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# The Saltshaker

BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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*YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH  
MATTHEW 5:13*



## The Pastor's Pen

*Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Happy Hallelujah!  
Can you hear it?*

The exclamation on Easter morning, the ringing of the bells, our voices coming together in loud acclamation as we sing Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, reading the gospel tell us "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said" (Matthew 28:6)? Easter is an exciting day, full of friendly smiles, shouts of praise, pretty Easter dresses, and of course, ham and deviled eggs (or at least that's what we eat in my house). But, like most liturgical seasons, Easter isn't just a day to get together, sing songs, hide eggs, and pose for photos. Easter is a SEASON, a full 50 days of celebrating the greatest news in the world - Christ IS Risen, death is defeated, peace is possible, hope is alive! Eastertide is the period of 50 days, spanning from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. If you recall, Easter morning isn't where the Gospel story ends (well, except in Mark if you remove the added ending). Before his ascension, Jesus keeps appearing to his disciples. And that, my friends, is something to celebrate. Even when the worst thing happens, Jesus keeps showing up. Hallelujah indeed.

Blessings,  
Pastor Cassie

### New Worship Series - Graves into Gardens

From the beginning, God created a garden for us to live in and to experience the fullness of creation. We were connected - to God, to creation, and to each other. Then, we were expelled from the Garden - the connection was broken. And yet, God's desire for each of us is that connection would be restored. Join us during the Great 50 Days of Easter for our new worship series as we navigate the gardens of the Bible and proclaim only God can turn our graves into gardens.



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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.

# Sign up for VBS today!



## Vacation Bible School God's Wonder Lab

AT GOD'S WONDER LAB, DISCOVER THAT JESUS DOES THE IMPOSSIBLE FOR US.

A science lab conducts experiments that explain how things are possible. In Jesus' ministry, he did things that are impossible. His greatest miracle of all was dying on the cross and rising from the dead for our salvation. At God's Wonder Lab, discover that Jesus does the impossible for us!

Join us for 5 weeks (July 10-August 7) on Sunday nights from 5:00-8:00 p.m. for Vacation Bible School. Dinner is provided.

To Register go to:

[www.plattsburgbumc.org/vbs](http://www.plattsburgbumc.org/vbs)

## Kitchen Update

Thank you to everyone who has given to the Susan Lynn Hageman Memorial Fund or donated directly to the kitchen project. Currently, we have raised over \$37,000. We have purchased a new stove, dishwasher, sinks, hood, and freezer. Almost all of the items have been delivered and we are getting ready to begin demolition. Please pray for our team as we discern how to utilize this new asset to share the love of God in our community. If you would like to make a financial contribution to this project or serve on the kitchen committee, please contact the church office today.

## 4C's 10th Birthday Sale

4c's will be holding their annual birthday celebration on May 3rd, 10am- 4pm. They will have their \$5 fill a bag sale. They will also be serving homemade cookies.

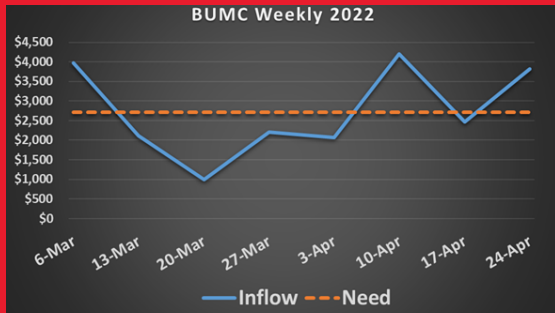
## Food Pantry

A BIG thank you for your continued support of our local food pantry. Our church is absolutely wonderful with giving and helping when there is a need. It has been noted that the food pantry is in need of cereal, liquid laundry soap and dish soap. Please consider picking up some of these much needed items when you shop. Thank you for your continued support.

## Nursing Home Update

Things are looking up for our friends at our local residential centers as the weather warms up. They are able to spend a short period of time outside. Restrictions have been lifted on making appointments to visit. So please take a little time out of your busy day to call, write or visit our friends. It's just as good as medicine sometimes!

## BUMC Giving Summary



### Financial Update

We are excited to announce that District and Conference Apportionments for 2022 are paid in full! Our fiscal focus for this year will be on completing some major repairs on the building, including memorial funds to upgrade the kitchen. Currently, siding has been replaced on the building, and concrete and foundation work are scheduled to begin this spring and summer.

### Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2-6. We give thanks to all of our former and current educators and those who serve daily to care for our children. We appreciate you!

## PRAYER LIST

Barb Hopkins  
Ben Baldwin Jr.  
Betty Shoemaker  
Betty Swanson  
Bruce Johnson  
Carmen Stoneking  
Gil Sander  
Jackie Swanson  
Jean Grigsby  
Liz Streeter  
Lou Proctor  
Mary Goldberg  
Peggy Shoemaker  
Shirley Boner

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

4/3 - 53      4/15 - 32  
4/10 - 51      4/17 - 71  
4/14 - 17      4/24 - 52

## 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

1- Kara McQuerrey  
2- Aaron Graham  
4- Martha White  
13- Corrie Palmer  
14- Julian Quintero  
17- Lacey Atchity  
18- Colby Melton  
20- Jacob McQuerrey  
25- Chloe Eubanks  
28- Katie Graves  
28- Mary Lois Anderson

## ANNIVERSARIES

26- Bob & Brenda McCush  
27- Boone & Corrie Palmer  
27- Terry & Debbie DeFreece  
30- Ronnie & Callie Aitkens

## Board Summary

The board met Monday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. The following topics were discussed:

- 1) 2022 goals were approved.
- 2) Youth Mission Trip Meeting planned Sunday, June 7 after church.
- 3) VBS will be held on Sunday evenings from July 10-August 7 from 5-8 p.m.
- 4) All persons working with children and youth need to be Safe Gatherings certified, this includes all VBS volunteers.
- 5) A financial update was provided.
- 6) Holy Week services were discussed.
- 7) Trustees continued conversation about the building use policy and storage spaces in the basement.
- 8) PPR met to discuss staff salaries, vacations, and the pastor annual evaluation. Note: All PPR meetings are closed.

If you would like to see a copy of the agenda, minutes, or provided reports, please contact Pastor Cassie, Ken Tongue, or the church office.

# May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 BUMY 6pm Communion	2	3 4c's Birthday Sale 10am-4pm	4	5 AA Meeting 6:30	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9 Board Meeting 7pm	10	11	12 AA Meeting 6:30	13	14 Christian Men's Breakfast @ Bread of Life 7:30
15	16	17	18	19 AA Meeting 6:30	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 AA Meeting 6:30	27	28
<div style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Pastor on Vacation</div> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; color: red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Home Delivered Meals</div>						
29 Celebration Sunday	30	31 Office Closed	<b>The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am - 2pm</b>			