



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: *We seek the word of God, but may not hear the messenger.*

People: **Open our eyes and ears to accept the message without judging.**

Leader: *Help us to see the truth.*

People: **With a loving ear, let us hear the word of God at work in the world.**

All: **With trust, we can all be instruments of God.**

Gathering Hymn

#57 "O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"



Opening Prayer

Eternal God, at times we let presumptions block us from seeing your gifts in other people. Change us by the power of your Holy Spirit. Renew our hearts; open our spiritual eyes to see your greater purpose and potential in all persons. Walk beside us as we obey your call to encourage one another, create space, and help each other use our God-given gifts for your work in the world. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading

❖ Hymn of Preparation #77 "How Great Thou Art"

2nd Scripture Reading

Sermon

Rising from Hatred

Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

Offering God's Tithes and Our Gifts

❖ Doxology #95

❖ Closing Hymn #156 "I love To Tell The Story"

❖ 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!



Joint Bible Study

The Book of John

Wednesdays

Light Dinner and Bible Study

With Pastor Danny Clark

6:30-8:30

Pinelands UMC Nesco Building

3551 Nesco RD Hammonton NJ 08037



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

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- **MAY 1 - Wednesdays** - BIBLE STUDY BOOK OF JOHN (Nesco Church Building - 6:30 pm)
- **MAY 12 - MOTHER'S DAY** - Moving to NESCO - 9:00 am
- **MAY 12 - COMMUNION** - Special Offering for FOOD PANTRY
- **MAY 15 - FISHING CLUB MEETS** - 7:00 PM Bridels House
- **MAY 22 - ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING** - 7:00 PM (Nesco Church Building)
- **MAY 27 - MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE** - 9:30 AM BATSTO
- **JUNE 1 - CHURCH VISION MEETING** - 8:30 AM BATSTO
- **JUNE 15 - BLESSING OF THE RIVER** - 11:00 AM (St. Mary's of the Pines Cemetery)
- **JUNE 30 - WORSHIP in the PARK** - 10:00 AM Green Bank (Green Bank Picnic Pavilion - River Road)

