



Pinelands United Methodist Church

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

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

❖ Call to Worship

Leader: *Lord, help us to forgive ourselves,*

People: **To not shut people out and judge them.**

Leader: *We have failed, but we all deserve a second chance.*

People: **Grace, in forgiving, changes our hearts.**

All: **Peace be with you.**

Gathering Hymn #89 "Joyful, Joyful"



Opening Prayer

Loving and eternal God, we gather before you today thankful and grateful that we serve you, our Redeemer, our God of the second chance. You know the depths of our soul and our tendency to stray from you. Remind us that the way we live and the words we speak reveal our faith. Forgive us when we walk in ways that are contrary to your truth. Remind us that in confessing our sins, we can rise from our mistakes to move forward in your forgiving love, in order to share that love with others. Transform our minds and reveal your Spirit within us. Open us to the generosity of forgiveness and giving second chances. To you be all honor and glory. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 2: 11-12

❖ Hymn of Preparation #377 "It Is Well"

2nd Scripture Reading

John 21:15-19

Sermon

Rising from Denial

Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

Offering God's Tithes and Our Gifts

❖ Doxology #95

❖ Closing Hymn #732 "Come We That Love the Lord"

❖ 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
 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

April 21, 2024

MOVING DAY

On Sunday, **May 12th**, Mother's Day...we will be moving back to Nesco for the Summer! Our **9:00 am** worship service will meet each week in our Nesco Church Building until fall.



SPECIAL OFFERING ON COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, **May 12th** we invite all guests to the table as we offer communion during both worship services. On communion Sunday there will be a **special offering** that will benefit our food pantry.



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**.





ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETS

May 22nd will be the next administrative council meeting. We will gather in the Nesco Church Building at **7:00 pm**. All are welcome to attend this important church meeting.

PINELANDS UMC VISION MEETING

There will be a visionary meeting of Pinelands United Methodist Church on Saturday, **June 1** in our Batsto Church Building to plan and vision the future of the church. We will gather for **breakfast at 8:30 am and the meeting will begin at 9:00 am**. Everyone is welcome to join in sharing their visions.



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.



MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE 2024

Join us for the annual Memorial Day Service on **May 27th**. We will gather in the Batsto Church Parking lot at **9:30 am** to pay honor to those who died during Military Service; those who gave all. Remember to bring a chair and bug spray to this wonderful tribute event as our local VFW leads us through a moment of reflection. There will be special music compliments of Linda Green.



24TH ANNUAL MULLICA RIVER BLESSING



Join the community for the annual Mullica River blessing on **June 15th** at St. Marys in the Pines Cemetery. We will gather at **11:00 am**. Reverend Jim Betz and Father Dante will be officiating the service. VFW post 5043 will be presenting color guard and St. Mary's of the Pines Choir will offer a musical selection. Plan to come to this wonderful outdoor service located at the intersection of Jackson / Pleasant Mills Rd.

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

It's back! We will gather outside for a combined worship service at the Green Bank Pavilion on **June 30th** at **10:00 am**. Covered dish lunch will follow. Stay tuned for more information on this special day of worship!

