

FREE METHODIST CHURCH

350 E. Furnace Street  
Platteville, WI 53818

Pastor Jeff Suits  
August 1, 2021

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Prelude “Deep River” & “And Can It Be” #203 Karen Jensen  
Welcome  
Life in the Church  
\*Call to Worship Psalm 57:9-11  
\*Hymn “O for a Thousand Tongues” #76  
\*Invocation  
\*Song of Praise  
Pastoral Prayer  
\*Song of Praise  
Ministry of Music Rebecca Fohner  
\*Scripture Reading Luke 15:11-32  
Message “The Prodigal Father”  
Prayer  
Communion  
\*Song of Praise  
\*Benediction  
Postlude

*\*indicates that the congregation should stand*

*Thank you for worshiping with us today. Worship is a priority for us. Our services are prayerfully planned with the intent of helping each person in attendance connect with God in a meaningful way. Our style of worship is one that blends the great hymns of the faith with newer praise and worship songs, seeking to relate to the varying preferences within our church family.*

Sunday:	Worship Service	10:30 am
	Adult Sunday School	9:30 am
	Celebrate Recovery	5:30 pm
Wednesday:	Awana	6:30 pm
	Youth Group	6:30 pm
	Adult Bible Study	6:30 pm

Sunday Worship Service and Wednesday evening Adult Bible Study are Live Streamed on Platteville Free Methodist Facebook

Nursery is for ages three and under  
This Week: Debbie Hamm & Janita Ewing  
Next Week: Del Rae Cushman & Michele Eaches  
Usher Next Week: Joel Herr  
Financial Tellers Next Week: Tom Hamm & Andrew Pulver

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** is meeting, 9:30-10:15a.m. at the Sunshine Center.

**NEW SERMON SERIES**-Pastor Jeff has begun a new series called, "Lost". We will be looking at the parables from Luke 15 as they teach us about God's search for us and our great value in His eyes. This week we will be looking at the parables of the Prodigal Son.

**COMMUNION** - This morning we will celebrate Holy Communion. If you are trusting in the Lord Jesus as your Savior and desire to continue walking closely with Him, you are welcome at His table. You need not be a member of this congregation to participate.

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY**-Every Sunday evening at the Sunshine Center from 6:00-8:00 p.m. with fellowship starting at 5:30 p.m.

**GIVING**” – Thank you for your faithful giving. Place your offering in one of the boxes provided, mail a personal check, or do an electronic fund transfer with your local bank. EFT's can be set up on line and your tithe can be paid like a water bill.

**HOW TO GIVE DIGITALLY**

Download the "Green" Tithe.ly App from the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play Store (Android). Once you've downloaded the app select our church and follow the prompts to get set up. The first time you will also need to add your credit/debit card or ACH/banking information.

**M & M** meeting at Sunshine Center Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** – Wednesday at 6:30p.m. we will gather for a Virtual Bible Study Live Streamed on PFMC Facebook. Our study is from the book of Matthew.

**MEDIA BOOTH RECONSTRUCTION** begins this week. Please bear with us if reconstruction is not completed by next Sunday.

**BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION** Tuesday evening, August 10 at the Sunshine Center.

**BACKYARD BIBLE CLUB** -August 23- 26 from 6:30-7:45p.m.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Edith Ege, 2700 Matthew John Drive, Apt 235, Dubuque, IA 52002

**PRAY ABOUT MISSIONS**

**MISSION NEWS**

**AFRICA**-Bishop Matt Whitehead is scheduled to leave for Ethiopia on Sunday but has not been granted a visa yet. Ask for God's guidance regarding his travel to Ethiopia at this time. Pastor Gabriel invites us to join in praying for the young leaders of the Free Methodist churches in Coyah, Guinea, as they continue their evangelistic programs throughout this week.

**Area Director Mike Reynen asks you to pray for missionaries, Thom and Sherry Cahill. They are unable to continue serving in Tanzania at this time. Please join them in prayer as they explore other potential fields and what may be next.**

**ASIA**-Urgent prayer is still needed for our superintendent in Creative Access-MR. He and his wife both have been suffering from COVID-19 Superintendent "P" remains quite ill. The military junta only allows military family members to get medical care. Families with loved ones suffering from COVID put a yellow flag in front of their house as a way of asking their neighbors to help them with food and medicine. Please continue to join in prayer. Thank you for your diligent prayers for Creative Access-NP. Superintendent Abraham says lockdowns are still in place, and many families are suffering from food insecurity.

