

APRIL 2023

PINE Chips^{2.0}

United Methodist

Of Church of the Pines



Live Christ's Love
NOW!



At Church of the Pines, we offer everyone an opportunity to come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and to grow in a committed relationship with God.

We are Living Christ's Love NOW through Nurture, Outreach, and Worship.

HOPE
is alive

Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
In-person and Livestreamed

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Did you get Pine Chips 2.0 in your email

Not only is the monthly Pine Chips 2.0 sent to our church community via email, but we also have weekly announcements and events emailed and posted online!

Contact the church at (715)356-3041 or email
office@umchurchofthepines.org

Pastor's Pen



Pastor's Pen

Alive with Christ

I am writing this after snow-blowing another 10 – 12 inches out of the driveway. I hope when you read this, some, if not most, of the snow is melting. April is a month of spring for us – yes, there are still the last gasps of the dying winter, but there are also the first true cries of spring. It is a season of new life. We often celebrate Easter in April. It is a great time to celebrate the new life we receive through Jesus' resurrection.

Celebrating our life in Christ is just what we are going to do in our Easter worship services. We will also keep that energy going by encouraging each other to connect with Jesus, our source of life. In the weeks between Easter and Pentecost, we will have the opportunity to engage in spiritual practices that will help us deepen our connection with God and help us grow spiritually.

We are focusing on spirituality, which means 'our awareness to and responsiveness to the presence of God. Spiritual practices help us to grow in our awareness of and responsiveness to God's presence in our lives. You might be wondering what spiritual practices are, and for a good reason, we don't often emphasize them. In general, spiritual practice is anything we do that helps us connect with God. Spiritual practices can be anything from reading the Bible, attending worship, and prayer to virtually anything that nurtures our relationship with God. You may have heard of this as 'spiritual discipline' or 'means of grace.' These are great names, and all mean the same thing. We will use spiritual practices as they remind us of our need to 'practice' them; we don't have to be perfect – we are practicing.

After Easter, we will practice our spiritual practices through a worship series called 'Alive with Christ.' In it, we will look at six spiritual practices that Christians have found especially helpful in growing spiritually throughout history. These include Prayer/Meditation, Study, Acts of Service, Sacraments/Worship, Witnessing, and Service to the Word. Each week we will hear in scripture the foundation of the spiritual practice and how it can connect us with God, and we will be encouraged to engage in the practice during the coming week.

You will learn more about this series as you keep reading the Pine Chips. Also, I want to invite you to participate in a Bible Study I will be leading starting in May. It will be about Jesus' parables and how we can seek to hear them in new ways. It will also build our Bible reading skills as a spiritual practice. So keep your eyes and ears open for more information.

Blessings to you all.

Pastor Mark

Leadership, Prayers, Altar Flowers, Volunteer Appreciation

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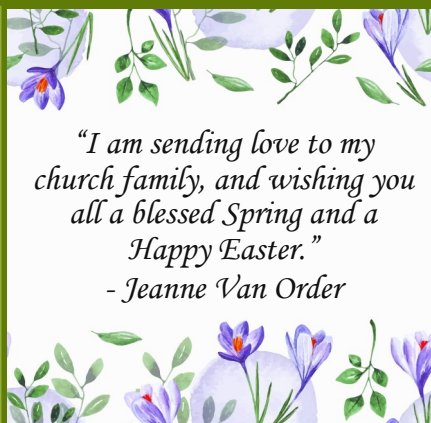
Call 1-715-203-1990
to hear our latest sermon
CHURCH OF THE PINES



Office Hours

Monday - Thursday - 9 am - 5 pm
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There are times when we are away from the office, so it is a good idea to call in advance to ensure we are available to assist you. Call 715-356-3041.



