

FREE METHODIST CHURCH
 350 E. Furnace Street
 Platteville, WI 53818
 Pastor Jeff Suits
 March 17, 2019

Prelude
 Welcome
 Life in the Church
 *Call to Worship Psalm 113:1-3
 *Hymn "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him" #9
 *Invocation
 *Greeting One Another
 *Songs of Praise
 Pastoral Prayer
 *Song of Praise
 Dismissal for Children's Church
 Worship Through Giving
 Offertory Steve Cook
 *Doxology #625
 Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 4:6-13
 Ministry of Music Danni Stephens
 Message "Fools for Christ"
 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 John---Teacher: Stan Ewing	

Nursery and Toddler Nursery is for ages three and under
 This Week: Senja Hines, Jenna Shea, Katie Shea
 Next Week: Vickie Humphreys, Mackenzie Johnston, Kennedy Johnston
 Usher Next Week: Paul Farra & Joel Eaches
 Financial Tellers Next Week: Leon Pick & Eldon Pratt

SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE - Come and join us at 6:00 p.m. for some singing, prayer, teaching and discussion about "What defines the Christian life better: prosperity or suffering?"

ADULT BIBLE STUDY will meet this Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. in the upstairs of the Sonshine Center. Children and youth will not meet because of spring break.

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

KEEN-AGER POTLUCK – Are you 50 or more or married to someone who is? Please join us for lunch after church at the Sonshine Center, Sunday, March 31st. Bring a dish or two to share.

ALL CHURCH ROLLERSKATING EVENT for all ages, Saturday, March 30th, 1:00-4:00 p.m. in Dubuque. Cost is \$5.25 and skate rental is from \$1.75 to \$2.75. Contact Gary Romaine if you plan to go.

CRAFT ITEMS needed for camp crafts at Sky Lodge - Spray paint any color, small to medium silk flowers, pinecones various sizes, empty thread wooden spools, bed springs, horse shoes, screw on lids from milk jugs, old CD's, metal lids off frozen orange juice, any size wooden embroidery hoops, empty card boxes, empty cereal boxes with the bag inside too, any size clean peanut butter jars. Place them in the blue bin in the church basement.

MISSIONS FUNDRAISER GARAGE SALE – We will be having a garage sale at the Sonshine Center on Friday, April 5th from 9a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, April 6th from 8a.m.-1p.m. If interested in helping with set up, please come on Thursday (anytime after 8am). If you have any items you'd like to donate to the sale, please contact Stephanie Anderson at (608)778-6571. We are also looking for donations of baked goods, too! We won't be accepting any large appliances, etc. Please make sure any donated items are clean and in good working order.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY SHEETS – If you would like to use your gifts by serving in the church, please fill out the Ministry Opportunity Sheet, drop it off in one of the baskets located at each exit. Extra forms are in the wing and foyer.

MARRIAGE CONFERENCE - "Weekend to Remember" is for Couples that are ready to invest in their marriage and intentionally move towards oneness. You will be helped to understand God's blueprint for marriage so you can create a legacy of greatness. May 17-19 at the Madison Marriott West. \$350 per couple is for registration. Discounts are available. Please see Brad or Emily Mowry or Pastor Jeff. For more information go to familylife.com and click "Weekend to Remember".

PRAY ABOUT MISSIONS

HIGHLIGHTING OUR MISSIONS GIVING

In 2016 Rev. Rufus Kahn began making plans to reach across the border to Sierra Leone and get the Free Methodist Church started there. By 2017 he had his contact, Church Planter and Pastor Mbawa (pictured above). Mbawa, a Sierra Leonean who worked for years in Liberia, but was soon returning to Sierra Leone, made his move in 2018. Rev. Rufus began making visits there as Mbawa began establishing a small network of pastors whom he had known and who wanted to work with us. The Liberia church holds an annual convention for all its churches. This year they invited the Sierra Leone church to send as many as they could. And they came! It was a real blessing for the Annual Convention to become international not only with US guests but with other West Africans, especially through work the Liberian church is doing to expand.

