DECEMBER 2022

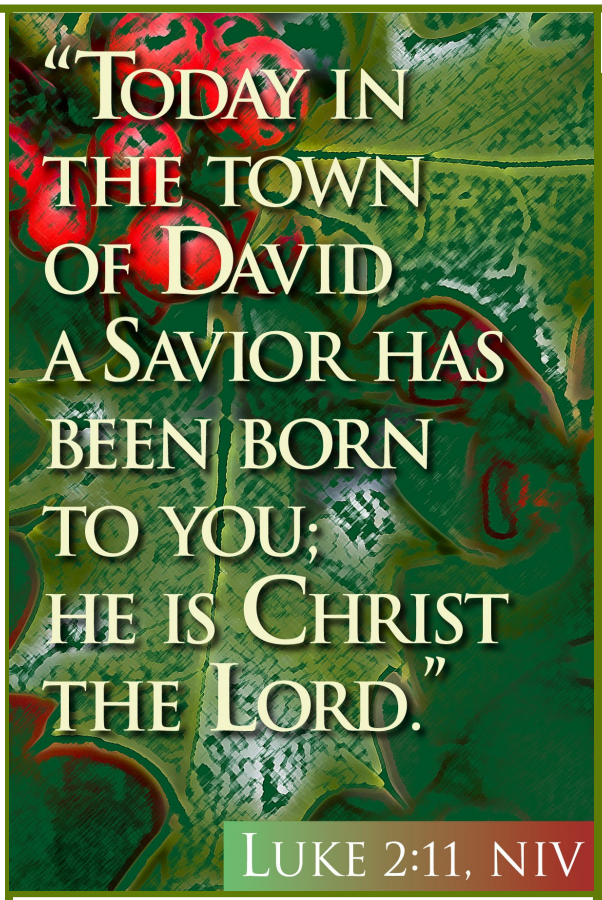
Pine Chips 2.0

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.



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

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

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Pastor's Pen, Christmas Eve & Christmas Worship

Advent Season

The season of Advent, a time of preparation, has begun. First, we prepare celebrations of Christ's birth into our world and our lives again. But Advent also is to prepare for the return of Christ. Now I am not saying that Jesus is returning right now! I have no idea when Jesus is coming back; only God knows when. However, I do know we are preparing for Jesus' return.

Sometimes we think of this time of preparation as two unique things. First, we prepare to remember Jesus' birth and his promise to return. As we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth, we also prepare for his return. As we light Advent candles, hear familiar scripture passages about angels speaking to Mary, and sing beautiful and familiar hymns, we prepare ourselves for the wonderful celebrations of Christ's birth. At the same time, through those familiar songs, we are encouraged to share God's grace and the world by exploring John Wesley's means of grace.

In this way, we are also preparing ourselves for the coming of the Lord. The expression of our faith and God's grace in our lives helps prepare us for Jesus' return. Yet we often misunderstand what it means to be ready for Jesus' return. It is not some disaster or disruption we need to stockpile resources for; it will be a return of peace and love. Jesus' return will fulfill what began in Bethlehem at his birth – God's great work of salvation for all.

To paraphrase John Wesley, let us together this Advent strive to 'Do all the good we can in all the ways we can for all the people we can.' And we will truly be prepared for the birth and the return of Christ.

Pastor Mark

Leadership, Prayers, Cookie Walk & Craft Sale, Altar Flowers

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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.

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 call the church office at 715-356-3041 or send an email to office@umchurchofthepines.org

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.

Please consider signing up to provide a flower arrangement or a plant for the altar on Sunday mornings. 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.

Altar flower requests are now being taken for 2023. Contact Merry if you would like to reserve dates on the calendar for altar flowers for the coming year.

Worship, Birthdays & Anniversaries, Keenagers

Worship Services

Attend the 10:00 a.m. worship services each Sunday held in the sanctuary. **Children's Church** is held on Sundays for children in grades K-5.