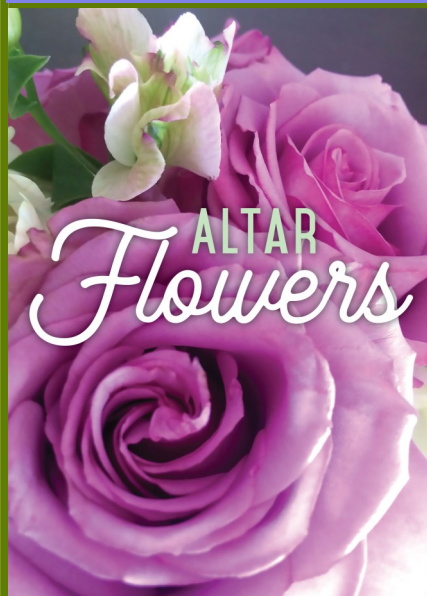
"I am sending love to my church family, and wishing you all a blessed Spring and a Happy Easter."
- Jeanne Van Order

*Thank
YOU
for ALL THAT
YOU do*

**APRIL is VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION MONTH!**

Our church would not be the church it is without everyone using their talents, time, and gifts in service to God!

THANK YOU.



PRAY FOR...

Please pray for...

David Bolz

Bruce Currie

Lynn Tosch

To have your name or the name of a loved one included on our Prayer List, in the Weekly Update Prayer List, or on our Prayer Chain, please contact the church office.

If you would like to be a member of our E-Prayer Chain or Telephone Prayer Chain, let Patty Frandy know by giving her a call at 715-356-2172 or email her at pattyandtom@frontier.com for more information.

Altar Flowers

Please consider signing up to provide a flower arrangement or a plant for the altar on Sunday mornings in 2023. Our goal is to have flowers or a plant on the altar every Sunday. It is a nice way to honor or remember a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion.

Contact Merry if you would like to reserve dates on the calendar for altar flowers.

April Worship, Online Worship Survey



April Worship Schedule

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 2nd - 10:00 a.m.

Theme: *In Awe of Grace*

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11 &
Matthew 26:14-27:66

Maundy Thursday

April 6 - 7:00 p.m.

Theme: *A Place at the Table*

Scripture: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday

April 7 - 12:00 p.m.

Theme: *The Passion of Christ*

Scripture: John 18:1-19:42

Easter Sunrise Service

April 9

Torpy Park - 8:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday Worship Service

April 9

Sanctuary - 10:00 a.m.

Theme: *It's Easter!*

Celebrate the Day of Resurrection!

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

Prayer/Christian Meditation

April 16 - 10:00 a.m.

Theme: *Touching Jesus*

Scripture: John 20:19-31

Prayer and Study April 23 - 10:00 a.m.

Theme: *Knowing Jesus' Voice*

Scripture: John 10:1-10

Acts of Service

April 30 - 10:00 a.m.

Theme: *Acting Like Christ*

Scripture: John 14:1-15

If you watch
Church of the Pines
worship services on
Facebook or YouTube...
this is for you!
Thanks.

If you have
tuned into the
church's Face-
book page or
our YouTube
channel to
watch our live
-streamed
worship ser-

vices on Sunday mornings, we would like your feedback about your online worship experience.

For example, you may only watch worship services online, or maybe you watched early on during the COVID pandemic but have since returned to the church for in-person worship services. Or, you may watch online services when you are out of town, if you are ill, or for other reasons.

However you have been involved with our online worship, we would appreciate hearing about your experience. We also would like to know if we can do anything to help enhance your online worship service experience. Or do you have some suggestions for additional ways people can connect with Church of the Pines online?

Can you tell us about your online experience by taking a short survey? **Go to our church website at www.umchurchofthepines.org and on the menu dropdown box that says "More," click on *Survey for Live-streamed Worship Services*.**

If more than one person in your household attends online to worship, you can either indicate in the comments that there are two of you filling the survey out together, or each person can complete it separately. **Thank you** for your time and input. This information will be helpful as we evaluate and plan our church's future online presence. If you have questions about the survey, call Merry at 715-356-3041.

Worship, Birthdays & Anniversaries, Endowment Fund



Worship Services

Attend the 10:00 a.m. worship services each Sunday held in the sanctuary.

