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Hello PCUMC Family,

This past week, my daughter was part of Platte County High School's musical production of *Newsies*. Calla had a great time playing a nun, a Bowery Beauty, and a Brooklyn Newsie.

If you know the show, you know it tells the story of ordinary young people who step forward with courage and choose to "Seize the Day" together.

In that same spirit, this week's E-News includes several opportunities for us to step forward and "Seize the Day" as we serve, celebrate, and share together. Here are a few highlights:

1. Saturday, November 22 - 10 am - Pack 100 Thanksgiving Dinner Blessing Boxes
2. Sunday, November 23 during worship - Annual Financial Giving Commitment Cards Due
3. Sunday, November 23 - 10 to 10:45 am - Thank-You Breakfast for the Congregation
4. Sunday, November 23 - 1 to 2 pm - Distribution of Thanksgiving Dinner Blessing Boxes
5. Monday, November 25 - 6:30 pm - Hanging of the Greens

Together, we are striving to "Seize the Day" as we serve and honor Jesus, and I'm deeply grateful for the ways you help make that possible.

Serving Jesus with you,

Robert

2026 Giving

"Lord, what would You have me give to You through Platte City UMC in 2026?"

After prayerfully considering this question, we invite you to bring your financial commitment card to worship on Sunday. During the service, we will have a dedicated moment to present our commitments to God as an act of worship.

If you're unable to be present on Sunday, you can [click here](#) to complete your

Sunday, November 23 - Thanksgiving Sunday
Message: *"OPEN - Thankful in All Circumstances"*

- 9 am - Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary. Watch online at Facebook Live and YouTube
- 10 am - Children's Christmas Program Practice in the Music Room
- 10 to 10:45 am - "Thank you Breakfast" in Fellowship Hall
- 10:45 am - Blended Worship in the Sanctuary
- 1 to 2 pm - Thanksgiving Dinner Blessing Box Distribution
- 6 to 8 pm - Youth Group Meeting with Dinner

Mark Your Calendar



- Wednesday, November 19 - Good and Beautiful Small Group Meal at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. This is for participants of all three sessions.
- Thursday, November 20 - Brothers in Christ AT (Arms Together) at 6:30 pm at Dave Tucker's home (13380 N Highway)
- Saturday, November 22 - Pack Thanksgiving Dinner Blessing Boxes beginning at 10 am
- Monday, November 24 - Mondays with the Minister from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at Price Chopper/Starbuck's
- Monday, November 24 - Hanging of the Greens at 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, November 25 - Prayer Team meets at Noon in the Prayer Chapel
- Tuesday, November 25 - LIFT with Christmas Program practice from 4:45 to 5:15 pm
- Wednesday, November 26 until Monday, December 1 - Office Closed
- Monday, December 1 - NO Mondays with the Minister
- Tuesday, December 2 - Prayer Team meets at Noon in the Prayer Chapel
- Tuesday, December 2 - LIFT with Christmas Program practice from 4:45 to 5:15 pm
- Sunday, December 14 - Children's Christmas Program at 10 am (One Service only) followed by Cookies with Santa in Fellowship Hall. Sign up in Fellowship Hall to bring cookies.
- Christmas Eve - Traditional Candlelight Communion Services at 5 and 7 pm



Hanging of the Greens

Our Hanging of the Greens leader, Barney Farley, recently broke his middle finger and will need some extra help this year as we prepare our church for the Advent and Christmas season.

We will be decorating the church building on **Monday, November 24 at 6:30 pm**. All helping hands with working fingers are appreciated!

Helpers of all ages met at The Treasure Chest on Monday evening to prepare sacks of groceries for those in need.



Following Jesus leads us on a radically different path, which leads to true and lasting joy. This joy is found when we **OPEN** our **Minds** to trust God and His provision, **OPEN** our **Hands** to give generously, and **OPEN** our **Hearts** in gratitude.



November 9 - It's All Tex-Mex Snack Food

November 16 - Best Off the Top

November 23 - Thankful in All Circumstances



"Helper" schedule for 2026

Thanks to everyone who has helped throughout the year. Unless I hear from you otherwise, I'll continue to keep you on the rotating schedule.

If you have not helped in the past, and would like to now, please send an email, call the office, sign up at the Connect Center.

Here are the Volunteer Opportunities:

- Greeters for 9 am and 10:45 am Services
- Readers for 9 am Service
- Communion set up and server for both services (first Sunday of the month)
- Straighten the Sanctuary (a few times each month)

I'm hoping to send the first draft to all helpers shortly after Thanksgiving.

~ Linda

The Blessing Box continues to be used frequently as more people learn of its benefits and location!

It is being refilled daily.

Current needs:

- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Cereal
- Jelly
- Powdered and/or canned milk
- Macaroni and cheese
- Boxed &/or instant potatoes
- Spaghetti sauce
- Gravy
- Brown sugar
- Salt
- Toilet paper



If you would like to contribute, please place the items in the grocery cart outside of Fellowship Hall.

And if you would like to help stock the Blessing Box, please sign up at the Connect Center or call/email the office.

Thanks!



Children's Church (Sunday School)

The November unit is "Never Fear, Jesus is Here!", from the gospels of Luke and Mark.

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

Bible Memory Buddy, Guac the Iguana, will help you learn and

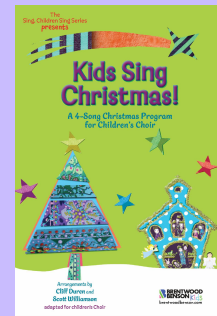
remember:

"He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy." ~ Titus 3:5

Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal

- Tuesdays during LIFT from 4:45 to 5:15 pm
- 10 am following the Traditional service on Sundays

If your child does not attend LIFT, and would like to participate in the Christmas Program, please let Carrie know. They are welcome to come to all rehearsals.



The November unit is "Thankfulness" and comes from the books of 1 Chronicles, Jeremiah, Psalms and the Gospel of Luke.

Memory Verse is 1 Chronicles 16:8: *"Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done."*

[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!

Here are a few things coming up in our ministry . . .

- November 02 - Youth Group from 6-8
- November 09 - Youth Group from 6-8
- November 16 - Youth Group from 6-8
- **November 23 - Youth Group from 6-8**
- November 30 - NO Youth Group - Thanksgiving Break



AFTER YOU

A 4-Week Series for the month of November from the New Testament on Loving Others

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

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.

October 2025

Income = \$38,039.52
Expenses = \$34,442.90
Net Loss = \$3,596.62

Year to Date

Income = \$366,187.04

Expenses = \$389,854.27

Net Loss = (\$23,667.23)

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.

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

John C. Maxwell

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Have you downloaded and completed your Profile and Picture in the Instant Church Directory?

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[You can read instructions for all devices here.](#)

The CHURCH
gathering together
@
2901 Williamsburg
Ter, PCMO
The Calling Community Church

November 21st, 7pm

Night of
WORSHIP
THANKSGIVING &
PRAYER

PRAYER

*Let us approach the throne of grace
with confidence...*

HEBREWS 4:16

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,

or contact the church office or Pastor Robert.

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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