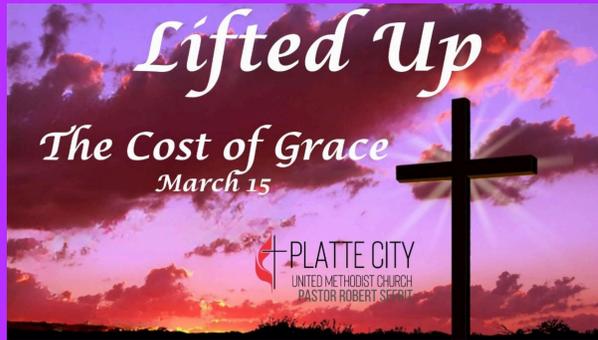


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Hello PCUMC Family,

When you look at the cross what do you see? What is God saying to you today?

N. T. Wright is a theologian who says that the cross is not only about what happens after we die, but about how God has already begun putting the world right through Jesus. On the cross, sin was confronted, evil was defeated, and the love of God was revealed in its fullest form.

When we look to the cross, we see the shape of the Christian life: humility instead of pride, forgiveness instead of revenge, and sacrificial love instead of power. This week, may we spend time at the cross and allow it to shape the way we live, love, and serve.

In worship this week, we will have an opportunity to demonstrate the words of Colossians 2:14 in what I think will be a meaningful way. I look forward to being with you on Sunday as we continue our "**Lifted Up**" message series.

Grace 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 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.](#)



Please note below:

- Food Drive at Dollar General on March 14
- Ed Frost's Memorial Reception on March 21
- Helpers for Eggstravaganza on March 29

Sunday, March 15, 2026 – Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Message: *Lifted Up: The Cost of Grace*

- 9 am - Traditional Service in the Sanctuary with Commissioning of Stephen Ministers - Watch online at Facebook Live and YouTube
- 10 am - Social Time in Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am - Choir practice in the Music Room
- 10:45 am - Blended Worship in the Sanctuary
- 4:30 to 6 pm - Confirmation Class
- 6 to 8 pm - Youth Group Gathering

## Mark Your Calendar



- **Wednesday, March 11 - Good and Beautiful You** at 6:30 pm in the Music Room guided by Pastor Robert
- **Saturday, March 14 - Food Drive** at Dollar General from 10 am to 2 pm, to benefit the Blessing Box and Wags and Wipes. [Click here to sign up to help](#) and see more details below.
- **Monday, March 16 - Mondays with the Minister** from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at Price Chopper/Starbucks
- **Tuesday, March 17 - Prayer Team** meets at Noon in the Prayer Chapel
- **Tuesday, March 17 - LIFT** from 4 to 5:30 pm
- **Tuesday, March 17 - Good and Beautiful You** at 6:30 pm in the Library, guided by Joyce Cashier
- **Wednesday, March 18 - Good and Beautiful You** at 9:30 am in the Music Room, guided by Pastor Robert
- **Wednesday, March 18 - Good and Beautiful You** at 6:30 pm in the Music Room guided by Pastor Robert
- **Saturday, March 21 - Memorial Reception to celebrate the life of Ed Frost** - in Fellowship Hall from 2 to 4 pm.
- **Sunday, March 22 - Return all filled eggs for the Easter Egg Hut**
- **Saturday, March 28 - Easter Egg Hunt** from 4 to 5 pm. **Sign up in Fellowship Hall to help and/or provide snacks. See details below.**
- **April 2 - Maundy Thursday Service** in Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm
- **April 3 - Good Friday Service** in the Sanctuary at 6:30 pm
- **Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunrise Service** at 7 am; **Easter Service** in the Sanctuary at 9 am; **Breakfast served between services in Fellowship Hall**



The crucifixion stands at the heart of our faith, and yet it also raises deep and honest questions. How does a cross two thousand years ago change our lives today? In this message series we'll explore the meaning of the cross and discover how, in Christ being lifted up, we find hope, grace, and new life.

- March 1– Lifted Up: A Promise for All
- March 8 – Lifted Up: God Speaks
- March 15 – Lifted Up: The Cost of Grace**
- March 22 – Lifted Up: The Way of the Cross
- March 29 – Lifted Up: No Greater Love (Palm Sunday)
- April 5 – Lifted Up: The Day Death Lost (Easter)



On Sunday, March 15, we will celebrate the commissioning of four caring members of our congregation who have completed training and are ready to use their spiritual gifts as Stephen Ministers: Michael Fogal, Art Howell, Nancy Piper and Dave Tucker. As we commission them and send them forth to minister, let us thank God for the love and the generosity that inspired their response to God's call, and let us pray for the success of this caring ministry.

