

Pinelands United Methodist Church

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

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First Sunday after Christmas

December 29, 2024

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Welcome and Announcements

❖ Call to Worship

Leader: *Today, we pause from our busy lives,*

People: *To be here with you, God.*

Leader: *We set aside our worries,*

People: *And open our hearts to you.*

Leader: *As we stand between the year that was and the year to come,*

People: *Fill us with your grace and peace.*

Leader: *In this moment of transition,*

People: *We seek your plans and will for us. We pause to worship you, loving God, trusting in your good plans for our future. Amen.*

❖ Gathering Hymn #249 "There's a song in the Air"

Opening Prayer

If we seek you, O God, we are not lost. If we seek you, O God, we are whole. If we seek you, O God, we have purpose. Help us to always seek you first and to follow your guidance for our lives. Thank you for caring for us and desiring for us to prosper by following your purpose for our lives. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading Psalm 33:9-22

2nd Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 1:21-31



❖ Hymn of Preparation #245 "The First Noel"

3rd Scripture Reading Jeremiah 29:11-13

Sermon ***Gift Exchange: Meaninglessness for Purpose***

❖ Hymn of Celebration #228 "He is Born"

Joys and Prayers of the People of God

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering God's Tithes and Our Gifts

❖ Doxology #95

❖ Closing Hymn #251 "Go tell it on the Mountain"

❖ 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

Pastor Danny Clark & Family
Kathy Simpkins
Barbara Kurowski
Linda Hirst
Linda Green
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)
Dave Dixon
Little Jack
Joanne Wunsch
Brenda Malave
John Mascio IV

Frances Ernwood
Wilma Brown
Ed Rabush
Sean Plasket
McCartney Family
John Mascio Jr.
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)
Jarrad Moscicki (US NAVY)
Robert S.
Carol Petitt
Lorraine Roe
Robyn & Kent Grohne



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PINELANDS UM CHURCH SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

9:00 am ~ BATSTO CHURCH ~ 4200 Nesco Rd
10:30 am ~ GREEN BANK CHURCH ~ 1081 River Rd

FOOD PANTRY

4:00-7:00 pm ~ NESCO CHURCH ~ Mondays

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS w/ PASTOR DANNY

Monday Evenings: By Appointment Only
Wednesday Evenings: By Appointment Only
Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

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CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING



The Church Council will meet on **January 24th** in our **Nesco Church Building** at **7:00 pm**. All are welcome to come.



PINELANDS UMC FISHING CLUB

Did you know Pinelands United Methodist Church as a **fishing club** that meets once a month at a local home. The fishing club is open to everyone and **the first meeting in January will be on the 8th**. Consider getting involved.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The **United Women in Faith** are busy planning the next pancake breakfast this winter which will take place on **Saturday, February 1st** in our **Nesco Church Building**. Doors will open at **8:00 am** and breakfast will be served until **11:00 am**. Bring the whole family. **The cost is \$10.00 adults / \$5.00 children**.

Pancake
Breakfast



PINELANDS UWIF HOLIDAY LUNCH

The **UWIF** will be meeting at the **Apron Cafe** for their annual **holiday lunch** on **Wednesday, January 8th** at **noon**. All are welcome to join us. Please **RSVP** to Eileen.



PINELANDS UWIF THANKS YOU!

A big **THANK YOU** from the **United Women In Faith** for your support with our annual **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**. Whether you donated items, baked cookies, provided crafts or came out to shop, you made this bazaar the most profitable ever. We are proud to use these funds to support missions near and far.

God Bless You All!

