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There will not be an E-News next week.
The next edition will be published on September 30.

Hello PCUMC Family!

It's easy to look around at the world and think, "Well, I guess this is just the way things are." But instead of becoming cynical or throwing up our hands in despair, Jesus invites us to imagine with him how the world can be and then invites us to start living that way now.

This Sunday, we began a three-week message series called **Heaven on Earth**, where we are exploring Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5–7.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus shares his vision for how the world can be and will be. He calls it the Kingdom of Heaven (God). Jesus shows us what the Kingdom of Heaven looks like and what we look like when God's Kingdom takes root in us. He shows us what life looks like when we live like God is our King. And, to be honest, it's often the opposite of what the world calls "normal."

- The world says, "Fight back." Jesus says, "Love your enemies."
- The world says, "Get ahead." Jesus says, "Be humble."
- The world says, "Pick sides." Jesus says, "Make peace."

So, this week, I want to challenge you to read the entire Sermon on the Mount, found in Matthew 5–7. You can read it here: [Matthew 5-7 CEB - Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went - Bible Gateway](#)

I look forward to seeing you Sunday as we continue our journey through Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

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?
Click below.



[September 20 Playlist](#)

[September 27 Playlist](#)

September 20, 2026 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Message: "Heaven on Earth: Jesus' Roadmap for Life - The Direction"

- 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
- 6 to 8 pm - Youth Group
- 6:30 pm - The God Story with Pastor Robert at 6:30 pm

Mark Your Calendar



- **Tuesday, September 22 - Prayer Team** meets at Noon in the Prayer Chapel
- **Tuesday, September 22 - LIFT.** [Sign up here to provide snacks.](#)
- **Tuesday, September 22 - Overcoming Fear and Discouragement** with Joyce Cashier at 6:30 pm in the Library.
- **Wednesday, September 23 - The Good and Beautiful Life** with Pastor Robert at 9:30 am and/or 6:30 pm
- **Thursday, September 24 - Brothers in Christ, Arms Together** at 6:30 pm at Dave Tucker's home (13380 N Highway)
- **Sunday, September 27 - Wags and Wipes Distribution**
- **Sunday, September 27 - The God Story** with Pastor Robert at 6:30 pm
- **Monday, September 28 - Mondays with the Minister** at Price Chopper/Starbucks from 12:30 to 2:30 pm
- **Tuesday, September 29 - Prayer Team** meets at Noon in the Prayer Chapel
- **Tuesday, September 29 - LIFT**
- **Tuesday, September 29 - Overcoming Fear and Discouragement** with Joyce Cashier at 6:30 pm in the Library.
- **Wednesday, September 30 - The Good and Beautiful Life** with Pastor Robert at 9:30 am and/or 6:30 pm
- **Thursday, October 1 - Brothers in Christ, Arms Together** at 6:30 pm at Dave Tucker's home (13380 N Highway)
- **Sunday, October 4 - Blessing of the Animals** at 1:30 pm
- **Sunday, October 4 - The God Story** with Pastor Robert at 6:30 pm



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

If you feel a strong sense of purpose to help those in need, consider reaching out to a Stephen Minister for guidance on how to begin your journey. Training will start in January, so do not hesitate to contact one of them to learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister. Remember, "God has been preparing you for this moment".

"When I heard of Stephen Ministry and understood what I could give on behalf of God, I was truly interested.....I knew I would become a better follower of Christ". ~ *Michael Fogal*

Heaven on Earth: Jesus' Roadmap For Life

The Sermon on the Mount has been described as the heart of Jesus' teaching and the world's most important sermon. It is Jesus' description of what he wanted his followers to be and to do and a roadmap for daily life. It's not an easy path, but one that leads us to a life of purpose, joy and peace.



September 13 - The Beatitudes

September 20 - The Direction

September 27 - The Narrow Gate and The Firm Foundation

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.

Check out the Silent Auction Fundraiser in Fellowship Hall. Bidding will close on September 20 at Noon. Proceeds will benefit 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 & 1# ham
- ~ Rice (instant)
- ~ Hamburger Helper
- ~ Instant mashed potatoes
- ~ Cornbread mix
- ~ Cream of chicken and mushroom soups
- ~ Jelly/jam
- ~ Fruit (canned or cups)
- ~ Granola bars or snack packs
- ~ Sweet relish
- ~ Mayo
- ~ Mustard
- ~ Cooking oil

**Please, NO macaroni & cheese
We have plenty!**

**"Thanks for all the donations!
Keep 'em coming!!"**

Always Needed

- Toilet paper
- Diapers, sizes 4 & 5
- Personal care items
 - Feminine hygiene items
 - Toothpaste
 - Body wash
 - Bar soap
 - Deodorant

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

Children's Church (Sunday School)

The September theme is "God's Good Kings" from the books of 2 Samuel, 1st & 2nd Kings and 2nd Chronicles.

Our Bible Memory Buddy is Zion the majestic lion. Zion wants us to memorize this Bible verse:

"Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done." ~ 1 Chronicles 16:8



LIFT Began on September 8.

There are still openings! Let Carrie know if your kids or grandkids would like to attend.

The September unit is "Big Little Lies"

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 Book of James on **Loving Others**. Click on the image to read more about this series.

- 09/20 - Youth Group from 6 to 8 pm

- 09/27 - Youth Group from 6 to 8 pm

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



Click to provide 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.

August 2026

Income = \$56,708.36
Expenses = \$29,110.76
Net Profit = \$27,597.60

Year to Date

Income = \$308,487.91
Expenses = \$293,565.09
Net Profit = \$14,922.82

“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.”

John C. Maxwell

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



Our Mission

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.

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.

Click [here](#) for all staff email addresses.

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