



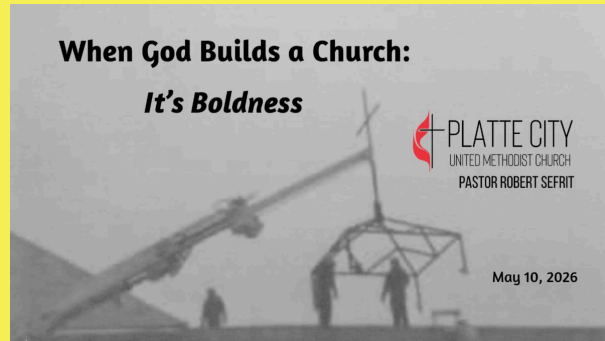
Weekly E-News

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Hello PCUMC Family,

In the display case in the church hallway, there is a plaque that reads: "Time capsules placed behind cornerstones on June 6, 1976 and April 26, 1992, to be opened and resealed on their 50th anniversary."

After some searching, we were able to locate the 1976 time capsule! Barney Farley cut through the wall and retrieved it this past Friday. What do you think is inside? We'll find out together on May 31 as we celebrate 50 years in our current building. There will be one worship service at 10 am, followed by a potluck in Fellowship Hall.

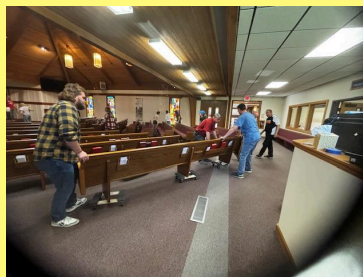


This week, we are also getting new carpet installed in the sanctuary. When our plans to have the pews professionally moved fell through, so many of you stepped up to help remove everything this past Sunday. Thanks to your willingness, it didn't take long at all. It was fantastic! A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped. What an amazing (and "crazy") church we have.

We'll need your help again this **SATURDAY**:

- **9 am – Volunteers to move the pews back into the sanctuary and secure them into place**
- **1 pm – Volunteers to help move everything else back into the sanctuary. Youth are welcome as small fingers will be especially helpful to thread the nuts on to the bolts!**

Thank you in advance for your continued support!



This Sunday, we will celebrate our high school and college graduates during both services and have a cake reception for them at 10 am. We will also honor all the women of our congregation for Mother's Day. In addition to these celebrations, we will continue our message series, "When God Builds a Church," based on the book of Acts.

As part of the series, we've started sharing photos from our church's past during worship. If you have any pictures you'd like included, please email them to me at robertsefrit@gmail.com or text them to me at 816-813-8184.

As I mentioned on Sunday, let's be "crazy like Jesus" this week – crazy enough to love like Jesus, forgive like Jesus, seek justice, show mercy, and walk humbly with God, like Jesus.

Glad to be crazy with you,

Robert

Check Out Sunday's Blended Worship Songs

Want to hear the songs we will be singing this week during the 10:45 am Blended Service or familiarize yourself with the songs so you are ready to sing with us on Sunday?

[Click here to listen to Sunday's Playlist.](#)



Sunday, these Graduates will be blessed and honored:

- High School: Owen Bane, Natalie Fernandez, Nicole Fernandez, Olivia Jeffers, Cole Johnson, Madelyn Stewart, Kylie VanNess
- College: Palmer Boekhout, Koree Church, Allison Gill
- And the Burgess Grands from Florida: Audrey Walawender, from college and Evan Walawender from high school

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 10, 2026

Message: *When God Builds a Church: It's Boldness*

- 9 am - Traditional Service in the Sanctuary with Blessing of Graduates and Honoring All Women for Mother's Day - Watch online at Facebook Live and YouTube
- 10 am - Cake Reception Honoring Graduates
- 10:45 am - Blended Service in the Sanctuary with Blessing of Graduates and Honoring All Women for Mother's Day
- NO Youth Group Gathering

Mark Your Calendar



- **Thursday, May 7 - Red Cross Blood Drive** from 1:30 to 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. [Click here to register](#)
- **Thursday, May 7 - Brothers in Christ AT End of the Year Cookout** at 5:30 pm at Dave Tucker's home (13380 N Highway) This is the final gathering before summer.
- **Thursday, May 7 - National Day of Prayer, Platte County** beginning at 6:30 pm on the Platte County Courthouse Lawn (415 Third Street)
- **Monday, May 11 - Mondays with the Minister** from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at Price Chopper/Starbucks
- **Monday, May 11 - Serve at the Treasure Chest at 6:30 pm**
- **Tuesday, May 12 - Prayer Team** meets at Noon in the Prayer Chapel
- **Tuesday, May 12 - LIFT** from 4 to 5:30 pm (May 19 is the final gathering for this school year.)

