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THE PINE NEEDLE

April 2024

Note from the Pastor

Spring is finally here! Look around and you'll see signs of new life all around us. Trees beginning to bud. Flowers beginning to poke their heads out of the ground. The not-too-distant sound of a woodpecker. All around us "dead" things were coming back to life.

But, new life isn't just an outdoor thing. This season of new life in the natural world parallels so well the Easter season on the church calendar. During the 50 days of Easter, we remember Christ's resurrection and we celebrate the new life that he brings us. The natural world serves as a visible reminder that God is in the habit of bringing dead things back to life. The new life that Christ's resurrection brings is something that happens deep with our souls.

This spring also brings new life and new opportunities to us at Pine Street. I want to take a few minutes and highlight some of the "new" things happening in our life together.

There's the possibility of a merger with Faxon Kenmar. While we've been talking about it for a few months, a merger always brings the possibility of new people, new resources, new ideas, and new opportunities. You'll find a merger update later on in this newsletter.

The Rise Up Village Bakery is a relatively new ministry in our community. The bakery provides training in baking skills and offers support and guidance for individuals having difficulty in securing employment. We will be collecting baking supplies for The Rise Up Village Bakery beginning April 14th.

Family Promise has invited us to try a new thing. One of the things that Family Promise lost as a result of COVID-19 was the interaction between church members and the residents. Now that Family Promise residents stay at the day center rather than staying in area churches, it's far easier for us to simply drop off meals and leave. So, at some point during our week to host (April 21-27), we're going to host a potluck at the Family Promise building. This will give us a chance to connect with the residents and each other.

It's a little further out, but on May 30- June 1, the Susquehanna Annual Conference of the

United Methodist Church will once again meet in Williamsport. There will be over 1,000 people meeting at the CAC (just a block away) and they will be hungry! On Thursday, May 30th and Friday May 31st, we will be making bagged lunches to help feed the conference-goers. We can use your help! Stay tuned for more details.

I look forward to what new things God will do in our lives and in our church this spring!

Pastor James



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 - Thursday – 8 AM – 2:30 PM

Friday – 8 AM – 12 PM

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

Worship Schedule *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 can 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



Spring Collection: April 15th – May 15th we will be collecting baking supplies for Rise Up Village Bakery! Rise Up Village Bakery works with recently released inmates to help them learn skills to join the workforce. Breads, muffins and cookies are some the fairs they offer. You can be added to their weekly email list, find them on Facebook or visit their location at New Covenant Church, 202 E. 3rd St., Williamsport. Access is from Academy Street on the west side of the building.

Items we are collecting are granulated sugar, brown sugar, powdered sugar, vanilla, raisins, coconut, unsweetened cocoa powder, and chocolate chips. Gift cards to Weis and Aldi's for eggs, butter and milk as also an option.

Family Promise Week – April 21st-27th. We will be providing meals for the families at Family Promise. There are several ways to participate; you can make a meal; you can purchase the ingredients for a meal the families themselves will cook or you may donated money towards a meal.

Something different: Thursday, April 25th we will be having a potluck meal **AT** Family Promise with the families! 5:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share. This will give us an opportunity to interact with the families and get to know them. All are welcome!

New Church Directory: If you would like a 2024 Church Directory, please contact the church office @ 570-323-4604. Birthday lists are not included. If you'd like a birthday list, be sure to tell Lisa.

200TH ANNIVERSARY: Pine Street will be celebrating our 200th anniversary in 2026. If you would be interested in being part of the team that helps plan our anniversary celebration, please contact Pastor James.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Scholarship help is available from funds given to the church. A gift is designated for music students through the **Pine Street Music Scholarship**. 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.

The **Pine Street UMC Education Grant** is also available to students if you are participating in a post high school FULL-TIME course of study. The grant is \$200.00 to encourage you in your pursuit. This is possible through action of the Scholarship Committee and our Leadership Team. To register for the grant, please contact the church office for a registration form and submit it before **September 30th**.



PINE STREET **APRIL** CALENDAR

- Apr 1, 2 & 3** **YMCA Childcare, all day in Wesley Hall**
- Apr 6th** **UWF Spiritual Enrichment Day, 9 a.m. at The Beacon, A UMC, Hughesville**
- Apr 6th** **Beef & Boogie Fundraiser Event, 6 pm – 9pm, Fellowship Hall**
- Apr 14th** **Spring Collection for Rise Up Bakery begins today**
- Apr 15th** **Food Bank, 1 p.m.- 3 p.m., Wahoo Dr., Williamsport**
- Apr 15th** **Red Cross Bloodmobile, 1 p.m., Fellowship Hall**
- Apr 16th** **Preacher’s Aid, 10 a.m., Wesley Hall**
- Apr 17th** **Leadership Meeting, 6:30 p.m.**
- Apr 20th** **LAPS Yard Sale, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Fellowship Hall**
- Apr 21st-27th** **Family Promise Week**
- Apr 25th** **Potluck Meal, 5:30 p.m. @ Family Promise, 635 Hepburn St., Wmspt.**
- Apr 27th** **Open Dance, 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**
- April 29th -May 1st** **PA Virtual PSSA Testing. Please check with the Church Office for any events during this time.**

