



*Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.*

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## THE PINE NEEDLE – MAY 2023

### *A Note from the Pastor*

Unless you plan to send Priscilla Presley a birthday card, May 24th is not likely a day you have marked on your calendar. But it's a day that's important in Methodist history.

John Wesley is credited with being the founder of the Methodist church. John was born in 1703 as one of 19 children. Although John was born into a clergy family, John struggled to find peace with God. Even though John was ordained by the Church of England, he knew something was missing from his faith. He would describe himself in his journals as having "A fair summer religion." His faith served him well only as long as things were easy, but John would write, "let death look me in the face, and my spirit is troubled."

John (and his brother, Charles) agreed to serve as missionaries to the Georgia colony. During the ocean crossing, their ship was caught in a terrible storm. John was terrified but noticed a group of Moravian Christians praying and praising God peacefully during the storm. He wondered how they could have such peace. Unfortunately, the Georgia mission did not go well, and both John and Charles returned London after only a few months. John would write in his journal "I went to America to convert the Indians, but, Oh, who will convert me?"

On May 24, 1738, John very reluctantly went to a church service held somewhere on Aldersgate Street in London. Here's how he described what happened that day:

[On May 24, 1738] in the evening, I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the epistle to the Romans. While he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death. John wanted others to know the peace, love, and joy that he had found. He began to speak, preach, and teach, calling people to a deep personal faith.

As May 24th comes near, perhaps, it would do us all well to ask ourselves a few questions:

- 1) Has my heart ever been "strangely warmed?"
- 2) Do I truly trust in Christ, or do I trust that I will be good enough?

I would suggest spending some time this month reflecting on what we call the Wesleyan Covenant prayer, written by John.

"God, I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you, praised for you or criticized for you. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service. In Jesus' name, amen."

## *Pastor James*

### **Praying For Pine Street with the Apostle Paul**

Each month, we're featuring one of the prayers the Apostle Paul prayed over his churches. We invite you to allow his prayers to shape and inform your prayers for Pine Street, others and even yourself. Try praying the passage itself, making Paul's prayer your own by slightly paraphrasing it to insert either your name, the names of others or Pine Street Church. Pray through the full prayer several times, covering various persons and groups, and adjusting the pronouns as needed.

This month's prayer is from Philemon 4-6.

4) I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, 5) because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. 6) I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ.



### **Leadership Team Update (4/19/23)**

#### Action Items:

Funding for the purchase of our first AED will be paid for by a combination of the following undesignated memorial funds: John E. Person, Jr., Charlotte T. Person, and the balance from Carolyn Rosser.

Funding of the \$19,139.75 deficit from the 2022 budget will be paid from the Endowment Fund. Proceeds from the Souper Bowl Sunday collection will be given to the Central Pa. Food Bank. Approval for West Branch Drug and Alcohol to use Pine St. Church in the event of a community tragedy to hold a full staff meeting.

#### Discussion Items:

Scholarship Committee

Schoonover Contract Renewal

Phone system replacement

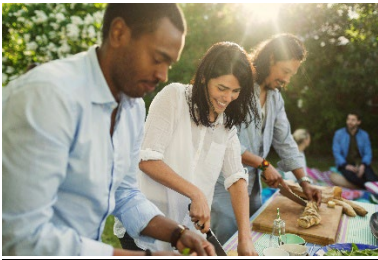
Facility updates

YMCA has signed an agreement to use Pine St. Church for their summer program

Tickets have been purchased for the June 11th Crosscutters Game  
Children of Evangelism and Fellowship have requested space for their summer program

**Please keep the Leadership Team in your prayers as they seek to serve both Christ and his Church.**

- ☐ Pray for members of the Leadership Team to gain wisdom from the Word.
- ☐ Pray for members of the Leadership Team to speak boldly on behalf of the Lord.
- ☐ Pray for members of the Leadership Team to have perseverance and courage during difficult times.
- ☐ Pray for members of the Leadership Team to honor God in all their decisions.
- ☐ Pray for members of the Leadership Team to have patience with members of the church.
- ☐ Pray for members of the Leadership Team to lead their congregation on a godly path of righteousness.



## Fellowship & Refreshments

We invite you to join us following the Sunday morning worship service for some fellowship & refreshments. **We want to get to know you!** And if you would like to provide refreshments (homemade or bought) any Sunday, please contact Gail Maurer at 570-419-4781.

