



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

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THE PINE NEEDLE – September 2022

A Note from the Pastor

In 1882, the Central Labor Union of New York City wanted to create “a day off for the working citizen.” The idea caught on and in 1894 Labor Day became a federal holiday. According to the US Department of Labor, the day is a “tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.”

However, I suspect that over Labor Day weekend most of us, instead of contemplating the contributions of workers, did everything we could to forget about work. Instead, we enjoyed the last few hours of summer as we sat around our picnic tables daydreaming about how nice life would be if we didn’t have to work.

I don’t want to be a wet blanket and make you feel guilty for enjoying a long weekend, but I do want to remind you that while a day off is nice (and necessary!), there is something good about work. Genesis 2:15 tells us that “The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden to work it and take care of it.” Work is part of the goodness of God’s creation. The Garden was not a place where Adam and Eve sat around all day eating fruit; instead, it was the place God put them to work. In fact, some might argue that work is one of the ways Adam and Eve live out the image of God (after all no other creature is specifically placed in the garden and given a job to do).

Work is a way we become partners with God in creation. God does the creating and we do the caring. God does the heavy lifting of bringing things into existence and then it’s up to us to nurture, protect and preserve them. This is a good thing. It’s not until after Adam and Eve are disobedient that work becomes a curse. It’s only after Adam and Eve drive a wedge between themselves and God that work is drained of its goodness.

It may be too late to change the plans you’ve put in place to celebrate Labor Day on Sept 5th, but it’s not too late to change your mind about what happens when you return to work. What if instead of viewing your job as a curse, you viewed it as a gift? What if instead of working for a living, you decided to view your work as participation with God? What if instead of looking for a paycheck, you looked for God’s goodness? Imagine 8 hours a day spent in God’s presence, experiencing his blessing, partnering in his creation. What could happen if we viewed our jobs not as a place we had to go, but as somewhere we were placed by God?

You may think it strange, but as I type this, I have a Christmas song running through my head. The second verse of *Joy to the World*, says “[Christ] comes to make his blessings known, far as the curse is found.” I think that includes our jobs. So take a day off, grill a burger or two, but on Tuesday, return to work determined to make Christ’s blessings known.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor James

SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS @ PINE STREET

- September 5th Labor Day Holiday, Office Closed**
- September 12th Food Bank, 1-3 p.m. @ Wahoo Drive, Wmspt.**
- September 14th United Women in Faith, 12:30p.m. @ St. Paul Calvary Church**
- September 18th Hunger Action Month collection begins. Collection box in Lobby. We are Collecting Kidney Beans, Tomato Sauce, Mayo, Ground Coffee & Sugar**
- September 21st Leadership Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Lobby**
- September 24th UWF Annual Day, Registration starts @ 9:30. Program 10 a – 3p**
- September 24th Open Dance, 7 p.m. Fellowship Hall**
- September 26th Outreach Meeting, 1 p.m. Meeting Room**

ALTAR FLOWERS

September 4th & 11th is available for altar flowers. Contact Susan Bielski @ (570) 326-0758. Cost is \$25.00.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

September 21st – UWF meeting at St. Paul Calvary Church, 12:30 p.m.

September 24th - Williamsport District UWF Annual Day @ Pine Street UMC. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. Program from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Lunch will be served. Keynote Speaker: Rev. Angelique Labadie-Cihanowyz, Sojourner Truth Ministries. Contact Karen Cook (570) 998-2066 or Pat Wittig (570) 322-4330 for registration forms.

Community events and dates of interest

Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) – Begins Monday September 12th, 5-9 p.m. @ Pine Street UMC.

Community Gospel Choir – Looking for singers! Practice is Tuesdays 5:00 p.m. @ Diamond Street Christian Church, 822 Diamond St., Wmspt. Contact Ron Johnson @ (570) 974-8681.

Strengthening Families Program – Tuesdays 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Beginning October 4th at Pine Street UMC. For families with children 10-14. Childcare provided. Contact Lydia (570) 337-4269 to register or for details.

JVB Library Sale – October 6th 5-8 p.m., 7th 9a-6p & 8th 9a-3p. at PSUMC Fellowship Hall.

Bloodmobile @ Pine Street – October 17, 2022, February 16, 2023, April 17, 2023 & June 13, 2023

Laps Yard Sale – October 22nd. PSUMC Fellowship Hall.

Thank
you 

A day of fellowship & PAINT...Pastor James, Michelle, Karis & Isaac, Todd Knight, Kathryn Penfield, Maureen Pratt, and Lisa McGinniss were joined by Ben & Flicka from First UMC to paint at the Salvation Army. We accomplished the goal of painting their social hall & hallway. What a blessing to be able to serve others!! Mark your calendars for July 31, 2023!

HUGE Thanks ...to Judie Scott and all the volunteers who donated, set-up, tore-down and worked the sale. Your efforts did not go unnoticed.

PRAYER CHAIN

Do you have someone or something you'd like us to lift up in prayer? A need? A decision? Life changes? Maybe patience, wisdom or understanding... **Our Prayer Warriors are available for you!** Prayer requests may be submitted to Carole Fulmer or Marilyn Kern, in the offering box or the church office (office@pinestreetumc.org).

WAYS TO SUPPORT PSUMC FINANCIALLY

TAKING ORDERS...for 2023 offering envelopes. If you would like to order some or if you would like to be removed from receiving offering envelopes, please contact Lisa at the church office.

Green offering envelopes are available for those who wish to use them. And as always, cash or checks may be given. We have a locked box in the Lobby. Some also wish to mail in their offering to the church office.

OCTOBER PINE NEEDLE

Please have any material for the **October Pine Needle** in the church office no later than **Monday, September 24th**. If possible, please send all articles to the church via email or provide a typed copy.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
9am - Adult & Youth 10am - Worship	Church Office Closed Labor Day 6pm - AA Meeting WH	BLaST	BLaST 10:30am - Weight 6pm - Weight	BLaST 10:30am - Praise Team 7pm - Sanctuary Choir	BLaST	BLaST
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9am - Adult & Youth 10am - Worship	BLaST 1pm - Food Bank 5pm - Bible Study 6pm - AA Meeting WH	BLaST	BLaST 10:30am - Weight 12:30pm - United Women 6pm - Weight	BLaST 10:30am - Praise Team 7pm - Sanctuary Choir	BLaST	BLaST
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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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

Witnessing to our faith and serving Christ in our Community