

JULY 2025

July 4 Independence Day -
Church Office Closed
July 6 Worship Service &
Sunday School 9:30 am
July 12 Official Board Meeting
9:00 am
July 13 Fair Sunday - Worship
Service & Sunday School
9:30 am - Board of Outreach
Meeting after worship service
July 18th thru 25th - 2025
Clark County Fair
July 20 Worship Service &
Sunday School 9:30 am
July 21 AUGUST Call Deadline
July 27 Worship Service &
Sunday School 9:30 am



FINANCIAL NEWS

*For the month ending May 31st
2025:*

May Income to expense ratio
was 103.8% and the January
through May income to expense
was 104.3%.

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.

PLATTSBURG UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST The Church Call



Board of Outreach

2025 Third Quarter Mission

The Mission Focus for July, August & September

SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION

For Northeastern Elementary & Miami View Elementary Schools

Northeastern (SV) Elementary Items Needed:

Fiskars Scissors- Colored Pencils - Expo Black Dry Erase Markers
(thin/fine line) - (2) Pocket Folders - (2) Pocket Folders w/fasteners
Sheet Protectors - Head Phones to use on computers
Wide-line Notebook Paper - Hand Sanitizer – Ziploc Sandwich or Gallon Bags
Band-aids - Clorox wipes - Highlighters
3 x 5 Index Cards both Lined and Unlined - Tissues

Miami View Items Needed:

Small Plastic Supply Boxes (5" x 12") - Glue Sticks – Fiskars Scissors
#2 Pencils (Sharpened if possible no mechanical) - Colored Pencils
Expo Black Dry Erase Markers (thin/fine line) – Large Pink Erasers
(2) Pocket Folders - (2) Pocket Folders w/fasteners - Sheet Protectors
Head Phones to use on computers - Wide-line Notebook Paper
Hand Sanitizer – Ziploc Sandwich or Gallon Bags – Band-aids - Clorox wipes
Highlighters – Tissues

Please Note: Purchase only the items that are on the list.

The Board of Outreach will be leaving 4 totes
in the hallway area for collections throughout the year.

Totes will be labeled as follows:

Soup Kitchen (paper products only) Toiletries/Hygiene
Hats/Mittens/Socks School Supplies

So if you are shopping and find a sale on any of these items,
you can bring them in at any time.

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.

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 United Church of Christ - P O Box 699 - South Charleston OH 45368.
Your generosity is much needed and very much appreciated.

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.
Pastor Faith is asking for volunteers to assist her with the worship service. A Worship Service Helper Sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. If anyone would like to volunteer, please sign the sheet . If you have any question regarding this, see Pastor Faith.

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 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 worship bulletin.



Thank you, Progress Club

July 13th FAIR SUNDAY

Sunday July 13th is Fair Sunday, anyone that will be exhibiting projects at the Clark County Fair are encouraged to attend church this day and share with the congregation a little about their projects. You can bring a picture of your project, an item that you have used to work on or complete your project with, such as a halter, brush, fabric, camera, recipe, and so on.
We are looking forward to hearing from you and learning about your fair projects.



HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY FAIR

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

As the county fair gets closer, young people from around the county will show livestock and other projects they have entered. They will be judged on their presentation, their knowledge of their project and their ability to “show”. These young competitors have spent countless hours and work incredibly hard to get their projects ready for judging. While doing all of this they also learn to respect others and sometimes lend a helping hand when needed. Not all of them will win a trophy or a ribbon but most of them will still go home winners - because they gave it their all. They did the work, and built the discipline, and came prepared to win or lose with grace. The trophies and ribbons are wonderful, but the true prize is the discipline, the knowledge, and the character that are built long before the fair judging days. May this be true for all of us as we travel through life. May we grow in discipline and character to be more like Christ. He is the prize for which we work and train and run and pray

**Independence Day
Let us Celebrate July 4th**

July 4th commemorates that day in 1776 when our nation declared itself to be an independent nation, and no longer a colony of England. On that date a number of very important citizens signed what we know today as the Declaration of Independence.

The independence of this country did not come easily. After many very difficult years of war our independence was gained. This country’s first years as a nation was not free from problems and controversies which is still true today. Our forefathers were determined to establish a free and democratic government, and the Declaration of Independence as well as the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights were all a part of the foundation.

Even though the 4th of July is not a religious holiday, Americans celebrate this time to reflect on God’s goodness to us as a nation. The message that is engraved into the Liberty Bell that is located in Philadelphia reads the words from the Bible: “Proclaim Liberty throughout all the Land unto all the Inhabitants thereof” (Leviticus 25:10, KLV).

So on July 4th this year, let us all give thanks for the faith, hard work, determination and courage of our past leaders. Let us celebrate this day and keep the faith and commit our lives to God and His will.

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord” (Psalm 33:12).



