

Weekly E-News
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Scroll down to see how you can help with VBS

Pastor Robert is on vacation this week (and next).

Insights from the 2025 Missouri Annual Conference



Earlier this month, I was honored to accompany Pastor Robert as we represented the PCUMC at the Missouri Annual Conference in St Charles. This conference brought together over 520 United Methodist Churches from Missouri, focusing on church business and featuring some incredible worship services. Through this experience, I gained insight into our role within the Missouri Conference and how we fit into the General Conference of the global United Methodist Church.

Business items included presentations from various committees and ministries, highlighted by four votes on amendments to the United Methodist Constitution. The votes will be consolidated across the General Conference and require a 2/3 majority for ratification.

The most impressive part of the conference were the inspiring worship services, where God's presence was clearly visible. These included an opening service with communion, a memorial service remembering clergy and their spouses who passed in the last year and culminated with the Commissioning and Service of Ordination. All events were accompanied by the uplifting Conference Praise Band.

Statistics:

- As of January 1, 2024, disaffiliation from the UMC is no longer allowed.
- 22 Missouri Conference churches closed in 2024.
- 12 New Churches started in 2024.
- 37,535 people were the average weekly Conference worship attendance.
- 71 people was the median average weekly attendance for the Conference.

To learn more about the Annual Conference visit:
<https://moumethodist.org/annualconference>

Charlie Evans
Leadership Council

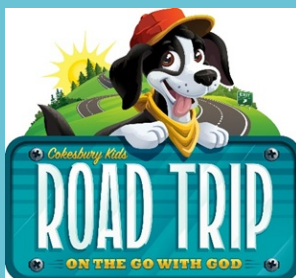
Sunday, June 29 - Third Sunday after Pentecost
"Grief is Real" with Guest Speaker, Nancy Piper

- 10 am - Worship in the Sanctuary. Watch online at Facebook Live and You Tube
- 11:30 am to 1:30 pm - Wags and Wipes Distribution
- NO Youth Group

Mark Your Calendar



- **Wednesday, June 25 - Meet Me at the Trail**(Prairie Creek Greenway Trailhead, just south of Seven Bridges) at 7 pm
- **Saturday, June 28 - Platte City Food Drive** in the parking lot in front of Spectrum Station, from 10 am to 2 pm. PCUMC will help staff the drive. See info below.
- **Sunday, June 29 - Wags and Wipes Distribution** from 11:30 to 1:30
- **Tuesday, July 1 - Prayer Team** meets at Noon in the Prayer Chapel
- **Tuesday, July 1 - Decorate for VBS** at 4:30 pm - Pizza dinner for all helpers.
- **Thursday, July 3 - Office closed for 4th of July**
- **Tuesday, July 8 - Prayer Team** meets at Noon in the Prayer Chapel
- **July 7-10 - Road Trip VBS: On the Go with God!** From 6 to 8:30 pm. [Click here](#) to register your children. (Registration closes at noon on July 1) If you would like to help, talk to Jessica Eslick, Linda Evans or Carrie VanNess. **See below for food and other items needed.**
- **Saturday, July 12 - PCUMC at the Royals**- Game at 3:10. The church van will leave the parking lot at 1:30 pm.
- **Sunday, July 13 - VBS Sunday** (Travelers will sing a few songs during worship, followed by Special fun Event)
- **Sunday, July 13 - Parent and Youth Meeting** about Mission Trip at 6 pm, followed by Youth Group
- **Monday, July 14 - Sisters in Christ** studying *"12 Daring Women of the Bible"* led by Elyse McInter, at 6:30 pm in the Music Room (Note the date change - for July only, the group will meet on the second and fourth Monday)
- **July 20-26 - Youth Mission Trip** to Milwaukee
- **Sunday, July 27 - Youth** will present about the Mission Trip and new drivers will be Blessed
- **Monday, July 28 - Red Cross Blood Drive** from 1:30 to 5:30 pm. [Click here](#) to schedule an appointment and see info at the Connect Center.
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Partner with us to take kids on a "Road Trip" to discover God at VBS this summer!

Platte City UMC is hosting
Road Trip VBS: On the Go with God!
July 7-10, 2025 from 6 to 8:30 pm.

Registration Closes at Noon on July 1
[Click here](#) to register your children.

We are seeking volunteers to help in many different roles. We need a lot of Safe Gathering Certified adults and older youth volunteers to make VBS possible. We need storytellers, craft leaders, guides for our travelers, recreation leaders, kitchen helpers, and more.

