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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00-11:00am

DECEMBER 2017 WORSHIP HELPER LIST

DATE	ACOLYTES	GREETERS	NURSERY	ALTAR FLOWERS
Dec 3	TBA	Mary Hall	Peggy Agle & Lucy Parker	OPEN
Dec 10	TBA	TBA	Children's Program	Marcia Flax
Dec 17	TBA	TBA	Rick & Jeanne Troxell	OPEN
Dec 24	TBA	TBA	Matt Dunham & Andrew Flax	Christmas Flowers
Dec 24 Cantata Serv	TBA	TBA	Justin & Kim Flax	Christmas Flowers
Dec 31	TBA	TBA	Bill & Polly Agle	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 DECEMBER
 FOOD PANTRY ITEMS**



NOVEMBER WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Oct 22	64
Oct 29	59
Nov 5	82
Nov 12	67
Nov 19	69
Nov 26	60

FUTURE INFORMATION FOR THE CHURCH CALL NEEDS TO BE SENT TO THE CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESS AT: plattsburgucc@woh.rr.com.
 If this is not possible, you can leave a note in the secretary's box or a message on the Church answering machine. Thank you.

DECEMBER 2017

Dec 3 Worship/Communion & Sunday School 9:30am - Fellowship following - Christmas Play Practice 10:30-11:00am - Board of Outreach Meeting after worship service
Dec 6 Choir Practice 7:30pm
Dec 9 Children's Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal 10:00am - "Parent's Time Out" begins after Christmas Play Practice ends until 2:00pm
Dec 10 Children's Christmas Program 9:30am followed by a brunch
Dec 11 Last Day to purchase Christmas Flowers
Dec 12 Official Board 7:30pm
Dec 13 Choir Practice 7:30pm
Dec 17 Worship & Sunday School 9:30am - Fellowship following - Christmas Caroling 2:00pm (Meet at the church)
Dec 18 2018 JANUARY Call Deadline
Dec 20 Choir Practice 7:30pm
Dec 24 Worship/Christmas Fund Special Mission Offering No Sunday School 9:30am - Fellowship following - Christmas Eve Cantata & Candlelight Service 7:00pm
Dec 25 *MERRY CHRISTMAS*
Dec 27 Call Collators 1:00pm - Choir Practice 7:30pm
Dec 31 Worship & Sunday School 9:30am Fellowship following

FINANCIAL NEWS.....

For the month ending **October 31, 2017**: The income was **106.6%** of the expenses. Year -To-Date Income has been **115.1%** 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.

A detailed report of the Church expenses, by month, is always posted on the church bulletin board outside of the pastor's office.

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Christmas Program

The annual children's Christmas Program will be held during the December 10 worship service. This year's program "**The Christmas Guest**" will feature our church kids who are age 3 to those in 12th grade. A dress rehearsal will be held December 9 at 10 o'clock a.m.

Thank you to Jill Parker and Melanie Wilt who are directing the play and to Jessi Dunham for teaching the music.

A Christmas brunch will be served by the Board of Outreach after the program.



Family Worship Service

On Sunday morning, December 24, Pastor Jeff will offer a family friendly worship service. A nursery will be provided for children 5 and under. No Sunday School will be held on this day.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS Once again you have the opportunity to purchase Christmas Poinsettias.

The cost of the flowers are \$11.75 each and your choice of colors are: Pink, Red and White.

A sign up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for your convenience. Last day to purchase flowers is Monday, December 11th. If you have any questions regarding the flowers, please call Polly Agle. Thank you.



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.

REMINDER: 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.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR CANTATA & CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

A longstanding tradition here at Plattsburg UCC has been our Christmas Eve Cantata. This year's Cantata is "Rejoice In His Coming".



Please join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

CHRISTMAS FUND for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund On Sunday, **December 24th**, the **Christmas Fund Offering** will be taken during worship. The Christmas Fund is one of the four Special Mission Offerings of the UCC and provides a means to directly assist those who have so faithfully and selflessly served and now find themselves facing unexpected financial needs. Please prayerfully consider and support this year's appeal, and spread the word so that others will join in this essential ministry.

Christmas Giving Projects

The Board of Outreach will be sponsoring the Adopt-A-Family and the Mitten Tree projects once again this year. Your generosity brightens the Christmas Holiday for children and families in need. Thank you for supporting these community mission projects.



Thank you to everyone that helped and supported the Chicken Noodle Dinner and Auction event. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!!

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Search Committee is still gathering and reviewing pastoral profiles. As to date, there have been no prospective candidates. Please keep this committee in your prayers as they continue their reviewing process.



Thank you to everyone who helped with noodle making, this fall. We rolled out about 65 pounds of noodles in record time! About 20 people helped with this project to make noodles for the dinner and noodles to sell. Many hands make light work!

Pete the Pig

On November 5, we held our fourth quarter birthday celebration. Those with birthdays in October, November, and December were recognized. Seth Agle, Suzanne Howsmon, and Roger Woodworth were honored and the youngest and oldest children of God celebrating birthdays. The most special honor of the day went to our beloved Pete the Pig! Through old church records, we are aware that "Pete" is at least 94! He was originally used to collect birthday nickels for the Leprosy Foundation. Thank you to the youth group for serving lunch at this event!

Blood Drive – January 13

Plattsburg UCC will host their annual blood drive on Saturday, January 13 from 7:30-11:30 a.m. Donors must be in good health, at least 16 years old, and weigh over 100 pounds. The need for blood is high during the winter months so we want to encourage all eligible donors to participate. You may pre-schedule a donor time by contacting Richard Flax or by signing up on the schedule posted on the bulletin board. Be a hero and give the gift of life!

Sunday School Teachers Needed January–April

Sunday School teachers are currently being scheduled for the months of January, February, March, and April. Interested adults may teach for a month, 2 or more consecutive weeks, or share a month with another person. Those who are willing to teach, may select which class and the lesson topic to teach. Interested adults need to contact Marcia Flax to be scheduled. Thank you for investing your time in the children, the future of our church!

PARENT'S TIME OUT
DECEMBER 9
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CHRISTMAS
PLAY PRACTICE
UNTIL 2:00 P.M.
LUNCH PROVIDED
CALL BARB JUDY AT 937-605-5579
OR BETH BRIGHTMAN AT 937-605-5521
TO MAKE A RESERVATION
PLEASE MAKE A RESERVATION SO WE
KNOW HOW MUCH FOOD AND CRAFT
ITEMS TO GET

Dear Plattsburg United Church Of Christ,

The Kroger Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to local communities. We do this through a variety of activities, including charitable giving, sponsorships and the unique Community Rewards Program of Kroger. We are also committed to carefully protecting our customers' personal information. In order to meet their expectation of privacy, we have adopted a simple policy to never share a customer's personal information. Our privacy policy applies to Community Rewards participation as well. As your neighborhood food retailer, we deeply value our ability to support local organizations like yours.

Your supporters (12 households) who shopped at **Kroger** between **8-1-2017** and **10-31-2017** have contributed to your **\$76.38** total donation.

Thank you for your continued support of your local Kroger store.

Community Rewards Staff

A Christmas Prayer:

“Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us:

for the shining star and angel's song, for a infant's cry in a lowly manger.

We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child.

We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.”

Xavier University Jesuit Resource Advent & Christmas Prayers

