



# Pinelands United Methodist Church

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

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2023

Theme: **COURAGEOUS**

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## ❖ Call to Worship

*Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!*

**People: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

*Leader: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.*

**People: O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!**

❖ Gathering Hymn .... #110 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"



## Opening Prayer

Mighty God and Father, Your name makes all darkness disappear. We are grateful for your mighty presence today that envelopes us. Heavenly Lord, your joy overflowed within us today, and we ask once more for your holy presence. We ask for protection and guidance in our season of preparation. It is guaranteed that your grace defeat an evil spirit, but we ask further that your presence overshadow the doubters and ill-wishers. Fill us with the strength of the Holy Spirit so that we may fulfill your purpose. These we ask in Jesus' name, Amen.

1st Scripture Reading

❖ Hymn of Preparation ..... #189 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

2nd Scripture Reading

Sermon

Joys and Concerns of the People of God

Lord's Prayer

Offering God's Tithes and Our Gifts

❖ Doxology ..... #95

❖ Closing Hymn ..... #394 "Something Beautiful"

❖ 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)



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### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING POSTPONED

The church council meeting scheduled for October 11 has been postponed. A date for the new meeting will be determined shortly.

### UWIF MEETING

The United Women in Faith will be meeting on October 9, 2023 in our Nesco Church Building at 10:00 am. Discussion on future fundraising is on the agenda.

### 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. It features a wooden sign at the top with the date 'SUNDAY OCTOBER 15th'. Below the sign, the text 'PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR' is written in a smaller font. The main title 'COUNTRY LIVING FAIR' is in large, bold, serif letters. A central text box contains the instruction 'PLEASE SPEAK TO JEANNE BRIDEL FOR VOLUNTEER INFORMATION'. Below this, it says 'We will need volunteers on Saturday for Set Up, Sunday to Cook/Serve, Sunday to Clean Up'. At the bottom, it lists 'DONATIONS NEEDED: NAME BRAND SODA CANS' and 'NAME BRAND WATER'. The background includes a wooden barrel, a banjo, and hay bales.

SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 15th

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