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# The Saltshaker

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*YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH  
MATTHEW 5:13*

## Pastor's Pen

As we conclude 2023 and embark on a new year, I am reflecting on how God has used Broadway to share the love of Jesus with the world. We have accomplished BIG THINGS, including launching monthly Dinner on Broadway, sponsoring the Giving Tree, leading a local youth mission trip, hosting VBS, and many other outreach and mission projects. God has used time, talents, and gifts to make a difference in our local community and beyond. This year, we elected to donate 100% of our Christmas Eve offering. We collected 12 boxes of diapers for Baby Grace and \$908 for the Gathering Place (Plattsburg Senior Center). Thank you for your service and generosity! I can't wait to see what is in store for Broadway in 2024!

Blessings,  
Pastor Cassie

## Upcoming Worship Series

### Beginning January 21

Most of us are familiar with the stories of Adam and Eve, Noah, David, Peter, and Paul... but there are many stories that are rarely read, taught, or preached. Join us for our upcoming worship series as we explore the untold stories from the Bible and learn how these characters shape our faith today.



## Special Thanks to Our Board:

This year we will have two board members stepping down and two new members joining the board.

George Hoover and Kris Torre will be stepping down. Thank you to both Kris and George, who dedicated their time and talents to the board for three years. Joining the board will be Mindy Masters and Bill Jones. Thank you so much Bill and Mindy for taking on this role. Our returning board members are; Ken Tongue, John Enderle, Jacob Enderle-Miller, Kyle Enderle-Miller, Lisa Querrey, Beth Garr, Callie Aitkens, Craig Mattke, Bruce Hageman, and Nichole Hageman. Please continue to pray for our board and its members that they may have God's guidance, wisdom, and support to make equitable and faithful decisions for our church and those we serve.

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## MISSION

To make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

## VISION

To grow in the faith of Christ by reaching out and connecting with others through intentional service and witness.

## Dinner on Broadway - The Year in Review:

What a year it has been for this amazing endeavor?! Our first official Dinner on Broadway was held February 20th, 2023. Starting out, dinners were scheduled every other month. Starting in August, dinners were held monthly. This means the kitchen ministry served eight free meals to the community in 2023, and will continue to serve monthly meals in 2024. On average, 77 people were served each night, with our highest attendance being 100 people. In just a few brief words, Dinner on Broadway has been an incredible testament to the life of Susan Hageman and the selfless volunteers who have made this mission possible. Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, and continues to spread the word about this ministry. See you all on January 15th!

## Directory Photos:

**February 7th, 2024** we will be updating our directory. Please schedule an appointment on that day from 2:00-8:30pm to take a professional photo.

Everyone who has their photo taken will receive a FREE 8x10 and church directory. Everyone who signs up on or before January 14 will be entered to win 50% off any purchased photos.

## **FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS TO SIGN UP:**

Visit [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com)

Click "photography appointment scheduling login" on the right side

Enter **MO308** in the Church Code field

Enter **photos** in the Church Password field

Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time.

If you have 5 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. For assistance in setting your appointment please call 816-501-8652.

## Giving Tree:

The giving tree served 42 families this year, totaling 98 children in the Plattsburg school district. On December 16th, members of the church and the community came together to wrap around 400 gifts. With many hands at work, and full bellies thanks to Ken and John, the work was finished in about two and half hours. Pick up went smoothly for all families. Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and money to serve our community and make many children's Christmas' a little brighter.



## Youth Christmas Party:

The youth Christmas party involved a wonderful evening of food, games, and fellowship. Please enjoy these pictures of some of the great games they played!

# BUMC Giving Summary

## JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

Celebration Sunday is always the last Sunday of the month. We invite those with birthdays and anniversaries during the month to "Feed the Fish" and make a special offering to support the Plattsburg Food Pantry.