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

https://www.youtube.com/channelUCMuL4WwvtHZCm5NPj59RwLQ

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: https://www.umchurchofthepines.org/worship-videos.html

Sunday mornings after Children's Time for grades K-5. A time of worship and hands-on exploration of scripture. Middle and high school helpers are very welcome!

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

Happy birthday to...

December 4	Jay Hull
December 5	Chris Anderson
December 6	Josie Hinkens
December 6	Sue Shapiro
December 9	Holly Nash
December 13	Rudy Vlosak
December 15	Florence Melka
December 21	Doug Clark
December 23	Rick Rausch
December 26	Skip Tosch
December 30	Alexis Kroening

Happy anniversary to...

December 29 - Rich and Nancy Klatt

Blessings to you on your special day!

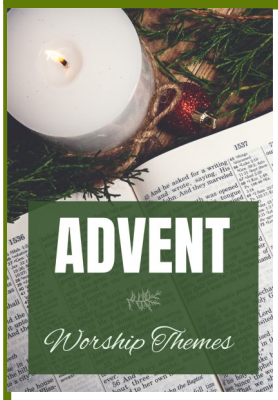
POTLUCK

Wednesday, December 21st

12:00 p.m.

Keenagers will meet for a **potluck** in the Ministry Center at noon on Wednesday, December 21st. We'll look at the origins of a few Christmas carols and sing some of our favorites. Anyone interested in some good food and good fellowship is welcome to attend.

December Worship Themes, Charge Conference Summary



December 4 - Second Sunday of Advent
Luke 1:5-20
Listening in Prayer. Zechariah had to become open to hearing God in prayer in order to receive the good news of Christ. We prepare ourselves by listening to God in prayer.

December 11 - Third Sunday of Advent/Children's Christmas Program
Luke 1:46-55
Beyond Comfort. Obeying God calls us to move out of our comfort zones in life. Mary's obedience is an example to us all.

December 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
Luke 2:1-7
Bring forth Christ. Bring Forth Love. As Mary birthed Christ, she brought forth Love incarnate. We bring forth the love of Christ as we care for one another.

December 24 - Christmas Eve
Candlelight services at 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

December 25, 2022 - Christmas Day!
John 1:1-14
Joy to the World! Let us share the good news with great joy! God is with us today and every day.

Church of the Pines Charge Conference - Our church's annual Charge Conference was held on Sunday, November 13, 2022, with the following people in attendance: Chris Anderson, Jim Anderson, Pat Bechtel, Nicole Bruette, Jean Butler, Sue Claflin, Emerson Coy, Sue Damske, Mary Fasse, Tom Frandy, Pastor Mark Gilbert, Barb Hallock, Venus Hilgart, Merry Jorgensen, Dave Kozeluh, Sue Loeffler, Bob Nash, Holly Nash, Bonnie Noonan, Bob Schuld, Sarah Stewart, Loran Susor, Val Susor, Rev. Erv Teichmiller, and Jerry Weber. Rev. Erv Teichmiller presided over the meeting and Merry Jorgensen served as Recording secretary.

The following reports were presented for information and are included in the Charge Conference booklet: Review of Local Life and Ministry, Ministry Report, Retired Clergy Report, UMW Report, Keenagers Report, Membership Audit, Finance Report, Report of the Trustees, Pastor's Continuing Education Report .

The following reports were presented and approved: 2023 Lay Leadership Report, Second Action Item: Leadership Development Team will move that vacant positions be filled by the Ministry Council throughout the year upon the recommendation of the Leadership Development Team, 2023 Pastoral Compensation, Resolution on Parsonage Allowance, Resolution on Accounts Reimbursable, and Continuance of Holly Nash as Certified Lay Speaker.

NOTE: Contact Merry Jorgensen at 715-356-3041 or email her at office@umchurchofthepines.org if you would like to arrange to pick up a copy of the 2022 Charge Conference booklet.

