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Hello PCUMC Family,

If the Platte City United Methodist Church is your church family, I hope you'll join Carly and me this Sunday in returning your commitment card indicating what you plan to give to God through PCUMC in 2027.

As you consider your financial giving for next year, I invite you to prayerfully ask God this question: **"Lord, what would You have me give to You in 2027?"**

As we open our hearts to this question, I believe God will lead each of us in meaningful ways. I believe God invites us to:

> **Give in a way that puts God first.** Let your giving reflect that God is a priority in your life.
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> **Give in a way that requires something of you.** Generosity involves a measure of sacrifice and reminds us to trust and depend on God.
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> **Strive to give God your tithe.** Scripture teaches us to return ten percent to God. If you haven't reached that point yet, consider taking a step toward tithing this year.

Thank you for your continued giving to Christ and His Church!

I look forward to coming together with you on Sunday to worship and to give God thanks.

Giving God Thanks for You!

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?

Sunday's Playlist

November 22, 2026 - Christ The King Sunday, Thanksgiving Sunday
Message: *"Thread: What's Holding You Together?*
What are you waiting for?

- **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**
- **Noon to 1 pm - Thanksgiving Box Distribution**
- **6 to 8 pm - Youth Group**
- **6:30 pm - The God Story with Pastor Robert**

Mark Your Calendar



- **Thursday, November 19 - Brothers in Christ, Arms Together** at 6:30 pm at Dave Tucker's home (13380 N Highway)
- **Friday, November 20 - Youth Fundraiser at Panera Bread on Barry Road from 8 am to 8 pm. Click here to see the poster for more info. Be sure to let them know that you are participating in the fundraiser.**
- **Friday, November 20 - Pack Thanksgiving Boxes beginning at 10 am**
- **Tuesday, November 24 - Prayer Team** meets at Noon in the Prayer Chapel
- **Tuesday, November 24 - LIFT**
- **Tuesday, November 24 - Overcoming Fear** with Joyce Cashier at 6:30 pm in the Library
- **Wednesday November 25 - Office Closed. No E-News (the next issue will be published on December 2)**
- **Thursday, November 26 - Happy Thanksgiving - Office Closed**
- **Sunday, November 29 - First Sunday of Advent. Usual worship and social times. Wags & Wipes Distribution from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. No Youth Group or Small Group (The God Story)**
- **Monday, November 30 - Monday's with the Minister** at Price Chopper/Starbucks from 12:30 to 2:30 pm
- **Tuesday, December 1 - Prayer Team** meets at Noon in the Prayer Chapel
- **Tuesday, December 1 - LIFT**
- **Tuesday, December 1 - Overcoming Fear** with Joyce Cashier at 6:30 pm in the Library
- **Wednesday, December 2 - The Good and Beautiful Life** with Pastor Robert at 9:30 am and/or 6:30 pm
- **Thursday, December 3 - Brothers in Christ, Arms Together** at 6:30 pm at Dave Tucker's home (13380 N Highway)

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?



This year, instead of the traditional Angel Tree Gifts, we are collecting **$25 gift cards to Aldi's, WalMart and Quick Trip** for families in need in the PCR3 school district. This change has been requested by the school social workers who will distribute the cards.
Please have all gift cards to the church no later than Sunday, December 13. Look for a basket in Fellowship Hall.

"Shop with a Cop" serves a lot of families in our area for their Christmas gifts so there is less need there. The food gap over the Winter Break is the biggest concern for families in need and is the reason they are asking for gift cards.



We recently received the following from Bob Howard, former Pastor at PCUMC:

"I have Glioblastoma (brain cancer). They removed a softball-sized tumor on August 6. I have had radiation and will begin chemo on 11/16. My mailing address is 1815 S Murphy Avenue, Joplin, MO 64804. I would like to be added to the Prayer Chain. Thank You."
(He has been added to our Prayer Concerns list.)





In the next few weeks, scheduling will begin for the first six months of 2027 for:

- Greeters/Ushers for both services – This is a rotating schedule and frequency depends on the number of people participating. Currently it's about every three months for the 9 am service and about every nine weeks for the 10:45.
- Communion Helpers for both services – Rotating, once a month. Helpers prepare and clean up after worship and also help distribute. Currently there are six teams for each service.
- Readers for the 9 am service – Currently about every four months
- People to straighten the Sanctuary – This is a monthly rotation with straightening done 2-3 times a month. Currently there are eight people signed up.

If you are not currently on the schedule and would like to participate, call the office or respond to this email.



Generosity, USA recently gave PCUMC $1,000 for our Blessing Box ministry. Pictured is Dale Bruek presenting Nancy Piper and Pat Birt with the check.



Thank you to the Scouts who recently did a food drive for our Blessing Box!

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



Most Needed This Week

- Canned chicken, tuna
- Instant & uncooked rice
- Cranberry sauce
- Egg noodles
- Gravy packets
- Cream soups (chicken & mushroom)
- **Fruit, canned or cups**
- Shelf stable milk
- Cereal
- Instant oatmeal
- Pancake syrup
- Cake Mix and Frosting
- Jelly/jam
- Mayo
- Sweet relish
- Ketchup
- **Sugar**

Always Needed

- Diapers, size 5 and pullups
- Wet wipes
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels

Click on either image below to read the details of the lesson plans.
On December 13 the children will present Special Christmas Music during the Traditional Service at 9 am.
They will practice on Tuesday afternoons at 4:45 and Sunday mornings at 10. Each practice will last about 30 minutes.

Children's Church (Sunday School)

The November theme is "Jesus' Upside-Down Kingdom", discovering that "Jesus surprises us", from the gospels of Luke and Matthew.

Our Bible Memory Buddy is Swift the falcon.
Swift wants us to memorize this Bible verse:
"Jesus told him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'"

~ John 14:6

LIFT is back in session!
There are still openings!

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

The November theme is "It's Giving Thanks"

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 on Friendship: **With You.** Click on the image to read more about this series.

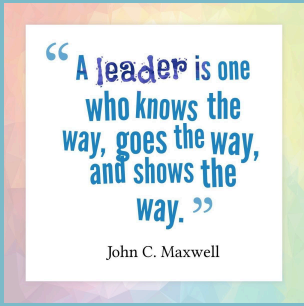


- Youth Group will meet from 6 to 8 pm on November 22. No meeting on November 29 (Thanksgiving Break)
- **Friday, November 20 - Fundraiser at Panera Bread on Barry Road from 8 am to 8 pm. Click here to see the poster for more info.**

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

Click to proivide dinner

Info from the Leadership Council



The Council generally meets the second Tuesday of each month. As part of the meeting, the financial situation of the Church is reviewed.

October 2026
Income = $42,390.30
Expenses = $30,521.59
Net Profit = $11,868.71

Year to Date
Income = $374,480.88
Expenses = $360,789.54
Net Profit = $13,691.34

Approved meeting minutes are available if you are interested and can be picked up at the office or can be requested by email at plattecityumc@gmail.com.

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 Ministry, please respond to this email or contact 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.

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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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