



Pinelands United Methodist Church

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

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Mothers Day May 14, 2023

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Time of Greeting and Announcements

❖ Call to Worship

Leader: Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

All: Thank God for Mothers!

Leader: Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

All: Thank God for my Mother!

Leader: For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

All: Thank God for the mothers of the past!

Leader: For every woman who is working day and night to rear her children right now.

All: Thank God for the Mothers of today.

Leader: For all the women who are expecting, but aren't quite mother's yet!

All: Thank God for soon-to-be-mothers.

Leader: For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

All: Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.

Leader: For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

All: Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.

Leader: For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own, but chose instead to mother everyone else.

All: Thank God for the mothers in spirit.

All: We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will humor them in everything we do. Amen.



❖ Hymn #504 "The Old Rugged Cross"

Opening Prayer

Dear Lord: We thank you that you love us and always welcome us with open arms. We thank you for mothers and caregivers everywhere and for all they do to care for their children. We pray that moms would feel really special today; that they would know how much we love them and how much God loves them too. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading Genesis 21:1-3

2nd Scripture Reading Matthew 15:4-6

❖ Hymn #170 "Oh How I Love Jesus"

❖ Gospel Reading Proverbs 31:10-31

Sermon Mothers: A Love Like No Other

Joys and Prayers of the People of God

The Lord's Prayer

Offering God's Tithes and Our Gifts

❖ Doxology #95

❖ Hymn #378 "Amazing Grace"

❖ Benediction

God bless you and not let you out of his sight.

God keep and protect you by day and night.

Let love, understanding be yours evermore.

God's grace be with you forever more.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Pastor Dave Carber
 Barbara Kurowski
 Linda Hirst
 Bill & Linda Green
 Kathy Simpkins
 Marge Clifton
 Zelda Carber
 Anna Walker
 The Lister Family
 Jerry
 Sandra Allebach
 Brian Plasket
 Robin Green
 Paul Cowan
 Dave Dixon
 Hayley
 Ed Rabush
 Kaitlin DeLucca (US Air Force)
 Max Lister (US Army)
 Jacob Lynn
 Stephen Lister
 The Rabush Family
 Evelyn Roland

Frances Ernwood
 Wilma Brown
 Margie Cochran
 Sean Plasket
 McCartney Family
 Barbara Ford
 Joseph Newton
 David & Emily Elkin
 Denise
 Tom Rheault
 Cathy Carber
 John Allebach Sr
 Nicholas Cellini
 Darlene
 Baby James William
 Joanne Wunsch
 Billy Cheatham (US Marines)
 Tiernan James (US Coast Guard)
 Riley James (US Marines)
 Melodee Ashby
 Margaret Yahrling
 Tom Hamilton
 Larry Acker



CHURCH NEWS

MAY 14, 2023

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY ~ UWIF



In lieu of tangible gifts, we will be making a monetary donation to The Covenant House in honor of all the women in our congregation and church family. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year!

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE @ BATSTO

On **May 29, 2023** Mullica Township VFW Post #5043 will be presenting a Memorial Day Service at our Batsto Church at **9:30 am** (rain or shine). There will be Buddy Poppy Distribution and also a recruiting event. All are welcome. Please bring a chair to sit in.





NESCO CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry is open each **Monday** night from **4:00 pm - 7:00 pm** in our Nesco Church building. If you are experiencing food insecurities we urge you to take advantage of this free program offered by Pinelands United

Methodist Church. If you have items you'd like to donate to our mission please call the church office at 609-804-1844 or speak to Kathy Wooton / Liz Rabush about your donation.



ANNUAL CONFERENCE ~ POSSIBILITY

2023 Annual Conference for The United Methodists of Greater New Jersey takes place in May at the Wildwood Convention Center, Wildwood, NJ on **May 21-23**. Registration is now open!

22nd ANNUAL RIVER BLESSING @ ST MARYS

On **June 17, 2023** at **11:00 am** St Mary's in the Pines will be holding the annual blessing on the river in the historic cemetery located on Pleasant Mills / Jackson Road. Plan to arrive early to get parking and bring your own chair.



CAPE ATLANTIC POVERTY TASK FORCE



The Cape Atlantic Poverty Task Force is collecting donations for the forest fire season. They are currently collecting water, Gatorade, Powerade, granola bars, trail mix, individual packs of crackers, single serve hand held snacks. These items will be collected and distributed to firefighters working the scene of forest fires. Please donate if you are able. Contact Dave or Wendy Dorfman for donations ~ Dave (609) 287-6525 or Wendy (609) 287-5965.



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