



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.



"It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving."

– Mother Teresa

Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
Livestreamed on Facebook

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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

Ministry Council & SPRC Letter

January 12, 2022

Dear Friends and Members of UMCOP:

We are sure you are aware there has been a dramatic rise nationally in reported cases of COVID-19 due to the Omicron variant. The state of Wisconsin and Oneida county are no exceptions. Last Thursday, we received communication from the Wisconsin Council of Churches and the United Methodist Church Wisconsin Conference recommending that we consider temporarily moving back to only virtual worship services.

Our Infection Control Team (ICT) met on Friday. It recommended the United Methodist Church of the Pines return to only virtual worship services for the time being until we have a better idea of what is going to happen with this variant. Changes would take place on January 16, 2022. This would mean church-related activities such as women's circles, committees, and after-school programs would also not be able to meet in the church during this time. We sincerely hope this change will be of short duration.

The Team recommended this for the following reasons:

Currently, the risk for COVID infection in Wisconsin is "Extremely High," and the risk in Oneida County is "Very High."

Local hospitals are at maximum capacity.

The majority of those attending in-person worship at UMCOP are elderly and are more likely to have other underlying health factors which increase the likelihood of a severe COVID infection.

The Omicron variant is highly transmissible, and even fully vaccinated people are at risk of infection and able to spread the infec-

tion.

We fully understand the importance of in-person worship on the spiritual, social, and psychological lives of our congregation. However, we believe the risk of COVID infection has increased above the level we feel our current infection control precautions are sufficient.

The Wisconsin Council Churches recommends we return to virtual-only services for the time being. We have used their recommendations as guidance throughout the pandemic.

On Saturday, members of our Ministry Council were asked to vote on whether we should go back to virtual services for the time being. They agreed that in the interest of the safety and the health of our congregation, we should go back to virtual services and no in-person meetings at the church. This will be implemented Sunday, January 16, and continue until we see a trend toward lower case levels.

We assure you that none of us wanted this to take place, but above all else, we want you to be healthy and safe. We can also assure you that we will make this pause as short as possible based on case numbers. The ICT and Council and will keep you updated moving forward.

In His name,

Jim Anderson, Ministry Council Chair
Holly Nash, Infection Control Team Chair

Important Update

COVID-19 & CHURCH CLOSING

See page 3

Leadership, COVID & Church Closing Update

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Important Update COVID-19 & CHURCH CLOSING

The Infection Control Team and Ministry Council want to keep you abreast of the COVID situation and how it impacts UMCOP. The indicators of COVID infections have returned to where they were when online-only worship services were recommended by the Wisconsin Council of Churches and the Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church in the beginning of January. So, that news is promising. However, the ICU beds remain at 100% capacity in our area. Although the trend in new COVID cases is going down, the situation in the state and Oneida County is still considered "Critically High" according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. The vaccination rate is only slowly going up.

The Infection Control Team is monitoring the situation daily and hopes to soon recommend going back to in-person worship services, but the date is yet to be determined. Be assured that we will continue to assess the COVID status and will recommend returning to in-person worship as soon as we feel it is safe to do so, although protective measures would still need to be taken.

Thank you for your patience. We know it is difficult to take a step backward, but the safety of our congregation, the elderly, and the health care personnel and other frontline workers, such as teachers and service workers in our community, need to be considered. Christ calls us to love our neighbor as ourselves. We are showing that love to our community and congregation, by exposing as few people to COVID as possible while the risk is so high.



Church
building
is closed

In-person worship services and activities held in the church building have been suspended until further notice because of the rise in COVID-19 due to the Omicron variant.

If you need assistance from our church administrator or need something in the church office, please call ahead (715-356-3041) or send an email to office@umchurchofthepines.org to make arrangements.

Pastor Mark Gilbert is on a Pastoral Renewal Leave for three months and will be unable to return calls left on his office phone extension or emails sent to his church email address. For assistance, call the church office at 715-356-3041, extension #2, or send an email to office@umchurchofthepines.org.

Worship, Birthdays & Anniversaries, Nonagenarian Club

WORSHIP

FROM HOME

NEW! Beginning February 20th, you can watch Sunday morning worship by turning into our Church of the Pines'

YouTube channel by going to:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMuL4WwvtHZCm5NPj59RwLQ>

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>

Listen to Sunday Messages each week by calling 1-715-203-1990 or by going to our church website.