OFFICE HOURS—

**Monday - Friday – 8 AM – 2PM**

**Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> -Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> office hours 9 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> OFFICE CLOSED**

**Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> OFFICE CLOSED**

**See us on the web and on Facebook** <http://www.pinestreetumc.org>

## Worship Schedule

***9AM Adult & Youth Sunday School***

## 10AM Worship

## 10AM Children's Program

## **STAYING CONNECTED**

**RADIO SERVICE:** You can tune in at **9AM** for our previous week's service on WHPA 1340AM and 101.7 FM

Not able to make it to in-house worship? You are able to join us by **"Live Stream."** The links will be found in the weekly email, on our Facebook page each week or go to [www.pinestreetumc.org](http://www.pinestreetumc.org)



**AED** – We would like to purchase a 2<sup>nd</sup> AED for the church. From April 16<sup>th</sup> – May 21<sup>st</sup> we are collecting monetary donations. If you would like to contribute to this purchase, checks may be made payable to “Pine Street UMC”. Please identify your donation “AED”.

**FOOD PANTRY** – During the month of May (1<sup>st</sup> -31<sup>st</sup>) we will be collecting for our food pantry. With costs rising, pandemic funds over and the school year coming to an end, food insecurities may be on the rise. Let's pray together for those affected by this and replenish our food supply so we may continue blessing families through this ministry.

**CYBER SCHOOL TESTING** – May 1<sup>st</sup> – May 19<sup>th</sup> Pine Street will again be hosting Cyber Schools for their student testing. During this time, and for security reasons, we ask that everyone visiting the church please use the **FRONT DOORS ONLY**.

**CHURCH OUTING:** Take me out to the ball game....Join us for an evening at the ballpark. The Williamsport Crosscutters will take on the Mahoning Valley Scrappers @ 4:05 p.m. Sunday, June 11, 2023. Tickets are FREE. Sign-up sheet located in the Lobby or contact Lisa at the church office.

**TRANSFORM 2023** – Mark your calendars for Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup> to Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, for First Church's Transform 2023. A weekly event helping our neighbors with various projects. Anything from painting, weeding, planting to repairs, clean-ups, and clean-outs. Pine Street is planning to have a team again this year. More information will be forthcoming. Interested? Questions? Contact Lisa @ the church office.

**SUMMER PROGRAM** – The YMCA Child-Age Summer Program will be using our building again this summer beginning Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Children are ages 10-12. They are here from 6:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.

## **ON THE CALENDAR FOR MAY@ PINE STREET**

- May 1<sup>st</sup>**            **Foundation Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - ~~CANCELLED~~**
- May 3<sup>rd</sup>**            **UWF Women's Banquet, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall. Tickets on sale now. \$13.00 Adults, \$7.50 6-12, 5 & under Free. Food by The Station House. Music by the Williamsport High School Music Dept. Contact Pat Wittig or the church office.**
- May 5<sup>th</sup>**            **UWF May Friendship Day**
- May 7<sup>th</sup>**            **Choir & Musician Luncheon -Immediately following morning worship, Fellowship Hall. RSVP by May 4<sup>th</sup>.**
- May 8<sup>th</sup>**            **Food Bank, 1-3 p.m. @ PA Food Bank, Wahoo Dr., Williamsport, Pa**
- May 14<sup>th</sup>**           **Mother's Day**
- May 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>**   **Archives & History Meetings**
- May 18<sup>th</sup>**           **Preachers Aid Meeting**
- May 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>**   **Annual Conference, Community Arts Center**
- May 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>**   **Church Office Hours 9 a.m.-12 p.m.**
- May 26<sup>th</sup>**           **Church Office Closed**
- May 27<sup>th</sup>**           **Open Dance, 7-10 p.m., Gym (Fellowship Hall)**
- May 29<sup>th</sup>**           **Memorial Day. Church Office Closed**



## **Scholarship Applications**

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 5<sup>th</sup> and determine the recipients. Applications are available from the church office. ~ Nancy Lady

## **UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**

**Women's Banquet** – May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall. \$13.00/Adults, \$7.50/6-12, Free/5 & under.

**May Friendship Day** – May 5<sup>th</sup>, 12 p.m. (Noon), South Williamsport UMC. Celebration @ 1:15 p.m. Cost: \$13.00/pp.

