

FEBRUARY 2023

PINE Chips^{2.0}

United Methodist

Of Church of the Pines



Community
Spirituality
Enthusiasm



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.

The
love of God
has been poured out
in our hearts
by the Holy Spirit.



Romans 5:5, NKJV

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 Message



FROM THE PASTOR

Lent Boundaries

About fifteen years ago, I read C.S. Lewis' essay "Weight of Glory" for the first time. Lewis is one of my favorite authors and theologians, and the "Weight of Glory" is a beautiful example of his ability to share complex theological ideas in an accessible manner. One of the ideas that Lewis explores is the idea of humanity being made in the 'image of God' and its implications on our life together. It essentially says that everyone everywhere, no matter who or what, is special and unique because we all reflect God's glory.

Theologically there are two main reasons for our uniqueness as humanity. The first is the Genesis scriptures describing how God created us in their image. The second is that God has chosen to be forever bound in human form as Jesus for the rest of eternity. This is what we celebrate during the Christmas season: God has become incarnate in human form. In so doing, God willingly chose to bind God's self as a human being so that nothing could separate God and us. This act of binding God's self or setting a boundary or limitation is, in fact, something that God does all the time – it is part of who God is. Therefore, it is part of who we are, too, as we reflect the image of God inside of us.

I bring this up for us to think about as we prepare to enter the season of Lent this month. Throughout the Christian tradition, it is a common practice for people to give something up during Lent. We often do this to participate with Jesus as he suffers and sacrifices himself on the cross as we make a personal sacrifice. However, this year I encourage you not to think of Jesus' suffering and sacrifice during Lent, but like Jesus, choose to set a Lenten boundary for yourself actively.

I want us to actively engage the glory of God inside each of us by setting a boundary for ourselves while we engage with that boundary helps us feel closer to God. This can look very similar to giving something up, but it also can look like doing something more. The idea is to set a boundary for yourself that says I won't do this, or I will do this. The critical thing is to do something that will cause you to think about God as you do. Think not just about God's sacrifice for you but also about how you reflect God's image and how you experience the presence of God in your life.

Instead of just practicing self-denial, we can positively express the image of God in each of us. Lent Boundaries can help us see that when we act like God in willingly binding ourselves to something or someone, we can find that we lose nothing but gain more than we can imagine.

May this season of Lent be a blessing to us all as we share life.

Pastor Mark

Leadership, Prayers, Altar Flowers, Keenagers

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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
Friday - 9 am - Noon

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 contact the church office.

Please prayer for the family and friends of Janet Huber, who passed away on January 22, 2023. Janet lived at Milestone Senior Living and attended UMCOP's monthly services. She will be missed.

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 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.

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



Keenagers



KEENAGERS will meet in the Ministry Center for potluck at noon on Wednesday, February 15th. Representatives from St. Matthias' Episcopal Church's Community Table will be here to share how the program is going since it just resumed after being canceled for so long because of COVID. Our church is one of the sponsoring churches and will help with the meals in May and September. Mary Fasse is coordinating the two Community Tables for our church. All are welcome to attend the potluck. Bring a dish to pass. If you only want to attend the program, plan to arrive by 12:30 p.m.

Worship, Birthdays & Anniversaries, Endowment Fund

WORSHIP TOGETHER in person or online

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: <https://www.umchurchofthepines.org>

Have information for the March Pine Chips newsletter?

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

FEBRUARY Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

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 12	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

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.

February Worship Themes, Be a Church Member, Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY

WORSHIP

T H E M E S

February 5

Theme: It's the Thought that Counts. As we seek to practice our faith, nurture our spirits to grow closer to God, we need to be careful who we are practicing our faith for.

Scripture: Isaiah 58:1-9a

February 12

Theme: The Great Melting Pot. Do you love a good soup? A pot that has been simmering all day long with fresh ingredients added, all the flavors melting together to create something more than the sum of its parts. That is what God is doing with all of us bring us together as the body of Christ.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

February 19

Theme: Here's an Appetizer. Today we get a taste of what is to come. As the disciples see Jesus transfigured before them, God is giving them a taste of the great and glorious feast to come in the promise of the Resurrection.

Scripture: Matthew 17:19

February 22 - Ash Wednesday

Theme: Creating a Clean Heart. As we start our Lenten Season, may we start in a true spirit of confession to receive the true promise for forgiveness.

Scripture: Psalm 51:1-17

February 26 - First Sunday of Lent

Theme: If You Fall Down. Is Jesus facing his own temptations or is he facing ours? Today, we see that Jesus is choosing to join us in the moments and places in our lives that we are weak. Jesus does not condemn us for our weakness, but is there ready to lift us up.