<https://www.umchurchofthepines.org/listen-to-weekly-sermons.html>

Call 1-715-203-1990

to hear our latest sermon
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sermonbyphone.com

FEBRUARY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy birthday to...

February 1	Stephanie Hilgart
February 3	Noah Lottig
February 7	Dick Rhyner
February 7	Vi Steinbicer
February 9	Gary Johnson
February 10	Sue McDougall
February 10	Maria Caroselli
February 14	Betty Hewitt
February 16	Gretchen Voigt
February 18	Karen Stinemates

Happy anniversary to...

February 17	Emerson & Julie Coy
February 24	Larry & Bonnie Duffee

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

Blessings to you on your special day!

Church of the Pines' Nonagenarian Club



*Happy birthday to
Vi Steinbicer,
who celebrates
her
97th birthday
on
February 7th.*

Blessings to you on your special day!

Prayers, In Memory



To have your name or the name of a loved one included on this 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.

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Nancy Krings and her family.
(Nancy's mother, Patricia Christianson, passed away on January 24, 2022)

Sally Ham

Debbie Kilps

Family of Thomas McEwen
(Tom, husband of Mary Ellen McEwen, passed away on January 2, 2022)

Fred Melms

Helen Wentz



In Memory



Thomas J. McEwen
 July 20, 1951 - January 2, 2022

Thomas Joseph McEwen, age 70 of Hazelhurst, WI; owner of the Hilltop Cottages and Resort passed peacefully at home with family on January 2, 2022, after a courageous battle with brain cancer. A memorial service was held at Nimsgern Funeral Home on January 8, 2022. Please keep Tom's wife, Mary Ellen, and siblings and their families in your prayers. Mary Ellen has recently moved. If you want to send a sympathy card to Mary Ellen, contact the church office at 715-356-3041 or send an email at office@umchurchofthepines.org for her new address.

February Worship Themes



February 6, 2022

Worship Leader: Pastor Emerson Coy

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8, I Corinthians 15:1-11, and Luke 5:1-11

Message: Faith Matters

We will explore origins of our faith and our faith journeys. With all that we encounter in life, our faith matters for a fulfilling, meaningful, and happy life.

February 13, 2022

Worship Leader: Pastor Pat Nolet

Scripture: Judges 13:2-5, 29-30; Matthew 14:22-33; I Timothy 6:11-21

Message: Olympics and Scripture

One is to learn the things of God; be initiated into the life of the Holy Spirit, and know the secret and power of righteous living.

February 20, 2022

Worship Leader: Pastor Gary Cole

Scripture: Matthew 22:34-40 and Galatians 5:14

Message: Neighboring

Jesus tells us to love our neighbors like ourselves. How can we be good neighbors?

February 27, 2022

Worship Leader: Lay Speaker, Holly Nash

Scripture: Psalm 99 and Luke 9:28-36 (NIV)

Message: Changed into Glory

The transfiguration of Christ on a mountain top was a miracle that three of the disciples were able to witness. Transfiguration is a major change. It is like metamorphosis, in which a caterpillar turns into a butterfly. During the transfiguration, Jesus was changed and his divine nature was made clear. We glorify and praise Him then, as Lord of

Lords and King of Kings. Knowing Jesus' divine nature helped all of the disciples recognize His power, which better equipped them for their ministry.



Members of Church of the Pines who have a high school senior graduating this spring are invited to apply for a scholarship from the church.

Please contact Merry Jorgensen at 715-356-3041 or email her at office@umchurchofthepines.org with questions or to request a scholarship application form.

Completed forms must be received by February 10th.

Applications received after February 10th will not be considered.



Information for the March issue of the Pine Chips is due by February 15th, and information for the Weekly Update is due on Monday mornings.

Stephen Ministry

We have said goodbye to 2021 and hello to 2022. For many people 2021 was a year they would like to forget, with COVID, political tension, racial tension, violence, natural disasters and the ever-present struggles of everyday life. Some may feel weakened with all they went through this last year. Others perhaps have looked at how they have grown through their struggles.

stephen
MINISTRY®

I came upon a reflection about life's struggles written by a doctor named Rachel Naomi Remen, called "Pearls of Wisdom", and I would like to share part of it with you:



"An oyster is small, tender, and vulnerable. Without the sanctuary of its shell it could not survive. But oysters must open their shell in order to "breathe" water. Some-times while an oyster is breathing, a grain of sand will enter its shell and become a part of its life from then on.

