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The Saltshaker

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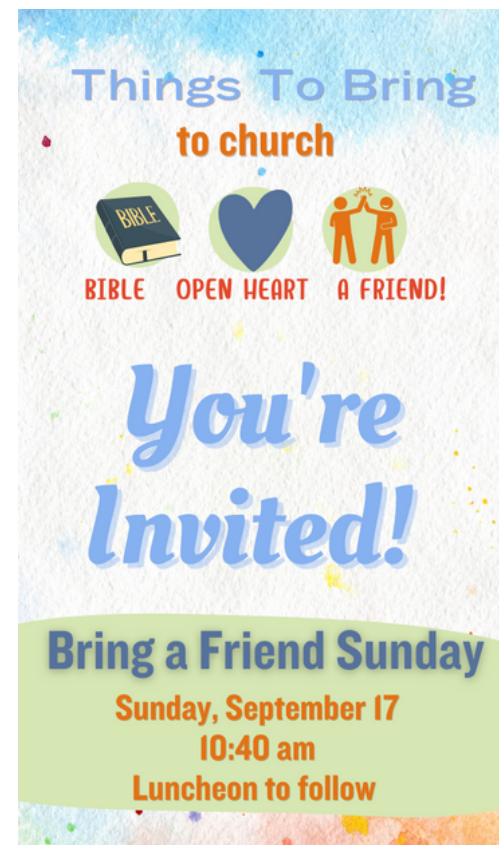


YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH
MATTHEW 5:13

Pastor's Pen

Before Jesus ascends into heaven, he entrusted the disciples some pretty clear directions - GO and make new disciples (Matthew 28:19). As United Methodists we believe our mission is to "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." While church attendance isn't the only measurement of discipleship - it is an opportunity for persons to encounter God through community and grow as faithful disciples through sharing their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Church matters. Community matters. While there is importance in personal prayer and individual communion with God - that same God also created us for and commands us to be part of community. Pastors, church members, and other leaders ask - well, how do we make disciples? How do we get others to come to church? The answer is an invitation. That's what Jesus did. "Come and see," is a message Jesus offered and people followed. Recent statistics show people come to church for the following reasons (see "Why People Come to Church"). Most people come and participate not because there is a really great program or because they like the pastor, but because someone INVITED THEM to belong. The Billy Graham Association issued a statistic that says, "the average Christian can identify 7 unchurched people that they have a personal relationship with. They conducted a national survey and 82% of the non-churched say they would come to church with a friend or relative if invited" (ibid.). We all know someone without a faith community. On Sunday, September 17, we are hosting "Bring a Friend Sunday," followed by a luncheon after worship. I pray each of you will invite a friend (or two or three) to join us for worship. If you haven't been to church in a while, this is also a great opportunity for you to reengage with your church family. Please know, you are always welcome! There are invitation cards at the church for you to use to invite someone. Please pick up a few during church or in the office. See you on Sunday!

Blessings,
Pastor Cassie



Why People Come to Church

- 6-8% Came on their own
 - 2-3% Liked a program
 - 8-10% Liked the pastor
 - 3-4% Had a need met
 - 1-2% Were Evangelized
 - 3-4% Attracted by Sunday School
 - 70-85% Invited by a relative or friend!**
- (<https://churchtrainer.com/the-power-of-an-invite>)

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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 what's happening in September at Broadway!

Fall Ministry Kick-off

The Chiefs aren't the only ones kicking off their fall season in September - Sunday School, Youth Group, and Music Ministries are back! Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. for children and adults beginning September 10. Youth group will have their first meeting of the school year on Sunday, September 17, at 6:00 p.m. All youth grades 6-12 are invited! If you can help provide dinner for the youth, scan the QR code to sign up. Lastly, if you are interested in joining one of our music ensembles, rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 6. See the calendar for the full schedule.

Youth Dinners



Carbs Sign Up



Carbs and Coffee Hour

Coffee and Carbs is back! Join us each Sunday morning at 10 a.m. starting September 10 for homemade breakfast treats, coffee, and conversation. We need people to sign up to bring carbs. If you are able to help, scan the QR code to sign up.

September Dinner on Broadway

Join us for Dinner on Broadway on August 18 at 5:30 p.m. Dinner on Broadway is now held every month on the 3rd Monday. Seventy people and lots of families with children attended our August dinner.

New Members Sunday

On Sunday, September 10, we have 7 new members joining Broadway. Please plan to attend and support these persons. If you are interested in church membership, contact Pastor Cassie.

SAVE THE DATE!

Forever Christmas is December 1&2. We are having a planning meeting following worship on Sept 10. All are invited to participate. Visit our website and click on the "Forever Christmas 2023" tab to learn more about the event or register as a vendor during the Bazaar.