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11



Interested in Becoming a Member of Church of the Pines?

If you would like to learn more about becoming a member of Church of the Pines, plan to attend our New Church Member Class on February 4th, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Ministry Center. Contact the church office at 715-356-3041 to let us know you would like to attend.

February 22, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.



Worship Service with Imposition of Ashes

random
Acts of kindness

FEBRUARY 17, 2023

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter

LENTEN *Schedule*

This Lenten season, we'll be exploring both looking inward and moving outward.

We are learning to live inside out.



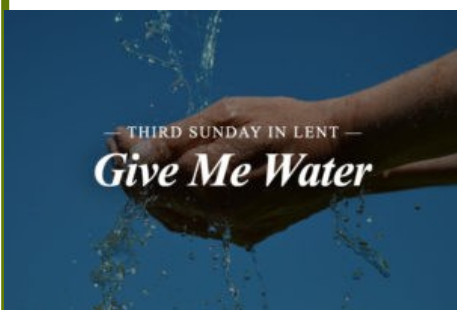
— FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT —
If You Fall Down

February 26 - First Sunday of Lent
Theme: If You Fall Down
Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11



— SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT —
Go from Your Country

March 5 - Second Sunday of Lent
Theme: Go from Your Country
Scripture: John 3:1-17



— THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT —
Give Me Water

March 12— Third Sunday of Lent
Theme: Give Me Water
Scripture: John 4:5-42



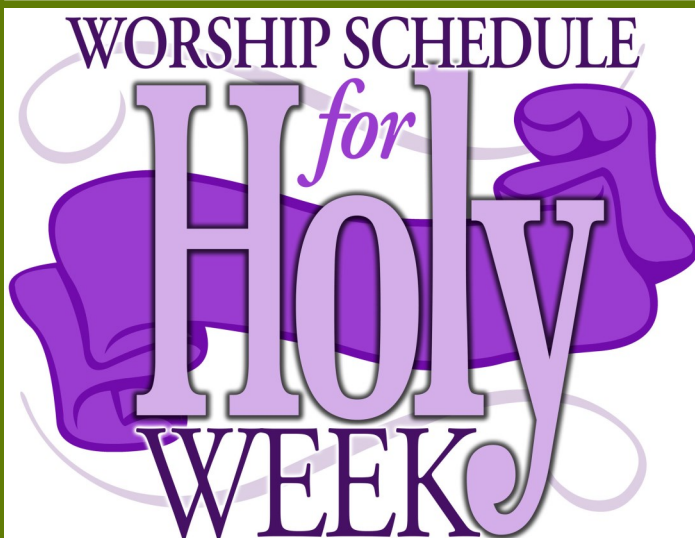
— FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT —
In the Presence

March 19 — Fourth Sunday of Lent
Theme: In the Presence
Scripture: John 9:1-41



— FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT —
Who Could Stand

March 26 — Fifth Sunday of Lent
Theme: Who Could Stand
Scripture: John 11:1-45



Holy Week

Palm Sunday

April 2nd - 10:00 a.m.

Holy Thursday

April 6 - 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

April 7 - 12:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunrise Service

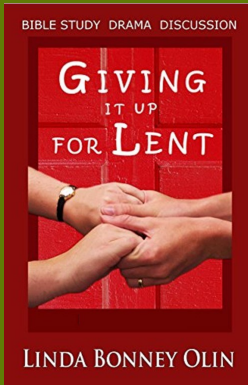
Torpy Park - 8:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday Worship Service

Sanctuary - 10:00 a.m.



Lenten Study, Lenten Devotional, Help People in Need



Lenten Study - Giving It Up for Lent

Dates: February 23, March 2, 9, and 23, and April 6 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
in the Ministry Center

Book Cost: \$5.50 (available for purchase at the church office)

Register: Send an email to office@umchurchofthepines.org
or call 715-356-3041

Study leader: Venus Hilgart

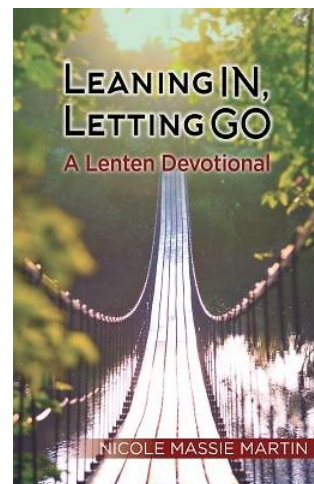
Participate in a fun, life-changing, five-week study about Lenten sacrifice. We'll be looking at Bible accounts of people who offered sacrifices to the Lord. The book is written by Linda Bonney Olin, who has been a lay speaker/lay servant in the United Methodist Church since 1977 and has written books, plays, songs, sermons, poems, devotions, and Bible study materials.

