



Weekly E-News
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Hello Church Family!

We've got a problem. Everybody knows about it, sees it and feels it. We're talking about the deep division and thick tension around POLITICS. Yes, we are going there, and we're going to keep it real, because let's face it, we need help! Unfortunately, Christians are often seen as and often are part of the problem. So, what are we going to do?

In our new message series I'm calling, **"The Separation of Church and Hate"**, we're going to talk about what we can do not just so we can personally cope with all the tension, but so we can be a positive influence in our families and in our community. Throughout this series we're going to focus on what it looks like to respond to all the tension and negativity with true Christian faith.



One way we are going to do this is by participating in the Missouri UMC Conference's "Love Unites" campaign. United Methodists all over Missouri are encouraged to put yard signs out that say, "Hate Divides, Love Unites." The Kansas City Star recently had an article about the origins of our "Love Unites" campaign. Read the story at

<https://amp.kansascity.com/news/local/article291924970.html>.

We will have Love Unites yard signs available for you starting this Sunday. We will

also have a "Hate Divides, Love Unites" banner in the church yard. As Christians, I believe we have an important role to play in changing the atmosphere around us, and this is one way we can strive to do that during this election season.

I look forward to worshipping with you this Sunday!

Robert

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



**Are you currently serving as a Greeter on Sunday morning?
Would you like to participate in this Ministry?**

Join us in the Library on **Sunday, September 15** following Worship. This will be an opportunity to review the responsibilities and begin planning for the schedule through the end of the year.

If you are interested and unable to attend on the 15th, please call or email the office.

Have you downloaded and completed your Profile and Picture in the Instant Church Directory?

If not, 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



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instantchurchdirectory.com



Children's Church (Sunday School)

The September unit is "David on the Run", from the books of 1 Samuel and 2 Samuel.

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

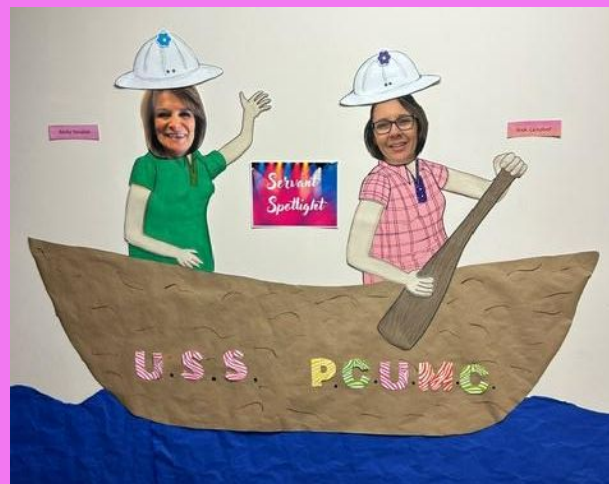
The September Memory Verse is from our Bible Buddy, Miley, the Roadrunner:

"Let your unfailing love surround us, Lord, or our hope is in you alone." ~ Psalm 33:22

Each week, we will shine a Spotlight on two Servants in the Children's Ministry Program.

This week, we Recognize and Thank Nikki Campbell and Becky Stoupe.

Servant Spotlight



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. The fall session began September 10.

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.



Youth Group met to "Restart" on September 8 with 24 students and 4 adult volunteers.



LIFT resumed on September 10 with 26 students and 4 adult volunteers.

Always a Good Time! Invite your Friends!

IGNITE 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.

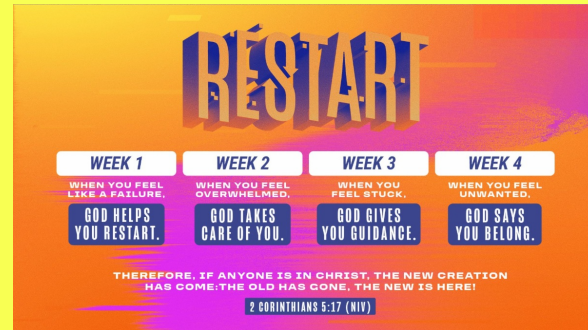
- Service: We will serve together in the community through mission trips and community activities.

Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings at 6.

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

Restart, is the current 4-week series from the Gospel and Old Testament on God's Promises.

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 signup in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, September 15

Message - THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND HATE: Remember Your Identity

- 10 am - Worship in the Sanctuary. Watch online at You Tube and Facebook Live.
- 11:10 am - Meeting for Current and New Greeters, in the Library
- 6 pm - Youth Group Gathering

Mark Your Calendar

Read more about the current small group opportunities by [clicking here](#). Advance registration is not required - just show up to your preferred group!



- Wednesday, September 11 – The Armor of God Bible Study begins at 6:30 pm in the Library
- Thursday, September 12 – Men's Small group at 6:30 pm at Dave Tucker's home
- Monday, September 16 - Monday's with the Minister- 12:30 to 2:30 pm at Starbucks in Price Chopper
- Monday, September 16 – Sisters in Christ resumes at 6:30 pm in the Library
- Tuesday, September 17 – Opening the Windows of Blessing Bible Study at 6:30 pm in the Library
- Wednesday, September 18 – Spiritual Formation Group at 6:30 pm in the Library
- Thursday, September 19 – Men's Small group at 6:30 pm at Dave Tucker's home
- Sunday, September 22 - Serving at The Treasure Chest at 5 pm (New location - South side of the Paxton building)
- Saturday, October 19 – Selah Moment at Weston Bend State Park - Meet at the Church at 2 pm
- Monday, October 28 - Red Cross Blood Drive- 1:30 to 5:30 pm. [Click here to sign up](#). Information available at the Connect Center. (Note the date change. If you signed up for October 3, you will be contacted by the Red Cross.)



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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