

Our mission is to serve God by serving others.

Hope is our business.

Serving Today: Bill Bauser, Jr., worship director; Terri DePatis, pianist; Antionette Bidlingmaier, nursery; Greg Atkinson & Ed Blair, technology; Gary & Terri DePatis & Rebecca Lock, special music; Mike Atterberry, liturgist; Mary Bradford, greeter & custodian; Laura Heubner, administrative assistant; Pastor Rick

10:30 a.m. Jan. 22, 2023



Opening	“Open the Eyes of My Heart”	Praise Choir
Greeting & Announcements		Pastor
Prayer		
Yay God!		
Reception of New Members		
Children’s Message		
Special Music	“We Shall Behold Him”	Rebecca
Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer		
Holy Scripture	Joshua 2:1-14, 22-24	Mike
Song	“Take My Life”	Gary & Terri
Message	“You Be Frank, I’ll Be Earnest”	Pastor
Giving Moment		Bill
Doxology		Screen, #95
Benediction		Pastor
Closing Hymn	“Trust & Obey”	Screen, #467
Postlude		Terri

Announcements!



GriefShare is one of the best Christ-centered programs to help us grapple with the loss of a family member or friend. It’s been used at 17,000 churches over the years in the U.S. and other countries — including our former church in Cisco. And so, we are pleased to announce that PUMC will be sponsoring a GriefShare program starting February 15th with the Menard County Jaycees sponsorship. GriefShare focuses on three important elements: weekly video seminars with experts on grief and recovery, weekly support group meetings with a focus, along with personal study and reflection by the individual participants. GriefShare lasts 13 weeks, though each program is self contained and you could join at any point. Laura Heubner, Joyce Johnson, Kim Fitch, and Mike Logsdon will be leading the program. If you are interested, please contact Laura in the church office: 217-632-7689.



Pastor Rick & Cindy



Christmas 2023 might seem like a long way off — but our Operation Christmas Child crew is already beginning to pack boxes! If you would like to join them, please plan to meet at the OCC room upstairs at 9 o’clock on Monday mornings or 10 o’clock on Friday mornings. Questions? Please contact Helene at 217-899-5210.



Teresa Atterberry, a longtime member here who has been active in many of our outreach programs, is our new Church Council chair. All of our committees, ministries, and boards report to the Church Council, which meets for the first time in 2023 after the 2nd service today. Teresa replaces Ann Ozella, who served as council chair for three years. Thank you, Ann, for your service, and welcome aboard, Teresa!

SMALL GROUPS: The men's breakfast group meets at 8 Wednesdays at the Corner Café. Check with Paul Johnson (217-801-5254). The Women's Bible Fellowship group led by Helene Atkinson meets at 8 a.m. Fridays in Fellowship Hall. The men's Saturday morning group, led by Joe Pokorny meets at 7 at PORTA H.S. and on Zoom.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School is at 9:30 for all ages. Antoinette Bidlingmaier, who works at New Salem Children's Center and is CPR trained, runs our nursery. It's open from 9:30 through the second service. The nursery is downstairs as are our children's classes. Adults meet in Fellowship Hall and the youth meet upstairs.

 **LOOKING AHEAD:** Ash Wednesday, which begins Lent, falls on Feb. 22 this year. Lent is a season of 40 days, not including Sundays, which ends on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. Lent is a period of preparation, reflection, and introspection as we remember Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Ash Wednesday, with its traditional imposition of ashes on the foreheads of the faithful, is both a reminder of our mortality and a call to repentance. Our Ash Wednesday service will be at 7 p.m. this year. Easter falls on April 9 this year.

Received week of Jan.15-21	\$8,394
Total gifts received through Jan. 21	\$20,051
Needed through Jan. 21	\$12,261
Needed each week: \$4,166	
Bucket Sunday collection for OCC	\$508
Attendance on Jan. 15: 93; On YouTube: 33 views	

Total Future Building Funds (as of Jan. 1)	\$1,132,957.03
Total Investment gains/loss since investing	-\$48,415.51
Total Future Building Fund Expenses (includes land purchase, architect's fee & consultant's fee)	\$195,586,98
Future Building Funds Now Available	\$888,954.54

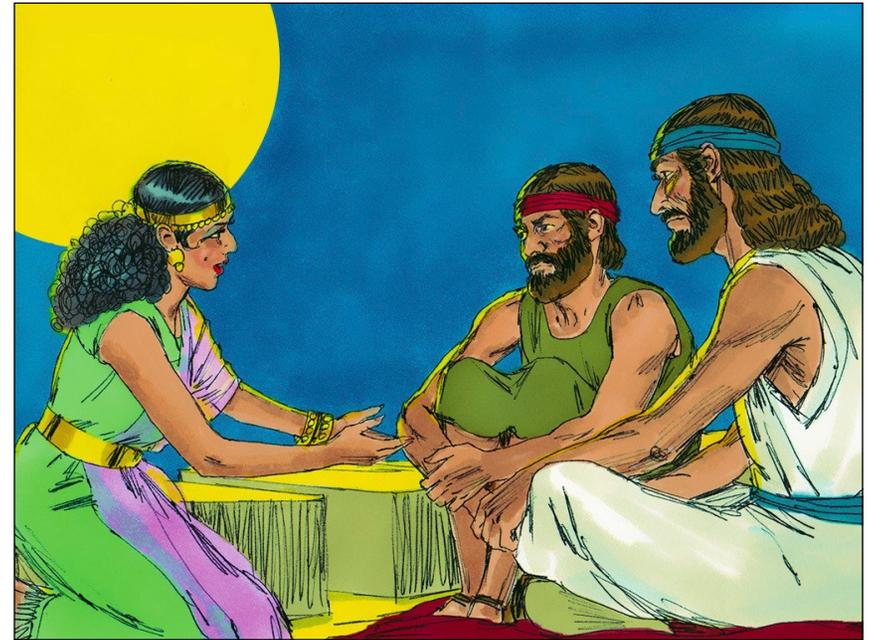
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Petersburg UMC

Jan. 22, 2023

Worship at 8 & 10:30 in a.m. in the Sanctuary
Streamed live on  YouTube at 10:30!

Blessings to our Capital Campaign Givers!



Rahab hides the two spies sent by Joshua into the Promised Land.