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THE PINE NEEDLE – JULY 2023

Annual Conference Report

Pine Street was represented by Pat Wittig and Dale Diermyer along with Pastor James at the Susquehanna Annual Conference. A Special Session was held on May 17, 2023, to vote on disaffiliation requests and the regular session was held May 18-20, 2023, at the Community Arts Center in Williamsport. Presiding of the Annual Conference sessions were our resident bishops, Cynthia Moore-Koikoi and Sandra Steiner Ball.

At the Special Session, the Annual Conference approved requests from 141 churches, including 30 churches from the Williamsport District, for disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church. Some of the actions taken during the regular Annual Conference session of Susquehanna Conference included:

- ☐ Approval of the Annual Conference budget for 2024. The 2024 budget is \$1,535,544 lower than the 2023 budget which potentially will keep Shares of Ministry the same as 2023 or possibly reduce them.
- ☐ Elected General/Jurisdictional Conference delegates, both clergy and laity, to fill vacancies in the delegation left by delegates elected for the 2020 General Conference that are no longer available to serve.
- ☐ Elected slate of nominations for Conference Boards and Agencies.
- ☐ Approved clergy benefit plans and equitable salary schedule.
- ☐ Passed a resolution requesting that General Conference extend the sunset date on Paragraph 2553 to December 31, 2026.

- ❑ Did not pass a resolution requesting that a special session of Susquehanna Annual Conference be held to allow additional opportunity for churches to request disaffiliation before the December 31, 2023, deadline.
- ❑ Passed a resolution supporting the Christmas Covenant legislation of 2019.

There were several other resolutions that were before the Annual Conference. The descriptions and the results of the discussions can be found on the website below. Several resolutions in the booklet were withdrawn and so there was no discussion or action on those. The Annual Conference also received reports from Conference Boards and Agencies which are included in the Annual Conference booklet also available on the website below.

Worship is an important part of Annual Conference gatherings. The Celebration of Life and Resurrection was a remembrance of clergy and clergy spouses who have died in the last year. Rev. Charles Moyer was remembered during this service. The Celebration of Ministry service included the ordination of ministerial candidates and the celebration of the service of retiring pastors. Rev Doug Eberly was recognized for his ministry in this service.

To read the Annual Conference booklet containing the legislation and reports presented at Annual Conference or view videos and photos of sessions and worship services, go to susumc.org and click on the link for Annual Conference.

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 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13:

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.



Leadership Team Update (6/21/23)

Action Items:

Approved the use of undesignated memorial gifts to fund the phone system replacement and internet infrastructure system. The cost for the phone system is \$2,047 and the cost for the internet system is \$5,908.62. Both replacements will be done by Susquehanna Computer Innovations.

Approved the use of undesignated memorial gifts to fund a Structural and Staffing Workshop with our Unstuck consultant, Mark Meyer. The cost of the 2-day workshop is \$5,000.

Discussion Items:

Creation of a 200 Year Anniversary (2026) Committee. Please let the office know if you are interested in serving on this committee.

Disposal of old pianos

A continuation of discussions with Faxon Kenmar on a possible merger

Announcements:

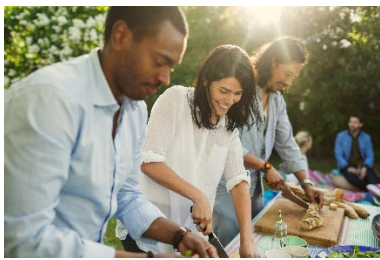
Our church received a \$15,000 grant from the United Methodist Foundation of Penna. for security upgrades. The Leadership Team would like to thank Nick Grimes for all of his diligent work on this grant. Thank you, Nick!

Dale Diermyer shared a report from Annual Conference.

July 16 will be Sundae Sunday. A light lunch with ice cream will be served following the service.

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.

NEW OFFICE HOURS –

Monday - Thursday – 8 AM – 2:30 PM

Friday – 8 AM – 12 PM

Tuesday, July 4th – Church Office CLOSED

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

Worship Schedule

9AM Adult & Youth Sunday School

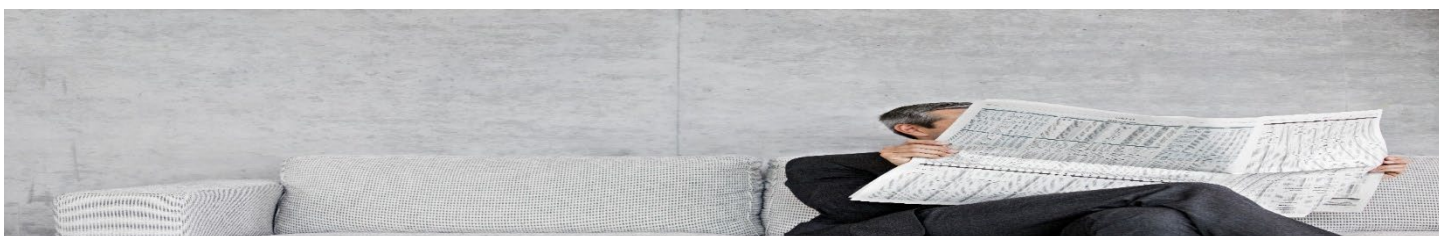
10AM Worship

10AM Children's Program

STAYING CONNECTED

RADIO SERVICE: You can tune in at **9AM** for our previous week's service on 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



Attention Pine Street Students: If you have graduated from high school and plan to enter a **FULL-TIME** post high school course of study, we have some encouraging help for you. Our Leadership Team

and Scholarship Committee have joined forces to establish an Education Award available to any Pine Street member or affiliate. This award is for \$200.00 to encourage you in your education goals, and the only requirement is that you are a full-time student and that you keep us informed of your course of study and your school. This award can be renewed each year that you are a full-time student. We know that education is key to meeting goals!! Please contact the church office for an application. Deadline for applications is September 30th.

