

# Pinelands United Methodist Church

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

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Prelude

❖ Hymn ... #445 "Happy the Home When God Is there"

Time of Greeting and Announcements

## ❖ Call to Worship

*LEADER: Draw near to God, and grow strong in God's presence.*

**PEOPLE: Seek God's wisdom, and know joy as God draws near.**

*LEADER: Live as trees planted by living waters, and Christ will give you peace.*

**PEOPLE: Rest in the shade of the Tree of Life, and Christ will lead you home.**

*LEADER: Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.*



## Opening Prayer

Source of wisdom and understanding, plant us by your streams of living water, that we may bear the fruit of peace and mercy in the seasons of our lives; root us in the soil of your grace and compassion, that we may reach out our hands to the needy and speak with gentleness to the sorrowful; nourish us in your righteousness, that our actions may reflect your presence in our living and in our living. Place your wisdom and understanding within us, that we may be far more precious than jewels to those in need of your healing love. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading ..... Proverbs 31:10-31

2nd Scripture Reading ..... James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

❖ Gospel Reading ..... Mark 9:30-37

Sermon

Joys and Prayers of the People of God

❖ Benediction

❖ Hymn ..... #432 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

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.

## 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:

September 26: NO BIBLE STUDY  
October 1-3: IGNITE Youth Conference - Wildwood  
October 17: Country Living Fair - Batsto Village

## 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.



## RECEIVE NEWSLETTER BY TEXT MESSAGE

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## BATSTO VILLAGE GLASS & BOTTLE SHOW

The Fall Antique, Glass and Bottle Show is scheduled to be held on **today, September 19, 2021 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**. This event is sponsored by Batsto Citizens Committee, Inc.



*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](mailto:pinelandsumc@gmail.com)** or **text to Liz Rabush at 609-412-5918** by Thursdays at noon to make it in print for Sunday distribution.

## COUNTRY LIVING FAIR- OCTOBER 17

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"!





## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Carolyn Stewart**

**Frances Erwood**

**Barbara Kurowski**

**Madison Rabush**

**Mike Lister**

**Wilma Brown**

**Linda Hirst**

**Mary Lisitski**

**Sharon Auger**

**Scooter Vodopija**

**Our Military**

**Our President**

**The Entire Groff Family**

**Afghanistan**

**Lives lost this week**

**Walter Wood**

**Chris Stafford**

**Families that are recovering from the tornados**