The study workbook is available from the church office for \$5.50.
Make checks payable to Church of the Pines.

Leaning In, Letting Go - A Lenten Devotional

If you would like a copy of this Lenten devotional, contact the church office to place your order by February 8th, 2023. The cost per book is \$4.00. You will be contacted to pick up your copy when they are received.

This daily devotional for the Lenten season, bestselling author Nicole Massie Martin takes us on a hope-filled journey of letting go of all that keeps us from experiencing the joy of resurrection. Daily reflections and prayers invite us to lean into God's grace and let go of our own agendas and practices that hold us back from the abundant life God calls us to enjoy and share with the world. Whether this is your first Lenten journey or one of many, *Leaning In, Letting Go* inspires lasting change for all your journeys to come.



Greetings, Church of the Pines family and friends,

As you may not yet know, there was a significant fire in our neighborhood last weekend at the Coach House Apartment Building. As the tenants are dealing with the aftermath of the fire, we have an opportunity to support and care for our neighbors. I have talked with a couple of the tenants as they are looking for new places to live, and they need some help with food and necessities. Therefore, I want to provide gift cards to tenants who need them at local stores for food, clothing, and other necessities.

If you would like to make an extra donation to the church, we can generously support our neighbors in need. Gifts can be made to the church in the following ways: Place cash or a check in your weekly offering envelope and place it in the offering plate; make an online gift by going to our church website and selecting "fire response" in the dropdown box. You can also text a gift on your cell phone at 833-358-0472. Checks can be made out to Church of the Pines and mailed to P.O. Box 144, Minocqua, WI 54548, or dropped off at the church office. Make sure you note that the gift is to help those who lost their belongings in the fire. If funds exceed this particular need, they will be used to help other neighbors in need. Thank you for your generous support and love.

- Pastor Mark

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers: The After People

People often ask, “What exactly is a Stephen Minister?” One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

Stephen Ministers are there:

- ... *after* the phone call you hoped you’d never get.
- ... *after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you’ve held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ... *after* the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ... *after* the doctor says, “I’m sorry, but there’s nothing more we can do.”
- ... *after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, “Welcome to your new home.”
- ... *after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ... *after* the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ... *after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ... *after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ... *after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the After People. They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.

www.stephenministries.org

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If you would like more information about the Stephen Ministry Program at the Church of the Pines, please contact our Stephen Leader, Holly Nash, at 715-356-6861.

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry



*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
- Matthew 19:14*

Children are an important and valuable part of our church family. 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. During the service, the pastor invites the children to come forward for a special *Time for Children*.

Wednesday Church School is for kids from kindergarten through 8th grade and meets during the school year. It is a time for kids to learn, grow, and serve others in faith.

The program meets on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 until 5:30 p.m. in the lower level of the church. There are snacks available as they arrive at the church, followed by their weekly lessons and activities.



The winter and spring classes meet on **February 1, 8, 15, 22; March 1, 8, 22, 29, and April 12, 19, and 26**. New students are invited to register at any time. Registration forms can be printed from our church website at www.umchurchofthepines.org



Middle and high school youth will gather at Church of the Pines for fun and fellowship on **February 5th and 19th 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.

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 next Potluck is February 15th at 5:30 p.m.



For more information about any of our Children, Youth, and Family Ministry programs, contact Pastor Mark Gilbert at 715-356-3041, or email him at pastor@umchurchofthepines.org.

Successful Pancake Breakfast, Mission Highlights

Delicious Pancakes—Great Fellowship— Fundraising Success!



Thanks for supporting our pancake fundraiser that raised \$480 for the purchase of 240 rice meals.

Thank you to everyone who attended the pancake breakfast!

Approximately 50 people attended. Because of your generosity, we can purchase 240 rice meals. On Wednesday, March 8th, the Wednesday Church School kids will assemble the meals purchased from the Midwest Mission Distribution Center.

Thank you to Venus Hilgart for coordinating the pancake breakfast! Venus and Bill Hilgart will drive to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center to pick up the ingredients for the rice meal packets and equipment needed to package the packets and then return everything to the center.

Thanks to all the volunteers who donated food and drinks and to everyone who helped set up, flip pancakes, serve and clean up.

Mission Highlights

Here are two organizations that are supported through Church of the Pines' Mission Ministry:

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.
umcmmission.org

Caritas, as St. Matthias Episcopal Church's major service mission, 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 is evolving. Some of the assistance offered includes: medications, duplicate drivers licenses, work boots/clothing, and household items, furniture and auto repair. Caritas may assist with utility bills or gasoline purchases.

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

Clients agree that Caritas provides more than money and referrals. They listen, offer compassion, problem solving, and more importantly, they offer hope to those who are in desperate need. www.stmatthias/minocqua.com

Ministry Council Meeting Summary, Winter Weather Policy

Ministry Council Meeting Summary

The Ministry Council met on January 24th with the following members in attendance: Sue Claflin, Mary Fasse, Tom Frandy, Pastor Mark Gilbert, Merry Jorgensen, Dave Kozeluh, Sara Kozeluh, Sue Loeffler, Holly Nash, and Bob Schuld. Absent were: Chris Anderson, Jim Anderson, Donna Clark, Noah Lottig, and Jerry Weber.

Some of the church highlights from the previous month for our church included: a wonderful sermon this past Sunday, very timely, and provocative; a successful pancake breakfast that raised \$420 to purchase rice packets; nice Christmas Eve worship services; twenty people attended the January Keenager's potluck; our Christmas Meals fundraiser for children and their families raised \$3,200. Gift certificates were given to MHLT, AV-W, and Lac du Flambeau Grade School to be distributed to families who are going through tough times.

Committees of the church will be reviewing their committee job descriptions for any needed updates and will be submitting their committee calendars for 2023 to the church office.

Suggestions for activities to do to build community in our church during the first quarter of 2023 include: having a meal; being more involved with Coffee Fellowship; have an event like the Fall Festival that was done before; have a snowshoe outing or other all –church event. Sara and Dave Kozeluh will explore planning a winter outdoor activity.

The 2023 church budget was presented by Bob Schuld, chair of the Finance Committee. The budget was approved.

We have begun receiving calls for assistance from people who lived in the Coach House apartment building that burned this past week. We will be working to raise funds so that we can provide additional assistance to people impacted by the fire.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for February 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Ministry Center.

WINTER Weather Policy

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

As soon as cancellation has been determined, the following will occur: worship stewards will be notified; local television stations that allow church cancellations 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.

United Women in Faith, Special Offerings, Giving



**United
Women
in Faith**

The New Year has begun and we have a new name, **United Women in Faith**. We are excited to begin the 2023 year and welcome any new ideas for programs or fundraisers. Venus Hilgart can be contacted with any ideas.

Thank Offering: Give thanks for the everlasting love of God. Put a dime in your Thank Offering Box each time you give thanks.

Circle Meetings:

Deborah Circle meets on Wednesday, February 1st, at 6:00 p.m. in the Ministry Center. Valentine's Day cards will be made for shut-ins. Patty Frandy hosts the meeting.

Lydia Circle's meeting will be on Thursday, February 9th at 9:30 a.m. in the Ministry Center.

Dawn Circle will meet on Thursday, February 2nd, at 9:30 a.m. in the Ministry Center.

Esther/Martha Circle meets Tuesday, February 7th, at noon at Jeanne Van Order's home.

Ruth Circle's meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 8th, at Heart II at 12:30 p.m.

Upcoming Dates:

Executive Board meeting - Wednesday, March 9th, 10:00 a.m. in the Ministry Center.

General meeting - Wednesday, March 22nd, 10:00 a.m. in the Ministry Center.

As a way to collectively support missions identified by The United Methodist Church and the General Conference, Church of the Pines holds a number of special offerings during the year.

MISSIONS
Special Offerings 2023

Special offerings remaining in 2023 include the following:

*March 19 - **UMCOR SUNDAY** - Global UMCOR*

*April 23 - **NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES** - National*

*May 7 - **GOLDEN CROSS SUNDAY** - WI UM Health & Welfare*

*June 4 - **PEACE WITH JUSTICE** - Global Work for Justice*

*September 17 - **BLANKET SUNDAY** - Global Church World Service*

*October 1 - **WORLD COMMUNION** - Global Scholarships*

*November 26 - **UM STUDENT DAY** UM Student Scholarship & Loan*

Watch for more information about these important missions in our Pine Chips newsletters, and consider making a contribution to each mission. See below in the information about "Ways to Give" to select the method of giving that works best for you.



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.umchurchofthepines.org and click on the GIVE button to make an electronic gift using your debit or checking account; or drop off or mail a check made out to Church of the Pines to P.O. Box 144, Minocqua, WI 54548.

