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### WHAT CHILD IS THIS

We have hopes for Christmas; that everything will go well for our celebrations. But larger than that, we have longings and hopes for life that cannot be satisfied outside of this little baby who is the center of our Christmas celebrations.

- December 01: Wonderful Counselor
- December 08: Mighty God with Christmas Choir Special
- December 15: Everlasting Father with Children's Christmas Program



- December 22: Prince of Peace
- December 24: What Child Is This? Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service, 5 and 7 pm



### Advent: A Calendar of Devotions

Beginning this Sunday, Advent devotional booklets will be available at the Connect Center.

Each day leading up to Christmas includes a Scripture reading, short devotion, and a brief prayer or practice.

One of the best ways to Give Thanks is to share with others. On Tuesday evening, this energetic group packed many, many bags of groceries at the Treasure Chest. These items will be given to families in need. Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving!



To continue a long-standing PCUMC tradition, the sanctuary will be decorated with poinsettias shared in Honor of or in Memory of the Special People in your life.

The cost per plant is \$10. Signup sheets are available at the Connect Center, or you can call or email the office.



PCUMC is adopting children and youth from the Platte County Schools to help make their Christmas special and merry. We will also give each family \$25 gift cards to Price Chopper and Quik Trip, Aldi and WalMart.

The Angel Tree is in the Fellowship Hall. Each angel ornament includes "Wish Lists" shared by the parents, along with instructions for wrapping and delivery. Take an angel ornament or gift card ornament from the tree to "adopt" the family.

Please bring everything to the church by Sunday, December 15.

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.](#)

Instant Church Directory



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Addy Schlake is sharing information about a Donation Drive for Relentless Pursuit Outreach and Recovery in Independence, MO. Addy and her classmates selected this organization as their community service project.



In addition to their focus on human trafficking, Relentless Pursuit offers a safe place for women dealing with domestic violence. You'll notice signs around the building. Click on the image to see it larger.

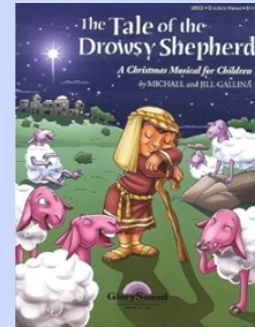
There is a collection tote in Fellowship Hall. She will be accepting donations through Sunday, December 1.

The Children's Christmas Program is December 15 during the 10 am worship service.

There are two practice opportunities each week:

- Tuesday from 4:30 to 5 pm
- Sunday from 11 to 11:30 am Kids – Delinda will have special donuts waiting for you after the practice!
- Sunday, December 8 - Dress Rehearsal following Worship

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



Cookies are needed for the reception following the Program. You can sign up at the Connect Center to bring two dozen cookies for the festivities. Or contact the office.

Don't bake? Make a financial contribution to cover the costs of fresh fruit and other items. Just be sure to note on the envelope or your check that it is for this event.



### Children's Church (Sunday School)

The December unit is "CHRISTMAS" from the books of Matthew and Luke.

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

The December Memory Verse is from our Bible Buddy, Olivia, the owl:

*"For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only son"~ John 3:16*

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 December, lessons will focus on "Christmas Storytellers: We Prepare for Jesus Together".

[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 - [pcumchildrensministry@gmail.com](mailto:pcumchildrensministry@gmail.com).



Always a Good Time! Invite your Friends!

IGNITE YOUTH MISSION

Ignite a generation of current and future leaders who

# IGNITE YOUTH

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.



Hate to wrap gifts??!!

On December 8, Youth will be working for tips to raise money for the 2025 Mission Trip.

Bring your packages – all supplies provided!

In December, join us for "*Remember When*", a 3-week series from the Gospels looking at the Christmas story to see how something we may have heard long ago can still help us grow today.

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



## Election Dinner Proceeds

Over 450 meals were served and after all expenses are paid, \$5,277.40 remains.

This will be divided evenly between UMCOR, The Treasure Chest and PCUMC Samaritan Fund.

Thanks to everyone who made this years dinner such a Great Success!!

## WORSHIP LEADER NEEDED

PCUMC is currently looking for a part-time  
Worship Leader for the new  
Sunday 10:45 am Blended Worship Service,  
beginning January 2025.

This person will provide lead vocals as well  
as recruit and provide leadership for  
a worship band.

For more information or to apply, please contact us  
or send your resume using the info above.

### Sunday, December 1

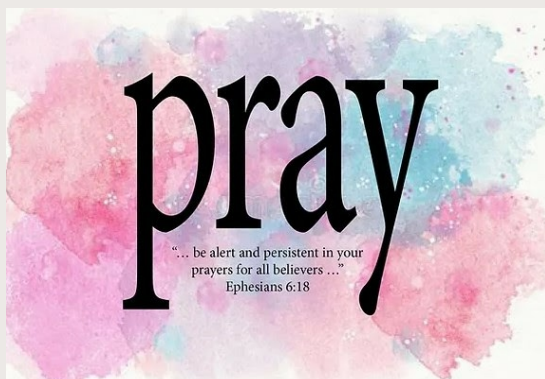
#### Message - What Child Is This? Wonderful Counselor

- 9 am - Choir Practice in the Music Room
- 10 am - Worship with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary. Watch online at You Tube and Facebook Live.
- 11 am (following worship) - Children's Christmas Program Practice in the Music Room
- 6 pm - NO Youth Group Gathering - Enjoy Thanksgiving Break

### Mark Your Calendar

### Upcoming Events

- Office Closed beginning Wednesday, November 27 - Reopens Monday December 2.
- Wednesday, November 27- The Armor of God Bible Study at 6:30 pm in the Library (final session)
- Monday, December 2 - Sisters in Christ at 6:30 pm in the Library
- Tuesday, December 3 - Opening the Windows of Blessing Bible Study at 6:30 pm in the Library (final session)
- Wednesday, December 4 - Spiritual Formation Group at 6:30 pm in the Library
- Thursday, December 5 - 7 Challenges Men Encounter Study at 6:30 pm at Dave Tucker's home (13380 N Highway).
- Sunday, December 8 - Christmas Special from the Adult Choir
- Sunday, December 8 - Youth Gift Wrapping Fundraiser following Worship, in the Library.
- Sunday, December 8 - Dress Rehearsal for Children's Program following Worship
- Monday, December 9 - Red Cross Blood Drive from 1:30 to 5:30 pm. [Click here to register](#) or see more info at the Connect Center.
- Monday, December 9 - Lectio Devina and Dinner at 6 pm
- Sunday, December 15 - Children's Christmas Program during 10 am Worship
- Thursday, December 19 - Men's Group Christmas Gathering. More details to come.



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.

Click [here](#) for all staff email addresses & updates from the CDC.  
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