

Weekly E-News
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Dear PCUMC Family,

I want to thank everyone who has made their 2024 financial contribution pledge. I am so grateful for you and your desire to invest in the ministries of the Platte City United Methodist Church. I believe your generosity will impact both present and future generations for Christ. If you have not pledged yet, and you would like to make a commitment, you can email Phyllis VanDyke at pcumctreasurer@gmail.com or mail your commitment to the church at PO Box 2095. Thank you for your generosity to Christ and His Church!



Speaking of Thank Yous, on this eve of Thanksgiving, I want to take the opportunity to tell you how grateful I am to be your Pastor. The whole Sefrit family feels blessed to be a part of this great congregation. Thank you for who you are. Thank you for all that you give that makes the ministries of our church possible. You are a blessing!

So, let me end with this blessing. This is my prayer for you this week: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace" (Numbers 6:24-26).

Happy Thanksgiving!

Robert

Angel Tree

PCUMC is adopting the children of 11 Platte City Elementary families to



help make their Christmas Special and Merry. We will also give each family \$25 gift cards to both Price Chopper and Quik Trip.

The Angel Tree is in Fellowship Hall. Each angel ornament includes "Wish Lists" shared by the parents, along with instructions for wrapping and delivery. Take an angel ornament or gift card ornament from the tree to "adopt" the family.

Bring everything to the church by Sunday, December 17.

Sign up to bring 2 dozen cookies to share following the Children's Christmas Program

*Sunday, December 10
During the 10 am Worship Service*

Sign up at the Connect Center or call/email the office



Poinsettias for Christmas
Share In Honor of or In Memory of
those Special in your life
Cost is \$10 each

Sign up at the Connect Center or call/email the office

A Church Directory!?!?!?

What do you think?
A Goal for 2024?

This is a BIG project and will require some volunteers to make it a reality.

If you are interested in working on this, please call or email the office.



Special Choir Music

The adult choir will be singing a Christmas Special on December 17 during the 10 am worship service. Practice will be every Sunday at 9 am in the Music Room. All are welcome!

Wednesday, November 29 at 6 pm

Decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season

Pizza will be provided



The Fall session of LIFT is in full swing!!
26 Students are enrolled, many who are not members
and may not currently have a church home!

LIFT is for students in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. Transportation is provided from both Compass and Seigrest Elementary Schools. Parents will pick up at 5:30.

Let's
Ignite
Faith
Together



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



Children's Church (Sunday School)

The November unit is "Jesus' Friends" from the books of Luke and John.

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

The November Memory Verse is from Lawrence the Elk, our Bible Memory Buddy:

"There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." ~ John 15:13



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YOUTH

IGNITE YOUTH MISSION

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.

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.

Next meeting is November 26 at 6 pm
Food, Games, Music, Message

We need volunteers to provide dinner for the students and to assist with both Youth Group Meetings and Confirmation. [Click here to sign up to help.](#)
Or, text Justin at 785-650-5416.



Sunday, November 26 - Message: "Contentment: Gratitude"

- 9 am - Choir Practice in the Music Room
- 10 am - Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary and online at You Tube and Facebook Live.
- 11:10 am to 12:10 am - "The Discipleship Journey" with Carly Sefrit in the Library
- 5 pm - Contemporary Worship
- 6 pm - Youth Group

Mark Your Calendar

- The office will be closed for Thanksgiving beginning Wednesday, November 22
- Tuesday, November 28 - "Discover the God of Second Chances" with Joyce Cashier from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Library. This is the final session for this year.
- Wednesday, November 29 - Hanging of the Greens at 6 pm
- Wednesday, November 29 - "The Discipleship Journey" with Pastor Robert from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Library.
- Thursday, November 30 - "James: A Study on the Steadfast Life" with Terry McInteer from 6:30 to 7:30 in the Library.
- Monday, December 4 - Sisters in Christ from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Library.
- Sunday, December 10 - Children's Christmas Program during the 10 am Service
- Monday, December 11 - Red Cross Blood Drive from 1:30 to 5:30 pm. [Click here to register.](#)
- Sunday, December 17 - Christmas Special Music by the Choir during the 10 am service
- Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Eve) - Candlelight Communion Services at 5 and 7 pm (NO 10 am Worship service)
- Sunday, December 31 - A Service of Lessons and Carols at 10 am (NO 5 pm service)



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

John C. Maxwell

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.

October info:

Income = \$49,030.30
Expenses = \$28,890.31
Net Profit= \$20,139.99

Year to Date as of October 31:

Income = \$301,948.74
Expenses = \$297,605.78
Net Profit= \$4,342.96

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

The next meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2023.

You can also click on the image to find the resources.
Scroll to the bottom of the page.

All of the Resources shared in the Message Series, "Weeds in My Garden", are available using this code. You can also find them on the website in the Prayer and Care section, at the bottom of the page.



Prayer

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. Everyone is invited to join.
- Every Wednesday afternoon, the Prayer Chain email group receives the list of Prayer Requests and Concerns – the same list utilized by the Prayer Team. 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.

Click [here](#) for all staff email addresses & Coronavirus updates from the CDC.
Click [here](#) for giving options.



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