### BIRTHDAYS:

Matt Clifton - 04  
Gary Hanser - 06  
Abby Daffron - 09  
Mike Torre - 12  
Logan Jorgenson - 14  
Bruce Hageman - 17  
Callie Aitkens - 24  
Stan Hoover - 24

### ANNIVERSARIES:

No January anniversaries

### PRAYER LIST:

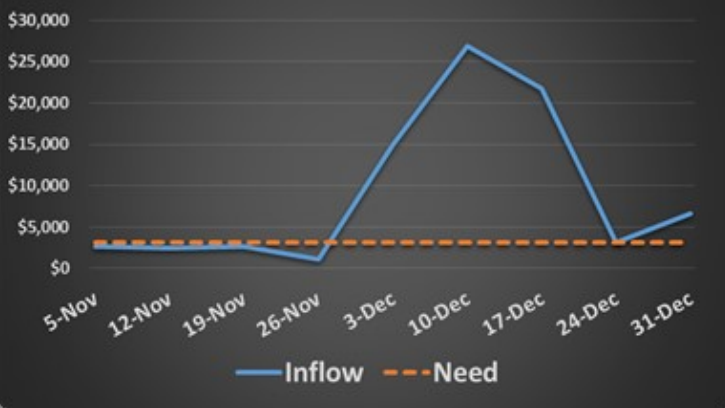
Betty Shoemaker  
Betty Swanson  
Peggy Shoemaker  
Rita Kilgore  
Ben Baldwin, Jr.  
Gil Sander  
Charlotte Atwater  
Mary Goldberg  
Harold Bowling  
Russel White  
Julie Hageman and Family  
Gary McQuerrey  
Jen Lawson

### LITURGIST SCHEDULE:

1/7: Lisa Querrey  
1/14: Jacob Enderle-Miller  
1/21: Bruce Hageman  
1/28: Amanda Schaffer

Weekly Attendance:  
12/3: 50  
12/10: 60  
12/17: 59  
12/24: 53  
12/24 (Eve service): 67  
12/31: 26

BUMC Weekly 2023



### Food Pantry Data:

In the month of November, the food pantry served 50 families, totaling 147 individuals. Four of those families were new to the Plattsburg food pantry. Those families were comprised of eight new individuals. 322 volunteer hours were logged. 2,265 pounds of food was donated. 21 Plattsburg school families were served Thanksgiving care packages. Christmas dinners were given out on December 21st, more info on families served for Christmas will be coming next month.

### Board Meeting Summary:

December's board meeting was kept short and sweet. The next meeting is scheduled for January 8th, 2024. Here are the highlights from the December meeting:

- The annual leadership retreat has been scheduled for February 10th from 9:00am-4:00pm
- Board voted on and passed a motion to donate \$500 to the Community Courtyard for hosting Forever Christmas
- Board voted on and passed a motion to put Forever Christmas proceeds into the general fund
- Board voted on and passed a motion to host a diaper drive and donate Christmas Eve offerings to The Gathering Place, aka the senior center
- There was a special annual conference held in November to vote on final disaffiliations (FINAL disaffiliations - woohoo!!)
- Charge Conference is scheduled for January 7th at Platte Woods UMC.
- Several trustees issues at the parsonage have been taken care of.

# JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2	3	4 AA Meeting 6:30pm	5	6
7 Charge Conference @ Platte Woods UMC 4:00-6:00pm.	8 Council Meeting @ 7:00pm	9	10	11 AA Meeting 6:30pm	12	13
14 Kitchen Committee Meeting 12:00pm	15 Dinner on Broadway @ 5:30pm	16	17	18 AA Meeting 6:30pm	19	20
21 Trustees Meeting 12:00pm	22	23	24 Oakridge Bible Study 10:00am	25 AA Meeting 6:30pm	26	27
28 Oakridge Service @ 12:15pm Celebration Sunday	29	30	31 <b>Sunday</b> Children's Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour - 10:00 a.m. Worship - 10:40 a.m. Youth Group - 6:00 p.m.	<b>Wednesday</b> Handbells- 6:30 p.m. Choir - 7:15 p.m. Worship Practice - 8:00 p.m.		

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Announcements: @infobumc

Prayer Requests: @prayerbumc

## **Office Hours**

Tuesday/Thursday 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday-Friday - By Appointment