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Hello PCUMC Family!

It was a joy this week to meet our “newest member” of PCUMC and to bring him some gifts from our church. Samuel Isaiah Ewing was born last week to Kyle and Abbey Ewing and welcomed home by his proud big brother Henry.



It has also been fun this week receiving your pictures of creation. On Sunday I invited us whenever we see “the glory of God” in creation to stop, enjoy it, thank God for it, and send me a picture of it. We will plan to look at these on Sunday. If you haven’t sent me a picture yet, it’s not too late. You can text (816-813-8184) or email me ([robertsefrit@gmail.com](mailto:robertsefrit@gmail.com)). Science tells us HOW the evolutionary process of creation took place and our faith tells us WHO was behind it all. So, let’s celebrate the WHO behind creation and enjoy God’s handiwork!

This week was also the start of the General Conference of the United Methodist Church. Let’s be in prayer for General Conference and the delegates from around the world who are meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina April 23 through May 3. If you are interested in following the news of General Conference you might want to check out [Following the news at General Conference \(umnews.org\)](http://umnews.org). You can even

watch it being livestreamed here [Livestream \(resourceumc.org\)](https://resourceumc.org). Here is a short introductory video on the big issues coming before General Conference [The Recap | Pre-General Conference episode \(umc.org\)](#). If there is any big news that comes out of General Conference, it probably won't be until the very end.

In the end, no matter what happens or doesn't happen at General Conference, at the Platte City UMC we will continue to focus on Jesus and our mission "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Our vision will be to Ignite Faith, Hope, and Love in our church, community, and world.

Finally, I invite you to join us this Sunday as we conclude our DISillusioned message series with "Christians are Exclusive and Judgmental".

We also have an exciting announcement to share about our new Youth Director. Invite someone and join us at 10 am or 5 pm. I look forward to worshipping with you!

Robert

## VIEW OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE!

FREE App for iPhone, iPad & Android



Our church directory is a great resource tool that allows you to get to know our church family better!

Simply go to the App Store, search for *Instant Church Directory*  and download the FREE app to begin.

You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.



**This Sunday, April 28, people from the Directory Committee will again be in Fellowship Hall to assist in this process. They will be able to help you set up the app, view the Directory online, take pictures and answer any questions you have. Look for Bill Euler, Linda Evans, Jamie Knodel, Linda Plager or Phyllis VanDyke.**

**You can also stop by the office for assistance - Monday through Thursday from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm.**

**This Directory is for Members and Friends of PCUMC - even if you're not an "official" member!**

**If you attend regularly, have kiddos who participate in LIFT or Children's Church, you are included! Everyone is invited to participate!**

You can access the New Directory on your phone by downloading the app (see graphic) or on your computer as described below.

Instant Church Directory has a member website. [You can click here to sign up or sign in](#)

[using your computer.](#)

You will be asked to enter your email address as it's listed in the directory. If your email address isn't listed in the directory, contact the office so it can be added. Once you enter your email address, follow the directions on-screen to complete the login process. After you sign in, you'll see the most up-to-date directory for our church. Any time updates are made, they will show on the Online Members' Website too.

[Click here for more information about the website](#)



**Is there a 2024 Graduate in your family . . . high school, college, other?**

**Please let us know (call, email) so they can be honored during the 10 am Worship Service on May 12.**

**Attention all men of PCUMC!  
Sunday, May 5 at 8:30 am**



## Fellowship Hall

Join us for breakfast. Sign up at the Connect Center to bring your favorite breakfast items. Mike McGinness will share a short devotion and we will discuss some plans for the future.



Pastor Robert will be at the Starbucks inside Price Chopper on Monday, April 29 from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. Stop by and join him for a chat and a word of prayer.



## LIFT UP THE WORD LIGHT UP THE WORLD

2 SAMUEL 22:29-31

THE 73rd ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

### Christ Chapel

15275 92 Hwy  
Platte City, MO 64079

Thursday, May 2, 2024

7:00 am - 8:30 am



### DIS illusioned

Truth or Illusion . . . Are Christians too political? Are Christians Anti-Gay? Are they Anti-Science? Are they exclusive and judgmental?

