



Plattville United Methodist Church
13025 Church Rd, Yorkville IL

October 2018

From the Pastor's Pen -

MEET THE "WHAT ABOUT'S"

"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose. - Romans 8:28

It's all good. Do you agree? Or when you hear these words, do you say to yourself, "Is that so? Then what about...?" How would you finish that sentence? What about my diabetes? What about the job (or unemployment) I'm stuck in? What about that flat tire this morning?

Or, more globally, we might ask? What about world poverty? What about dead zones in the ocean? What about the 18 wars in the world right now?

Our "what abouts" fly in the face of Paul's words in today's text from Romans. "In all things," the apostle writes, "God works for the good of those who love him." Like the other promises we've been reading, it's yet another inclusive, all-encompassing promise.

Some in our world have corrupted the promise, creating a new expression. "Everything happens for a reason," they say. No. No. it doesn't. Senseless things happen all the time. We contract lupus. Our boss makes life miserable. Wars mutilate bodies and take lives.

But our Savior-God promises to take even this senselessness and, in mercy, weave it into the fabric of our lives for our good. He promises to do this for "those who love him, who have been called according to his Purpose."

Still, as we wait in the rain beside the road for the tow truck, the "what abouts" may flood our hearts. As we sit in the specialist's waiting room, palms sweating, the "what abouts" may threaten to steal our confidence.

But we need not give in to them. "WE know," Paul writes, inspired by the Holy Spirit Himself! Here's what we know:
 In all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to his Purpose!

Lord, thank You for the encouragement of this promise. Still, I need your Help today with a "what about"! AMEN!

Pastor Terry

CALENDAR

October

- 2 7:00 pm Game Nite
- 7 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship Service
Communion
- 10 7:00 pm Movie Nite
- 14 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship Service
Change for Mission
- 11:00 am All Church Charge Conference
- 21 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship Service
- 28 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship Service
Food Pantry Collection



PRAYER CONCERNS

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| Clara McLaughlin | Pastor Terry | family of Rose Heap |
| Chuck | George | Aletha Collins |
| Dan Thur | Cherie Andrews | June McCord |
| Dave Crown | Linda Duy | family of Jerry Beason |
| Emmet | baby Cash | Dick Naden |
| Our troops | school students & teachers | Hurricane/storm victims |

BIRTHDAYS

October

3	Doris Gabel	16	Amber Cooper
6	Ronald Collins	21	Trenton Cooper
8	Erin Dean	22	Jared Ashton
9	Amanda Mueller	26	James Horton
9	Callie Ferko	29	Jason Cooper
9	Dan Thur		



NEEDS

In October our Change for Mission collection will go to UMCOR **US Disaster Response** to aid in Hurricane relief within the US. UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. Through UMCOR, United Methodists extend loving care to people within the United States. When disaster strikes, it is local churches that provide the first response to their communities. This basic understanding that disaster response is local forms the foundation for UMCOR's US disaster training and response. When responding to a disaster in the United States, UMCOR provides training, financial assistance, expertise, community collaboration to churches and partners making them more resilient to disasters. 100% of your donation goes to the cause.

<https://www.umcor.org/Search-for-Projects/Projects/901670>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Doris Gabel will be celebrating her 99th birthday on October 3rd. Please take a moment to send her a card or note at Alden Courts, 700 W Black Rd, Shorewood IL 60404.

October 14th following worship will be our annual Church Charge Conference. The new District Superintendent, Jeffrey Bross, will be with us that day.

Everyone is invited to fun & fellowship at our monthly Game Nite (10/2) and Movie nite (10/10). Games & movie provided bring your own refreshments.

The newsletter is also posted monthly on the church website, go to www.plattvilleumc.com

THANK YOU

We received a thank you letter from the family of JeanNette Beane, they wanted to express their appreciation for all those who provided and worked at the funeral lunch. Also “thanks to everyone else who plays a role in keeping this country church the vital group of people working together that is has been for many, many years. It is so refreshing to see that maintained.”

Suzanne and Tom Casey

Thank you to **EVERYONE** who worked, baked, cleaned, purchased/sold tickets and ate at the **Ham Supper**. It was a very successful evening. We served 150 carry-outs and about 150 in the dining room. The Supper profited \$3210 with very little left over, just ask the help that ate at the end of the evening. And the Country Store made \$1372, to date with a little more still to come. It was hard work that requires many hands working together!

