

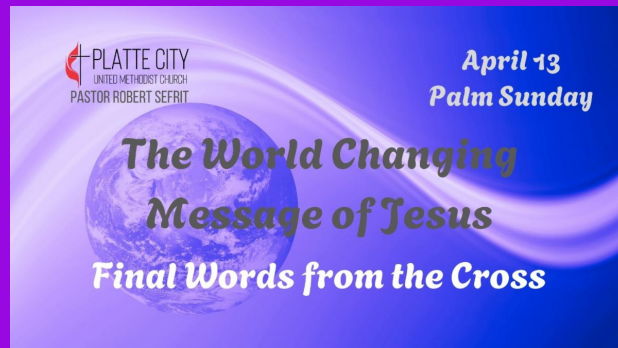


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Hello Church Family,

We are looking forward to our Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Eggstravaganza this Saturday at 4 pm. Thank you to our children's leader, Carrie VanNess, and everyone who is helping and donating food and candy! Our Easter Egg Hunt and Easter celebration on Saturday is a great way to make connections to families in our community.

As we participate in the Easter traditions in our church, families, and community, I also hope we will remember the Christian symbolism behind some of the things we do. Although the tradition of Easter eggs most likely has roots in pagan spring festivals, many Christians throughout the years have adopted the egg as a symbol of new life and resurrection. The egg itself became a symbol of the tomb and the cracking of the egg came to represent Jesus' resurrection.



There is actually a legend connecting Mary Magdalene, the first person to give witness to the resurrection of Jesus, and Easter Eggs. According to the story, after Jesus' death and resurrection, Mary Magdalene went to Rome to preach the gospel. There she met with Emperor Tiberius, held up an egg and said, "Christ is risen!" The emperor laughed and said that a man rising from the dead was as likely as the egg in her hand turning red. At that moment, as the story goes, the egg turned a brilliant red. From that time on, especially in the Eastern Church, dying eggs become a part of the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Many Christians actually dyed their eggs red on the evening before Good Friday to symbolize the blood of Jesus. Since many people used to abstain from certain foods such as eggs during Lent, they would then eat their dyed eggs to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and the end of their Lenten fast.

The tradition of Christians having Easter Egg Hunts is believed to date back to at least Martin Luther who was a leader in the Protestant Reformation. Men would hide the eggs, the symbol of Christ's empty tomb and the new life he gives, and women and children would go looking for them. The joy of the women and children finding the eggs was said in a small way to mirror the joy the women felt when they found Jesus' empty tomb.

You know, it is a joy for me to be your pastor. I am looking forward to all of our Holy Week observances and Easter celebrations. I invite you to join us this Sunday for the start of Holy Week and Palm/Passion Sunday. The children and adult choirs will sing, everyone will receive a palm branch to wave in worship and to take home with them, and we will be continuing our message series, The World Changing Message of Jesus, and looking at some of Jesus' final words to us before his death.

God Bless you,

Robert

To read the daily devotions for April 7 to 11, "The World Changing Message of Jesus: The "I Am" Sayings of Jesus", [click here](#).

### Blessing of the Church Garden - April 6



### Message Series "The World Changing Message of Jesus"

- March 16 – The Kingdom of Heaven
- March 23 – The Sermon on the Mount
- March 30 – The Parables
- April 06 – The "I Am" Sayings of Jesus
- April 13, Palm Sunday – Final Words from the Cross**
- April 20, Easter – The Resurrection and Life
- April 27 – Be My Witness – Serve Sunday!
- May 4 – Be My Witness – Confirmation Sunday!



### Holy Week Schedule

*April 13 - Palm Sunday Worship at 10 am with Children's Palm Parade and Special Music from the Adult & Children's Choir followed by Austerity Lunch in Fellowship Hall*

*April 17 - Maundy Thursday Worship with potluck meal and Holy Communion at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall*

*April 18 - Good Friday Worship at 6 pm in the Sanctuary*

*April 20 - Easter Sunday*

- 6:30 am - Sunrise Service with Holy Communion outside by the bell (Led by Youth)*
- Followed by Breakfast in Fellowship Hall*
- 10 am - Traditional Easter Service in the Sanctuary with Special Music from the Adult Choir*





Join us on Palm Sunday, April 13, for the next Austerity Lunch. Remember to return your change jars.

The first Austerity Lunch of Lent was March 9, raising \$783 to share. The first deposit from the change jar was \$161.90.



The first Sunday of each month, remember to bring your contributions - diapers, wipes, pet food and nonperishable food items. (Or drop off any time)



# APRIL 27 SERVE SUNDAY

A Sunday of service projects for all ages!  
There will be a brief time of prayer in the Sanctuary. Then we will complete service projects around the church and throughout the community.

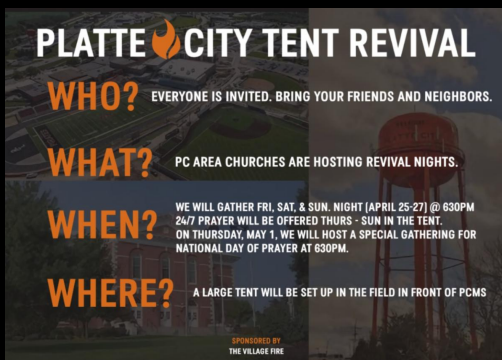


Watch this space for more details.



