

Weekly E-News
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Hello PCUMC Family,

We arrived back in Platte City on Monday evening (thanks to Lyle Farquhar for taking us to and picking us up from the airport!). We had a wonderful time exploring Alaska and Canada, but it's also good to be home. After getting used to highs in the upper 50s in Alaska, stepping off the plane in Kansas City to 101-degree weather was quite an adjustment!

When we arrived home, we had a surprise waiting for us. The men's group had landscaped the front and back of the parsonage by spreading mulch, installing landscape bricks, power washing the house and surrounding areas, sealing the front porch and back deck, and planting additional flowers. **Thank you to everyone who gave their time and energy to this project.** Everything looks beautiful!



Throughout our vacation, we were continually amazed by the beauty of God's creation. This Saturday, we'll have opportunity to experience beauty together as we visit the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art for a time of **Visio Divina** ("sacred seeing"). As we explore the museum, each person will choose a work of art for guided reflection, and we'll conclude our time together with group discussion and prayer, listening for how God may be speaking through these works of art. If you'd like to join us, we'll meet in the church library at 1 pm, and the church van will return by 5 pm.

This Sunday, I'll also share a few highlights from our trip to Alaska as we begin our new worship series, **"Singing with the Whales."** Together, we'll deepen our appreciation of God's presence and discover the beauty of God's voice in the world around us.

I look forward to gathering with you this Sunday as we join with all of creation in worshipping God!

Joy and Peace,

Robert

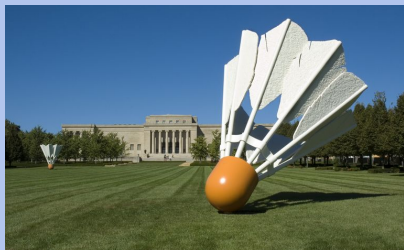
August 2, 2026 - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Message: "Singing With The Whales - Part 1"

- 9 am - Traditional Service with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary. Watch online on YouTube or Facebook Live
- 10 am - Social Time in Fellowship Hall
- 10:45 am - Blended Service with Holy Communion led by Tyler Crawford, in the Sanctuary

Mark Your Calendar



- **Saturday, August 1 - Afternoon at the Nelson**, from 1 to 5 pm. See details below.
- **Tuesday, August 4 - Prayer Team** meets at Noon in the Prayer Chapel
- **Sunday, August 23 - Blessing of Students and Teachers** during worship



Afternoon at the Nelson – Saturday, August 1

Join us for an afternoon at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art as we engage in the contemplative practice of *Visio Divina* ("sacred seeing"). After spending time exploring the museum, each participant will choose a work of art for guided reflection through *Visio Divina*, followed by group discussion and prayer.

We will meet in the church library at 1 pm, and the church van will return from the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art by 5 pm.

New 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.



Thank you PCUMC!
You responded to the Shortage Alert from the Red Cross!

We exceeded the goal of 21 units of blood on Monday - 27 units were collected!! And 11 of those units were from people of PCUMC!!
So, we earned a \$100 Amazon gift card!

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 chicken
- Canned ham - 1#
- Canned tuna
- Fruit - canned or cups
- Mayo
- Oatmeal (instant)
- Pasta sauce
- Knorr sides
- Ramen noodle cups & chicken and beef ramen noodles
- Toilet paper
- Diapers - sizes 4 and 5





Thanks to Spectrum Station for hosting a Diaper and Wipes Drive to benefit these ministries!!

Children's Church (Sunday School)

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

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



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 begins **August 1**. Up to 30 children can be accepted. Transportation is offered from

Compass and Siegrist Elementary schools with a limit of 13 students from each.

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 and Teachers 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 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.

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