

OCTOBER
2026



PLATTSBURG UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Church Call

October 4 Adult Bible Study 8:30-9:15am - Worship Service/Special Offering "Neighbors in Need" & Sunday School 9:30am
October 11 Adult Bible Study 8:30-9:15am - Worship Service & Sunday School 9:30am - Trustee Meeting following worship service
October 18 Adult Bible Study 8:30-9:15am - Worship Service & Sunday School 9:30am
October 19 Deadline for the November Call Newsletter
October 24 **"United Nations Day"**
October 25 Adult Bible Study 8:30-9:15am - Worship Service/ Communion & Sunday School 9:30am - Special Pastor Appreciation Reception following worship service - Call Collators
October 31 - **"Halloween"**
Don't forget to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour - Daylight Savings Time Ends



Board of Outreach 2026 Fourth Quarter Mission

The Mission Focus for October, November & December

COLLECTION OF FOOD, HATS, GLOVES, MITTENS & SOCKS

Please Note: During the month of December the mission Focus will also include the Adopt – A Families Project.

This year we are asking for congregation assistance with the canned and dry food items for the Adopt – A- Families. We will be collecting the canned and dry food items beginning now. You may bring the food items in and place them in the container that will be provided in the hallway area.

Please place your Hats, Gloves, Mittens & Socks in the appropriate container in the hallway area as well.

We will be using the "Spirit of the Giving Trees" for the Adopt-A-Families Project in December.

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 - First Responders

School Supplies - Hats/Mittens/Socks

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

Thank you!

Church Contributions: We understand that you may not always be able to attend church or church gatherings, 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 August 31st 2026:

August Income to Expense Ratio was 193.2%. The January thru August Income to Expense Ratio was 107.8%

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

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.

Corn Festival Pie Sale

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Corn Festival Pie Sale. Through the generosity of our volunteers and donors, we managed to make \$777.56 to add to the church's general fund. Thank you all!

Planning to Grow in Generosity and Mission

Last month, we completed our stewardship covenants. These help us think about all things we give back to God; our time, energy, talents, and financial support. Tithing, or offering back to God a portion of ourselves, is a spiritual practice with a deep foundation in scripture. It also has practical implications, allowing the Finance Committee to plan appropriately for the upcoming year and budget.

By the middle of October, each committee in the church has been asked to submit a budget to the Finance Committee. These budget proposals are estimates of what they need financially to accomplish their mission goals for the upcoming year. Making a clear plan for our next year helps us to stay focused on our mission to grow in faith, generosity, and community in 2027. I ask that we hold the Finance Committee in our prayers as they prepare our budget for 2027, pending congregational approval. Planning is not just administrative work, it is a spiritual discipline. Thank you for helping us plan for Plattsburg Church's future!

Rev. Faith

FAIR PORK CHOP EVENT

Saturday, November 14th 2026

This year's Drive Thru Pork Chops event will be held again at Bill & Polly Agle's Farm (993 South Urbana Lisbon Road).

The event will begin at 11:00 am and run till 1:00 pm.

The cost of a bone-in pork chop is \$9.00.

A bone-in chop dinner, including baked potato, coleslaw and roll is \$13.00.

There will be a few pieces of pie available while supply lasts \$2.00 a slice, **(no pre-orders for pie slices please)**. Just ask at the time of your pick up.

The phone number to call to place your order will be announced sometime after mid October.

The phone information will be published in the upcoming church bulletins, the November Call Newsletter, the church Face book page, flyers distributed throughout the community and on the church electronic sign.

You may also place your order by using the QR Code displayed below.

Many other volunteers will be needed on the day of the event. If you would like to help, contact one of the individuals listed: Pastor Faith, Bill Agle, Debbie Bell, Allison Seaman, and Jeanne Troxell.



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 or call the church and leave a message on the phone. Thank you.

Pastor Faith is asking for volunteers to assist her with the worship service. If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact Pastor Faith.

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



Because I Have Been Given Much

Because I have been given much,
I too must give;
Because of thy great bounty Lord,
Each day I live;
I shall divide my gifts from thee
With every brother that I see.
Who has the need of help from me.

Because I have been sheltered, fed
By thy good care;
I cannot see another's lack and I not share;
My glowing fire, my loaf of bread,
My roof's safe shelter overhead
That he too may be comforted.

Because I have been blessed by
thy great love dear Lord;
I'll share thy love again
According to thy word;
I shall give love to those in need,
I'll show that love by word and deed;
Thus shall my thanks be thanks in deed.

Grace Noll Crowell

Join us for a Pastor Appreciation Reception!
Sunday, October 25th 2026
Plattsburg UCC

Dear Church Family and Friends,
Our church is incredibly blessed to have such a dedicated, faithful, and caring pastor. To show our deep gratitude for all that Pastor Faith does, we are hosting a special **Pastor Appreciation Reception on Sunday, October 25th** immediately following the worship service.

This will be a wonderful time of fellowship, light refreshments, and an opportunity to personally thank Pastor Faith for her tireless service, guidance, and love for our congregation.

If you would like to express your gratitude, on a thank you card or a written note, you may drop your card or note in a special box that will be placed in the church sanctuary area. **Please note: the Deacons will be providing the blank thank you cards during the entire month of October for your convenience.**

Feel free to take one and complete it and drop it in the box. If you choose to mail your thank you card or note, send it to Plattsburg UCC - 1715 S Urbana Lisbon Rd or P.O. Box 699 - South Charleston Ohio 45368. We will see that all mailed notes or cards will be placed in that special box.

If you have any questions, call the church and leave a message and someone will get back with you.

Thank you.

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>

2026 UCC “Neighbors in Need Offering”

Just a Reminder

The offering will be taken during the worship service on Sunday, October 4th 2026.

The Neighbors in Need offering supports ministries of justice and compassion, with one third of the offering given to the Council for American Indian Ministries and the remaining two-thirds supporting UCC justice ministries.

In 2025 the Neighbors in Need Offering supported 26 grant recipients across the UCC who were engaged in projects of direct service and advocacy.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

October is a month rich in cultural significance and fun facts.

Holidays and Observances

Halloween: Celebrated on October 31st, it’s known for costumes, trick-or-treating, and spooky decorations.

Leif Eriksson Day: Observed on October 9th, it honors the Norse explorer who is believed to be the first European to set foot in North America.

Seasonal Changes

October marks the transition to autumn in the Northern Hemisphere, bringing cooler temperatures and shorter days. It’s a prime time for fall foliage, with vibrant colors in many regions.

Astronomy

October is a great month for stargazing, with clear skies and various celestial events. The October Night Sky Map can help identify constellations visible this month.

Cultural Events

Oktoberfest: This famous beer festival in Germany runs from late September to the first weekend in October, celebrating Bavarian culture with food, music, and, of course, beer.

National Pumpkin Day: Celebrated on October 26, it highlights the popularity of pumpkins, especially in cooking and decoration during Halloween.

Fun Facts: October’s birthstone is the opal, which is known for its unique play of color. Interestingly, opals have been found on Mars, adding to their mystique. The month is also associated with various awareness campaigns, including Breast Cancer Awareness Month and National Bullying Prevention Month.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
DATED MATERIAL MAILED ON 9/27/2026
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

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	
August 30	46
September 6	30
September 13	41
September 20	41

MISSION FOCUS FOR OCTOBER 2026
Board of Outreach
2026 Fourth Quarter Mission (October, November, December)
Collection of Hats, Gloves, Mittens, Socks & The Adopt-A-Family Project
(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