Plattsburg United Church of Christ
Official Board Minutes
May 31, 2025

The Official Board of the Plattsburg United Church of Christ met on Saturday, May 31st at 8 am with the following members and representatives in attendance: Bill Agle—Moderator, Peggy Flax—Clerk, Larry Spahr—representative for Debbie Bell, Treasurer, Joanna Rittenhouse—Christian Education, Charlie Miller—Deacons, Jeanne Troxell—Outreach, Jason Rittenhouse—Trustees, and Pastor Faith Solon. Bill called the meeting to order, and Pastor Faith offered prayer.

Clerk's Report: Peggy distributed the minutes. Jeanne moved to accept them as written, and Joanna seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Debbie Bell, church Treasurer, Larry Spahr, Head Trustee, gave the treasurer's report. He reported that April income to expense ratio was 104.4 %.

Deacons Report: Communion is scheduled for Sunday, June 1. A substitute minister will be present on Sunday, June 29th while Faith and her family are on vacation.

Trustees Report: Larry presented a written request for approval to install gutters along the sanctuary section of the church, repair and clean all other gutters and downspouts, and install leaf and debris gutter guards on all church gutters at a cost of \$3980. He stated that the 6-inch gutter installation is of an urgent nature due to leakage into the sanctuary and will cost an estimated \$1000. Jason explained that water comes off the new roof at a faster rate than it did with the asphalt shingles that were removed during the recent roof replacement, requiring gutters with a larger capacity. A discussion of the constitutional bylaws pertaining to usage of church funds by the trustees followed.

Jason stated that the trustees are currently considering the best way to address the need for more/better security for the church building. Discussion followed with several ideas being shared by those present.

Outreach Report: Jeanne reported that the 2025 graduates are to be honored during the June 1st church service. The graduates are Garrett Agle - Northeastern High School, Cole Dent - Southeastern High School and CTC, Joshua Kelly - Southeastern High School and CTC, and Jake Zimmerman - Ohio Northern University. Fair Sunday is planned for Sunday, July 13th. Those who will be exhibiting projects at the Clark County Fair will be asked to tell the congregation about their projects during the church service. The annual church picnic is scheduled for August 10 at the home of Peggy and Mike Bellows.

Christian Education: Joanna reported that the calendar for June and July is nearly filled with volunteers to teach Sunday School and serve in the nursery. Sunday School teachers will need to bring their own plans. It was noted that there is no definitive rule concerning the ages of children for each, so some of the younger children have been moving between the nursery and the classroom as they wish. Joanna mentioned that a Sunday School bowling event is being planned for fall.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Faith reported that she and her family will be visiting Trey's family in Longview, Washington from June 26th to July 5th. There will be a guest pastor during her absence. Enrollment at church camp is currently open. At least one young person from our church plans to attend, and Faith will accompany them. She has been visiting members of our congregation who are sick or recovering, and she is planning to visit the shut-ins. The four weeklong Adult Sunday School series taught by Charlie Miller concluded on May 26th.

Old Business:

Bill reiterated that the audit has been completed and that the books are in order, as reported at the April meeting. Larry stated the need to begin a search for a new church treasurer as the current treasurer will reach term limits at the end of 2025. Larry brought up questions concerning the trustees' authority to use church funds at their discretion. Section 2 of the church constitution was read and discussed. Larry suggested that anyone accepting a new position as a church officer be given a copy of the Plattsburg UCC Church Constitution so that they are aware of rules and responsibilities. Faith stated that there is a need to mentor new officers following elections.

New Business:

Joanna moved to approve \$1000 to replace the gutters on the sanctuary. Charlie seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Larry expects that the total cost (up to the \$3980 estimate) can be covered by the parsonage and/or contingency funds. After discussion, Charlie moved to ask Greg Flax, an attorney with Martin Hull Harper and Browne Law Firm, to investigate and offer advice concerning a recent bequest to the church. Joanna seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

The next meeting was scheduled for Saturday July 12th at 9 am at the church. Joanna moved to adjourn the meeting and Jason seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Flax, Clerk

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
DATED MATERIAL MAILED ON 6/24/2025
Church Phone 937-568-4102
Church E-Mail Plattsburgucc@gmail.com
Mitzi Holloway - Church Secretary
Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday
9:00-11:00 am

DEVOTIONAL LIFE BOOKLETS

Devotional Life Booklets (The Upper Room)
will be placed in a rack in the
front hall for anyone who would like
one. If you would like one delivered
to your home or to someone in a
Nursing Facility, please call the
Church Office and let us know

| JUNE 2025 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE | | |
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| May 25 | Memorial Sunday | 31 |
| June 1 | 2025 Graduates Honored | 58 |
| June 8 | Pentecost Sunday | 38 |
| June 15 | Father's Day | 37 |
| June 22 | | 35 |

MISSION FOCUS FOR JULY 2025

Board of Outreach

2025 Third Quarter Mission (July-August-September)

School Supplies for Northeastern (SV) Elementary & Miami View Elementary
(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 message