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DECEMBER ALTAR FLOWER LIST

December 6	OPEN
December 13	OPEN
December 20	OPEN
December 27	OPEN

MISSION FOCUS FOR DECEMBER
HOLIDAY ADOPT-A-FAMILIES
MITTEN/HAT TREE & SOCK BOX



FUTURE INFORMATION FOR THE CHURCH CALL NEEDS TO BE SENT TO THE CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESS AT: plattsburgucc@woh.rr.com or you may leave a note in the secretary's mailbox or call the church and leave a phone message on the Church answering machine. Thank you.

DECEMBER 2020

Dec 6 Worship Service 9:30 am

Dec 13 Worship Service 9:30 am

Dec 20 Worship Service 9:30 am

Dec 21 January 2021 Call Deadline

Dec 25 Merry Christmas

Dec 27 Worship Service 9:30 am

Dec 29 Call Collators 11:00 am

Dec 31 New Year's Eve

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FINANCIAL NEWS.....

For the month ending **October 31st 2020:**

Income was **119.6%** of the expenses and the Year-To-Date was **98.5%**.

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

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.

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE.....

The annual Plattsburg Church Blood Drive will be held **Saturday, January 16th** from **7:30-11:30 a.m.** Please come, share a pint of your healthy blood with someone in need. Blood donors must be at least 16 years old and in good health. To schedule a donation appointment, sign up at the church, contact Peggy Bellows or schedule on-line via www.donortime.com. If you cannot donate but would like to provide donuts, cookies, or juice for the canteen, please notify Peggy Bellows. Your donation is important and very much needed.

Thank you.



PLEASE NOTE

There will not be an annual congregational meeting in January 2021.



Due to COVID, the Deacons are planning church services two weeks at a time. This coming week, December 6th, will be a Facebook Live service

There will not be any Christmas caroling or children's Christmas program this year. The Deacons and Pastor Jeff are considering options for a Christmas Eve service and communications will be forthcoming.

Luke 2:10 (NRSV) *The angel said to (the shepherds), "Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.*

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY—How am I seeking the Savior this Christmas?
Prayer: Dear God, thank you for giving us Jesus, your Son. Amen.

Taken from the Upper Room November-December 2020

The Outreach Committee's Mission Focus for December

The Board of Outreach adopted (3) families for Christmas this year. As mentioned in last month's Call Newsletter, since the attendance at church has been low due to the virus and the low attendance is anticipated to continue throughout the holiday season, it is in the best interest and safety of our congregation that the tree and tag system used in previous years for shopping for the Adopt-A-Families not be used this year. Instead a gift card for groceries will be purchased and given to each family along with the purchase of a toy and clothing gift for each child in the family. The purchased items for each family will be distributed to them in the church parking lot on December 18th. Financially the Board has funds in their budget to take care of the Adopt-A-Families expenses since special events sponsored by the Board in the past did not take place this year due to the virus. However, please note, the Mitten/Hat Tree and Sock Box collection display will be set up for donations after Thanksgiving in the main hallway area just outside of the sanctuary. Donations collected for the Mitten/Hat Tree and Sock Box during the holiday season will be delivered to the Rocking Horse Center in Springfield.

We thank you for your mittens, hats and socks.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated. If you should have any questions about the upcoming projects, please contact anyone on the Board of Outreach Committee.



One Dark and Starry Night

By Kelly Roper

On a dark and starry night
One star shone particularly bright
And led wise men to the sight
Where a prince was born that night.

When they arrived upon the scene,
It was almost like a dream.

There lay the tiny Lord Supreme,
'Tween Joseph and Heaven's future queen.

The wisemen placed their gifts before him,
To show how much they adored him.
Their souls filled with joy to the brim,
As the angels sang their Heavenly hymn.

Now each Christmas we commemorate,
And rejoice with glee and celebrate,
The birth of Jesus, the one so great,
The Son of God, the Word Incarnate.

A Humble Christmas Prayer

We pray for joy in our hearts, hope in our God, love to forgive, and peace upon the earth. We ask for the salvation of all our family **members** and friends, and we pray your blessings on all people. ...
Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with your love and power. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

Amen

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May the simple joys of the season be yours!

Merry Christmas
Plattsburg United Church of Christ

Board of Trustees Meeting – November 5, 2020

Trustees Meeting

The meeting was opened by Ed Kranz. Those present were Ed Kranz, Gary Aldridge, Adam Zimmerman, Jay Flax and Debbie Bell. Sam Roberts and Adam Agle were unable to attend. Kelly Manion also joined us.

The September 30 meeting minutes were approved. The October financial statements were reviewed. Adam Z. moved to approve the report and Jay seconded the motion.

Continuing Business:

Steve Turnbull has installed the new speakers at the rear of the church.

The Runyan house was torn down on November 2 and, as of this meeting, the connections for sewer and electric are continuing. Gary has been key in monitoring the progress. Ed Wiseman put the cement pieces in the former basement, then clay and topsoil. The electric disconnect will be on a post vs. being on the garage.

Rick Delaney has been working on installing a new pump for the 30' well. Rick has Charlie Hamilton to blow out old debris in other instances, but there is a risk of ruining the well. As it seems to be needed before putting a new pump in, Jay moved to authorize the payment of up to \$1,200 to purge the well and Gary seconded the motion.

The septic tanks for the church and parsonage will be scheduled to be pumped soon and on the same day.

The Payroll Protection Plan process continues as Ed and Debbie gather the paperwork for supporting the funds that we received in April.

New Business:

Ed brought up the idea of the Endowment Fund being handled by the Trustees. After conversation, we are asking the Official Board to look at the Endowment Committee structure.

The church heating is programmed to work at certain temperatures at certain times. This can be overridden when necessary.

The trustee terms end for Ed Kranz and Gary Aldridge this year and we are very grateful for their time and talents. Two church members have been approached to consider running for trustee.

We reviewed this year's expenses through October and arrived at a proposed 2021 budget. This will be posted in December and presented to the congregation in January.

Again, the fan in the men's room is malfunctioning after recently replacing the motor. A new fan will be purchased and installed.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Bell

KROGER NEWS

Dear Plattsburg United Church of Christ

The Kroger Company Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to help create a stronger community. Your supporters (14 households) who shopped at **Kroger** between **08/01/2020** and **10/31/2020** have contributed **\$59.63** total donation to your church for your community needs. Thank you for being such an important organization in our community.

Kroger Rewards Staff