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DEVOTIONAL LIFE BOOKLETS Devotional Life Booklets (The Upper Room) will be placed in a rack in the front hall for anyone who wishes them. If you would like one delivered to your home or to someone in a Nursing Home please call the Church Office and let us know. (937-568-4102)



SEPTEMBER 2024 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	
August 25	40
September 1	33
September 8	24
September 15	43

MISSION FOCUS FOR OCTOBER 2024

Board of Outreach
2024 Fourth Quarter Mission

October—November—December

Collection of Food Items - Hats, Mittens & Socks - Christmas Adopt-A-Family
(See newsletter articles for more details)



FUTURE INFORMATION FOR THE CHURCH CALL NEEDS TO BE SENT TO THE CHURCH E-MAIL
ADDRESS AT: plattsburgucc@gmail.com or you may leave a note in the secretary's mailbox or call the church and

OCTOBER 2024

October 1 Spaghetti Dinner
5-7 pm sponsored by the Board
of Outreach for the Nehemiah
Foundation supporting the
Metropolis Building Garden
area in Springfield Ohio
October 6 Worship Service/
Communion/Special UCC
Offering "Neighbors in Need" &
Sunday School 9:30 am
October 13 Worship Service &
Sunday School 9:30 am
October 14 NOVEMBER Call
Deadline
October 20 Worship Service &
Sunday School 9:30 am
October 22 Call Collators
11:00 am
October 24 *United Nations Day*
October 26 Trick-N-Treat Clark
County Ohio 6-8 pm
October 27 Worship Service &
Sunday School 9:30 am



FINANCIAL NEWS.....

For the month ending
August 31st 2024:

August Income to
expense ratio was 58.2% and the
January through August income to
expense was 91.2%

This congregation supports all the
missions of the church: Financial, with
donations to benefit all the many
special projects, and with their time
and talents. We appreciate all the
wonderful support provided.

A detailed report of the Church
expenses, by month, is always posted
on the church bulletin board outside of
the pastor's office. Your generous and
regular financial support makes it
possible for our church to do great
things for our members, our neighbors,
our community and our world.

Thank you for all **YOU** do as we walk
together loving and serving our Lord
and Savior.

PLEASE cash any expense-reimbursement checks from the church in a timely manner. Checks that have not been cashed for two or three months make record keeping more difficult. Thank you.

PLATTSBURG UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



PLATTSBURG UCC IMPORTANT EMAIL ADDRESS NEWS

Plattsburg United Church of Christ now has a new email address.

The new email address is: Plattsburgucc@gmail.com

If you should have any questions, please call the church office
and speak to Mitzi.

Thank you.

BOARD OF OUTREACH

2024 Fourth Quarter Mission

The Mission Focus for

October—November—December

Collection of Food Items - Hats, Mittens & Socks
Christmas Adopt-A-Family

We are asking for congregation assistance with the food collection.
The collection for the canned and dry food items begins in October.
You may bring your food items in and place them in the container that
will be provided in the hallway area.

Please place your hats, mittens & socks in the container
marked for them as well.

The "Spirit of the Giving Trees" with the tag system will be used
this year for the Adopt-A-Families Project.
Watch for the placement of the "Giving Trees"
in the upcoming weeks ahead.

The Board of Outreach will also be leaving other totes
in the hallway for collections of other items throughout the year.

Those totes will be labeled as follows:

Soup Kitchen (paper products only) - Toiletries/Hygiene
and School Supplies

*If you are out shopping and find a sale on any of these items, you can now
bring them to the church at anytime. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.*

THANK YOU!

Spaghetti Dinner

On Tuesday, **October 1st**, the Board of Outreach will be sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner **5:00-7:00 pm**. Proceeds will go to the Springfield Nehemiah Foundation to support the Metropolis Building Garden area in downtown Springfield. This is open to the public. Dine In and Carry Out will both be offered. There will be a \$10 donation/charge per meal. Come and enjoy a delicious spaghetti dinner and great fellowship time.



ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to provide flowers for the church altar on a Sunday during 2024, a sign-up sheet has been posted in the front hallway for your convenience. In past years, we have had live flowers on the altar nearly every Sunday. You may wish to provide flowers in memory of loved ones, to commemorate a special anniversary or other important date, or just because. When signing up, please add any such information so that it can be included in the Sunday bulletin. Progress Club

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for individuals to volunteer to be Ushers or Greeters on Sunday mornings. The church is also in need of volunteers to teach Sunday School classes and be with the little ones in the Nursery during worship service time. If you are interested, please contact Joanna Rittenhouse. Thank you.

