

MAY
2026



PLATTSBURG UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Church Call

May 3 *Worship Service & Sunday School 9:30 am*
May 10 *Mother's Day Worship Service & Sunday School 9:30 am*
May 14 *Ascension Day*
May 17 *Worship Service & Sunday School 9:30 am*
May 18 *JUNE Call Deadline*
May 24 *Pentecost Sunday - Memorial Sunday - Worship Service/Special UCC Offering "Strengthen the Church" & Sunday School 9:30 am*
May 25 *Memorial Day Church Office Closed*
May 26 *Call Collators 8:30 am*
May 31 *Worship Service & Sunday School 9:30 am*



Board of Outreach

2026 Second Quarter Mission

The Mission Focus for April, May & June

LOCAL FIRST RESPONDERS

Items Needed:

Bottled Water - Gatorade

Individual packaged snacks such as (chips, beef jerky, granola bars, protein bars, trail mix, etc.)

This Mother's Day, we honor all mothers living and in spirit who have shaped our world with unconditional love, strength, and sacrifice.

FINANCIAL NEWS

For the month ending March 31st: March Income to Expense Ratio is 134.6%. The January through March Income to Expense Ratio is 113.8%.

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.

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.

OR

Use the online Zeffy method. See article in newsletter on how to send your contribution. Your generosity is much needed and very much appreciated.

Thank you .

Pastor Faith

Let's Dream Together!

I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

- Acts 2:17

There will be a church-wide visioning meeting on Sunday May 31 during the normal worship time. This will be a prayerful time of the church gathering together to discern where God is calling Plattsburg UCC. Please prayerfully consider the following questions in preparation for the service. On May 31st, please come prepared to share your thoughts and listen to the thoughts of others so that we can discover where God is leading our church.

Preparation Questions for Visioning Session

1. What is the history of Plattsburg UCC?
2. What can Plattsburgh UCC afford to leave in the past?
3. What is Plattsburg UCC's current story?
4. How can Plattsburg UCC grow into God's call?
5. What should be the top 3 priorities of the church?
6. What passage of scripture should serve as our lantern moving into this new season?

Sunday School Changes

I want to share my profound thanks for everyone who volunteers in Sunday School. You have all done an excellent job filling the additional teaching slots caused by the creation of the new preteen class. On the first pass of the sheet, 75% of the slots were filled! As of right now, only 6 slots remain through the end of June. If you would like to sign up, the sheet is located on the Christian Education Board. Our children are now all receiving age-appropriate Bible education. Kudos!

A Central Bible verse regarding little children:

"When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.'"

Mark 10:14

Strengthen the Church Special UCC Offering

On Sunday, May 24th Pentecost and Memorial Sunday, Plattsburg United Church of Christ will be taking a special UCC Offering "Strengthen the Church" during our worship service.

This years theme is

SENT FORTH IN LOVE

*Jesus said to them again,
"Peace be with you.*

*As the Father Sent me,
so I am sending you."*

John 20:21

This bible verse guides us as we think about the Strengthen the Church offering. This offering challenges us as a church to stretch into the unknown, trusting in the Spirit's guidance. Your gifts launch new worshipping communities through the Congregational assessment, Support, and Authorization (CASA) grants at the National Ministries, as well as countless programs supporting leadership development and youth and young adult ministries across our Conferences.

Thank you for your gifts to this offering!

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>

Attention Plattsburg Church,

We would like to shift to having the majority of the congregation receive the newsletter via email. This would decrease our postal and paper costs, allowing our stewardship to support other ministries of the church.

Please update your email address with the church office to ensure you continue to receive the newsletter. There will also be printed copies of the newsletter available for pick up at the church. If you would like to continue receiving a copy of the newsletter in the mail, please reach out to the church office.

Thank you for your support of the fiscally and environmentally conscious change.

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 take a moment and sign up on the sheets posted on the bulletin board. 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.

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

About Memorial Day 2026

Honoring the Brave - Remembering Their Sacrifice

Memorial Day 2026 will be observed on **Monday, May 25, 2026**. It is one of the most meaningful national holidays in the United States - a day to honor and remember the **men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces** who gave their lives in service to their country. Each year, Americans come together on this day to **pay tribute to fallen heroes**, visit cemeteries and memorials, attend patriotic ceremonies, and reflect on the true cost of freedom.

The Meaning of Memorial Day

Memorial Day is not just the unofficial start of summer - it is a solemn day of remembrance. It reminds us of the **courage, sacrifice, and devotion** of those who fought to defend the nation's values of liberty and justice. While many people enjoy barbecues, parades, and gatherings, the heart of Memorial Day lies in **honoring those who never returned home**.

History of Memorial Day

Memorial Day traces its roots back to the **Civil War era**. Originally known as **Decoration Day**, it began when Americans decorated the graves of soldiers who died during the war.

The first large observance took place on **May 30, 1868**, at Arlington National Cemetery, led by General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic. Over time, the holiday expanded to commemorate **all American military personnel** who died in any war.

In **1971**, the U.S. Congress declared Memorial Day a **federal holiday**, observed annually on the **last Monday of May** to create a three-day weekend for reflection and remembrance.

How Americans Observe Memorial Day

Across the United States, Memorial Day is marked by both **patriotic celebration** and **solemn reflection**. Common observances include: Visiting military cemeteries and memorials, placing flowers or American flags on soldiers' graves, participating in parades organized by veterans' groups, attending church services or community gatherings, observing a moment of silence at 3:00 PM (The National Moment of Remembrance), flying the **U.S. flag at half-staff** until noon, and families also take the long weekend to spend time together - celebrating freedom while remembering its cost.

Why Memorial Day Matters in 2026

As we approach Memorial Day 2026, it's important to reflect on how this day continues to unite Americans in gratitude and respect. In an era where freedom is often taken for granted, Memorial Day serves as a **powerful reminder** of the individuals who laid down their lives to protect the nation's ideals. Whether you attend a local parade, light a candle, or simply pause for a moment of silence - every gesture of remembrance keeps their legacy alive.

A Moment of Reflection

"Our nation owes a debt to its fallen heroes that we can never fully repay, but we can honor their memory by serving our country and communities with the same spirit of courage"

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
DATED MATERIAL MAILED ON 4/28/2026
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

APRIL 2026 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	
March 29	65
April 2 - Maundy Thursday -	Cancelled
April 5 - Easter	80
April 12	39
April 19	46

MISSION FOCUS FOR MAY 2026
Board of Outreach
2026 Second Quarter Mission (April-May-June)
FIRST RESPONDERS
(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