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JANUARY 2025 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

December 22	51
December 29	29
January 5	36
January 12 - Annual Cong Mtg	44
January 19	54

MISSION FOCUS FOR FEBRUARY 2025

Board of Outreach

2025 FIRST Quarter Mission - Jan-Feb-March

Collection of Coffee/Condiments & Paper Products for the Soup Kitchen

(See newsletter article 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 leave a phone message on the Church answering machine. Thank you.

FEBRUARY 2024

February 1 Faithful Families Meeting 3:00 pm @ Solon Family Residence - 1101 Oxley Drive - London OH
February 2 Worship Service Recognition & Swearing In of new Officers and Board/Committee Members & Sunday School 9:30 am
February 8 Official Board Meeting 9:00 am
February 9 Worship Service & Sunday School 9:30 am
February 14 Valentine's Day
February 16 Worship Service & Sunday School 9:30 am
February 17 President's Day
MARCH Call Deadline
February 23 Worship Service & Sunday School 9:30 am
"Family Game Day" after worship service
February 25 Call Collators 11:00 am



FINANCIAL NEWS.....

For the month ending December 31st 2024:
December Income to

expense ratio was 163.9% and the January through December income to expense was 108.2%

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.

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PLATTSBURG UCC EMAIL ADDRESS

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

Thank you.

BOARD OF OUTREACH

2025 First Quarter Mission

The Mission Focus for

January-February-March

The Collection of Coffee & Creamer

and Paper Products

for the Soup Kitchen

Restaurant size items please
such as products sold at Gordon Foods

Items needed:

Paper Products, Plastic Silverware,
Coffee, Coffee Creamers or Monetary Donations

The Board of Outreach will also be leaving 3 totes
in the hallway area
for the collections of various 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 may now bring them to the church at anytime.

THANK YOU!

Please Note.....

For those of you that receive your newsletter and calendar via postal service, the "Faithful Families" meeting flier has been printed on the back of the February 2025 calendar. Thank you!

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.

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 - **Plattsburg UCC - P O Box 699 - South Charleston OH 45368.** Your generosity is much needed and very much appreciated.

Finding Faith

1 Corinthians 13: The Gift of Love

13 If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

2 And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing.

3 If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant

5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs;

6 it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth.

7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

9 For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, 10 but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.

11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.

12 For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

13 And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to provide flowers for the church altar on a Sunday during 2025, a sign-up sheet has been posted on 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.

1 Corinthians 13 is known by many as “the love passage.” The reason is clear, the Apostle Paul spends much of the chapter discussing love. He outlines the importance of love, and then the characteristics of love. First, Paul describes how truly empty a life is without love. In verse two, Paul explains that even if a person has an understanding of all things, but doesn’t love, that person amounts to nothing. What is this mysterious “love” the imbues meaning, purpose, and indeed life to the living?

The word love flies around a lot in February, we see it in card aisles and across all kinds of advertising. This brand of love is characterized by candlelight dinners, flowers and of course, heart-shaped boxes of chocolate. But this “Valentine’s Day” kind of love is performative, and ultimately lacks the depth of Paul’s description of love. Another apt comparison is this; a wedding day, versus a marriage. Love as characterized by Valentine’s Day or even popular notions of what makes a good wedding are all outward displays of affection – lavish spending, decadent food, meticulous grooming and extravagant clothing. These are all well and good, but I find none of these things on Paul’s list.

Now, the characteristics that I find in Paul’s description of love – patience, kindness, humility, and more... Those are the things that make a marriage. These small things can easily be overlooked on a wedding day, what with all the festivities, but these are the ingredients of true love. It is these traits that keep loving feelings alive, rather than letting competition, bitterness, and resentment take hold. The truth of this illustration is this – love, real meaningful love, is rarely flashy. In fact, it is often supremely boring. The predictability and reliability of Paul’s description of love often doesn’t fit our modern notions – we desire the chase, the drama of what we see in movies and television. We wish to live in the wedding rather than the marriage, but this lacks meaning and depth. As we move through this Valentine’s season, I urge you to practice a deeper meaning of love.

Pastor Faith

FAMILY GAME DAY

Mark your calendar, on **Sunday, February 23rd**, the Board of Outreach will be hosting a “**Family Game Day**” after worship service. There will be tables set up for various card and board games. Soups, hot, dogs, chips, cookies and beverages will be served.

Bring your favorite game to share and enjoy a time of fellowship, fun, food and drinks.

In case of bad weather, a make up date of March 16th has been scheduled.

PHOTOS FROM THE 2024"Christmas On the Farm"





*Thank you to everyone
that helped to make the
2024 special event
"Christmas on the Farm"
a joyous and
wonderful time.*

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Church News Our church has been blessed with Mike Judy being the Financial Secretary for over 15 years. His wife Barb and daughter Beth have been his assistants over this time. Mike has decided to retire from this position with the 2024 Contribution Statements being the last reports provided. Thank you for your diligence, Mike! The Plattsburg UCC Trustees have offered the Financial Secretary job to Mitzi Holloway. She will be adding these confidential financial duties to her Church Secretary role. Thank you. Mitzi !

**Plattsburg United Church
Congregational Meeting
January 12, 2025**

The 2025 Annual Congregational meeting of the Plattsburg United Church of Christ was called to order by moderator Bill Agle following the Sunday worship service on January 12, 2025. Prayer was offered by Pastor Faith Solon.

Copies of the 2024 Annual Reports and the proposed 2025 budget were distributed to the membership. Jay Flax, trustee, announced that Mitzi Holloway, church secretary, will be assuming the responsibilities of the financial secretary and is to be compensated accordingly. He commended Mike Judy for his dedication to the job of financial secretary over the past 15 years and recognized him with a small token of appreciation and applause. Jay went over the budget proposal and explained any differences between the proposed budget and the past year's budget. Jay then moved to accept the budget as proposed, and Barb Judy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Bill noted that the ballot for election of church officers was uncontested and asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, Beth Judy moved to accept the ballot as proposed. Joanna Rittenhouse seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Bill commended the congregation for the many ways in which members contribute to the well-being of the church. This includes not only financial support, but the volunteer hours spent in planning and carrying out church duties and projects, contributions of food, supplies and venues, and all of the many other ways in which support is given. Jay specifically mentioned the Pork Chop Drive-Thru as making a significant contribution to the church budget as well as being an important time of cooperation and fellowship for church and community.

Melanie Wilt Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting. Charlie Miller seconded the motion.
The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Flax, Clerk

**Plattsburg United Church of Christ
Newly elected Officers and Board/Committee Members for 2025**

Deacons: Adam Agle, Roger Coate, Justin Flax & Charlie Miller

Trustees: Gabe Kelly and Denver Thompson

Board of Outreach: Megan Agle, Kelly Manion and Whittney Thompson

Endowment: Shirley Mann

Christian Education: Joanna Rittenhouse

Clerk: Peggy Flax

Moderator: Bill Agle

On Sunday, February 2nd, 2025, all newly elected Officers and Board/Committee Members will be recognized and sworn in during worship service.

Thank you to all of the Nominating Committee Members for a job well done: Adam Agle, Peggy Bellows, Janet Finchum, Kim Flax and Whittmey Thompson

Faithful Families

FEBRUARY 1

3 PM

OLON FAMILY RESIDENCE

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A time for fellowship and fun
as we chat about holy habits
and a potential mission trip
for Junior/Senior High
students.

This meeting is for parents and
children to attend together.

