



Pinelands United Methodist Church

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

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Happy Mother's Day

May 12, 2024

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Welcome and Announcements

❖ Call to Worship

Leader: Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

All: Thank God for Mothers!

Leader: Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

All: Thank God for my Mother!

Leader: For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

All: Thank God for the mothers of the past!

Leader: For every woman who is working day and night to rear her children right now.

All: Thank God for the Mothers of today.

Leader: For all the women who are expecting, but aren't quite mother's yet!

All: Thank God for soon-to-be-mothers.

Leader: For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

All: Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.

Leader: For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

All: Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.

Leader: For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own, but chose instead to mother everyone else.

All: Thank God for the mothers in spirit.

All: We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will humor them in everything we do. Amen.

Gathering Hymn #91 "Beauty of the Earth"

Opening Prayer

Dear Lord: We thank you that you love us and always welcome us with open arms. We thank you for mothers and caregivers everywhere and for all they do to care for their children. We pray that moms would feel really special today; that they would know how much we love them and how much God loves them too. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading

Exodus 2:1-10

❖ Hymn of Preparation

#445 "Happy the Home When God is There"

2nd Scripture Reading

Romans 16:1-13

Sermon

Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Liturgy

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Offering God's Tithes and Our Gifts

❖ Doxology #95

❖ Closing Hymn #572 "Pass it On"

❖ 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
 The Family of Bobby Thibault

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)
 Jarrad Moscicki (US NAVY)
 Robert S.
 Little Jack



CHURCH NEWS

May 12, 2024

SPECIAL OFFERING TODAY



Today we invite all guests to the table as we offer communion during both worship services. Our **special offering** today will benefit our food ministry and pantry.

UWIF MEETING @ BOONDOCK'S

The United Women in Faith will be having a special lunch/meeting this **Tuesday, May 14th** at noon. The women will gather at Boondock's Market & Grill for Lunch! Everyone is welcome!



PINELANDS UMC FISHING CLUB



The Pinelands Fishing Crew meets this Wednesday, **May 15th** for their monthly meeting at the Bridel House. Everyone is welcome to attend! They will gather at **7 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.





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 **Monday, 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.



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.



24TH ANNUAL MULLICA RIVER BLESSING



Join the community for the annual Mullica River blessing on **Saturday, 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 **Sunday, 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:

(Hang this on the refrigerator)

- **WEDNESDAYS** - BIBLE STUDY BOOK OF JOHN
(Nesco Church Building - 6:30 pm / Light Dinner)
- **MAY 12 - MOTHER'S DAY** - Moving to NESCO - 9:00 am
- **MAY 12 - COMMUNION** - Special Offering for FOOD PANTRY
- **MAY 14 - UWIF LUNCH** - Boondock's Market & Grill - NOON
- **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)

