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FEBRUARY 2025 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	
January 26	39
February 2	41
February 9	34
February 16	16

MISSION FOCUS FOR MARCH 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.

MARCH 2024

March 2 Transfiguration
Sunday Worship Service &
Sunday School 9:30 am
March 5 **ASH Wednesday** -
Special Worship Service at
6:30 pm
March 7 **World Day of Prayer**
March 8 Don't forget to turn
your clocks **FORWARD** one
hour - Daylight Savings Time
Begins on March 9th
March 9 First Sunday in Lent
Worship Service & Sunday
School 9:30 am
March 16 Second Sunday in
Lent - Worship Service &
Sunday School 9:30 am
March 17 **St. Patrick's Day**
APRIL Call Deadline
March 23 Third Sunday in Lent
Worship Service & Sunday
School 9:30 am
March 25 Call Collators
11:00 am
March 30 Fourth Sunday in
Lent - Worship Service/Special
Offering "*One Great Hour of
Sharing*" & Sunday School
9:30 am



FINANCIAL NEWS.....

For the month ending **January 31st 2025:** January Income to expense ratio is 105.2%.

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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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!

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.

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.

Finding Faith March 2025

Signs of spring are around the corner, Easter is on its way! Before Easter's arrival, we must prepare. The season of Lent is a time for somber reflection.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5. We will be having a service for the imposition of Ashes on March 5 at 6:30pm.

On Sunday March 9, we will be having an abbreviated worship service from 9:30am-10am. On March 9, the church is invited to join in Autumn Regula's Celebration of Life at the Clark County Fairgrounds at 11:00am. Folks are encouraged to dress in sparkles and bright colors, like a rainbow.

Beginning on March 16 through Easter Sunday, we will have adult Sunday School from 8:30am-9:15am. We will be studying **"What is a Christian?"** A video study by Francis Chan. Ask any group what it means to be a Christian, and we will hear different answers. But what unifies us? What are the basic characteristics of our faith that every Christian affirms? In this six-session series, Francis Chan will lead us in an exploration of key concepts common to all Christians through the centuries. No matter what divides us, we are united by these truths about the God we worship and our relationship with him.

Looking ahead... April 13 is Palm Sunday, which we will be celebrating with a Parade of Palms. We will also have a Maundy Thursday Service on April 17 at 6:00pm, with a supper following.

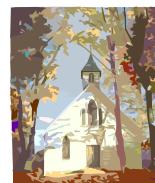
Pastor Faith

Please Note:

For those that receive their newsletter via postal service, you will find the 1/19/2025 Board of Outreach minutes printed on the back of the 2025 March Call Calendar.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

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No matter how I pray,
God hears me.



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

March 17th

HAPPY



March 5th
ASH Wednesday

There will be a special worship service held on Ash Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome!

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.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Don't forget to turn your clocks **FORWARD** One Hour on Saturday, March 8th. Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 9th.



Plattsburg United Church of Christ
Official Board Minutes
February 8, 2025

The Official Board of the church met at 9 am, Saturday, February 8, 2025 in the church fireside room. Those present were Bill Agle, moderator; Debbie Bell, treasurer; Peggy Flax, clerk; Polly Agle, deacon; Jason Ritzenhouse, trustee; and Jeanne Troxell, outreach representative. The pastor and a representative of Christian Education were absent. Richard Flax was also in attendance.

Bill opened the meeting with prayer. Copies of the minutes of the November 14 Official Board meeting and the minutes of the January 12th congregational meeting were distributed to those in attendance. Jeanne moved to accept both minutes as written. Jason seconded the motion.

Debbie presented the treasurer's report, distributing copies of the January 2025 Report of Income and Expenses. She clarified various accruals and expenses in the report, noting that two church-owned snow blowers were sold during the past month. The income to expense ratio for January was 106%. Jason moved to accept the treasurer's report and Polly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Deacons: Polly presented the deacons report noting that the deacons will hold a meeting on February 9 following the church service. Richard reported that the church membership list has been updated. A number of deceased members were removed from the roll. In consideration and respect for all of those on the list, no other names were removed. However, anyone who has not been actively participating in the church for a considerable amount of time was moved to inactive status. Mitzi is working on making updates in the digital program and should have the final membership list completed soon.

