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The Saltshaker

BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PASTOR CASSIE O'BRIEN GRAHAM

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YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH

MATTHEW 5:13



The Pastor's Pen

The Advent season has begun! This season begins four Sundays before Christmas (this year on November 27) and ends on Christmas Eve. The word "advent" comes from the Latin word adventus meaning "coming" or "visit." In our culture, we often name this as the Christmas season (even though Christmas is a 12 day event that begins on Christmas day). Often, this is a time where we decorate our homes, hang lights, turn on festive music, and buy more than we can often afford. Advent, however, offers us a different focus. "During Advent, we prepare for and anticipate the coming of Christ. We remember the longing of Jews for a Messiah and our own longing for and need of forgiveness, salvation and a new beginning. Even as we look back and celebrate the birth of Jesus in a humble stable in Bethlehem, we also look forward anticipating the second coming of Christ as the fulfillment of all that was promised by his first coming" (resourceumc.org). This is a season of preparation, not of our homes, but of our hearts. How will you make room for Jesus during Advent? How will you prepare for the coming of the savior? I pray you will find time away from the business of the holiday season to grow in faith, to share the Good News, and to serve the world with Christ as your example.

Merry Christmas,
Pastor Cassie

Advent Worship Series

Join us this Advent season as we begin our new series: "The Heart that Grew Three Sizes: Finding Faith in the Story of the Grinch," based on on the Christmas classic, How the Grinch Stole Christmas!

We don't know why the Grinch hated Christmas. We just know he did. Over the next four weeks, we will explore the themes in the book including, how did the Grinch's heart grow three sizes come Christmas morning? How did Christmas save the Grinch? Could it be that the very thing we think we hate is the one thing that changes our lives? This Advent and Christmas season, look at a familiar classic through the lens of faith and see how Christ speaks to us through our culture.



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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.

Christmas at Broadway

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Join us on Christmas Eve (December 24th) at 7pm for our candlelight service. This year's Christmas Eve offering will support the Plattsburg Food Pantry.

Christmas Day Service

This year, Christmas Day falls on a Sunday. Join us for breakfast at 10:40 am (festive pajamas are encouraged). We will read the Christmas story, sing carols, and exchange white elephant gifts. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift with a value of \$10 or less. You can also worship online.

Thank You!

A huge THANK YOU to our worship design team for creating a beautiful space for our Advent season. Be sure to look back on the online service on November 27th to hear an extra special choir selection and see a surprise visit from the Grinch!

Additionally, this season's Threshold Song was arranged and written by our very own Jacob Enderle and Sophia Schaffer.



Christmas Giving Tree

BUMC has now 'adopted' 77 children from 28 different families. Presents are due by December 11th. We will hold a "Wrapping Party" on the 17th to ensure all gifts are Christmas morning ready! Be sure to drop off gifts with the correct Giving Tree tag to ensure your gifts go to the correct child. Thank you so much for your support!

Church Christmas Open House

The Plattsburg Ministerial Alliance is hosting a Church Christmas Open House on Saturday, December 10 from 12-3pm. Following the open house, all are invited to the PAC at the High School for caroling and refreshments.

The following churches will be open to tour:

- Broadway UMC
- Bread of Life
- First Baptist Church
- First Christian Church
- First Presbyterian Church
- St. Ann Catholic Church



Forever Christmas

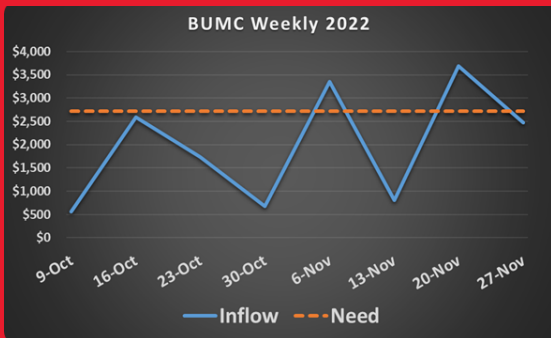
The annual Forever Christmas Bazaar is Friday, December 2 and Saturday, December 3 at the Community Courtyard. We still need a few volunteers to help in the Sweet Shoppe on Friday night. Additionally, if you are able to make cookies or candy for the Sweet Shoppe, they can start being dropped off at the Courtyard starting at noon until 7pm Thursday. Friday morning candies and cookies can be dropped off from 8am-12pm. All goodies must be pre-packaged, in ziplock bags, in groupings of no more than 6 per bag and no less than 2 per bag. Please label your container with what the goodie is and who we need to return any dishes/containers to.