**EUROPE** -Area Director Josue Fajardo requests prayer support for several current needs in the Europe area: • Continue praying for Giovanna Souza, daughter of international missionaries Moises and Jacione Souza. Giovanna has started a three-month treatment for a bacterial infection. • Pray for six individuals in the Rivas (Madrid) church who have contracted COVID-19. A missions trip to São Tomé was rescheduled for September due to the virus cases. • Gerry and Kati McNamara have relocated to Pécs (Hungary) to start a new faith community and launch a Set Free initiative. Pray for their transition. • Missionaries José and Ada Hernández will host their last Sunday service in Spain on August 1. Pray for them as they depart for Puerto Rico on Tuesday, August 3.

**LATIN AMERICA**-Pastor Hiuberth Zapata, our mission district leader in Nicaragua and El Salvador, has been hospitalized with serious complications from COVID-19. Please ask the Father to give wisdom to the doctors caring for him, peace to his family, and complete healing for his body. Patterns of domestic violence are rampant in Latin America and have become more evident due to the pandemic. Pray the power of the Holy Spirit will break these patterns and transform homes, filling them with the peace of Christ.

**MIDDLE EAST**-Leaders are crossing national borders to plant churches and train new leaders in countries where a gospel witness is extremely limited or even prohibited. Pray God will give these leaders discernment and grant them safety.

**INTERNATIONAL CHILD CARE MINISTRIES**-Give thanks to the Lord for ICCM children recently sponsored, and pray for those still waiting for sponsors.

**SET FREE MOVEMENT**-Set Free Director Kevin Austin is beginning a heavy travel schedule. Pray for effective ministry and meetings and good health during his travels.

**SEED**-Brian Graybill has served as the SEED Operations Manager for a little more than three years. We thank the Lord for Brian and his service to SEED and rejoice with him as he begins law school this fall. Ask God to pour out incredible blessings on him as he obeys God's calling and takes these next steps.

**OUR MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK**

Mike & Vickie Reynen – Mike – Africa Area Director; Vickie-Support for Women in Kenya

**PRAYING FOR LOCAL MINISTRIES**

Sky Lodge Christian Camp – Steve & Terry Hankins

**PRAYING FOR PLATTEVILLE**

First English Lutheran – Pastor Brenda Crossfield

**OUR CHURCH FAMILIES**

Monday	The Eric Colorados
Tuesday	Nevaeh Colorado
Wednesday	The Steve Cooks
Thursday	The Steve Cushmans
Friday	The David Daileys
Saturday	The Paul Daileys
Sunday	Rodney Dailey

**SPECIAL NEEDS - PRAY FOR:**

1. President Biden, his administration, and Congress – that they will do what is best for the American people
2. Our country in light of unrest and that which divides us
3. Spiritual revival in the United States
4. Our military personnel– Taylor Wiech and Vincent Anderson
5. Friends, neighbors and family members who need to know Jesus
6. Families in our congregation that are struggling especially those struggling with relationships
7. Those who are adjusting to the loss of a spouse
8. Elaine Harkness recovering from knee replacement surgery
9. Blanche Dailey who received two stents to correct heart issues
10. Charlie & Jill Clough family- Charlie's dad, William Clough passed away
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**PRAISE AND ANSWERS:**

1. Thankful for the good rain.

**A WEEK OF BIRTHDAYS**

8/3 Don Rosenbrook  
8/4 Miranda Goodman  
8/7 Debbie Hamm



**A WEEK OF ANNIVERSARIES**

8/1 Steven & Miranda Goodman (6 yrs)  
8/3 Tom & Sherry Cahll (30yrs)  
8/6 Gary & Cyndi Williams (33 yrs)  
8/6 Jed & Lori Polzin (10 yrs)  
8/8 Todd & Becky Richmond (12 yrs)



**Free Methodist Church exists for the purpose of:**

**Magnifying JESUS through worship and the Word,  
Moving believers in JESUS toward maturity and ministry,  
and  
Making JESUS known to our neighbors and the nations.**

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**Prayer Chain (Emergency):** email at: pvlfmc@gmail.com or call

Carolyn Johnston at 642-0018 or Janita Ewing at 348-9865.

**Bulletin Information:** Call Janita Ewing by Thursday noon at 348-9865 or

email: ewingsj64@gmail.com

**Copies** of today's service are available immediately following the service. Please ask the sound technician for a CD.

**Church Website:** Church sermons are available at:

[www.plattevillefreemethodist.org](http://www.plattevillefreemethodist.org)

**Live Streaming** of our worship services on Platteville Free Methodist Church Facebook



The Sanctuary is equipped with Hearing Loop. Have your hearing aid T-coil activated or ask Joel Herr or someone at the PA how to use a Loop Listener.

