



Pinelands United Methodist Church

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

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2023

Theme: **COURAGEOUS**

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

❖ Call to Worship

Leader: Our Creating God is present in this time.

People: May our worship strengthen us to press on in our faith.

Leader: Christ is calling us.

People: May our worship transform our minds to become more like the mind of Christ.

Leader: God's Holy Spirit is at work.

People: May our worship embolden us to live with holy courage.

❖ Gathering Hymn #357 "Just As I Am"



Opening Prayer

Courageous God, if you called us to do something, it is because you gave us the ability, the strength and the courage to bring it to completion; that is your resurrection power. Remind us that your call is bigger than us. Help us to reach the unreachable. Lead us to forget what is behind us and focus on what lies ahead of us. Make us press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call in Christ Jesus. Help us to endure difficulties, pressing through pain, fighting in the face of evil to bring peace and love to the world. And help us to bounce back even when others might think all is lost. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

1st Scripture Philippians 3:10-16

❖ Hymn of Preparation #419 "I Am Thine O Lord"

2nd Scripture Mark 9:30-36

Sermon Courage to be First

Joys and Concerns of the People of God

Lord's Prayer

Offering God's Tithes and Our Gifts

❖ Doxology #95

❖ Closing Hymn #467 "Trust and Obey"

❖ 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
 Michael Lister
 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)
 Kaitlin DeLucca (US Air Force)



CHURCH NEWS

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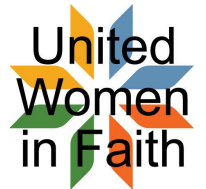
UWIF DONATIONS for CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



The United Women in Faith are collecting new and/or gently used HOLIDAY items to be sold at their annual Christmas Bazaar. Please leave items in the Carolyn Stewart Fellowship Hall. Have questions? Ask any member!

UWIF MEETING

The United Women in Faith will be meeting on November 13, 2023 in our Nesco Church Building at 10:00 am. Discussion on future fundraising and Christmas Bazaar is on the agenda.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Pinelands UWIF will be hosting a pancake breakfast on November 4, 2023. Sausage gravy and biscuits are back!! Adults \$10.00 and Children \$5.00. Invite a friend to breakfast!





THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE / TOY DRIVE



Bring toy and food donations to church with you on Sundays. Questions about donations call Liz Rabush 609-412-5918. The Angel Tree should be decorated and ready with tags by November 19th. Thank you for your help.

FISHING CLUB MEETS

The fishing club meets on November 1st (the first Wednesday of every month) at the Bridel House. All are welcome to join; invite a friend to attend.



TIME TO TURN THE CLOCKS BACK



This is your reminder! Turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 5th at 2:00am. You'll be late to Church if you don't! Don't be late! Date light savings time ends.

ALL SOULS DAY MASS

November 4th at St. Mary's in the Pines Cemetery at 11:00 am is the annual All Souls Day Mass featuring Father Neal Dante and Father Jim Betz. Music provided by St. Mary's in the Pines Choir. Location: Jackson and Pleasant Mills Rd. For more information call: 609-965-0464.



Church Council Meets



The Church council will be meeting in our Nesco Church Building on October 18th at 7:00pm. Please attend if you are able.

