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The Saltshaker

BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PASTOR CASSIE O'BRIEN GRAHAM

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YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH
MATTHEW 5:13

The Pastor's Pen

Thank you to everyone who offered Bruce and I prayers as we traveled to Annual Conference in St. Charles, MO. We had a busy weekend filled with passionate worship, dynamic preaching from both clergy and lay members, holy conversation, and, of course, attending to the business of the Annual Conference. During worship services, we raised over \$25,000 for Disaster Response and the Mozambique Initiative. Personally, it was a time of renewal with my colleagues that allowed me to be reminded of my call and affirm my commitment to serve alongside the local church in vocational ministry. **I am happy to announce I will be returning to Broadway for another appointment year.**

During Annual Conference, we approved our normal business, including reports from committees like Nominations, Clergy Support, Rules and Procedures, and Finance and Administration. Additionally, we approved a significant decrease in the Conference Apportionment Budget. As you may know, close to 100 churches in Missouri have disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church, which equals over 2 million dollars in apportioned giving. Rather than raising apportionments to the remaining churches (including us), CFA proposed a budget decrease. During the Conference we voted to allow 75 churches to disaffiliate from the UMC. You can find the complete list at www.moacinfo.com/downloads. This was a time of grief and sorrow as we part ways with our siblings in Christ but also a time of hope and renewal as we look forward to what God is doing in and through the United Methodist Church.

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Guest Preacher

Be sure to join us for worship on Sunday, July 9th as Rev. Dr. Mark Sheets will be filling in for Pastor Cassie. Mark started in the United Methodist connection as a youth pastor. Since then, he has pastored several churches. He now works as the Director of Congregational Excellence in the Missouri Annual Conference. The Center for Congregational Excellence works with new churches and revitalizing existing churches. He loves to think creatively about the Kingdom of God. We look forward to learning and worshipping with you, Mark!



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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.

The Pastor's Pen Continued

Finally, we voted on two non-binding resolutions. Both passed with overwhelming majority and limited debate. I would encourage each of you to view each of the committees reports at www.moacinfo.com/downloads. Additionally, you can view all of the business sessions and worship times on the "videos" or "agenda" tabs.

Friends, I am excited to be your pastor. It is a joy to serve you in whatever way I can. I hope you will continue to participate in sharing the love of God with our neighbors. I can't wait to serve with each of you for another year!

Blessings, Pastor Cassie



Dinner on Broadway:

Who can resist the smiling faces of Nichole Hageman, Bruce Hageman, and Kyle Enderle-Miller? Apparently not too many people can, as there were ONE HUNDRED people served at our 3rd Dinner on Broadway. Thank you to everyone on the kitchen committee who cooked, cleaned, planned, and more to make this mission possible. Thank you also to everyone who helped spread the word or attended and brought a friend.



KC Pride Parade:

"The Kansas City Pride Parade was a big success. Our Reconciling Ministries team and a few others within our community (16 people total) walked to share the love of God with a community that has been ostracized from it. We received lots of positive feedback, like 'thank you for being real Christians'. It made me proud to be a part of a church that goes against the status quo, dives into scripture, and truly loves their neighbor as they are." -Chloe Eubanks



Vacation Bible School:

VBS is quickly approaching! We are excited to offer a four-day service for children Pre K-5th Grade. The event will be held July 27th-30th, 2023 as follows:

- **Thursday 5:30pm-8:00pm: Dinner Provided**
- **Friday 9:00am-3:00pm: Lunch Provided**
- **Saturday 9:00am-3:00pm: Lunch Provided**
- **Sunday 10:40am: Worship service, Lunch Provided**

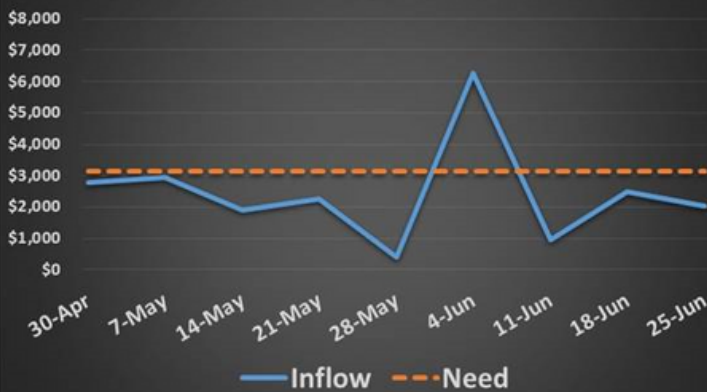
We sincerely hope you join us-whether it be a child in your family, by volunteering to help, or simply spreading the word! If you have any questions or would like to help please reach out to Kyle Enderle-Miller.

Sign up using the QR code to the right or by visiting:
www.plattsburgbumc.org/vbs



BUMC Giving Summary

BUMC Weekly 2023



Weekly Attendance:
6/4: 38
6/11: 33
6/18: 54
6/25: 31

Food Pantry News:

In the month of May, the food pantry served 44 families, including one new family and 109 individuals. 2498 pounds of food were donated and 254 volunteer hours were logged. **Several items have been requested for donation: cereal, pancake mix, syrup, toilet paper, canned fruit, and mac & cheese.** As always, thank you to our volunteers and anyone who has donated to support this ministry.

June Board Meeting:

The board met on June 12th. Goals were reviewed; communication (texting groups) is going well and a grief group is still in the works. If you need assistance with signing up for text messages, please reach out to Cassie or Chloe. The RMN book study has concluded and was a success. There was an average attendance of 14 people. Craig presented a stewardship update; the next big project on the agenda is evaluating the bid presented to repair the stained glass windows. More information, along with fundraising campaigns, will be presented to the congregation in the future as we begin to take on this hefty feat. Pastor Cassie will be out on vacation July 9th-22nd, see our guest pastor for the 9th on page 1. Bruce Hageman will be our lay speaker on the 16th. There will be no board meeting in July, making the next meeting August 14th @ 7:00pm.

Eubanks Family Meal Train

Please keep the Chloe, Justin, and Reggie in your prayers as they prepare to welcome Baby Ruby in July. If you would like to support their family while Chloe begins maternity leave, you are invited to sign up for our meal train and provide dinner for their family. There are several dates available. Drop off time is 5:00pm on the requested dates. The family prefers meals with no cilantro. Scan the QR code or contact Pastor Cassie to sign up.



JULY 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:

Kayla Melton - 01
Pam Clifford - 06
Lauren Masters - 11
Jacob Enderle-Miller - 14
Kathy Barnes - 16
Carol Sander - 19
Lisa James - 21
Betty Swanson - 22
Cameron Melton - 23
Steve Garr - 23
Regina Eubanks - 30

ANNIVERSARIES:

Samantha and Megan James - 09
Teresa and Zephyr Bingham - 17
Steve and Beth Garr - 20
Bruce and Christal Gollnick - 24
Barbara and Jerry Hopkins - 25
Mindy and Tony Masters - 25
Carmen and James Stoneking - 28
Harold and Vi Bowling - 29

PRAYER LIST:

Rita Kilgore
Betty Shoemaker
Peggy Shoemaker
Betty Swanson
Ben Baldwin Jr.
Charlotte Atwater
Gil Sander
Mary Goldberg
Valisa Jackson
Harold Bowling
Wayne and Julia Knauss
Samantha James

LITURGIST SCHEDULE:

7/2: Kris Torre
7/9: Connie Collins
7/16: Ken Tongue
7/23: George Hoover
7/30: Lisa Querrey

