

JUNE  
2026



# PLATTSBURG UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## The Church Call



June 7 Worship  
Service/Communion & Sunday  
School 9:30 am  
June 8 Trustee Meeting 6:30 pm  
June 14 Pentecost Sunday/Worship  
Service & Sunday School 9:30 am  
June 15 JULY Call Newsletter  
Deadline  
June 21 Father's Day - Worship  
Service & Sunday School 9:30 am  
June 23 Call Collators 8:30 am  
June 25 The 69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
United Church of Christ  
June 28 Worship Service & Sunday  
School 9:30 am - Official Board  
Meeting 6:00 pm

### FINANCIAL NEWS .....

*For the month ending April 30<sup>th</sup>:*  
April Income to Expense Ratio is  
86.6%. The January through  
April Income to Expense Ratio  
is 105.2%.

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

#### 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.)

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 appreciated.

Thank you .

## Finding Faith

Romans 15:5-6 (New International Version)

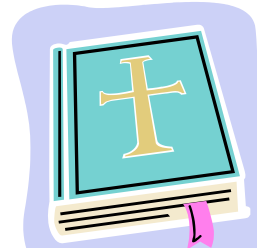
*May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

At the Solon house, we have been enjoying T-ball season. T-ball is an experience all its own. It is quite like herding cats. My job during games is to line up the players in batting order. To keep things simple, they bat in numerical order.. at least, one would expect it to be simple. After they have all jostled into place, the next difficulty is keeping them there and not having them wander off. To help in this, I tell the kids to watch the batter, so that they might cheer one another on – that they should be an “encourager.” To new T-ball players, this can be difficult. They aren’t sure if they should yell while the player swings their bat or after the ball connects.

Often we find ourselves in the same place. Wanting to encourage others, but unsure of how to do it. We mean to give someone a call, but hold off, not wanting to be a bother. It is silly for us to think that encouragement can come at a bad time. There is never a wrong time to share a kind word. Other times, we say nothing because we believe we don’t have the perfect phrasing. Silence takes over. Let us cheer on one another like the Growlers T-ball team. Loudly, with imperfect phrasing, perhaps questionable timing, and a whole lot of enthusiasm.

## Sunday School Classes .....

*Don't forget that Sunday School Classes are now available for older youth, early primary and nursery classes with age-appropriate lessons and activities. Come and learn about God's love through bible stories, games, various activities and crafts.*



## Family Summer Blessing

“Lord God, Creator of all things,  
guide our steps and strengthen our hearts  
during these months of summer  
and vacation days.  
Grant us refreshment of mind and body.  
May we constantly strive to make a  
meaningful difference in the lives  
of our loved ones  
and in the world around us  
as we enjoy the warm days of summertime.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## 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>

**REMINDER ABOUT RECEIVING YOUR CALL NEWSLETTER VIA POSTAL MAIL SERVICE.....**

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

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST'S  
69<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 2026**

The United Church of Christ (UCC) was formed on June 25, 1957, through the union of two significant denominational bodies: the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

This merger aimed to promote a more unified expression of faith among its members and enhance their collective witness in the world.

Each of these churches has a rich historical background marked by earlier mergers and diverse traditions rooted in the Reformation.

The Evangelical and Reformed Church itself was established in 1934 from the Evangelical Synod of North American and the Reformed Church in the United States, both of which trace their origins to European Protestant reformers like John Calvin and Martin Luther.

Conversely, the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches emerged in 1931, uniting various Congregational and Christian denominations with ancestry linked to the Reformation movements in England.

The UCC thus embodies a tapestry of historical influences and theological perspectives, reflecting a commitment to inclusivity and a shared mission

**SUMMER BREAK IS HERE** School is out for the summer, bringing a much needed break for kids to enjoy the sunshine, play, and relaxation. But keeping them safe and engaged requires a balance of structure and freedom. To ensure a safe, fun, and memorable summer, focus on outdoor activity, limiting screen time, preventing the "summer slide" through reading, and maintain basic safety routines.

Here are a few suggestions to get you through the days.

**Outdoor activities:** Encourage bike rides, hiking, picnics and visits to local parks to get fresh air and sunshine.

**Creative play:** Keep kids engaged with arts and crafts, science experiments, or building backyard obstacle courses.

**Summer reading:** Prevent the "summer slide" by visiting the library weekly and setting up a summer reading challenge with small rewards.

**Stay active together:** Plan family game nights, cooking sessions, or backyard cookouts to build strong connections.

Always keep safety and wellness in mind. Use sun protection on kids and make sure they keep hydrated and drink lots of water. Ensure consistent adult supervision with all activities whether at home or in the public. While it is a break from school keep a general routine for sleep and meals to keep kids well-rested and minimize behavioral issues.

**Have a safe and happy summer!**

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED  
DATED MATERIAL MAILED ON 5/26/2026  
Church Phone 937-568-4102  
Church E-Mail [Plattsburgucc@gmail.com](mailto: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

MAY 2026 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	
April 26	40
May 3	40
May 10 - Mother's Day	40
May 17	49

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