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# The Saltshaker

BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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*YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH  
MATTHEW 5:13*



## The Pastor's Pen

The new year offers us an opportunity to refocus on lives, set goals, and imagine new possibilities God can offer. In the next few weeks during worship, we will take time to think about the direction of our spiritual lives through some special Sunday's on the liturgical calendar.

1) January 6 is Epiphany - the day Christians remember the coming of the Magi to visit Jesus, bringing their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The word "epiphany," from the Greek word epiphania, means appearance or manifestation. We will celebrate this day on January 1. Additionally, we will pass out "Star Words" as a means of thinking about our guiding word for 2023.

2) In Methodist History - New Year's Day (or Eve) is a time to renew our covenant as Christians. John Wesley introduced the annual covenant renewal service for use by the Methodist societies in 1755. The service is adapted from a Puritan ritual. Part of our service on Jan 1 will focus on the Wesleyan Covenant.

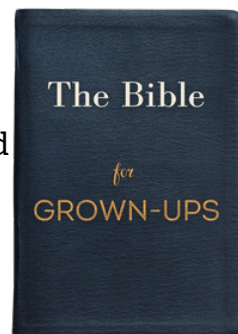
3) Sunday, January 8 is the celebration of the Baptism of our Lord. During our service, we will take time to remember our Baptismal vows.

I hope to see you during worship as we renew our focus and commitments to Christ.

Blessings,  
Pastor Cassie

## Upcoming Sermon Series January 15 - February 12

As children, many of us received a Bible and were told everything in it was true. Then we grew up. What was oh-so-simple then is...well, it's not simple. Perhaps that's because we were taught Bible stories but not the story of the Bible. Starting January 15, join us for a 5-week series as we unpack how our sacred text became what we now know as The Holy Bible. Inspired by Andy Stanley's four part series, we will look at the history and formation of the of the Biblical cannon, digest some of the more difficult passages, and discern together how to study and follow scripture.



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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.

### Reconciling Ministries:

Several weeks ago, the Reconciling Ministries team shared handouts and asked the congregation for their favorite bible verses. Those verses and any RMN handouts can be found on the bulletin board in the hallway on your way to the staircase. Our latest handout has five welcome statements from other RMN Methodist Churches. Please take a look at these and let us know what you think. Forms can be turned in to Jacob, Vi, or Chloe. Your input is highly encouraged and appreciated!



### Kitchen Grand Opening

Saturday, January 7th @ 5:30pm the kitchen committee will be hosting our first official dinner in our new kitchen built in honor of Susan L. Hageman. A full meal will be provided for church members who wish to attend. We are so excited to share upcoming plans and expectations for the kitchen and sincerely hope you can make it! Please RSVP to Bruce Hageman or Pastor Cassie.

### 2023 Board Members

Our 2023 board members are Kris Torre, Kyle Enderle Miller, Bruce Hageman, Ken Tongue, Beth Garr, John Enderle, Nichole Hageman, Callie Aitkens, Grant Clifton, Craig Mattke, and Lisa Querrey.

**Special thank you to Matt Clifton, who is coming off of the board this year. Thank you so much for your years of service to BUMC!**

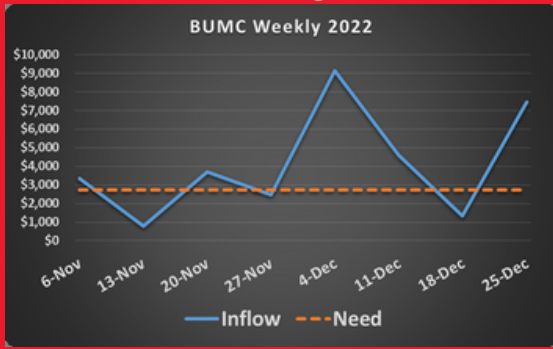
### Giving Tree Update

The final count for the 2022 Giving Tree stands at 34 families and 85 children served (for perspective, in 2021 there were 15 families and 43 children served!!). Thanks to Kyle and Linda wrapping presents during the Youth lock-in, we were able to have everything wrapped and ready for families about two and a half hours after our wrapping party started. Thank you so much to everyone who donated their time and money to make this happen.