The 2024 Neighbors in Need theme

"Mental Health Justice for All: Mental Health is a Universal Human Right"

This special offering highlights our God given right to mental health.

***Everyone is created in God's image,
and everybody should receive quality mental health care.***

Plattsburg UCC will be taking this special UCC Offering on Sunday, October 6th during the worship service.

Funds from this offering will provide UCC an opportunity to re-kindle their efforts

to build a more justice world for all, dismantling the shame and stigma of mental health challenges.

This is an opportunity to be part of God's work of mental health justice.

Please consider giving to this great cause.

Thank you.

Church Contributions:

We understand that there still may be concerns about gatherings and attending worship service. If you are unable to attend worship service in person, you may mail your contributions to - **Mike Judy - 8439 Whitridge Road, South Charleston OH 45368** Your generosity is much needed and very much appreciated.

KIDS HOPE MENTORING PROGRAM

A new school year 2024-2025 has started and we are looking for volunteers to be a part of this wonderful mentoring program.

If you are interested now is the time to sign up. You would be mentoring a child in the South Vienna Northeastern Elementary School just one hour each week.

The impact that you would have on a small child and the memories that this child would have for a live time are truly amazing. What a wonderful feeling you would have knowing that you were helping this child as they learn and grow.

If you would like to learn more about this program or become a volunteer, please contact Jeanne Troxell or Mitzi Holloway.

Volunteers are greatly needed. Thank you.



Finding Faith

A Reflection on Mark 9:30-37

36 He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, **37** "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

As we read this passage in Mark, we find a familiar theme... the disciples yet again miss the point of Jesus' teaching. The disciples are arguing about status and position. They obviously know it is wrong, because when Jesus confronts them, they quickly go silent. What is odd about this story though is Jesus' method of refocusing the disciples. Rather than a lecture and story-illustration, Jesus brings forward the children.

I think this is a good lesson for the modern church. Too often we get caught up in a strange status race – attempting to become the biggest, flashiest, most "impressive" church on the block. Perhaps if we let go of all of that and refocused on the children – on creating a place where children are encouraged to grow in their faith – the rest would fall into alignment. The goal of a good Christian Education department is not to get the most kids there at any given time. Rather, it is to develop real relationships with the kids, and then show them the real value of walking through life with Jesus. The goal should never be about numbers, but about inspiring life-long believers.

If you would like to be involved in Sunday school or working with our children and youth, please reach out to myself, or Joanna Rittenhouse.

Pastor Faith Solon

FAIR CHOPS

Saturday, November 16th 2024

This year's Drive Thru Pork Chops event will be held at Bill & Polly Agle's farm. The new Agle barn will be used as the hub for the cooking and distribution. The planning committee for this event this year is as follows: Bill Agle, Jeanne Troxell, Debbie Bell, Amy Zimmerman, Joanna Rittenhouse, and possibly a representative from South Vienna Church pending their decision on whether to participate this year. Many other volunteers will be needed on the day of the event. Watch for more details in the upcoming newsletter in November.



In Memory of Bernice Goodfellow

Thank you all for your thoughts, prayers, visits, cards, and donations made on my Mother's behalf.

She loved the Plattsburg Church and you always made us feel at home.

I thank you for everything.

In God's Love,
Debbie Bell

Safety Tips for Parents with children Trick or Treating

Here are some safety tips to follow on Beggars Night.

Enhance your child's visibility - Carry a flashlight or wear glow-in-the dark reflective gear of some type.

Clear Eyes - Make sure your child can see out of their face mask or better yet paint their face and avoid the mask.

Inspect costumes - keep costumes short and snug free from tripping over or getting hooked on something.

Make sure shoes fit - Big floppy shoes may cause kids to fall.

Check props - Make sure the props are made of plastic or rubber.

Stay together - Go with your kids. If kids are 12 or older make sure to trick-or-treat in groups. Never allow kids to enter homes.

Inspect Candy - Do not allow kids to eat candy until you have checked it.

Be cautious with food allergies -

If your child has allergies, always carry your child's auto-injectable pen.



PLEASE NOTE* For those of you that receive your newsletter via postal service, the Board of Outreach Minutes from August 25, 2024, meeting has been printed on the back of the October 2024 Calendar.

