



Pinelands United Methodist Church

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

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

❖ Call to Worship

Leader: The whole world is in God's hands.

People: Everything that lives and breathes. Everything that simply is. Everything.

Leader: From the farthest spaces, to the inner most places!

People: God is with us and we are with God. Alleluia!

Leader: As people of Christ, gathered at table, with our sisters and brothers around the world, to remember whose we are, we praise —

People: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Leader: Shall we pray? With all that we have, with all that we are, we worship you, God-of-all-Being. Bless this day. Bless this time. Bless this gathering. Bless this world, with your overflowing love. Alleluia!

People: Alleluia! Amen!

❖ Gathering Hymn #144 "This is my Fathers World"



Opening Prayer

God of brilliant sunsets and shining rainbows, God of golden daffodils and glowing autumn leaves, God of all the blues of sunlit seas, God of all the shades of green in bush and field, in rivers and oceans and lakes, in rough stones on a beach and polished jewels in a showcase, God of people, brown and amber, pink and ebony, artistic and athletic, practical and visionary, compassionate and laughter-bringing, God who colors us a world of variety, We thank you that you have made each of us unique, that you call us to contribute our special colors to the life around us. We come to you in thanksgiving and worship. Amen

1st Scripture Reading Matthew 26:17-30

❖ Hymn of Preparation #620 "One Bread, One Body"

2nd Scripture Reading Acts 2:42-47

Sermon What's in the Cup?

Joys and Concerns of the People of God

Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

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Offering God's Tithes and Our Gifts

❖ Doxology #95

❖ Closing Hymn #370 "Victory in 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)
 Robert S.



CHURCH NEWS

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UWIF DONATIONS for CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

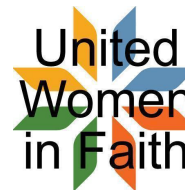


The **United Women in Faith** are collecting new and/or gently used **HOLIDAY** items to be sold at their annual **Christmas Bazaar**. Please leave items in the Carolyn Stewart Fellowship Hall. Have questions? Ask any member!

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Pinelands United Methodist Church annual church conference will be held at **7:00 pm** in our **NESCO** church building on **Thursday, November 16th**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

FISHING CLUB MEETS

The fishing club meets on **December 6th** (the first Wednesday of every month) at the Bridel House. All are welcome to join; invite a friend to attend.





NJ STATE PARK POLICE TOY DROP

On **Sunday, December 10th**, the NJ State Park Police will make their annual visit to Batsto Church to drop off toys for the annual toy drive. The arrival time is approximately **8:30 am**. Please make every effort to come out to help. Immediately following the worship service we will sort toys and begin to pack bags for the children.



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE / TOY DRIVE

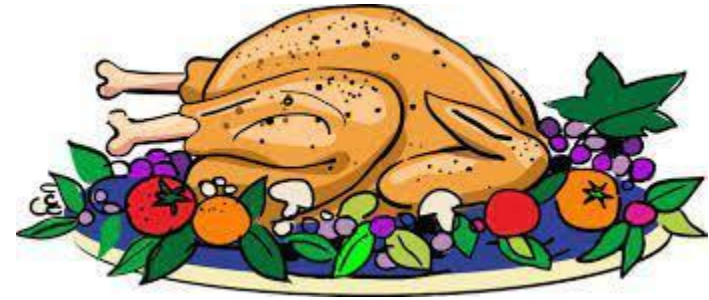
Bring toy and food donations to church with you on Sundays. Questions about donations call **Liz Rabush 609-412-5918**. The Angel Tree should be decorated and ready with tags by **November 19th**. Thank you for your help. Food donations are due by November 19th. Toy donations are due by Sunday, December 10th.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR ADVENT

- December 24 ~ 9:00 am ~ Batsto
- December 24 ~ 10:30 am ~ Green Bank
- December 24 ~ Christmas Eve ~ 5:00 pm ~ Batsto
- December 24 ~ Christmas Eve ~ 7:00 pm ~ Green Bank
- December 24 ~ Christmas Eve ~ 11:00 pm ~ Nesco

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS



NESCO CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

Pinelands UMC food pantry is in the process of packing **25 Thanksgiving food baskets** for the families that visit the pantry on Mondays. Listed below is a list of items needed to make this mission a success! Please speak with Kathy Wooton if you have questions. **Donations can be brought to Church on Sunday.** Cash donations will be used to buy a pie for each family, please see Kathy. Thank you for your assistance in making this outreach successful.

NEEDS:

- ★ 10 ~ Frozen Turkeys
- ★ 25 ~ Stuffing Mix (Box or Bag)
- ★ 25 ~ Cans of Cranberry Sauce
- ★ 25 ~ Cans of Green Beans
- ★ 25 ~ Cans / Jars Turkey Gravy
- ★ 25 ~ Instant Mashed Potatoes (Box Family Size)
- ★ 25 ~ Fruit Juice (Family Sz - Apple, Cranberry, Etc)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH