

FREE METHODIST CHURCH

350 E. Furnace Street
Platteville, WI 53818

Pastor Jeff Suits
January 6, 2019

Prelude
Welcome
Life in the Church
*Call to Worship Psalm 71:16 & 19
*Hymn "To God Be the Glory" #66
*Invocation
*Greeting One Another
*Songs of Praise
Pastoral Prayer
Communion (Served in Pews/Chairs)
*Song of Praise
Worship Through Giving
Offertory Saxophones
Dismissal for Children's Church
Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Message "Grace and Peace"
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 and Toddler Nursery is for ages three and under
This Week: Deb Hamm, Kennedy Johnston, Michelle Eaches
Next Week: Del Rae Cushman, Tom Hamm, Jagger Johnston
Usher Next Week: Gary Munson & Chuck Virtue
Financial Tellers Next Week: Gary Munson & Leon Pick

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 a teaching about what the Bible means when it says we are called to be saints.

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

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Monday evenings, 6:30-8:30 at Karen Jensen's house (290 E Furnace St).

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets every week at 6:30 p.m. in the south room of the basement of Sonshine Center. We will have a time of prayer and Bible study.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, at the Sonshine Center.

NIGHT OF WORSHIP is January 13th at 7 PM at New Hope Church (677 Walnut Dell Rd). Hope you can join us!

MUSIC COMMITTEE Thursday evening, January 17th, 7:00p.m.

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.

SNOWFEST at Sky Lodge is February 15-17 for those in grades 7-12.

Thanks to all who have already given to our \$30,000 Matching Gift Program at Sky Lodge. There is still time to have your gift matched. Deadline is January 7th and to date we have received \$24,100. Thanks for your prayers and support.
Steve Hankins

PRAY ABOUT MISSIONS

HIGHLIGHTING OUR MISSIONS GIVING

Scott and Kirsten continue to keep busy teaching at an International school in the Middle East. Scott's work with special needs children at the school has had its ups and downs. He had a few students with really challenging behaviors, which took a toll on his whole classroom environment. Fortunately, with the support of his coworkers, they were able to resolve most of the issues, and he has been able to see his students make great leaps forward (academically and developmentally). At parent-teacher conferences, many of his parents even acknowledged this progress. In this culture, parents' expectations (for their kids with special needs) can often be extremely unrealistic (i.e. that they will be 'cured' in week or month. So, having the parents support and recognition of the positive changes in their kids was definitely encouraging!

OTHER MISSION NEWS

Free Methodist World Missions gives praise to the incarnate Jesus who lives and is reigning today. We celebrate all the Lord Almighty has accomplished in 2018 and we look forward with anticipation to the expansion of the kingdom of Christ in 2019.

AFRICA- Praises from 2018 • Praise the Lord for several humble, hard-working FM VISA teams who served the Lord in Kenya and allowed the Lord to work in them as they served. • Praise the Lord for a new fellowship in a city that is almost entirely Muslim, for the people interested in learning about Jesus, and for the pastor who is leading. • Praise the Lord for new steps in greater mission endeavors in West Africa and for the leaders in six West African countries who are strategizing and planning together for missionary deployment from the Wesley Missionary Institute.

Prayers for 2019 • Pray that the Lord will call disciple-makers to join the Africa missionary team: people who have experience making disciples and leading others in spiritual growth. • Pray for newly formed conferences, new national leaders, new mission areas, and new church plants all across the region. Pray for significant progress in all these areas in 2019. • Pray for long-standing and mature conferences in Africa that have multiple ministries. Pray for 2019 to be a great year of faith and provision in answer to that faith.

ASIA-Praises from 2018 • Praise God for more than 200 new churches planted across Asia in 2018. • Give thanks and praise for thousands who have made commitments of faith in Jesus. • Praise God for a new spirit of cooperation across cultures and countries.

Prayers for 2019 • Pray for financial provision for nearly 50 missionaries and almost 20 countries in Asia. • Pray for courage, protection, and the Holy Spirit's comfort for Christ followers across Asia as persecution continues to increase in many countries. • Pray for wisdom and determination for leadership at all levels and that they will be prepared to capture critical opportunities to advance the gospel in 2019.

EUROPE-Praises from 2018 • Praise the Lord for providing new missionaries and leaders to join the European leadership team. • Praise the Lord for the maturing country leaders and the growth of several mission districts. • Praise the Lord for the work among the immigrants and refugees flooding into Europe and for those who have found new life in Christ.

Prayers for 2019 • Pray for unity in the church communities and for an expanded vision to win people to Christ. • Pray for the work of Set Free teams in the countries of Bulgaria, Hungary, Portugal, and Spain as they seek to work among those vulnerable to slavery and human trafficking. • Pray that the Holy Spirit will work in the hearts of people across Europe to bring a great revival. Pray for new churches and ministries to be launched in 2019.

OUR MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Thom & Sherry Cahill - Kenya

PRAYING FOR LOCAL MINISTRIES

Sky Lodge Christian Camp – Steve & Terry Hankins

PRAYING FOR PLATTEVILLE

Lutheran Church of Peace – Pastor Jeff Pedersen

OUR CHURCH FAMILIES

Monday	Darlene Butson
Tuesday	Austin Butson
Wednesday	Blake Butson
Thursday	The Shannon Butsons
Friday	The Tom Butsons
Saturday	The James Cahills
Sunday	Jeanette Campbell

SPECIAL NEEDS - PRAY FOR:

1. President Trump, his administration, Congress, Supreme Court
2. Spiritual revival in the United States
3. Our military personnel–Bret McMahon, Vincent Anderson, Brice Brooks, Christopher Harkness, Taylor Wiech
4. Neighbors, friends and family members who need to know Jesus
5. Families in our congregation that are struggling
6. Amy Mehlhorn as her cancer is requiring stronger pain medication
7. Nora Munson getting shots and lab work done every day.
8. That as we start a new year, God will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire Him above all else
9. Our children and teens as they face many challenges with our culture

PRAISE & ANSWERS:

1. For the child who accepted Jesus as his Savior during Sunday School
2. For God’s faithfulness to each of us during 2018, for the blessing we received, for the strength to get us through the tough places, and for the life lessons He has taught us

A WEEK OF BIRTHDAYS

1/7 Sharon Brugger
1/11 Jim Stoffregen
1/14 Eureka Bausch
1/14 Jim McMahon



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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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