

Weekly E-News
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Hello PCUMC Family,

I invite you to join us for our upcoming Holy Week observances and Easter celebrations. There will be people both inside and outside of our church who will be part of these gatherings, so I encourage you to be in prayer for all who will participate. Let's pray for open hearts, a spirit of welcome, and that everyone who joins us may experience God's love in a meaningful way.

It all kicks off this weekend:

Saturday, March 28 – Easter Eggstravaganza and Egg Hunt at 4 pm

Sunday, March 29 – Palm/Passion Sunday

Kids Palm Processional at both 9 and 10:45 services. Pancakes & Porridge will be served between services to raise funds for our Sister Church in Mozambique.

Thursday, April 2 – Maundy Thursday at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

We will share a potluck meal together. A member of our congregation who grew up in the Jewish faith will help us learn about the Passover meal Jesus was celebrating with his disciples.

Friday, April 3 – Good Friday Service at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunrise Service at 7 am

We will begin outside and then move into the sanctuary for worship with music led by our Blended Worship leader, Aaron Heilman. I will be sharing the Easter message, and we will celebrate Holy Communion.

Easter Breakfast from 8 to 9 am in Fellowship Hall

Easter Traditional Worship Service at 9 am in the Sanctuary

Our worship will include special music by the choir. I will be sharing the Easter message, and we will celebrate Holy Communion.

I look forward to celebrating this holy season with you and witnessing the ways God will move among us.

Joy and Peace,

Check Out Sunday's Blended Worship Songs

Want to hear the songs we will be singing this week during 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 29, 2026 – Palm Sunday
Message: *Lifted Up: No Greater Love*

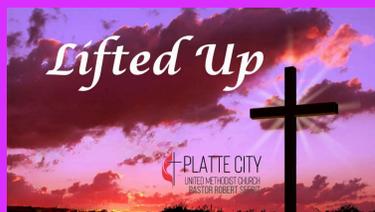
Children's Palm Parade during both services - Kids, meet in Fellowship Hall before the service if you want to participate.

- 9 am - Traditional Service in the Sanctuary - Watch online at Facebook Live and YouTube
- 9:50 to 10:45 am – Pancakes and Porridge in Fellowship Hall – Fundraiser for our Sister Church in Mozambique. Return your filled change bottles.
- 10:15 am - Choir practice in the Music Room
- 10:45 am - Blended Worship in the Sanctuary
- 11:30 am to 1:30 pm - Wags & Wipes Distribution
- NO Confirmation Class (Next class is April 12)
- NO Youth Group Gathering (Next gathering is April 12)

Mark Your Calendar



- **Wednesday, March 25- Good and Beautiful You** at 6:30 pm in the Music Room guided by Pastor Robert
- **Thursday, March 26 - Brothers in Christ AT - at 6:30 pm at Dave Tucker's home (13380 N Highway)**
- **Saturday, March 28 - Easter Egg Hunt from 4 to 5 pm. All helpers & volunteers are asked to arrive by 3:30 pm. See email from Carrie for additional details.**
- **Tuesday, March 31 - Prayer Team** meets at Noon in the Prayer Chapel
- **Tuesday, March 31 - NO LIFT - Spring Break**
- **Tuesday, March 31 - Good and Beautiful You** at 6:30 pm in the Library, guided by Joyce Cashier
- **Wednesday, April 1 - Good and Beautiful You** at 9:30 am in the Music Room, guided by Pastor Robert
- **Wednesday, April 1 - Good and Beautiful You** at 6:30 pm in the Music Room guided by Pastor Robert
- **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 5 - Easter Sunrise Service at 7 am; Easter Service in the Sanctuary at 9 am; Breakfast served between services in Fellowship Hall**
- **Sunday, May 31 - 50-year Anniversary of PCUMC Building.** Special events are planned. Watch for more details.
- **June 22-25 - VBS "Snowball Mountain Challenge".** Watch for more details and registration.



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 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)

All lily orders are due by March 29.

There are signup sheets at the Connect Center. You can also call or email the office by noon on Monday. 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.



Easter Egg Hunt from 4 to 5 pm.

All helpers & volunteers are asked to arrive by 3:30 pm. See email from Carrie for additional details.

If you signed up to provide food, most of the non-perishable items were to be at the church on March 22. Fruits should be dropped off on Thursday or Friday (03/26-27)

On Sunday, Terry McInteer shared the Lord's Prayer in sign language.



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

The recent Food Drive at Dollar General was successful, so there are very few requests this week (FYI – NO canned goods are needed):

Fruit cups, Dry noodles, Cup Noodles, Toilet paper, Paper towels.



PLEASE remember to check expiration dates before you donate!



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 signup 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)

NO LIFT on March 31 - Spring Break

[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!

NO Youth Gathering on March 29 or April 5 - Next meeting is April 12.



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.

February 2026

Income = \$55,769.45
Expenses = \$31,922.35
Net Profit = \$23,847.10

Year to Date

Income = \$79,102.25
Expenses = \$58,577.75
Net Profit = \$20,524.50

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.

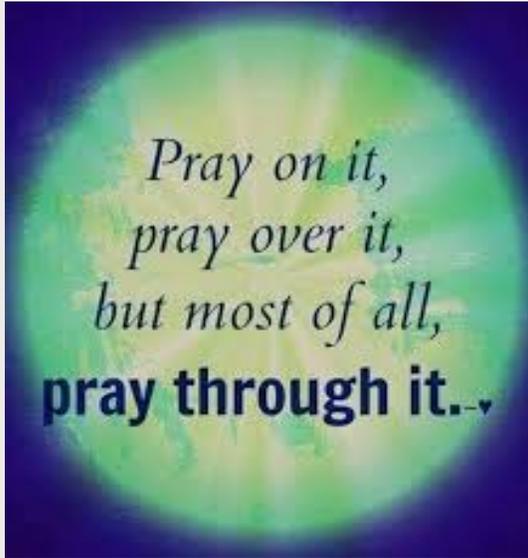
“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.”

John C. Maxwell

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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