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# The Saltshaker

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



## The Pastor's Pen

The season of Lent officially began on Wednesday, February 22. Over these next 40 days, we will be diving into scripture to discover where we can seek and experience the love of God.

"Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word lencten, meaning "lengthen" and refers to the lengthening days of spring. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Today, Christians focus on relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter." This is why you will see the designation "Sunday in Lent" rather than "Sunday of Lent" in the naming of these Sundays. On each Lord's Day in Lent, while Lenten fasts continue, the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection" ([umc.org](http://umc.org)).

During these next 40 days, I pray you will find ways to connect with God. On Ash Wednesday, you were given a bag of scrabble letters to find the word "love" and invited to build off of this word to discover where you find love in your everyday life. If you did not get a bag, please stop by the office or pick one up on Sunday. You are welcome to swap letters or pick up more at any time.

### Lent Worship Series Lookin' for Love in All the Wrong Places

Begins February 26

The Christian scriptures offer many images of where love, grace, forgiveness, righteousness, and healing can REALLY be found. And it is not in the "usual" places. Isn't it as true of us today as it was of the scriptural authors? Don't we often look for wholeness and happiness in places that offer only temporary "good feelings" and satisfaction? Lent is a wonderfully reflective time to reassess where we are searching for meaning and purpose. We'll move through stories of Jesus to find out who offers the "real deal."

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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 Susan L. Hageman Community Kitchen had an amazing kickoff to Dinner on Broadway. 61 people were served a delicious and nutritious meal all thanks to our wonderful kitchen committee. It was exciting to see a packed dining area with members of our community. Now, the most important part is spreading the word about future dinners. Dinners will be held every other month. The next Dinner on Broadway is scheduled for April 17th, 2023. We can't wait to see who makes it this time!



## Putting Your House in Order

Thank you to everyone who attended the estate planning workshop after church on February 26th with Rev. Laura Murphy. We had a great turnout. If you were unable to attend and would like more information, please reach out to Pastor Cassie.

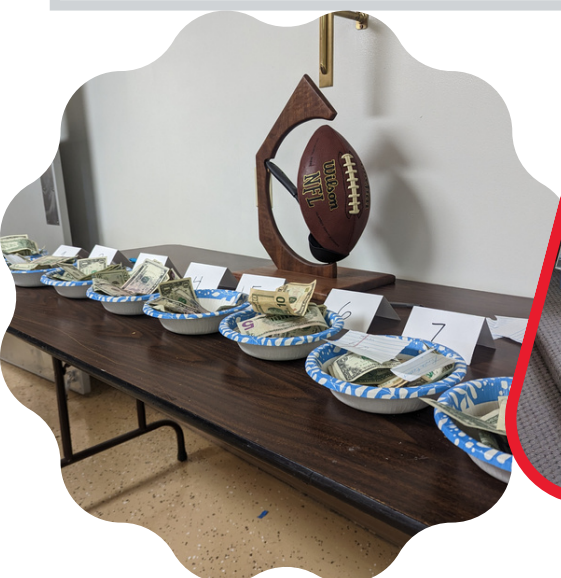
## Board Update

There was no February Board meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for March 13th @ 7:00 pm.

## SOUPer Bowl Sunday:

SOUPer Bowl Sunday was very successful. With eight entries into the chili/soup cookoff, over \$350 dollars were raised for the Youth Group. Lisa Querrey was the winner of the cookoff this year.

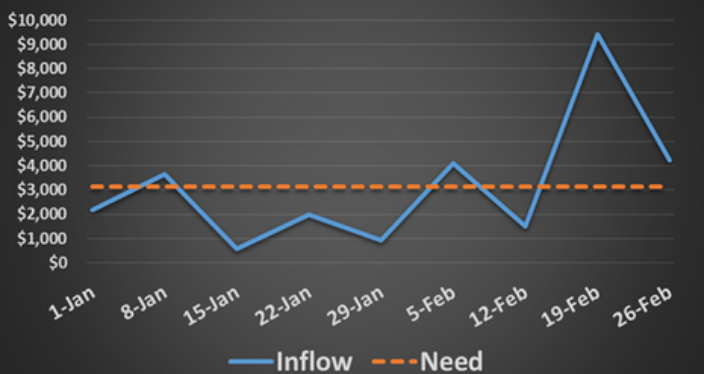
361 individual items were donated to the Plattsburg Food Pantry. If you didn't guess it, Chiefs were voted almost unanimously to win the Super Bowl, 342 items were placed in the Chiefs bucket, 0 were given to the commercial breaks, and 19 items were given to the Eagles bucket.





## BUMC Giving Summary

BUMC Weekly 2023



## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

2/5: 34  
2/12: 50  
2/19: 39  
2/22: 26  
2/26: 45

## MARCH 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

Sue Hoover - 12  
Adi Graham - 13  
Ben Baldwin - 17  
Connie Collins - 18  
Jerri Morris - 27

## ANNIVERSARIES

Martha and Russell White - 23  
Amanda and Craig Schaffer - 24

## PRAYER LIST

Rita Kilgore  
Russell White  
Betty Shoemaker  
Peggy Shoemaker  
Betty Swanson  
Ben Baldwin Jr.  
Charlotte Atwater  
Gil Sander  
Mary Goldberg  
Valisa Jackson  
Kate Robbins  
Mattke Family

## LITURGIST

## SCHEDULE:

5- Chloe Eubanks  
12- Bill Jones  
19- Beth Garr  
26- Christel Gollnick

## Food Pantry News

In the month of January 2 new families were served out of 39 families total. This included 129 individuals. \$2901 was donated and \$1199 was spent. 633 items of food were donated. 251 hours of volunteer time was logged.

## Vacation Bible School

Planning for Vacation Bible School will begin after church on March 19th. Dates, schedule, and dinners will be discussed. All who wish to participate are encouraged to come.

## Broadway Youth Update

The Youth Group held their painting party and successfully painted the downstairs dining and kitchen area. Thank you to everyone who helped!

Planning for this year's mission trip has begun. This year's trip will be local and we will partner with other churches to provide local mission work. Mission week is set for June 25th-30th.



# March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
						
5 Kitchen Committee meeting @ 12:00pm Communion	6	7	8	9 AA Meeting 6:30	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Home Delivered Meals						
	Council Meeting 7:00pm			AA Meeting 6:30		
19 VBS Meeting @ 12:00pm	20 Retired Teachers' Breakfast	21	22	23 AA Meeting 6:30	24	25
26 Oakridge Service @ 12:15pm Celebration Sunday	27	28	<b><u>Weekly Activities</u></b>  <b>Sunday</b> Children's Sunday School - 9:30am Adult Sunday School - 9:30am Coffee hour 10:00am Youth Group - 6:00pm  <b>Office Hours</b> Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am - 3:30pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday - By Appointment  <b>Wednesday</b> Handbells- 6:30 Choir - 7:15 Praise Team - 8:00pm			