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THE PINE NEEDLE – APRIL 2021

Words of Encouragement from the Pastor

Now that the weather has started to feel more like spring, everyone is spending more time outside. This past weekend we went for a family hike. Everywhere we looked there were the signs of new life that spring brings. Trees beginning to bud. Flowers beginning to poke their heads out of the ground. The not too distant sound of a woodpecker. Small fish darting in the stream. The kids were particularly impressed with the skunk cabbage. All around us “dead” things were coming back to life.

But, new life isn't just an outdoor thing. This season of new life in the natural world parallels so well the Easter season on the church calendar. During the 50 days of Easter, we remember Christ's resurrection and we celebrate the new life he brings us. The natural world serves as a visible reminder that God is in the habit of bringing dead things back to life. The new life that Christ's resurrection brings is something that happens deep with our souls.

The Bible tells us that the invisible things of God are seen in the visible things that he has created. So, as we enter this season of new life, I encourage you to spend some time outdoors and look for the signs of spring and new life in the natural world. Whether it's taking a walk or sitting on your porch with your cup of coffee, get outside and allow the natural world to “preach” to your spirit. You'll find two resources in this edition of the newsletter to help you do that. One is a Spring Scavenger Hunt. The other is information on some forest walks led by Rev. Beth Jones (former Williamsport DS).

I also encourage you to set aside some time for personal reflection. Examine your own soul. In the natural world, we see the signs of new life. So too should there be signs of new life within us. As the dead places within us come back to life, our lives should be different. We may not bud or bloom like the flowers, but we will bear fruit. We should be able to look at our lives and see where there has been transformation. Are we more loving towards our neighbors? Are we more joyful and thankful than we were last year? Have we become more patient? Just to name a few.

This season may we rejoice in the new life that is found around us and within us! Glory to God! Amen.

Spring Outdoor Bible Verse Scavenger Hunt

Open your Bible to find the verse which will provide the clue. You can use this list to do a traditional scavenger hunt of collecting or observing. You could also do a photo hunt and take pictures of the items for proof of their existence. Have fun and be safe!

1. What Job mixed with dirt to coat his skin: Job 7:5
2. Tossed with mire by the water of the sea: Isaiah 57:20
3. The livestock used this for food: Deut. 11:15
4. Serves as a sign that summer is near: Luke 21:30
5. Stacked by Jacob to make a pillar: Gen. 31:45

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6. The fig tree lost a piece of this: Joel 1:7
7. What the men digging uncovered in the valley: Gen. 26:19
8. A piece from the evergreen mentioned here: Isaiah 60:13
9. Devoured by birds in this passage: Mark 4:4
10. Can be found floating on the top of water: Hosea 10:7
11. These appear before the blossoms: Num 17:8
12. Something the same color as the clothes mentioned here: Ezekiel 27:4
13. The foolish man built his house on it: Matt 7:26
14. The rich man fades as quickly as these: James 1:11
15. The same number of stones that David picked up: I Samuel 17:40

Enjoy!

From: RachelWojo.com

Forest Walks

Allow yourself to slow down, breathe deeply, move slowly and experience nature with your whole being. Studies show that this type of nature emersion lowers our heart rate, reduces stress and even boost our immunity. On these walks, we will use all of our senses and take time as a group and on our own to experience the wild at our own pace. Feel the texture of tree bark, experience the cool silky feel of water through your fingers, smell the pungent scent of the earth and see colors and textures as you never have before

These walks are accessible to anyone as we don't wander far. We do take our time. Walks typically last 2 1/2 hours. Cost per person is \$25.00.

Register at: <https://www.deepgreenjourney.com/offerings-3>

April 21: Rider Park, Trout Run, PA. 6:00-8:30pm

Come experience the beauty of spring in her glory as we slow down and rest in the beauty, change and hope of this season

May 20: Canfield Island, Riverfront Park, Williamsport, PA. 6:00-8:30

Come experience the warmth and wonder of God's creation as we welcome the summer months

OFFICE HOURS –

Monday - Friday – 8 AM – 2PM

<http://www.pinestreetumc.org>

[Check us out on Facebook](#)

Online Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning at 9AM & 11AM

***Church Office will be closed Easter Monday (April 5th)**

A service is currently being broadcast on the radio. You can tune in at **9AM** on WWPA 1340AM and 101.7 FM (please note change from 101.3) or if you have an HD radio you can tune in to WILQ HD3.

Not able to make it to in-house worship? You will now be able to join us by "**Live Stream.**" The links will be found each week on our Facebook page or go to www.pinestreetumc.org.

How can I support PSUMC with my gifts and offerings?

- Mail it to the church office
- Drop off at the office between 8:00-1:30
- Electronically via our website.

Your gifts will continue to support the ministry of PSUMC as we continue to proclaim the good news of the gospel.

