

FREE METHODIST CHURCH
 350 E. Furnace Street
 Platteville, WI 53818
 Pastor Jeff Suits
 December 2, 2018

Prelude
 Welcome
 Life in the Church
 Hymn "The Advent of Our God" #120
 *Call to Worship Isaiah 7:14
 *Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #124
 *Invocation
 Congregational Reading "The Messianic King" #634
 Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Darted verses only) #123
 Lighting of the First Advent Candle
 This morning we light the first candle of Advent. **The Prophet's Candle** reminds us of the **Hope** offered to us in Christ. Today's candle lighter is Delaney Johnston.
 Pastoral Prayer
 Worship Through Giving
 Offertory String Ensemble
 *Doxology #758
 *Greeting One Another
 Christmas Cantata

ALMOST THERE
 Arranged and Orchestrated
 by Bradley Knight

Closing Prayer
 *Benediction
**indicates that the congregation should stand*

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

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: Del Rae Cushman, Tom Hamm, Kennedy Johnston
 Next Week: Abby Gottschall, Mackenzie Johnston, Liberty Johnston
 Usher Next Week: Eldon Pratt & Joel Herr
 Financial Tellers Next Week: Eldon Pratt & Leon Pick

CHRISTMAS CAROLING TONIGHT – Come and lend your voice as we bring the message of God's gift of His Son through music! All ages are invited to sing at Park Place this evening. You can meet us at Park Place at 5:30 p.m. or meet at the church and ride in the church van. The church van will be leaving at 5:15p.m.

HELPING HANDS Monday and Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. at the Sonshine Center.

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

2019 WORLD MISSIONS PLEDGES-Help us know what level of support we can offer to our missionaries. So far our pledges for 2019 total \$8520.00. 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@hotmail.com).

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>.

COOKBOOKS FOR SALE –They are available in the back of the church for \$5.

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION-Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY – Thursday, December 13th.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – at 6:00 p.m. Sunday evening, December 16th.

PRAY ABOUT MISSIONS

HIGHLIGHTING OUR MISSIONS GIVING

We support the FMC in Cameroon with the guidance of Pastor Wilson, the local head of the church and Mike Reynen our FM area director for Western Africa. Since recent elections that reelected President Paul Biya who has ruled since 1982 there has been a lot of violence in the areas that the FMC works. The English speaking peoples are feeling marginalized as the French speakers run the government. The country is slowly descending into Civil war and the churches and schools are caught in the middle of this conflict. Several schools have been attacked and hostages taken recently. The FMC in the English region has been attacked and its members driven to the countryside. Please pray for this conflict to be resolved. It has only been a short time since Pastor Jeff and Mike Reynen traveled to this area to set the foundations for the reemergence of the FMC in Cameroon and all of our progress is in jeopardy due to the conflict.

OTHER MISSION NEWS

AFRICA-Pray that the Lord will fill the need for new managers for the Kibogora Hospital guest house in Rwanda. For further information contact Beth.Cullison@fmcusa.org..

EUROPE-Pray for two young families who are currently in the process of partnership building with plans to join the European missionary team in 2019. Rodrigo and Tanya Rosado will work in Athens, Greece, and Chadwick and Sarah Anderson will work in Győr, Hungary.

LATIN AMERICA-Praise the Lord for the vision of the Shoreline District in Costa Rica-"That every person in every community has access to a living church." Pray for three pastors who were commissioned at the annual meeting on November 24.

MIDDLE EAST-As we approach the Christmas season, pray for house church leaders and other believers in the region to be able to effectively communicate both the miracle of the incarnation and the death and resurrection of Christ.

FMWM FAMILY NEWS-FMWM rejoices with missionaries Al and Diane Mellinger on the birth of their first grandchild. Faith Diane Mellinger was born on November 21, 2018. Parents are Brad and Zandra Mellinger of Sycamore, Ohio.

INTERNATIONAL CHILD CARE MINISTRIES (ICCM) Praise the Lord for the learning and renewal of the Latin American team at the ICCM Learning Conference in mid-October. Pray for them to continue to experience God as they serve the children in the nine countries represented.

SET FREE-Pray for Set Free Director Kevin Austin's emotional and spiritual well-being as he regularly experiences the tragic impact of modern day slavery.

OUR MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Missy & Sanja – an Asian country

PRAYING FOR LOCAL MINISTRIES

Sky Lodge Christian Camp – Steve & Terry Hankins

PRAYING FOR PLATTEVILLE

St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church – Pastor Joel Voss

OUR CHURCH FAMILIES

Monday	The Eldon Pratts
Tuesday	The Aaron Pulvers
Wednesday	The Andrew Pulvers
Thursday	The Dennis Pulvers
Friday	The Todd Richmonds
Saturday	Janice Risberg
Sunday	The John Risics

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, Nora Munson
8. Edie Ege has an infection in her ankle that is not responding to antibiotics
9. Bill Helbing after surgery getting rehab at the Atrium in Lancaster
10. Peg Polodna having surgery - postponed to December 10, UW Hospital
11. Diane Pearce continues to receive hospice care at the Atrium in Lancaster

PRAISE & ANSWERS:

1. For this Christmas season which reminds us of God's great gift to each of us.
2. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!
3. Sue Meylor welcomes the birth of a granddaughter, Aubielle Kay Nichols born November 25th. Her parents are Mariah Kammes and Trevor Nichols.

A WEEK OF BIRTHDAYS

12/1	Craig Humphreys
12/2	Lori Polzin
12/3	Don Gander
12/4	Michelle Cahill
12/5	Cyndi Williams
12/7	Andrew Pulver
12/7	Bethany Howard



A WEEK OF ANNIVERSARIES

NONE



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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Prayer Chain (Emergency): email at: pvlfmc@gmail.com or call Carolyn Johnston at 642-0018 or Janita Ewing at 348-9865.

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