

**FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

350 E. Furnace Street  
Platteville, WI 53818  
Pastor Jeff Suits  
September 23, 2018

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Prelude		
Welcome		
Life in the Church		
*Call to Worship	I Chronicles 29:11 & 13	
*Hymn	“How Great Thou Art”	#4
*Invocation		
*Greeting One Another		
*Songs of Praise		
Pastoral Prayer		
Song of Praise		
Worship Through Giving		
Offertory		Karen Jensen
*Doxology		#625
Ministry of Music		Sue Meylor
Scripture Reading	Romans 3:9-24	
Message	“Ready for Battle”	
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 worshipping 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: Mackenzie Johnston, Michelle Eaches, Amanda Harkness  
Next Week: Megan Wiech, Abby Gottschall, Luke Gottschall  
Usher Next Week: Paul Farra & Joel Eaches  
Financial Tellers Next Week: Sharon Brugger & Tom Hamm

**KEEN-AGER POTLUCK** – Are you 50 or more or married to someone who is? Please join us today for lunch after church in the Sonshine Center.

**SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE** - Come and join us at 6:00 p.m. for some singing, prayer and a review of 10 essential Christian beliefs and behaviors.

**MEN’S BARBECUE** Tuesday evening, at 6:00 p.m. on the parsonage deck.

**FAMILY NIGHT** every Wednesday night 6:30-7:45 p.m. Something for everyone – Children, Youth and Adults.

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** Thursday at 1:00 p.m. at the Sonshine Center.

**M&M TEAM** Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. at the Sonshine Center.

**WOMEN’S RETREAT** at Sky Lodge Christian Camp next weekend, Friday through Sunday. Brochures are on the table in the church foyer.

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

**OUR BELOVED CHURCH FAMILY** is invited to an open house shower Sunday, September 30, 2018 from 1:30-3:30 to celebrate the upcoming marriage of Anna Pulver and Dave Leatherman. Join us at the Sonshine Center as we visit with the couple and wish them well in their marriage. Please bring your favorite marriage advice, story, or words of encouragement for Anna and Dave to read together throughout their first year of marriage. Dave and Anna are registered at MyRegistry.com. Or if you would like to help them as they gather funds for a suitable home, that would also be a blessing to them. What a joy to celebrate together!

**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.

**HELPING HANDS** Monday and Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Sonshine Center.

**ALL CHURCH POTLUCK** October 14.

**CLARITY CLINIC** Boutique Needs: Size 4-5 Diapers, Wipes(travel or regular size), Space saver high chairs, Personal items for parents(deodorants, shampoos, etc), Toys for Little Steps(ages 3-5)

**PRAY ABOUT MISSIONS**

**HIGHLIGHTING OUR MISSION GIVING**

It is truly an amazing reality – a reality non-praying people cannot fathom – that through your prayers you can actually impact the world you have never seen. Whether you have or have not seen Africa, we are glad for every prayer you utter for this continent! All across this vast land, Free Methodists are serving as witnesses for our Lord Jesus Christ. Some of them live next to Muslims and may even be persecuted. Others live among people who practice traditional religion and must deal with dark spiritual forces. Many live in urban centers where populations are a mix of Christians and lost people. Please pray for Christian witness by all these brothers and sisters of ours. Specifically, you can also serve the kingdom of God by praying for the ongoing multiplication of churches through Village Church Planting efforts in several countries. Pray for the medical ministry of the church through clinics and hospitals. There are dozens of Free Methodist primary schools. Pray for these schools to have powerful influence in the lives of all young people. Pray the Lord will pour out His Spirit and work great life transformations for His glory through the day-to-day and week-to-week ministry at local Free Methodist churches.

**OTHER MISSION NEWS**

**AFRICA**-Pray for Pastor Doseh Takpale who is currently traveling in Guinea Bissau and Guinea Conakry working with leaders in these two countries where the church is in formation. Vickie Reynen, missionary and regional ICCM coordinator, requests prayer for the ICCM schools in Nigeria, Liberia and Togo which will resume classes soon. Pray for the school leaders who are preparing for new students, new staff and purchasing materials on a limited budget.

**ASIA**-Please join in praying for the millions that were affected by Typhoon Mangkhut, the strongest storm anywhere on earth this year. Over the past weekend, Typhoon Mangkhut hit the Philippines, Hong Kong and parts of southern China. While it appears that no FMC work was affected, the Philippine FMC is prayerfully considering how to respond to the crisis on the northern part of the island of Luzon. In southern China, more than three million people were evacuated from around Hong Kong into the mainland. With leaders reporting in from Hong Kong, none of our members were injured, nor were any of our churches or two schools damaged. There will be some significant cleanup and repair, but they have been spared any tragedy. Thank the Father with us.

**LATIN AMERICA**-Ricardo and Beth Gómez praise the Lord for the ministry of Dr. John Oswalt who served in Medellín and Bogotá last month. Dr. Oswalt taught in the seminary in Medellín and led 2-day holiness seminars with about 400 participants between the two locations. He also took a group of missionaries through the book of Exodus during a retreat.

**MIDDLE EAST**-Praise the Lord for a recent gathering in one country where 350 people with drug addictions, sexual addictions, familial abuse and criminal records gathered together to hear about Christ. Many cried passionately to accept Jesus as Savior. Pray for the Lord of creation to make all things new in these lives and pray for those who will disciple them in their new life with Christ.

**FMWM FAMILY**-Continue to pray for Phyllis Sorter, former Free Methodist missionary. Her condition has improved, and she has been released from the hospital. Please pray for continued rest and recovery over the next two to three weeks. Phyllis lives in Nigeria and is leading work through an affiliate partner Schools for Africa.

**OUR MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK**

Doug & Margaret Grenawalt – in Chicago working with Pakistanis

**PRAYING FOR LOCAL MINISTRIES**

North Central Conference – Rev Mike Hopper, Conference Superintendent

**PRAYING FOR PLATTEVILLE**

Lutheran Church of Peace – Pastor Jeff Pedersen

**OUR CHURCH FAMILIES**

Monday	Blake Butson
Tuesday	The Shannon Butsons
Wednesday	The Tom Butsons
Thursday	The James Cahills
Friday	Jeanette Campbell
Saturday	Sharon Carter
Sunday	Mark Christopher

**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
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**PRAISE & ANSWERS:**

1. He created us on purpose and for a purpose.
2. Thankful for the Bible - It guides me, comforts me and gives me hope

**A WEEK OF BIRTHDAYS**

9/23 Robert Stephens  
9/25 Bethany Harkness  
9/26 Janelle Elliot  
9/26 Shannon Butson



**A WEEK OF ANNIVERSARIES**

9/24 Eric & Summer Colorado (14 yrs)  
9/24 Matthew & Sheila Stephens (7 yrs)  
9/27 Keith & Jan Merfeld (6 yrs)  
10/2 Pastor Jeff & Susan Suits (36 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](http://www.plattevillefreemethodist.org)