

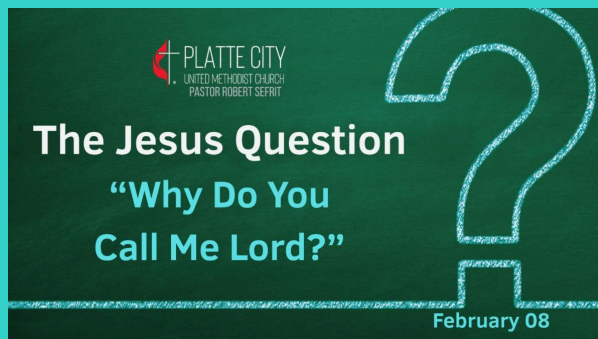


Weekly E-News
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Hello PCUMC Family,

In the Gospels, Jesus turns to his disciples and asks a question that still requires our attention today:

"But who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15)

It's not a question about having the right words, but about the shape of our lives. Who Jesus is to us shows up in how we live, how we love, what we resist, and what we're willing to risk.

Today is Dietrich Bonhoeffer's birthday. He is one of my heroes in the faith - we even named our son, Dietrich Asher, after him.

Bonhoeffer was born on February 4, 1906. He was a pastor and theologian who refused to separate faith from faithfulness in the real world. He wrote words that continue to challenge the Church today. Here are a few famous quotes:

"When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die."

"Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ."

"Jesus Christ calls us to a costly grace, which involves daily dying to self and living for others."

**"Silence in the face of evil is itself evil. Not to speak is to speak.
Not to act is to act."**

"The church is the church only when it exists for others."

"We must accept the risk of loving, the risk of faithfulness, the risk of being obedient to God in a world of injustice."

Bonhoeffer's life and writings, his imprisonment, and eventual execution for resisting Hitler and the Nazi regime, remind us that answering Jesus' question is never abstract. It is lived out: often quietly, sometimes courageously, always imperfectly.

May we listen again for Jesus' question to us this week - and have the grace to answer it not only with our words, but with our lives.

Grace and peace,

Robert

Check Out Sunday's 10:45 Worship Songs Here

Want to hear the songs we are 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?

Check out Sunday's Playlist here: [PCUMC 2.8.26 - YouTube](#)

Sunday, February 8, 2026 - Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany - Boy Scout Sunday

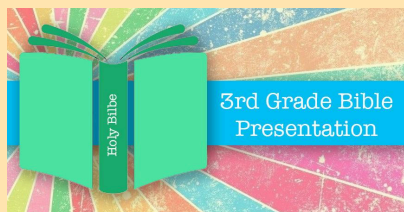
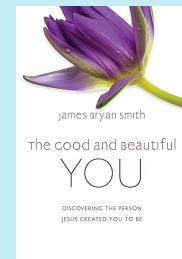
Message: *The Jesus Question: "Why Do You Call Me Lord?"*

- **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**
- **11:45 am (following Blended Service) - Parent, Youth, Confirmation, Mission Experiences meeting**
- **NO Youth Group Meeting**

Mark Your Calendar



- **Thursday, February 5 - Brothers in Christ AT** at 6:30 pm at Dave Tucker's home (13380 N Highway)
- **Sunday, February 8 - Boy Scout Sunday**
- **Monday, February 9 - Mondays with the Minister** from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at Price Chopper/Starbucks
- **Tuesday, February 10 - Prayer Team** meets at Noon in the Prayer Chapel
- **Tuesday, February 10 - Good and Beautiful You** at 6:30 pm in the Library, guided by Joyce Cashier
- **Wednesday, February 11 - Good and Beautiful You** at 9:30 am in the Music Room, guided by Pastor Robert
- **Wednesday, February 11 - Good and Beautiful You** at 6:30 pm in the Music Room guided by Pastor Robert
- **Thursday, February 12 - Brothers in Christ AT** at 6:30 pm at Dave Tucker's home (13380 N Highway)
- **Tuesday, February 17 - Prayer Team** meets at Noon in the Prayer Chapel
- **Tuesday, February 17 - LIFT** from 4 to 5:30 pm
- **Tuesday, February 17 - Good and Beautiful You** at 6:30 pm in the Library, guided by Joyce Cashier
- **Wednesday, February 18 - Good and Beautiful You** at 9:30 am in the Music Room, guided by Pastor Robert
- **Wednesday, February 18 - Ash Wednesday Service** from 6 to 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary
- **Wednesday, February 18 - Good and Beautiful You** at 6:30 pm in the Music Room guided by Pastor Robert
- **Thursday, February 19 - Brothers in Christ AT** at 6:30 pm at Dave Tucker's home (13380 N Highway)



Third Grade Bible Presentations February 22 during Worship

Please contact Carrie by **February 8** to make sure your third grader receives a Bible and to give her the correct spelling of the name to be engraved on the cover.

Each of us has times when we are lonely, grieving, hurt, or in need of care. In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes that when we suffer and are troubled, we find comfort

through Christ (2 Corinthians 1:4-6) - and one of the ways we find this comfort is through other caring Christians. Think about your life and the lives of the people around you. Are you, or is someone you know, going through a time of crisis or challenge. The care of one of our Stephen Ministers may be exactly what's needed to help bring Christ's healing.

If you have any questions about Stephen Ministry, feel free to contact either Sue Solum or Linda Evans. Please remember our Stephen Ministry in your prayers.



Visitation and Flower Ministry

Each week, the altar flowers are given to members of the congregation by the Visitation Team. If you would like to share flowers, you can sign the chart in Fellowship Hall, or call the office.

There are a few open dates for 2026 (11/29, 12/06, 12/13). Cost is \$40, payable to PCUMC - be sure to note that your payment is for flowers.

And if you would like to be part of the Visitation Team, please call the office.

The Jesus Question

Many come to church with questions. And while Jesus is often called the answer, he also asked a lot of questions. Jesus may have the answers that we seek, but he also asks the questions we need to hear. What's your answer when The Jesus Question comes your way?



February 01: Who Do You Say I Am?

February 08: Why Do You Call Me Lord? (Boy Scout Sunday)

February 15: Why Are You So Afraid?

February 22: Why Have You Forsaken Me?



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): Sugar, Pepper, Ketchup, Mustard, Cereal, Snack bars, Pop-tarts, Jelly, Dry mashed potatoes, Knorr pasta sides, Instant rice, Toilet Paper, Wet wipes, Diapers, sizes 4, 5, 6; 3-4T pull-ups

Children's Church (Sunday School)

The February unit is "Israel's Wanderings and Wonderings" from the books of Numbers and Joshua.

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



Our Bible Memory Buddy, Rockette the flying squirrel, wants us to remember:

"Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your god is with you wherever you go." ~Joshua 1:9

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 "We Go Together" and comes from the books of 1 Samuel, 2 Kings, Galatians and the Gospel of John.

Let's
Ignite
Faith
Together



The memory verse this month is:
"As iron sharpens iron, one person sharpens another." (Proverbs 27:17 NIV)

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

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YOUTH

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!

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

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 signup sheet at the Connect Center.

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.



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

- 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 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.

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