Trustees: Jason reported that the trustees have met and organized for the year. Larry Spahr was elected as president, Adam Zimmerman is doing the scheduling for anyone wishing to use the church for non-church functions, and Gabe Kelly and Denver Thompson will share duties regarding the parsonage. Bill and Larry are still working to obtain a new sign for the church as the current one is non-functional.

Outreach: Jeanne reported that the outreach board met on January 18, welcoming Whitney Thompson and Kelly Manion as newly elected members. Responsibilities were assigned. Quarterly mission for January-March is the soup kitchen with paper goods, etc being solicited. Hats and mittens collected during the holidays have been donated to the Springfield warming center. A Family Game Day and luncheon is planned for February 23 immediately following the church service with March 16 as an alternate date in case of inclement weather. The board is currently going over the list of recipients for mission giving and will be making any needed updates.

Old Business: The board discussed the need to appoint new members to the Memorial Fund Committee. Bonnie Spahr and Peggy Flax have both volunteered to be on the committee. Bill is working to find a third member for the committee. Debbie Bell and Polly Agle, who have both met or exceeded their term limits, will continue as a part of the committee for the foreseeable future as they help the new members learn their responsibilities.

New Business: The church audit for 2024 is due. According to the church constitution, the audit is to include the accounts of the Financial Secretary, Memorial Committee, Board of Outreach, Church Treasurer and Endowment Committee. Richard Flax agreed to be on the audit committee. Other names were fielded for the position, and Bill will follow up to obtain the second member. Debbie will let the committee know when her books are completely up-to-date and ready and will assist in the audit.

The next meeting of the Official Board was set for April 12 at 9 am.

Peggy moved to adjourn the meeting. Debbie seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Flax, Clerk

OUTREACH MINUTES

January 19, 2025

Those in attendance were: Megan Agle, Kim Flax, Kelly Manion, Breanna Rittenhouse, Whitney Thompson and Jeanne Troxell.

The meeting opened with prayer.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jeanne - Chairperson

Breanna - Treasurer

Megan - Secretary

Kelly - Shut-ins

Bre, Kim and Whitney will also assist with shut ins

Quarterly missions will be as follows:

JAN - MAR SOUP KITCHEN

APR - JUN FIRST RESPONDERS/FIREFIGHTERS (Harmony and Madison Twp)

JUL - SEP SCHOOL SUPPLIES (Northeastern and Miami View)

OCT - DEC ADOPT-A-FAMILY (Sponsoring four families, NE and Miami View) The mitten tree will also be collecting donations for the warming center.

Kelly and Jeanne donated cards for the shut-ins. Kim will be mailing them as needed. Kelly will organize visits with Carolyn Agle and Jeanne will organize visits with Janet Paugh. Megan and Breanna also volunteered to make home visits.

Breanna volunteered to drop off the past year's collection of hats and mittens to the Springfield warming center. Breanna will also be delivering the collection of non-perishables to the soup kitchen for the first quarter mission. Whitney will be making new laminated signs for the collection totes in the hallway.

OLD BUSINESS:

The date of Sunday, February 23 was set for the 2025 Family Game Day after church. Snow day will be Sunday, March 16. The Outreach board will set up for the game day after church on Sunday, February 16. Peggy Bellows will be supplying chicken and noodle soup.

Breanna: Games, juice, tea, chili

Jeanne: Chips

Kelly: Vegetable beef soup

Kim: Cookies

Megan: Card tables, cards, cookies

Whitney: Six hot dog packages and buns, ketchup, mustard, relish and cookies

Kelly will be checking into monetary distribution changes from the treasurer's report. The next meeting was scheduled for Sunday, April 6 following services.