



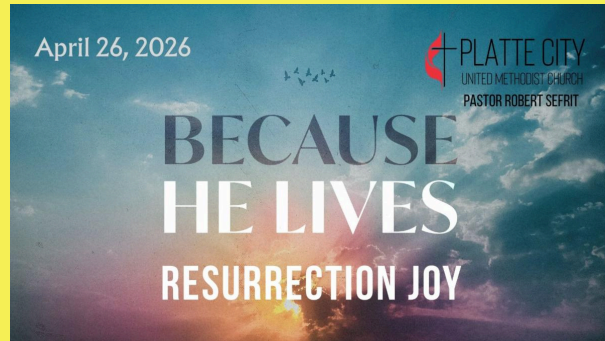
Weekly E-News

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Hello Church Family,

We are in the season of the church year known as “The Great Fifty Days of Easter” which is a great time to reflect on what the resurrection of Jesus means for our lives.

I’m reminded of the Emmaus Road encounter. In this encounter, the risen Christ walked alongside two disciples, yet they were kept from recognizing Him. In this story (Luke 24:13–35), the resurrected Jesus seems to go incognito among the commuters heading home to Emmaus, walking the dusty road like everyone else, politely waiting for an invitation to dinner.

We might expect the presence of the resurrected Christ to be dramatic and unmistakable, but this story reminds us that He often comes to us quietly, humbly, and clothed in the ordinary. So, I invite you to think about where the resurrected Christ might currently be quietly working in your life. And you might ask God to open your eyes to see His presence in the ordinary details of your day.

This story also reminds us that we can rejoice in the fact that the risen Christ walks with us each and every day. In the early Church, the Easter season was a time for lots of rejoicing. Matter of fact, it was said that God played the greatest “practical joke” on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead, and so Christians spent the 50 Days of Easter sharing jokes and laughter together. It was a tradition known as *Risus Paschalis*, or “Easter laughter.”



This Sunday, we will take part in this “Easter laughter” tradition in a small way by sharing some “church-appropriate” jokes during worship. So bring a joke, and let’s celebrate the joy of Easter!

**Christ is Risen. Christ is Risen indeed!**

I look forward to rejoicing with 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.](#)



#### Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2026

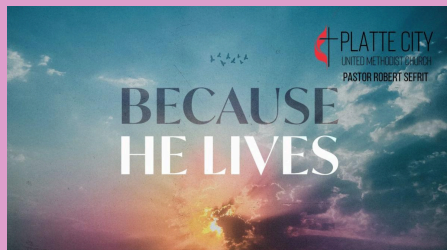
Message: *Because He Lives: Resurrection Joy*

- 9 am - Traditional Service in the Sanctuary - Watch online at Facebook Live and YouTube
- 10:45 am - Blended Service in the Sanctuary
- 4 to 6 pm - Confirmation Class
- 6 to 8 pm - Youth Group Gathering

#### Mark Your Calendar



- **Wednesday, April 22 - Good and Beautiful You** at 6:30 pm in the Music Room guided by Pastor Robert
- **Thursday, April 23 - Brothers in Christ AT** at 6:30 pm at Dave Tucker's home (13380 N Highway)
- **Monday, April 27- Mondays with the Minister** from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at Price Chopper/Starbucks
- **Tuesday, April 28 - Prayer Team** meets at Noon in the Prayer Chapel
- **Tuesday, April 28 - LIFT** from 4 to 5:30 pm
- **Wednesday, April 29 - Good and Beautiful You Cookout** at 6:30 pm
- **Thursday, April 30 - Brothers in Christ AT** at 6:30 pm at Dave Tucker's home (13380 N Highway)
- **Sunday, May 3 - Confirmation** during the 9 am service
- **Thursday, May 7 - Red Cross Blood Drive** from 1:30 to 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. [Click here to register](#) or find info at the Connect Center.
- **Sunday, May 10 - Mother's Day and Blessing of Graduates** during both services. Please contact the office if there is a graduate in your family.
- **Monday, May 11 - Serve at the Treasure Chest** at 6:30 pm
- **Sunday, May 31 - 50-year Anniversary of PCUMC Building.** Special events are being planned. One Worship Service at 10 am. Watch for more details.
- **June 22-25 - VBS "Snowball Mountain Challenge"**. [Click here to register your children.](#) See the graphic below. Sign up in Fellowship Hall to help or call Carrie.



