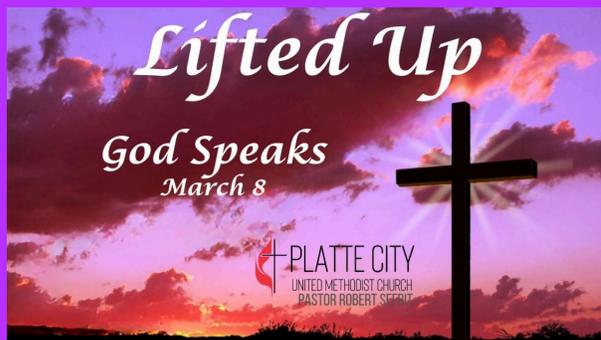


Weekly E-News
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**Remember to set your clocks ahead
before going to bed on Saturday
night!**

**You don't want to be late for
worship on Sunday morning!**



Hello PCUMC Family,

This week Calla wraps up Show Choir and steps into the whimsical world of *Alice in Wonderland* as Platte County High School presents its Winter Show. Asher is lacing up his shoes to begin official track practice for the season. One is rehearsing lines and stage cues; the other is training his body with discipline and perseverance.

Watching them has reminded me how much the Christian life holds both wonder and endurance. Like Alice, we sometimes find ourselves in places and times that feel unfamiliar or even upside down. Yet even there, God is present, inviting us to trust Him. And like a runner on the track, we are called to “run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus” (Hebrews 12:1-2).

Our small groups are reading the book, *The Good and Beautiful You*, where we are reminded that spiritual formation is about believing Jesus’ true narratives about who we are and allowing Him to reshape our inner world – our thoughts, reactions, and responses – so that our lives naturally reflect His goodness and beauty. Whether on a stage under bright lights or on a track in the early afternoon sun, character is being formed in small, faithful steps.

So this week, may we embrace both the wonder and the discipline of following Christ. May we trust Him in the unexpected and remain steady in the daily practices that grow our faith. God is with us and at work in every rehearsal, every lap, every ordinary moment of obedience.

Grateful to be on this journey with you,

Robert

Check Out Sunday's Blended Worship Songs

Want to hear the songs we will be singing this week in 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.](#)



Sunday, March 8, 2026 – Third Sunday in Lent

Message: *Lifted Up: God Speaks*

- 9 am - Traditional Service in the Sanctuary - Watch online at Facebook Live and YouTube
- 10 am - Social Time in Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am - Choir practice in the Music Room (even though practice started last week, it's not too late to join!!)
- 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 4 - Good and Beautiful You** at 6:30 pm in the Music Room guided by Pastor Robert
- **Monday, March 9 - Mondays with the Minister** from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at Price Chopper/Starbucks
- **Tuesday, March 10 - Prayer Team** meets at Noon in the Prayer Chapel
- **Tuesday, March 10 - LIFT** from 4 to 5:30 pm
- **Tuesday, March 10 - Good and Beautiful You** at 6:30 pm in the Library, guided by Joyce Cashier
- **Wednesday, March 11 - Good and Beautiful You** at 9:30 am in the Music Room, guided by Pastor Robert
- **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 (See below to sign up)
- **Sunday, March 15 - Commissioning of Stephen Ministers** during 9 am Service
- **Sunday, March 22 - Return all filled eggs for the Easter Egg Hut**
- **Saturday, March 28 - Easter Egg Hunt** from 4 to 5 pm
- **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 4 - 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)

Next Sunday, March 15, four Stephen Ministers will be commissioned at PCUMC during the 9 am service. These lay ministers will be providing care for people in and around our congregation who are going through many kinds of difficulties in their lives.

Please show your support and appreciation for these dedicated people by your presence at the Commissioning Service and through your prayers.



Congratulations to Alex Allison, Logan Beck, and Tim Linville for obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor held at PCUMC on Sunday.

To date, our Troop 1351 has assisted 214 Scouts in earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

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.



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, Instant oatmeal, Pancake mix, Syrup, Spaghetti sauce and mix, Dry noodles, Fruit cups, Flour, Toilet paper, Paper towels, Wet wipes, 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 sign up sheet at the Connect Center.

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.

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.**

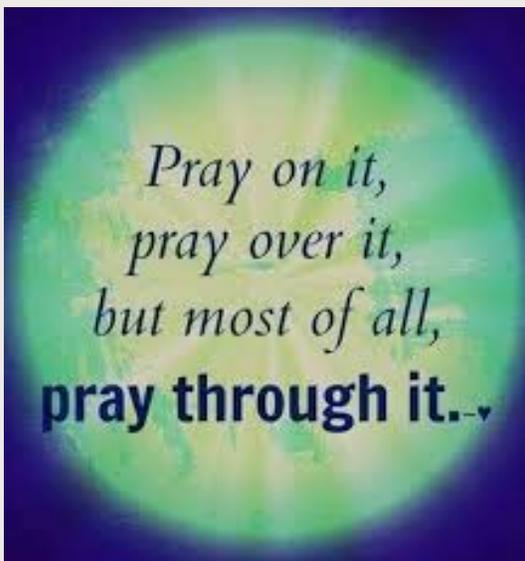


Use this QR code to sign up to provide a meal for the group. There is also a sign-up sheet at the Connect Center.



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.



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

- 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.

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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