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Hello Church Family,

As we celebrate the Fourth of July this weekend, I hope you can enjoy some time with family and friends. This is a great time to give thanks for the blessings of our country and the freedoms we enjoy, but it's also important to remember that our deepest allegiance is not to any nation, but to Christ and His Kingdom.

One important way we express our allegiance to Jesus is by coming together for worship. So, I invite you to join us this Sunday at 9 am or 10:45 am as we celebrate Holy Communion and continue our message series, *Champions of Faith: Our Coach*.

Speaking of Champions of Faith, I see so many champions of faith at PCUMC. One way you demonstrate your faith and love for Jesus is through your generous giving.

- Recently, for example, because of your faithful giving, we were able to replace a \$16,000 air-conditioning unit for Fellowship Hall.
- When the refrigerator stopped working in the church kitchen recently, we were able to purchase an industrial sized commercial fridge. That fridge really came in handy during our recent church-wide potluck and VBS week!
- We also purchased a new refrigerator for the Hillcrest Apartment that we sponsor. In the picture you see the Hillcrest Apartment Team Leaders Katie Shank, Jamie Knodel, and Sue Solum with the new fridge in the apartment.
- Through your generosity, we were also able to enjoy a great week at VBS and a fun-filled VBS Sunday. (There are a few more pictures below. [And click here to watch the VBS video.](#))



Thank you for your generosity and your continued commitment to follow Jesus with love and compassion.

Praying 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?

[Click here to listen to Sunday's Playlist.](#)

You may have noticed that there was no Facebook livestream of the June 28 service. It is available on You Tube if you would like to watch it there.

July 5, 2026 - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Message: *Champions of Faith: Our Coach*

- **9 am - Traditional Service with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary. Watch online on YouTube or Facebook Live**
- **10 am - Social Time in Fellowship Hall**
- **10:45 am - Blended Service with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary.**

Mark Your Calendar



- **Tuesday, July 7 - Prayer Team** meets at Noon in the Prayer Chapel
- **July 8-11 - Youth Group Mission Day trips and Worship**
- **Monday, July 27 - Red Cross Blood Drive** from 1:30 to 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. See more info below. [Click here to register.](#)
- **Saturday, August 1 - Afternoon at the Nelson**, from 1 to 5 pm



Early on Saturday, June 27, 12 men of the congregation met for breakfast and study.



During the June 28 worship service, VBS "Challengers" sang two of the songs they learned during the week.



Following worship, they were treated to a "Foam Party"!

Throughout the Week, \$512.30 was raised for the Platte County Schools Special Olympics!

Do you need a "sweet treat" for your kids or grands?
The VBS kids loved the Homemade Gummy Candy.
[Click here for the recipe](#) shared by Sherry Fogal.



Have you noticed the flowers on the east side of the building?

Thanks to Sue Solum for planting and caring for them.
And someone really likes the purple!

Champions of Faith

This summer, the world will be captivated by champions competing on soccer's biggest stage. But long before there were World Cup champions, there were champions of faith. In Hebrews 11 – the Bible's "Faith Hall of Fame" – we meet ordinary people who trusted God in extraordinary ways.

In our message series, **Champions of Faith**, we will explore some of their backstories and how their faith can inspire us to trust God, overcome fear, persevere through adversity, and run our own race with confidence.



- June 14 – Sarah
- June 21 – Rahab
- June 28 – Joseph
- July 5 – Our Coach**
- July 12 – Our Youth

Platte City United
Methodist Church

Monday, July 27
1:30 to 5:30 pm



**Give Blood
Give Life**

To schedule an appointment, use the QR code,
call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org
and enter "PlatteCityUMC"

There is currently a great need for blood donations.
Please give if you are able.

Click on the image to schedule an appointment. You'll also find info at the Connect Center.

This week's specific requests:

Instant oatmeal, Canned chicken breast, tuna and 1# ham, Shelf-stable milk & non-dairy milk, Peanut butter, Mayo, Cake mix and frosting, Gluten-free items, Canned fruit or fruit cups, Sugar, Toilet paper, Paper towels, Diapers (sizes 3, 5)

PLEASE remember to check expiration dates before you donate!



Children's Church (Sunday School)

The July theme is "God Helps David" from the book of 1 Samuel.

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

Our Bible Memory Buddy is Klymer, the snow leopard, and he wants us to remember this Bible verse:

"I look up to the mountain - does my help come from there? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth!" ~ Psalm 12:1-2

LIFT has finished another successful year.

We'll resume at the beginning of the 2026-2027 School Year.
Registration will open August 1.





Youth Group Sunday evening gatherings will resume when school starts in the fall.

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

Always a Good Time! Invite your Friends!

Summer Plans

July 8-11 - Youth Group Mission Day Trips and Worship

Watch for announcements of upcoming events.



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 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 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.



You can view past worship services any time using these links. FYI - Facebook only retains the videos for 30 days.

Click [here](#) for all staff email addresses.
Click [here](#) for info about giving options and [here](#) for a form to schedule automatic payments.



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