



Pinelands United Methodist Church

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

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Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2025

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Greeting

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: God's mercy endures forever.

Gathering Hymn #354 "I Surrender All"

❖ Call to Worship

Leader: Behold, now is the acceptable time. Today is the day of God's salvation.

People: We tremble in fear and anticipation at the nearness of a God so great and powerful.

Leader: Return with all your heart, with weeping, fasting, and mourning.

People: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: Be reconciled to God, through Christ Jesus, and receive a new and right spirit within.

People: We will fast and pray as an inner discipline, preparing ourselves for faithful discipleship.



Opening Prayer

God of Eternal Love, We have made our commitment to You, and have started a new journey into purposeful growth. But, we know that if we are to remain faithful we need Your help and Your strength. So, we ask... Teach us to pray with faith and read Your Word with understanding. Teach us to worship with passion and gather together with love. Teach us to give generously, serve compassionately and use our time mindfully, so that we may reflect Your goodness, and that others may discover Your grace through us. In Jesus Name. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation #361 "Nothing but the blood"

Prayer of confession

Unison Confession:

God, this is a hard time. The focus of Lent is on the pain and suffering of Jesus and our own need for penitence. It is a time of gathering darkness. But we would rather skip this part and go straight to Easter. We would rather ignore the suffering—in you and in the world—and avoid the hard work of true self-examination. Forgive us for wanting this to be bright and painless and easy, when we know that Jesus did not take the easy way, but chose the path of the Cross. Teach us the true meaning of penitence, so that we use this Lenten season to humbly seek a clean heart and a renewed spirit. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.



Pastoral Assurance

The truth is this: God's love and mercy are never-ending. God knows us in our inward being; God cleanses us from our sins and shortcomings, and restores to us the joy of salvation.

Message of Hope

The Fires do not stop us

Hymn of celebration #338 "Where he Leads me"

Blessing of the Ashes

Imposition of Ashes

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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 Prayer

❖ Closing Hymn

#269 "Lord, Who throughout these 40 days"



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
Bob Campbell

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
Regina Bartolomeo



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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

BIBLE STUDY

6:30 pm ~ NESCO CHURCH ~ Wednesdays

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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UPCOMING CAPE / ATLANTIC DISTRICT EVENTS

Gather for conversation, prayer, anointing, and communion

HEALING SERVICE - March 8, 2025 - 2:00 pm - Seaville
3100 N Route 9, Ocean View, NJ 08230

HEALING SERVICE - March 19, 2025 - 7:00 pm - First UM
6011 Main St., Mays Landing, NJ 08330-1845

CAPE ATLANTIC DISTRICT CONFERENCE
April 27th - 2:00 pm - St. Peter's UMC, Ocean City
501 E 8th St Ocean City, NJ 08226

We will worship together, honor graduates of Lay Servant Training and Local Pastor's School, hear presentations in preparation for Annual Conference, present certificates to congregations that paid 100% Shared Ministries, and elect equalizing members to Annual Conference. Please come and be a part of this district celebration and to welcome the new District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Derrick Doherty.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH MEET

The **United Women in Faith** will have their monthly meeting on **March 10th** in the **Nesco Church Building** at **10:00 am**. They plan to gather in the **Carolyn Stewart Fellowship Hall**. Plan to join us and bring a friend along.



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 will meet next on **April 2nd**. Consider getting involved.



JOURNEY TO THE CROSS THIS LENTEN SEASON

Ash Wednesday - March 5th
Palm Sunday - April 13th
Holy Thursday - April 17th
Good Friday - April 18th
Silent Saturday - April 19th
Easter Sunday - April 20th

