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THE PINE NEEDLE – MARCH 2021

Words of Encouragement from your Pastor

March 17th is St Patrick's Day. Many will use the day set aside to commemorate his death as an excuse to wear green and to drink to excess. But, few know anything about the man the day is supposed to honor. For starters, St. Patrick wasn't even Irish and Patrick isn't his real name!

While the facts of his life are still shrouded in mystery, here's his "abbreviated" story: Maewyn Succat was born in Britian somewhere around the end of the 4th century. His family was churchd but does not appear to have been particularly religious. Some have even suggested that he was an atheist. But, when Succat was 16, he was kidnapped by pirates (and you thought Church History would be boring!) and forced into slavery in Ireland. He came to believe that his enslavement was a punishment for his lack of belief, and turned to God. During his enslavement, he began to rely more and more on his faith. After six years as a slave, Succat had a vision in which an angel told him to leave Ireland. Succat escaped from slavery and returned to his homeland. There he had a second vision of an angel, this time telling him to return to Ireland as a missionary. He entered religious studies, which lasted 15 years. When he completed his studies, he was ordained a priest and sent to Ireland. According to legend, it is at his ordination that he took the name Patrick.

For twenty years, Patrick traveled throughout Ireland baptizing new believers and setting up churches, monasteries, and schools. This was not always easy. He often offended local leaders and was imprisoned and threatened with death several times.

The details of his death are a bit fuzzy. It seems to be well accepted that his death occurred on March 17th. The year is debated. There are those who lobby for his death in 493 (making him well over 100 at the time of his death). There are those who push for a 461 date, putting Patrick in his 70's.

One last fact that may surprise you: Patrick was never actually canonized by the Catholic Church. His "sainthood" has been conferred more by popular acclaim than church formalization.

St. Patrick was a man who served Jesus faithfully despite the difficulty. He deserves to be memorialized in ways more fitting than our fashion choices and drunken debauchery. Might I challenge you, in his honor, to set aside some time every day this month and pray through this prayer attributed to him:

I arise today
Through the strength of heaven;
Light of the sun,
Splendor of fire,
Speed of lightning,
Swiftness of the wind,
Depth of the sea,
Stability of the earth,
Firmness of the rock.

I arise today
Through God's strength to pilot me;
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's hosts to save me
Afar and near,
Alone or in a multitude.

Christ shield me today
Against wounding
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in the eye that sees me,
Christ in the ear that hears me.

I arise today
Through the mighty strength
Of the Lord of creation.



OFFICE HOURS –

Monday - Friday – 8 AM – 2PM

<http://www.pinestreetumc.org>

[Check us out on Facebook](#)

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.

Online Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning at 9AM & 11AM

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.



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.

APRIL PINE NEEDLE

Please have any material for the **April Pine Needle** in the church office no later than Friday, March 19th. 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.

MARCH SPECIAL ENVELOPE:

The envelope in your box is called One Great Hour of Sharing. This offering funds the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief which is the world-wide arm of our church that is first on the scene of a disaster – earthquake, tsunami, flood etc. UMCOR works to provide relief, response and long-term recovery when these events overwhelm a community's ability to recover on their own. UMCOR provides technical support and training for partners to address emerging and ongoing issues related to disaster relief, recovery and long-term health and development. Also in your envelope box is the special envelope for your **Lenten offering**. This year we will divide our Lenten gifts between two ministries, Family Promise and Central Pennsylvania Food Bank. This is a way we can assist homeless families and those suffering food insecurity. Many of us are blessed with more than we need and we can share "with the least of these." **Thanks** to the generosity of our Pine Street family, our pastor has recently delivered our Christmas offering of **\$3,800** to assist Shepherd of the Streets in their ministry.

CHILDREN'S EASTER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

We would like to provide filled plastic eggs for children to find at their homes on Easter morning.

We will begin collecting plastic eggs, wrapped candies or other Easter items that could fit inside the egg.

Items can be brought to the church no later than **Monday, March 29th**. We will be including our Pine Street children but would also like to include children in the community.

