

FREE METHODIST CHURCH
350 E. Furnace Street
Platteville, WI 53818
Pastor Jeff Suits
November 25, 2018

Prelude
Welcome
Life in the Church
*Call to Worship Psalm 100:4-5
*Hymns Danted Verses Only #559 & #560
*Invocation
*Greeting One Another
Focus on Global Missions
*Songs of Praise
Pastoral Prayer (The altar is open for prayer)
Song of Praise
Worship Through Giving
Offertory "Count Your Blessings" Refrain after Verses 2 & 4 #563
Ministry of Music Rebecca Fohner
Message "Not What I Expected"
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: Family Night 6:30 pm
Alternate Thursdays: Women's Bible Study 1:00 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: Vickie Humphreys, Jessica Gottschall, Michelle Eaches
Next Week: Del Rae Cushman, Tom Hamm, Kennedy Johnston
Usher Next Week: Andrew Pulver & Craig Humphreys
Financial Tellers Next Week: Andrew Pulver & Tom Hamm

OUR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE is this evening at 6:00 p.m.

2019 WORLD MISSIONS PLEDGES: Our Church Board is planning to make World Missions commitments for 2019 in a few weeks. Please let us know how much you or your family plan to give for World Missions in 2019 by November 25th. All pledges are confidential and no one will contact you about them. Please put your pledge card in the offering plate, mail it, or email our church treasurer Ginger Zielke (zielkehome@hotmailcom).

POINSETTIA orders are due **today**. See insert.

M & M TEAM Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Sonshine Center.

FAMILY NIGHT WILL RESUME WEDNESDAY at 6:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Thursday afternoon, at 1:00 at the Sonshne Center.

CHURCH CHOIR will present the Christmas Cantata next Sunday during the morning service.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING— All ages are invited to sing at Park Place in Platteville next Sunday night at 5:30.

ADULT CHRISTMAS DINNER Friday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Sonshine Center. Sign up in the foyer. The cost is \$12.00.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING in December. Various dates and times available at both Walmart and Piggly Wiggly. For more information contact Pastor Chris Hinds.

BISHOPS' CRISIS RESPONSE FUND - The FMC Bishops have established a fund to help those affected by the California wild fires. The funds are to aid with shelter and other immediate needs. For more info or to donate visit <http://fmcusa.org/bfund>.

PRAY ABOUT MISSIONS

HIGHLIGHTING OUR MISSIONS GIVING

Scott & Kirsten are ambassadors for Jesus that we support. They are from the Midwest and have lived and worked in the Middle East since 2013. They spent time in Oman and the last 2 and a half years in Southern Iraq. Currently they are teaching at an International school in the United Arab Emirates. Scott teaches special education students and Kirsten works in administration. They are able to spend time on relationship building talking with people about their faith and what Jesus has done in their lives. In the ME religion is front and center of everybody's life and people are eager and interested in hearing what they have to say. Some are hostile and some are receptive, it is our job to tell of the story and the holy spirit's job to convict.

OTHER MISSION NEWS

Please pray for Asia Director Eric and his wife Virginia. Eric has had some medical concerns including issues related to his blood pressure. He and Virginia are in Hong Kong and will be heading back to the U.S. on Wednesday, November 28. Please pray for rest and peace as they await their journey. Pray for confidence to board the flight home and for no complications during travel.

AFRICA-Praise the Lord for a recent missiological training for superintendents and country leaders in the first West African Mission Alliance meeting. Pray for Rufus from Liberia, Mathias from Nigeria, Wilson from Cameroon, Mao from Ivory Coast and Gabriel from Guinea as they work together with Area Director Mike Reynen to train, send and support missionaries in their African context.

ASIA-The FM Book of Discipline is being translated in at least four different countries in Asia. Pray for the resources (translators and funding) needed for this task and the accurate translation to different languages and cultural contexts.

EUROPE-In November, the FM church in Portugal has 21 days of fasting and prayer for families. Praise the Lord for Marisa and Rui, who have come to Christ and whose broken marriage has been healed. This past Sunday, November 18, they were remarried. Pray for their continued growth in the Lord and continued restoration of health in their relationship. Thank you for your prayers concerning a law in Bulgaria that would affect the FM church in Bulgaria. The Sofia Globe states, "Responding to objections from various faiths, parties in Bulgaria's Parliament are revising amendments to the Religious Denomination Act before the bill is put to a second reading." Please continue to pray for this process.

LATIN AMERICA-Praise the Lord for ten new ministerial candidates in Chile! Pray for these men and women as they plant churches and serve not just Chileans but people from all over the continent and the world. Juliana Gomez (daughter of Ricardo and Beth Gomez, missionaries in Colombia) and J.R. Crouse (missionary in Ecuador) both underwent surgery recently. They are doing well and appreciate your prayers.

MIDDLE EAST- The Turning Back ministry reaches out to at-risk men in one Middle Eastern country. Pray for this small group of men who have dedicated their time to build relationships with young men and share the gospel of Jesus with them.

SEED LIVELIHOOD NETWORK SEED staff gives thanks to God for each of SEED's donors and customers! Join in thanking the Lord for donors, customers and livelihood groups.

SET FREE Pray for the Set Free team in Budapest, Hungary, who are serving and sharing the love of Jesus with children from abusive situations.

OUR MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Doug & Margaret Grenawalt family – in Chicago working with Pakistanis

PRAYING FOR LOCAL MINISTRIES

North Central Conference- Rev Mike Hopper, Conference Superintendent

PRAYING FOR PLATTEVILLE

Westview Methodist Church – Pastor Paul Glendenning

OUR CHURCH FAMILIES

Monday	The Dwight Nelsons
Tuesday	Diane Pearce
Wednesday	Jody Pearce
Thursday	The Boris Penas
Friday	The Leon Picks
Saturday	Esther Pleva
Sunday	The Jed Polzins

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. Persecuted believers that they stand firm in their faith
6. Families in our congregation that are struggling
7. Those with health issues – Amy Mehlhorn, Bonita Medina, Nora Munson
8. Edie Ege who has an infection in her ankle that is not responding to antibiotics
9. Bill Helbing after surgery getting rehab at Atrium Post Acute Care in Lancaster
10. Peg Polodna having surgery December 3, UW Hospital
11. The people in California affected by the wildfires

PRAISE & ANSWERS:

1. Thankful that Chuck Virtue has driven school bus for 50 years without any accidents
2. Grateful to God for His seen and unseen protection over each of us every day.

A WEEK OF BIRTHDAYS

11/27 Abby Gottschall
11/27 Chris Hinds
11/29 Karen Jensen
12/1 Craig Humphreys
12/2 Lori Polzin
12/3 Don Gander



A WEEK OF ANNIVERSARIES

11/25 Chuck & Elsie Virtue (29 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