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## The Saltshaker

Broadway United Methodist Church  
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You are the Salt of the Earth—  
Matthew 5:13

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### *The Pastor's Pen*

The season of Lent is right around the corner, beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 17. We hope you will join us for our service (time and location will be announced after the board meeting on February 2). We are currently in the process of preparing Lent-in-a-bag kits to each family in the congregation. We hope these will provide you an opportunity for spiritual growth during this season. Be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks.

During Lent, we begin our new sermon series, "Holy Vessels." Each of us is created a precious and holy vessel of embodied love. We have been through a harrowing time since last Lent that has shattered our sense of wholeness— body, mind, and spirit—like a glass vessel fractured into pieces. In this Lenten "season of recovery" for our physical, communal, mental, intellectual, and environmental health, we will explore the healing narratives of Jesus that tell of divine solidarity with human suffering and remind us that we can begin a journey toward making something beautiful from that which is seemingly broken. Join us as we seek to be transformed this season.

### **COVID-19 Response**

The Church Council met Monday, January 18 with the COVID-19 response team to make a determination about in-person worship, small group ministries, and building use. In Clinton County, the positivity rate, hospitalizations, new cases, and deaths are all trending downward. We are going to monitor this situation and pray the rates will continue to decline. We made the decision to remain online only during the month of January with the goal to move into our Phase 3 guidelines beginning February 7. We will make a final determination at our board meeting on Tuesday, February 2. An email will be sent out when a final decision is made.

If we are able to gather in person on February 7, please remember to adhere to our Phase 3 guidelines. If any changes are made to the guidelines in the coming weeks, those will be sent out via email. As a reminder, all persons in attendance must wear a mask while in the church building and sit in designated areas of the sanctuary. Pre-registration is NOT required. Please do not attend if you answer yes to any of the following questions:

- Have you individually tested positive for COVID-19 in the past fourteen (14) days?
- Have you experienced coughing, sneezing, shortness of breath, fever or chills, and loss of taste or smell in the last fourteen (14) days?
- Is your temperature equal to or greater than 100.4°F (38°C)?
- Have you had close contact with someone who is known to be infected with COVID-19 in the last fourteen (14) days?
- Have you or a family member living in the same residence visited a high-risk country or high-risk region within a country within the last fourteen (14) days?

If you do not receive our emails, please contact the church office after February 3 to determine if in-person worship is being offered.

Blessings,  
Pastor Cassie

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Thursdays at 6:30 PM; Articles for the Saltshaker are always welcome. Thank you.



## 2021 Church Council

We give thanks for those who have served faithfully on the Church Council whose terms ended at the end of 2020: Robin Dickerson and Kathy Soldanel. We welcome our new board members for 2021: Kris Torre, Kyle Enderle-Miller, and Grant Clifton.

Those who are continuing to serve are:

Bruce Hageman - Council Chair and Lay Leader

Lisa Querrey - PPR Chair

Mindy Masters

Megan Storm

Craig Mattke - Treasurer

George Hoover - Trustee Chair

Matt Clifton

Ken Tongue - UM Rep

Thank you all for your time, dedication, and service!

# SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY



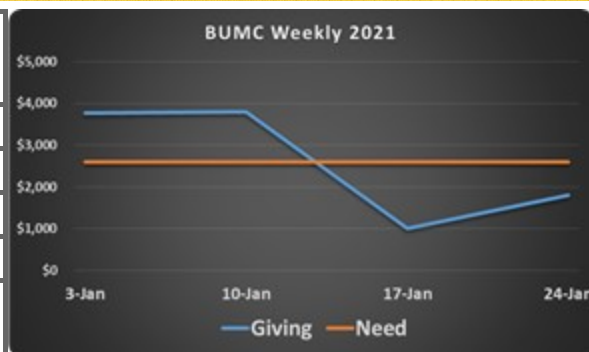
## PLATTSBURG FOOD PANTRY FOOD DRIVE

**Sunday, February 7, 2021**

**Sponsored by Broadway UMC**

As we gear up for Superbowl LV, celebrate by giving back to your local community by making a donation to the Food Pantry. Bring canned goods, other non perishables, or monetary donations to any local participating church by Sunday, February 7, 2021.

