

FREE METHODIST CHURCH

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

Prelude		
Welcome		
Life in the Church		
*Call to Worship	Luke 1:46-47 & 49	
*Hymn	“Joy to the World”	#125
*Invocation		
*Greeting One Another		
Scripture Reading	Luke 2:8-20	
Lighting of the Advent Candle		
	<i>The Third Candle of Advent, The Shepherds Candle, reminds us of the Glad News of Christ’s Coming and the JOY He brings to our lives.</i>	
*Hymn	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	#133
Pastoral Prayer		
*Hymn	“Emmanuel”	#134
Worship Through Giving		
Offertory		Joshua Fohner
*Doxology		#758
Message	“Share in the Joy”	
Prayer		
*Benediction		
	<i>*indicates that the congregation should stand</i>	

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: Senja Hines, Megan Wiech, Luke Gottschall
Next Week: Janita Ewing, Bethany Harkness, Joyce Herr
Usher Next Week: Shannon Butson & Donald Rosenbrook
Financial Tellers Next Week: Sharon Brugger & Gary Munson

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM –this evening at 6:00 p.m. 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.

POINSETTIAS –Those of you who provided Poinsettia plants may pick them up following the service this morning. Thank you for sharing them with us.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE Monday evening, December 24th at 6:00 p.m. here at the church

2019 WORLD MISSIONS COMMITMENTS - Our pledges for 2019 FMWM total \$9,640.00. Help us know what level of support we can offer to our missionaries. 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).

NEW YEAR’S EVE ACTIVITIES will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Sonshine Center on December 31st. Bring your favorite snacks, beverages and table games to share.

NEW WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY starting January 7th. Mondays 6:30-8:30 at Karen Jensen’s house (290 E Furnace St). 12 weeks on the topic: “A Deeper Look at the Fruit of the Spirit.” Daily personal time in the Word will be part of this study. Cost of book is \$8. Call Karen at 608.330.0864 with any questions. RSVP by Christmas so we know how many books to order.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS needed for December 22nd. For times 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.

COPIES of the Light and Life Magazine are on the table in the foyer.

FROM OUR CHURCH TREASURER:

IRS Reminder: To be deductible on 2018 tax return, all contributions must either be received by 12/31/2018 or be postmarked by midnight on 12/31/18.

1. If any single contribution check was for \$250 or more, be sure you have your contribution receipt from the church before you file your income tax report with IRS.

2. Designated contributions are fully deductible if made to a church project program, unless a specific individual is designated as the recipient.

Please remember to mark mission pledges or other special funds on your checks or offering envelopes. THANKS!

PRAY ABOUT MISSIONS

HIGHLIGHTING OUR MISSIONS GIVING

The Free Methodist mission in Haiti began in 1964 when Mildred Norbeck, a Free Methodist, turned over the independent mission she had founded to Free Methodist World Missions. The first Free Methodist church was organized in Port-au-Prince with 12 members. As God has provided for the FMC in Haiti it has seen huge growth. In spite of great tragedy and loss caused by such catastrophes as the January 2010 earthquake, the church continues to grow and prosper.. Many church buildings which were destroyed have been rebuilt in better, larger locations. **International Child Care Ministries (ICCM)** sponsors nearly 9,000 children in Haiti. Most of the churches operate primary schools. Nine secondary schools, a Bible school, and **Providence University**, as well as the **Dessalines Rural Health Program** and hospital, serve the educational, health and spiritual needs of thousands of people. Years of missionary investment are bearing fruit as responsibility and direction have fully shifted to Haitian leaders. The Free Methodist Church in Haiti became a provisional general conference in 2011 and a full general conference in 2015.

OTHER MISSION NEWS

AFRICA-Thom and Sherry Cahill (missionaries in Kenya) request prayer for students in the modular Bible school. This cohort will finish and graduate on December 15. Pray for the students to be able to use all they have learned to teach and preach the Word of God effectively. Pray for the "free to proceed" ruling that is necessary to complete the construction of the Wesley Missionary Institute in Togo.

ASIA-Pray for missionaries Matt and Christine Sauder (Philippines) as they search for a different home in Manila. There is a buyer for the property they are currently renting. Pray that the Lord will provide a suitable place for their family and a place that is in a good location for their ministry to university students.

EUROPE-The churches in Bulgaria recently assembled 610 Christmas gift boxes for children. Pray for the children in the church communities in Bulgaria and Macedonia who will receive these gifts in the next two weeks. Pray that the Christmas boxes will open doors for the gospel in the homes of these children.

LATIN AMERICA-Ricardo and Beth Gómez (Colombia) thank you for your prayers for their daughter Juliana. The procedure that was done last week was successful in relieving the pain from a severe migraine that led to her hospitalization. She is home now. Please pray for a complete recovery from her November surgery and no further complications.

MIDDLE EAST-God is transforming families and villages through house churches in Egypt. Pray for Pastor "H" who is leading one network of several hundred churches.

INTERNATIONAL CHILD CARE MINISTRIES (ICCM) ICCM speakers and advocates speak in churches and other venues across the U.S. about the impact sponsorship can have in a child’s life. Praise the

Lord for these opportunities. Pray for more of them as we finish 2018 and throughout 2019.

SEED LIVELIHOOD NETWORK- Pray for individuals and churches to seek out ethically-sourced gifts for their Christmas giving. For more information see the SEED Gift Giving Guide.

SET FREE-Pray for a Set Free team in Columbus, OH as they lay the groundwork for a social enterprise that will create sustainable, post-recovery employment for survivors of human trafficking. Pray for the right property, clients, and partners.

OUR MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Wilson Esambe - Cameroon

PRAYING FOR LOCAL MINISTRIES

Clarity Clinic of SW Wisconsin – Karen Bradley

PRAYING FOR PLATTEVILLE

United Methodist church – Rev Brenda Whitford

OUR CHURCH FAMILIES

Monday	The Robert Stephens'
Tuesday	Stephenie Stephens
Wednesday	The Jim Stoffregens
Thursday	Ethan Suits
Friday	The Jeff Suits'
Saturday	The Chuck Virtues
Sunday	Michael Wang

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. Peg Polodna recovering from surgery
8. Diane Pearce receiving hospice care at the Atrium in Lancaster
9. Nora Munson as she heals up from surgery
10. Those for whom this time of the year is difficult
11. Safety for those traveling during the Christmas season

PRAISE & ANSWERS:

1. For this Christmas season which reminds us of God's great gift to all of us.
2. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

A WEEK OF BIRTHDAYS

12/16 Thomas Bottomley
12/19 Rodney Dailey
12/21 Del Rae Cushman
12/24 Elsie Virtue
12/24 Faith Green
12/24 Susan Munson



A WEEK OF ANNIVERSARIES

12/20 Shannon & Amy Butson (27yrs)



**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