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Hello Church Family!

It's been cold and snowy this winter so you might want to imagine yourself right now at a sunny, warm beach. Now, imagine standing on the beach, unaware that the undertow is gently pulling you away from your safe place. This subtle drift I think actually mirrors our spiritual lives. In the Book of Judges, the Israelites gradually adopted the ways of the surrounding peoples, moving away from God, leading to cycles of disobedience and deliverance by God's appointed judges.

This Sunday we are going to begin a new message series that I am calling "Drift". We will be exploring some of the lessons we can learn from these judges. Ultimately, we will be guided to anchor ourselves in Christ who is our ultimate rescuer, and we will celebrate the fact that even when we don't deserve it, God continues to show us love and mercy.

Sunday is Scout Sunday so the Scouts will be helping out with the worship service. This Sunday is also Super Bowl Sunday so I invite everyone to come to worship wearing your Chiefs Gear. **Go Chiefs!**

I look forward to worshipping with you!

God Bless,  
Robert

### *Drift*

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- 02/09: Othniel and Ehud
- 02/16: Deborah, Barak, and Jael
- 02/23: Gideon
- 03/02: Samson
- 03/09: Whom Will You Serve?



### Current Small Group Opportunities

Sisters in Christ studying *"12 Daring Women of the Bible"* led by Elyse McInteer, meets the first and third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Library

*"God is Alive in You"* Bible Study, led by Joyce Cashier, Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in the Library

*"The Practicing the Way Course"*, led by Pastor Robert, Wednesdays, 9:30 am OR 6:30 pm

Men's Group, studying *"Legacy"*, led by Ben Solum meets Thursdays at 6:30 pm at Dave Tucker's home, 13380 N Highway



Barbara makes the prayer blankets and Joyce writes the scriptures on them. They are given to people in our congregation and beyond who are sick to make sure they know they are "covered in prayer."



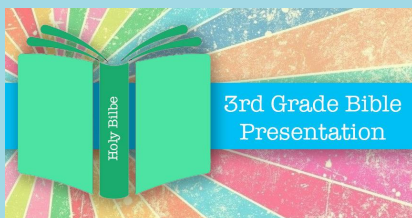
### Children's Church (Sunday School)

The February unit is "Dear God", from the books of Psalm, 2 Kings and Habakkuk.

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

The February Memory Verse is from our Bible Buddy, Ruby, the beautiful macaw:

*"The Lord has heard my plea; the Lord will answer my prayer."* ~ Psalm 6:9



### Third Grade Bible Presentations March 16 during Worship

Please contact Carrie by February 16 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.

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.

February Lesson topics - "Recipe for Love: Jesus teaches us to Love and Welcome others"

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

Let's  
Ignite  
Faith  
Together



**IGNITE**   
YOUTH

Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings at 6.  
**NO GATHERING ON FEBRUARY 9**  
**GO CHIEFS!!**

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

Always a Good Time! Invite your Friends!

#### **FEBRUARY SERIES - ON YOUR OWN**

A 3-Week Series from the Old and New Testament on Godly Friendships

Game shows can reveal the real strength behind friendships. Whether we're asking for help, solving puzzles, or overcoming challenges, quality friendships can help us move on to the next round of competition. So, what does it look like to develop game-winning friendships?



[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 sign-up sheet at the Connect Center.

**Meet two new members of the Leadership Council.**



**Onnie Bock-Kunz** and her family have lived in Platte City since 2003 and became members at PCUMC in 2010. She and her husband, Matt, have two grown children, Spencer and Maddie, who were active in Youth Group when they were younger. Onnie is a semi-retired ophthalmologist who teaches part-time in the UMKC Department of Ophthalmology residency program. In her free time, she volunteers with Lead to Read and a Kansas City-based hospice organization. Onnie also enjoys indoor bouldering and sharing personal anecdotes at Moth storytelling events.

**Jen Fain**  
I am a mom of three busy children: Jackson, Leo, and Layla. My husband Luke and I live in Platte City and both grew up in Platte City. Once a Pirate always a Pirate!  
I am an attorney at a local law firm, Witt, Hicklin, Snider & Fain. Our family has been a member of the church for about four years; however, Luke has been a lifelong member, attending since he was a young boy. When I am not working or attending children's sports events, I enjoy walking and reading.

### 2025 Leadership Council Members

Tyler Crawford, Bill Euler, Charlie Evans (chair), Jen Fain, Mike Fogal, Ted Hanman, Gaylen Harken, Kaye Johnson, Kollin Knox, Onnie Bock-Kunz, Kelly Mayfield, Elyse McInteer, Katie Shank, Jay Stoupe, Jason Utlaut

### Sunday, February 9, Boy Scout Sunday Message - Drift: Othniel and Ehud

- 10 am - Worship in the Sanctuary. Watch online at YouTube and Facebook Live.
- NO Confirmation Class or Youth Group

### Mark Your Calendar

- **Wednesday, February 5 – "The Practicing the Way Course"** led by Pastor Robert, meets in the Library at 9:30 am OR 6:30 pm - **Cancelled due to weather!**
- **Thursday, February 6 – Men's Group**, studying "Legacy", led by Ben Solum meets at Dave Tucker's home at 6:30 pm
- **Monday, February 10 - Mondays with the Minister** from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at Starbucks inside Price Chopper
- **Tuesday, February 11 – Prayer Team** meets at Noon in the Prayer Chapel
- **Tuesday, February 11 - "God is Alive in You"** Bible Study, led by Joyce Cashier, at 6:30 pm in the Library
- **Wednesday, February 12 – The Practicing the Way Course** meets in the Library at 9:30 am OR 6:30 pm



- **Thursday, February 13** – Men's Group meets at Dave Tucker's home at 6:30 pm
- **Monday, February 17** – Sisters in Christ studying "12 Daring Women of the Bible" led by Elyse McInteer, at 6:30 pm in the Library
- **Tuesday, February 18** – Prayer Team meets at Noon in the Prayer Chapel
- **Tuesday, February 18** - "God is Alive in You" Bible Study at 6:30 pm in the Library
- **Wednesday, February 19** – The Practicing the Way Course meets in the Library at 9:30 am OR 6:30 pm
- **Thursday, February 20** – Men's Group meets at Dave Tucker's home at 6:30 pm

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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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