**Spring Picnic** – June 7<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m. Pine Street, Wesley Hall

**Cancelled Stamps** – The UWF will **NO** longer be collecting cancelled stamps for missions.

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## **ANOTHER BABY BLESSING...WELCOME**

HAZEL RENEE MCKIM, BORN APRIL 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 6 LBS 9 OZ

PARENTS: NICK & DAISY MCKIM (DAISY IS PINE STREET'S OUTREACH DIRECTOR)

## *Community events and dates of interest*

**Community Prayer** – Community National Day of Prayer, **Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30 p.m.** in Ways Garden (corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Maynard Streets). Bring seating and gather for a time of guided prayer. There will be inspirational music, scripture & prayer led by volunteers from our community. Sponsored by Lycoming Centre Outreach 570-494-0474.

**West Branch Chorale** – The Master, The Movements, The Musicals. An Eclectic Choral Concert. **Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 3 p.m.** Pine Street UMC Sanctuary.

**Beef & Boogie** – '70's & 80's Dance. Fun, Food and Festivities sponsored by YMAC – Young Minds After Christ. **Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm-9pm.** Pine Street Fellowship Hall/Wesley Hall. \$12.00 cost includes food (ie burger, dogs & meatballs & sides).

**MOSES** – Sight & Sound Bus Trip, **June 13<sup>th</sup>. Leaving Wmspt at 6:30 a.m., returning at 7:30 p.m.** Cost is \$140.00pp. Reserve your seat now. Deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup> or when bus is full. Call United Churches @ (570) 322-1110.

**Church Women United** – State Assembly, **July 15, 2023, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.** Pine Street UMC. Meet & Greet, July 14<sup>th</sup> 7-9 p.m. Registration \$40.00. "Glorify God in All We Do", Romans: 15:5-6. Contact United Churches @ (570) 322-1110



**Gate House Golf** – The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Gate House Golf Tournament, **August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023**, Berwick Golf Club, Berwick, PA. Four Person Scramble – Shotgun Start. \$100/golfer. 8 a.m. Registration. 9 a.m. Start. Registration includes cart, hot dog, and lunch.

Golf Tournament – Save the date! 12<sup>th</sup> Annual United Churches of Lycoming County Golf Tournament will be **Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m.** shotgun start at White Deer Golf Course. The cost per person is \$110.00.

## *Thank you...*

*Thank you so much for allowing us to use this beautiful church for Abby & Alec's wedding. We are very thankful she was able to get married in her home church ~ The Nevills*



## PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE

Hospitals are no longer contacting Pastors/Churches upon admission. So please be sure to contact us if you are in the Emergency Room or admitted to a hospital.

**Our Prayer Warriors are available for you!** Prayer requests may be submitted to **Marilyn Kern** at (570) 323-7814 or [pennstate326@aol.com](mailto:pennstate326@aol.com), or **Pat Wittig** at (570) 322-4330, placed in the offering plate or directly to the church office ([office@pinestreetumc.org](mailto:office@pinestreetumc.org)).

*“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2 NIV*

## WAYS TO SUPPORT PSUMC FINANCIALLY

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7*

**2023 Offering envelopes are available for pick up in the church lobby. If you are unable to pick yours up, please contact the church office for other arrangements.** Green offering envelopes are available for those who wish to use them. And as always, cash or checks may be given. Some also wish to mail in their offering to the church office.

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Please have any material for the **June Pine Needle** in the church office no later than **Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**. If possible, please send all articles to the church via email or provide a typed copy.

# *Just for fun...*

## 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
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!*

## RED GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST

**Cost: \$3.50**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number Ordered:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Amount Due:** \_\_\_\_\_

Orders may be placed in the offering box or in the church office. Include payment with your order – make checks payable to Pine Street UMC and include “Geraniums” in the memo line.

**Deadline for orders is Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.**

Plants may be picked up following the Worship Service on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	BLaST 8am - PA Virtual School 5:15pm - Music Together 6pm - AA Meeting WH 6pm - Foundation Meeting- 6:30pm - BSF	BLaST 8am - PA Virtual School	BLaST 8am - PA Virtual School 10:30am - Weight Watchers 6pm - UWF Women's Banquet 6pm - Weight Watchers	BLaST 8am - PA Virtual School 10:30am - Praise Team 7pm - Sanctuary Choir	BLaST 12pm - UWF Friendship Day	9am - District 48 AA
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*May 2023*



## Pine Street United Methodist Church

### **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](http://www.pinestreetumc.org)

Check out Pine Street UMC Facebook page

**Witnessing to our faith and serving Christ in our Community**