



# Pinelands United Methodist Church

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

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The Third Sunday After The Epiphany

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**Theme: Tell Your Story**

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## ❖ Call to Worship

*Leader: From the moment we open our eyes each morning, until we close them at night, God is with us.*

**People: There is no one like you, our God!**

*Leader: In times when we are surrounded with struggles, in all the surprising places we find hope; Jesus is with us.*

**People: There is no one like you, our Brother!**

*Leader: When we feel orphaned by the world, when we are welcomed into faith's family, the Holy Spirit is with us.*

**People: There is no one like you, Witnessing Spirit!**

❖ Gathering Hymn ... #117 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

## Opening Prayer

You speak, God – you always speak, if we will but listen. All we need to do is pause and turn our attention to the song singing from the heavens and whispering in the wind; to the flight of the dove, and the touch of its wings on our heads; to the giggling of the water, and the mark it leaves in our hearts. Your voice comes to us in faithful surround sound, beckoning us to join the chorus, share in the dance, and extend the invitation into all the earth. You speak, God – you always speak; and joyfully, we are listening. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading

Psalm 8

❖ Hymn of Preparation ..... #467 "Trust and Obey"

2nd Scripture Reading

Genesis 28:10-19

Sermon

Where were you God?

Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

Offering God's Tithes and Our Gifts

❖ Doxology ..... #95

❖ Closing Hymn ..... #369 "Blessed Assurance"

❖ 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 Wylde  
 Melodee Ashby  
 Courtney Warner  
 Billy Cheatham (US Marines)  
 Riley James (US Marines)  
 Robert S.  
 Little Jack



# CHURCH NEWS



**JANUARY 21, 2024**

### BIBLE STUDY TODAY

We will gather for Bible Study with Pastor Danny today in our Batsto Church Building at 12:30 pm. All are welcome to attend. Bible study meets each Sunday unless otherwise announced.



### ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

The administrative council will meet on **Tuesday, January 23rd** at 7:00 pm in our Nesco Church Building. All are welcome to attend to the business of our Church.

### UWF "SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY SOUP SALE

The United Women in Faith will be holding a SOUP SALE on **February 11th**; "SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY! Many varieties to choose from. Sale will begin in Batsto Church at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please help support our women's group by buying some pre-game snacks!





### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH MEETING

The United Women in Faith have a meeting planned in our Nesco Church Building on **Monday, February 12th** in the Carolyn Stewart Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am. Everyone is welcome to join in. Bring a friend with you!



### UWF PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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breakfast

On **Saturday, March 2nd** join the United Women in Faith as they host and prepare the first pancake breakfast of the NEW year in our Nesco Church Building. Adults \$10 / Children \$5 from 8:00 am - 11:00 am come enjoy pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits w/ gravy, orange juice, coffee and meet some neighbors too!

### FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The food pantry is actively receiving donations of food to be distributed to families throughout the community. If you wish to make a donation of food please speak with Kathy Wooton or Gayle Brill for specific needs. Thank you for supporting such an important ministry as inflation continues to rise.



### FISHING CLUB MEETS



The next meeting of the Pinelands Fishing Club will be on **Wednesday, February 7, 2024**. All are welcome to attend. Please speak to Bryan or Jeanne Bridel for more information and if you are interested in joining this fun ministry.