RADIO BROADCAST

If you currently listen to the Sunday morning radio broadcast, we thank you. If for some reason it does not broadcast or you were not able to get it, please contact the church office on Monday. Thank you.



We are asking anyone who comes into the office to please wear a mask. Staff will also be wearing a mask while you are here. Thank you for your cooperation.

***Even if you have been vaccinated, we are asking you to continue to wear a mask due to the different variances of Covid.

FAMILY PRAISE PARTY

The Family Praise Party is held Sunday Nights at 6:00pm via Zoom.

Contact us if you would like to be emailed a link.

PHOTO DIRECTORY



If you have not submitted a picture for our online photo directory, let the office know and we can arrange to have it taken, or you can submit your own picture. Or if you would like to submit an updated picture, please send it to the office. (streetpine@hotmail.com). This will help connect us with one another.

MAY PINE NEEDLE

Please have any material for the **May Pine Needle** in the church office no later than Friday, April 16th. Any early submissions are appreciated.

COLLEGE CONNECTION

College Connection is a ministry where PSUMC provides gift cards to help college students through exam weeks with gift cards for snacks and encouragement throughout their school year. Gift cards are needed to send to the college students for the Spring Semester. There are five PSUMC students at college that we want to minister to and encourage. Gift cards can be Burger King, McDonalds, Sheetz, Dunkin Donuts, etc. You can drop them off at the church office during regular business hours or put them in Wilma's mailbox outside her office door on Sunday. For questions, please contact Cindi Snyder at 570-323-5089. Thank you.

APRIL SPECIAL OFFERING

EASTER REMINDER: **Easter Sunday** is April 4 this year, and we have the opportunity to show God's love in these difficult times to many members of our community who are hurting and in need. Our **Lenten offering** will be divided between **Family Promise** and **Central PA Food Bank**. Both organizations serve our neighbors in crisis, and we can spread some of God's sunshine with our offerings to meet some basic needs in our city.

A NOTE FROM LEADERSHIP

"You will be receiving a letter from Pine Street in the next couple of weeks with information on the Church's vision and strategies for the next five years. Please keep an eye out for this letter and call the office if you do not receive one. "

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED OF LYCOMING COUNTY

Church Women United will hold their annual **May Friendship Day** luncheon and meeting on Friday, May 7th at 12:00 Noon and meeting at 1:30 p.m. at the Montoursville Presbyterian Church. The lunch will be catered by Rupert's at a cost of \$10:00. There will be a guest speaker and special music following the luncheon. Reservations are to be made by Thursday, April 29th. Please contact Pat Wittig for reservations.

ADDITIONAL NEWS FROM PINE STREET CHURCH

LOST LOVED ONE

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to our church family who have lost loved ones.

- Sharon Ertel, in the recent death of her father, Charles E. Buckalew (March 5, 2021)



Scholarship help is available from funds given to the church. A gift is designated for music students. If you are going to study music in college, you may be eligible for tuition assistance or help with lesson fees. If you are going to attend one of our United Methodist Colleges, you may be eligible for tuition assistance from the R. Andrew Lady Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship Committee will receive the applications due June 5th and determine the recipients. Applications are available from the church office.

OPPORTUNITY FOR MINISTRY

Sojourner Truth Ministries is in need of volunteers to help serve some Saturdays at their Soup Kitchen. Mike Thompson and/or I will be doing all of the cooking so volunteers only need to help serve and clean up. If you are not able to help serve, maybe you would like to help financially. Any money that is received should be marked "Church Meal Ministry" and will be used to offset the cost of the meals.

You can sign up by clicking on the following link.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c49a4a828aaffc52-sojourner> or by contacting me directly.

Thank you for being a church that serves its neighbors and community. ~~ Nicholas Grim

YARD SALE COORDINATOR

We would love to host a Yard Sale this summer, but we need someone to "take charge." This person would be responsible for planning the details, recruiting volunteers, and organizing the event. Is this person you?



APRIL SHOWERS

We will be collecting shower items to be given to **Shepherd of the Streets** during the month of April. Please see display in Narthex.

Items needed: Towels, washcloths, soap, body wash, shampoo, razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and deodorant.

THANK YOU!

CHILDREN'S EASTER BAGS

Many thanks to all who collected toilet paper rolls and tissue boxes, donated plastic eggs, candy and Easter items, and to the volunteers who assembled bags for this project. 33 egg bags and 23 craft bags were distributed. 14 children from the community were recipients of our bags.



Dear Friends at Pine Street United Methodist Church,

Please accept our sincere thanks for the many expressions of sympathy you showed our family upon the recent passing of our dear father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Walter Schell. Your many acts of kindness, including cards, calls, flowers, and meals were greatly appreciated. We were touched by the meaningful service prepared by Pastors James Wooster and John Piper, and the additional tributes by Pastor Bob Wallace and District Superintendent Paul Amara. Special thanks also to David Koskey for the lovely organ music and to all the church staff who helped in preparations for that day. Having the service livestreamed was such a blessing to family and friends who were not able to be present. Thank you so much to Mark Porter and Mark Bielski for this technical enhancement.

