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APRIL 2017 WORSHIP HELPER LIST

DATE	ACOLYTES	GREETERS	NURSERY	ALTAR FLOWERS
April 2	TBA	Mary Hall	GeorgeAnn Mullins	Suzanne Howsmon
April 9	TBA	TBA	Rosa Laurel Leslie Flores	OPEN
April 16	TBA	TBA	Jill Flax Brennan McGrevy	"EASTER FLOWERS"
April 23	TBA	TBA	Nancy Gregory Sue Anania	Janet Finchum
April 30	TBA	TBA	Jeremy & Marissa Flax	OPEN

DEVOTIONAL LIFE BOOKLETS Devotional Life Booklets (The Upper Room) will be placed in a rack in the front hall for anyone who wishes them. If you would like one delivered to your home or to someone in a Nursing Home please call the Church Office and let us know. (937-568-4102)



**MISSION FOCUS FOR APRIL
 BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION
 COLLECTION**

MARCH WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	
FEBRUARY 26	57
MARCH 5	51
MARCH 12	59
MARCH 19	45
MARCH 26	62

APRIL 2017

April 2 Fifth Sunday in Lent Worship & Sunday School 9:30am - Fellowship following

April 5 Noodle Making 9:30am - Board of Outreach 6:30pm - Crossroads Lenten Serv 7:00pm @ West Liberty UCC - Choir 7:30pm

April 6 Bible/Book Study 10:00am

April 7 & 8 Northeastern High School presents "The Drowsy Chaperone" a Musical within a Comedy at 7pm

April 8 and 9 Progress Club Collection of Cleaning Supplies for the HARDACRE Farm Project - Saturday's collection time 9:00-10:00am - Sunday's collection time before and after worship service

April 9 **Palm Sunday** Worship & Sunday School 9:30am - Progress Club Palm Sunday Sundaes and SHORT presentation after worship service Annual Election of Officers

April 12 Board of Christian Education 9:15am - Choir 7:30pm

April 13 **Maundy Thursday Service & Communion 7:00pm**

April 14 **Good Friday**

April 15 **Holy Saturday**

April 16 **Easter Sunday** - Easter Worship & Sunday School 9:30am

April 17 May Call Deadline

April 19 Choir 7:30pm

April 20 Bible/Book Study 10:00am
Official Board 7:30pm

April 22 **Earth Day**

April 23 Worship & Sunday School 9:30am - Fellowship following

April 24 **Holocaust Remembrance Day**

April 26 Call Collators 1:00pm

Choir 7:30pm

April 27 Bible/Book Study 10:00am -
Food & Fellowship 12 noon @ Ann & Tony's Restaurant West Jefferson

April 29 SONKA Spring Gathering 9am-1:30pm St. John's Westminster Union Church Cincinnati

April 30 Worship & Sunday School

9:30am - Quarterly Birthday Celebration & Luncheon following service

FINANCIAL NEWS.....

For the month ending

February 28, 2017:

The income was 148% of the expenses. Year -To-Date Income is 144% of expenses.

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 during the holidays and throughout the year.

Thanks to everyone for your faithful support. A detailed report of the Church expenses, by month, is always posted on the church bulletin board outside of the pastor's office.

PLATTSBURG UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Search Committee Update

The Search Committee has reported they have completed the church profile and have submitted it. The next step of this process is to wait for pastoral profiles to come in. Please keep this committee in your prayers as they move forward through the long reviewing process.

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

The Food & Fellowship group will be meeting on **Thursday, April 27th at 12 noon at Ann & Tony's Restaurant, 211 E. Main St., West Jefferson. Reservations are needed.** Please contact Carolyn Agle by Wednesday, April 19th, to make your reservation. If you need transportation, please call the Church Office and leave a message. This will be the last Food & Fellowship Luncheon until Fall. Everyone is Welcome!!

PALM SUNDAY, MAUNDY THURSDAY, AND EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

The eight days from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday are perhaps the most important in the entire Christian year. They provide an opportunity to reflect on what the death and resurrection of Jesus can mean to each one of us, and come a little closer to God in the process. You are invited to join us on Palm Sunday, April 9th, for Worship & Sunday School at 9:30am and enjoy Palm Sunday Sundaes provided by the Progress Club after worship service. Join us on Thursday, April 13th, for our Maundy Thursday Service and Communion at 7:00pm. Then on Easter Sunday, April 16th, join us for our traditional Easter Worship Service & Sunday School at 9:30am. There are Sunday School classes for children 4 and up and Nursery care for children 3 and under during the worship service time. **Prayer:** *Jesus, loving Savior: be with us, this week and always. Hear us, hold us, love us, we pray. Amen.*

Noodles Available for Easter

Progress will be making noodles on Wednesday, April 5 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Please come and join us! Bring a friend, your own rolling pin, electric fans, and a snack. Noodles will be sold following the April 9 worship service. You may pre-order your noodles by contacting Marcia Flax.

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.

Board of Outreach Minutes February 12, 2017

The Board of Outreach of the Plattsburg United Church of Christ met on Sunday, February 12, 2017 following the church service. Those members present were Peggy Agle, Jen Bollinger, Beth Brightman, Peggy Flax, and newly elected member Amy Zimmerman. 2016 Treasurer GeorgeAnn Mullin was also present. New member Jeanne Troxell was not in attendance. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Jen Bollinger. Prayer concerns were expressed. Amy was welcomed to the board.

The minutes of the November 13th meeting were read and approved as written. GeorgeAnn gave the treasurer's report. Total benevolent giving during January was \$335.00. GeorgeAnn volunteered to train the new treasurer and help her get started in her new position.

New Business:

The **mission focus** for January, February, and March is the collection of cell phones, chargers, etc. Peggy Agle volunteered to deliver them to Project Woman at the end of the collection period.