Watch Sunday morning worship services on our Church of the Pines' YouTube channel by going to:

<https://www.youtube.com/@umchurchofthepines>

Watch our church services on



Livestream of Sunday Worship Services on Church of the Pines' Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/churchofthepines/live/>

Watch videos of Sunday Services on our church website:



April 11 - 5 p.m.
St. Matthias' Church
Church of the Pines
will coordinate the
May 9th meal.



Happy birthday to...

April 2	Heather Berklund
April 3	Mary Fasse
April 3	Fred Prindle
April 6	Thomas Caroselli
April 7	Cody Gilbert
April 9	Nicole Bruette
April 9	Denise Wipperfurth
April 11	Nancy Kranpitz
April 12	Bryce Berklund
April 16	Jean Butler
April 19	Bryn Lottig
April 24	Karen Augitto
April 26	Bill Remien
April 30	Pat Nolet

Happy anniversary to...

April 11 Mary & John McCadden

If you are celebrating your birthday or anniversary in April and your name is not listed, please contact the church office so we can update our records.

Blessings to you on your special day!

United Methodist Church of the Pines



ENDOWMENT FUND



Thank you for considering an endowment gift to United Methodist Church of the Pines.



We are the seeds of hope for those who succeed us. We are called to partner in faith with those who have gone before us and to offer the best that we have to give to those who will follow.

Contact the church at 715-356-3041 or send an email to: office@umchurchofthepines.org to arrange a confidential consultation with a member of the Endowment Committee.

Bible Study

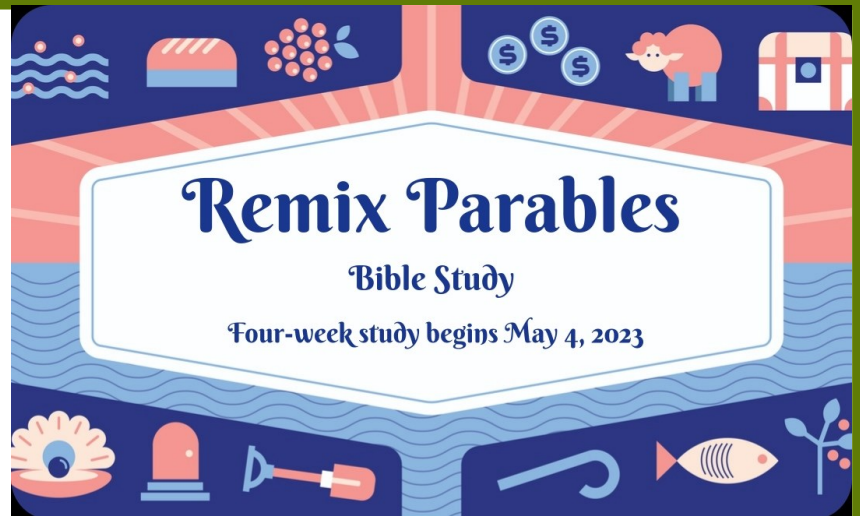
You are invited to join Pastor Mark for lunch on Thursdays in May and study some of **Jesus' Parables.**

Begins in May for four weeks - May 4, 11, 18, and 25 - 12:00pm

Please RSVP to the church office if you would like to attend.

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Bring a sack lunch and gather in the Ministry Center each week from noon until 1:15 p.m. for food and fellowship, while we study some of Jesus' Parables. Fruit, cookies, and beverages will be provided.

During this four-week study, we will look at several of Jesus' parables and study them from new perspectives. This study will also help us better understand the parables, how to engage them, and see why Jesus may have used them so often, using our personal interpretive perspective as we read the Bible.

Week 1 - May 4

Parables Remix: What, How, and Why?

Can we learn anything new from familiar parables?

Matthew 25:14-30 - Parable of the Ten Talents

Week 2 - May 11

Little Parables: Sometimes the littlest parables have the biggest impact.

What is a small thing that had a big impact in your life?

Mark 4:21-34

Week 3 - May 18

Party Parables: Who doesn't like a party?

What kind of party would Jesus throw?

Luke 16:19-31 and Matthew 22:1-14

Week 4 - May 25

Vineyard Parables: Challenging words in familiar settings.

How might Jesus use your life to tell a parable?

