

FREE METHODIST CHURCH
 350 E. Furnace Street
 Platteville, WI 53818
 Pastor Jeff Suits
 December 26, 2021

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Prelude		
Welcome		
*Call to Worship	Matthew 2:9-11	
*Hymn	“O Come, All Ye Faithful”	#145
*Invocation		
Congregational Reading	John 1:1-14	#635
*Hymn	“O Little Town of Bethlehem” vs 1, 3, 4	#141
Pastoral Prayer		
*Hymn	“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” vs 1, 3, 4, 5	#152
Life in the Church		
Ministry of Music	Elisabeth Alcalay	
Message	“Why Do We Call Them Wise Men?”	
Prayer		
*Hymn	“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”	#138
*Benediction		
*Postlude		

**indicates that the congregation should stand*

Please take a moment to fill out the yellow attendance form and place it in a basket in the foyer or wing or in an offering box

Sunday:	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship Service	10:30 am
	Children’s Church (ages 3-7)	
	Celebrate Recovery	5:30 pm
Wednesday:	Awana	6:30 pm
	Youth Group	6:30 pm
	Adult Bible Study	6:30 pm

Sunday In-Person Worship Service 10:30 AM Live-streamed on Facebook, YouTube and Church Website; Wednesday evening Adult Bible Study is Live-streamed on Platteville Free Methodist 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.

Nursery is for ages three and under
 This Week: Alissa Herr & Cassidy Pena
 Next Week: Craig Humphreys & Janita Ewing
 Usher Next Week: Tom Hamm
 Financial Tellers Next Week: Tom Hamm & Andrew Pulver

GIVING AT PFMC - There are many ways to give! Give in Person by using the wooden boxes at each exit. Give digitally on our church website or by downloading the green Tithely app on your cell phone. Give through your bank or give by mail. Thank you for your faithful giving!

NO CHILDREN’S CHURCH TODAY. It will resume on Sunday, January 9th.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY will not meet this evening.

NO FAMILY NIGHT THIS WEEK. It will resume Wednesday, January 5th.

LIBRARY NEWS - Audio collection from Focus on the Family, a series of adventures in true American History 1620-1975 told in story form and created for children from 8-12. These are exciting stories that will hold your child’s attention and teach true history of our county. Adults love this series also.. 23 stories. 8 hours of a Great Nation we are blessed to be a part of. Please use the sign out card.

FROM OUR CHURCH TREASURER:

IRS Reminder: To be deductible on 2021 tax return, all contributions must either be received by 12/31/2021 or be postmarked by midnight on 12/31/21.

1. If any single contribution check was for \$250 or more, be sure you have your contribution receipt from the church before you file your income tax report with IRS.
2. Designated contributions are fully deductible if made to a church project program, unless a specific individual is designated as the recipient.

Please remember to mark mission pledges or other special funds on your checks or offering envelopes. THANKS!

PRAY ABOUT MISSIONS

MISSION NEWS

AFRICA-Pastor Maho in Ivory Coast plans to show The Passion of the Christ in several villages this week. Pray the Holy Spirit will use this to open the hearts of many.

The Free Methodist nursery and primary school in Cameroon have been dismissed for the celebration of Christmas. Pray for God's protection of these children, many of whom live in the area of conflict in Cameroon.

ASIA-Last Thursday, Typhoon Rai struck the Philippines. This super typhoon is the most powerful typhoon to hit the nation since Typhoon Haiyan in 2013. Please join us in praying for the people of the Philippines and our Free Methodist family there.

Pray for:• the ability of the government and church to respond quickly in the areas most affected • electricity and communication to be restored quickly • those who are grieving the loss of loved ones • those who are currently without food, water, and gasoline• the medical teams and relief workers who are caring for the survivors • restoration of our damaged churches and ministry structures • the situation to be a turning point, and many will choose to follow Christ.

Pray for tens of thousands who have been displaced by recent flooding in Asia Creative Access-MY. Pray for ongoing rescue and recovery efforts.

EUROPE-This week Europe Area Director Josh Fajardo announced missionary Dee Dee Galloway would assume new responsibilities with the Europe Leadership Core Team, serving as the Regional Director for the Balkans (Bulgaria and North Macedonia). Pray for the Balkans region as they establish plans for expansion into nearby countries. Praise the Lord! About 70 people attended the Christmas worship service in Győr, Hungary, this past weekend. Pray for this growing congregation and Pastor Sylvia, who leads them.

LATIN AMERICA-Rich and Laurie Sheriff, missionaries in Chile, request prayer for the timely processing of their visa application for long-term residency. They also ask prayer for continued progress in Spanish language acquisition.

A team in Latin America has translated, contextualized and adapted the Roots children's curriculum for use across the region. Pray for them as they begin training children's workers throughout Latin America to use this curriculum in developing healthy young leaders.

Continue to pray for an end to the violence and kidnappings in Haiti.

MIDDLE EAST-The Noor Center serves refugees in the northern area of one country. In 2021 the center moved to a larger facility with increased capacity for classes and workshops. Please pray for wisdom as team members decide how to use their new space most effectively.

INTERNATIONAL CHILD CARE MINISTRIES-Praise the Lord for His continued work through faithful servants serving the children around the world and faithful sponsors giving to support the children.

SEED-Give thanks to God for the SEED team and SEED livelihood partner groups around the world. Pray for continuing transformation in each community they represent.

SET FREE MOVEMENT-This past weekend, a local pastor in Hungary took children from an orphanage to the movie theatre. It was a special treat for them! Pray for the Set Free team in Hungary as they continue to care for vulnerable children and pour into their community in incredible ways.

OUR MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Wilson Esambe - Cameroon

PRAYING FOR LOCAL MINISTRIES

North Central Conference – Rev Carl Brannon, Conference Superintendent

PRAYING FOR PLATTEVILLE

Rolling Hills Church – Pastor Matt Wunderlin

OUR CHURCH FAMILIES

Monday	Matthew Lee
Tuesday	The Dan Leitchs
Wednesday	The Gary Lindahls
Thursday	The Ryan Mattesons
Friday	The Joel Matthews
Saturday	The Curt McMahons
Sunday	The Jim McMahons

SPECIAL NEEDS - PRAY FOR:

1. President Biden, his administration, and Congress
2. Governor Evers and the state legislature
3. A willingness to try to understand another's point of view
4. A mighty moving of the Holy Spirit in the United States
5. Our military personnel– Taylor Wiech and Vincent Anderson
6. Friends, neighbors and family members who need to know Jesus
7. Families in our congregation struggling with relationships
8. Those struggling with Covid, physical or mental health issues.
9. Safety for Christians caught in war torn places
10. Spirit anointed services each Sunday in our church
11. Audrey Fultz as she struggles with health issues
12. Safety for those traveling during the Christmas season
13. Those for whom the Christmas season is difficult

PRAISE AND ANSWERS:

1. For this Christmas season which reminds us of God's great gift to all of us.
2. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

A WEEK OF BIRTHDAYS

12/26	Carol Cook
12/29	Naomi Matteson
12/30	Darlene Dailey
12/30	Matthew Lee
12/31	Jerry Selleck
12/31	Todd Richmond
1/2	Hannah Pulver



A WEEK OF ANNIVERSARIES

12/29	Tim & Terry Wood (48 yrs)
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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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Bulletin Information: Call Janita Ewing by Thursday noon at 608-348-9865 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

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

