

DECEMBER 2025

## PLATTSBURG UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST The Church Call

December 7 *Second Sunday of Advent* - Worship Service & Sunday School 9:30 am - Adult Sunday School Class 8:30-9:15 am - Official Board Meeting 6:00 pm

December 14 *Third Sunday of Advent* - Worship Service & Sunday School 9:30 am - Adult Sunday School Class 8:30-9:15 am

December 15 JANUARY 2026

Call Newsletter Deadline

December 18 the 2025 Annual "Christmas on the Farm" - See article for details

December 21 *Fourth Sunday of Advent* - Worship Service

/Special UCC Christmas Fund Offering & Sunday School 9:30 am - Adult Sunday School Class 8:30-9:15 am

December 23 Call Collators 8:30 am

December 24 *Christmas Eve*

December 25 *Merry Christmas*

December 26 Church Office Closed

December 28 Worship Service & Sunday School 9:30 am

December 31 *New Year's Eve*

### FINANCIAL

#### NEWS .....

*For the month ending October 31<sup>st</sup> 2025:*

October Income to expense ratio was 67.1% and the January through October income to expense was 84.2%.

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.



### Board of Outreach

#### 2025 Fourth Quarter Mission

The Mission Focus for October, November & December

### COLLECTION OF FOOD, HATS, 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, Mittens & Socks on the Christmas Tree in the Hallway Area.

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 (paper products only)

Hats/Mittens/Socks & Food Items

School Supplies - First Responders

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

Thank you!

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.

**Church Contributions:** We understand that there still may be concerns about gatherings and attending worship service. If you are unable to attend worship service in person, you may mail your contributions to:

**Plattsburg United Church of Christ - P O Box 699 - South Charleston OH 45368.**

Your generosity is much needed and very much appreciated.

**Please Note .....**

**The Church Office will be closed on Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup> 2025.**

## ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to provide flowers for the church altar on a Sunday during 2025, 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



## Fair Style Pork Chops!

On November 8, Bill and Polly Agle hosted our annual Pork Chop Drive-Through event!

This year, we offered the fair style chops individually or with a meal.

We were blessed to make \$4,600!

This event is not just a fundraiser, but also a great time of fun and fellowship!

Thank you to all who participated, made donations, and bought our chops! You're all appreciated!

**Please note:** As we approach the new year, this is just a reminder that the individuals serving in positions responsible for annual end of year reports per the following list will need to submit their report to Mitzi, the church secretary as we approach the end of the year.

The deadline dates will be published in the 2026 January Call Newsletter and upcoming bulletins.

Pastor's Report – Official Board Report – Moderator's Report – Deacons Report - Outreach Report – Progress Club Report – Memorial Fund Report – Endowment Fund Report – Trustee Report – Benevolent Report – Fin Secretary Report - Fin Treasurer Report and the Nominating Comm Report and Ballot

**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
FROM  
PLATTSBURG UCC**



## 2025 UCC Christmas Fund Offering

On Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, the 2025 UCC Christmas Fund Offering will be taken during worship service.

This Fund has been a beacon of love and care providing direct financial assistance to the healers in our lives:

retired and active UCC ministers, faithful church workers, and their families.

Your gift represents more than financial relief - it also reminds us of God's presence and the Church's love.

This generosity makes hopes tangible, such as providing hearing aids, eye glasses, and helping financially with mounting medical bills during a time of deep crisis. Our 2025 theme is a simple yet profound truth: ***"When they saw the star, they were filled with joy."*** Matthew 2:10

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Thank you for your contributions.

God Bless!



## KIDS HOPE MENTORING PROGRAM

The 2024-2025 School year is at the half way period making the 2025-2026 school year not far away.

With a new year coming, it's time to consider becoming a mentor for the ***"Kids Hope USA Mentoring Program"***.

You would be mentoring a child just one hour each week.

Think about the impact that you could have on a small child and the wonderful feeling of knowing that you were helping this child as they learn and grow.

The rewards are ***amazing!***

Please contact Jeanne Troxell or Mitzi Holloway if you are interested.

Thank you!



## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY .....

Today and every day I can experience  
anew the joy of finding Jesus.

Read Luke 2:8-14

*The angel said to the shepherds,  
"Your savior is born today in David's city.  
He is Christ the Lord."*

## 2025 Christmas on the Farm

Christmas on the Farm event will take place on **Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**, at the Thompson Farm 9788 Chenoweth Road, South Charleston Ohio. **The barn doors will open at 5:00 pm and the Program will begin at 6:30 pm.**

This event combines the spirit of Christmas with the rustic charm of a farm, creating an evening that's truly magical.

The main event will be the live nativity play by the young ones at Plattsburg UCC and hosted by our Pastor, Faith Solon.

One of the main highlights of the event is the petting zoo. A variety of farm animals will be present for the children (and adults too) to interact with.

But what is a Christmas event without Santa?

Of course, the jolly old man himself will be there to spread cheer and entertain the kids. Children will have the chance to meet Santa, and share their Christmas wishes!

There will be food and music throughout the evening.

"Christmas on the Farm" is more than an event; it's a faith filled experience and an opportunity to create lasting memories, enjoy the company of friends and family, and really get into the Christmas spirit!

So mark your calendar for this spectacular holiday event.

We look forward to seeing you there!



## 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 contact Joanna Rittenhouse. Thank you.

Pastor Faith is asking for volunteers to assist her with the worship service. A Worship Service Helper Sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. If anyone would like to volunteer, please sign the sheet. If you have any question regarding this, see Pastor Faith.

## Pastor Faith .....

### Theological Worlds - Adult Sunday School

JOIN US! Please see Pastor Faith for a copy of the self-assessment.

A new Adult Sunday school class will meet at 8:30am-9:15am, running from November 16 - December 21. The topic of this class will be Theological Worlds. We each understand the world through our own lens, often crafted from our experiences and inward personality. This lens even impacts how to connect to our faith, and informs how we think about God. This Theological Worlds class will help each person not only to identify their own Theological World, but also increase understanding of the various Theological Worlds.

### Advent

Advent is a time of preparation for the Christ child. As we enter this Advent on November 30, I challenge each of us to hear the stories of Advent anew. For many of us, these stories have turned stale. They are old standbys, much like grandma's ornaments and secret recipes. We enjoy them, but we also take them for granted. We miss the radical, world-shifting message of a God who chooses humility over fanfare. This Advent, let us look with new eyes at the portrait of God's becoming human – one of us. Let us not only hear the old stories, but feel them in our souls.

### Pastoral Vacation

Pastor Faith will be on Vacation on December 28.

## The Gift of Peace

*In a world where chaos often reigns,*

*A gentle whisper calms our pains.*

*This season brings a chance to share,*

*The love that lingers in the air.*

*The silent night calls softly near,*

*As hearts embrace the joy and cheer.*

*A promise born of love's sweet grace,*

*Awaits each soul, a warm embrace.*



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED  
DATED MATERIAL MAILED ON 11/25/2025  
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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

NOVEMBER 2025 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	
November 2	44
November 9	43
November 16	45
November 23 Thanksgiving Sunday	37

**MISSION FOCUS FOR DECEMBER 2025**  
**Board of Outreach**

**2025 Fourth Quarter Mission (October-November-December)**  
**COLLECTION OF FOOD, HATS, MITTENS & SOCKS**

(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](mailto:Plattsburgucc@gmail.com) or you may leave a note in the secretary's mailbox  
or call the church and leave a message