

JULY  
2026



# PLATTSBURG UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## The Church Call

July 4 Happy 250<sup>th</sup>

Birthdays America

July 5 Worship Service & Sunday

School 9:30 am

July 12 Worship Service & Sunday

School 9:30 am - Deacons Meeting  
after worship service

July 19 Fair Sunday - Worship

Service & Sunday School 9:30 am

July 20 Deadline for the AUGUST

Call Newsletter

July 24 - 31 - Clark County Fair

July 26 Worship Service & Sunday

School 9:30 am

July 27 Church Office Closed

July 28 Call Collators 8:30 am



### Board of Outreach

2026 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)

First Responders - 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.

**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.

OR

Use the online Zeffy method. See article in newsletter on how to send your contribution.

Your generosity is much needed and very appreciated.

Thank you .

### FINANCIAL

#### NEWS .....

*For the month ending May 31st:*  
May Income to Expense Ratio  
is 97.2%. The January thru May  
Income to Expense Ratio is  
103.7%

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.

## Pastoral Commentary on Visioning Session

As I was milling about the visioning session, and even as I compile all of the information, I am overwhelmed by the honesty of all the participants. I have been planning, and more importantly, praying over, this listening session for months. In everyone's sharing, I hear the answer to my prayers. I applaud you for looking clearly at yourselves and the church. This gives us a solid grounding for future growth.

I heard of cherished memories of days-gone by, as well as old hurts. A difficulty I noted more than once was the double sided blessing and curse of being a multi-generational church. These generational differences sometimes cause us to clash over how things have been done in the past, how they are done now, and how we should do them in the future. What was most heartening was that I heard a willingness to take the wisdom of traditions and weave them alongside the efficiencies necessary to carry our church into the future. I saw in older generations a desire to pass on the torch, knowing that the way things get done might look different, but our motivations are the same - we all wish to love and serve the Lord. It is the greatest blessing of a Christian community to be able to pass on wisdom from one generation to the next.

After hearing from you all, I have distilled the vision for the future of the church down to this: ***Growing in Faith, Generosity and Community.***

***Growing in Faith:*** There is a strong desire for Christian education opportunities for all life stages. Not only that, it is our desire as a church and individuals to truly and joyfully live out the Gospel, not just go through the motions.

***Growing in Generosity:*** We want to be generous, as God is generous to us. This is manifested in financially supporting the church, as well as serving the church through volunteer roles. We strive to be generous to our community at large through collections and volunteerism.

***Growing in Community:*** We aspire to increase in community both inside of and outside of our walls. We seek greater unity as a congregation. We long to be a place where all are welcome, but especially families. Our desire is to grow by inviting folks to church and being more visible in the community.

Rev. Faith Solon  
Pastor  
Plattsburgh UCC

## A REMINDER ABOUT RECEIVING THE MONTHLY CHURCH CALL NEWSLETTER .....

Please update your email address with the church office to ensure you continue to receive the monthly newsletter electronically (via email) or please call the church office and leave a message if mailing the newsletter is your only option. (937-568-4102) There will always be printed copies of the newsletter available for pick up at the church.

Thank you for your support as the church makes this fiscally and environmentally conscious change.

## FAIR SUNDAY - July 19th

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 project(s). This invitation is extended to both kids & adults. You can bring a picture of your project, or any item such as a halter, a brush, info about a special recipe, and so on. We can't wait to hear from you.



The **2026 Clark County Fair** will open on Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, and will run through Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. The theme this year is "Red, White, and Blue Ribbon Dreams". We want to wish everyone that is participating in the fair with projects this year, "**Good Luck**". We hope that you have a safe and happy experience at the fair. Don't forget to let us know how you did with your fair projects. Send us a photo of you and your project and a brief summary of your accomplishment at the 2026 Clark County Fair. We would like to publish your input in the next Church Call Newsletter. You may send your information to us at: **plattsburgucc@gmail.com**



## **Sunday School Classes .....**

Don't forget that Sunday School Classes are now available for older youth, early primary and nursery classes with age-appropriate lessons and activities. Come and learn about God's love through bible stories, games, various activities and crafts

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

If you would like to provide flowers for the church altar on a Sunday during 2026, 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

This year's special American Birthday is the Semiquincentennial, which marks the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States of America. The official celebration happens on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, celebrating exactly 250 years since the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776.

Clark County, Ohio is celebrating the nation's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday with a variety of local events.

On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Springfield Symphony Orchestra will perform a free patriotic concert at the Veterans Park Amphitheater.

On July 11<sup>th</sup>, the American Miracle event at Rocky Point Chapel features a historical cannon display, historical reenactments, and an educational Q & A.

The Clark County Historical Society is hosting special museum exhibits, commissioning new murals, hosting historical symposia, and leading county-wide planning efforts.

Clark County is also participating in statewide American 250-Ohio programs. These include local Ohio Homecoming and Picnic events, film screenings, and themed tourism trails such as the Ohio Hard Cider Trail.

For more details you can contact the Clark County Historical Society at 937-324-0657 or email them at [info@heritagecenter.us](mailto:info@heritagecenter.us). The main office is located at 117 S. Fountain Ave. Springfield Ohio.

## **Easy to Give – Plattsburg UCC Offering Now Available Online**

You can now make an offering or tithe online! We have set up a "campaign" through Zeffy, which is an online platform that allows 100% of your gifts to go to the church! There are multiple options for how you can give – one-time, monthly and annual gifts of any amount.

This option allows you to use a credit card or electronic funds transfer from your bank account. Zeffy doesn't charge a fee to the church, which is why we chose this method. Please help keep them in business by providing a "tip" when you submit your offering.

To use this method,  
just scan the QR Code,  
or go to the link below.



<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/tithe-to-plattsburg-ucc>

## **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 take a moment and sign up on the sheets posted on the bulletin board.

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.

The colors blue, white and red,  
on the flag gives us the message of love,  
As there is deep solitude today,  
It is the Independence Day,  
So, here is our salute to the country so great,  
May there be Peace and Harmony  
to every state!  
Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July



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1715 S Urbana Lisbon Road  
P O Box 699  
South Charleston OH 45368

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED  
DATED MATERIAL MAILED ON 6/23/2026  
Church Phone 937-568-4102  
Church E-Mail [Plattsburgucc@gmail.com](mailto: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

MAY - JUNE 2026 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	
May 24 - Memorial Sunday	34
May 31	47
June 7	37
June 14	30

**MISSION FOCUS FOR JULY 2026**  
Board of Outreach  
2026 Third Quarter Mission (July, August, September)  
**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**  
(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](mailto:Plattsburgucc@gmail.com) or you may leave a note in the secretary's mailbox  
or call the church and leave a message