



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

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THE PINE NEEDLE – JUNE 2023

A Note from the Pastor

The first recorded use of the word “Christian” is found in Acts 11. We read, “The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.” We hear the term again in Acts 26. King Agrippa says to the Apostle Paul, “Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?” What may not be obvious on the surface is that the word Christian was used by outsiders and initially intended to mock and demean. Society saw Christians as fools (some might even say criminals) who worshipped an obscure “loser” who was crucified for His deluded insistence that He was the promised Jewish messiah (Christ in Greek).

The term preferred by Christians seems to be “followers of the Way.” “The Way” was a kind of “code name” that captured the essence of what Jesus claimed to be: “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6) In taking the name “Followers of the Way, early Christians were pointing to Jesus as the only way to salvation.

“Followers of the Way” also implies that our faith is a journey. We’re going somewhere. There is no standing still as a follower of Jesus. Pastor Paul Hickernell at House on the Rock Church in Piqua, Ohio says it this way: “Our faith is a journey. And like a journey, it has a direction. It has a purpose. You can get off the path.

But praise God, by grace, you can also get back on the path. Like a journey there is a place we are looking to, and there is a place that we have left. A place that we are moving towards. . . God is calling you to a road trip with him.”

This summer we are focusing on that idea of faith as a road trip. (Most) Sunday mornings, we’ll be looking at various road trips of the bible. We’ll hear stories of Abraham, Moses, Paul, and Namaan to name a few. Some people are on road trips in search of God. Others are running away from God. Some are taking their road trip by choice, while others have no options. But regardless of the circumstances, they all discover God along the road.

I’m inviting you to help us remember in a visual way that Jesus is with us wherever we go. In the lobby is a table filled with Jesus cutouts. Please take a cut-out Jesus with you wherever you go this summer. Whether that’s someplace exotic or someplace closer home, whether it’s to the beach or to the grocery store, whether it’s a trip you want to take or not. Somewhere along your journey, stop and take a picture of you and the cut-out Jesus. Mail or text your photos to photos@pinestreetumc.org. We’ll use the pictures in worship and on social media (unless you tell us not to). They will serve as visual reminders that Jesus is with us wherever we are.

I am looking forward to seeing where the road takes you this summer!

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 **Romans 15:13**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.



Leadership Team Update (5/17/23)

No Leadership Meeting was held in May.
Next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 21st

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

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 WWPA 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



Altar Flowers – Sunday, June 11th and Sunday, June 18th are available for you to provide flowers in memory or honor of someone special to you. Contact Barb Flock @ 570-326-6970 today. Cost is \$25.00

AED – Thank you to those who have donated towards the purchase of a 2nd AED for the church. Donations can still be made. We will keep you posted on when the 2nd AED arrives and its location. 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 – You did it again! Thank you so much for your generosity. Our pantry once again is filled to the brim.

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.

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

Church Yard Sale – Friday and Saturday, July 21st, 8-3 & July 22nd, 8-12. Clean & unbroken items are being accepted now and may be dropped off at the church between the hours of 9 a.m. & 1 p.m. Monday thru Friday. For larger items or pick-up of your items, please contact the church office 570-323-4604. To volunteer, please contact Phyllis Barger @ 570-360-3440.

TRANSFORM 2023 – Mark your calendars for Monday, July 31st to Friday, August 4th, 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.

ON THE CALENDAR FOR MAY@ PINE STREET

June 7th **United Women in Faith, Summer Picnic, 6 p.m. Wesley Hall. Bring a friend!**

June 11th **Crosscutters Baseball Game, 4 p.m. Contact the church office for your tickets today.**

June 11th-17th **Family Promise Week. Volunteer to make a meal for the families. Contact the church office for more information.**

June 12th **YMCA School-Age Summer Program starts.**

June 13th **Bloodmobile, 1 p.m. Fellowship Hall**

June 18th **Father’s Day**

June 24th **Open Dance, 7 p.m. Fellowship Hall**

July 4th **Independence Day. Church Office **CLOSED****



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Spring Picnic – June 7th, 6 p.m. Pine Street, Wesley Hall. Meat, beverages & table service will be provided. Bring a tureen dish to share. We will have a speaker from North Central Food Bank. All women are welcome.

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

Community events and dates of interest

COFFEE HOUR: Thomas T. Taber Museum featuring Rev Charles & Donna Johnson. **June 8th at 10:00 a.m.**

MOSES – Sight & Sound Bus Trip, **June 13th**. **Leaving Wmspt at 6:30 a.m., returning at 7:30 p.m.** Cost is \$140.00pp. 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 14th 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 14th Annual Gate House Golf Tournament, **August 17th, 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! 12th Annual United Churches of Lycoming County Golf Tournament will be **Saturday, September 29th, 9 a.m.** shotgun start at White Deer Golf Course. The cost per person is \$110.00.

Thank you...

We are so blessed to have your guidance and support and for joining us as we placed our parents at their final resting place ~ The Portanova Family

I give sincere thanks to God for laying upon your heart the ministry of the Shepherd of the Streets. We continue to provide medication, travel for medical appointments and glasses through your support ~ Pastor Mark Brumbach, Shepherd of the Streets



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, or **Pat Wittig** at (570) 322-4330, placed in the offering plate or directly to the church office (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.



JUNE PINE NEEDLE

Please have any material for the **July Pine Needle** in the church office no later than **Monday, June 26th**. 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
			BLaST 7pm - Sanctuary Choir	BLaST 7pm - Sanctuary Choir	BLaST	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9am - Adult & Youth Sunday 10am - Worship	BLaST 6pm - AA Meeting WH	BLaST	BLaST 10:30am - Weight Watchers 6pm - UWF in Faith Spring 6pm - Weight Watchers	BLaST 7pm - Sanctuary Choir	BLaST	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Family Promise Week						
9am - Adult & Youth Sunday 10am - Worship 4pm - Crosscutters Ballgame 6:30pm - AA- Jeff's group	6pm - AA Meeting WH	1pm - Bloodmobile-FH	Flag Day 10:30am - Weight Watchers 6pm - Weight Watchers	7pm - Sanctuary Choir		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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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

Check out Pine Street UMC Facebook page

Witnessing to our faith and serving Christ in our Community