

**AUGUST
2026**



PLATTSBURG UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Church Call

August 2 Worship Service & Sunday

School 9:30 am

August 9 Worship Service & Sunday

School 9:30 am

August 12 Official Board Meeting

6:00 pm

August 16 Worship Service &

Sunday School 9:30 am

August 17 SEPTEMBER Call

Newsletter Deadline

August 23 Annual Outdoor Worship

**Service & Picnic 9:30 am - (See
article for more details)**

August 25 Call Collators 8:30 am

August 30 Worship Service &

Sunday School 9:30 am



Board of Outreach

2026 Third Quarter Mission

The Mission Focus for July, August & September

SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION

For Northeastern Elementary & Miami View Elementary Schools

Northeastern (SV) Elementary Items Needed:

**Fiskars Scissors- Colored Pencils - Expo Black Dry Erase Markers
(thin/fine line) - (2) Pocket Folders - (2) Pocket Folders w/fasteners
Sheet Protectors - Head Phones to use on computers
Wide-line Notebook Paper - Hand Sanitizer – Ziploc Sandwich or Gallon Bags
Band-aids - Clorox wipes - Highlighters
3 x 5 Index Cards both Lined and Unlined - Tissues**

Miami View Items Needed:

**Small Plastic Supply Boxes (5" x 12") - Glue Sticks – Fiskars Scissors
#2 Pencils (Sharpened if possible no mechanical) - Colored Pencils
Expo Black Dry Erase Markers (thin/fine line) – Large Pink Erasers
(2) Pocket Folders - (2) Pocket Folders w/fasteners - Sheet Protectors
Head Phones to use on computers - Wide-line Notebook Paper
Hand Sanitizer – Ziploc Sandwich or Gallon Bags – Band-aids - Clorox wipes
Highlighters – Tissues**

Please Note: Purchase only the items that are on the list.

**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)

First Responders - Hats/Mittens/Socks - School Supplies

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

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 .

FINANCIAL

NEWS

For the month ending June 30th :
June Income to Expense Ratio
is 61.2%. The January thru June
Income to Expense Ratio is
97.7%

**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.**

**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.**

Pastor Faith

Our Vision statement for this year is **Growing in Faith, Generosity and Community**. This vision statement arose out of discussions from our visioning session on May 31, 2026. Below you will see opportunities to engage in each of these areas.

Growing in Faith:

- Sunday school classes for all ages.
 - Children's Sunday school classes happen during worship
 - Nursery: Infants- 3 year olds learn about God through crafts, stories and games.
 - Early Elementary: Preschool- 2nd Graders learn Bible stories, make crafts, and memorize scripture.
 - Preteen: 3rd-5th Graders learn about the Bible and how to involve God in their daily life.
 - NEW! Adult Bible Study -Sunday mornings from 8:30-9:15. Join this group-led class beginning in September!
- Sunday Worship services beginning at 9:30 each week. Our worship is designed to honor God, but to also make us think about how we can truly live a Christian life not just for an hour on Sunday morning.

Growing in Generosity:

- A stewardship covenant recognizes God's generosity to us, and attempts to return that generosity back to our community. A stewardship covenant is a prediction of financial giving, as well as volunteer time and shared special skills. Our stewardship covenants will be circulated and celebrated in September.

Growing in Community:

- Interconnection- This is best summed up as fellowship and fun together. When we better know and connect to the neighbor in the pew next to us, the better we can encourage one another in our Christian walk.
- Community outreach- We desire to be known in our community not just as the brick building on the corner, but as a body of believers who show God's love beyond those walls.

CORN FESTIVAL "Slice of Heaven"

This year Plattsburg UCC will have a booth at the Corn Festival. We will be selling pie by the slice. We will need volunteers to both bake the pies and to man the booth. Please reach out to Pastor Faith if you are interested in volunteering.

Our goal for this is twofold. First, we hope this will be a solid fundraiser to support the general fund. Secondly, we want to put our face out in the community. The corn festival gets great foot-traffic, and this gives us a chance to chat with our neighbors and invite them to check out our church

2026 Clark County Fair

Don't forget to let us know how you did with your fair projects. Send us a photo of you and your project and a brief summary of your accomplishment at the 2026 Clark County Fair. If you took any projects to the Ohio State Fair, let us know how you did there also. We would like to publish your input in the next September Church Call Newsletter.

