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Hello PCUMC Family,

Last Sunday, we had what I think is a meaningful experience of remembering our baptism and the commitment we have made to follow Jesus. As a tangible reminder, each of us received a small rock with a cross on it. That rock can be a continual reminder that Jesus invites us to build our lives on Him and the solid rock of his teachings.

This Sunday we begin a new message series called **Thread: What's Holding You Together?** Throughout this series, we'll look at the life of David as found in the History Books of the Old Testament and in the Psalms. We will discover how his relationship with God became the unifying thread running through his life.

This Sunday is also the **Feast of St. Francis** which is the day in the Christian tradition for blessing animals and giving thanks for the gift of creation. So, we're going to have a short, fun, outdoor **service of blessing at 1:30 pm this Sunday** in the grassy area just north of the church. Bring your pets (on a leash). **Kids are invited to bring a favorite stuffed animal to be blessed as well.** Or if you simply love animals and want to celebrate God's good creation with us, you are welcome. It will be a fun and joyful time to give thanks for our pets, the animals we love, and the goodness of God's creation.



OCTOBER 4 IS
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GOD'S CREATURES.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF ST. FRANCIS, CHURCHES AROUND THE
WORLD HAVE EMBRACED THE TRADITION OF BLESSING ANIMALS.

THIS YEAR, WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN THIS MEANINGFUL
TRADITION. BRING YOUR PETS, AND COME CELEBRATE THE
BEAUTY OF GOD'S CREATION WITH US!

I look forward to being with you for these times of worship!

Joy and Peace,

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?

New song alert! "How Good God Is" by Brandon Lake.

October 4, 2026 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Message: *"Thread: What's Holding You Together? What's Your Excuse?"*
Holy Communion will be shared at both services.

- 9 am - Traditional Service in the Sanctuary. Watch online on YouTube or Facebook Live
- 10 am - Social Time in Fellowship Hall
- 10:45 am - Blended Service in the Sanctuary
- 1:30 pm - Blessing of the Animals
- 6 to 8 pm - Youth Group
- 6:30 pm - The God Story with Pastor Robert at 6:30 pm

Mark Your Calendar



- **Monday, October 5 - Mondays with the Minister** at Price Chopper/Starbucks from 12:30 to 2:30 pm
- **Tuesday, October 6 - Prayer Team** meets at Noon in the Prayer Chapel
- **Tuesday, October 6 - LIFT**
- **Tuesday, October 6 - Overcoming Fear and Discouragement** with Joyce Cashier at 6:30 pm in the Library.
- **Wednesday, October 7 - The Good and Beautiful Life** with Pastor Robert at 9:30 am and/or 6:30 pm
- **Thursday, October 8 - Brothers in Christ, Arms Together** at 6:30 pm at Dave Tucker's home (13380 N Highway)
- **Sunday October 11 - Tucker Time Coffee** between services provided by Pastor Robert and Carly - **Special Music from the children during the 9 am service**
- **Sunday, October 11 - Next Steps Gathering** from 3 to 4:30 pm
- **Sunday, October 11 - The God Story** with Pastor Robert at 6:30 pm
- **Friday, October 23 - Trunk or Treat at the Y** from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. See candy donation tub in Fellowship Hall.
- **Tuesday, November 3 - Election Night Dinner returns!** Watch for more details.
- **Thursday, November 5 - American Red Cross Blood Drive.** [Schedule an appointment here.](#)

Thread: What's Holding You Together?

What's the thread of your life? The one thing that if you pulled it, everything would unravel. David found the unifying thread through his relationship with God. We can, too!

10/04 - What's Your Excuse?

- 10/11 - Who Are You Going to Be?
- 10/18 - Where Do You Turn?
- 10/25 - What Could Take You Down?
- 11/01 - Who's at Your Table?
- 11/08 - How's the Family?
- 11/15 - How Open Are Your Hands?
- 11/22 - What are you waiting for?



