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The Saltshaker

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YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH
MATTHEW 5:13

Advent Worship Series

The moment Thanksgiving is over, our culture begins to prepare for the Christmas season - with lights, trees, presents, carols, friends/family, family food recipes, you know the drill. Christmas also offers us a unique opportunity to refocus our faith, and our connection with Jesus. Christmas will be here before you know it, so join us as we dispel some of the unhelpful lessons we learn about Christmas, especially from some of our favorite Christmas songs. We'll learn about the real "reason for the season" and the love that entered into the world. Be sure to join us as we begin our Advent series, "Love Came Down at Christmas," beginning December 3.



SAVE THE DATE

It's time for a directory update! Mark your calendars for Feb 7th, 2024. More information coming soon!

2024 Pledge Cards

If you have not done so already, please return your 2024 pledge card. You can fill one out online on our website at plattsburgbumc.org/giving

Pastor's Pen

The season of Advent is quickly approaching. While the rest of the world looks like Christmas has already come, advent is actually a season of waiting. "The word 'advent' derives from the Latin 'adventus', meaning 'coming.' During its earliest observances, Advent was 40 days of repentance, fasting and prayer as new believers prepared for their baptisms" (umc.org). For us, this is a time of waiting for Christ to come into our lives and prepare our hearts for the season. I pray you will find not only time to prepare your homes, but also your hearts, and welcome the love of Christ into your lives.

Blessings,
Pastor Cassie

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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.

Forever Christmas is here! See you Friday and Saturday, Dec 1 and 2!

Forever Christmas Bazaar:

We have 33 new and returning vendors this year! Here is a sneak peak of a few items you may see. We hope you find a gift for your friends, family, and yourself! There will also be plenty of activities for the kids, (Sat from 10-2) including a craft station, photos with Santa, a photo booth, and a balloon artist.

Rusty Hoe Nursery (Top left)

Shy Designs (right) My Nana's Craft House (Bottom left)



The Sweet Shoppe:

Calling all cookie and candy bakers! There is still time to make some sweets for this event. But if you're not a baker, be sure to stop by and load up on goodies for the holiday.



All cookies and candy are free of toddler germs... we promise!

Cafe Noel:

Café Noel will be serving up hotdogs, walking tacos, chips, and soft drinks on Friday evening. Biscuits and gravy and cinnamon rolls will be served Saturday morning. Saturday day hotdogs and walking tacos will return, along with chili and soup. And we can't forget the pie - served anytime the café is open on Saturday. Walking tacos are provided by Broadway Youth, and the proceeds will benefit the youth group.

Christmas Eve Service:

Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year. We will have a regular church service at 10:40am, followed by a traditional, candle-light Christmas Eve service at 7:00pm. The Broadway Ringers, and Singers are ready to perform again for you all.

Church Christmas Open House:

Our Church will be hosting an open house on Saturday, December 9th at 10:00am. This is a wonderful opportunity to share our church with a friend. If you are able, we need a few volunteers to greet people, lead a tour, and/or hand out information.

Youth Group Event

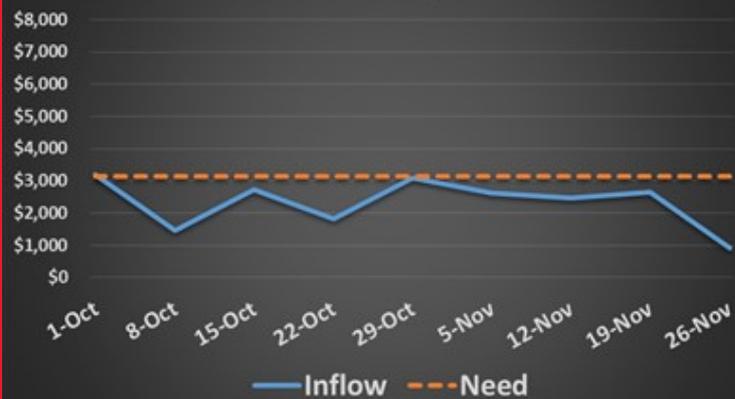
Join us for our Christmas Lock-In. The event will be held Friday, December 15th @ 6:00pm. Come play holiday games, enjoy holiday treats, and watch Christmas movies - all night long!

Giving Tree

Currently our 2023 Giving Tree is serving 83 children. Thank you so much to everyone who has adopted a child or donated funds. We have also received donations from many businesses and organizations within the community to ensure everyone gets what they need, and maybe a little extra. **Please remember to return your gifts, unwrapped, by Dec. 10th. We will have a wrapping party the following Saturday, Dec. 16th at 9:00am. Breakfast will be served.**

BUMC Giving Summary

BUMC Weekly 2023



Weekly Attendance:
11/5: 39
11/12: 47
11/19: 47
11/26: 39

NOVEMBER 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:

Samantha James - 01
Celya Milliken - 08
Bruce Gollnick - 15
Craig Schaffer - 18
Cassie O'Brien Graham - 21
Gil Sander - 21
Teresa Bingham - 23
Ryan Jensen - 25
Robert Stayton - 26
Natalie Garr - 29
Craig Mattke - 31

ANNIVERSARIES:

Lisa and Clayton Lollar - 05

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

LITURGIST SCHEDULE:

12/3: Chloe Eubanks
12/10: Bill Jones
12/17: Beth Garr
12/24: Christel Gollnick
12/31: Kris Torre

Food Pantry News:

In October, the food pantry served 40 families, 86 individuals, one new family, and over 450 units of food. 301 volunteer hours were donated. Second Harvest will start regular, monthly, deliveries on Mondays.

The food pantry will be handing out Christmas baskets on Thursday, December 21 from 9-4. Please share with those in need.

Board Meeting Summary:

- A tentative date has been set for the annual board retreat - February 10th from 9am to 4pm
- The youth will be doing their mission trip in Cleveland, Ohio next year. Dates are set for July 7-13, 2024.
- A separate trustees meeting has been set for Jan 21st after church.
 - Parsonage has immediate needs (shower leak)
 - Stained glass window follow up and capital campaign report
- Next year's annual conference will take place Jan 7th, 2023.

Good Grief:

The board applied and was approved for a \$5000 recovery ministry grant. One of our goals this year was to establish a grief group for the community. This grant will allow us to do just that. We are planning to launch early next year. We are very happy to be able to offer this for our community. If you would like to help, please let Cassie or Chloe know.

December 2023

FOREVER
Christmas

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5	6	7 AA Meeting 6:30pm	8	9 Church Christmas Open House @ 10:00am
10 Giving Tree gifts due	11 Council Meeting @ 7:00pm	12	13	14 AA Meeting 6:30pm	15 Youth Lock In @ 6:00pm	16 Wrapping Party! 9:00am
17	18 Dinner on Broadway @ 5:30pm	19	20	21 AA Meeting 6:30pm	22	23
24 Oakridge Service @ 12:15pm Christmas Eve Service @ 7:00pm	25 	26	27 Oakridge Bible Study 10:00am	28 AA Meeting 6:30pm	29	30

31 *New Year's Eve*

Celebration
Sunday

Sunday
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.

Wednesday
Handbells- 6:30 p.m.
Choir - 7:15 p.m.
Worship Practice - 8:00 p.m.

Office Hours
Tuesday/Thursday 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday-Friday - By Appointment

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Announcements: @infobumc

Immediate Requests: @irbumc

Prayer Requests: @prayerbumc