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### **SEPTEMBER 2018 WORSHIP HELPER LIST**

DATE	ACOLYTES	GREETERS	NURSERY	ALTAR FLOWERS
Sept 2	TBA	Mary Hall	Beth Brightman	OPEN
Sept 9	TBA	TBA	Pete & Jen Bollinger	Mary Hall
Sept 16	TBA	TBA	Bob & Peggy Agle	Bernice Goodfellow
Sept 23	TBA	TBA	Adam & Amy Zimmerman	OPEN
Sept 30	TBA	TBA	Matt Dunham & Andrew 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 SEPTEMBER**

**HARDacre FARM & FOOD PANTRY ITEMS**



#### AUGUST WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

July 29	44
Aug 5	52
Aug 12 Out Door Worship/Music Serv	60
Aug 19	53
Aug 26	66

FUTURE INFORMATION FOR THE CHURCH CALL NEEDS TO BE SENT TO THE CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESS AT: [plattsburgucc@woh.rr.com](mailto: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.

**SEPTEMBER 2018**

- Sept 2 Worship Service & Sunday School 9:30 am - Fellowship following
- Sept 3 LABOR DAY Church Office Closed
- Sept 7 SO VIENNA CORN FESTIVAL
- Sept 8 SO VIENNA CORN FESTIVAL
- Sept 9 SO VIENNA CORN FESTIVAL Worship Service & Sunday School 9:30 am - Fellowship following - Youth Group (grades 5-12) Meeting at Agle's Pond 5-7 pm
- Sept 9 thru Sept 15 IHN MEALS
- Sept 10 Official Board Mtg 7:00 pm
- Sept 15 HARDacre Farm Festival 11:00am to 4:00pm 1536 N. Hampton Road, New Carlisle
- Sept 16 Worship Service & Sunday School 9:30 am - Fellowship following Board of Outreach Mtg after worship service
- Sept 17 OCTOBER Call Deadline
- Sept 20 Food & Fellowship Luncheon 12 noon at the Meadows on Route 40 Springfield
- Sept 23 Worship Service & Sunday School 9:30 am - Fellowship following
- Sept 26 Board of Christian Education Meeting 9:15 am - Call Collators 1:00 pm
- Sept 30 Worship Service & Sunday School 9:30 am - Fellowship following

**FINANCIAL NEWS.....**

For the month ending **July 31, 2018**: The income was 95.4% of the expenses. Year -to-date Income has been 116.8% of expenses. We continue to be "in the black", so it is all good news. 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.

**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.**

**PLATTSBURG UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**



**CORN FESTIVAL UPDATE**

The South Vienna Corn Festival is fast approaching... Sept. 7-9. The Progress Club is looking for volunteers to help set-up on Friday, work the church booth during festival hours, and clean-up on Sunday evening. Please contact Barb Judy to schedule a time to help with this major fund raiser. In addition to volunteers to work, we are also looking for donations. What can you contribute?

- FRESH produce (home-canned items are not permitted!!)
- Crafts of all kinds
- Baked goods (please provide a list of ingredients for required labeling)
- Collectibles
- White elephant items.

We will be accepting items at the church beginning at noon on Friday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> and would ask for all baked goods too be available by 2:00pm so we can make the required labels before taking goods to the festival site. Items to be sold should be at the church by 4:00pm on Friday or should be delivered to the booth in the festival tent.

We deeply appreciate all volunteers and items for sale. Come and enjoy the FUN!! We will look forward to seeing you there.

**FOOD & FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON**

It's time for the monthly Food & Fellowship luncheons to begin. The group will meet on Thursday, September 20th at 12 noon at the Meadows on Route 40. If you would like to attend and need transportation, please contact Carolyn Agle or leave a message on the church answering machine. Hope to see you there. Everyone is WELCOME!

**SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE .....**

The Search Committee continues to be in close contact with SONKA and is working closely with them to find candidates that would be a great match for our pastor position at Plattsburg. As a result of the survey that was taken recently regarding the hiring of a new pastor, the committee is now reviewing new profiles of candidates both full-time and part-time. The committee continues to work carefully and conscientiously on the search for a pastor. Please keep this committee in your prayers as they continue this reviewing process.

**Board of Christian Education Minutes  
August 17, 2018**

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

The Board of Christian Education met Friday, August 17 at 9:15 a.m. Minutes from the May meeting were approved. The following business items were discussed: Summer Attendance was better than in past years. Children were present every week!

Music activities at the end of summer Sunday School seemed to be enjoyed by the children. They had the opportunity to sing and learn some of the old camp and Bible School songs!

Vacation Bible School was an overwhelming success! Our biggest day had 59 in attendance!

Anticipating a larger group again next year, we will need more adult and teen hands on deck. Daily help would be a huge relief!

The July Fair Showcase and Birthday Sunday was well attended. We ran out of space!

Congratulations to all fair participants. You all worked very hard (parents, too)!

Families had some fun with Flat Jesus this summer. Five families submitted photos.

The classroom and nursery windows have been washed inside and outside. Curtains for both rooms were washed and ironed. Christian Education will be cleaning and straightening up the nursery this fall. Bright décor has been hung in the grades 3-6 classroom.

Promotion Sunday arrangements were confirmed. Pastor Jeff is aware of the plans. Children who are age 5 and those beginning 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be recognized.

The Youth Group will meet Sunday, September 9 at 5 o'clock p.m. at the Agle Pond. Garrett, Adam, and Bill Agle will host this organizational gathering for youth in grades 5-12.

New hands-on curriculum has been purchased for use this fall. It is set up to be more interactive like VBS curriculum. We believe the children and teachers will like it! Several teachers are still needed to fill the need from September – December. We will offer two classes again: age 5-grade 3 and grades 3-6. Families are encouraged to bring their friends to Sunday School!

We will set a date in November for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Birthday Celebration.

A tentative date of December 16 was set for the annual Christmas program.

The Board of Christian Education will meet again on Wednesday, September 26 and 9:15 a.m.

**PROGRESS CLUB** .....The Progress Club will again be conducting our **“Make It – Bake It – Take It”** auction in conjunction with the Chicken Noodle Dinner in November. Although November seems a long way off, it will arrive before we realize where the time went. Please begin planning now for the crafts or gift cards you would like to contribute to this event, then come and enjoy the great food and all the fun of a live auction. Look forward to more details to come during the next few months.

**PLEASE NOTE.....** For those of you that receive the Call via postal delivery, the minutes from the Board of Trustees meeting, August 16, 2018, can be found printed on the back of the September Calendar. Thank you.

**INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY  
NETWORK**

**NEEDED: Volunteers! Cooks! Meal Servers!  
Monetary Donations!**

**September 9 through 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**IHN week** is fast approaching! Our church is responsible for serving 7 evening meals at Interfaith Hospitality Network's Homeless shelter, **Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**. This is an *all-church* project, under the direction of the Plattsburg UCC Outreach Board. **Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve** the meals. Sign-up sheets have been posted in the back hall. **Please, consider giving an hour or two of your time to prepare or serve one of the meals.**

**Monetary donations** are also needed to cover the cost of the food being prepared. These can be placed in the donation plate at any regular church service and designated for that purpose or dropped in the donation cans in the church hallway. Questions? Contact Jeanne Troxell (937) 605-1661 or Peggy Flax (937) 459-7337.