Matthew 20:1-16, 21:33-45

RSVP today - A special gift is waiting for you at the first class!

Between Friends, Men's Breakfast, Keenagers

**BETWEEN FRIENDS**

Tuesday, April 25th
9:30 am - 3:00 pm

BETWEEN FRIENDS

Meet in the Ministry Center.
Bring a sack lunch.
Visit with your friends while working
on your sewing or craft projects.

**What's for
Breakfast?**

Men's Breakfast is
April 25 - 8 am
at Our Place
Cafe

**NATIVE
AMERICAN
MINISTRIES
SUNDAY**

Support Native American
church leaders

April 23
2023



SPECIAL
SUNDAY
Native American Ministries

KEENAGERS

**Wednesday,
April 19 - 12:00 p.m.
Ministry Center**

All are invited to our
monthly potluck luncheon.
Bring a dish to pass.
The program is pending.

THANK YOU to all who
brought donations for the
Northwoods Wildlife
Center last month. Bart
gave a wonderful program
with special guests Woody
the wood turtle and
Tommy the red-tailed
hawk. Bart appreciated all
of the donations.



Spring Rummage & Bake Sale



CHURCH OF THE PINES SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

WHEN?

Early Sale - April 26 - 5 - 7 p.m.

Sale - April 27 - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Sale (reduced prices) - April 28
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

WHERE?

AMERICAN LEGION

121 Front Street, Minocqua

(across from the Minocqua Post Office)

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Stephen Ministry, CYF Ministry

Christ came into the world as a babe and
Hope was given to the world.
Redeemer and Messiah, Jesus brings Life to all who
 believe.
It was His
Sacrifice
That made it possible.
Innocent, He took on our
Sins and died for us.
Resurrected, Jesus alone
Is the Savior of the world.
Satisfying the debt once and for all.
Everlasting Life is the result and we are
Never alone. Never.

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Stephen Ministers can help if you are feeling alone. Call Holly, our Stephen Leader at 715-356-6861.

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

"Let the little children come to me."

- Luke 18:16

Wednesday Church School

K-8th graders meet on April 12th, 19th, and 26th at 3:30 p.m. It's a time for kids to learn, grow, and serve others in faith. Class begins with snacks, followed by the weekly lessons and activities.

Youth Group

Middle and high school youth will gather at Church of the Pines for fun and fellowship from 2:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. The group plays games, explores questions of faith, and finds ways to serve our community in practical ways. Youth Group meets on April 2nd and 16th.



CYF Ministry Potluck

Everyone who is interested in our church's Children, Youth, and Family Ministry is invited to attend a monthly potluck. The group gathers once a month in the Ministry Center for food and fellowship. Time is also spent planning and working on upcoming children, youth, and family activities. The April potluck will be held on April 19th in the Ministry Center from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m.

Worship

Children are an important and valuable part of our church family. On Sunday mornings during worship, the pastor invites the children to come forward for a special Children's Time.

There are children's bulletins, Bibles for children, and special bags filled with crayons and other activities that can be found at the back of the sanctuary as you enter for worship. There is also a Cry Room at the back of the sanctuary if that would be of use to you during the service. Please feel free to meet your children's needs throughout the service.

Meet Leadership Development

Committee Leadership of Church of the Pines - Leadership Development

Our Leadership Development Committee meets year-round to identify qualified volunteers to serve in leadership positions within the congregation. Meeting monthly, the committee ultimately presents a Leadership Report each fall for approval at our Charge Conference. They also work throughout the year to fill any leadership vacancies that occur and ensure orientation for all church committee members. The pastor of the church serves as the Chairperson of Leadership Development. Standing members of the committee include the Ministry Council Chair, Vice-Chair, the previous Council Chair, and the Lay Leader. In addition, there are two or three members who are elected for three-year terms.

Meet our Leadership Development Committee Members:

Jim Anderson, Ministry Council past chair; Mark Gilbert, Pastor; Dave Kozeluh, Lay Leader; Sue Loeffler, Ministry Council chair; Gretchen Voigt, Member At-large; and Ted Voigt, Member At-large.



