



# Pinelands United Methodist Church

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

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Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023

**Theme: Thanksgiving**

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## ❖ Call to Worship

*Leader: The world is filled with the glory of God, and we say,*

**People: Thank you!**

*Leader: The hills and valleys are filled with colour, and we say,*

**People: Thank you!**

*Leader: The vines and trees are filled with fruit, and we say,*

**People: Thank you!**

*Leader: Our tables are overflowing with food, and we say,*

**People: Thank you!**

*Leader: Our life is filled with love of family and friends, and we say,*

**People: Thank you!**

*Leader: We fill this house of God with our voices, saying,*

**People: Thank you!**

*Leader: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God, as we enter into this service of thanksgiving and praise.*

## ❖ Gathering Hymn

#694 "Come Ye Thankful People Come"



## Opening Prayer

This morning, Lord, we want everything to be for your glory. We want our thoughts, our words, our songs, our church, our community, our resources, our time, our lives: all to be for you. Everything ours is yours, and we come together to declare this to be so, on this holy day of thanksgiving. Bless our time together with your holy presence, Amen.

1st Scripture Reading

Psalm 100

❖ Hymn of Preparation ..... #77 "How Great Thou Art"

2nd Scripture Reading

James 1:1-6

Sermon

Giving Thanks when it is Hard to Give Thanks

Joys and Concerns of the People of God

Lord's Prayer

Offering God's Tithes and Our Gifts

❖ Doxology ..... #95

❖ Closing Hymn ..... #102 "Now Thank We All Our God"

❖ 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!

## 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.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR ADVENT EVENTS

- Nov 26 ~ The Waiting World ~ Batsto 9 / GB 10:30 am
- Nov 29 ~ Dinner & Study ~ Atco UMC ~ 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- Dec 3 ~ Deck the Halls with **HOPE** ~ Batsto 9 / GB 10:30 am
- Dec 6 ~ Dinner & Study ~ Atco UMC ~ 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- Dec 10 ~ Deck the Halls with **PEACE** ~ Batsto 9 / GB 10:30 a
- Dec 13 ~ Dinner & Study ~ Atco UMC ~ 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- Dec 17 ~ Deck the Halls with **JOY** ~ Batsto 9 / GB 10:30 am
- Dec 20 ~ Dinner & Study ~ Atco UMC ~ 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- Dec 24 ~ Deck the Halls with **LOVE** ~ Batsto 9 / GB 10:30 am
- Dec 24 ~ Deck the Halls for Christ ~ *Christmas Eve Candlelight*
  - 5:00 pm ~ Batsto
  - 7:00 pm ~ Green Bank
  - 11:00 pm ~ Nesco
- Dec 31 ~ Deck the Halls for a Promise Fulfilled ~ Batsto 9 / GB 10:30 am



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## 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.



## GIFT / TOY DRIVE

Bring gift and toy 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. Tags may also be picked up at Mullica Township School District. Please help if you are able. Toy and gift donations are due by Sunday, December 10th.



# Behold!

## Advent Dinner and Study

*Come join us for a joint dinner, Bible Study, and a time of Worship for the season where we wait for the birth of Christ the King.*

Dinner for 6:30-7:30

Worship and Study 7:30-8:30

Please bring a dish to share.

Coffee, Tea, Water, and juice provided.

Family friendly and interactive Worship and Study with

**Pastor Danny Clark**

**Atco UMC**

**2128 Atco Ave**

**Atco NJ 08004**

<i>Behold Hope!</i>	<i>November 29<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Mexican/ South Western</i>
<i>Behold Peace!</i>	<i>December 6<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Italian</i>
<i>Behold Joy!</i>	<i>December 13<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>German</i>
<i>Behold Love!</i>	<i>December 20<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Casserole</i>