The **Christmas luncheon** served by our committee following the children's program on December 11th attracted approximately 60 to 70 participants. The menu was well received and the quantity of food was about right.

Peggy Flax reported that she delivered the very generous collection of **Giving Tree** mittens, socks, gloves and hats to the Rocking Horse Center, following the holidays.

Peggy Flax volunteered to deliver the **food bank** items collected during the past few weeks to Interfaith Hospitality Network.

New Business:

2017 Officers were elected as follows:

Jen Bollinger—Chair Peggy Agle –Vice Chair Peggy Flax—Secretary Amy Zimmerman—Treasurer

The Outreach Board has been planning and serving the **Easter breakfast** for a number of years. In light of low attendance for the past couple of years, it was decided that if an Easter Egg hunt is held on Easter morning, this year, we will plan a lighter more kid-friendly breakfast to follow the hunt. A table could possibly be set up in the fireside room, or, weather permitting, on the church lawn. We will wait for the deacons and minister to set the Easter morning schedule of worship before making any further plans.

Meeting dates and times were a topic of discussion. Members decided to try meeting prior to choir practice on a Wednesday evening. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, April 5th at 6:30 pm.

Peggy Flax suggested that we spend some time at the next meeting making a **plan for the year**. Members were encouraged to think about whether or not our committee should continue each of our projects from previous years as well as coming up with some new ideas. A review of the church constitution in relationship to our responsibilities is needed.

Contact information of the committee members was shared. Peggy Flax will make a master list and get the information to each member.

Beth moved to adjourn the meeting. Peggy Agle seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Flax

Quarterly Birthday Celebration

We will celebrate second quarter birthdays following worship on April 30. If you have a birthday in April, May, or June, please bring your pennies to feed Pete the Pig. The Board of Christian Education will provide a lite lunch during this celebration.

Vacation Bible School - mark you calendars for **June 12-16** for Vacation Bible School each morning 9-11:30. This year's theme is "**Conquer the Day.**" This curriculum has a sports theme and tells 5 stories about David. The "Mega verse" for the week is: "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." Romans 8:37 NIV. The curriculum also includes special stories from sport stars such as Steph Curry and Roger Federer. We'll have Monday-basketball day (practice with a purpose), Tuesday-track day (listen to leaders), Wednesday-tennis day (remember to recharge), Thursday-swimming day (compete with courage), and Friday-softball day (skip the shortcuts). Any teens and adults who are willing to assist with this fun week are asked to contact Marcia Flax.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING FEBRUARY 19, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Ed Kranz. Those present Ed Kranz, Peggy Bellows, Greg Flax, Sam Roberts and Mary Fannin. Absent: Ryan Dalton and Garry Paugh.

Minutes: Not available.

Financial Update: The treasurer report was reviewed.

New Business: Officers were elected as follows:

Ed Kranz: head trustee Greg Flax: asst. head trustee
Peggy Bellows: secretary Mary Fannin: official board representative

Discussion of the parsonage rental was conducted.

It was decided to post in the Church Call that we want to rent it. The rent value was set at \$700.00 a month. Credit applications will be needed for all renter applicants. Sam Roberts will be in charge of renting the parsonage.

We will be making our capital improvement list at the March meeting.

The office computer was in need of repair which was completed. We were told it is 12 years old and very out of date. An estimate of \$639.00 was given for a new computer. We will have more discussion at the March Meeting.

Teller and Lock Up: March – Ed Kranz
April – Greg Flax

Respectfully Submitted by Peggy Bellows

THANK YOU.....THANK YOU..... We are happy to report that a profit of around \$1,500.00 was made from the February 11th, "Over The Rainbow" Dinner and Concert. Many thanks to everyone that was involved and supported this great event.

SONKA Spring Gathering—Saturday, April 29, 9am-1:30pm St. John's Westminster Union Church, Cincinnati Cost is \$25 (\$10 for retirees)

Sign– in begins at 8:30am If interested, you can register at the SONKA Website www.sonkaucc.org

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Board of Christian Education February 21, 2017

Present: Marcia Flax, Kelly Manion, Alana Carpenter, Jessi Dunham, Kim Flax

The Board of Christian Education met February 21. Input given by parents during the Super Bowl birthday luncheon was reviewed. Business and discussion included the following items:

- *Christian Ed Board members will be cleaning the Sunday School rooms and nursery during the month of March.
- *Vacation Bible School dates were set for June 12-16 and it will convene from 9-11:30 a.m. A VBS curriculum open house will be held March 14 in Dayton. Marcia is planning to attend and would like to have another representative from Plattsburg. A VBS planning committee or VBS director is needed.
- *The date of Sunday April 30 was set for the next quarterly birthday celebration. Many requested that we have another luncheon.
- *Current Christian Education offerings for all ages were discussed. Weekly book study and choir are two options for adults. Teens may participate in choir, as a nursery helper, or in the upcoming confirmation program. Other Boards have been encouraged to promote teen participation when possible. Sunday School and nursery will be provided every Sunday (including Summer) unless the worship service is of interest to kids (such as Abe Lincoln).
- *February attendance (first 3 weeks) for children's Sunday School – have had 9 different children attend. February attendance (first 3 weeks) for nursery – have had 5 different children attend. The Board set an average weekly attendance goal of 10 children total for 2017. We know the core group of children and want to encourage them to attend more often.
- *The current on-line free curriculum will continue to be used for Sunday School. We wish to have two teachers each week and divide the children by age for activities. The Board also desires to have two nursery workers each week. Support from the entire congregation is needed to provide supervision and instruction on Sunday mornings.

The Board of Christian Education will have their next meeting on **Wednesday, April 12 at 9:15 a.m.**