Such grains of sand cause pain, but an oyster does not become hard and leathery in order not to feel it. But it does respond. Slowly and patiently, the oyster wraps the grain of sand in thin translucent layers until, over time, it has created something of great value: a pearl. A pearl might be thought of as an oyster's response to suffering.

Disappointment and loss are a part of every life. Many times we can put such things behind us and get on with the rest of our lives. But not everything is amenable to this approach. Some things are too big or too deep to do this. These are the places where wisdom begins to grow in us.

One by one we let things go, the anger, the blame, the sense of injustice, and finally even the pain itself, until all we have left is a deeper sense of the value of life and a greater capacity to live it."

As we continue into this new year, I invite you to look at challenges from the perspective of an oyster. You may not be able to change your struggle into something as beautiful as a pearl, but the struggle can prove to be just as valuable as one. God is with you through your struggles. Look to Him for strength, comfort, and peace and He can make the fruit of your life beautiful. If you need help with your struggle, contact our Stephen Leader, Holly Nash at 715-356-6861.

Lay Leader



Words to Live By Emerson Coy, Lay Leader “Doing and Getting”

It seems that we are always busy “doing things” and “getting stuff.” You know what I mean. If you become tired from a long day and then wonder what you accomplished. Or, if you have ever moved your residence, you know about collecting stuff. Someone once said that “If you don’t open a box within a year after moving, you don’t need it.” But we get so busy in our routines of life. We are attracted to the easier chores we like to do so we can put off the duties of the chores we don’t like. They call that procrastination.

Once I was flying in an airplane over Chicago. I looked down and saw geometric streets, houses, buildings, cars, and trucks. It was a city on the move. Where were all the people going? And what was on their minds? It seemed that a lot of people may have been pre-occupied “doing things”, going to work, or just living out a mundane routine.

It’s important that we take time in the midst of our modern world to reflect on why we live, work, and play. We look and pray to our Creator for answers that give us peace of mind and heart. We find meaning and security in a God who establishes the foundation of life itself. Treat each day as if it is your last day on earth. Cherish the day and each relationship. Savor every moment, even those which otherwise might seem a bit distasteful. We don’t get our moments in time back.



A little girl looked at her mother’s egg timer. One of those small glass things with sand in it. Her mother explained how it worked and that it took exactly 3 minutes for the sand to empty. You turn it over and it does the same thing all over again. So later the little girl brought a friend into the kitchen. “See!” she said as she demonstrated the egg timer. “You run it through like this, then you turn it upside down and you get your 3 minutes back.”

It would be nice if that would happen every now and then, wouldn’t it? But time, like coal or petroleum, is a non-renewable resource. We don’t get our time back. So make good use of the 3 minutes you have. Put meaning in your routines. May the “stuff “ we get have purpose and may the “things’ we do be useful.

The Hymn “*Take Time to Be Holy*” comes to mind as we ponder making good use of our time. The first verse is Take time to be holy, speak off with thy Lord.; abide in him always, and feed on his word. Make friends with God’s children, help those who are weak, forgetting in nothing His blessings to seek.

Ministry Council Meeting Summary, Mission Highlights

Ministry Council Meeting Summary

The Ministry Council met on January 18, 2022, with the following member in attendance: Jim Anderson, Jodi Capacio, Sue Claflin, Donna Clark, Emerson Coy, Merry Jorgensen, Rich Klatt, Sue Loeffler, Noah Lottig, Holly Nash, Bob Schuld, and Jerry Weber. Chris Anderson and Jean Butler were absent.

The 2022 Budget was presented by finance chair, Bob Schuld, and was approved by the Ministry Council. See page 15 of the Pine Chips.

The following recommended policy/procedure for Ministry Council votes by email was approved: The email is sent from the church office email on behalf of the Council Chair or Vice Chair; and that all members of the Council respond to "All." Since Merry Jorgensen serves as the Ministry Council's recording secretary and is responsible for church records, Archives, and communications, she will tally and record the office vote. The question and votes are automatically recognized and recorded in the next meeting minutes.

The rental agreement between Dr. Homes and Church of the Pines was reviewed. Dr. Holmes is renting office space in the lower level of the church.

The Ministry Council conducted an email vote and approved the suspension of in-person worship services and activities because of COVID as of Sunday, January 16, 2022. The Infection Control Team will watch the data and wait for the spike to go down and level off before making a recommendation to re-open the church.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Mission Highlights

Grace Children's Hospital, founded in 1967, is recognized as Haiti's leading medical facility dedicated to the treatment of children with Tuberculosis (TB). Each year, the hospital receives thousands of children who are suffering from TB, HIV, and other diseases. www.umcmision.org

UMCOR US Disaster Response - when disaster happens it is local churches that provide the first response to their communities. This basic understanding - that disaster response is local - forms the foundation for UMCOR's US disaster training and response.

When responding to a disaster in the United States, UMCOR works with the conference disaster response ministries to provide the following:

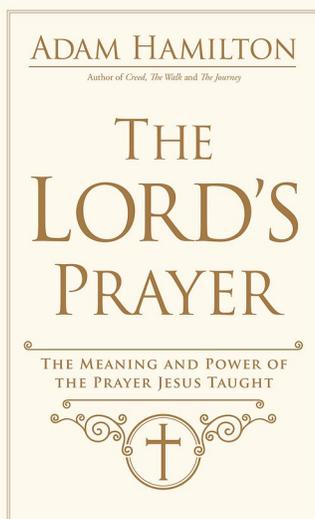
Financial Assistance—Emergency grants may be sent when a bishop of the affected conference contacts UMCOR.

Expertise - UMCOR's disaster response experience and knowledge are made available to those in need.

Networking - Connections with NGOs, volunteers, experts, local government and other organizations can help communities recover from disaster.

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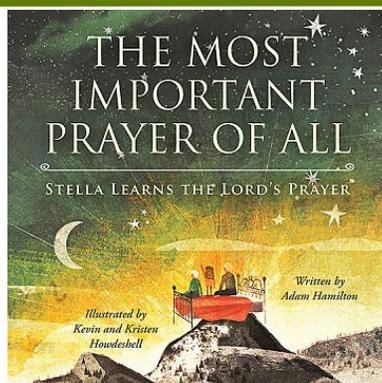
Lent



Recommended Reading for Lent
The Lord's Prayer
The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught
 by Adam Hamilton

Join together this Lenten season by reading our recommended book "The Lord's Prayer - The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught" by Adam Hamilton. We would like to offer a book study via Zoom (or in person if we have re-opened by the beginning of Lent.) **To have the book study, we need a couple of people who are willing to facilitate the study.** A planning guide will be provided for the facilitator, and, if needed, assistance will be given in setting up Zoom meetings. Please contact Merry Jorgensen right away if you are interested in being one of the facilitators of this book study - 715-356-3041 or email her at office@umchurchofthepines.org. **Books can be ordered on Amazon or through Cokesbury. If you would like the church to order a book for you, please contact Merry to place your order by February 4th.**

In *The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught*, pastor and best-selling author Adam Hamilton guides us to really know—and really pray—the Lord's Prayer. He explores each of its rich lines and their meaning in the Bible, illuminating what we ask of God and what we ask of ourselves through its words. And he teaches us how to use it as a pattern for our own prayer life.



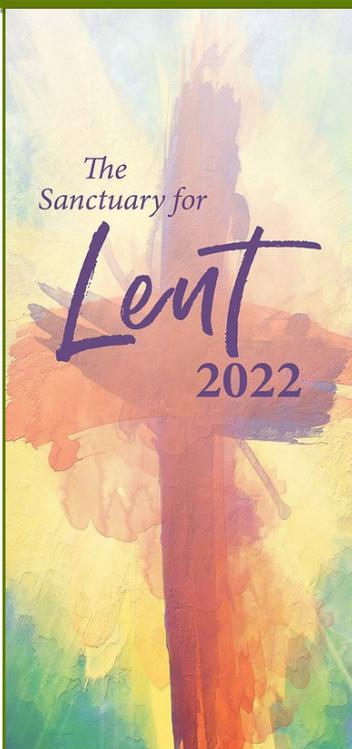
The Lord's Prayer for children, ages 3-12

In *The Most Important Prayer of All*, a grandfather and granddaughter talk about the Lord's Prayer as he teaches it to her one night and she asks questions about what it means. This book, written by Adam Hamilton, based on conversations with his own granddaughter, helps children ages 3-12 learn the Lord's Prayer and understand its meaning.

**CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS WHO HAVE GRANDCHILDREN
 BETWEEN THE AGES OF 3 AND 12**

If you would like to give this book, "The Most Important Prayer of All" to your grandchild or grandchildren, you can get the book through our church office for a donation of \$5.00 per book. You can arrange to pick the book(s) up from the church office or for an addition \$2.00 per book, you can arrange to have the book(s) mailed to you. **Supplies are limited, so contact Merry right away to reserve your copy or copies!** 715-356-3041 office@umchurchofthepines.org

Lent



Danielle Burwon Kim

The Sanctuary for Lent 2022

The Sanctuary for Lent 2022 contains brief readings for each day in Lent, from Ash Wednesday through Easter Day, including a suggested Scripture, a short devotion and a short prayer—all based on the Revised Common Lectionary. This annual favorite helps readers faithfully journey through Lent as they prepare to experience the joy of the Resurrection.

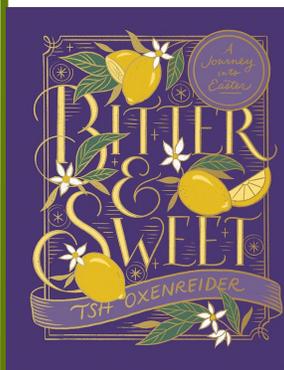
To receive your free copy of *The Sanctuary for Lent 2022*, contact the church office to arrange to pick up a devotional or arrange to have the devotional mailed to you. Copies will be available for pick up at Sunday morning worship services once the church re-opens. **Please note a larger font for ease of reading has been used in this devotional making for an easy read.**



March 2, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Another recommended book for Lenten reading:



Bitter & Sweet - A Journey Into Easter

The theme of bitterness runs through Bible as a sour reminder of sin's presence in our world--yet it's because of this bitterness that Jesus' grace is so sweet and satisfying. As we learn to turn from our vices and crave real beauty, goodness, and truth through the pursuit of virtues, we grow nearer to God and become more like who He made us to be.

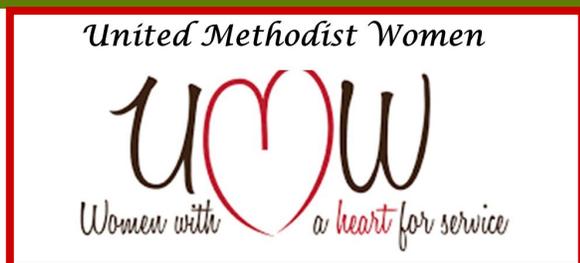
From Tsh Oxenreider, bestselling author of *Shadow and Light: A Journey into Advent*, arrives a devotional to help you meditate and rejoice in the transcendent miracle of Easter. You will...

- uncover what it means to participate in the liturgical traditions of Lent, from fasting to almsgiving
- experience artwork and music that illuminates the impact--both personal and global--of Jesus's death and resurrection
- contemplate the wonder of Christ's redemption of all humankind, especially as this time of introspection reveals your human limitations

Starting on Ash Wednesday and leading you all the way through Holy Week, *Bitter and Sweet* is an invitation to better understand Jesus's sacrifice as you delight in His ultimate love for you.

This book can be ordered at Cokesbury.com on sale now for \$17.49, plus tax and shipping. **If you would like Merry to order a copy for you, please contact her by February 4th.** Arrangements can be made to have the book mailed to you for the additional cost of postage.

United Methodist Women



Use your Thank Offering box . . . Thanks be to God for those we love! Put a dime in your Thank Offering for each of two people who are important in your life.

Circle Meetings:

Dawn Circle . . . will not meet in February.

Deborah Circle . . . meets at 6 pm Wednesday, February 9 at the home of Patty Frandy. We'll be making valentines for shut-ins.

Esther/Martha Circle . . . will meet at the home of Sarah Stewart at 12 noon on Tuesday, February 1.

Lydia Circle . . . will meet at the home of Sue Claflin at 9:30 am on Thursday, February 10 to discuss Chapter 3 and watch the video.

Ruth Circle . . . will meet for pizza at Heart II at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9th.

UMW Executive Board . . . will meet in the Ministry Center on Wednesday, March 9 at 10 am.

UMW Sunday . . . UMW Sunday will be on March 13. If you'd like to help with this event, please contact Sara Kozeluh or Patty Frandy. If we meet in person, we will need ushers, greeters and a scripture reader. If you'd like to participate in a women's chorus, let us know! If the church services are still virtual at that time, we won't need as much help but appreciate your support!

UMW Reading Program . . . Participate in this year's Reading Program by reading 5 different books from 5 different areas of

study. Books are available on the library cart in the Pine Room. Try one of our new books like *One Dress, One Year* by Bethany Winz. When Bethany Winz was 16 years old, she learned of the million of men, women, and children around the world trapped in slavery. She wore the same black dress every day for a year to focus attention on the lack of choices those people have. Read her story of trying to end human trafficking through following Jesus.

Valentine Project . . . Some UMW members will be making valentine cookies and bringing them to shut-ins and some others who could use a boost this February. If you'd like to help with this project by baking or delivering, please call Sara Kozeluh (715-356-4089) or Sarah Stewart (715-358-0753). Cookies would have to be dropped off at Sarah's house or at church by February 7.

Mission Trip . . . In November 2022, a group of dedicated workers will head from the Church of the Pines down to the Midwest Distribution Center in Springfield, Illinois. If you considered going on this Mission Trip last November but were unable to participate—or if you went and would love to go again, contact Sue Loeffler (susanellenLoeffler@gmail.com or 815-546-5033) for more information. The dates are November 8-12.

Upcoming dates:

March 9—UMW Executive Board at 10 am

March 13—UMW Sunday at 10 am

March 23—General Meeting at 10



Altar Flowers, February Kindness Challenge



Altar Flowers

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. Even though we do not have in-person worship services right now, we still would like flowers on the altar for our live-streamed services.

If you are willing to provide flowers or plants or would like more information, call or email the church office to schedule a Sunday. You can arrange for the arrangement, or Merry will be happy to do that for you through Lori's Floral Cottage.

Valentine's Day Act of Kindness Challenge for the 28 Days of February



This February, speak life-giving words in the lives of people around us. What if this month, in celebration of Valentine's Day, we speak words of affirmation into the lives of others and show others how God can move through us to show Jesus' love to the people He places in our lives? Look daily on Church of the Pines' Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/churchofthepines> and Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/churchofthepinesminocqua/> for daily challenges.

Are you up for the CHALLENGE?

CELEBRATING

**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

Special Sundays 2022, Be the Church



United Methodist Church of the Pines has eight Special Offerings each year. We had our first 2022 special offer-

ing, Human Relations Sunday on January 16th. There are special giving envelopes located in the pews in the sanctuary to use when we resume in-person worship services. For those who would like to have some special offering envelopes at home, arrangements can be made to receive some envelopes by contacting Merry at 715-356-3041 or email her at office@umchurchofthepines.org. To make contributions electronically, go to our church website, www.umchurchofthepines.org and click on "give" on the home page. Follow the prompts for registering and making gifts online. Contribution can also be made on your cell phone by texting the word "give" to 833-358-0472. You can help our church make a difference locally and around the world in many ways through your support of these special offerings.

Mark Your Calendar for the United Methodist Church's Special Sunday Offerings for 2022

The following Special Sundays will be held in 2022:

March 27	UMCOR Sunday
May 1	Native American Ministries
June 12	Peace with Justice
September 11	Golden Cross Sunday
October 2	World Communion
November 20	Blanket Sunday



Be THE CHURCH everyone. everywhere. everyday.

The church is so much more than a building. It's all of us serving inside and outside of its walls with caring and grateful hearts.

Throughout this coming year, the Pine Chips will have articles about the many ways we serve God through our service to others.

*O, Lord, help us to remember
We are the shadow
of your cross
That we don't just go to
church
The church resides
in each of us. AMEN!*

Finance Report - December 2021

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE PINES FINANCE REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021

	<u>December Actual</u>	<u>Year Actual</u>	<u>Incr (Decr) Versus Year Budget</u>
<u>Income</u>			
Operating *	21,709	212,371	21
Reserve Fund	(7,637)	32,034	18,184
Total Income	14,072	244,405	18,205
<u>Expenditures</u>			
Pastor **	8,180	95,938	(4,085)
Worship	1,211	6,275	(3,725)
Nurture	639	2,573	(602)
Outreach	7,096	10,549	8,549
Finance & Administration	9,356	70,721	4,744
Facilities Operation & Maintenance	3,628	33,075	(9,077)
Capital Improvements Fund	169	5,163	4,663
Youth Fund	0	0	0
Missions Fund ***	2,220	6,207	(18)
Reserve Fund	442	3,856	816
Conference Apportionment ****	8,530	12,280	7,280
Total Expenditures	41,471	246,637	8,545
Net Cash Excess (Deficiency)	(27,399)	(2,232)	9,660
Total Available Funds 12-31-21		319,371	