Jim Anderson

Jim retired as Professor Emeritus from the Department of Soil, Water and Climate at the University of Minnesota. He

and Chris will have been married for 50 years this summer in August. They moved permanently to the area in 2015. They embrace winter and both enjoy snowshoeing and belong to MECCA ski and snowshoe club. Jim still downhill skis on a regular basis. He started skiing when he was 9 years old. He has been skiing for over 60 years!

They joined the church in 2017 after attending periodically for several years previously. They joined because of the welcoming environment and acceptance of all people. He currently serves on the Ministry Council after serving as Chair for the past two years which is why he has a spot on the Leadership Development Committee.

Sue Loeffler

Sue and her husband Don returned to Wisconsin nine years ago for retirement, fulfilling a lifelong dream of building a home on a lake in the Northwoods. While the



small town vibe of Mercer was a nice place to live, Church of the Pines was the church they chose to join because of a feeling of energy with many activities, multi generations and very welcoming members. In spite of the travel, this decision has never been regretted. Sue worked over forty years as a RN in home health care, hospice, and case management as well as administration. Her nursing career was always a mission for her, showing her faith through actions, caring for others in a non-judgmental and respectful manner, identifying needs and responding holistically and compassionately. Sue intends to fulfill her church leadership role in a similar way and to serve with joy. She hopes to help others recognize and respond to the Holy Spirit moving within each person and amongst us all. Sue enjoys the silent sports of kayaking and snowshoeing and she has developed a recent passion for international travel. Her time in Mercer is spent volunteering at the Senior Center and the community thrift store. She loves working at Midwest Mission in Illinois and advocates for this center at every opportunity. Please let her know if you are interested in joining the next mission trip planned for October 24-28.

Go to page 11 to meet additional members of Leadership Development.

Meet Leadership Development



Gretchen Voigt

Gretchen Voigt is a member of the Leadership Development Committee. She is married and has three children and six grandchildren. Ted, her husband, and she started

attending Church of the Pines when their oldest child was two, which was 49 years ago. In the space of that time, she has been a stay-at-home mom, a substitute teacher and a teacher for the visually impaired. In the past she has served as a lay leader and when the children were young, she taught in the youth ministry. The major thing that she likes most about Church of the Pines is the people and the caring that they show for others in our church and others outside of our church. Gretchen believes that what she brings to the committee is a willingness to serve.

Ted Voigt

Ted Voigt has been on the Leadership Development Committee for several years. You may have noticed Ted in church as he is the tallest guy around at 6'9". Yes, Ted had a very fun basketball career as a player first at Wauwatosa East High School, class of '65 and then at UW-Madison, class of '69. He feels that basketball has done a lot for him as a person, and as a result, he has coached the sport for 43 years until retiring 11 years ago. After serving as an assistant coach first at UW-Eau Claire for two years and then at UW-Madison for three years, Gretchen and Ted moved to Woodruff as Ted became a science teacher and coach at Lakeland High School for 38 years. At that point (1974), they joined Church of the Pines and have been members ever since. They love Church of the Pines because of the people, who they have found to be so caring and kind and are truly doing God's will of loving Him and loving others. They also feel very proud to have Pastor Gilbert as their minis-



ter as they feel he has a great heart, loves God and keeps them challenged to "Live Christ's Love Now". Upon retiring, Gretchen and Ted have become much more involved in their church, first as Stephen Ministers and then in the leadership of the church. As members of our Leadership Development Committee, they try to identify and recruit members of our church to help serve on our church's various committees. Having been on the SPRC Committee, Ministry Council, and the Finance Committee, Ted has a pretty good feel for the qualities required for our various committees.

Dave Kozeluh

Dave Kozeluh was introduced in our March Pine Chips as one of our church's lay leaders. As Lay Leader, Dave also serves on the Leadership Development Committee, where he will help match members of our church family with the various leadership roles within our church.



