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Hello PCUMC Family,

As I shared on Sunday, I think David the shepherd boy gives us a wonderful picture in Psalm 23 of God as the thread that holds our lives together. In Psalm 23, God is our Shepherd who is caring for us and providing more than we need. With God as our Shepherd, even in the midst of trials and suffering, we can see God's goodness and mercy.

So, during our new message series, I invite you to spend some time regularly reciting Psalm 23. Maybe read it when you go to bed or when you wake up. Let its words shape your thoughts. You might even want to pray the psalm. "Lord, help me to trust that you as my Shepherd who's looking after my well-being." Or you could pray it for someone else: "Lord, be with those who are walking through a dark valley right now. Help them sense Your shepherding presence."

In Sunday's bulletin insert, we included not only the words to Psalm 23 but also an image of Jesus as our Good Shepherd. You might look at that image and imagine yourself as the sheep Jesus is holding. Notice Jesus' hand is in a posture of blessing. See that Jesus is blessing you. He's got you. He is the thread holding you together!

Click on the image to check out the bulletin insert.



This coming Sunday, we'll continue our message series, "Thread: What's Holding You Together?" And we have two special treats planned for you.

First, Carly and I feel so blessed to be a part of Platte City UMC. You are an awesome church filled with amazing people! **As a small way of showing our love and appreciation for you, we've invited Tucker Time Coffee to be with us from 8:45 to 10:45 am. Everything will be free.** Carly and I want to provide this as a way of saying THANK YOU for all you do to make PCUMC the wonderful congregation that it is.

Second, Janice Popejoy has been working with the kids during Children's Church and LIFT on a special song. The kids will be sharing it with the congregation during the 9 am service. It will be wonderful to hear them sing and watch them "shine their lights!"

Giving God thanks for you,

Robert

Check Out Sunday's Blended Worship Songs



Want to hear the songs we will be singing this week during the 10:45 am Blended Service or familiarize yourself with the songs so you are ready to sing with us on Sunday?

Sunday's Playlist

October 11, 2026 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost

**Message: "Thread: What's Holding You Together?
Who Are You Going to Be?"**

- 8:45 to 10:45 am - Tucker Time Coffee provided by Pastor Robert & Carly
- 9 am - Traditional Service in the Sanctuary featuring Special Music from the kids. Watch online on YouTube or Facebook Live
- 10 am - Social Time in Fellowship Hall
- 10:45 am - Blended Service in the Sanctuary
- 3 to 4:30 pm - Next Steps Gathering
- 6 to 8 pm - Youth Group
- 6:30 pm - The God Story with Pastor Robert at 6:30 pm

Mark Your Calendar



- **Monday, October 12 - Mondays with the Minister** at Price Chopper/Starbucks from 12:30 to 2:30 pm
- **Tuesday, October 13 - Prayer Team** meets at Noon in the Prayer Chapel
- **Tuesday, October 13 - LIFT**
- **Tuesday, October 13 - Overcoming Fear and Discouragement** with Joyce Cashier at 6:30 pm in the Library.
- **Wednesday, October 14 - The Good and Beautiful Life** with Pastor Robert at 9:30 am and/or 6:30 pm
- **Thursday, October 15 - Brothers in Christ, Arms Together** at 6:30 pm at Dave Tucker's home (13380 N Highway)
- **Sunday, October 18 - The God Story** with Pastor Robert at 6:30 pm
- **Friday, October 23 - Trunk or Treat at the Y** from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. See candy donation tub in Fellowship Hall and flyer below.
- **Tuesday, November 3 - Election Night Dinner returns!** Sign up to help in Fellowship Hall - See below for additional details.
- **Thursday, November 5 - American Red Cross Blood Drive.** [Schedule an appointment here.](#)

Thread: What's Holding You Together?

What's the thread of your life? The one thing that if you pulled it, everything would unravel. David found the unifying thread through his relationship with God. We can, too!

- 10/04 - What's Your Excuse?
- 10/11 - Who Are You Going to Be?**
- 10/18 - Where Do You Turn?
- 10/25 - What Could Take You Down?
- 11/01 - Who's at Your Table?
- 11/08 - How's the Family?
- 11/15 - How Open Are Your Hands?
- 11/22 - What are you waiting for?



Would you like to learn more about the Platte City United Methodist Church and how to connect and serve? Have you ever wondered what it really means to follow Jesus or what Methodism is all about? What are the requirements for membership anyway?

NEXT STEPS

If you are interested in exploring your faith and your **NEXT STEPS** at PCUMC, the next session session is this **Sunday, October 11, from 3 to 4:30 pm.**

Election Night Dinner Returns!

There are many ways you can help:

- Sign up in Fellowship Hall to bring food items or cash to help purchase supplies
- Sign up in Fellowship Hall to help the night of the dinner – take money/tickets, serve food (in person or carry-out), wash dishes, etc., etc.
- Volunteer to help prep in advance
- Volunteer to help publicize and/or sell tickets on Sunday mornings
- Purchase tickets (Sunday morning and during office hours)
- Share info with family and friends (see notes at the Connect Center)

Platte City United Methodist Church **Annual Election Dinner** **Tuesday, November 3, 2026**

4:30 to 7:00 pm

(carry out available beginning at 4:15 pm)



Join us for a hearty dinner of salad, turkey and ham, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberries, roll, desserts and drink

Tickets available at the church and at the door
Adults - \$15; Kids 3-12 - \$12; Kids 2 and under - Free

"Love Never Fails"
~ 1 Corinthians 13:8
ALL are Welcome!



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**The Mustard Seed Guild continues their work in the garden.
Be sure to check out the table in Fellowship Hall for fresh produce to share.**



**PLEASE remember to check "Use By" and/or "Best By" dates
before you donate!**

Most Needed This Week

- ~ Canned chicken, tuna, ham
- ~ Instant mashed potatoes
- ~ Knorr sides
- ~ Cranberry sauce
- ~ Stuffing mix
- ~ Chunky soups
- ~ Cereal
- ~ Peanut butter
- ~ Jelly/jam
- ~ Pancake mix
- ~ Fruit (canned or cups)
- ~ Shelf stable milk
- ~ Mayo, Ketchup
- ~ Sugar

Personal Care items

- Diapers, size 5 and pullups
- Wet wipes
- Deodorant
- Shaving cream

Always Needed

- Toilet paper
- Paper towels



Click on either image below to read the details of the lesson plans.

Children's Church (Sunday School)

The October theme is "Prophets Speak for God", discovering that "God is Powerful", from the books of 1st & 2nd Kings.

Our Bible Memory Buddy is Yeddy the Himalayan brown bear. Yeddy wants us to memorize this Bible verse:

"A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power."
~ Ephesians 6:10



LIFT is back in session!
There are still openings!

Let Carrie know if your kids or grandkids would like to attend.

The October unit is "Fear Not"

[Sign up to provide snacks](#)



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

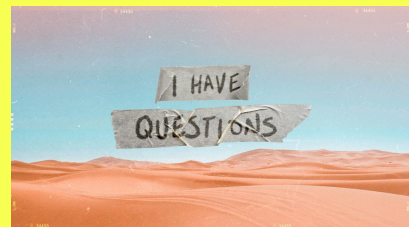
Always a Good Time! Invite your Friends!

Join us for this 4-week series from the Old Testament on **Doubts and Questions**. Click on the image to read more about this series.

- Youth Group will meet from 6 to 8 pm on October 4, 11, 18 and 25.

And Save the Date - June 13-19, 2027 - Mission Trip to Colorado Springs

[Click to provide dinner](#)





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 contact 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.

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