



# Pinelands United Methodist Church

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

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## Opening Prayer

God of love and compassion, there are times when we doubt that situations will improve in the world or in our personal lives. Help us, Lord, to put on patience for your work to be done in us and around us. Let us witness your power, compassion, and faithfulness in ways we have not known before. Deepen our faith so that your light will grow in us as witnesses in the world. We thank you for your mercy and grace. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading

1 Peter 3:13-18

❖ Hymn of Preparation .... #140 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

2nd Scripture Reading

John 20:24-29

Sermon

Rising from Skepticism

Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

Offering God's Tithes and Our Gifts

❖ Doxology ..... #95

❖ Closing Hymn ..... #370 "Victory in 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.



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## ❖ Call to Worship

**Leader:** *We gather together in a time of uncertainty and doubts.*

**People:** **Help us, God, to see our questions and open our hearts.**

**Leader:** *Even though we are stubborn and lost, we are searching.*

**People:** **Hear our prayers and help our unbelief.**

**All:** **May your grace shine on us and open our eyes.**

Gathering Hymn ..... #145 "Morning Has Broken"





## 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  
 Kay McIntyre  
 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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## Church Council Meeting

**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETS**  
 On **April 17th** the Administrative Council will meet. Everyone is welcome to Come. We will meet in our Nesco Church Building at 7:00 pm.



## PINELANDS UMC FISHING CLUB

The Pinelands Fishing Crew meets on **May 15th** for their monthly meeting at the Bridel House. Everyone is welcome to attend! They will gather at 7:00 pm.





### PUMC FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Our food pantry ministry distributes food each **Monday** evening from **4:00 pm - 7:00 pm** at our **Nesco Church** location. We offer support to those in the community that may need some extra grace. Please consider volunteering your time or donating food to this ministry. You can speak with Gayle Brill or Kathy Wooton on weekly needs. This has become an important staple to many families in our community.



FOOD  
MINISTRY



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**“God WILL answer all our prayers.  
But you never know if it’s gonna  
be a ‘yes’ or a ‘no.’”**

