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Hello PCUMC Family!

Monday was a PLD day for teachers in Platte County which meant the kids didn't have school, but the teachers were working. This gave our church an opportunity to show our appreciation to the teachers at Compass Elementary School. Thank you to all those who made food and helped set up for our teachers' lunch, and a big thank you to Janice Robinson for coordinating our Appreciation Lunch!



This past Sunday I mentioned that over the next several weeks I would be sharing some information about our upcoming General Conference. If you have not yet, I invite you to check out the message from Sunday. [Click here for the YouTube link](#) and [here for the Facebook link](#).

For just a little background, since 1784, the United Methodist Church (and our predecessor bodies) have held gatherings, usually every four years. These gatherings set the policies, positions, and procedures of The United Methodist Church and is the only body that can speak on behalf of the entire United Methodist Church.

Just over 800 delegates (half laity and half clergy) from all over the world will be

going to Charlotte, North Carolina from April 23 to May 3, for the next General Conference; 16 of these delegates will be representing Missouri. The delegates to General Conference will be working on many issues as we as United Methodists strive "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

One issue these delegates will be looking at is the removal of language about homosexuality first put in our Book of Discipline in 1972. In other words, there are people who would like to go back to the pre-1972 Discipline which did not include restrictive language regarding homosexuality. This would allow pastors to determine for themselves whose weddings they would officiate, individual congregations would decide the weddings they would host, and each annual conference would decide the fitness for ministry of all pastoral candidates.

If you would like more information about General Conference you can go to: [General Conference FAQs \(moumethodist.org\)](http://moumethodist.org)

If you would like to sign-up to receive updates before and during General Conference you can go to: [General Conference Updates Newsletter \(moumethodist.org\)](http://moumethodist.org).

There is lots of information and resources about General Conference here: [General Conference 2020 \(resourceumc.org\)](http://resourceumc.org)

Let's be in prayer for General Conference and all of our delegates!

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. I will be at Price Chopper on Mondays, April 22 and 29, from 12:30 to 2:30 pm, if you would like to chat about these issues or any other.

I look forward to worshipping with you this Sunday as we continue with our message series, Disillusioned: Christians Are Anti-Science.

Serving Jesus with you,

Robert

We are excited to announce the birth of Samuel Isaiah Ewing on April 16th.
May God bless Samuel Isaiah and his parents, Kyle and Abbey, and big brother Henry.



On Sundays, April 21 and 28, people from the Directory Committee will be in Fellowship Hall to assist in this process. They will be able to help you set up the app, view the Directory online, take pictures and answer any questions you have. Look for Bill Euler, Linda Evans, Jamie Knodel, Linda Plager or Phyllis VanDyke.

You can also stop by the office for assistance - Monday through Thursday from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm.

This Directory is for Members and Friends of PCUMC - even if you're not an "official" member!

If you attend regularly, have kiddos who participate in LIFT or Children's Church, you are included! Everyone is invited to participate!

VIEW OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE!

FREE App for iPhone, iPad & Android



Our church directory is a great resource tool that allows you to get to know our church family better!

Simply go to the App Store, search for *Instant Church Directory*  and download the FREE app to begin.

You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.



You can access the New Directory on your phone by downloading the app (see graphic) or on your computer as described below.

Instant Church Directory has a member website. [You can click here to sign up or sign in using your computer.](#)

You will be asked to enter your email address as it's listed in the directory. If your email address isn't listed in the directory, contact the office so it can be added. Once you enter your email address, follow the directions on-screen to complete the login process. After you sign in, you'll see the most up-to-date directory for our church. Any time updates are made, they will show on the Online Members' Website too.

[Click here for more information about the website](#)

Attention all men of PCUMC!
Sunday, May 5 at 8:30 am
Fellowship Hall

Join us for breakfast.
Mike McGinness will share a short devotion and we will discuss some plans for the future.



Pastor Robert will be at the Starbucks inside Price Chopper on Mondays, April 21 and 28 from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. Stop by and join him for a chat and a word of prayer.

DIS illusioned

Truth or Illusion . . . Are Christians too political? Are Christians Anti-Gay? Are they Anti-Science? Are they exclusive and judgmental?