Date	In Person and Virtual Attendance
1/3	43
1/10	42
1/17	40
1/24	40
Average Offering Needed per Week \$2900	



### February Birthday

10	Cami Aebersold	21	Roz Jorn
11	Marian Freeman	22	Jim Bonebrake
11	Lisa Querrey	22	Carrie Jeffries
12	Trez Boulware	27	Brenda McCush
14	Amanda Swanson	27	Sherri James
19	Russell White	28	Terry Shinabarger
21	Kathy Mattke	<b>Anniversary</b>	
		4	Sandy & Bill Jones
		9	Jim & Jerri Morris



# Sunday Morning Worship

**Watch LIVE:** We stream our worship service LIVE on Sunday mornings at 10:40 am on Facebook. You do not need to have an account to watch. <https://www.facebook.com/BUMC.PlattsburgMO/>

**Watch Later:** The online service will be posted to Facebook immediately following for you to view at your convenience. You can also watch the sermon on the church website. [plattsburgbumc.org](http://plattsburgbumc.org)

Keeping track of those we connect with is vital to our ministry. If you attend worship Sunday morning online please e-mail, call, or fill out the attendance survey provided each week.

## Giving

As we continue to BE THE CHURCH, our mission during these uncertain times is more vital than ever. Your ongoing generosity is necessary for the mission and ministry at Broadway UMC as we continue to serve the local community and beyond. **Please do not tie your giving with your attendance.** I would encourage you to discern how you can continue to give even when we are not in person together and pray if God is calling you to give more as needs expand. To give online via PayPal, visit the church website at <https://plattsburgbumc.org/giving>.

Did you know The Gathering Place (also known as Plattsburg Senior Center) offered all this before COVID-19 hit? The Gathering Place is responsible for the meals delivered to shut-ins in our community, and they also offer a noon meal to anyone at a very reasonable fee!

Prior to COVID-19 the Gathering Place offered a Sunday meal once a month (wonderful to be able to have a home cooked meal after church), and they hosted some type of entertainment monthly.

You are probably thinking: What's the point? The point is, because of the pandemic, they are no longer able to offer these events to raise funds and are now hurting financially. Currently, they are short \$750-1,000 each month. We need your support to ensure these essential services can continue to be offered.

It would be wonderful if you would include the Gathering Place in your monthly budget. And I stress monthly. Right now they are operating at a loss every month, and without our help they do not know how much longer they can keep operating.

It would be such a loss to our community if we no longer provided home delivered meals to the shut-ins, if we could no longer get a daily wonderful hot meal at such a reasonable fee, and if we no longer had a Gathering Place!

Please consider donating today.

The Food Pantry was busy last year. Our records show that we served 724 families with a total of 1964 individuals. The good news is that the number of families isn't increasing dramatically and the WONDERFUL news is that we were able to meet the needs. Thank you all for the food and monetary donations!

Thank you to our church for the super bowl food drive that is going on...the publicity in the paper and on Facebook is great. We will keep you posted on the success of the drive.

**Remember: hunger never ends!**

## Let's Pray Often

Ben Baldwin, Jr.
Betty Shoemaker
Betty Swanson
Brett's Mother in Care Facility Bessie Dickerson
Bruce Johnson
Coby Aebersold
Ken Tongue's Daughter & Granddaughter Corrie and Gracie Palmer
Craig Matkke
Gil Sander
Ken's brother Greg Tongue
Jackie Swanson
Jean Grigsby
Shirley Johnson's son Joseph Johnson
Kim Tongue's Father Marvin Conant
Mary Goldberg
Peggy Shoemaker
Harold Bowling's daughter Scott & Taresia Foster
Shirley Boner
Tanner Sims
Wilma Tippit

## HOLY VESSELS



## A LENTEN SEASON OF RECOVERY

	February 2021					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4 Bill & Sandy Jones Anniversary AA Meeting	5	6
7 Communion Sunday Super Bowl--Please bring a non-perishable item for the Food Pantry	8	9 Jim & Jerri Morris Anniversary	10 Cami Aebersold's Birthday	11 Marian Freeman's Birthday Lisa Querrey's Birthday AA Meeting	12 Trez Boulware's Birthday	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 Presidents Day - BUMC Office closed	16	17 Ash Wednesday	18 AA Meeting	19 Russell White's Birthday	20
21 Kathy Mattke's Birthday	22 Jim Bonebrake's Birthday Carrie Jeffries Birthday	23	24 Barbara Hopkins' Birthday	25 AA Meeting	26	27
28 Celebration Sunday						