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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 #474 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

❖ Call to Worship

LEADER: Dawn is breaking. Christ’s light is shining.

PEOPLE: The Light of the world shines in our lives.

LEADER: Put aside the cares of the night.

PEOPLE: In the Lord, we live in the light.

LEADER: Even in the darkest valley, God illuminates our path.

PEOPLE: Even in times of despair, hope shines forth.

LEADER: Sleeper, awake! Christ’s light is shining.

PEOPLE: The Light of the world shines in our lives.



Opening Prayer

Light of all lights, be our vision this day. Open our eyes to behold your glory. Open our hearts to the warmth of your love. Open our minds to the flame of your truth. Open our souls to the glory of living as children of light, that others may see in our living the sacred mystery of your kingdom. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13

2nd Scripture Reading Ephesians 5:8-14

❖ Hymn #206 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

❖ Gospel Reading John 9:1-41

Sermon

Joys and Prayers of the People of God

Offering God's Tithes and Our Gifts

❖ Doxology #95

❖ Benediction

❖ Hymn #454 “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

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
 Anastasia Keno
 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
 Cathy Carber

Frances Ernwood
 Wilma Brown
 Margie Cochran
 Sean Plasket
 McCartney Family
 Barbara Ford
 Joseph Newton
 David & Emily Elkin
 Denise
 Tom Rheault
 Bob R
 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
 The Family of Hans Mueller



CHURCH NEWS

MARCH 19, 2023

SUNRISE SERVICE @ BATSTO ~ EASTER SUNDAY



Join us at 6:15 am at the three crosses to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He is Risen! Risen Indeed! Breakfast will be served at the conclusion of our Sunrise Service in Batsto Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share.

SPECIAL MUSICAL EVENT ~ APRIL 30th

We will meet in our Batsto Church Building for one special worship service on April 30th at 10:00 am. After our combined worship service we will have BRUNCH available in the fellowship hall. Please bring a dish to share.



FISHING GROUP MEETS



On the first Wednesday of each month Pinelands UMC Fishing Group meets. Our April 5th meeting will be at the Bridel's house @ 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to join in.





UWIF PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Mark your calendars now! **April 1st** at our Nesco Church Building will be the United Women In Faith pancake breakfast. Join us between **8:00 am - 11:00 am** for FELLOWSHIP and food! Meet new people...eat local. **Adults \$8.00 and Children under 12 are**

\$5.00. Enjoy a great fill of pancakes, bacon/sausage and a cup or two of Joe!



LENTEN LINE UP ~ HOLY WEEK

- ★ **April 2 - Palm Sunday - 9 am Batsto/10:30 am Green Bank**
- ★ **April 3 - Holy Monday - What did Jesus do on Monday?**
- ★ **April 4 - Fig Tuesday - Why is it called that?**
- ★ **April 5 - Holy Wednesday - Perhaps he took time to Rest?**
- ★ **April 6 - Maundy / Holy Thursday - 7 pm Batsto - The table is set**
- ★ **April 7 - Good Friday - It is FINISHED - Take time to Reflect**
- ★ **April 8 - Silent Saturday - Google It!**
- ★ **April 9 - He is Risen! - Sunrise Service - 6:15 am Batsto**
- ★ **April 9 - Easter Service - 9:00 am Batsto**
- ★ **April 9 - Easter Service - 10:30 am Green Bank**



NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS ~ APRIL 16th



The Lord will Fight for You! Exodus & Leviticus Bible Study begins on April 16th at Noon. Workbooks are \$10.00. Please sign up with Pastor Dave or Cass.

PINELANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FOOD PANTRY

Donations Needed

Peanut Butter / Crackers / Jelly / Honey
 Canned Protein (Tuna Fish / Salmon / Chicken)
 Boxed Pasta / Sauce
 Powered Milk / Long Shelf Life Milk
 Canned - Potatoes, Corn, Fruit, Beans
 Cooking Oils
 Instant Mashed Potatoes - Bag or Box
 Instant Rice - Bag or Box
 Eggs / Pancake Mix (Complete)
 Granola Bars / Protein Bars / Oatmeal / Cereal
 Juice Boxes

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