If you would like to purchase a lily to adorn the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, signup sheets are at the Connect Center. You can also call or email the office.

The lilies can be dedicated in *Honor of* or in *Memory of* the special people in your life.

Cost this year is \$11 per plant.



These cards are available at the Connect Center. Please share!

**Lenten Schedule**

**March 28 - Easter Egg Hunt & Eggstravaganza for Families and Children at 4 pm in Fellowship Hall**

**March 29 - Palm Sunday Worship at 9 am and 10:45 am with Children's Palm Parade**

**April 2 - Maundy Thursday Worship with potluck meal and Holy Communion at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall**

**April 3- Good Friday Worship at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary**

**April 5 - Easter Sunday**

- **7 am - Sunrise Service outside by the bell (weather permitting)**

**Followed by Breakfast in Fellowship Hall**

- **9am - Traditional Easter Service in the Sanctuary - Special Music from the Adult Choir**



Would you like to help with the church garden this year?

Can you help with the Food Drive at Dollar General on March 14? People are needed during the event and to transport items to the church after the event.

There are signup sheets for both at the Connect Center – You can respond to this email – [You can click here to sign up electronically.](#)

If you would like to contribute to the **Blessing Box or Wags and Wipes**, please place the items in the grocery cart outside of Fellowship Hall.



This weeks requests: (FYI – NO canned goods are needed):  
Snack bars, Cereal, Instant oatmeal, Pancake mix, Syrup,  
Spaghetti sauce and mix, Dry noodles, Cream of mushroom &  
cream of chicken soups, Cake mix, Frosting, Shelf stable milk,  
Salt, Flour, Diapers, sizes 3, 5, 6, Pull-ups sizes 3T & 4T

**PLEASE remember to check expiration dates before you donate!**

## Save the Date!

This is the Easter Eggstravaganza and will require lots of extra hands.  
**Visit Fellowship Hall where you can sign up to help and/or bring snack items!**  
**Or call the office.**  
**And if you took Easter Eggs to fill, please return them by March 22.**



### Children's Church (Sunday School)

The March unit is "Jesus Shows He's God's Promised Son" from the gospels of John, Matthew and Luke.

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

Our Bible Memory Ray is the glowworm, and he wants us to remember:

*"This is real love - not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins." ~1 John 4:10*

**Additional teachers and helpers are needed for Children's Church and the Nursery on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please reach out to Carrie. There is also a**

Our unit this month's theme is "Some Assembly Required" and comes from the books of 1 Kings, Judges and Genesis.

The memory verse this month is:  
"Every house is built by someone. But God is the builder of everything." (Hebrews 3:4 NIV)

[Click here to read full details on the Children's page of the website.](#)



Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings from 6 to 8 and begins with dinner.

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

Always a Good Time! Invite your Friends!

**FIND YOUR WAY:** A 4-Week Series from Matthew on Spiritual Growth

**SERIES OVERVIEW:** Life can feel confusing. We hit moments where we're not sure which way to go, what decision to make, or how to figure things out. Wouldn't it be nice if there was a map that could guide us through life—not just for directions, but for making choices, living life, and knowing God better? If you've ever been there, good news! The Bible is more than an old book—it's a map that helps us find our way. In this 4-week series from the book of Matthew, we'll discover how **the Bible helps us see things differently, shows us how to be like Jesus, reveals what God is like, and teaches us what is true.**

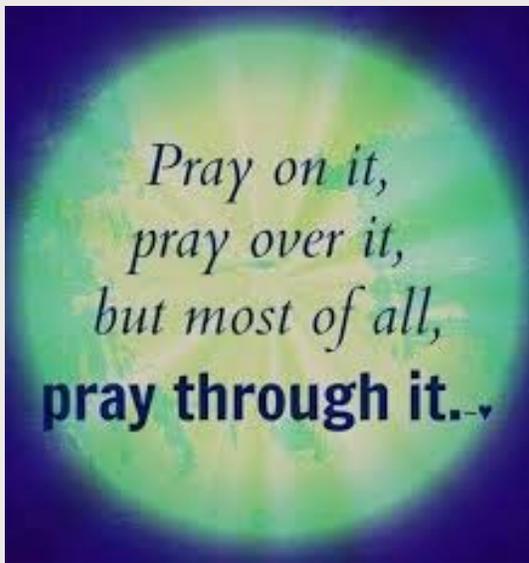


Use this QR code to sign up to provide a meal for the group. There is also a signup sheet at the Connect Center.



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.

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