Mark Gilbert, pastor

As Pastor of the Church of the Pines, I am a part of most groups. However, there is one group that I am the Chairperson of, and that is Leadership Development. I enjoy working with this group as we work to recruit leaders for important ministry positions in the church. It is exciting to see how God prepares people to serve each year. This year we are working on new ways to equip our leaders and to smooth the leadership transitions in 2024.



Ministry Council Meeting Summary, Cabin Fever Fun Day

Ministry Council Meeting Summary

The Ministry Council met on March 21, 2023, with the following members in attendance: Chris Anderson, Jim Anderson, Sue Claflin, Mary Fasse, Tom Frandy, Pastor Mark Gilbert, Merry Jorgensen, Sue Loeffler, Holly Nash, and Jerry Weber. Absent: Donna Clark, Dave Kozeluh, Sara Kozeluh, Noah Lottig, and Bob Schuld.

The meeting was called to order by Sue Loeffler, who shared the St. Patrick's Breastplate Prayer. Council members shared the church's accomplishments this past month, which included the Cabin Fever Fun Day and the Rice Meal Packing Event. Photo videos of both can be viewed on our church's website—
www.umchurchofthepines.org.

A Ministry Council job description was approved. Sue Loeffler and Jim Anderson will review the past five year's Council minutes and other committee job descriptions to identify items for the Council's annual calendar and will report at the April meeting.

Pastor Mark shared there has been an increase in mission activity for our church. And because of this, the Leadership Development Committee will look at identifying a volunteer to coordinate the flow of our church mission activities.

It was announced that the Men's Club of the church is able to provide funds for youth summer camp scholarships.

A fundraising idea that another church uses to raise funds each week for specific purposes or missions was suggested as something our church might want to try.

There are three areas that continue to be discussed each month at Council meetings: Community, Spirituality, and Enthusiasm.

Pastor Mark said there is work to be done in each area, but we are seeing successes. It was proposed that in this second quarter, the Council identify strategies for determining what we are going to do in each of these three areas.

The Council also continues to explore additional revenue streams for the church. One suggestion is that we look into renting out additional church space to be used as temporary office space for visitors to the area. The Trustees will look at what church spaces might be used for this purpose.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18th, 7:00 p.m. in the Ministry Center.

First Cabin Fever Fun Day

On Sunday, March 5th, Cabin Fever Fun Day was held at Church of the Pines! Outdoor enthusiasts spent the afternoon with Sara and Dave Kozeluh on the Raven Trail. Indoor enthusiasts met at church for an afternoon of games, followed by a

delicious soup supper. Everyone had a great time! Thanks, Ministry Council, for organizing this special event.



To watch a video of photos from **Cabin Fever Fun Day**, go to our church website at www.umchurchofthepines.org

Rice Meal Packing Project



RICE MEALS are assembled and delivered. Thank you to all the Wednesday night youth, teachers and adults who helped with this project. What a wonderful way for our youth to get involved in community/worldwide service. The most exciting words I heard the night of assembling the rice meals were, "Can we do this again next year?" The answer is yes, let's keep the enthusiasm up and find ways to share our love of the Lord. Thank you again to all who helped, cleaned up and loaded my car! WOW!! You are all great!!

- Venus Hilgart

UPDATE - Our Rice Meal Packets Have Been Shipped!

On March 24th, we received notification from Midwest Mission Distribution Center that the rice meal packets that the youth of Church of the Pines assembled have been shipped to the distribution center in Poland. On March 8th, 15 of our Wednesday Church School students diligently worked to assemble 240 rice meal packets, along with six adult volunteers, coordinated by Venus Hilgart. These rice meal packets will provide 1,400 meals for the people of Ukraine. The packets prepared here were added to the packets prepared by 23 additional churches for a total of 37,720 rice meals that have been shipped to Poland. Once received in Poland, they will be split up among several organizations that will transport the supplies. Some supplies will stay in Poland for Ukrainian refugees, and others will be driven to the front lines of the war to help those who cannot leave their homes. Midwest Mission Distribution Center partners with North Star Foundation for Ukraine shipments. This was Midwest Mission's ninth shipment to Ukraine since the beginning of the war.

