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Hello Church Family,

This past Sunday was the third week in our message series called, “The Separation of Church and Hate.” On Sunday, we said that Jesus demonstrated humility, and “we must follow in His steps.” Here are three practical things I invited us to remember:

Listen Instead of Label (see Proverbs 12:125). Only humble people can really listen because to listen you have to take the focus off yourself for a bit. A big part of humility is being able to really listen to people, even those you don’t agree. We need to listen and not label because when I label a people, I don’t have to listen to them. I don’t have to listen to them because they’re “one of those” people. If I label you, I’m done with you, but Jesus doesn’t call us to be done with each other, he calls us to love each other.

Make Every Effort to be Unoffendable (see Proverbs 19:11). In our polarized world, it’s way too easy to take offense and even push people away because of different viewpoints, but let’s remember that people matter more than our opinions. Maybe when we’re tempted to take offense we can ask ourselves, “how can I respond in a way that values this person more than the issue at hand?” When pride rules our reactions and we feel like we need to respond to every insult, we probably need to check our spirit because humility can take a poke and walk away.

Participate in the Missouri Good Neighbor Week. Did you know there's such a thing? It's this week! Check out more information about it here [Missouri Good Neighbor Week](#) or click on the image. Jesus showed us that humility looks like washing feet, serving, helping, blessing, and showing kindness. So, what random act of kindness will you do this week?



I think humility is key for us because humility helps us to listen and not get so defensive. Humility helps us serve and strive to build bridges and not walls. Humility helps us become approachable so we can share God's grace and mercy which is what Jesus did, and "we must follow in His steps."

Striving to follow in His steps with you,

Robert



On Sunday, October 6 we will celebrate the Baptism of five young people in our church! We will plan to celebrate Communion Sunday next week on October 13.

Remember every Sunday leading up to the election, there will be a bowl of water in the back of the sanctuary. When you come into worship, may it be a reminder that at your baptism God claimed you has His own and gave you your identity as a beloved child of God. And each week, as you leave worship, you are invited to see and touch the water and be reminded of your identity and who you are.

THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND HATE

Our nation is polarized politically. In the midst of this election season, the divide is deep and the tension is thick.

So what are YOU doing about it? Did you know Christians are called to distinct responses in times like these? What should we say? How should we act? Does it matter? Let's see what the Bible teaches about the **Separation of Church and Hate**.

- September 15 - Remember Your Identity
- September 22 - Behave with Civility
- September 29 - Demonstrate Humility
- **October 6 - Strive for Unity**
- October 13 - Be known for Charity



Attention Men of PCUMC!

You are invited to a cook-out at the home of Dave Tucker (13380 N Highway) on **Thursday, October 3**. We will plan to eat around 6 pm. The PCUMC Men's Small Group is hosting. If you can join us, please respond to this email. We look forward to a good time of food and fellowship!

Election Night Dinner Tickets

Besides being able to purchase tickets at the door, this year we will sell tickets in advance to our Election Night Dinner. You may purchase your tickets (\$15 for adults, \$12 for kids) starting this Sunday, October 6 in Fellowship Hall. They can also be purchased at the office during regular hours. (Monday through Thursday, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm)



You are encouraged to buy extra tickets so you can bless others with them, possibly giving to your neighbors, relatives, and friends.
The dinner is November 5.



Selah Moment at Weston Bend State Park Saturday, October 19

Join us for a walk in nature and a discussion on finding God in the natural world. We will leave from the church at 2 pm and arrive back by 3:30 pm.

All Church Grill Out

Join us for a Grill Out on **Sunday, October 20** after the 10 am service. You can bring your lawn chairs and sit out back or stay inside and "hang out" together. We will provide hamburgers and hotdogs, with the Men's Group in charge of the grilling. You are invited to bring a side dish to share. Hope to see you there!



Trunk N Treat Outreach at the Y

On **Friday, October 25** from 4:30-6:30 pm we have an opportunity to reach hundreds of kids and families. We need your help by collecting candy to give out. Starting this Sunday there will be an area by the Connect Center to donate candy. If you can help give out candy at this event please sign-up at the Connect Center. Thank You!

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.)

If not yet done so, you will be contacted in the next few weeks by a member of the Directory Group. [You can read instructions for all devices here.](#)
Final copy will be printed this fall.

Instant Church Directory



Get the App or go to
instantchurchdirectory.com



College Students Under grad, graduate, trade school, etc.

Is there a college student in your family?
PCUMC likes to stay in touch with these students.
Please let us know and share a current mailing address.

You can respond to this newsletter, send an email to the church office or call the office.

