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THE PINE NEEDLE – MAY 2021

Words of Encouragement from the Pastor

“April showers bring May flowers.” It’s one of those statements that we all know. We’ve even tapped into it here at Pine Street with our “April Showers” campaign collecting shower items for Shepherd of the Streets. And we’ll use it again for our “May Flowers” campaign collecting money for Sojourner’s Truth garden space.

We use it so much that it’s easy to dismiss it as little more than a trite cliché. But, as I once heard someone say “A cliché is a statement that has proven to hold enough truth that it is has been used over and over.” And this statement certainly holds a truth.

While we may wish for continual sunshine, the truth is that without April showers, there cannot be May flowers. It’s a reminder that good things in life often come after a difficult period. Periods of difficulty often produce some of the sweetest blessings.

“April showers bring May flowers” may not be in the Bible. But the truth it points to certainly is! Notice the promises contained in the following verses.

APRIL SHOWERS	MAY FLOWERS
<p>Habakkuk 3:17 Though the fig tree may not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines... and the fields yield no food; though the flock may be cut off from the fold, and there be no herds in the stalls.</p>	<p>Habakkuk 3:18 - Yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will joy in the God of my salvation.</p>
<p>Psalm 126:5 Those who sow in tears.</p>	<p>Psalm 126:5 shall reap in joy.</p>
<p>Matthew 5:11 Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My (Jesus') sake</p>	<p>Matthew 5:12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.</p>
<p>2 Corinthians 6:10 As sorrowful, as poor, as having nothing,</p>	<p>2 Corinthians 6:10 yet always rejoicing; yet making many rich yet possessing all things.</p>

This past year has contained plenty of “April Showers.” As the pandemic and all its difficulties look like they are coming to an end, it’s time we start to look for the May

flowers. We talk about returning to normal, but if we look closely we will see some ways in which our world is better now than it was before. What gifts has God given us in wake of the pandemic?

~Pastor James

OFFICE HOURS –

Monday - Friday – 8 AM – 2PM

<http://www.pinestreetumc.org>

[Check us out on Facebook](#)

Online Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning

9AM & 11AM

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.

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.

COMBINED JUNE/JULY PINE NEEDLE

Please have any material for the **June/July Pine Needle** in the church office no later than Monday, May17th. Any early submissions are appreciated.

COMBINED AUGUST/SEPTEMBER PINE NEEDLE

Please have any material for the **August/September Pine Needle** in the church office no later than Monday, July19th. Any early submissions are appreciated.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

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.

ADDITIONAL NEWS FROM PINE STREET CHURCH

LOST LOVED ONE

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

- Family of Todd Knight – in the death of Todd's wife Nancy who passed away on April 15th
- Pastor Doug and Dee Eberly in the recent death of both of Doug's parents
- Family of David Bartraw who passed away April 23rd

200 by 200 UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that Margaret Piper has agreed to be our Project Champion. In that role she will oversee all of our goals and actions and provide encouragement as we work through our initiatives.

Our vision statement has been presented to the congregation and on Sunday, April 18th members were introduced to Mark Meyer, our consultant, by way of a video. Our team recently took part in a zoom 2 hour work session with him focusing on our 90 day priorities.

As many of you can see, we have been making improvements to the A/V area of the church. The new booth is just the beginning. Coming soon are a second camera for a better live stream experience and a new digital sound board that will combine all the sound in the sanctuary to one modern digital control back in the A/V booth. Other improvements are coming. Thank you to all who have contributed to this project.



The 200 x 200 Team

<u>Pastor:</u> James Wooster	200TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR 2026	<u>Project Champion:</u> Margaret Piper
<u>Staffing and Structure</u> Mark Porter Nick Grimes	<u>New Worship Initiatives</u> Donna Diermyer Jake Sekel	<u>Communications</u> Dale Diermyer Barb Flock

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

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 Grimes*

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?



IT'S A SECRET

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER

Happy 90th Birthday to Marlene Daneker

May 19th

1306 Pennsylvania Ave.

Williamsport PA 17701

Let's brighten her special day!

THANK YOU!

Connie Dahl wishes to thank people for cards and other kindnesses. She greatly appreciated them. She has been moved to her daughter's home but still has limited mobility. If you wish to send her a card her address is Mrs. Connie Dahl, 1030 Louisa Street Williamsport PA 17701.



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

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

Riggle, Lesli & Robert	May 04
Adams, Eric & Kristin	May 05
Kindon, Robert & Christine (Rogers)	May 05
Moyer, Charles & Jean	May 06
Maeulen, James & Susan (Konkle)	May 09
Parente, Anthony & Judith (Gouldin)	May 15
Shoff, Thomas & Sharleen	May 16
Bishop, G William & Nancy (Wilkinson)	May 17
Gower, Walter & Pamela	May 23
Belzer, Joseph & Caitlin	May 24
Huyck, John & Linda (Robinson)	May 25
Burget, James & Kara (Mish)	May 27
Hartman, Heather & Timothy	May 28
Clark, Dennis & Sally (Hunt)	May 29

*This is the day that the LORD has made;
 let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Psalm 118:24

May	Day
Elyann Hoskins	May 01
Aynslie French	May 02
Barbara Johnson	May 02
Christine Nevill	May 02
Robert Riggle	May 02
Sharleen Shoff	May 02
Valleri Smith	May 02
Kent Young	May 02
Glenda Breon	May 03
Alex McWilliams	May 03
Shirley Springman	May 03
Emily Herb	May 04
Paula Yenner	May 04
Gene Weigle	May 05
Mark Nevill	May 06
Amelia Peterson	May 06
Shari Poust	May 06
Connie Smith	May 06
Linda Wright	May 07
Krislin Banzhof	May 09
John Belzer	May 09
G William Bishop	May 10
Austin Morgan	May 10
James Springman	May 10
Scott Williams	May 10
Gary Helsel	May 11
Brenda Long (Beaghley)	May 11
Michael Person	May 11
Dana Pick	May 11
David Staccone	May 11
Suzanne Heilman	May 12
Noah Reed	May 12
Mikalyn Boatman	May 13
Geneva Ertel	May 13
Esther Horner	May 13
Allen Page	May 13
Karl Ivers	May 15

Kelly Allmaras	May 16
Jackquelyn Brooks	May 16
Christopher Miller	May 16
Judy Staccone	May 17
Victoria Young	May 17
Mckenna Rosser	May 18
Mark Sauers	May 18
Robert Schell	May 18
Marlene Daneker	May 19
Bertha Hall	May 19
Linda Huyck	May 19
William Russell	May 19
Ayana Schork	May 19
Larry Breon	May 21
Mia James	May 21
Alyssa Sick	May 21
Mary Bower	May 22
Laraine Cooper	May 22
Elijah Grimes	May 23
Ryder Haines	May 23
Cody Sechrist	May 23
Erin Hubbard	May 25
Brian Paulhamus	May 25
Jacob Person	May 25
Madeleine Wittle	May 25
Francis Beaghley	May 26
Zoe Mosier	May 26
Cynthia Person	May 26
Amanda Stanzione	May 26
Jim Benson	May 28
Justin Pandolfi	May 28
John Ryder	May 28
Kile Banzhof	May 30
Susan Stopper	May 30
Susan Koser	May 31
Nicole Perry	May 31

May Birthdays

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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

Serving Christ for nearly 200 years