Men's Breakfast, Community Table, Volunteer Opportunities



Tuesday, February 14, 2023
5:00 p.m.

Community Table

St. Matthias' Episcopal Church
A COMMUNITY MEAL FOR ALL!



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Church of the Pines website:
www.umchurchofthepines.org



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<https://www.instagram.com/churchofthepinesminocqua/>



We wish we had more...

Ushers

Greeters

Liturgists

Communion Stewards

**Hospitality Hosts for
Coffee Fellowship**

More Altar Flowers

**If you can help our wishes
come true, please contact
the church office.**

Black History Month

Black History Month celebrates the unique contributions of African Americans to the American history. Whatever your heritage or background, black history is part of everyone's history.

Finance Report

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE PINES FINANCE REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022

	December Actual	Year Actual	Incr (Decr) Versus Year Budget
Income			
Operating *	28,043	215,834	(18,029)
Reserve Fund	56,036	55,764	40,614
Endowment Fund	5,000	14,800	0
Total Income	89,079	286,398	22,585
Expenditures			
Pastor **	8,319	101,980	116
Worship	523	3,871	(530)
Nurture	566	5,156	1,856
Outreach	3,538	6,978	(2,162)
Finance & Administration	5,852	69,676	(716)
Facilities Operation & Maintenance	4,043	47,050	(480)
Capital Improvements Fund	0	8,706	4,856
Youth Fund	0	0	0
Missions Fund ***	459	8,139	1,154
Reserve Fund	182	2,608	(892)
Conference Apportionment ****	5,000	18,264	0
Total Expenditures	28,482	272,428	3,202
Net Cash Excess (Deficiency)	60,597	13,970	19,383
Total Available Funds 12-31-22		313,138	

* 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 excess (income minus expenditures) for the full year is 13,970 which is 19,383 better than the approved operating budget. This is due to an estate bequest of 50,000 received in December.

Summary

Church Operations	(35,722)
Conference Apportionment	(18,264)
Reserve & Endowment Funds	67,956
Net Cash Excess	13,970



In 2020, Church of the Pines registered to participate in the AmazonSmile program. Since then, thanks to those of you who designated Church of the Pines as your nonprofit of choice to receive contributions based upon how much you spent on amazon.com, our church received \$300 through the AmazonSmile program. Unfortunately, as of this month, Amazon has discontinued this program. **THANK YOU** for supporting your church through this program!



FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00am - Leadership Development 3:30pm - Church School 6:00pm - Deborah Circle	2 9:30am - Dawn Circle 1:00pm - Key Leader Meeting	3	4 9:00am - New Church Member Class
5 10:00am - Worship Service/Communion 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship 2:00pm - Youth Group	6	7 12:00pm - Esther/Martha Circle	8 12:00pm - Ruth Circle 3:30pm - Church School	9 9:30am - Lydia Circle	10	11
12 10:00am - Worship Service 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship	13 1:00pm - Prayer Shawl	14 10:00am - Worship at Milestone 1:00pm - Worship at One Penny Place 5:00pm - Community Table (St. Matthias' Church)	15 12:00pm - Keenagers 3:30pm - Church School 5:30pm - CYF Potluck	16 1:00pm - Stephen Ministry 5:30pm - Turn the Page Book Club	17	18
19 10:00am - Worship Service 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship	20 7:00pm - SPRC	21 7:00pm - Ministry Council	22 3:30pm - Church School 6:00pm - Ash Wednesday Service	23 2:00pm - Lenten Study - Week 1	24	25
26 10:00am - Worship Service 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship	27	28 8:00am - Men's Breakfast 9:30am - Between Friends				

Did you know? You can keep up-to-date on additional activities that have been added to the church calendar or stay informed of any calendar changes by going to our church website at www.umchurchofthepines.org and clicking on "Upcoming Events" in the menu dropdown box.

*Have something for Pine Chips 2.0? Email the church at office@umchurchofthepines.org.
The deadline for receiving information for the March Pine Chips 2.0 is February 15th.
 Announcements for weekly updates are due no later than Monday for the following weekend.*

Do you need to reserve a room for a meeting or activity? Would you like to have your meetings or activities promoted in the Pine Chips, Weekly Update, bulletin inserts, Facebook, our church website, or Instagram? You can now submit information online by going to our church website at www.umchurchofthepines.org and click on the menu dropdown box, then click on "Event/Room Reservation Form." Fill out the form and click on submit. Everyone with internet can submit this information electronically. If you need assistance, contact Merry Jorgensen.



Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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