



# 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:** *I lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence does my help come?*

**PEOPLE:** **My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

**LEADER:** *The Lord will not let your foot be moved, the Lord who keeps you will not slumber.*

**PEOPLE:** **Behold, the One who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

**LEADER:** *The Lord is your keeper;*

**PEOPLE:** **The Lord is your shade on your right hand.**

**LEADER:** *The sun shall not smite you by day,*

**PEOPLE:** **Nor the moon by night.**

**LEADER:** *The Lord will keep you from all evil, and will keep your life.*

**PEOPLE:** **The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore.**

Gathering Hymn

#526 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

## Opening Prayer

God of love, we thank you for all with which you have blessed us even to this day: for the gift of joy in days of health and strength, and for the gifts of your abiding presence and promise in days of pain and grief. We praise you for home and friends, and for our baptism and place in your church with all who have faithfully lived and died. Above all else we thank you for Jesus, who knew our griefs, who died our death and rose for our sake, and who lives and prays for us. And as he taught us, so now we pray.

1st Scripture Reading

Psalm 100

❖ Hymn of Preparation ..... #593 "Here I am Lord"

2nd Scripture Reading

John 15:13-17

3rd Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Sermon

Guest Speaker Margie Cochran

Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

Offering God's Tithes and Our Gifts

❖ Doxology ..... #95

❖ Closing Hymn ..... #467 "Trust and Obey"

❖ 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 5, 2024

### MOVING DAY

Next 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

Next 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.



### UWIF MEETING @ BOONDOCK'S

The United Women in Faith will be having a special lunch/meeting on May 14th at noon. The women will gather at Boondock's Market & Grill for Lunch! Everyone is welcome! Don't be Shy!





### 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.



### 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.



FOOD  
MINISTRY

### 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.



### 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 **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:**

*(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)

