

# Pinelands United Methodist Church

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

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## Prelude

❖ Hymn ..... #245 “The First Noel”

## Time of Greeting and Announcements

### ❖ Call to Worship

*LEADER: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.*

**PEOPLE: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined.**

*LEADER: We are that people.*

**PEOPLE: For a child has been born for us.**

*LEADER: Christ is that light.*

**PEOPLE: For God’s own Son has been given to us.**

*LEADER: He is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,*

**PEOPLE: Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

*LEADER: His authority shall grow continually,*

**PEOPLE: and there shall be endless peace through his glorious reign.**

*LEADER: Let all creation shout for joy.*

**PEOPLE: Let heaven and nature sing**



## THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Candle of Hope, The Lighting of the Christ candle  
*(Please refer to purple insert)*

### Opening Prayer

With joy in our hearts and praise on our lips, we come into your presence this night, to celebrate our glorious Prince of Peace. With wreaths of fir and boughs of holly, we celebrate the Word made flesh that made all things new. With candlelight and ancient carols, we rejoice that justice and righteousness came to rule this very night. Welcome to our world, holy child. Welcome to our lives. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading ..... Isaiah 9:2-7

2nd Scripture Reading ..... Titus 2:11-14

Special Music ..... “Mary Did You Know?”  
Linda & Bill Green

❖ Gospel Reading ..... Luke 2:1-20

### Christmas Meditation

Special Music ..... “Emmanuel”  
Linda & Bill Green

### Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving ..... page 13

The Lord’s Prayer ..... #895

❖ Hymn ..... #239 “Silent Night, Holy Night”





**THIS WEEK:**

Sunday: Worship @ Batsto - 9:00 am - NO LIVE SRV  
: Sunday School @ Batsto - 9:00 am  
: Worship @ Green Bank - 10:30 am  
: Bible Study @ Batsto - Noon

**AT A GLANCE:**

December 31 - New Years Eve  
January 4 - Women's Group Meets - Nesco - 11am  
February 5 - Pancake Breakfast - Nesco - TBA



# CHURCH NEWS

*Reminder: Pinelands UMC must follow CDC guidelines in regards to Covid-19. We will follow new guidance as it is received.*

**CHRISTMAS EVE - CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**



Welcome to our Christmas Eve Service. Thank you for joining us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. To think on this night in Bethlehem a baby would be born; a baby that would change everything! Pinelands UMC will be offering three worship times this evening:

Batsto Church @ 5:00 pm, Green Bank Church @ 7:00 pm and Nesco Church @ 11:00 pm. You're invited to one or all!

**UMW MEETING - JANUARY 4th**

The UMW will meet on Tuesday, January 4th, at 11:00 am. All are welcome to attend. This important meeting will discuss the return of our famous pancake breakfast. Please try to attend.





# PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pastor Dave Carber**
- Frances Erwood**
- Barbara Kurowski**
- Mike Lister**
- Wilma Brown**
- Linda Hirst**
- Walter Wood**
- Margie Cochran**
- Duffy Colton**
- Barbara Pirtle**
- Sean Plasket**
- Bonnie Hakes**
- Jen Allebach**
- Kathy Simpkins**
- McCartney Family**
- Leah Cirillo & Family**
- Marge Clifton**
- Meryl Evangelisti**
- Barbara Ford**
- The Family of Glenn Ford**
- Chris Green**
- Our President & Military**



## PANCAKE BREAKFAST RETURNS - FEBRUARY 5th



On Saturday, February 5th, we will be celebrating the return of our famous pancake breakfast. Stay tuned in the coming weeks for more information about our breakfast and how YOU can help.



## THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL TOY DRIVE

We packed 103 bags of toys that were distributed to children in Mullica Township and Washington Township. Each child got a bag of toys and clothing. We gave away 26 bikes. We packed 7 boxes of toys for another school in need. We gave out 10 big boxes of food to veterans, senior citizens and Christmas families. We gave gift cards to teenagers. We are prepared for last minute phone calls from parents in a panic. We as a church family are so very blessed and were able to share those blessings with so many families. We initiate change. We care. We love. We are Pinelands United Methodist Church. Thank you for all that you do from the bottom of my heart we couldn't do it without YOU! Teamwork makes the Dreamwork!