

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

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Serving Today: Terri DePatis, worship director & pianist; George Caton, special music; Kate Becker, liturgists; Chris Becker, greeter; Tracie Sampson, children’s ministries; Eric Heubner, tech.; Antoinette Bidlingmaier, nursery dir.; Jake Sampson, custodian; Laura Heubner, fin. sec.; Jan Koch, adm. asst.; Gary DePatis, benediction; Pastor Rick Pierce

10:30 a.m. Oct. 19, 2025



Opening	“Beginning Praise”	Bells
Greeting		Pastor Rick
Song	“How Great Is Our God”	Slides
Children’s Message		Tracie
Special	“Amazing Grace”	Bells
Prayer		Pastor
Scripture	Matt. 18:21-35	Kate
Message	“A Lesson on Forgiveness”	Pastor
Closing	“Freely, Freely”	Slides, #389
Benediction		Gary
Postlude		Terri

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.

THE UNMERCIFUL SERVANT Some of the characters in Jesus’ parables were unsavory characters, and the man at the center of the Parable of the Unmerciful Servant is exhibit #1! We all seek forgiveness from God — in fact, we seem to *expect* it! But we must also be willing to forgive others. It is extraordinarily hard to forgive others who have hurt us in some fashion. And yet, we are called upon to do just that! Remember what we say in the LORD’s Prayer: “And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.”



Pastor Rick & Cindy



FALL FLING — Our annual “Fall Fling,” held on Wednesday for our seniors, was a great success. Thanks go to Karen Barrett, who oversaw the event; Diane Sidwell, who led the lunch preparation; Chris VanEtten, who led grace; Dick Tappan, who provided the music; Deb Reese, who called the bingo games; and many others! It takes a village!



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS! Our pets are such a blessing! So, at 9 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, we’ll have a blessing of the animals along with Central Presbyterian at the Edgar Lee Masters’ home adjacent to PUMC. So, bring your dogs, cats, horses, whatever! It will be a short, but meaningful service, and we’ll have some gifts to distribute.

PETERSBURG UMC

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Sunday worship: 8, 10:30. Sunday School: 9:30. (fall schedule)

Pastor: Rick Pierce, 618-363-8369; Worship Dir.: Terri DePatis
Adm. Asst.: Jan Koch; Fin. Sec.: Laura Heubner; Treas.: 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.

SMALL GROUPS

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

Received from Oct. 12-18	\$7,611
Total gifts received this year through Oct. 18	\$192,373
Needed through Oct. 18	\$199,346
Needed weekly: \$4,792	
Attendance Oct. 12: · YouTube: 25	

Total Future Building Funds raised (as of Aug. 1)	\$1,543,687.41
Investment gains/loss since investing	\$358,218.51
Total Future Building Fund Expenses (includes land purchase, architect's fee & consultants' fees)	\$213,442.59
Future Building Funds Now Available	\$1,688,463.33

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10:30 Service

We're on  YouTube

Great Parables:

"The Unmerciful Servant"



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