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Dear Church Family,

Did you get to see the eclipse on Monday?  
Someone sent me this joke about it, so I had to share it with you.....-->

Having so many people across our country looking up at the heavens has got me to thinking. I think in all the vastness of the universe and through all the wonders and beauty of creation, all God really wants is you. He wants me, Robert from Platte City, Missouri. You don't have to try to be someone else or be like other people because God needs you to be you. That's pretty cool if you think about it. What's really cool is that it's this God who has given himself totally to you, and the gift God want from you this day and every day is for you and me to be in a relationship with Him and to be totally His. He desires that we give, as we said on Sunday, our allegiance to Jesus and live as the people of God. That is what is going to make the world around us a better place. So, I think in the grand scheme of things, what God wants is a humble surrendering of our lives to him.



As I was thinking about that, I ran across this prayer that I slightly amended. It's a great prayer of surrender to God. It is words that I think will take a lifetime of trying again and again to live into, but however imperfectly we may live out these words, may this be our prayer:

*"Lord, I am totally yours. Live in me. Act in me. Speak in me and through me. Think your thoughts in my mind. Love through my heart. Give me your dispositions and feelings.*

Lead me and guide me to you. Correct, enlighten and expand my thoughts and behavior.

Possess my soul. Take over my entire personality and life. Incline my heart to adore you. Pray in me and through me. Let me live in you and keep in this union always. Amen”

Joy and Peace,

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 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](#)

The Winner of the scooter donated by Ben & Sue Solum is. . .

**Clint Fletcher**

His bid of \$250 was the last received by 6:30 pm on Sunday!

Congrats & Have Fun!!

Proceeds will go to the Children's Ministry Department for Special Events



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

Join us for breakfast.  
Mike McGinness will share a short devotion and we will discuss some plans for the future.

**Greeters/Ushers and Readers Needed**

## Volunteer opportunities



Would you like to assist with worship in one of these roles?

If so, send a note to the [office](#) or reply to this email. Work on the Summer Schedule will begin next week.

### 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.

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### 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 14

Message: DIS illusioned: Christians are Anti-Gay

- 10 am - Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary. Available online at You Tube and Facebook Live.
- 5 pm - Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary
- 6 pm - Youth Group Gathering

Mark Your Calendar

- Monday, April 15 - Sisters in Christ - "Christianity's Family Tree" with Ann Koch and Nancy McBride, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Library
- Tuesday, April 16 - "Finding Hope when Life Seems Dark" with Joyce Cashier from 6:30 to 7:30 in the Library
- Sunday, May 5 - Men's Breakfast at 8:30 am in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, June 4 - American Red Cross Blood Drive - 1:30 to 5:30 pm.
- July 8-11 - VBS: Camp Firelight- Register above

*Upcoming Events*





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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