

Our mission is to serve God by serving others! Hope is our business!

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Serving Today: Pastor John Vidakovich; Carol Mueller, pianist; The HillClimbers, special music; Jett Karrick, liturgist; Deb Reese, song leader; Joe Pokorny, benediction; Eric & Mason Heubner, technology; Mary Bradford, greeter; Tracie Sampson, children’s ministries; Antoinette Bidlingmaier, nursery director; Jake Sampson, custodian; Jan Koch, adm. asst.; Laura Heubner, fin. sec.

10:30 a.m. Feb. 23, 2025



Opening	“Sometimes.../Thy Word”	HillClimbers
Greeting		Pastor
Video		
Prayer		Pastor John
Special	“Hear My Song, LORD”	HillClimbers
Holy Scripture	Luke 4:14-22	Jett
Message		Pastor John
Song	“Lift High the Cross”	Screen, #159
Benediction		Pastor John
Postlude		Carol

New here? We welcome you! If you have a question, a greeter is happy to answer it for you. Please fill out a “Make a Connection” card in the bulletin. We no longer pass the collection plates — they’re at the back of the sanctuary and at the sanctuary entrance if you wish to give. Nursery care is available downstairs today beginning at 9:30.

Announcements!

REPORTS! One of the onerous tasks we have as pastors and church leaders is filling out reports. Annual reports in our denomination come due at the end of this month. We also file what are known as charge conference reports in the fall. With that said, there are a number of important nuggets we’d like to mention. These include the fact that we brought in 22 new members in 2024. Our outreach programs — mission camps for jr. high and H.S. students, VBS, Operation Christmas Child, Mercy House, Kumler, Sew & Sews, GriefShare and others — continue to flourish. In terms of giving, we’re in the black — that is we brought in more in 2024 than we spent. We also launched phase 2 of our capital campaign for a new church. And, finally, our trustees have undertaken a number of improvement projects here at our existing church. Just look up the next time you’re in Fellowship Hall!



Pastor Rick & Cindy

KUMLER! We’re feeding the poor at Kumler UMC at 5 p.m. Tues., Feb. 25. Cooking begins early in the afternoon, and the church van departs at 4 p.m. so we can begin set-up when our guests begin arriving at 5. Kumler is off Carpenter Street near St. John’s. Questions? Call Mary Bradford at 899-8644.



CHILI COOK-OFF! We’re planning our chili cook-off, at 11:30 on March 2 here at PUMC. Note the change in venue & time! It was moved for several reasons: expected turnout, cost, and the success of our recent potluck here. The chili cook-off will go till 1 p.m. This will be a fun — and tasty event — to raise money for our new church building. We’ve begun phase 2 of our capital campaign, and we begin that with \$1.4 million in hand. As part of the chili cook-off, we’ll also have a silent auction. If you have a gift idea or basket in mind, please donate it! Please come and invite your friends! Questions? Call Tina Prather at 801-7782.

GRIEF COUNSELOR Bill McKenzie, a grief counselor from the Springfield Psychological Center, will be speaking here at 4 p.m. March 2. His presentation will be a frank discussion about grief and how it impacts both individuals and communities. Refreshments will be served. All ages are welcome. Questions? Call Laura Heubner at 415-1507.

PETERSBURG UMC

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Worship is at 8 & 10:30 Sundays; Sunday School is at 9:30.

Pastor: Rick Pierce, 618-363-8369; Worship Dir.: Terri DePatis
Adm. Asst.: Jan Koch; Fin. Sec.: Laura Heubner; Treasurer: Randy
Atwater; Nursery Dir.: Antoinette Bidlingmaier; Custodian: Jake
Sampson; Adm. Bd. Chr: Teresa Atterberry; Trustees Chr: Norm
Claussen; Youth: Cody & Eric Heubner; YOSM: Joe & Susie Pokorny;
Operation Christmas Child: Helene Atkinson; Mercy House: Dana Blair;
Kumler: Mary Bradford; Sew & Sew's: Marsha Winner;
UMW: Ginny Ramage; Children's Ministries.: Tracie Sampson;
Cong. Care: Karen Barrett; Web & Tech: Eric Heubner & Jake;
New Church Chr: Kate Becker; New Church consultant: Tina Prather

SMALL GROUPS

- ◆ **Men's breakfast group** at The Corner Café at 8 Wednesdays.
Call Paul at 801-5254.
- ◆ **Women's Bible Fellowship** here at 8 a.m. Fridays. They're
studying the Book of Acts. Call Helene at 899-5210.
- ◆ **Saturday morning men's group** here at 7 & on Zoom. They're
studying John's Gospel. Call Joe at 899-2744.

Received Jan. Feb. 9-16	\$10,355
Total general fund gifts received through Feb. 16	\$32,992
Needed through Feb. 16	\$27,752
Needed weekly \$4,792	
Attendance Feb. 9: 108 · On YouTube: 31	
Total building funds received so far in 2025 (see below):	\$42,147

Total Future Building Funds raised (as of Dec. 31)	\$1,416,089.97
Investment gains/loss since investing	\$192,488.55
Total Future Building Fund Expenses (includes land purchase, architect's fee & consultants' fees)	\$208,240.54
Future Building Funds Now Available	\$1,400,337.98

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Worship at 8 & 10:30

Late service  on YouTube