You can help with Items Needed for VBS
All items should be at the church by June 30

Traffic cones, Tires, Coolers, Beach Bags, Cars of any size (such as Fisher Price Little Tykes Coupe, Battery Operated cars and jeeps, Barbie and Little People toy cars), Luggage, Wardrobe boxes or Large appliance boxes, **Smaller boxes (about 2' x 2' – 12 are needed)**. Please label all items and they will be returned to you. Please only bring Matchbox cars that you are donating as it will be difficult to keep track of all the tiny cars!

The following food items are still needed for VBS:

- 12 - 28 oz jars of Rao's Marinara Sauce
- 2 jars of Kraft parmesan cheese (green container), 8 oz or larger
- 4 bags of round tortilla chips, 17 oz or larger - any brand
- 3 jars of mild salsa, 24 oz or larger - any brand
- 3 boxes of regular Velveta cheese
- 1 very large (1 gallon) can of corn
- 1 large watermelon

There are sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall or you can call or email the office.

Please contact Carrie VanNess, Jessica Eslick or Linda Evans if you are ready to partner with us or if you need more information.

A poster for a 'Food Round Up' event. At the top, it says 'FOOD ROUND UP' in large yellow letters. Below that, 'BENEFITING NORTH PLATTE FOOD BANKS' in white. To the right, 'Saturday June 28, 2025 10am - 2pm' in white. Below the date, it lists locations: 'Platte City - United Methodist Church', 'Dearborn - Community Food Network', and 'Tracy - Community Action Agency'. In the center, there's a circular image of various food items with a 'DONATIONS' tag. To the left of the circle, it says 'SPECTRUM STATION Next Door To PRICE CHOPPER' and '2401F Kentucky Ave Platte City, Mo 64079'. To the right of the circle, there's a list of needed items: Spaghettios, Canned Raviolis, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Fruit Cups, Granola Bars, Cereal, Pudding cups, Ramen Noodles, Mac n Cheese, Boxed Potatoes, Instant Rice, Instant Oatmeal, Canned Fruit, Canned Pet Food, Pet Treats, Baby Food, Baby Wipes, Diapers, Detergent, Toilet Paper, Paper towels, Soap, Toothpaste, Shampoo, and Conditioner. At the bottom, it says 'DO SOMETHING MO!' with a small logo.

Do Something MO is sponsoring a "Food Round Up" on Saturday, June 28 near Price Chopper from 10 am to 2pm. This drive will benefit food banks in our area, including our Blessing Box and Wags and Wipes ministries. We have been asked to bring volunteers to help, and they want to know the number of volunteers participating from PCUMC. There are still a number of open time slots!

Click on the image to sign up using Signup Genius. *(If you already signed up at the Connect Center, please confirm by going to Signup Genius.)*

Is there a New Driver in Your Family?

New Drivers will be Blessed during Worship on July 27.

Please respond to this email or call the office to share the names of those who are beginning their independent, driving adventure.



Children's Church (Sunday School)

The June unit is "In The Beginning", from the book of Genesis.

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

Bible Buddy, Savanna the Giraffe, wants you to remember:
"And may you have the power to understand, as God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is." ~ Ephesians 3:18



Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings at 6.
NO Youth Group on June 15 and 29, and July 6

July 20-26 - Youth Mission Trip to Milwaukee
Sunday, July 27 - Youth Present about the Mission Trip

All students in Middle School and High School are invited to attend.
Always a Good Time! Invite your Friends!

Beginning June 1 through July 6
THE MAKING OF: A 4-Week Series from the New
Testament on Spiritual Formation

Note that summer meetings will NOT include dinner.

[Click here to read all the details on the Youth page of the website.](#)



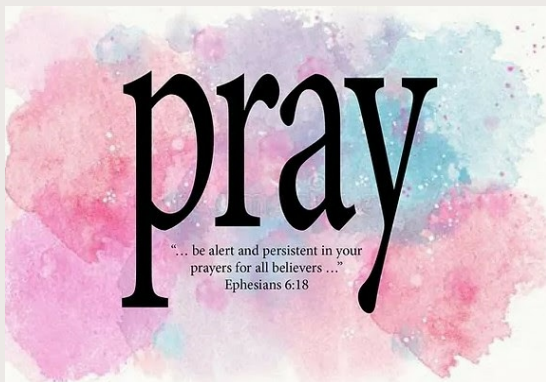
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the Instant Church Directory?
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[You can read instructions for all devices here.](#)



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.

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





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