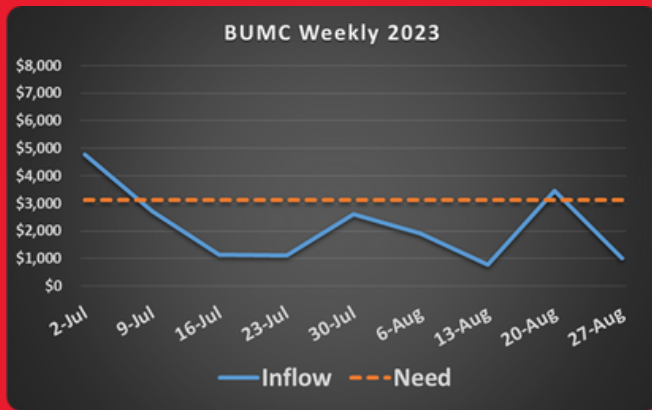
Vacation Bible School



Thank you to everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School. A special thanks to Kyle Enderle-Miller for organizing this wonderful ministry. We had a total of 15 children register. 100% of the children who attended on night one attended all three days! That's a 100% retention rate! Additionally, two new families joined us for VBS Sunday.



BUMC Giving Summary



Weekly Attendance:
8/6: 31
8/13: 36
8/20: 41
8/27: 51

Food Pantry News:

For the month of July, the food pantry served 41 families, 110 individuals, and 2 new families (5 individuals). 294 volunteer hours were logged and 888 pounds of food was donated.

The food pantry always needs the following items: laundry soap, cereal (hot and cold), canned fruits and veggies, pork and beans, soup, toilet paper, pancake mix, peanut butter, evaporated milk, crackers, tuna, tooth paste, bar soap, vinegar, and mac & cheese. Please be sure any food items are not expired.

Board Meeting Summary:

The board met on Monday, August 14, via Zoom. The following items were discussed:

- Goals and financial report discussed. We are planning to write two grants to 1) help with launching a grief group and 2) cultivate generosity through potential capital campaign.
- Kyle gave reports about summer mission week, VBS, and Youth Group plans for fall.
- September ministries and worship events discussed.
- The trustees approved \$8,600 to replace HVAC, gutter and window replacement at the parsonage (\$12,467), and rehabbing the downstairs church bathrooms (<\$1). The parsonage deck and shower doors in the master bath are also being fixed. Many of the expenses will be paid for using trustee's funds. Trustees also discussed potential steps in restoring stained glass windows in the sanctuary and reviewed bid from 6/22.
- PPR discussed staff paid leave and time-off requests.

Contact Pastor Cassie or Ken Tongue to receive a copy of the agenda, minutes, and/or reports. All board meetings are open to the congregation. The next board meeting is on September 11, 2023.

SEPTEMBER 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:

Karla Stayton - 03
Anastasia Jensen - 05
Ken Tongue - 11
Harold Bowling - 12
Dana Jorgensen - 19
Lane Jorgensen - 19
Kris Torre - 23
Nichole Hageman - 23
Linda Brumbaugh - 27
George Hoover - 28

ANNIVERSARIES:

Connie and Rick Tharp - 25



PRAYER LIST:

Betty Shoemaker
Betty Swanson
Peggy Shoemaker
Rita Kilgore
Ben Baldwin, Jr.
Gil Sander
Charlotte Atwater
Mary Goldberg
Caitlin and Hazel Bakker
Harold Bowling
Lisa Querrey
Loretta Rohrbach
Wayne and Julia Knauss
Victor Knorwski

LITURGIST SCHEDULE:

9/3: Jacob Enderle-Miller
9/10: Bill Jones
9/17: Beth Garr
9/24: Christel Gollnick

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
Office Hours Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Tuesday-Friday - By Appointment		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.			1	2		
Wednesday Handbells- 6:30 p.m. Choir - 7:15 p.m. Worship Practice -8:00 p.m.		3	4	5	6	7	8	9
3	 LABOR DAY			Music Rehearsals Begin	AA Meeting 6:30			
Communion								
10 New Member Sunday Sunday School Begins Forever Christmas Meeting 12 p.m.	11  Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.	12	13	14	15	16		
				AA Meeting 6:30				
17 Bring a Friend Sunday Nominations Meeting 12:30 p.m. Youth Group Begins	18 Retired Teacher Breakfast Dinner on Broadway @ 5:30 p.m.	19	20	21	22	23		
	Home Delivered Meals							
				AA Meeting 6:30				
24 Oakridge Service @ 12:15 Celebration Sunday	25	26	27 Oakridge Bible Study 10 a.m.	28	29	30		
				AA Meeting 6:30				

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Announcements: @infobumc

Immediate Requests: @irbumc

Prayer Requests: @prayerbumc