#### BECAUSE HE LIVES

In this two-week series, we step into the heart of our faith and the hope that changes everything. Because He lives, we don't just endure – we live, we hope, and we rejoice.

April 19: We Believe in the Resurrection

**April 26: Resurrection Joy**



**Is there a Graduate in your family – from high school, college or other school?**  
They will be honored during both worship services on May 10. Please share names, school graduating from and plans for the future. Also let us know if they will be here on May 10. Call or email the office.



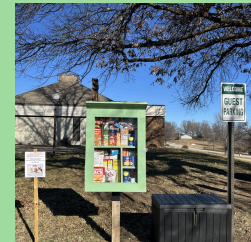
Next week, the process of scheduling for Greeters, Readers and Communion Helpers for June through December will begin.

If you're already on one of these schedules, you received a text and email earlier today. If you are not already doing so and would like to participate, please reach out. Call or email the office.

**Thanks so much to everyone who has contributed to the Blessing Box and Wags and Wipes Ministries!!**

This week's specific requests (still NO canned goods, please):

- Snack bars, Fruit cups, Pop Tarts, Dry egg noodles, Toilet paper, Paper towels, Feminine hygiene products, Diapers (sizes 3, 5, 6), pull-ups (size 3-4T, 5-6T)



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

**JUNE 22-25, 2026**  
**JOIN US ON OUR SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE VBS**  
**6 TO 8:30 - DINNER IS INCLUDED**  
**FOR CHILDREN ENTERING PRE-K (3-4 YEARS OLD & POTTY TRAINED) THROUGH 6TH GRADE.**

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**SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER**

Registration is Open – Use the QR code or the link in the calendar above.

Volunteers are Needed: Station Leaders and Assistants, Challenger Guides to shepherd students between stations, kitchen support. There are signup sheets in Fellowship Hall.

(Note: All helpers must be Safe Gatherings Certified.)



### Children's Church (Sunday School)

The April unit is "Wanted: Leader for Israel" from the book of Judges.

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

Our Bible Memory Buddy is Moe the sloth, and he wants us to remember:  
"The Lord is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry, and filled with unfailing love." ~  
Psalm 145:8

**Teachers and helpers are needed for VBS, Children's Church and the Nursery.  
If you are interested, please reach out to Carrie.  
There are signup sheets in Fellowship Hall.**

Our unit this month is "Noah - The Big Flood" and comes from the book of Genesis.

The memory verse this month is:  
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding: in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV)



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



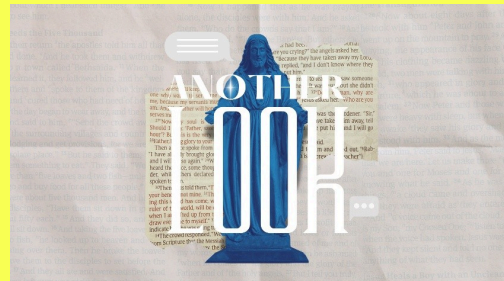
**Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings from 6 to 8 and begins with dinner.**

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

**Always a Good Time! Invite your Friends!**

**ANOTHER LOOK:** A 4-Week Series from Luke on Jesus

**SERIES OVERVIEW:** Have you ever had a conversation that opened your eyes to something you'd never thought about before? Or maybe someone asked you a single question that completely shifted your perspective. Words have the power to change everything, and that's never been more true than with Jesus. He asked questions that changed people's perspectives and caused them to take another look at themselves, their lives, and what they believed about God. In this 4-week series from the book of Luke, we'll take a look at four big questions Jesus asked.



**Together, we'll ask: What can you trust Jesus with today? Where did you notice Jesus' presence today? What can Jesus rescue you from today? How can you put Jesus' words into practice today?**



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

### **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 2026

Income = \$48,896.08  
Expenses = \$30,802.12  
Net Profit = \$18,093.96

### Year to Date

Income = \$127,998.33  
Expenses = \$89,379.77  
Net Profit = \$36,618.56

Approved meeting minutes are available if you are interested and can be picked up at the office or can be requested by email at [plattecityumc@gmail.com](mailto:plattecityumc@gmail.com).

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

John C. Maxwell



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



### 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.

or contact the church office or Pastor Robert.



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.  
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