Christmas Meals for Kids, Advent Devotional, Hospitality

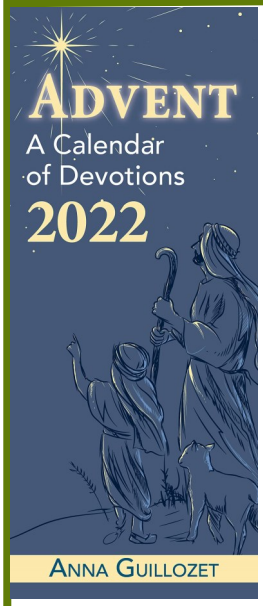
CHRISTMAS MEAL MINISTRY FOR KIDS & THEIR FAMILIES

Last day to make a contribution is November 30th.

Help make Christmas brighter for families who are having a tough time by contributing to our Church of the Pines Christmas Meal Ministry.

With your help, we will purchase gift certificates for food. Local schools have partnered with us by offering to identify and distribute the gift certificates in December to kids in need.

Make checks payable to Church of the Pines and drop off at the church or mail to P.O. Box 144, Minocqua, WI 54548 before November 30th.



If you cannot come to church, contact the church office to have a copy mailed to you.

Advent: A Calendar of Daily Devotions

A Calendar of Daily Devotions provides daily devotions for you as you prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ. This devotional emphasizes the importance of the Advent of our Lord. Each day's reading, from Sunday November 27 to Christmas Day, is based on the Revised Common Lectionary and includes the Scripture, a short devotion, and a brief prayer and it's printed with a larger font for ease of reading. Copies are on the sign-in tables in the back of the sanctuary.

CHURCH OF THE PINES

HOSPITALITY

COFFEE & MORE

Hospitality Hosts for 2023 are needed. Hospitality Hosts provide "goodies" to serve following Sunday morning worship services in the Ministry Center. There are church members available to make coffee and help with set up and cleanup.

You can bring whatever you want - sweetbreads, donuts, cookies, fruit, cheese and crackers, cake, bagels, etc.

The sign up sheet is located on the counter in the kitchen. It's an opportunity to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and other special occasions with your church family.

Call Merry at 715-356-3041 if you have questions. Thanks.

Stephen Ministry

I bring you good news of great joy for all people.

Christmas is a time for joy, not fear; for hope, not worry; for promise, not doubt. For those in the Christmas story, what began as fear turned into a miracle when they simply answered "yes."

Do not be afraid, say, "Yes."
In days of uncertainty,
In times of trial,
When making decisions,
Remember…
God is with us—Emmanuel.
May the joy and peace of Christmas
be with you and those you love.

Your Stephen Ministry Team

Cookie Walk & Craft Sale

Lay Leader

Words to Live By
Emerson Coy, Lay Leader
Love Is the Answer

Someone once said, "Time flies when you're having fun". It seems like yesterday that three years ago I accepted the assistant lay leader position for our wonderful Church of the Pines. I served one year as the assistance lay leader and two years as lay leader. It has been an awesome opportunity to serve our congregation in that compacity. The lay leader serves on committees and boards, meets with Pastor Mark and other lay leaders, and plans for lay member worship services. At the end of the year I will be the assistant lay leader for one year helping along new lay leadership. This is my last article in the Pine Chips as lay leader. It has been a wonderful opportunity to tax my mind and heart. I want to thank previous lay leaders, Holly Nash and Gretchen Voight for their faith and dedication who helped along the way.

The lay members of any congregation are very important to the sharing of the good news. Each of us are special, unique and have various gifts to offer. We are beginning a new church year with the onset of Advent and Christmas and we think of giving and receiving gifts. We love to see children express joy when opening that special gift they were hoping for. Adults need that joy also. Children's letters to Santa Claus give us a smile.

"Dear Santa: In my house there are three boys. Richard is two, Jeffrey is four, Norman is seven.

Richard is good sometimes. Jeffery is good sometimes. Norman is good all the time. " signed Norman.

"Dear Santa: Last year you didn't leave me anything good. The year before last, you didn't leave me any thing good. This year is your last chance." Signed Alfred.

These unforgettable letters to Santa can put excitement in the holidays and bring a smile and the feeling of joy. I know we have joy in the exchange of gifts. We also have joy when we open our hearts to the Christmas spirit.