**Thank you to all of our business sponsors;** Campbell Legal LLC, Hildebrand Estivo Dental, HyKlas, , Bank of Plattsburg, United Services, DeFreece Real Estate Team LLC, , Edward Jones, Central Bank, Harbor Hospice, **and Community Sponsors;** Girl Scout Troop 4189, Plattsburg Christian Men's Fellowship, Plattsburg Bible Study Sisters, First Christian Church, Rita Terwilliger, Michelle Wells, Teresa Bingham, Sherri and Ron Shatto, and Erica Watts and Family.



## BUMC Giving Summary



## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

12/4: 56  
 12/11: 53  
 12/18: 48  
 12/24: 69  
 12/25: 25

# JANUARY 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

Bob McCush - 4th  
 Matt Clifton - 4th  
 Gary Hanser - 6th  
 Abby Daffron - 9th  
 Mike Torre - 12th  
 Logan Jorgenson - 14th  
 Bruce Hageman - 17th  
 Johnathyn Jeffries - 21st  
 Callie Aitkens - 24th  
 Stan Hoover - 24th

## ANNIVERSARIES

Russ and Linda Brumbaugh - 4th

## Food Pantry News

Happy New Year! We thought you might be interested in how your generous contributions, along with many others in the area, were put to use. These figures do not include December... so it's for the first 11 months of 2022. We were able to help feed 546 family visits, which averages approximately 50 families per month. What a wonderful ministry for the community! Please consider including the Food Pantry in your budget for the coming year because hunger never ends and we want to continue this important ministry. ~Vi

## Broadway Youth Update

To conclude our school year, the youth had a lock-in on December 16. During the event we all had a lot of fun having worship, sharing snacks, and playing a ton of games. Five youth and three adults spent the night. This was the first lock-in since before the pandemic and it was so wonderful to have this event again! ~Kyle

## PRAYER LIST

Connie Collins  
 Kelsey and Michael  
 Schultz and Family  
 Rita Kilgore  
 Russell White  
 Family of Jean Grigsby  
 Betty Shoemaker  
 Peggy Shoemaker  
 Betty Swanson  
 Ben Baldwin Jr.  
 Charlotte Atwater  
 Gil Sander  
 Mary Goldberg  
 Charlotte Devling  
 Family of Sharon  
 McCulloch  
 Bonebrake Family

## Board Summary

The board did not have a meeting in December. Meetings will resume in January as follows:

- Trustee Meeting 1/8 after church
- Board Meeting 1/9 @ 7:00pm

Charge conference will be held on January 21st from 12:00pm-2:00pm at the Ashland Methodist Church in St. Joe.

## LITURGIST SCHEDULE

1- Kris Torre  
 8- Connie Collins  
 15- Ken Tongue  
 22- George Hoover  
 29-Lisa Querrey



# January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
1 December Celebration Sunday Communion	2	3	4	5	6	7 Kitchen Grand Opening Dinner @ 5:30pm		
Home Delivered Meals								
8 Trustee's Meeting @ 12:00pm	9 Council Meeting @ 7:00pm	10	11	12 AA Meeting 6:30	13	14		
15	16	17	18	19 AA Meeting 6:30	20	21 Charge Conference @ 12:00pm Community Dinner @ 5:30pm		
22	23	24	25	26 AA Meeting 6:30	27	28		
29 Celebration Sunday	30	31 New Year's Eve	<p><b><u>Weekly Activities</u></b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>Sunday</b> Children's Sunday School - 9:30am Adult Sunday School - 9:30am Coffee hour 10:00am Youth Group - 6:00pm</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>Wednesday</b> Handbells- 6:30 Choir - 7:15 Praise Team - 8:00pm</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Office Hours</u></b></p> <p>Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am - 3:30pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday - By Appointment</p>				<p><b>Sunday</b> Children's Sunday School - 9:30am Adult Sunday School - 9:30am Coffee hour 10:00am Youth Group - 6:00pm</p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b> Handbells- 6:30 Choir - 7:15 Praise Team - 8:00pm</p>
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