**THANK YOU!**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND NURSERY  
HELP NEEDED.....**

Thank you to all who have provided nursery care and have helped to teach Sunday School. Beginning August 26<sup>th</sup>, we will again have 2 youth Sunday School classes in session following the Children's Sermon. We are in need of nursery help for October, November, and December and we are scheduling Sunday School teachers for September - December. Sunday morning youth nursery helpers need to have completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Teachers, the multi-week approach that was implemented last year was successful and the children liked it. If you could teach Sunday School for 2 or 3 consecutive weeks or for a month, your assistance would be tremendously appreciated! If you cannot do consecutive weeks, maybe you can "buddy up" with a friend and share a month. Both have been done and work quite well. The Board of Christian Education tries to have everything ready and made as simple as possible for the teachers. Both women and men are encourage to teach the children.

Nursery help may sign up on the front hallway bulletin board. Sunday School teachers should schedule with Marcia Flax for teaching dates and curriculum. Our preferred practice is to schedule everything at least one month in advance. Please direct any questions to Marcia Flax or the Board of Christian Education.

**Board of Outreach Minutes**  
**July 15, 2018**

**Present:** Jenny Bollinger, GeorgeAnn Mullins, Jeanne Troxell, Beth Brightman and Amy Zimmerman

The Board of Outreach meeting opened with silent prayers for those mentioned beforehand.

Previous Minutes were read by everyone. Amy provided financial reports. Both were unanimously approved by everyone present.

**Old Business**

Mission Focus- Project Women were thrilled with the donation, but requested no dishes to be brought in.

Bible school collection for the food pantry was delivered by Amy.

IHN collections – Peggy will pick up on Saturday. Amy will also check on them.

**New Business**

Mission projects for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter consists of box tops for education and school supplies. Jeanne mentioned they really could use more headphones, which can be bought at Walmart for \$5. School starts on August 15<sup>th</sup> for South Vienna and August 30<sup>th</sup> for Miami View. The deadline for collections will be August 19<sup>th</sup>. The Outreach board will then stay after church and divide everything between the two schools.

We are still doing the Outdoor Worship-Family picnic in August on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Trustee will bring tables and chairs from church. Amy and Jennifer can bring tents. Peggy will have tubs for drinks and trash cans. We will need to get plates, bowls and silverware. Everyone attending to bring covered dish. One hundred pieces of chicken will be ordered from Kroger. Jen will bring ice, bottled water, Capri sun, serving spoons, silverware bundles and take home containers. Checking with Richard to see if they have any corn available.

We are doing IHN in September.

Corn Festival is September 7, 8, and 9<sup>th</sup>.

Halloween will be discussed at next meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup> after church.

Beth made motion to adjourn the meeting, Amy seconded, meeting adjourned.

**Youth Group Gathering** ..... The Church Youth Group (grades 5-12) will meet Sunday, September 9th, at Agle's Pond. Hosts for the gathering will be Garrett, Adam, and Bill Agle. We will meet from 5-7 pm for a cookout and organizational meeting. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend as we plan activities for the upcoming months. Anyone who wants to fish should bring their pole and bait. In case of rain, this outing will be moved to the church. More information will be coming after Labor Day.

**Old Paint Needed**..... The Board of Christian Education is looking for some leftover paint that you might have sitting around at home. We are looking for some white and also a bright bold color such as blue, orange, yellow, etc. The white paint will be used to paint the altar table and the bold color is for the toy shelves and toy cupboard. If you have some paint that might help us, please give it to Jessi Dunham or Kim Flax. Thank you!

**HARDacre Farm Fall Festival Saturday, September 15th 2018**

Baked good are needed for their bake sale. Cookies, candies breads, snacks, etc.

If you wish to donate items, please have them packaged ready for selling. They do not need to have the ingredients labeled on them. Items should be delivered to the Farm the morning of the Festival.

See enclosed flier for details.

**The Neighbors in Need Offering**..... The Neighbors in Need Offering, which will be taken on Sunday, October 7th, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. **Neighbors in Need helps make A Just World for All possible. For this to occur, it needs your support. Please give generously.** Thank you.

**Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.** Proverbs 16:24 (NIV)

Thought for the Day.....**Today I will show God's love by speaking words of encouragement.**