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The Saltshaker

BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PASTOR CASSIE O'BRIEN GRAHAM www.plattsburgbumc.org

YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH

MATTHEW 5:13



The Pastor's Pen

Happy July!

There are lots of exciting things happening around the church – the kitchen is getting a major facelift as we prepare to begin new table ministries, the youth are off serving and living out the command to love our neighbor, we're gearing up for Vacation Bible School and are ready to share the love of God with children in our community, and our leadership teams are preparing for new discipleship opportunities this fall. In the midst of your busy summer schedules, I pray you will take time to connect with our community through these opportunities.

In many churches, including our own, there is often a "summer lull," where we disengage with our faith communities and God. Over the summer, I encourage you to find ways to grow in faith. Perhaps you pick up a new devotional, establish a regular prayer schedule, take one day each week to spend in Sabbath, discover new ways to express generosity, help a neighbor, and/or attend worship weekly. Before school begins, this is a great time to establish habits that will take you through the rest of the year.

Blessings, Pastor Cassie

NEW WORSHIP SERIES Wonders of God

Many of us are familiar with the miracles of Jesus found in the Gospels. Yet, even before God came into the world as flesh, our Creator showed up in miraculous and wonderous ways. Join us during the month of July for our 5-week worship series as we discover the Wonders of God. We will dig into some not-so-familiar stories from the Old Testament, seeking to renew and restore of sense of the awesome Wonder of God and how the Divine works through our lives



VBS kicks off July 10th.

Be sure to register at https://plattsburgbumc.org/vbs

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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.

Check out the progress of the kitchen remodel!









Kitchen Update
Work in the kitchen is
well underway.
Demolition is complete
and our contractor has
begun working on
plumbing, electrical,
and installing
appliances.

Annual Conference Summary By: Bruce Hageman & Jacob Enderle-Miller

The Missouri Annual Conference was held June 11th and 12th. The weekend was full of worship with other members of the conference from across the state and business sessions to handle the work of the conference. Particularly educational for myself was the bishops address to us on Saturday morning. As most of you know the United Methodist Church is in the midst of what has become a denominational split over the acceptance of LGBTQIA+ membership as clergy and marriage. As the bishop stated this is NOT the first time the church has split, nor will it be the last. There are 70 different versions of Methodism currently being practiced. Bishop Farr's dream for us as the Missouri Annual Conference is for all of us to stay connected as the United Methodist Church in the "messy middle." In society, politics and unfortunately the church it's always the mentality is "I'm right, no I'm right" or to use an analogy the bishop used "those racist, bigotry hate filled republicans" versus "those communist, Godless democrats." It is easy for us to stand on our side; BUT to be in the middle is where we are at our best. Jesus stood in the middle of everything, He is the very CENTER of all. Fear and hatred are tearing us apart in every aspect of life but if we use the "Jesus method" we LOVE one another like family and listen in our conversation with one another, not talk AT but talk WITH. Love one another for our similarities, love one another for our differences, and love one another as siblings in Christ. Like a family we are all going to disagree with one another at some point over some subject BUT that does not mean we do not continue to LOVE one another and to support one another and worship the same Lord. We are called to be "in the middle" which is the hardest place to be.

So friends, let us be more like Jesus. Let us be in the middle of the mess and love all people regardless of our differences so that LOVE prevails over the hatred, fear, and discord that fuels the culture around us daily. Let us LISTEN to one another through meaningful conversation where we talk WITH one another rather than AT. We are Broadway UNITED Methodist Church. We are one in worship, one in love and one in Jesus Christ.

Food Pantry

Do you realize the summer months can be the hungriest (and unhealthiest) time of the year for some families? The budget is already stretched to the limit, the kids are out of school, and BOOM there's the expense of an extra daily meal to provide (for some it's two meals or more). Our community is so fortunate to have the Food Pantry available for families that find themselves in this situation. The Food Pantry is able to offer support to families because of the caring, generous donors like you! THANK YOU! In May the food pantry helped 49 families, 133 individuals. There were 227 hours donated by volunteers and 616 pounds of food.

The Pantry is in need of any kind of canned vegetable, mainly green beans and corn. On your next visit to the grocery store, how about adding two or three canned vegetables to your cart? We would love to see the veggie shelf overflowing!

BUMC Giving Summary BUMC Weekly 2022 \$3.500 \$3,000 \$2,000

BUMC,

Thank you so much for awarding me the church's scholarship! I appreciate it so much & it will help me finance for college next fall at CMU! Also thanks for being so welcoming and a great church. Sincerely, Natalie Garr

BUMC,

I appreciate the scholarship I was awarded so much! I plan to use it during college for books or towards my tuition. I also want to thank the church for everything they've done for me. I truly appreciate Broadway Love,

Olivia Enderle

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

3- George Hoover 10- Lisa Querrey 17- Amanda Schaffer 24-Bruce Hageman 31- Kris Torre

so much, and love my church family.

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- Kayla Melton
- 6- Katlin Mattke
- 6- Pam Clifford
- 11- Lauren Masters
- 14- Jacob Enderle-Miller
- 16- Kathy Barnes
- 19- Carol Sander
- 21- Lisa James
- 22- Betty Swanson
- 23- Cameron Melton
- 23- Steve Garr
- 30- Reggie Eubanks

ANNIVERSARIES

- 9- Samantha & Megan James
- 17- Zephry & Teresa Bingham
- 20- Steve & Beth Garr
- 24- Bruce & Christel Gollnick
- 25- Jerry & Barbara Hopkins
- 25- Tony & Mindy Masters
- 28- James & Carmen Stoneking

PRAYER LIST

Harold Bowling Kathy Barnes **Russell White** Jean Grisby **Betty Shoemaker** Peggy Shoemaker **Betty Swanson** Ben Baldwin Jr. Charlotte Atwater Gil Sander Mary Goldberg Shirley Boner

WORSHIP ATTENDENCE

6/5 - 48 6/19 - 51 6/12 - 42 6/26 - 42

Board Summary

The board met on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 7pm. The following agenda items were discussed

- Children's ministry meeting scheduled for July 17 after church.
- Demolition of kitchen complete. Work begins the week of June 27.
- VBS begins July 10
- Youth Mission Trip June 26-July 2. Prayer partners needed for 5
- Youth highway clean-up days was rescheduled. Date TBA.
- Jacob and Cassie attending worship planning retreat Aug 14-17. Cost is \$550.
- Concrete project is complete. Foundation and brick work starting soon.
- The following projects were added to the trustees' repair list: stained glass window in fellowship hall and sealing/painting parking lot.

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

July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Christian Men's Breakfast
		Home Delivered Meals				@ Christian Church 7:30am
Communion				AA Meeting 6:30		VBS setup 10am
10	11 Retired Teachers Breakfast 9am	12	13	14	15	16
VBS 5-8pm	Board Meeting 7pm			AA Meeting 6:30		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Children's Ministry Meeting 12pm						
VBS 5-8pm				AA Meeting 6:30		
24 VBS 5-8pm VBS	25	26	27	28	29	30
5-8pm Celebration Sunday				AA Meeting 6:30		