We have been blessed by receiving many gifts from God that we enjoy each and every day. The spirit of Christmas helps us to share that joy and then has a way of boomeranging and gives the person giving it more joy than the one who receives it. All of us have the ability to add something to another person's life.

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Lay Leader, Giving, Ministry Council Meeting Summary

Lay Leader, continued...

In the midst of all this is love. Like the Magic Penny song says. "Love is something that when you give it away, you end up having more." The greatest and the first gift of Christmas is the gift of love. God gave us His Son, Jesus, the baby in the manger; The young boy supposedly lost in the temple; The man who gave himself for us on the Cross. God's son was raised from the dead giving us eternal life.

Wow. We have reason to celebrate! We have been loved to its fullest extent. Love is the answer. Let's continue our living with the Christmas spirit sharing that love. And then all of us can make a difference for this world and the next. Love is given, love is the answer. Thank you, God and Jesus. Amen.

Giving a contribution to United Methodist Church of the Pines is easy!

Thank you for continuing to financially contribute to Church of the Pines as you are able. **There are a variety of ways to make your gifts:**

- Text "give" to 833-358-0472.
- Use ACH (Automatic Clearing House) to contribute from your checking of savings account.
- Go to www.umchurchof the pines.org and click on the GIVE button to make an electronic gift using your debit or checking account.
- Drop off or mail a check made out to Church of the Pines to P.O. Box 144, Minocqua, WI 54548.

Ministry Council Meeting Summary - The Ministry Council met on November 15, 2022, with the following members present: Chris Anderson, Jim Anderson, Jean Butler, Jodi Capacio, Sue Claflin, Pastor mark Gilbert, Merry Jorgensen, Rich Klatt, Sue Loeffler, Holly Nash, and Bob Schuld. Absent were Donna Clark, Emerson Coy, and Noah Lottig.

Mary Fasse and Sara Kozeluh were introduced as incoming Council members whose terms begin in January 2023. Sue Loeffler is the incoming chair of the Council, effective January 1st. Jim Anderson, outgoing chair, will remain on the Council as the immediate past chair. Tom Frandy will be filling in for Jerry Weber, as Jerry will be gone for approximately three months. Emerson Coy's term as Lay Leader ends at the end of the year. Venus Hilgart and Dave Kozeluh were elected as Co-Lay Leaders to begin their terms in January.

The following accomplishments were highlighted: Successful mission trip to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Illinois; the toy drive for Lakeland Sharing Foundation was successful; Wednesday Church School is going well this year; UMW raised over $2,000 from their fall Rummage & Bake Sale; 25 people attended our Charge Conference.

An amendment to the Endowment Fund policy was approved to change the Bronze gift category from $1,000 to $5,000. Refer to page 14 of this newsletter for more information about our Endowment Fund.

The council continued the vision process for planning the future of Church of the Pines, with focus on three areas: Community, Spirituality, and Energy/Enthusiasm.

The next Ministry Council meeting is schedule for Tuesday, December 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ministry Center.

United Methodist Women, Prayer Shawl Ministry

Use your Thank Offering box . . . Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift! Remember this gift with 50 cents in your Thank Offering.

Circle News:

Dawn Circle . . . will not meet in December. We will resume meeting January 5 at the home of Pat Bechtel.

Deborah Circle . . . will meet Wednesday, December 14 at 5:30 pm at Country Terrace for Christmas caroling. We will continuing caroling at One Penny Place at 6 pm where we will have a cookie exchange. Bring all the family to join in this Christmas tradition. Our Church School youth will be joining in the fun this year too!

Esther/Martha Circle . . . is meeting at The Yacht Club for lunch at noon on Tuesday, December 6.

Lydia Circle . . . will go out for brunch at Our Place at 9:30 am on Thursday, December 8.