The failure of some Christians can cause us to believe illusions about Christ's Church. What we need is to be disillusioned (in a good way), refocusing our attention on Jesus and what the church is really supposed to be.

- 03/30, 31: DIS illusioned: Easter 2024
- 04/07: DIS illusioned: Christians Are Too Political
- 04/14: DIS illusioned: Christians Are Anti-Gay
- 04/21: DIS illusioned: Christians Are Anti-Science
- 04/28: DIS illusioned: Christians Are Exclusive and Judgmental



LIFT is offered to students in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade and meets each Tuesday that school is in session, from 4 pm to 5:30 pm. May 21 is the final LIFT session for this school year.

Transportation to the church is available from Compass and Siegrist schools. Parents pick up kids at 5:30.

Contact Delinda for more info or to register your child - [pcumcchildrensministry@gmail.com](mailto:pcumcchildrensministry@gmail.com).

### Children's Church (Sunday School)

The April unit is "Jesus Teaches Through Parables", from the books of Matthew and Luke.

[Click here to check out the Children's page on the website for full details.](#)

The April Memory Verse is from Chewy the Beaver, our Bible Memory Buddy:

*"Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on a solid rock". ~ Matthew 7:24*



**July 8-11**  
**Join us for S'More Fun at VBS!**  
**6 to 8:30 pm - dinner is included**  
For children entering **Pre-K** (3-4 years old & potty trained) through **6th Grade**



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### IGNITE YOUTH MISSION

Ignite a generation of current and future leaders who are ready to go out and transform the world through gospel-driven programs that promote leadership, community, and service.



### IGNITE YOUTH VISION

- **Gospel-Driven:** At the heart of everything we do.
- **Community:** You belong here. We are a community doing life together. All are welcome.
- **Leadership:** Students are given the opportunity to lead within the organization, community, and world.
- **Service:** We will serve together in the community through mission trips and community activities.

Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings at 6.  
All students in Middle School and High School are invited to attend.

### Sunday, April 28

Message: **DIS illusioned: Christians are Exclusive and Judgmental**

- 10 am - Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary. Available online at You Tube and Facebook Live.
- 11 am - Directory assistance, including pictures, in Fellowship Hall
- 5 pm - Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary
- 6 pm - Youth Group Gathering

### Mark Your Calendar

- **Monday, April 29 - Pastor Robert will be at Starbucks inside Price Chopper from 12:30 to 2:30 pm.**
- **Tuesday, April 30 - "Finding Hope when Life Seems Dark" with Joyce Cashier from 6:30 to 7:30 in the Library. Final session is May 7.**





- **Thursday, May 2 - 73rd Annual Day of Prayer, 7 am** at Christ Chapel
- **Sunday, May 5 - Men's Breakfast** at 8:30 am in Fellowship Hall
- **Sunday, May 12 -Mother's Day and Graduation Sunday - One Service only** at 10 am
- **Tuesday, June 4 - American Red Cross Blood Drive- 1:30 to 5:30 pm.** Registration info at the Connect Center or [click here](#).
- **Tuesday, July 2 - VBS Decorating Party at 5 pm.** Pizza for supper!!
- **July 8-11 - VBS: Camp Firelight- Register above**



One of the clearest marks of a healthy church is a commitment to prayer. Prayer binds us together. Prayer helps us grow closer to God. Prayer shapes who we are and what we do. Prayer changes things.

- Every Tuesday at noon, The Prayer Team meets in the Prayer Chapel.
- Every Wednesday afternoon, the Prayer Chain email group receives a list of Prayer Concerns. If you would like to be a part of this Prayer Ministry, please respond to this email or call the church office.

As always, if you have prayer requests, you may complete a Prayer Request Card or contact the church office or Pastor Robert.



**Our Mission**  
To make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**Our Vision**  
Ignite: Faith. Hope. Love

PCUMC is a place where **FAITH** is kindled, **HOPE** is ignited, and God's **LOVE** burns bright through us into our church, community, and world.



You can view past worship services any time using these links.

Click [here](#) for all staff email addresses & Coronavirus updates from the CDC.  
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