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Hello PCUMC family,

A wise person once said, "God is always speaking, but few are listening." The sixteenth-century mystic, Ignatius of Loyola, urged Christians to "seek God everywhere." With that in mind, this past Saturday twelve of us went to the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art to "seek God" and to listen to His voice through art. There were a lot of great insights and conversations shared within the group.



In response to Sunday's message, "Singing with the Whales," I invite you this week to seek God through nature. You might want to slow down and pay attention to a bird flying in the sky or hold a flower in your hand and study its petals. Take some time this week to delight in nature and receive it as a gift. As you spend time in nature, ask yourself:
What might God be saying to me through this?
What does this part of creation reveal about God's character?

Then let your observations lead you to join with all creation in praising God. May your heart respond with the words, "How Great Is Our God!"

Joy 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 am Blended Service or familiarize yourself with the songs so you are ready to sing with us on Sunday?
Click below.

[Sunday's Playlist](#)

August 9, 2026 - 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Message: "*Singing With The Whales - Part 2*"

Pursue a relationship with God like your life depends on it.

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

Mark Your Calendar



- **Monday, August 10 - Mondays with the Minister** from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at Price Chopper/Starbucks
- **Tuesday, August 11 - Prayer Team** meets at Noon in the Prayer Chapel
- **Sunday, August 23 - Blessing of Students, Teachers and New Drivers** during both services



Is there a young person in your family who is beginning their driving adventure, either with a permit or a license?

Share their names either by responding to this email or calling the office to be included in the Blessing on August 23.

Current Message Series

The natural world sings of God's glory and invites us to join in and worship. In this message series, we'll explore the ways God reveals His character, speaks truths into

our lives, and draws us closer to Him through the wonders of creation.

So, join us in ***"Singing With The Whales"*** as we deepen our appreciation of God's presence and discover the beauty of His voice in the world around us.





This quilt, created by Barb Fischer and Joyce Cashier, was recently gifted to Nancy McBride.



Another of Barb and Joyce's creations.

**The Mustard Seed Guild has been busy in the garden.
Be sure to check out the table in Fellowship Hall for fresh produce to share.**

This week's most needed items:

- Canned ham - 1#
- Crackers
- Granola bars or snack packs
- Fruit - canned or cups
- Mayo
- Mustard
- Peanut butter
- Oatmeal (instant)
- Ramen noodle cups
- Sugar
- Toilet paper
- Diapers - sizes 4 and 5



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

Click on either image below to read about the Children's Programs on the website.

Children's Church (Sunday School)

The August theme is "Jesus Helps People in Need" from the gospels of Matthew, John and Luke.

Our Bible Memory Buddy is Beacon the rainbow-billed toucan. Beacon wants us to memorize this Bible verse:

"Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you."

~ 1 Peter 5:7



LIFT is a free, weekly after-school program for students in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade, gathering on Tuesdays from 4 to 5:30 pm.

Fall session begins on September 8.

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year is now open. Up to 30 children can be accepted. Transportation is offered from Compass and Siegrist Elementary schools with a limit of 13



students from each.

For more information and to register your child, please call the church office at 816-858-2441 or Carrie at 910-920-6950.

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



Always a Good Time! Invite your Friends!

Regular meetings return beginning August 23

We'll complete the video series "Shattered" we began during mission week. (Each lesson can stand alone, so no worries if you've missed an earlier one.)

- 08/23 - Blessing of Students, Teachers and new drivers during worship
Youth Group with dinner from 6 to 8 pm - "Shattered Bondage"
- 08/30 - Youth Group with dinner from 6 to 8 pm - "Shattered Fear"

And Save the Date - June 13-19, 2027 - Mission Trip to Colorado Springs (we'll meet in September to discuss and share more details.



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



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

Our Vision

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.

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.

Click [here](#) for all staff email addresses.
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