Pinelands United Methodist Church

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

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Prelude

❖Hymn ……..….. #474 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Time of Greeting and Announcements

❖Call to Worship Psalm 130: 1-8

LEADER: I cry out to you from the depths, LORD —
PEOPLE: my Lord, listen to my voice! Let your ears pay close attention to my request for mercy!
LEADER: If you kept track of sins, LORD — my Lord, who would stand a chance?
PEOPLE: But forgiveness is with you — that’s why you are honored.
LEADER: I hope, LORD. My whole being hopes, and I wait for God’s promise.
PEOPLE: My whole being waits for my Lord — more than the night watch waits for morning; yes, more than the night watch waits for morning!
LEADER: Israel, wait for the LORD! Because faithful love is with the LORD; because great redemption is with our God!
PEOPLE: He is the one who will redeem Israel from all its sin.

Opening Prayer

Source of faithful love, you redeem us from our wrongs. We come before you today, eager to be refreshed in body and to be made whole in spirit. Feed us from the living bread that comes down from heaven, for we are drawn to your Son as steel is drawn to a magnet. Build up our community of faith through the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may live as those who are worthy of your calling. Amen.

Reading ……...…….. #880 “The Nicene Creed”

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and
the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon

Joys and Prayers of the People of God

❖Benediction

❖Hymn …….. #430 “O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”

God bless you and not let you out of his sight.
God keep and protect you both day and night.
Let love, understanding be yours evermore.
God’s love be with you forever more.

Reminder: Pinelands UMC must follow CDC guidelines in regards to Covid-19. We will follow new guidance as it is received.

CHURCH NEWS WEEKLY DEADLINE - THURSDAYS

Have something newsworthy to announce? Please have all announcements emailed or texted to the church **email at pinelandsumc@gmail.com or text to Liz Rabush at 609-412-5918** by Thursdays at noon to make it in print for Sunday distribution.

BIBLE STUDY LUNCH BREAK

Bible study lunch break with Pastor Dave. We will meet at Batsto Church today at noon to feed our bodies and souls. For more information speak to Pastor Dave.

COUNTRY LIVING FAIR VOLUNTEERS

Please speak with Jeanne Bridel if you are interested in volunteering for the 2021 Country Living Fair at Batsto Village. Stay tuned for a list of "needs"!

SAFE SANCTUARY REFRESHER COURSE

Think you might work with children or teens in our church? Please come out for our **FREE** safe sanctuary training course and refresher. It's important! All church volunteers working with adolescents are required to have this training and pass a background check. This includes those that work in Sunday School, Youth Group and Vacation Bible School. Our safe sanctuary course is scheduled for **August 21, 2021 at 4:00 pm**. It should only last one hour and you will be certified for three years. Please speak with Pastor Dave if you have any questions.

5th SUNDAY SERVICE, BRUNCH & HYMN SING

Join us on **August 29th at 9:00 am** for a combined worship service celebrating a 5th Sunday. Immediately following worship we will break bread in the fellowship hall and enjoy brunch together. Please bring something to share and invite your family and friends to join us.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Considering membership? Join us on **September 12th & September 18th** for new member classes. Class will begin at **4:00 pm** at the church parsonage and will conclude with dinner. Please see Pastor Dave with a headcount for food preparation.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Carolyn Stewart
Frances Erwood
Barbara Kurowski
Mike Lister
Wilma Brown
Linda Hirst
Mary Lisitski
Sharon Auger
Scooter Vodopija
Our Military
Our President
The James Family
Peg & Gene Groff

BACK TO SCHOOL NEEDS

- LARGE STURDY BACKPACKS *(for Elementary & Middle School Students ~ we will take gently used backpacks that can be washed too)*
- LUNCH BOXES *(for Elementary & Middle School Students ~ we will take gently used lunch boxes that can be washed)*
- 1 inch BINDERS / BINDER DIVIDERS
- PENCILS / PENS / ERASERS
- PENCIL CASES or BOXES
- CRAYON PACKS - 24 Count
- FOLDERS - 2 POCKET
- MARKERS / COLORED PENCILS
- EXPO DRY ERASE MARKERS
- HIGHLIGHTERS / YELLOW HIGHLIGHTERS
- HEADPHONES / EARBUDS for Computers
- 3x5 POST IT NOTES / INDEX CARDS
- SPIRAL - GRAPH RULED NOTEBOOKS

THE STORY - JOIN US THIS SUMMER

Cultures throughout the ages have used the medium of story to relate history, truth and values. God has done the same thing with our Bible which tells us what God is like, how God interacts with us, and what God has in store for us. Join us this summer as we look at the greatest story ever told, the Bible. We will look at some of the most familiar stories and what they have to say to us today…

THE STORY - SUNDAYS at 9:00 am & 10:30am

THIS WEEK:

Today: Worship @ Batsto - 9:00 am / Live on Facebook
: Worship @ Green Bank - 10:30 am
: Bible Study Lunch Break @ Batsto - 12:00 pm

AT A GLANCE:

August 21: Safe Sanctuary Refresher Course
August 29: 5th Sunday Service and Brunch
September 12 & September 18: New Member Classes
October 1-3: IGNITE Youth Conference - Wildwood
October 3: Welcome New Members - During Service
October 17: Country Living Fair - Batsto Village