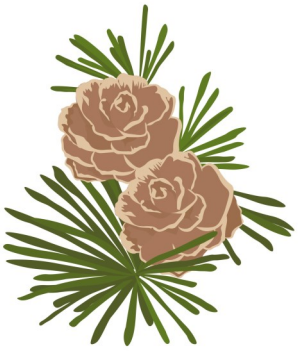
Ruth Circle . . . will meet at Heart II at 12:30 pm Wednesday, December 7. Bring a white elephant for our gift exchange. We will have a collection for Catkins Animal Shelter in Park Falls.

Cookie Walk Sign-ups . . . Watch for sign-up sheets in the Ministry Center for working on Bake Day (and bringing dough), for Set-up on Friday the 9th and for working at the Cookie Walk and Craft Table. Of course, we need cookies too!!! Thanks to all who are so generous with their time and skills. We couldn't do it without you!

Remember our Stamp Ministry . . . During the holiday season you will be receiving more personal mail than usual as the Christmas cards from friends and family brighten your days. Pass it on by clipping out the stamps from your envelopes and placing them in the box designated for the Stamp Ministry which is located on the counter in the Pine Room. These donated stamps help provide funds for Spanish language Sunday School materials. Thank you for remembering to do that!

Upcoming dates:

December 5 - Bake Day - 9 am
December 9 - Cookie Walk set-up - 4 pm
December 10 - Cookie Walk - 9:30 am



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Did you know Church of the Pines has a Prayer Shawl Ministry?

There are prayer shawls in a basket located on a table in the hallway between the Ministry Center and Pine Room that can be taken to give to someone to help bring comfort to someone who is ill, grieving, homebound, or going through a tough time. If you take a Prayer Shawl, please fill out the spiral notebook that is on the table and take a Prayer Shawl card that you can fill out to give with the Prayer Shawl.

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, please consider becoming involved with our Prayer Shawl Ministry, which meets in person once a month. If you are unable to meet at the church, you can still be a part of this Ministry and make the prayer shawls at home. Call the church office for more information at 715-356-3041.

Mission Highlights

Harbor House Crisis Shelters

Harbor House Crisis Shelters (HHCS) is a Ministry of Faith United Methodist Church in Superior, WI. Emergency Shelter- Harbor House provides thirty days of emergency shelter for homeless women and children and families. The shelter is open 24 hours a day, every day of the year providing daily needs such as clothing, bedding, hygiene products, food, diapers and cleaning supplies. Case Management- HHCS case management incorporates coaching, life skill enhancement, goal setting, assessments, referrals, and community resources on a bi-weekly basis. Transitional Living Center (TLC) is supportive housing assistance for homeless families and single women. All residents participate in weekly case management and monthly resident meetings. This is Advance Special of the Minnesota Conference and The Wisconsin Annual Conference #7788Your help makes a difference in the lives of homeless women and children.
harborhousecs.org

Lakeland Sharing *YOUR GIFT BRINGS JOY TO CHILDREN ON CHRISTMAS MORNING!*

At the end of January, our seasoned volunteer shoppers start prowling local stores and Internet sites for year-end close outs on thermal gloves and stylish hats. Local knitting and quilting clubs start working on items that they will ultimately donate to us for distribution in December.

In November, we set up donation boxes throughout the community. Teams of volunteers clean and then sort through the used toy donations to make certain all the pieces are included and that the mechanical toys work. We also conduct our annual appeal for cash contributions to fund our direct purchase of new toys and books at discount prices.

We coordinate with schools, child-care centers, and social service agencies such as Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) to distribute invitations to families who qualify for our program. The invitation process is entirely anonymous – we don't know who qualifies. The families who receive an invitation choose from a list of gifts, and mail it back to us. We order the gifts and package them up for the distribution. Usually the first week of December we have our distribution days. When parents arrive at our site – no children allowed! -- volunteers greet them with coffee and cookies. Then, we provide the parents with their pre-packaged bag of gifts. We also have limited availability on Stocking Stuffers, Freebies, and Hats and Gloves.