Apr 30th Hospice Memorial, 6:30 p.m. Pine Street Sanctuary

May 7th Foundation Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

April 6th, 9 a.m. Spiritual Enrichment Day @ The Beacon - a UMC, Hughesville, Pa

May 15th, 6 p.m. The UWF will be hosting a “Women’s Banquet” in Pine Street Fellowship Hall. Kay Huffman and Tom Wetzel will be providing musical entertainment. Cost is \$13.50 per person. Ages 6-12 \$7.50. Under 5 Free. Contact the church office 570-323-4604 or Pat Wittig for tickets.

Any questions about UWF events, please contact Pat Wittig @ 570-322-4330

Community Events

Beef & Boogie Fundraising Event – April 6th @ Pine Street Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.
YMAC’s mission is to teach youth about Jesus. Come enjoy the food, raffles, and music!

Seipp/Sheets Trumpet and Organ Duo Concert – Sunday, April 7th 4 p.m., Covenant Central Presbyterian Church, 807 West 4th St., Wmspt.

Rise Up – Penn College ACC Auditorium – A Praise & Worship event, April 18th, 7 – 8 p.m.

JVB Library Spring Book Sale – April 19th, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and April 20th 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, 426 Mulberry Street, Wmspt.

LAPS Yard Sale – April 20th, Pine Street Fellowship Hall. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Make sure to stop by and see what they have. Benefits LAPS feline adoption shelter.

The Williamsport Music Club presents “Gala Concert” – Tuesday, April 23rd, 7:30 p.m. @ St Luke Lutheran Church, 1400 Market St., Wmspt.

West Branch Chorale Spring Concert – April 28th, 3 p.m. Pine Street UMC Sanctuary.

Thank you....

Your gift of \$106.00 is instrumental to the work we do. We were able to assist people here in Central PA, throughout the United States and abroad through food, clothing hygiene items and cleaning supplies. ~ Hope Harrison, Mission Central

I give sincere thanks to God for your generous gift (\$1,500.00) to the Shepherd of the Street ministry. This gift will be used to help fund a new dental care ministry for general dental procedures for our clients. ~ Pastor Mark Brumbach, Shepherd of the Streets



Prayer chain

Do you have a need? Do you have a praise report? Is there someone you'd like lifted up in prayer? Let us help. Share your request(s) with our prayer chain by submitting them to **Marilyn Kern** at (570) 323-7814 or pennstate326@aol.com, or **Pat Wittig** at (570) 322-4330, place them in the offering plate or email the church office (office@pinestreetumc.org).

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. *Philippians 4:6*

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 may also wish to mail in their offering to the church office.

MAY PINE NEEDLE

MAY Pine Needle submissions may be given to the church office via email (office@pinestreetumc.org) or by a typed copy by **Wednesday, April 24th**.

DID YOU KNOW? You can receive the Pine Needle via email. Contact the church office (570-323-4604) to be added to our email group or removed from our mailing list.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	YMCA School-Age 6pm - AA Meeting WH	YMCA School-Age 1pm - Sink or Swim NA 6pm - AA Tuesday Group	YMCA School-Age 10:30am - Weight 6pm - Weight Watchers	10am - Event Set Up-Help 7pm - Choir		9am - UWF Spiritual 6pm - Beef & Boogie
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10am - Worship 1pm - Wmspt Music Club	6pm - AA Meeting WH 7pm - BSF (Bible Study)	1pm - Sink or Swim NA 6pm - AA Tuesday Group	10:30am - Weight 6pm - Weight Watchers	7pm - Choir		12pm - PMFC Music
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10am - Worship	1pm - Bloodmobile 1pm - Food Bank 6pm - AA Meeting WH 7pm - BSF (Bible Study)	10am - Preacher's Aid w/ 1pm - Sink or Swim NA 6pm - AA Tuesday Group	10am - Event Set Up - 10:30am - Weight 6pm - Weight Watchers 6:30pm - Leadership	7pm - Choir	LAPS Set-up	LAPS Yard Sale @ Pine
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Family Promise Week						
10am - Worship	6pm - AA Meeting WH 7pm - BSF (Bible Study)	1pm - Sink or Swim NA 6pm - AA Tuesday Group	10:30am - Weight 6pm - Weight Watchers	5:30pm - Potluck Dinner 7pm - Choir		9am - District 48 7pm - Open Dance @
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
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Pine Street United Methodist Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

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