



*Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.*

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## THE PINE NEEDLE

April 2026

### Our 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary...

*John and Charles' stay in Georgia was, for the most part, a professional and personal failure. According to nps.gov, Charles found "primitive conditions". He wrote letters for General Oglethorpe, and he held services for the soldiers and settlers in the open and prayer meetings in "temporary palmetto huts." Charles had to return to England when he became ill and angered General Oglethorpe. He wrote that he was "overjoyed at my deliverance out of this furnace and...ashamed of myself for being so."*

By: Joan Schell

### 200 Anniversary-50 year Members

As part of our 200<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Celebration, we would like to recognize our 50 or more-year members of Pine Street Church at an upcoming Sunday worship service. **Please let the church office know if you are one of these members.** A 50 or more-year member would be anyone who was confirmed or had joined the church up to and including 1976.

### Pine Street 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sponsorships

*Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> Bishop Burgos-Nunez will be worshipping with us. We will enjoy a catered meal following the service. Sponsorships for this celebration are available. If you would like to participate, please mark "200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" on your donation. Thank you!*

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March Leadership Meeting Highlights - As we prepare for events throughout the year proclaiming our 200th anniversary, the Leadership Team focused on reviewing a proposal and project overview that outlined a plan to strengthen Pine Street's overall communication approach both internally and externally by creating a communications strategy and policy.

This, if approved, will be a major step in reaching new potential members, strengthening existing communications, readying the church for the Bishop's visit, 200th Anniversary preparation and a special Fall event to be announced at a later time.

**Leadership Team Next Meeting:** April 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.



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

### **Help Us Welcome Well**

One of the quiet strengths of Pine Street is hospitality. But meaningful welcome doesn't happen automatically — it happens when we're intentional.

If you notice someone new in worship, introduce yourself. Sit near them. Help them find the nursery, children's programming, or coffee hour. A simple conversation can turn a visit into a connection.

If you see someone standing alone during fellowship time, that's not a problem — it's an opportunity.

Welcoming isn't just the job of greeters. It's the calling of the whole church.

Thank you for helping Pine Street be a place where people are seen, known, and valued.



### **Holy Week: March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 5<sup>th</sup>**

- ✚ Maundy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.
- ✚ Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.
- ✚ Easter, April 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m. @ Short Park
  - Easter Worship 10 a.m. @ Pine Street



### **Food Bank: April 13th**

- 1 p.m., Wahoo Drive, Williamsport
- Volunteer Opportunity

### **United Women in Faith,**

- ❖ Monthly meeting, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1:30 p.m. @ Pine Street. Guest speaker: Heather Engle, North Central Sight Services
- ❖ Women's Banquet, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m. Contact Pat Wittig for tickets.

**Scholarships: March 1<sup>st</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>**

Scholarship applications are now available. Contact the church office 570-323-4604.

**May Pine Needle:**

Submissions are due by Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.



**Finding Your Place**

Here are a few places where you might find your place right now:

**Connection Team**

We are forming a Connection Team to strengthen relationships and create welcoming spaces — especially for young adults, but not exclusively. If you're interested in learning more, speak with Pastor James.

**Communion Preparation**

We are looking for someone willing to help prepare the bread and cup for Holy Communion. If you would like to explore this role, please speak with Cathy Marr.

**Communion Servers**

We are also seeking additional people to assist in serving Communion during worship. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor James.

**Greeters and Ushers**

A warm welcome at the door helps set the tone for worship each week. If you would like to serve in this way, speak with Dale or Donna Diermyer.

If you're unsure where you fit, we would be glad to talk with you. There is a place for you here.

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**Because of Pine Street**

Because of you ...LAPS has a place to hold their fundraising yard sales each year. Part of their success is our location and the support they receive here. 2026 sales are being held on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> & Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Because of you...Women's Book Group of Williamsport has a place to meet. Being handicap accessible is a plus for them.

**Prayer Requests?**

Contact Marilyn Kern (570) 323-7814 or [pennstate326@aol.com](mailto:pennstate326@aol.com)

Pat Wittig (570) 322-4330

Email the church office ([office@pinestreetumc.org](mailto:office@pinestreetumc.org)).

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**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP**

- In person, 10 a.m.
- Livestream link
- On the Radio, 9 a.m. WWPA 1340AM and 101.7 FM

**GIVING OPTIONS:**

- In person or mail
- Electronic
- Via our website: [www.pinestreetumc.org](http://www.pinestreetumc.org)

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## Pine Street United Methodist Church

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

Check out Pine Street UMC Facebook page

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