The failure of some Christians can cause us to believe illusions about Christ's Church. What we need is to be disillusioned (in a good way), refocusing our attention on Jesus and what the church is really supposed to be.

- 03/30, 31: DIS illusioned: Easter 2024
- 04/07: DIS illusioned: Christians Are Too Political
- 04/14: DIS illusioned: Christians Are Anti-Gay
- 04/21: **DIS illusioned: Christians Are Anti-Science**
- 04/28: **DIS illusioned: Christians Are Exclusive and Judgmental**



LIFT is offered to students in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade and meets each Tuesday that school is in session, from 4 pm to 5:30 pm. May 21 is the final LIFT session for this school year.

Transportation to the church is available from Compass and

Let's
Ignite
Faith
Together



Siegrist schools. Parents pick up kids at 5:30.

Contact Delinda for more info or to register your child -
pcumcchildrensministry@gmail.com.

Children's Church (Sunday School)

The April unit is "Jesus Teaches Through Parables", from the books of Matthew and Luke.

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

The April Memory Verse is from Chewy the Beaver, our Bible Memory Buddy:

"Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on a solid rock". ~ Matthew 7:24



July 8-11
Join us for S'More Fun at VBS!
6 to 8:30 pm - dinner is included
For children entering **Pre-K** (3-4 years old & potty trained)
through **6th Grade**



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Ignite a generation of current and future leaders who are ready to go out and transform the world through gospel-driven programs that promote leadership, community, and service.

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IGNITE YOUTH VISION

- **Gospel-Driven:** At the heart of everything we do.
- **Community:** You belong here. We are a community doing life together. All are welcome.
- **Leadership:** Students are given the opportunity to lead within the organization, community, and world.
- **Service:** We will serve together in the community through mission trips and community activities.

Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings at 6.
All students in Middle School and High School are invited to attend.

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.

March 2024

Income = \$29,316.11
Expenses = \$29,136.35
Net Profit= \$179.76

Year to Date

Income = \$88,298.36
Expenses = \$78,926.50
Net Profit = \$9,371.86

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

The next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2024.

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

John C. Maxwell

Sunday, April 21

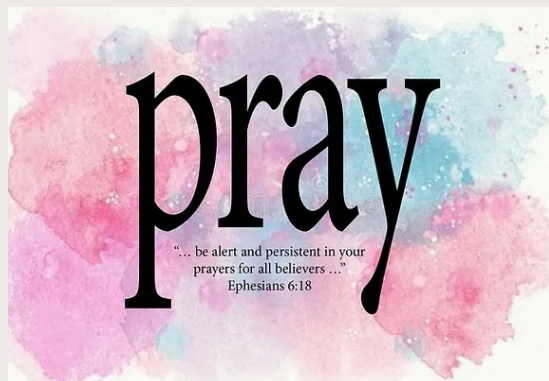
Message: DIS illusioned: Christians are Anti-Science

- 10 am - Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary. Available online at You Tube and Facebook Live.
- 11 am - Directory assistance, including pictures, in Fellowship Hall
- 5 pm - Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary
- 6 pm - Youth Group Gathering

Mark Your Calendar

- **Monday, April 22 - Pastor Robert will be at Starbucks inside Price Chopper from 12:30 to 2:30 pm.**
- **Tuesday, April 23- "Finding Hope when Life Seems Dark" with Joyce Cashier from 6:30 to 7:30 in the Library**
- **Monday, April 29 - Pastor Robert will be at Starbucks inside Price Chopper from 12:30 to 2:30 pm.**
- **Sunday, May 5 - Men's Breakfast at 8:30 am in Fellowship Hall**
- **Tuesday, June 4 - American Red Cross Blood Drive- 1:30 to 5:30 pm.**
- **Tuesday, July 2 - VBS Decorating Party at 5 pm. Pizza for supper!!**
- **July 8-11 - VBS: Camp Firelight- Register above**

Upcoming Events



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



Our Mission

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

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.

Click [here](#) for all staff email addresses & Coronavirus updates from the CDC.
Click [here](#) for info about giving options and [here](#) for an form to schedule automatic payments.



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