

# Pinelands United Methodist Church

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

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## Prelude

❖ Hymn ..... #102 “Now Thank We All Our God”

## Time of Greeting and Announcements

### ❖ Call to Worship

*LEADER: God sets before us this day life and death, blessings and curses.*

**PEOPLE: We will seek God’s blessings.**

*LEADER: Choose life, that you and your descendants may live.*

**PEOPLE: We will choose life.**

*LEADER: Love the Lord your God, and hold fast to God’s holy ways.*

**PEOPLE: We will follow in the ways of our ancestors who abided in faith.**

*LEADER: Come, let us worship.*



## Opening Prayer

Loving God, we come before you today, seeking your blessings and your protection from the allure of sin. Heal us with your love, that we might love one another. Show us the truth we have found in Jesus. Embolden our courage, that we may seize the opportunities you place before us. Strengthen our resolve to spread your word and ways, and remind us that your guidance is always present through the power of your Holy Spirit.. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading ..... Genesis 45:3-11, 15

2nd Scripture Reading ... 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

❖ Gospel Reading ..... Luke 6:27-38

## Sermon

## Joys and Prayers of the People of God

❖ Benediction

❖ Hymn ..... #389 “Freely, Freely”

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.



# PRAYER REQUESTS

Pastor Dave Carber  
Frances Erwood  
Barbara Kurowski  
Wilma Brown  
Linda Hirst  
Margie Cochran  
Duffy Colton  
Barbara Pirtle  
Sean Plasket  
Jen Allebach  
Kathy Simpkins  
McCartney Family  
Leah Cirillo & Family  
Marge Clifton  
Meryl Evangelisti  
Barbara Ford  
Chris Green  
Paul & Cathy  
The Family of Donald Recine  
Brian Keno  
Connor (Age 7)  
The Family of Stanley "Scooter" Vodopija  
Our President & Military



# CHURCH NEWS

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



## RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS

Margie will be looking for volunteers to lead the Call to Worship, Opening Prayer and two scripture readings each week. Please speak to her if you are interested in helping out while Pastor Dave continues to recover.



## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

There will be an administrative council meeting on March 9th via zoom. Please check your email for the meeting link.



# Celebration of *Life*



## **ASH WEDNESDAY ~ BATSTO CHURCH ~ 7:00 PM**

We will be celebrating and remembering the life of **Carolyn Stewart**, a beloved long time church member who went home to Heaven in the midst of the pandemic. A date and time of this event has not yet been determined. We are beginning to collect pictures and other memorabilia that we could use to reflect the wonderful fulfilling life of Carolyn. Please email pictures to [pinelandsumc@gmail.com](mailto:pinelandsumc@gmail.com) or text pictures to Liz Rabush 609-412-5918. If you have other personal items that you could lend for the Memorial Service please reach out to Pastor Dave or Liz Rabush.

### **THIS WEEK:**

Sunday: WEBSITE or FACEBOOK LIVE - 9:00 am  
: Worship @ Batsto - 9:00 am  
: Sunday School @ Batsto - 9:00 am  
: Worship @ Green Bank - 10:30 am  
: Bible Study @ Batsto - Noon

March 2: Ash Wednesday

March 9: Administrative Church Council Meeting



## ASH WEDNESDAY

COME JOIN WITH US

### MARCH 2nd

## BATSTO CHURCH

