



# Pinelands United Methodist Church

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

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Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 29, 2023

Theme: **HALLOWEEN**

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## ❖ Call to Worship

*Leader: Night comes early. Darkness surrounds us. The cool night air makes us shiver.*

**People: Lord, we know your light shines brighter in the darkness.**

*Leader: Fear wraps its poisonous fangs paralyzing our progress forward*

**People: Lord, we know your love casts out all fear.**

*Leader: We set our jaw and face our fear striking out on a path less traveled.*

**People: Lord, we know we are not alone for you are always with us.**

*Leader: May the light of Christ, the love of God and the presence of the Holy Spirit surround you always.*

**People: Amen and Amen!**

❖ Gathering Hymn .... #545 "The Church's one Foundation"



## Opening Prayer

Faithful Redeemer, you are the beginning and ending of all things. You promise to wipe away every tear, that death and mourning will be no more. You make your home among us, and abide with us as our God. Teach us to live as the saints you call us to be, that we may truly be your people, living and doing your will, in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ. Amen.

1st Scripture

Daniel 2:19-23

❖ Hymn of Preparation

#712 "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

2nd Scripture

Matthew 5:13-16

Sermon

What Light is in your Pumpkin?

Joys and Concerns of the People of God

Lord's Prayer

Offering God's Tithes and Our Gifts

❖ Doxology ..... #95

❖ Closing Hymn ..... #585 "This Little Light of Mine"

❖ 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

## OCTOBER 29, 2023

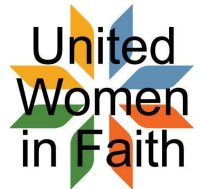
### UWIF DONATIONS for CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



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.



## PUMPKIN CARVING PRAYER

Dear God,  
As I carve my pumpkin help me say this prayer:

Open my mind so I can learn about You;  
(Cut the top of the pumpkin)

Take away all my sin and forgive me for the wrong things I do.  
(Clean out the inside)

Open my eyes so Your love I will see;  
(Cut the eyes out in heart shapes)

I'm so sorry for turning up my nose to all you've given me.  
(Cut a nose in the shape of a cross)

Open my ears so your word I will hear.  
(Cut the ears shaped like the Bible-we did rectangles)

Open my mouth so I can tell others You're near  
(Cut the mouth in the shape of a fish)

Let Your light shine in all I say and do! Amen.  
(Place a candle inside and light it)