Please let the office know of any families you would like us to include. We would need to know how many children and an address.

A few volunteers are also needed to help "hide" eggs in yards around dusk on Saturday, April 3rd.

Please let the office know if you are available to help.

We are also collecting empty tissue boxes and toilet paper tubes for an Easter bag activity. Those can also be dropped off at the church no later than Monday, March 29th.

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 are not able to get it, please contact the church office on Monday. This will help us to find out if there is a problem. Thank you.



ADDITIONAL NEWS FROM PINE STREET CHURCH

LOST LOVED ONE

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

- Donald Bastian – January 29th
- Rev. Walter Schell – January 30th
- James Marr – January 31st
- Betty Louise Williams Eberhart – February 10th



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.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Members, On behalf of Muncy Hospitcal Service partners, I wanted to send the most sincere thanks for the abundance of snacks you provided. You certainly know the way to a health care worker's heart! We so greatly appreciate the donation! Sincerely, Andrea Reed, Director of Nursing

We have received thank you notes from the following, thanking us for our generous support to their ministries: Firetree Pace (\$140), Mission Central (\$145) and UMCOR, Global Ministries (\$691). Together, we are making a difference and changing lives.

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



Jeannie Haynes	March 01
Brent Young	March 01
Alexander Bolt	March 02
George Ocker	March 02
Faith Sherwood	March 02
Louis Paulauski	March 03
Carol Porter	March 03
Rachael Grimes	March 04
Kimberly Tompkins	March 04
Karis Wooster	March 04
*Holman James	March 05
Eric Kulp	March 06
Jake Sekel	March 06
George Vance	March 06
Michelle Hopkins	March 07
Collin Porter	March 07
Mary Freas	March 09
Linda Helsel	March 09
Elysia Schork	March 09
Reid Williams	March 09
Joan Haines	March 10
Byron Kindon	March 10
Bobbi Mailleue	March 10
Angela Stewart	March 10
Richard Caschera, Jr.	March 11
Elise Peterson	March 11
Quintan Bower	March 12
Hadley Koskie	March 12
Brecken McWilliams	March 13
Dylan Hardy	March 14
Pearl Paulauski	March 14
Alexis Bower	March 15
Pamela Gower	March 15
Noah Hall	March 15
Benjamin Daneker	March 16

Brett Engel	March 16
Sheila Banzhof	March 17
JoAnn Pap La Rin	March 17
Gene Berger	March 18
Drue Sherman	March 18
Adrianna Evans	March 19
Emma Rude	March 19
Ludwig Schappell	March 20
Laurie Virgilio	March 20
Eric Pap La Rin	March 21
Adlee Kindon	March 22
Anthony Parente	March 22
Shawn Stopper	March 22
Carol Hall	March 23
Robert Alberts	March 24
*Robert Compton	March 24
Carole Heckel	March 24
Samuel Person	March 24
Jackson Thomas	March 25
Joyce Crawford	March 26
Walter Gower	March 26
Mark Bielski	March 28
Michael Bokeko	March 28
Holly Springman	March 28
Michael Dahl	March 29
Paige Porter	March 29
Elizabeth Goode	March 30
Julie Pentico	March 30
Steven Perry	March 30
Aubrey Shaner	March 30
Matthew Bausinger	March 31
Nancy Berkheimer	March 31
Catherine Foulkrod	March 31
Nathan Parsons	March 31

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

Anthony, Harold & Elizabeth	March 02
Fisher, Joseph & Robin (Schubert)	March 09
James, David & Tammie (Drescher)	March 11
Person, Michael & Julie	March 30

Anniversaries

Name: _____

ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



Ash Wednesday

Holy Thursday

Forty Days

Sacrifice

Good Friday

Jesus

Almsgiving

Holy Saturday

Passover

Prayer

Easter

Foot Washing

Fasting

Palm Sunday

Resurrection

Lent

Purple

Holy Week

Palm Branch

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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

We continue to keep our Pine Street family in prayer.

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