- **Sunday, May 17 - Hillcrest Apartment info meeting** in the Library at 10:15 am
- **Wednesday, May 20 - Next Steps Class** for those interested in learning more about PCUMC, from 6:30 to 8 pm in the Library.
- **Sunday, May 31 - 50-year Anniversary of PCUMC Building.** Special events are being planned. One Worship Service at 10 am followed by a potluck lunch. Watch for more details.
- **June 22-25 - VBS "Snowball Mountain Challenge".** [Click here to register your children.](#) See the graphic below. Sign up in Fellowship Hall to help or call Carrie.



When God Builds a Church:

Nearly 189 years ago, the first Methodist preachers arrived in what is now Platte City. Fifty years ago, a faithful congregation began worshipping at our current location. Through every season, God has been building His church.

In *When God Builds a Church*, we turn to the Book of Acts to rediscover the passion, purpose, and perseverance of the early church – and how that same Spirit shaped our past, guides our present, and leads us into the future.

May 03 - It's Birth

May 10 - It's Boldness

May 17 - It's Blessed to Be a Blessing

May 24 - It's Call to Go Beyond

May 31 - It's Burning Bright

Last week, participants from all the "Good and Beautiful You" small groups gathered for a cookout.

Following some fun with "Armadillo Bowling", they shared Holy Communion.



Hillcrest Apartment Sponsorship

For many years, PCUMC has financially sponsored an apartment through Hillcrest (Hillcrest Platte County- Moving people from homelessness to self-sufficiency). We now have an opportunity to deepen our connection with this local ministry in meaningful, hands-on ways.

Opportunities to get involved may include welcoming our new resident with a gift basket, providing occasional meals, donating household essentials, inviting and bringing a resident to church activities, sending notes of encouragement and prayer, or even helping celebrate birthdays – just to name a few.

If you're interested in sharing ideas and helping organize a team to strengthen this partnership, please join us for a meeting at **10:15 am on Sunday, May 17**, in the church library.

Are you interested in becoming a member of Platte City UMC or learning more about our church?

NEXT STEPS

NEXT STEPS is a casual gathering where you can learn about Methodism, MUMC's mission and practices, and how your involvement or membership at PCUMC could be a **NEXT STEP** in your faith journey.

The next class is scheduled for May 20 from 6:30 to 8 pm in the Church Library.

Call the office if you would like more information.



Next time you go to Price Chopper, Thank them for their generous donation to the Blessings Box and Wags and Wipes Ministries!!

This week's specific requests (NO canned goods or pasta, please):

- Snack bars, Pop Tarts, Fruit cups, Canned chicken breast, Cereal, cake mix & frosting, Toilet paper, Paper towels, Diapers (sizes 3, 5)

PLEASE remember to check expiration dates before you donate!

JUNE 22-25, 2026
JOIN US ON OUR SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE VBS
6 TO 8:30 - DINNER IS INCLUDED
FOR CHILDREN ENTERING PRE-K (3-4 YEARS OLD & POTTY TRAINED) THROUGH 6TH GRADE.

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SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER



Registration is Open – Use the QR code or the link in the calendar above.

Volunteers are Needed: Station Leaders and Assistants, Challenger Guides to shepherd students between stations, kitchen support. There are signup sheets in Fellowship Hall.

(Note: All helpers must be Safe Gatherings Certified.)



The May theme is "Road to a King" from the books of Ruth and 1 Samuel.

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

Our Bible Memory Buddy is Amanda the red panda, and she wants us to remember:

"Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he does." ~ Philippians 4:6

**Teachers and helpers are needed for VBS, Children's Church and the Nursery.
If you are interested, please reach out to Carrie.
There are signup sheets in Fellowship Hall.**

Our unit this month is "Ready, Set, GO!" and comes from the books of Matthew and Acts.

The memory verse this month is:
"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19)



[Click here to read full details on the Children's page of the website.](#)



Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings from 6 to 8 and begins with dinner.

All students in Middle School and High School are invited to attend.

Always a Good Time! Invite your Friends!

A few things happening in Youth Ministry:

May 10 - Blessing of Graduates - Mother's Day - NO Youth Group
Monday, May 11- - Serve at the Treasure Chest
May 17 - Youth Group from 6 to 8 pm with Pastor Robert
May 24 - Memorial Day Weekend - NO Youth Group

Summer Plans

The plan is to have Youth Meet-ups once or twice a month. The first Meet-up will be on June 14 following the Blended Worship Service. Stick around for lunch and bring a game to play.

Look for announcements of upcoming events.

July 8-11 - Youth Group Mission Day Trips and Worship - Be sure to RSVP by June 28.

This is the Prayer Team that meets every Tuesday at Noon - Joyce, Mike, Jason, Barb, Terry and Lori, along with Pastor Robert

New people are always welcome!



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. FYI - Facebook only retains the videos for 30 days.

Click [here](#) for all staff email addresses.
Click [here](#) for info about giving options and [here](#) for a form to schedule automatic payments.



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