Please send your information to us at:
plattsburgucc@gmail.com

Things to do in the Springfield Ohio area during the month of August 2026.

Dayton Horse Show - August 5th thru the 8th

Promoted By: Clark County Fairgrounds
4122 Laybourne Road Springfield Ohio 45055

Springfield Jazz & Blues Festival - August 7th & 8th

Friday Aug 7th 5:00 pm & on Saturday Aug 8th 2:30pm
Presented by Springfield Kiwanis - at the National Road Commons Mother Stewart's Brewery - Bring your own chairs - there will be food vendors there

Buckeye Morgan Horse Show - August 13th thru August 15th

Promoted By: Clark County Fairgrounds
4122 Laybourne Road Springfield Ohio 45055

Antique Show - August 15th & 16th at the Clark County Fairgrounds - 4401 S. Charleston Pike Springfield Ohio
Come wander the Springfield Antique Show at the Clark County Fairgrounds, featuring a wide selection of vintage furniture, rare collectibles, fine jewelry, and unique décor from experienced dealers. Whether you're a collector or simply love timeless pieces, discover something special and take home a piece of history.

Saturday: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Best of the Best Barrel Race - August 21st thru August 23rd

Promoted

By: Clark County Fairgrounds
4122 Laybourne Road Springfield Ohio 45055

Ohio Special Olympics Equestrian Horse Show August 30th

Promoted By: Clark County Fairgrounds
4122 Laybourne Road Springfield Ohio 45055



PLEASE NOTE: Those that receive your newsletter via postal mail, the July 19, 2026, Board of Outreach Meeting Minutes have been printed on the backside of the August 2026 Calendar. Thank you.

ANNUAL

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE AND PICNIC

On Sunday, **August 23RD**, we will be holding our Annual Outdoor Worship Service at the home of Mike and Peggy Bellows at 388 North Houston Pike at 9:30 am.

A picnic will follow the worship service.

The Board of Outreach will be providing hot sandwiches and water. Those attending please bring a chair, covered side-dish, salad or dessert. If weather does not permit the outdoor service, the event will be moved back to the church.

If you have any questions, feel free to call the church (937-568-4102) and leave a message.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

God's grace is for all who believe.

Prayer: *Dear heavenly Father, may we never forget we are to spread the good news to all. 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>

Back to School and Lots to Do - Easy Recipe for families on the go.....

Taco Spaghetti

Directions:

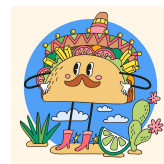
Step 1 In a large pot over medium-high heat, cook ground beef, onion, and garlic, stirring occasionally, until beef is browned, 5 to 6 minutes. Add water, tomatoes, and taco seasoning, then cover and bring to a boil.

Step 2 Break spaghetti in half lengthwise and add to sauce. Reduce heat to medium, cover, and simmer until pasta is tender, 12 to 14 minutes.

Step 3 Remove from heat and stir in Velveeta, cheddar, and cilantro until cheese is melted. Serve topped with more cilantro and sour cream, if desired.

Ingredients:

1 lb Lean Ground Beef,
1 small yellow onion finely chopped,
4 cloves garlic, finely chopped,
4 cups of water,
1 can (14.5oz) Diced Tomatoes,
1 packet (1 oz) or 2 tbsp taco seasoning,
8 oz spaghetti noodles
4 oz Velveeta Cheese or American, cut or torn into pieces,
1 cup (4oz) Sharp Cheddar Cheese shredded,
½ cup chopped fresh Cilantro, plus more for serving
and Sour Cream or Mexican Crema, for serving (Optional)
Ready to serve in 30 minutes



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.

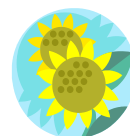
Pastor Faith is asking for volunteers to assist her with the worship service. A Worship Service Helper Sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. If anyone would like to volunteer, please sign the sheet. If you have any question regarding this, see Pastor Faith.

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.



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P O Box 699
South Charleston OH 45368

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
DATED MATERIAL MAILED ON 7/26/2026
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

JUNE - JULY 2026 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	
June 28	38
July 5	35
July 12	40
July 19	36

MISSION FOCUS FOR AUGUST 2026
Board of Outreach
2026 Third Quarter Mission (July, August, September)
SCHOOL SUPPLIES
(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