NEXT STEPS

Would you like to learn more about the Platte City United Methodist Church and how to connect and serve? Have you ever wondered what it really means to follow Jesus or what Methodism is all about? What are the requirements for membership anyway?

If you are interested in exploring your faith and your **NEXT STEPS** at PCUMC, the next session session is **Sunday, October 11, from 3 to 4:30 pm.**

You may have heard that we are starting a new Stephen Minister training class in January. You might be asking, "What do I do next?"

First pray about the opportunity to serve as a Stephen Minister. Seek the Holy Spirit's guidance and reflect on how God might be calling you to this caring ministry. Then reach out to a Stephen Leader (Sue Solum or Linda Evans) or a Stephen Minister (Michael Fogal, Art Howell, Nancy Piper, Dave Tucker). Don't hesitate to ask any questions that you may have, whether they pertain to the training, or their experiences as a Stephen Minister.

May God bless you as you prayerfully consider becoming a part of this Christian caring ministry!



**The Mustard Seed Guild continues their work in the garden.
Be sure to check out the table in Fellowship Hall for fresh produce to share.**

Thanks to your generous participation in the recent Silent Auction, over \$1,400 was raised for the Blessing Box and Wags & Wipes Ministries!!

PLEASE remember to check "Use By" and/or "Best By" dates before you donate!



Most Needed This Week

- ~ Canned chicken, tuna
- ~ Rice (instant)
- ~ Knorr sides
- ~ Cornbread mix
- ~ Stuffing mix
- ~ Cream of chicken and mushroom soups
- ~ Cereal
- ~ Oatmeal (instant)
- ~ Pancake mix
- ~ Fruit (canned or cups)
- ~ Cooking oil

Personal Care items

- Diapers, size 5 and pullups
- Wet wipes
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes

Always Needed

- Toilet paper
- Paper towels

Click on either image below to read the details of the lesson plans.

Children's Church (Sunday School)

The October theme is "Prophets Speak for God", discovering that "God is Powerful", from the books of 1st & 2nd Kings.

Our Bible Memory Buddy is Yeddy the Himalayan brown bear. Yeddy wants us to memorize this Bible verse:

"A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power."
~ Ephesians 6:10



**LIFT is back in session!
There are still openings!**

Let Carrie know if your kids or grandkids would like to attend.

The October unit is "Fear Not"

Sign up to provide snacks



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

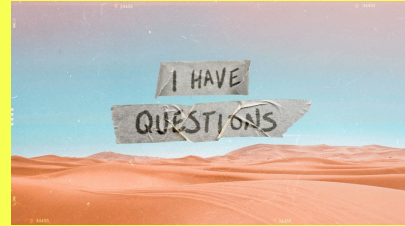
Always a Good Time! Invite your Friends!

Join us for this 4-week series from the Old Testament on **Doubts and Questions**. Click on the image to read more about this series.

- Youth Group will meet from 6 to 8 pm on October 4, 11, 18 and 25.

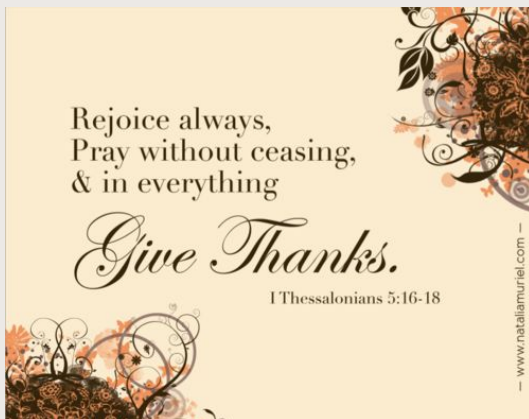
And Save the Date - June 13-19, 2027 - Mission Trip to Colorado Springs

Click to provide dinner



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



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

Our Vision
Ignite: Faith. Hope. Love

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.

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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