



Weekly E-News
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Dear PCUMC Family,

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that a year ago, before our All Church Conversation, we didn't have a Blessing Box, a Wags and Wipes ministry, a Visiting Team and Flower Ministry, Stephen Ministry leaders, or a Blended worship service. I am deeply grateful for all that God has been doing among His people.

I am also deeply thankful to all who helped during our Christmas celebrations and to those who so lovingly supported our church family through the funerals we shared during this season. Your presence, care, and compassion mattered more than you know. Thank you as well for the generous Christmas gifts and kind cards I received – they were truly a blessing.

As we look ahead to a new year, we do so trusting God with what is to come, and in the spirit of the Wesleyan tradition, we surrender our lives to God. As we prayed on Sunday, I invite us to continue to pray:

A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition (modern version)

I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you, Praised for you or criticized for you. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things,

let me have nothing. I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service.

And now, O wonderful and holy God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, you are mine, and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it also be made in heaven. Amen.

Joy and Peace,

Robert

Sunday, January 11, 2026
Message: *reset: Silence and Solitude*

- 9 am - Traditional Service in the Sanctuary. Watch online at Facebook Live and YouTube
- 10 am - Social Time in Fellowship Hall
- 10:45 am - Blended Worship in the Sanctuary
- 6 to 8 pm - Youth Group Meeting

Mark Your Calendar



- **Monday, January 12** - Serve at the Treasure Chest at 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, January 13** - Prayer Team meets at Noon in the Prayer Chapel
- **Tuesday, January 13** - LIFT from 4 to 5:30 pm
- **Monday, January 19** - MLK Day - office closed
- **Sunday, February 1** - Boy Scout Chili Supper from 4 to 7 pm
- **Monday, February 2** - Red Cross Blood Drive from 1:30 to 5:30 pm. [Click here to register](#) or see registration info at the Connect Center.

Christmas Special Offering

Thanks to your Generosity,
\$3,581.30
was contributed to pay off
the past due lunch
balances at Platte County
Schools.

**"A leader is one
who knows the
way, goes the way,
and shows the
way."**

John C. Maxwell

The **2026 Leadership Council** will begin the new year on January 13.

Current members are Onnie Bock-Kunz, Tyler Crawford, Bill Euler, Charlie Evans (Chair), Jennifer Fain, Mike Fogal, Kaye Johnson, Kollin Knox, Kelly Mayfield, Cheryl McGinness, Katie Shank, Jay Stouppe and Jason Utlaut.

They will be blessed during worship on January 18.

From the Blessing Box Team:

"Thanks to the congregation for your generosity. You are helping our needy humans, kitties and doggies. You don't always see how it helps our community. It really does!!!"

If you would like to contribute, please place the items in the grocery cart outside of Fellowship Hall.

Current requests are for items that will not be impacted by freezing temperatures:

Instant Oatmeal, Pancake mix, Instant mashed potatoes, Dry Milk, Snack bars, Crackers, Cake mix, Mac & Cheese, Instant rice, Sugar, Toilet Paper, Diapers (sizes 5, 6 & 7)



- **Did you miss the Children's Christmas Program? Would you like to review what Pastor Robert said in a specific message?** You can view all traditional services on

YouTube at any time. [Click here](#) or use the icon at the bottom of the newsletter.

- **Have you downloaded and completed your Profile and Picture in the Instant Church Directory?** (If you've already added a picture, you can update or make a change anytime.) [You can read instructions for all devices here.](#)



Children's Church (Sunday School)

The January unit is "Israel's Wanderings and Wonderings" from the book of Exodus.

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

Our Bible Memory Buddy is Radar the bat, and he wants us to memorize Proverbs 3:5-6: *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart: do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take."*

Our unit this month's theme is "Penguins" and comes from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.

The memory verse this month is: *"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."* (Matthew 4:19 NIV)

[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!

Youth Group will meet on January 11, 18 and 25 and February 15 to look at this series.

No meeting on February 1 (Boy Scout Chili Supper) and February 8 (Super Bowl Sunday).

MADE TO BE: A 4-Week Series from the Old & New Testaments on Identity



SERIES OVERVIEW: What were you made for? We've all wondered who we are, what makes us unique, and how we're supposed to make a difference in the world. It's easy to feel like our interests and talents are just random, but the truth is that God created each of us with a purpose to do amazing things. In this four-week series from the Old and New Testaments, we'll see that you're made to know God and how the things you love might be exactly how God works through you because you're made to be a light, to lead, and to make a difference.



Use this QR code to sign up to provide a meal for the group. There is also a signup sheet at the Connect Center.



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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