

FREE METHODIST CHURCH

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

Prelude
Welcome
Life in the Church
*Call to Worship Luke 2:13-14
*Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #145
*Invocation
*Greeting One Another
*Hymn "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" (Darted verses only) #131
*Hymn "Angles We Heard on High" (Darted verses only) #132
Congregational Reading Christ's Incarnation #635
Lighting of the Fourth Candle of Advent Weston Shea
*The Fourth Candle of Advent, The ANGELS' CANDLE, is the Peace
Candle and it reminds us that Jesus is our Peace.*
Ministry of Music Danni Stephens
*Hymn "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" (Verses 1,3,4) #128
Pastoral Prayer
Worship Through Giving
Offertory Carol Frazer
Message "Immanuel"
Prayer
*Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (Verse 4 only) #141
*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: Janita Ewing, Bethany Harkness, Joyce Herr
Next Week: Vickie Humpreys, Jessica Gottschall, Amanda Harkness
Usher Next Week: Tom Hamm & Leon Pick
Financial Tellers Next Week: Tom Hamm & Andrew Pulver

NO EVENING SERVICE HERE THIS EVENING

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE Monday evening, at 6:00 p.m.

ALONE FOR CHRISTMAS? Several Platteville churches have joined together to serve a Free dinner at 12:00 noon on Christmas Day at St Mary Church, 130 West Cedar St.

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. Please put your pledge card in the offering plate, mail it, or email our church treasurer Ginger Zielke (zielkehome@hotmailcom).

NO FAMILY NIGHT THIS WEEK. It will resume Wednesday, January 2 with Couch Potato Night for the CLC.

SKY LODGE \$30,000 MATCHING FUND total is \$13,318. You have until December 31st to help them reach their goal.

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.

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.

MEN'S RETREAT is January 25-27 at Sky Lodge Christian Camp. The speaker is Doug Newton. Registration forms 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

How Many Countries? Yes, October saw Vickie on an ICCM administrative tour of five countries in East and Central Africa; Ethiopia, Kenya, Burundi, D.R. Congo and Rwanda. Most of the tour was with our other Regional Coordinator, Neddy Nanjowe. They visited schools, met with ICCM national committees and National Coordinators. Rwanda celebrated ten years of the relaunched ICCM work there. Most of these countries are now fully under Neddy's supervision while Vickie will be focusing more on countries in West Africa where ICCM is partnering with the national FMC.

OTHER MISSION NEWS

AFRICA-Pray for the Tanzania FMC as they prepare for the opening session of their Bible college in January. Continue in prayer for the "free to proceed" ruling that is necessary to complete the construction of the Wesley Missionary Institute in Togo. Pray that this ruling will happen before the end of the year.

ASIA-Roger Stone (Philippines) requests prayer for discernment and wisdom for each decision made as the biblical text is finalized in the languages of Ayta Mag-Indi and Ayta Abellen. Pray for the translators and those who will eventually receive the Bible translations, that it will be life-changing. Pray for the country leader and other pastors in Creative Access Country-N who are facing growing resistance and persecution because of their faith in Jesus Christ.

EUROPE-Pray for the Christmas services in FM churches across Europe: Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Macedonia, Portugal, Spain, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom. Pray that the Holy Spirit will use the music and the ministry of the Word to clearly and effectively communicate the love of God as demonstrated in the incarnate Jesus.

LATIN AMERICA-In the midst of much violence in Nicaragua during 2018, the FM school in Managua has not only remained open but has graduated a healthy number of students, several who will go on to the university. Area Director Delia Nüesch-Olver gives thanks for this story of education and redemption. She invites us to pray that these graduates will go out into the community and the country as salt and light.

MIDDLE EAST-Praise the Lord for a school in Jordan. This school is making a difference in the lives of refugee children who have been traumatized and displaced by violence in the region. Pray for the teachers and for students who are receiving physical and emotional healing.

SEED LIVELIHOOD NETWORK SEED-Livelihood Network is raising SEED capital for a pig farm in Asia. The farm will give community educators an income as they reach out to their community. Pray for this farm to be able to start in January or soon after.

SET FREE-Pray that the Lord will provide the resources to increase the Set Free staff. Currently, there are only two full-time and two part-time paid staff who manage 40 teams across three continents.

INTERNATIONAL CHILD CARE MINISTRIES (ICCM)

Pray for a wonderful year-end response to ICCM's "2020 Vision" campaign and Christmas catalog.

OUR MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Matt & Jenny Goodman – Ministry to Muslims

PRAYING FOR LOCAL MINISTRIES

North Central Conference – Rev Mike Hopper, Conference Superintendent

PRAYING FOR PLATTEVILLE

Christ's Church Around the World

OUR CHURCH FAMILIES

Monday	The Taylor Wiechs
Tuesday	The Gary Williams'
Wednesday	The Tim Woods
Thursday	The Steve Zielkes
Friday	The Greg Andersons
Saturday	Sarah Anderson
Sunday	Dorothy Arndt

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 McMahan
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, Steve Zielke, Connie Pratt
7. Gordon and Joyce Herr family. Gordon's mother, Joanne Herr passed away recently.
9. Those recovering from recent surgery- Nora Munson, Peg Polodna, Dennis Pulver, Mark Christopher, James Cahill, Bill Helbing
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

12/24 Elsie Virtue
12/24 Faith Green
12/24 Susan Munson
12/26 Carol Cook
12/28 Mackenzie Johnston
12/30 Matthew Lee
12/30 Darlene Dailey
12/31 Jerry Selleck
12/31 Todd Richmond



A WEEK OF ANNIVERSARIES

12/29 Tim & Terry Wood (45yrs)



**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