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Sunday, January 12 Following Worship  
(Read on for more details)  
Retirement Reception & Card Shower for Delinda  
All Church Conversation and Potluck

Dear PCUMC Family,

**Happy New Year!**

I want to encourage all of us as we begin this new year to think about how you might prioritize your relationship with Jesus. If you are the type of person who makes resolutions, how will you make this your aim for 2025? If you are not much of a goal-setter, will you still look to Jesus as you enter the new year and look for ways to draw closer to Him in 2025? I believe it will be life-giving and life changing.

As we begin this new year, I think it is important that we also remember our aim as a church is to become more like Jesus and to carry on his mission and ministry. Matter of fact, our mission is "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."



With that mission in mind, I invite you to prayerfully think about five ideas, needs, or issues that you think deserves our congregation's time, attention and/or resources. Then bring these ideas with you to our All Church Conversation and Potluck this coming Sunday after our 10 am worship service. Through a process of discussing our ideas with others at our tables, we will gather ideas and discover our most commonly shared values, needs, and goals for 2025 and beyond. This process should take about one hour. The results will then be given to the Leadership Council to discern next steps.

During our All Church Conversation, we will also be enjoying a church wide potluck. The leadership council will be providing the main dishes. We invite everyone else to bring a side dish.

I look forward to serving Christ with you in 2025, and I pray that God would

continue to **IGNITE Faith, Hope, and Love** in each of us so we can share it with others in this new year.

God Bless!

Robert

### *Pushing the Limits*

We push the limits in our schedules only to burn ourselves out. We ignore boundaries in relationships, ending up feeling hurt, empty, or used. We rarely say "no," constantly grasp for more, and push the limits in nearly every area of life. But what if instead, we pushed for limits? In this message series we will explore how biblical boundaries can actually be life-giving and enrich every relationship we have.



- *January 5: Life within Limits*
- *January 12: Boundaries in your Relationships*
- *January 19: Boundaries in your Time*
- *January 26: Boundaries with your Body*
- *February 2: Boundaries with your Family*



### **New Year = New Opportunities to Learn and Serve**

#### *The Practicing the Way Course*

How do we become more like Jesus? How do we follow Him today when we are busy, in a hurry, and distracted with all our devices? This eight-week course, led by Pastor Robert, will provide teaching, guided conversation and spiritual exercises designated to help us be with Jesus, become like

Jesus, and do as He did.

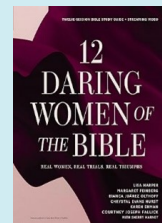
There will be two options to take this weekly course:

- Wednesdays, 9:30 am - January 22 through March 12 OR
- Wednesdays, 6:30 pm - January 22 through March 12

[Click here to watch "The Practicing the Way Course Trailer"](#).

**Sisters In Christ** meets the first and third Monday of each month and will resume on January 20 at 6:30 pm in the Library. All women are invited to join. They will begin a twelve-session video Bible study, *"12 Daring Women of the Bible"* discussing the spiritual lessons learned from these women and what they mean for us today.

**A Leader is still needed!** If you are willing to fill this role, please respond to this email or contact the office.



**Men's Small Group** meets weekly on Thursdays and will resume on January 23 at 6:30 pm at Dave Tucker's home (13380 N Hwy). All men are invited. They will begin a new study, *"Legacy"*, led by Ben Solum.

Serve at **The Treasure Chest** on Monday, January 13 at 6:30 pm.

# Thank You for your Generosity!!

**\$8,568.86**  
was given for the Christmas  
Eve Special Offering and  
will be shared with the  
Platte City School District!

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## Children's Church (Sunday School)

The January unit is "United as God's Family", from the books of John, 1 Corinthians and Colossians.

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

Meerkat:

*"Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way."* ~ 1 Corinthians 13:4-5

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.

January Lesson topics - "Treasure Seekers - We Discover God 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 Carrie VanNess for more info - [cvanness05@gmail.com](mailto:cvanness05@gmail.com)



Always a Good Time! Invite your Friends!

## IGNITE YOUTH MISSION

Ignite a generation of current and future leaders who are ready to go out and transform the world through

# IGNITE YOUTH

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.  
The next Youth Group Meeting is January 12, 2025.

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

### JANUARY Series - *FROM NOW ON*

In this 3-week series from the Gospels, we'll explore what it means to follow Jesus and look at the life he invites us into. We'll see how we can trust Jesus is with us, how Jesus gives us peace, that we can trust Jesus loves us, and how Jesus gives us a place to belong.



[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.

### Sunday, January 12

Message - *Pushing the Limits: Boundaries in Your Relationships*

- 10 am - Worship in the Sanctuary. Watch online at YouTube and Facebook Live.
- 11 am (following worship) - Retirement Reception & Card Shower for Delinda AND All Church Conversation and Potluck
- 6 pm - Youth Group Gathering

### Mark Your Calendar

- Monday, January 13 – Serve at the Treasure Chest at 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, January 14 – Prayer Team meets at Noon in the Prayer Chapel
- Sunday, January 19 – Youth and Parents meet following Worship to discuss Confirmation classes and a summer mission trip
- Monday, January 20 – Sisters in Christ at 6:30 pm in the Library
- Tuesday, January 21 – Prayer Team meets at Noon in the Prayer Chapel
- Wednesday, January 22 – The Practicing the Way Course meets in the Library at 9:30 am OR 6:30 pm
- Thursday, January 23 – Men's Group meets at Dave Tucker's home at 6:30 pm
- Sunday, February 2 - Boy Scout Chili Supper
- Monday, February 3 – Red Cross Blood Drive from 1:30 to 5:30 pm. [Click here to register.](#)





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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