



Pinelands United Methodist Church

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

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The First Sunday After The Epiphany

January 7, 2024

Theme: Tell Your Story

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

❖ Call to Worship

Leader: We gather in this act of worship, seeking you, O God.

People: Reaching out to you O Holy One, praying to find you, trusting you will find us.

Leader: Celebrating that we live, move and exist in our Creating God.

People: Trusting that You are never far away we worship you now.

❖ Opening Hymn

#57 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
(vs. 1,2,3,4,5)

Opening Prayer

Almighty God open our hearts to receive your great story as it is proclaimed once more. Where we have unbelief, help us to trust. Where we doubt, help us to have faith. Remind us that your story is our story for we are your children, whom you deeply love. Direct our hearts and lives now and always. May our worship be pleasing to you and a blessing in our journeys. In the sacred name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.



1st Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:33-35

❖ Hymn of Preparation #600 "Wonderful Words of Life"

2nd Scripture Reading

Acts 17:22-34

Sermon

The Greatest Story

Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

Offering God's Tithes and Our Gifts

❖ Doxology #95

❖ Offertory Prayer

❖ Closing Hymn #277 "Tell Me the Stories of 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 Wylde
 Melodee Ashby
 Courtney Warner
 Billy Cheatham (US Marines)
 Riley James (US Marines)
 Robert S.
 Little Jack



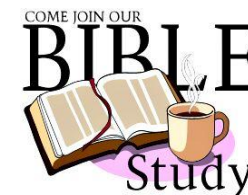
CHURCH NEWS



JANUARY 7, 2024

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES 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 16th at 7:00 pm in our Nesco Church Building. All are welcome to attend to the business of our Church.



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 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.

