

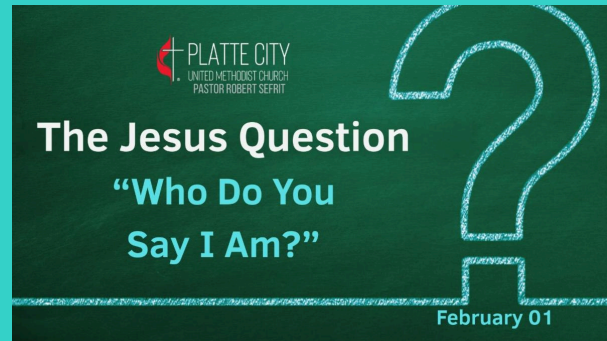


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Hello PCUMC Family,

Questions, questions, and more questions! When we read the Gospels, we notice that Jesus asks a lot of questions. The right question at the right time has a way of making us think, engaging our hearts, and even reaching places that words alone cannot. Even though Jesus knows all the answers, He often asks questions instead - over 300 of them are recorded in Scripture!

Over the next several weeks, in our new message series "*The Jesus Question*," we will explore four important questions Jesus asks us.

Meanwhile, I want to share some questions with you. It's been said that counselors, parents, and friends connect more deeply when they practice "the fine art of drawing another out." One of the best ways to do this is simply by asking questions and listening well. Here are some to try with your family, friends, or anyone you want to connect with:

Fun and lighthearted questions:

- What would a perfect day be like for you?
- What's your dream vacation?
- What is one of your most treasured memories?
- Would you like to be famous? In what way?
- When did you last sing to yourself? To someone else? What song?

Deeper, reflective questions:

- When have you felt closest to God?
- What would you most like people to remember you for when you die?
- Where are you in your spiritual journey right now? Where would you like to be?
- What has Jesus been saying to you recently? What are you going to do about it?
- For what in your life do you feel most grateful? How regularly do you express thanks to God for it?

I'll be starting *Mondays with the Minister* again next Monday, February 2, from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at the Starbucks in Price Chopper. If you stop by, I might even ask you some of these questions myself!

Ask away, have fun, and let the conversations deepen your relationships and your faith.

God Bless,

Robert

Sunday, February 1, 2026 - Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Message: *The Jesus Question: "Who Do You Say I Am?"*

- **9 am - Traditional Service in the Sanctuary. Watch online at Facebook Live and YouTube**
- **10 am - Social Time in Fellowship Hall**
- **10:45 am - Blended Worship in the Sanctuary**
- **11:30 am to 1:30 pm - Wags and Wipes Distribution**
- **4 to 7 pm - Boy Scout Chili Supper**
- **NO Youth Group Meeting**

Mark Your Calendar



- **Thursday, January 29 - Brothers in Christ AT** at 6:30 pm at Dave Tucker's home (13380 N Highway)
- **Monday, February 2 - Mondays with the Minister** from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at Price Chopper/Starbucks
- **Monday, February 2 - Red Cross Blood Drive** from 1:30 to 5:30 pm. [Click here to register](#) or see registration info at the Connect Center.
- **Tuesday, February 3 - Prayer Team** meets at Noon in the Prayer Chapel
- **Tuesday, February 3 - LIFT** from 4 to 5:30 pm
- **Tuesday, February 3 - Good and Beautiful You** at 6:30 pm in the Library, guided by Joyce Cashier
- **Wednesday, February 4 - Good and Beautiful You** at 9:30 am in the Music Room, guided by Pastor Robert
- **Wednesday, February 4 - Good and Beautiful You** at 6:30 pm in the Music Room guided by Pastor Robert
- **Thursday, February 5 - Brothers in Christ AT** at 6:30 pm at Dave Tucker's home (13380 N Highway)
- **Sunday, February 8 - Boy Scout Sunday**
- **Monday, February 9 - Mondays with the Minister** from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at Price Chopper/Starbucks
- **Tuesday, February 10 - Prayer Team** meets at Noon in the Prayer Chapel
- **Tuesday, February 10 - LIFT** from 4 to 5:30 pm
- **Tuesday, February 10 - Good and Beautiful You** at 6:30 pm in the Library, guided by Joyce Cashier
- **Wednesday, February 11 - Good and Beautiful You** at 9:30 am in the Music Room, guided by Pastor Robert
- **Wednesday, February 11 - Good and Beautiful You** at 6:30 pm in the Music Room guided by Pastor Robert
- **Thursday, February 12 - Brothers in Christ AT** at 6:30 pm at Dave Tucker's home (13380 N Highway)
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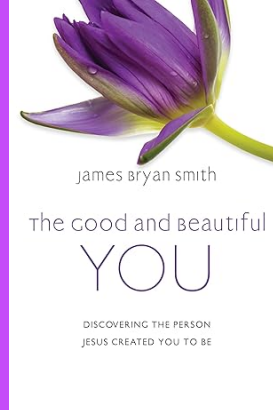
This is a 12-week study followed by a Community Celebration.