After the parents have finished shopping, we provide batteries for all the mechanical toys, and a coupon provided by the Lakeland Food Pantry www.lakelandpantry.com to receive a complete holiday dinner. Then, another volunteer carts all the goodies to the car and wishes the family a Merry Christmas.
lakelandsharing.org

Snowbirds, Winter Weather Policy, 2023 Offering Envelopes

SNOWbirds

To those of you who will be leaving your Northwoods home for the winter, this is a reminder for you to send an email to office@umchurchofthepines.org or call 715-356-3041 to temporarily change your mailing address and to let us know the date you will be leaving and the date you plan to return home.
Let's stay connected this winter!

New Offering Envelopes

If you ordered an offering envelope packet for 2023, you will soon be able to pick them up in the Ministry Center.

If you did not pre-order envelopes, but would like to have a packet for next year, please contact Merry at 715-356-3041 or send her an email at office@umchurchofthepines.org.

Have information for the January Pine Chips newsletter?

Email the information to office@umchurchofthepines.org by December 15th.

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The next time you shop online, remember to shop at AmazonSmile.com and register so that a percentage of your purchase is donated to Church of the Pines.

Cancelation of Sunday worship will be considered when there is ice and when there are severe storm warnings. If the weather situation requires cancelation, a decision will be made by 6:00 pm on Saturday evening.

As soon as cancelation has been determined, the following will occur: worship stewards will be notified; local television that allow church cancelations will be notified; a mass email will be sent via Mail Chimp to those on the list (this is the Weekly Update and Pine Chips newsletter list); and a mass phone call will be made to the church membership. If you have an email address and are not currently receiving the Weekly Updates each Friday, go to our church website at www.umchurchofthepines.org, click on "newsletters" and request to be placed on the e-mail list.

If you have questions about this policy, please call the church office at 715-356-3041 or send an email to office@umchurchofthepines.org.

Check TV Channels 7 or 9 for closings or delays.

Endowment Fund

United Methodist Church of the Pines

ENDOWMENT FUND

Gratitude

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His loving kindness endures forever.
- Psalm 107.1

We are the seeds of hope for those who succeed us. We dream and envision and set things in motion. The fruition of our decisions will be known only to others whom we will not meet. 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.

Seeds of Hope
FOR THE FUTURE

Endowment Gifts to the Church

The Endowment Fund was created and exists solely to glorify God through providing a means of administering the receipt of gifts to be held in perpetuity. Only the income generated by the principal may be used, with the maximum income available in any calendar year calculated as five percent of the average of invested fund balances for the prior three years. For example, if your gift to the Endowment Fund is $50,000, it is the same as giving up to $2,500 to your church each year, ***forever!***

Why Donate to the Endowment Fund

Endowments provide a means for sustaining those things you care about, forever! Like many churches today, Church of the Pines has experienced income shortfalls due to declining membership. Your gift will help sustain the United Methodist Church of the Pines for future generations!

How the Fund is Administered

Finance and Trustees make recommendations for specific use of available funds to the Ministry Council for approval. The Ministry Council is ultimately responsible for directing the use of funds generated from your gift.

Gift Designations & Recognition

The Endowment Fund can receive both directed and non-directed gifts. A directed gift, where the donor designates its specific use, must be a minimum of $10,000. Non-directed gifts can be of any amount. A permanent display will honor gifts with Bronze ($5,000+), Silver ($25,000+), Gold ($50,000), and Platinum ($100,000+) designations. Your gift can remain anonymous.

Possible Uses for Non-Directed Gifts

Income from non-directed gifts can be used for any expenditure that the Ministry Council approves. This could include operating expenses, capital improvements, conference apportionments, missions, or new ministries and programs.

Sources for Gifts to the Endowment Fund

Consider the following gifts: Securities—stocks, bonds, mutual funds; Life insurance; Real Estate, Wills and Bequests; Trust Funds; Money; Memorial Gifts. Gifts are deductible not only for income tax purposes, but also for Federal estate and inheritance tax purposes. Actual tax savings will depend upon the size of the gift and other factors. There are certain limits on tax deductibility; we recommend consulting with your attorney or accountant regarding large gifts.

