Website: Church monthly calendars, weekly bulletins and sermons are available at: www.plattevillefreemethodist.org