

FREE METHODIST CHURCH

350 E. Furnace Street  
Platteville, WI 53818  
Pastor Jeff Suits  
December 9, 2018

Prelude  
Welcome  
Life in the Church  
\*Call to Worship Luke 2:13-14  
\*Hymn "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" #131  
Lighting of the Advent Candle Isaac Harkness  
*The Second Candle of Advent, The Bethlehem Candle, reminds us of the Faith of Mary and Joseph and encourages us to put our faith in Christ.*  
\*Invocation  
\*Greeting One Another  
\*Songs of Praise  
Pastoral Prayer  
\*Song of Praise  
Worship Through Giving  
Offertory Brass/Woodwinds  
Scripture Reading Matthew 1:18-25  
Message "I Hope So"  
Prayer  
Communion (Served in Pews/Chairs)  
Ministry of Music Regan Eaches  
\*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.*

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

*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: Abby Gottschall, Mackenzie Johnston, Liberty Johnston  
Next Week: Senja Hines, Megan Wiech, Luke Gottschall  
Usher Next Week: Tom & Lea Goodney  
Financial Tellers Next Week: Lea Goodney & Gordon Herr

**COMMUNION** - This morning we will celebrate Holy Communion. If you are trusting in the Lord Jesus as your Savior and desire to continue walking closely with Him, you are welcome at His table. You need not be a member of this congregation to participate.

**BENEVOLENCE OFFERING** - Each Communion Sunday we receive a Benevolence Offering to assist those within and from outside our church who find themselves in crisis situations. You may place your offering in one of the **Benevolence Boxes** as you leave the sanctuary this morning. Benevolence offerings may be made at any time, not just on Communion Sundays.

**SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE** - Come and join us at 6:00 p.m. for some singing, prayer and some teaching and discussion about the radical side of the Nativity.

**BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION**-Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Sonshine Center.

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY** – Thursday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. at the Sonshine Center.

**2019 WORLD MISSIONS PLEDGES**-Help us know what level of support we can offer to our missionaries. So far our pledges for 2019 total \$9640.00. 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@hotmailcom).

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM PRACTICE** Saturday from noon to 2:00 p.m.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** – at 6:00 p.m. Sunday evening, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for the night of Christmas festivity and bring your favorite Christmas treat to share at a gathering in the Sonshine Center following the program

**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.

**THANK YOU** for your prayers, cards, phone calls and flowers sent to me at the time of my surgery.  
Bill Helbing

PRAY ABOUT MISSIONS

**HIGHLIGHTING OUR MISSIONS GIVING**

An estimated 40 million people are trapped in slavery around our world today: people working against their will, forced to do things they don't want to do, living under the threat of violence. Even in developed nations in Europe, this is a pervasive problem. In the landlocked country of Hungary, an estimated 36,000 people are living in slavery. Due to the inadequate and uncoordinated response of the government, Hungary was downgraded in the 2017 Trafficking in Persons report as a "Tier 2 Watch List" country — now sharing the same rank as countries such as Liberia, Iraq, Rwanda, Guatemala, and Haiti. Hungary is part of our broken world. But the good news is that we are not powerless. Our Set Free leaders in Hungary are a beacon of hope and light in the dark shadows cast by human trafficking and its compounding issues, which include poverty, racism, addictions, gender inequalities, broken systems, and more. Our teams in Hungary put an emphasis on prevention, seeking to protect vulnerable people from exploitation, Roma groups, at-risk youth, and people who are unemployed.

**OTHER MISSION NEWS**

**AFRICA**-Thom and Sherry Cahill (missionaries in Kenya) request prayer for the university students who attend their Bible study. Pray for these students who will be taking national exams this week. Pray for Julie Yerger and the other nurses in the neonatal intensive care unit at Kibogora Hospital in Rwanda. Pray for their mental strength, physical stamina, and encouragement. Also, pray for relief to be provided through additional nursing staff and schedule adjustment.

**ASIA**- Praise the Lord for Keith and Jenna Battleson, new missionaries to Thailand, who have completed their partnership building and will depart for Thailand later today (December 4). Pray for Keith, Jenna and their two sons, Roman and Solomon, as they transition to a new culture, set up a house, establish new relationships, and begin language study.

**EUROPE**-Pray for the community Christmas program to be held on December 16 at the Ministry Center in Budapest, Hungary. Pray for new people who have been attending the weekday programs at the Ministry Center to come, for people from the church fellowship to be welcoming hosts, and for the Holy Spirit to move in each life.

**LATIN AMERICA** Area Director, Delia Nüesch-Oliver, reports that more than 80 new house churches have been started in Latin America in 2018. Praise the Lord and pray for the believers in these churches to be strengthened and encouraged in their faith. Continue to pray for Juliana Gómez (daughter of missionaries Ricardo and Beth Gómez) who recently had surgery for scoliosis. Juliana was readmitted to the hospital for a very severe and long-lasting migraine. Pray for relief from pain and a return to complete health.

**MIDDLE EAST**-Pray for Christmas outreach ministries that are touching the lives of majority background believers in some challenging parts of this region.

**MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**OUR FINANCES:**

Average weekly budget receipts for November--\$5,662  
Average weekly budget receipts YTD--\$4,945  
Needed budget receipts per week in 2018--\$4,381  
Free Methodist World Missions Receipts for November--\$3,560  
Free Methodist World Missions Receipts YTD--\$16,915  
(plus \$5,500 from budget)

**OUR ATTENDANCE:**

Average weekly worship attendance for November--137  
Average weekly worship attendance YTD--141  
Average weekly Sunday School attendance for November--63  
Average Family Night Attendance for November--90

**OUR MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK**

Jim & Peggy Warren - Broken Hearts Ministries – Juarez, Mexico

**PRAYING FOR LOCAL MINISTRIES**

UWP InterVarsity Christian Fellowship; CRU; Fellowship of Christian Athletes; IFES(International Fellowship of Evangelical Students)

**PRAYING FOR PLATTEVILLE**

First Congregational United Church of Christ

**OUR CHURCH FAMILIES**

Monday	The Gary Romaines
Tuesday	The Donald Rosenbrooks
Wednesday	Janet Sanders
Thursday	The Jerry Sellecks
Friday	The David Spinks
Saturday	The Matthew Stephens'
Sunday	The Mort Stephens'

**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 – Amy Mehlhorn, Nora Munson
7. Edie Ege has infection in her ankle that is not responding to antibiotics
8. Peg Polodna having surgery Monday at UW Hospital
9. Diane Pearce receiving hospice care at the Atrium in Lancaster
10. Nora Munson as she heals up from surgery

**PRAISE & ANSWERS:**

1. For this Christmas season which reminds us of God's great gift to each of us.

**A WEEK OF BIRTHDAYS**

12/12 Carol Frazer  
12/14 Brianna Polzin  
12/14 Britany Polzin  
12/16 Thomas Bottomley



**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](http://www.plattevillefreemethodist.org)