On Saturday, we will have kids activities from 10am-2pm, including face-painting (sponsored by the Plattsburgh High School Art Club), crafts (sponsored by 4H), a balloon artist, a photo booth (sponsored by Lucila's on Main), and photos with Santa.

BUMC Giving Summary

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

11/6 - 38
11/13 - 42
11/20 - 46
11/27 - 52



DECEMBER 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- Jaclyn Sawnson
1- Samantha James
8- Celya Milliken
15- Bruce Gollnick
18- Craig Schaffer
18- Russ Brumbaugh
20- Julia James
21- Cassie O'Brien Graham
21- Gil Sander
23- Teresa Bingha
25- Ryan Jensen
26- Robert Stayton
27- Natalie Grayson
29- Natalie Garr
31- Craig Mattke

ANNIVERSARIES

5- Lisa and Clayton Lollar
23- Jim and Donna Bonebrake

PRAYER LIST

Kathy Barnes
Amanda Schaffer
Kelsey and Michael
Schultz and Family
Rita Kilgore
Russell White
Jean Grisby
Betty Shoemaker
Peggy Shoemaker
Betty Swanson
Ben Baldwin Jr.
Charlotte Atwater
Gil Sander
Mary Goldberg

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

4- Lisa Querrey
11- Jacob Enderle-Miller
18- Bruce Hageman
25- Kris Torre

Food Pantry News

In the month of October they have assisted 40 families and 145 individuals, 620 pounds of food were donated. They recorded 260 volunteer hours.

Broadway Youth Update

The youth group will be holding a fundraiser during Forever Christmas selling walking tacos at Café Noel. On Friday, December 16, the youth will host a Christmas lock-in at the church. All youth are welcome to attend.

2022 Pledge Cards

Thank you to everyone who turned in a 2022 pledge card. If you have not done so, please submit your card by December 4. You can also fill one out online at www.plattsburgbumc.org/giving

Board Summary

The board met on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 7pm. The following agenda items were discussed:

- Youth update - Kicking off December doing walking tacos for Café Noel, then celebrating end of year/Christmas lock in on Dec 16th
- Financial Update given by Craig Mattke
- Sacks to Mats mission has started back up, Church will be used for storage and supplies
- Charge Conference at Ashland UMC in St. Joseph has been moved to Saturday, January 21, 2023 from noon-2pm.
- Ministerial Alliance Open House will occur 12/10. Volunteers will be needed from 12-3:00pm.
- Trustees meeting scheduled for 1/8 after church.
- There will be no December board meeting. Next board meeting is scheduled for January 9th 2023.

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

December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Weekly Activities				1	2	3
Sunday Children's Sunday School - 9:30am Adult Sunday School - 9:30am Coffee hour 10:00am Youth Group - 6:00pm			Wednesday Handbells- 6:30 Choir - 7:15 Praise Team - 8:00pm		Forever Christmas	Forever Christmas
Office Hours				Home Delivered Meals		
Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am - 3:30pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday - By Appointment						
4 Communion	5	6	7	8 AA Meeting 6:30	9	10 Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ BUMC - 7:30am Church Christmas Open House 12:00-3:00pm
11	12 Council Meeting @ 7:00pm	13	14	15 AA Meeting 6:30	16 Youth Christmas Lock In	17 Giving Tree Wrapping Party @ 9am
18	19	20	21	22 AA Meeting 6:30	23	24 Christmas Eve Service @ 7:00pm
25 Christmas Day! Breakfast at 10:40am Celebration Sunday	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve