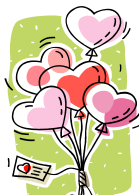


FEBRUARY
2026



PLATTSBURG UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Church Call



Feb 1 Worship Service &
Sunday School 9:30 am
Feb 8 Worship Service &
Sunday School 9:30 am
3RD Annual Family Game Day
following worship - 10:30 -
12:30pm - Board games, cards,
food and fellowship
Feb 14 **Valentine 's Day**
Feb 15 Worship Service &
Sunday School 9:30 am
Official Board Meeting 6:00pm
Feb 16 **President's Day**
**DEADLINE for the March Call
Newsletter**

Feb 18 **Ash Wednesday**
Service at 6:30 pm
Feb 22 Worship Service &
Sunday School 9:30 am - Lent
Sunday School Class 8:30 am
Feb 24 Call Collators 8:30 am
Feb 28 Rev. Lorenzo &
Anastasia's Baby Shower (see
article in newsletter for details)

FINANCIAL NEWS

*For the month ending December
31st 2025:*

December Income to expense
ratio was 159.3% and the
January through December
income to expense was 88.3%.
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 2026 First Quarter Mission

The Mission Focus for Jan - Feb - March
SOUP KITCHEN

Items Needed:
Coffee - Coffee Creamer
Paper Products - Plastic Silverware
Or Monetary Donations
Please purchase restaurant size items
such as products sold at
Gordon Foods

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
Hats/Mittens/Socks
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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to provide flowers for the church altar on a Sunday during 2026, a sign-up sheet has been posted in the front hallway for your convenience.

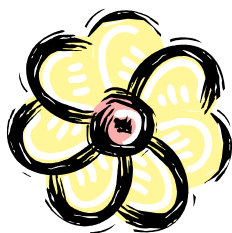
In past years, we have had live flowers on the altar nearly every Sunday.

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



One Great Hour of Sharing

On **Sunday, March 15th 2026**, the UCC **“One Great Hour of Sharing”** offering will be taken. When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you are sharing your love offering to the world – through disaster relief, economic development, or essentials like food, water and shelter. Your love is shared in practical, life sustaining, and transformative ways. No matter how difficult the circumstance, your giving ensures God's love is present and lives are changed.

**Share your love offering to the world.
Give to One Great Hour of Sharing.**

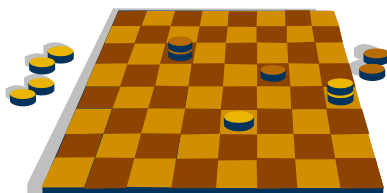
3rd Annual Game Day!!!!

Sponsored by
Board of Outreach

Sunday, February 8th
Plattsburg UCC Basement
10:30-12:30pm

**Join us for board games, cards,
food and fellowship!**

Lunch provided!



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.

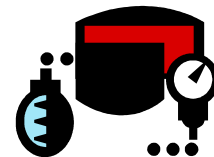
PLATTSBURG UCC 2026 ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

On Saturday, January 17th, Plattsburg UCC sponsored their Annual Blood Drive event from 8:00-11:00 am. There were 19 donors. A total of 21 units of blood was donated to the blood bank. Those units of blood will be used to help save many lives.

We thank all the donors, the volunteers who donated their time, the sweets, and beverages, and those who helped to set up and tear down. A special thank you to Peggy Bellows who graciously volunteered to coordinate and organize the entire event.

Thank you.....

Thank you



Easy to Give – Plattsburg UCC Offering Now Available Online

You can now make an offering or tithe online! We have set up a “campaign” through Zeffy, which is an online platform that allows 100% of your gifts to go to the church! There are multiple options for how you can give – one-time, monthly and annual gifts of any amount.

This option allows you to use a credit card or electronic funds transfer from your bank account. Zeffy doesn't charge a fee to the church, which is why we chose this method. Please help keep them in business by providing a “tip” when you submit your offering.

To use this method,
just scan the QR Code,
or go to the link below.



<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/tithe-to-plattsburg-ucc>

Finding Faith

As the cold wind blows, I find myself longing for spring. With Spring comes Lent and the Easter season. This year, Easter falls on the first Sunday of April, making Ash Wednesday, that start of Lent, this month! So according to my math, it's basically spring... or at least that's what I tell myself as I pull on my hat and gloves.

I hope that we all will enter the season of Lent thoughtfully this year. Lent is a time of purposeful lament over our sins. Lament and confession are necessary steps before the salvation light of Easter morning. The darkness is what allows the beauty of the dawn to shine so poignantly. Let us not run from the darkness and lament this Lenten season, but purposefully engage so that we can find what God has in store for us on this journey.

Looking Ahead...

Ash Wednesday Service on February 18 at 6:30pm. This will be a somber service that includes the imposition of ashes.

Lent Sunday School Class at 8:30am from February 22 - March 29.

What the Women Saw: Bible and Video Study

Do women matter to the kingdom of God?

Jesus was surrounded by both men and women during his ministry on earth. He saw, valued, and cared for women, and he still does today. Each one of us has a significant role.

Through this six-session study, you will discover who Jesus is through the unique perspective of women in the Bible. As you study the lives of Mary, Martha, Mary Magdalene and others, you will learn from their faith and failures and be reminded that Jesus cared for and valued the women he was surrounded by. He equipped them, listened to them, walked with them, healed them, and empowered them. And he does the same for you now.

Palm Sunday Worship on March 29 at 9:30am - Child Led

Maundy Thursday Service on April 2 at 6pm

Easter Sunday on April 5 at 9:30am.



January 11 2026 BOARD OF OUTREACH MINUTES

Those in attendance were Megan Agle, Kim Flax, Jeanne Troxell and Bre Wallen

The meeting began with silent prayer.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Adopt-A-Family mission was a wonderful success!

Family Game Day plans were finalized for Sunday, February 8, 2026 immediately following worship in the church basement. A bad weather date of Sunday, February 22, 2026 was put into place. We will set up after church on Sunday, February 1 for the event. Kim will be putting together a flyer and letting Mitzi know for the church bulletin and calendar.

The Outreach Board will provide the following:

Megan: (5) Hot Dogs/Buns and any needed condiments that aren't in the basement/Card table

Kim: Cookies and games

Kelly: Cookies

Whittney: Cookies/Games

Jeanne: Brownies/Chips/Water

Bre: Chili/Juice

The Family Bowling Day event plans were finalized as well. The bowling event will take place on Sunday, March 15, 2026 beginning at 11:00 AM at Madison Bowling Lanes 690 N. Main Street, London, Ohio 43140. The Outreach Board voted unanimously to pay for the children (12) from our budget. Pizza and a drink along with two hours of bowling will be provided. Kim will also generate a flyer for the bowling event. Participants will need to RSVP to Jeanne by Thursday, March 12, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS:

The **next** Outreach Board **meeting** was scheduled for **Sunday, April 12** following worship to discuss missions and 2026 graduates.

Mark Your Calendar

On Sunday, **March 1st**, The Board of Outreach will be sponsoring a "**Family Bowling Day**" right after worship service.

The bowling event will be held at 11:00 am at Madison Bowling Lanes, 690 N. Main St., London. The Board will be paying for the bowling and for pizza and drinks for children (12 and under). Participants will need to **RSVP** to **Jeanne Troxell** by Thursday, **February, 29th**.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
DATED MATERIAL MAILED ON 1/27/2026
Church Phone 937-568-4102
Church E-Mail Plattsburgucc@gmail.com
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

JANUARY 2025 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	
December 28	37
January 4	34
January 11 Annual Congregational Meeting	50
January 18	35

MISSION FOCUS FOR JANUARY 2026

Board of Outreach

2026 First Quarter Mission (January-February-March)

SOUP KITCHEN

(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 or you may leave a note in the secretary's mailbox
or call the church and leave a message