* Prepaid Pledges of 32,399 were included in January

** Includes Salary, Benefits, Expenses

*** Includes Special Sundays

**** 2021 Assessment is 36,840

Net cash deficiency (income minus expenditures) for the full year is 2,232 which is 9,660 better than the approved operating budget.

Summary

Normal Operations	(18,130)
Conference Apportionment	(12,280)
Reserve Fund	<u>28,178</u>
Net Cash Deficiency	(2,232)



Thank You *for your* **Generosity**

Finance - 2022 Budget

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE PINES APPROVED 2022 OPERATING BUDGET SUMMARY

	<u>2022 Budget</u>
<u>Income</u>	
Operating	233,863
Reserve Fund	15,150
Endowment Fund	14,800
Total Income	<u>263,813</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>	
Pastor *	101,864
Worship	4,401
Nurture	3,300
Outreach	9,140
Finance & Administration	70,392
Facilities Operation & Maintenance	47,530
Capital Improvements Fund	3,850
Youth Fund	0
Missions Fund **	6,985
Reserve Fund	3,500
Conference Apportionment ***	18,264
Total Expenditures	<u>269,226</u>
Net Cash Excess (Deficiency)	(5,413)
* Includes Salary, Benefits, Expenses	
** Includes Special Sundays	
*** 2022 Assessment is 36,528	
Normal Operations	(13,599)
Conference Apportionment	(18,264)
Reserve & Endowment Funds	<u>26,450</u>
Net Cash Deficiency	(5,413)



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

We are hopeful that during this time you will continue to financially contribute to Church of the Pines as you are able. You can text your gift on your cell phone. Text the word "give" to 833-358-0472. You will be guided through an initial registration for your first contribution. You can contribute by going to our church website: www.churchofthepines.org and click on the green GIVE button on the homepage and give using a debit or credit card or pay from your checking account AND you can designate your contribution to the fund of your choice. Arrangements can be made to have automatic recurring gifts debited from your checking or savings account. For additional information or assistance, please contact Merry Jorgensen at 715-356-3041 or email her at office@umchurchofthepines.org.

FEBRUARY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 12:00pm - Esther/Martha Circle (Sarah Stewart's home)	2	3	4	5
6 10:00am - Worship Service/ Communion (Livestream)	7 7:00pm - SPRC (Zoom)	8 10:00am - Milestone Worship	9 12:30pm - Ruth Circle (Heart II) 6:00pm - Deborah Circle (Patty Frandy's home)	10 9:30am - Lydia Circle (Sue Claflin's home)	11	12
13 10:00am - Worship Service (Livestream)	14 	15 7:00pm - Ministry Council Meeting (Zoom)	16 10:00am - UMW Executive Board (Ministry Center)	17 6:00pm - Men's Book Club (Zoom) 6:30pm - Turn the Page Book Club (Zoom)	18	19
20 10:00am - Worship Service (Livestream)	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 10:00am - Worship Service (Livestream)	28					

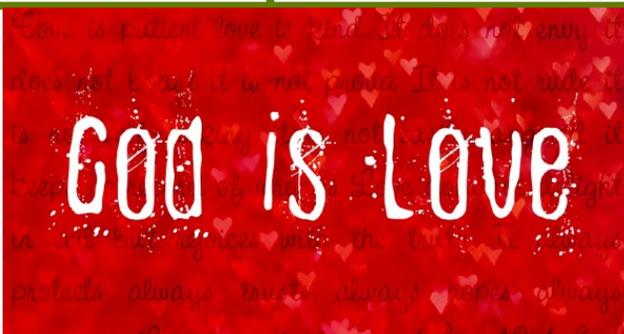
*Have something for Pine Chips 2.0? Email the church at office@umchurchofthepines.org.
To appear in the March Pine Chips, email information no later than February 15th.
 Announcements for weekly updates are due Monday for the following weekend.*



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the LORD
your God
with all your
heart...soul
...mind and...
strength.”

Mark 12:30

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