



Pinelands United Methodist Church

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

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

❖ Call to Worship

Leader: What do we want this morning?

People: We want to be first, go first, and have lives of ease.

Leader: Jesus calls us to be his servants and humbly follow him.

People: We want lives filled with only success, abundance, and good things.

Leader: Jesus calls us to greatness by a different road – success through humble service, abundance by emptying ourselves for God’s glory.

People: Jesus, help us want what you want for us. Give us abundant grace to follow you through selfless service all for your glory.

Gathering Hymn #530 “Are Ye Able”



Opening Prayer

Spirit of the Living God, may we feel your presence in our lives today and every day. Transform our hearts into servants’ hearts to live and to serve others from a genuine place of love and generosity. We pray that your grace continues to fill our lives so that we can be your ambassadors to the world. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading

Acts 1:6-11

❖ Hymn of Preparation #504 “The Old Rugged Cross”

2nd Scripture Reading

Matthew 20:20-28

Sermon

The Cup of Discipleship

Joys and Concerns

The Lord’s Prayer

Offering God's Tithes and Our Gifts

❖ Doxology #95

❖ Closing Hymn

#672 “God Be with You till We Meet Again”

❖ 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)
 Kathy Clark

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



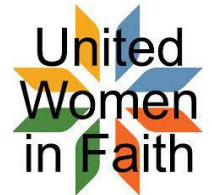
CHURCH NEWS

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UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

The United Women of Faith will meet on **Monday, March 11th** in our Nesco Church Building. We will gather at **10:00 am** in the Carolyn Stewart Fellowship Hall. Please join us and bring a friend as we discuss upcoming events.



FISHING CLUB MEETS

The next meeting of the Pinelands Fishing Club will be this **Wednesday, March 13, 2024**. We will gather at the Bridel's house at **7:00 pm**. All are welcome to attend.



SPRC MEETING

Our SPRC members plan to meet on **Tuesday, March 12** in our Nesco Church Building at **7:00 pm** to discuss church matters. If you are a SPRC member please plan on attending.





PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 24th, one week before Easter, join us as we commemorate Jesus' triumphal arrival into Jerusalem. We will celebrate with the blessing and distribution of palm branches. You will be able to join us at **Batsto 9:00 am or Green Bank 10:30 am**. Please be sure to take an extra palm or two for a loved one that was unable to join us.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Plan to join us for a traditional Holy Thursday worship service in our **Batsto Church Building at 7:00 pm**. Communion will be served as we reflect with a traditional Tenebrae style service.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES



Please plan to join us for one of our Easter Worship Opportunities on **Sunday, March 31st**. We will gather at our Batsto Church location near the three crosses for an **Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 am**. A potluck breakfast is planned for after worship please bring a dish to share. Family worship in our **Batsto Church**

Building will begin at 9:00 am followed by another family worship in our **Green Bank Church Building at 10:30 am**.



JOURNEY THROUGH LENT WITH PINELANDS UMC

February 14	Ash Wednesday Ashes & Hearts	9:00 am - 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Batsto Green Bank
February 18	The Broken Cup	9:00 am 10:30 am	Batsto Green Bank
February 21	Prayer <i>(soup & salad)</i>	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Atco UMC
February 25	The Cup of Living Water	9:00 am 10:30 am	Batsto Green Bank
February 28	Fasting <i>(soup & salad)</i>	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Atco UMC
March 3	The Cup You Choose	9:00 am 10:30 am	Batsto Green Bank
March 6	Service <i>(soup & salad)</i>	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Atco UMC
March 10	The Cup of Discipleship	9:00 am 10:30 am	Batsto Green Bank
March 13	Study <i>(soup & salad)</i>	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Atco UMC
March 17	The Cup of Compassion	9:00 am 10:30 am	Batsto Green Bank
March 20	Worship <i>(soup & salad)</i>	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Atco UMC
March 24	Palm Sunday From Empty to Overflowing	9:00 am 10:30 am	Batsto Green Bank
March 27	Celebration <i>(soup & salad)</i>	6:30 am - 8:30 am	Atco UMC
March 28	Holy Thursday	7:00 pm	Batsto
March 29	Good Friday	Noon	Tansboro Trinity UMC
March 31	Easter Sunday The Cup that Never Runs Dry	6:30 am Sunrise 9:00 am 10:30 am	Batsto Batsto Green Bank