OTHER MISSION NEWS

AFRICA-Pray for Mike Reynen, Africa Area Director, and Rev. Dosseh Takpale as they travel to Guinea Conakry to help with leadership development March 9-17. Pray for Vickie Reynen as she goes to Nigeria for ICCM work from March 14-22. Ask the Lord to provide protection, grant wisdom, and make all their connections and ministry fruitful.

ASIA-Matt Sauder, missionary to the Philippines, requests prayer as he prepares for a major test in language school this week. The written test will take about 4 hours to complete, and oral testing will take 1-2 hours. Pray for the increasing number of female pastors in Asia. Ask the Lord to empower them through the Holy Spirit and give them courage. Pray that congregations and colleagues would embrace the great value they provide to the church.

EUROPE-The roof of the Ministry Center in Budapest, Hungary is badly in need of repair. The project begins this week. Missionaries Larry and Katie Winckles request prayer for the safety of the workers, good quality workmanship, and no obstacles that would impede a timely completion within the cost projected. Pray that God's presence and protection will be known to all those involved as they are on the work site each day.

LATIN AMERICA-Note from Dr. Delia Nüesch-Olver: We are grateful for your prayers and the many expressions of love and care. Paul was released from the hospital here in Colombia and is being treated on an outpatient basis. He will need to be hospitalized again for 1-2 days sometime next week. A challenge has been simultaneously dealing with the impact of internal injuries as well as blood clots. We are aiming for repatriation to the U.S. before the end of March. At some point in the future, he will need further surgery to remove hardware installed in his wrist. Until then, making it through airport security will be fun! Thank you so much for prayers; please continue. Pray for J. R. Crouse, missionary to Ecuador, as he completes a medical treatment that has required him to be in isolation. Also, pray for Pastor Patricio Alvial, Superintendent in Chile, who is recovering from a serious car accident.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

JUNIOR AND YOUNG TEEN CAMP preregistration of \$40 should be sent directly to Sky Lodge by April 1st if you want a free t-shirt.

CHURCH ADDRESS DIRECTORY is being updated so a new directory can be printed. If you have any changes since the last print please contact Carolyn Johnston at sahmof10@gmail.com or Janita Ewing at ewingsj64@gmail.com within the next two weeks or make it known on the yellow attendance sheet.

THANK YOU- *Our heartfelt “thank-you” to all of you. During this sad time, the entire church helped lift that burden. Many showed acts of kindness. Thank-you so much for prayers, food, cards, memorials, use of Sonshine Center and all your thoughts.*
The family of Darlene Butson

OUR MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Ken & Linda – a Middle East country

PRAYING FOR LOCAL MINISTRIES

Clarity Clinic of SW Wisconsin

PRAYING FOR PLATTEVILLE

First Congregational United Christ of Christ

OUR CHURCH FAMILIES

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

SPECIAL NEEDS - PRAY FOR:

1. President Trump, his administration, Congress, Supreme Court
2. Spiritual revival in the United States
3. Our military personnel– Taylor Wiech, Brice Brooks, Bret McMahon, Christopher Harkness, and Vincent Anderson
4. Neighbors, friends and family members who need to know Jesus
5. Persecuted believers that their ministry activities will remain undetected by authorities or others who wish to silence them
6. Family members who need to know Jesus
7. Families in our congregation that are struggling
8. Those with health issues- Boris Pena, Mark Bader
9. Steve & Carol Cook as they support Amy in her battle with cancer
Please pray for Amy’s salvation.

PRAISE & ANSWERS:

1. Thankful for a beautiful world – God’s creation.

A WEEK OF BIRTHDAYS

3/19	Becky Richmond
3/20	Austin Butson
3/22	Silas Hines
3/22	Solomon Hines
3/24	Keith Glasson
3/24	Kennedy Johnston
3/25	Ethan Suits



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