14 youth
6 adults
240 rice meal packets assembled
1,400 meals provided



To view photos from the Rice Meal Packing Project, go to:
www.umchurchofthepines.org

Congratulations to all who participated in this mission project - youth and adult volunteers who assembled the packets, Venus Hilgart for her coordination, volunteers who prepared and served a pancake breakfast to raise funds to purchase the items to prepare the rice meal packets, and to members and friends of Church of the Pines for supporting our pancake breakfast. **Job well done!**

UMC In-gathering, Socks & Underwear for Ukraine



We are collecting "Onesies" for In-gathering at the Wisconsin UMC Annual Conference on June 9-12, 2023

Each year, our congregation collects items needed by Midwest Mission Distribution Center for their "Kits" that are assembled and sent where needed around the world. This year, we are collecting "onesies" that will become part of the Layette Kits.

Beginning April 30th, bins will be placed at the back of the sanctuary where "onesies" can be placed. Sue Loeffler, one of our Lay Members to Annual Conference is coordinating this mission project. Thank you, Sue!

How to participate: Purchase **NEW** onesies, 0-6 months size. The onesies cannot be made of fabrics with hand prints, foot prints, paw prints, or camouflage. **The collection begins April 30th. The last Sunday to place items in the bins is before the June 4th worship service.**

Our Congregation Donates Socks and Underwear for the People of Ukraine

Three hundred seventy-eight pairs of socks, 445 pairs of underwear, and a bonus of 6 T-shirts have been shipped to the people of Ukraine, thanks to the congregation of Church of the Pines! We partnered with the Midwest Distribution Center to collect these items.



Sue Shapiro, Sue Loeffler, & Sue Claflin



Thank you to everyone who participated in this special project. During the February 26th worship service, the socks, underwear, and T-shirts were blessed by Pastor Mark. Sue Loeffler, a Church of the Pines member and long-time volunteer at the Midwest Mission Distribution Center, delivered the items to the distribution center. Thanks, Sue Shapiro, for organizing the collection, and to mission committee member Sue Claflin, for supporting this effort. Please pray for peace for the people of Ukraine!

United Women in Faith



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April Circle Meetings:

Esther/Martha Circle meets at the home of Jeanne Van Order on Tuesday, April 4th at noon.

Dawn Circle will meet in the Ministry Center on Thursday, April 6th, at 9:30 a.m. Nancy Berklund and Rondi Beckwith will host. Met our newest participant, Rondi, who is delightful!

Ruth Circle will gather at Heart II on Wednesday, April 12th at 12:30 p.m. for their luncheon meeting.

Deborah Circle plans to meet on Wednesday, April 12th at 6:00 p.m. Sue Henning will host the meeting in the Ministry Center. The program is "Days for Girls."

Lydia Circle meets in the Ministry Center on Thursday, April 13th at 9:30 a.m., with Sharry Wuest serving as host.



Thank God for rain and the beautiful rainbow. Put fifty cents in your **THANK YOU OFFERING** in celebration of Easter.



**SPRING
RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE**

EARLY SALE - APRIL 26 - 5-7 PM
SALE - APRIL 27 - 9 AM - 5 PM
SALE (REDUCED PRICES) - APRIL 28
9 AM - 12 PM

American Legion
121 Front St., Minocqua



United Women in Faith

PROCEEDS GO TO MISSIONS

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It's time to think about **SPRING CLEANING** and setting aside items for the United Women in Faith's **Spring Rummage & Bake Sale.**

Drop off items at the American Legion on:

**Tuesday, April 25 - 12-5 p.m. or
Wednesday, April 26 - 9a.m. - 5 p.m.**

Donations of clean clothing, shoes, jewelry, books, antiques, household goods, outdoor/garage/sport items, crafts, small furniture, collectibles will be accepted. Please **NO** old electronics of any kind, microwaves, coffee makers, or other old appliances.