Additionally, we are humbled by the numerous contributions to Pine Street's Social Service Fund made in Walter's memory. This fund and the ministries it supports were so important to both Walter and Marian and representative of their desire to show the love of God to those most in need. Thank you for honoring their memory in this significant way.

Lastly, as Dr. Piper so eloquently noted in his funeral remarks, "Walter's life and ministry were characterized by partnership. Through this difficult period in our lives, we, too, have felt the partnership of the caring community of Pine Street UMC that Walter and Marian knew and treasured." Please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your love and concern.

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:3-6

In Christ's Love,
Scott Schell, Melodie and Gary Schmouder, Vanessa, Curtis, Clara and Juliette Johnston
Janelle, Nicholas, and Robert Walter Lewis

Dear Pine Street Family, I want to thank all of you for your care during this time since my beloved husband Jim passed away on January 31st. You have shown your care through cards, phone calls, e-mails, bringing food, visits, and mostly your prayers. Jim's strong faith and prayer were such a major part of who he was, and that faith got him through many difficult times. I can feel the strength of all of your prayers. My sons and I appreciate all your care and concern during this very sad and difficult time for us. With thanks, Cathy Marr

Dear Nancy Lady and Pine Street Foundation, On behalf of **Sojourner Truth House of Hope**, I want to say "thank you" for your recent gift of \$4000. Your generosity is really appreciated. Sincerely, Sojourner Truth.

Dear Pine Street Family, Thank you for the Christmas card and gift. I am glad to volunteer on Sunday mornings or other events to do the sound for church services, funeral and weddings. Mark Bielski

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever. Psalm 136:1

Leon Koskie	April 04
Joseph Kindon	April 05
Rico Sweeting	April 05
Scott Lady	April 06
Sarah Kieser	April 07
Melissa Suddath	April 07
Kreg Heckel	April 08
Scott Snyder	April 08
Cooper Allmaras	April 09
Anna Berger	April 09
Jennifer Thomas	April 09
Gaven Beaghey	April 10
Nathaniel Snyder	April 10
Mikayla Bower	April 11
Logan Pick	April 11
Thomas Shoff	April 11
Linda Hakes	April 12
Dennis Miller	April 12
Mary Mussare	April 12
Matthew Russell	April 12
McKinsey Sauers	April 12
Marissa Herb	April 13
Weston Pick	April 13
William Reifsnyder	April 13
Matthew Young	April 13
Aaron Wheeler	April 14
Michael Bair	April 15
Alexa Campbell	April 15
William Wallace	April 15
Julia Wayne	April 15
Isabella Hayden	April 16
Eli Wayne	April 16
Christopher McLean	April 17
Melissa Pandolfi	April 17
James Burget	April 18
Albert E Cooper	April 18
Tixo Bower	April 19
Charles Hall	April 19
Thomas Horning	April 19
David Evans	April 20
Joshua Moore	April 20
Amalie Pidcock	April 20
Ciara Kieser	April 21
Micah Stanzione	April 21
Elizabeth Ravert	April 23,
Shane Wittman	April 23
James Courter	April 24

**The LORD bless you
and keep you; the
LORD make his face
shine on you and
be gracious to you;
Numbers 6:24-25**



Joanne Kiehl	April 24
Pence Kieser	April 24
Joshua VanCampen	April 25
Cedric Porter	April 26
Erika Worobec	April 26
Mitzi Burget	April 27
Leslie Hickman	April 27
Karen Kulp	April 27
Matthew Marrie	April 27
Kali Hall	April 29
Alanna Snyder	April 29
Jamie Burget	April 30
Karen Cook	April 30
Rebecca Marshall	April 30
Helen Nevill	April 30
Kenneth Poust	April 30

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. I Corinthians 13

Perry, Steven & Debra (Spotts)	April 03
Cook, Albert & Karen	April 05
Kulp, George & Karen (Hardy)	April 05
Wynn, Karen & Wesley Strayer	April 05
Kern, R Scott & Debra (Tompkins)	April 07
Pap La Rin, Maurice & JoAnn	April 15
Jones, Steven & Emily (Williams)	April 20
Schultz, Amelia (Burget) & Jay	April 21
Rude, Kyle & Pentico, Julie	April 23

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Open Hearts,
Open Minds,
Open Doors...

The people of the
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Our Vision

Show Christ's Love

Teach God's Truth

Share the Gospel

How is God calling you to fulfill our vision?

Have you checked out the website for Pine Street? www.pinestreetumc.org

Check out Pine Street UMC Facebook page

Sharing the message of Christ for 198 years.

Witnessing to our faith and serving Christ from Pine Street for 197 years!