The **Children's Christmas Program** is **December 15** during the 10 am worship service. Practice begins soon!

There will be two practice opportunities each week:

- Tuesday from 4:30 to 5 pm, beginning October 29 (No practice on November 5 - Election Night Dinner)
- Sunday from 11 to 11:30 am, beginning November 3 (Kids – Delinda will have special donuts waiting for you after the practice!)

If you see **Janice Popejoy**, please tell her "Thank you" for offering to be the Children's Christmas Program Director this year!



Children's Church (Sunday School)



The October unit is "Mission Possible!" from the book of Acts.

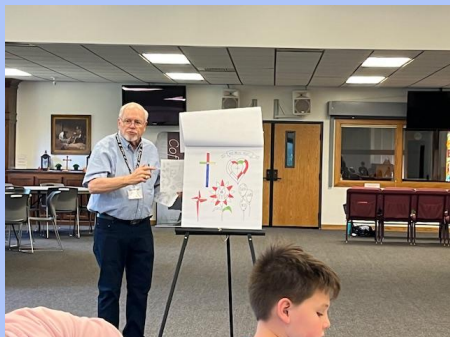
[Click here to check out the Children's page on the website for full details.](#)

The October Memory Verse is from our Bible Buddy, Duke, the Horse:

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

~ Ephesians 2:10

Each week, we will shine a Spotlight on two Servants in the Children's Ministry Program. This week, we Recognize and Thank Amy Cardwell and Brenda Sotelo.



During **LIFT** on September 24, Lyle Farquhar provided the lesson, "Creativity is God's Gift to you. What you do with it is your Gift to God."

Students made drawings that will be shared with members who are unable to attend worship in person.





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

In October, lessons will focus on "Promise Builder: God keeps God's Promises". [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 5:30.

Contact Delinda for more info - pcumcchildrensministry@gmail.com.

Delinda needs little bottles of fabric paint for a project in October. Do you have some around your house that you would be willing to donate? Or you can purchase some if you like. She needs a total of about 30 bottles by October 13. Thanks!!



Always a Good Time! Invite your Friends!

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YOUTH

IGNITE YOUTH MISSION

Ignite a generation of current and future leaders who are ready to go out and transform the world through gospel-driven programs that promote leadership, community, and service.

IGNITE YOUTH VISION

- Gospel-Driven: At the heart of everything we do.
- Community: You belong here. We are a community doing life together. All are welcome.
- Leadership: Students are given the opportunity to lead within the organization, community, and world.
- Service: We will serve together in the community through mission trips and community activities.

Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings at 6.

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

Good Call, is the new 4-week series beginning October 6 from Proverbs and the Epistles on Living Wisely.

[Click here to read all the details on the](#)

[Youth page of the website.](#)

On Wednesday, October 30, the Youth Group will meet at the church to practice the fall spiritual habit of "Spending Time With Others". Meet from 6 to 8 pm for a firepit, s'mores and fellowship. Bring a camp chair and a flashlight. There is no school on Thursday, so hopefully you can attend.



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 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 beginning in September. There is a sign up in Fellowship Hall.

Platte City United
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Monday, October 28
1:30 to 5:30 pm



**American Red Cross
BLOOD DRIVE**

Give Blood • Give Life

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

There is a nation-wide blood shortage. This is a good opportunity to get involved!
Click on the image above to register or use the link in the calendar below.

Sunday, October 6

Message - THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND HATE: Strive for Unity

- 10 am - Worship in the Sanctuary. Watch online at You Tube and Facebook Live.
- 6 pm - Youth Group Gathering

Mark Your Calendar

- **Wednesday, October 2** – Spiritual Formation Group at 6:30 pm in the Library
- **Thursday, October 3** – Men's Small group hosts a cookout at Dave Tucker's home. Food will be ready by 6 pm. See details above.
- **Monday, October 7** - Sisters in Christ at 6:30 pm in the Library
- **Tuesday, October 8** – Opening the Windows of Blessing Bible Study at 6:30 pm in the Library
- **Wednesday, October 9** – The Armor of God Bible Study at 6:30 pm in the Library
- **Saturday, October 19** – Selah Moment at Weston Bend State Park - Meet at the Church at 2 pm. More details above.
- **Sunday, October 20** - All Church Grill out following 10 am worship. See details above.
- **Friday, October 25** - Trunk N Treat at the Y from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. More info above.
- **Monday, October 28** - Red Cross Blood Drive- 1:30 to 5:30 pm. [Click here to sign up.](#) Information available at the Connect Center.
- **Tuesday, November 5** - Election Night Dinner
- **Sunday, December 15** - Children's Christmas Program during 10 am Worship

Upcoming Events



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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