



Pinelands United Methodist Church

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

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Prelude

Time of Greeting and Announcements

❖ Hymn #577 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

❖ Call to Worship

LEADER: Once we were not a people.

PEOPLE: Now we are God's people.

LEADER: Once we ate food that did not satisfy.

PEOPLE: Now we drink the spiritual milk of our Lord.

LEADER: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Opening Prayer

Merciful God, our refuge and our strength, train our hearts on the words of your Son. "Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me." Feed our souls with your spiritual milk, and build our very lives into spiritual houses that neither famine nor storm can shake the foundation of our faith. In the name of the master builder and the living stone, we pray. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading Acts 7: 55-60

2nd Scripture Reading 1 Peter 2:2-10

❖ Hymn #558 "We Are the Church"

❖ Gospel Reading John 14:1-14

Sermon

Holy Communion

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The Lord's Prayer #895

Joys and Prayers of the People of God

Offering God's Tithes and Our Gifts

❖ Doxology #95

❖ Benediction

❖ Hymn #701 "When We All Get to Heaven"

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

God keep and protect you by day and by 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 7, 2023

MOTHERS DAY ~ MAY 14

Reminder that on Mother's Day, May 14th there will be no Bible Study at noon. Bible Study will resume the following week.



SPRC MEETING

On **May 9th at 7:00 pm** the SPRC meets in our Nesco Church Building. If you are on the committee you are encouraged to attend.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

The administrative council meets on **May 10th at 7:00 pm** in our Nesco Church building. Please make every effort to attend. Everyone is welcome!



FISHING TRIP ~ MAY 8th

The Pinelands Fishing Group is planning a fishing trip out of Cape May, NJ on **May 8th**. Cost is \$100.00 and includes the tip. Please speak with Jeanne or Janice for more information.





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!

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.



BIBLE STUDY on SUNDAYS



The Lord will Fight for You! Exodus & Leviticus Bible Study week 3 on April 30th at Noon. Workbooks are \$10.00. Please sign up with Pastor Dave or Cass.

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.

