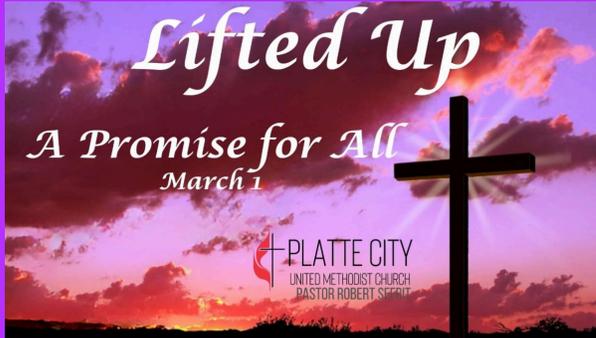


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Hello PCUMC Family,

From the earliest centuries of the Christian faith, the Church has set aside time to spiritually prepare to remember Christ's suffering and death and to prepare for the celebration of His resurrection.

We call this season of preparation Lent.

This year during Lent, we will focus our attention on the cross. Since childhood, I have been drawn to the cross, yet over the years I have also wrestled with many questions about the reason for the cross, its meaning, and its significance.



In our new message series, "Lifted Up," we will explore what the cross means for our lives today and how, in Jesus being lifted up, we discover hope, grace, and new life.

Jesus said, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." (John 12:32)

My prayer is that as we lift up the cross during this Lenten season, we will each be drawn into a deeper love relationship with Jesus and experience the transforming power of His grace.

Serving Jesus with you,

Robert

Check Out Sunday's Blended Worship Songs

Want to hear the songs we will be singing this week in the 10:45 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.](#)

On Sunday, these third-grade students were presented with a Bible from PCUMC: Aliya Furry, Jaileigh Marlo, Charlie Schlake, Lennon West and Logan West

Following the presentation, they met with Nancy McBride and Carrie VanNess to learn about the Bible and how to use it.



Sunday, March 1, 2026 – Second Sunday in Lent

Message: *Lifted Up: A Promise for All*

- 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
- 10:45 am - Choir practice in the Music Room
- 4:30 to 6 pm - Confirmation Class
- 6 to 8 pm - Youth Group Gathering

Mark Your Calendar



- **Wednesday, February 25 - Good and Beautiful You** at 6:30 pm in the Music Room guided by Pastor Robert
- **Thursday, February 26 - NO Brothers in Christ AT (Next meeting is March 26)**
- **Monday, March 2 - Mondays with the Minister** from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at Price Chopper/Starbucks
- **Tuesday, March 3 - Prayer Team** meets at Noon in the Prayer Chapel
- **Tuesday, March 3 - LIFT** from 4 to 5:30 pm
- **Tuesday, March 3 - Good and Beautiful You** at 6:30 pm in the Library, guided by Joyce Cashier
- **Wednesday, March 4 - Good and Beautiful You** at 9:30 am in the Music Room, guided by Pastor Robert
- **Wednesday, March 4 - Good and Beautiful You** at 6:30 pm in the Music Room guided by Pastor Robert
- **Saturday, March 28 - Easter Egg Hunt** from 4 to 5 pm
- **April 2 - Maundy Thursday Service** in Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm
- **April 3 - Good Friday Service** in the Sanctuary at 6:30 pm
- **Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunrise Service** at 6:55 am; **Easter Service** in the Sanctuary at 9 am; **Breakfast served between services in Fellowship Hall**



The crucifixion stands at the heart of our faith, and yet it also raises deep and honest questions. How does a cross two thousand years ago change our lives today? In this message series we'll explore the meaning of the cross and discover how, in Christ being lifted up, we find hope, grace, and new life.

March 1– Lifted Up: A Promise for All

March 8 – Lifted Up: God Speaks

March 15 – Lifted Up: The Cost of Grace

March 22 – Lifted Up: The Way of the Cross

March 29 – Lifted Up: No Greater Love (Palm Sunday)

April 5 – Lifted Up: The Day Death Lost (Easter)

On Sunday, March 15, our congregation will commission four Stephen Ministers. These dedicated people have been training for five months and are ready to begin their caring ministry here at PCUMC.

We thank God for all our Stephen Ministers and pray that God will bless their ministries.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**



Thanks to all who helped with the Pancakes and Porridge Mozambique Fundraiser. Through your generosity, \$800 has been raised, so far!

Be sure to stop by Fellowship Hall and pick up a water bottle to fill with change (or dollars or checks) which will be added to the total. The next meal event will be on Palm Sunday, March 29.

If you would like to contribute to the **Blessing Box or Wags and Wipes**, please place the items in the grocery cart outside of Fellowship Hall.

This weeks requests: (FYI – NO canned goods are needed):
Snack bars, Instant oatmeal, Cereal, Small bottles of cooking oil, Salt, Spaghetti sauce mix, Dry noodles, Hearty soups, Fruit cups, Toilet paper, Paper towels, Wet wipes, Diapers, sizes 3, 5, 6



PLEASE check expiration dates before you donate!
Several expired items have been received recently.

Three boxes of goodnites, size XL (95-140+ pounds) have been donated.
If you have a need for these, or know of someone who might, please contact the office.

Save the Date!

This is the Easter Eggstravaganza and will require lots of extra hands.
Visit Fellowship Hall where you can sign up to help! Or call the office.



Children's Church (Sunday School)

The March unit is "Jesus Shows He's God's Promised Son" from the gospels of John, Matthew and Luke.



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

Our Bible Memory Ray is the glowworm, and he wants us to remember:

"This is real love - not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins." ~1 John 4:10

Additional teachers and helpers are needed for Children's Church and the Nursery on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please reach out to Carrie. There is also a sign up sheet at the Connect Center.

Our unit this month's theme is "Some Assembly Required" and comes from the books of 1 Kings, Judges and Genesis.

The memory verse this month is:
"Every house is built by someone. But God is the builder of everything." (Hebrews 3:4 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!

New Series begins on February 15

FIND YOUR WAY: A 4-Week Series from Matthew on Spiritual Growth

SERIES OVERVIEW: Life can feel confusing. We hit moments where we're not sure which way to go, what decision to make, or how to figure things out. Wouldn't it be nice if there was a map that could guide us

through life—not just for directions, but for making choices, living life, and knowing God better? If you've ever been there, good news! The Bible is more than an old book—it's a map that helps us find our way. In this 4-week series from the book of Matthew, we'll discover how **the Bible helps us see things differently, shows us how to be like Jesus, reveals what God is like, and teaches us what is true.**



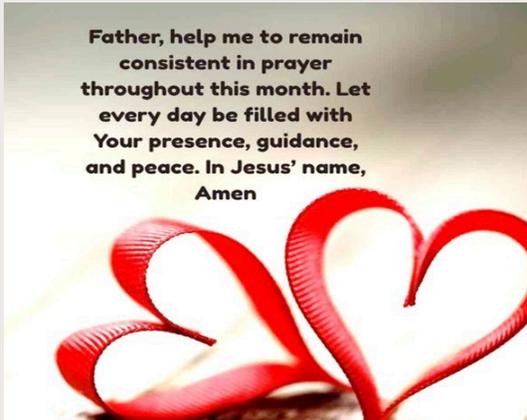
Use this QR code to sign up to provide a meal for the group. There is also a sign up sheet at the Connect Center.

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!



**Father, help me to remain
consistent in prayer
throughout this month. Let
every day be filled with
Your presence, guidance,
and peace. In Jesus' name,
Amen**



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.



You can view past worship services any time using these links.
FYI - Facebook only retains the videos for 30 days.



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.**

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