Three date/time options are offered all beginning the week of February 2:

- Tuesdays at 6:30 guided by Joyce Cashier
- Wednesdays at 9:30 am guided by Pastor Robert
- Wednesdays at 6:30 pm guided by Pastor Robert



Hardcopies, electronic, and audio books are available to purchase online or there are a few hard copies available to purchase in Fellowship Hall for \$10.

To sign up, click on the image of the book, use the signup sheet in Fellowship Hall, or call the office.



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Monday, February 2
1:30 to 5:30 pm



**Give Blood
Give Life**

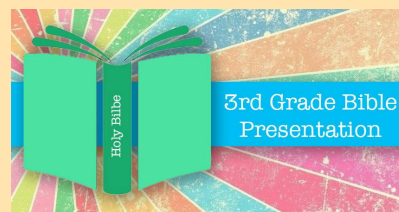
To schedule an appointment, use the QR code, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter "PlatteCityUMC"

From the American Red Cross:
"The American Red Cross is facing a severe blood shortage as requests from hospitals exceed the available supply of blood, drawing down the blood supply by about 35% over the past month. Hospitals already strained by the worst flu season in nearly 20 years are now also being forced to triage critical blood products. High flu activity in nearly every state may be sidelining donors, slowing efforts to rebuild the Red Cross national blood supply. We need your help!"

Click on the image to register, use the QR code and see info at the Connect Center.

Third Grade Bible Presentations February 22 during Worship

Please contact Carrie by **February 8** to make sure your third grader receives a Bible and to give her the correct spelling of the name to be engraved on the cover.



Visitation and Flower Ministry

Each week, the altar flowers are given to members of the congregation by the Visitation Team. If you would like to share flowers, you can sign the chart in Fellowship Hall, or call the office.

There are a few open dates for 2026 (08/30, 09/13, 10/04, 11/30, 12/06). Cost is \$40, payable to PCUMC - be sure to note that your payment is for flowers.

And if you would like to be part of the Visitation Team, please call the office.

If you would like to contribute to the **Blessing Box or Wags and Wipes**, please place the items in the grocery cart outside of Fellowship Hall.

This weeks requests: (FYI – NO canned goods are needed):
Sugar, Cereal, Instant oatmeal, Snack bars, Dry mashed potatoes, Knorr pasta sides, Instant rice, Toilet Paper



Children's Church (Sunday School)

The February unit is "Israel's Wanderings and Wonderings" from the books of Numbers and Joshua.



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

Our Bible Memory Buddy, Rockette the flying squirrel, wants us to remember:

"Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your god is with you wherever you go." ~Joshua 1:9

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 "We Go Together" and comes from the books of 1 Samuel, 2 Kings, Galatians and the Gospel of John.

The memory verse this month is:
"As iron sharpens iron, one person sharpens another." (Proverbs 27:17 NIV)

[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 meeting on February 1 (Boy Scout Chili Supper) and February 8 (Super Bowl Sunday).

New Series begins on February 15

FIND YOUR WAY: A 4-Week Series from Matthew on Spiritual Growth

SERIES OVERVIEW: Life can feel confusing. We hit moments where we're not sure which way to go, what decision to make, or how to figure things out. Wouldn't it be nice if there was a map that could guide us through life—not just for directions, but for making choices, living life, and knowing God better? If you've ever been there, good news! The Bible is more than an old book—it's a map that helps us find our way. In this 4-week series from the book of Matthew, we'll discover how **the Bible helps us see things differently, shows us how to be like Jesus, reveals what God is like, and teaches us what is true.**



Use this QR code to sign up to provide a meal for the group. There is also a signup sheet at the Connect Center.



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.

Click [here](#) for all staff email addresses.
Click [here](#) for info about giving options and [here](#) for a form to schedule
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