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Hello PCUMC Family,

This past Sunday, we continued our *Thread* message series by looking at the life of King David and the reality that life and relationships don't always turn out the way we hoped or expected. When life disappoints us and people break our hearts, how do we move forward? Through David's story, we are reminded of three important ways to respond: **forgive, mourn, and surrender.**

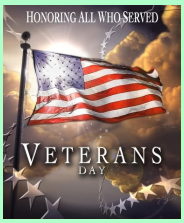
We can't control other people or every circumstance, but we can bring our hurt and disappointments to God, trusting that our lives remain in God's hands. Even in the midst of our struggles, God is faithful, present, and providing for us. We are never alone! With God's help, we can learn to let go of what we thought life should be and begin to embrace the blessings and joys God places before us.

Speaking of blessings, we are blessed to have Carrie VanNess serving as our Children and Youth Director. One way we can support and bless Carrie and our youth is by eating at Panera on Friday, **November 20**. Twenty percent of the proceeds that day will go toward helping fund our youth summer mission trip to Colorado Springs. It's a great opportunity to enjoy a meal while supporting our youth. You'll find more details below.



Also, it's our turn to help out again at the Treasure Chest by sacking groceries for area families in need. We'll meet at the Paxton Building at the High School on **Tuesday, November 17, at 6:30 pm.** Thank you for continuing to show God's love in such practical and meaningful ways to our community.

On this **Veterans Day**, I also want to say thank you to all our Veterans. Thank you for your courage, commitment, and sacrificial service. I give God thanks for all the veterans who have served our nation!



Finally, I look forward to seeing you Sunday as we continue our *Thread* message series. No matter what life brings our way, God is the thread that holds us together. Until then, may you know God's presence, trust in God's faithfulness, and find joy in the blessings right in front of you.

God Bless,

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 15, 2026 - 24th Sunday after Pentecost
Message: *"Thread: What's Holding You Together? How Open Are Your Hands?*

- **9 am - Traditional Service in the Sanctuary. Watch online on YouTube or Facebook Live**
- **10 am - Social Time in Fellowship Hall - *The Frost family plans to attend to share this time with Judy and Ed's PCUMC family. They are providing the altar flowers in their Memory and in Honor of their 64th Anniversary which would have been November 18.***
- **10:45 am - Blended Service in the Sanctuary**
- **6 to 8 pm - Youth Group**
- **6:30 pm - The God Story with Pastor Robert**

Mark Your Calendar



- **Thursday, November 12 - Brothers in Christ, Arms Together** at 6:30 pm at Dave Tucker's home (13380 N Highway)
- **Monday, November 16 - Monday's with the Minister** at Price Chopper/Starbucks from 12:30 to 2:30 pm
- **Tuesday, November 17 - Prayer Team** meets at Noon in the Prayer Chapel
- **Tuesday, November 17 - LIFT**
- **Tuesday, November 17 - Serve at the Treasure Chest** at 6:30 pm
- **Wednesday, November 18 - The Good and Beautiful Life** with Pastor Robert at 9:30 am and/or 6:30 pm
- **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.**
- **Friday, November 20 - Pack Thanksgiving Boxes** beginning at 10 am
- **Sunday, November 22 - Thanksgiving Box Distribution** from Noon to 1 pm
- **Sunday, November 22 - The God Story** with Pastor Robert at 6:30 pm

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?

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.)





This Thanksgiving, PCUMC will provide Dinner Boxes to those who come to the Blessing Box and Wags and Wipes.
They will be distributed on Sunday, November 22 from Noon to 1 pm.
Families will be required to sign up in advance.

You can participate by providing items for the box or funds to purchase items.
Click on the graphic to see the shopping list and other details.
Call the office if you have questions.



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 would like more info, please call the office. If you are already on the schedule, you received a text earlier today.

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



Most Needed This Week

- Canned chicken, ham, tuna
- Instant & uncooked rice
- Stuffing mix
- Cranberry sauce
- French fried onions
- Egg noodles
- Canned green beans
- **Fruit, canned or cups**
- Shelf stable milk
- Cereal
- Instant oatmeal
- Cake Mix and Frosting
- Mayo
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- **Sugar**
- Diapers, size 5 and pullups
- Wet wipes

Always Needed

- Toilet paper
- Paper towels

Click on either image below to read the details of the lesson plans.
Save the Date - December 13 is the Children's Christmas Program.

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 8, 15 and 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



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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