NEXT STEPS: IF YOU HAVE MADE A GIFT, THANK YOU!
IF YOU ARE STILL EXPLORING, speak with your advisors.
Contact the church by phone at 715-356-3041 or by email at office@umchurchofthepines.org to arrange for a confidential consultation with a member of the Endowment Committee.

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

Mission Trip

From the left: Loran Susor, Val Susor, Jayne Claflin, Holly Nash, Sue Loeffler, Venus Hilgart, and Connie Hilgart

MISSION TRIP 2022

Val Susor presents a check to Chantel Corrie, Executive director of MMDC.

Venus Hilgart & Holly Nash

Jayne Claflin

Loran Susor

Loran & Val Susor

Val Susor

Plan to join the Mission Team October 24-28, 2023 and October 14-18, 2024

Connie Hilgart, another volunteer, and Sue Loeffler

Finance Report

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE PINES
FINANCE REPORT
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

	September Actual	Year Actual	Incr (Decr) Versus Year Budget
Income			
Operating *	11,022	161,778	(19,618)
Reserve Fund	(1,699)	2,797	(8,588)
Endowment Fund	4,900	9,800	0
Total Income	**14,223**	**174,375**	**(28,206)**
Expenditures			
Pastor **	7,893	76,830	41
Worship	290	2,621	(527)
Nurture	88	3,866	1,346
Outreach	735	2,773	898
Finance & Administration	5,863	52,413	744
Facilities Operation & Maintenance	9,752	36,524	(439)
Capital Improvements Fund	(6,118)	8,706	4,856
Youth Fund	0	0	0
Missions Fund ***	0	5,205	395
Reserve Fund	215	2,040	(710)
Conference Apportionment ****	4,900	13,264	0
Total Expenditures	**23,618**	**204,242**	**6,604**
Net Cash Excess (Deficiency)	**(9,395)**	**(29,867)**	**(34,810)**
Total Available Funds 9-30-22		**239,854**	

* Prepaid Pledges of 50,602 were included in January Operating Income
** Includes Salary, Benefits, Expenses
*** Includes Special Sundays
**** 2022 Assessment is 36,528

Net cash deficiency (income minus expenditures) for 9 months is 29,867, which is 34,810 worse than the approved operating budget.

Watch our church services on YouTube

In addition to watching Sunday morning worship services on Facebook, you can also watch services on our church YouTube channel. Go to our church website - www.umchurchofthepines.org for a link to the YouTube channel.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 **Second Sunday of Advent** 10:00am - Worship Service/ Communion 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship 2:00pm - Middle/ High School group (Youth Room)	5 9:00am - 12:00pm - Cookie Bake Day (Kitchen/ Ministry Center)	6 12:00pm - Esther/Martha Circle lunch at the Yacht Club	7 12:30pm - Ruth Circle lunch at Heart II 3:30pm - Church School (lower level)	8 9:30am - Lydia Circle Brunch (Our Place Cafe) 10:00am - 2:00pm - Craft-Making for Craft Sale (Ministry Center)	9 4:00pm - Set Up for Cookie Walk (Ministry Center)	10 9:30 - 11:00 am - Cookie Walk (Ministry Center)
11 **Third Sunday of Advent** 10:00am - Worship Service/Children's Christmas Program 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship	12 1:00pm - Prayer Shawl (Pine Room)	13 7:00pm - Ministry Council (Ministry Center)	14 3:30pm - Church School Christmas Party 5:30pm - Deborah Circle/Church School Christmas Caroling	15	16	17
18 **Fourth Sunday of Advent** 10:00am - Worship Service 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship 2:00pm - Middle/ High School Youth (Youth Room 4:00pm Piano/	19	20	21 12:00pm - Keenagers (Ministry Center)	22	23 3:00pm - Wedding	24 **Christmas Eve** 4:30pm - Worship Service 7:00pm - Worship Service
25 **Merry Christmas!** 10:00am - Christmas Worship Service 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship	27 Church office is closed today	28 27 9:30am - Between Friends (Ministt ry Center)	28	29	30	31

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