**Sponsored by United Women in Faith
All proceeds go to MISSIONS**

Mission Highlights, Giving



Mission Highlights

UMCOR International Disaster Response: *(Note: The following information is copied from the website: [https://](https://umcmmission.org/international-disaster-response/)*

umcmmission.org/international-disaster-response/)

“When a natural or human-caused disaster strikes outside of the United States, the United Methodist Committee on Relief International Disaster Response program (UMCOR IDR) serves as the primary channel for United Methodist assistance. The response includes support for displaced people and refugees fleeing disasters through food, water, hygiene, and other essential nonfood supplies and temporary shelter. Long-term, UMCOR cooperates with church leaders and local organizations to develop response mechanisms and to support local relief and recovery efforts.

UMCOR focuses on disasters that overwhelm a local community’s ability to respond, such as storms and flooding, fires, volcanoes, war, and civil unrest.

Partners working with UMCOR select beneficiaries based on need and vulnerability as opposed to any other category (such as gender, race, or religion).”

Caritas: *(Note: The following information is copied from the website: <https://www.stmatthiasminocqua.com/caritas.html>)*



“St. Mathias Episcopal Church’s primary service mission, Caritas, distributes funds to those in urgent and immediate need of assistance. Caritas is the Latin word meaning charity, the Christian concept of spiritual and brotherly love for all people.

The many ways of assisting clients are evolving. Some assistance offered includes: medications, duplicate driver’s licenses, work boots/clothing, household items, furniture, and auto repair. In addition, Caritas may assist with utility bills or gasoline purchases.

These particular needs are evaluated on a case-by-case basis, and always a client must be present for an interview.

Clients agree that Caritas provides more than money and referrals. They listen, offer compassion and problem-solving, and, more importantly, offer hope to those in desperate need.”

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APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Palm Sunday 10:00am - Worship Service/Communion 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship 2:00pm - Youth Group	3	4 9:00am - Leadership Development 12:00pm - Esther/Martha Circle	5	6 9:30am - Dawn Circle (Ministry Center) 10:00am - Key Leaders (Library) 2:00pm - Lenten Study (Ministry Center) 7:00pm - Maundy Thursday Service	7 12:00pm - Good Friday Service	8
9 Easter Sunday 8:00 am - Easter Sunrise Service (Torpy Park) 10:00am - Easter Sunday Worship Service 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship	10 Church office is closed 1:00pm - Prayer Shawl	11 10:00am - Worship at Milestone 1:00pm - Worship at One Penny Place 5:00pm - Tom's Community Table (St. Matthias' Episcopal Church)	12 12:30pm - Ruth Circle (Heart II) 3:30pm - Church School (Rm 100) 6:00pm - Deborah Circle	13 9:30am - Lydia Circle	14	15
16 10:00am - Worship Service 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship 2:00pm - Youth Group	17 7:00pm - SPRC	18 7:00pm - Ministry Council (Ministry Center)	19 12:00pm - Keenagers 3:30pm - Church School 5:30pm - CYF Potluck	20 1:00pm - Stephen Ministry	21	22
23 Native American Ministries Sunday 10:00am - Worship Service 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship	24	25 8:00am - Men's Breakfast (Our Place) 9:00am - Rummage Sale - Table Set Up (American Legion) 9:30am - 3:00pm - Between Friends (Ministry Center) 12:00-5:00pm - Rummage Sale Drop Off (American Legion) 6:30pm - Lakeland Gem Club (Ministry Center)	26 9:00am - 5:00pm - Rummage Sale Drop Off (American Legion) 3:00pm - Donut Hole-Making Set Up (Kitchen) 3:30pm - Church School 5:00 - 7:00pm - Early Rummage Sale (American Legion)	27 5:30-11:00am - Donut hole making (Kitchen) 9:00am - 5:00pm - Rummage & Bake Sale	28 9:00am - 12:00pm - Reduced Prices - Rummage & Bake Sale 12:00 - 2:00pm - Rummage Sale Clean Up	29
30 10:00am - Worship Service 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship						

Have something for Pine Chips 2.0? Email the church at office@umchurchofthepines.org.

The deadline for receiving information for the May Pine Chips 2.0 is April 15th.

Announcements for weekly updates are due no later than Monday for the following weekend. Call the Church Office at 715-356-3041 with questions.



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Friday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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