One of the Serve Sunday projects will be making fleece blankets for Project Linus in Kansas City. Each blanket need two yards of fleece. Currently, Joann's has fleece starting at \$4 a yard with additional 50% off the lighter weights. Full bolts of fleece begin at \$20. If you would like to donate fleece for this project, please drop it off at the church.

To learn more about Project Linus, [click here](#).



On Sunday, April 27 about 10:15 am, a group from PCUMC will go to the tent to pray as part of "Serve Sunday".

PCUMC has been asked to provide bottled water for the Community Tent Revival - 25 cases of 48. If you are able to donate, please leave the bottled water at the table located at the Connect Center.

## Small Groups

If you are looking for another study, each week during our new message series, **The World Changing Message of Jesus**, there will be a bulletin insert with scripture readings to help us dive deeper into the themes of the



messages. We will be using the bulletin inserts as a basis for small groups that will be meeting for five weeks at 9:30 am OR 6:30 pm from April 23 through May 21.

Ongoing Groups That You Can Join Anytime:

- Sisters in Christ: First and Third Mondays at 6:30 pm (Church Music Room)
- Brothers in Christ AT: Thursdays at 6:30pm (Dave Tucker's Home, 13380 N Hwy)



### Children's Church (Sunday School)

The April unit is "Jesus Gives Hope", from the books of Mark and John.

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

Hope is the name of our Bible Memory Buddy. She is a beautiful jaguar.  
*"So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness."* ~ John 1:14

LIFT is offered to students in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade and meets each Tuesday that school is in session, from 4 to 5:30 pm.

April Lesson topics - "Seeds of Faith and Faith in Jesus: BFFs - Jesus is Our Friend"

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

Transportation to the church is available from Compass and Siegrist schools. Parents pick up kids at the Church at 5:30 pm.

Contact Carrie VanNess for more info - [cvanness05@gmail.com](mailto:cvanness05@gmail.com)



Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings at 6.

All students in Middle School and High School are invited to attend.

Always a Good Time! Invite your Friends!



### NEW SERIES - INVITED

A 6-Week Series from the Gospels and Acts on the Resurrection

There's nothing like throwing a party to celebrate the people you love. Be it for a birthday, an achievement, or a new chapter of life, parties give us a reason to gather, laugh, and create new memories together. And if we really stopped to look around, we'd find so many reasons to celebrate what's happening in our lives that the parties would never stop. In this 6-week series, we'll see what it's like when we celebrate all that God has done through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We'll celebrate that **with Jesus, everyone's invited**, and we'll celebrate **who Jesus is**. Then, we'll see how **we're invited to remember what Jesus has done**, let Jesus make us new, follow the Holy Spirit's lead, and how Jesus invites us to invite others.



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

The Youth Group is looking for volunteers that would like to be a part of meetings on Sundays from 6 to 8 pm. If you would like to be a mentor to our youth please contact Carrie VanNess at [cvanness05@gmail.com](mailto:cvanness05@gmail.com) or call the church office for more details.

If you are looking for another way to be involved, the youth group is also looking for volunteers to provide dinner on Sundays evenings. Contact Carrie if you would like to help. There is also a signup sheet at the Connect Center.

### Palm Sunday, April 13

Message - *The World Changing Message of Jesus - Final Words from the Cross*

- 9 am - Choir Practice in the Music Room
- 10 am - Palm Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary, with Special Music from the Adult and Children's Choirs. Watch online at YouTube and Facebook Live.
- Austerity Lunch following Worship. Free will contributions will support our Sister Church in Mozambique.
- 4:30 pm - Confirmation Class
- 6 pm - Youth Group

### Mark Your Calendar

- **Wednesday, April 9 - "The Practicing the Way Course"** led by Pastor Robert, meets in the Library at 9:30 am OR 6:30 pm (Final Session)
- **Thursday, April 10 - Brothers in Christ AT** studying *"The Gospel of Mark & What it Means to Follow Jesus"*, meets at Dave Tucker's home at 6:30 pm
- **Saturday April 12 – Easter Egg Hunt** beginning at 4 pm
- **Tuesday, April 15- Prayer Team** meets at Noon in the Prayer Chapel
- **Tuesday, April 15 - "God is Alive in You"** Bible Study, led by Joyce Cashier, meets at 6:30 pm in the Library
- **Thursday, April 17 - Maundy Thursday Worship** with potluck meal and Holy Communion at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall
- **Friday, April 18 - Good Friday Worship** at 6 pm in the Sanctuary
- **Sunday April 20 - Easter Sunday - See schedule above**
- **Easter Monday, April 21 - Office Closed**
- **Monday, April 21 - Sisters in Christ** studying *"12 Daring Women of the Bible"* led by Elyse McInteer, at 6:30 pm in the Music Room
- **Wednesday, April 23- "The World Changing Message of Jesus"**, led by Pastor Robert, meets in the Library at 9:30 am OR 6:30 pm
- **Sunday, April 27 - SERVE SUNDAY! Watch for more details.**



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

(If you've already added a picture, you can update or make a change anytime.)

[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.



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