Second Mile Giving – July-December 2023 recipient is Saving Grace Shelter. Saving Grace is a 24-bed family day-to-day emergency shelter on the corner of Grace and Campbell Streets in Williamsport. While there residents are required to set housing goals with the case manager and work on those goals daily to obtain affordable, permanent housing.

Altar Flowers – Sundays July 9th & July 30th are available. Cost is \$25.00. Contact Cathy Marr @ 570-433-0244.

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. **Last day for donations is Friday, July 14th.** To volunteer, please contact Phyllis Barger @ 570-360-3440 or a sign-up sheet is located in the lobby. Set-up will be Wed., July 19th & Thurs., July 20th 10 am-3 pm. Tear down will be Saturday, July 22nd 12 pm-2 pm. We will take help to work the sale anytime you are available.

We will have a bake & food sale with the yard sale. Items are needed for both. Please contact Judie Scott (570-326-2587) if you are able to donate. Donated items may be dropped off at the church Thursday, July 20th 9 am – 2 pm.

5-day club – July 24th-July 28th, 3 p.m.-4 p.m. Pine Street Church. A mission of Children's Evangelism Fellowship. There will be songs, bible stories, games, prizes. The program is FREE to children 5 -12 yrs.

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 JULY@ PINE STREET

July 4th	Independence Day holiday – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
July 15th	Church Women United State Assembly, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
July 16th	Sundae Sunday, Fellowship Hall following the morning worship service. We will have a light lunch of bbq, macaroni salad & baked beans and sundaes!

July 19th	Leadership Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Wesley Hall
July 20th	UWF Mission U, 9 a.m., Lewisburg, PA
July 21st & 22nd	Church Yard Sale, Gym/Fellowship Hall
July 24th-28th	5-day club, 3 p.m.-4 p.m. FREE to children 5-12 yrs.
July 29th	Open Dance, 7 p.m.-10 p.m., Gym/Fellowship Hall
Aug 7th	Foundation Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Meeting Room



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Mission U Express Day – July 20th, 9 a.m. Best Western, Lewisburg, PA. All women are welcome.

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

Community events and dates of interest

Hygiene Collection – Shepherd of the Streets is currently collecting hygiene items such as razors, toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo & conditioner, toothbrushes & toothpaste, and dish detergent. These kits help families stretch their monthly budgets. You may contact Rev. Mark Brumbach @ 570-322-6538.

Institutional Ministries – The United Churches of Lycoming County needs volunteers. You do not need to be an ordained minister, just a heart to share God's Word. Please contact Ms. Susan Shuman @ sshuman@pct.edu.

Handy Help, Office people & Light sleeper – These are some of the areas in which Sojourner Truth Ministries is looking for volunteers. If any of these interest you, please contact Angelique @ 570-323-1797 for more information.

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...

I'd like to thank both the pastor and John Piper for visiting me while I was in the hospital. John was there just about every day. I really appreciated the visits ~ Carol Shultz

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## 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*

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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### **AUGUST PINE NEEDLE**

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



| Sun                                                                     | Mon                                                 | Tue                                      | Wed                                                                                                          | Thu                                                                              | Fri                                                  | Sat              |
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| 25                                                                      | 26                                                  | 27                                       | 28                                                                                                           | 29                                                                               | 30                                                   | 1                |
| 9am - Adult & Youth Sunday<br>10am - Worship                            | 6pm - AA Meeting WH                                 | CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED<br>Independence Day | 10:30am - Weight Watchers<br>6pm - Weight Watchers                                                           | 8am - BLAST<br>7pm - Sanctuary Choir                                             |                                                      | 8                |
| 2                                                                       | 3                                                   | 4                                        | 5                                                                                                            | 6                                                                                | 7                                                    |                  |
| 9am - Adult & Youth Sunday<br>10am - Worship<br>2pm - Roberts Reception | 5:30pm - Music Together<br>6pm - AA Meeting WH      | 8am - BLAST                              | 10:30am - Weight Watchers<br>6pm - Weight Watchers                                                           | 8am - BLAST<br>7pm - Sanctuary Choir                                             | 4pm - Church Women United                            | 15               |
| 9                                                                       | 10                                                  | 11                                       | 12                                                                                                           | 13                                                                               | 14                                                   | 15               |
| 9am - Adult & Youth Sunday<br>10am - Worship<br>11:30am - Sunday Sundae | 6pm - AA Meeting WH                                 | 18                                       | 19                                                                                                           | 20                                                                               | 21                                                   | 22               |
| 16                                                                      | 17                                                  |                                          | 10am - Yard Sale Set-up<br>10:30am - Weight Watchers<br>6pm - Weight Watchers<br>6:30pm - Leadership Meeting | 9am - United Women in Faith-<br>10am - Yard Sale Set-up<br>7pm - Sanctuary Choir | 8am - Church Yard Sale<br>12pm - Yard Sale Tear Down |                  |
| 23                                                                      | 24                                                  | 25                                       | 26                                                                                                           | 27                                                                               | 28                                                   | 29               |
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| 30                                                                      | 31                                                  | 1                                        | 2                                                                                                            | 3                                                                                | 4                                                    | 5                |
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*July 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**