



Pinelands United Methodist Church

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

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World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2023

Theme: **COURAGEOUS**

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

❖ Call to Worship

Leader: God has gathered us to this place,

People: where we hear those stories which show us what the kingdom of God is like.

Leader: God summons us to this place,

People: where we can learn how to serve our God without reservation, or hesitation.

Leader: God will send us from this place,

People: to tell others of God's hopes and dreams, so they, too, can choose to follow God.

❖ Gathering Hymn #145 "Morning has Broken"

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before you today in humility and faith. We thank you for all you have given us and the many blessings in our lives. We ask for your guidance and strength. Show us the way and fill us with courage and wisdom. Help us to remember your love and grace and to be faithful in our service to you. Give us the patience and understanding to face life's challenges with grace. We ask these things in your name. Amen.



1st Scripture Psalm 51:10-18

❖ Hymn of Preparation #369 "Blessed Assurance"

2nd Scripture Philippians 2:10-14

Sermon

Joys and Concerns of the People of God

Lord's Prayer

Offering God's Tithes and Our Gifts

❖ Doxology #95

❖ Closing Hymn #170 "O How I Love Jesus"

❖ Benediction

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.





KEEP THEM IN PRAYER

Kathy Simpkins
 Barbara Kurowski
 Linda Hirst
 Linda Green
 Dave Dixon
 Marge Clifton
 Tom Rheault
 Anna Walker
 Denny & Joy O'Shaughnessy
 Jerry
 Sandra Allebach
 Brian Plasket
 Robin Green
 Paul Cowan
 Stephen Lister
 Ciara McCarthy Burke
 Kaitlin DeLucca (US Air Force)
 Tiernan James (US Coast Guard)
 Max Lister (US Army)

Frances Ernwood
 Wilma Brown
 Mary Jo Sheridan
 Sean Plasket
 McCartney Family
 Barbara Ford
 Margie Cochran
 David & Emily Elkin
 Denise
 Larry Acker
 Evelyn Roland
 John Allebach Sr
 Nicholas Cellini
 Deneen Wyld
 Melodee Ashby
 Courtney Warner
 Billy Cheatham (US Marines)
 Riley James (US Marines)



CHURCH NEWS

OCTOBER 1, 2023

OCTOBER 1 ~ WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Holy Communion joins us in Christian unity. This sacrament invites us to focus on the holiness of communion with God and one another. On World Communion Sunday - United Methodists, in conjunction with other denominations and believers worldwide, participate in communion to recognize our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. This universal and inclusive connection is the foundation of the special offering for World Communion Sunday. You will find a special offering envelope and pew card in the church bulletin. Please give if you are able to support this special Sunday of Giving.

UWIF PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, October 7, join the UWIF for a tasty Pancake Breakfast at Nesco Church. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 - 11:00 am. Adults are 10:00 and children are \$5.00.



CHURCH PANTRY INFORMATION

If you know of any families that may need a discreet delivery of food items or families that are unable to get transportation to the church pantry. Please speak with Kathy Wooton. Deliveries can be arranged as needed.





THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE / TOY DRIVE

It's never too early to start thinking about the season of giving. It will be here before you know it. Last year, along with our partnership with Mullica School and Pine Barren VENOM Jeep Club, we were able to provide families with turkeys and all of the trimmings for Thanksgiving. We served over 50 families. Our food drive was so successful we were able to offer bonus food bags at Christmas. Please start picking up non-perishable items to donate. You may bring them to any service.

Now's the time to also catch toys on clearance for the Christmas Giving Tree. We've been collecting all year. Those summer toys will be marked down to 90% very soon. If you see something and are able to pick it up to donate the church elves would be very grateful. If you see something but can't spare the extra, definitely tell us about the deal you saw and where. We have elves that will go pick it up! Part of the success of the toy drive is finding clearance items! We gave away bags of toys to many children that might not have had anything under the tree.

Have something to regift...we'll take that too! Any toys new with tags, clothing new with tags, new shoes, trinkets that are new with tags! Think teenagers! Think single moms and dads! We try to give something to the parents too. Our seasoned elves can match up nearly any NEW item donation to a family in need.

Do you know someone that might need some help? Please say something! It's confidential...CALL or TEXT: LIZ RABUSH (609) 412-5918.

A poster for a 'Country Living Fair' set against a rustic wooden background. At the top, a wooden sign reads 'SUNDAY OCTOBER 15th'. Below it, text asks for volunteers. The main title 'COUNTRY LIVING FAIR' is in large, stylized letters. Further text asks to speak to Jeanne Bridel for volunteer information and lists the schedule: Saturday for set up, Sunday for cooking/serve, and Sunday for clean up. At the bottom, it lists 'DONATIONS NEEDED: NAME BRAND SODA CANS' and 'NAME BRAND WATER'. The background features a wooden barrel, a banjo, a cowboy hat, and horseshoes.

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 15th

PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR

COUNTRY LIVING FAIR

PLEASE SPEAK TO JEANNE BRIDEL
FOR VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

We will need volunteers on
Saturday for Set Up, Sunday to
Cook/Serve, Sunday to Clean Up

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NAME BRAND WATER

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