

MAY 2023

# PINE Chips<sup>2.0</sup>

## 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.

**The winter is past.  
The flowers appear  
on the earth;  
the time of singing  
has come.**

*Song of Solomon 2:11-12*

**Sunday Worship -  
8:30 a.m. - Outdoor Worship begins  
May 28, 2023  
10:00 a.m. - in the Sanctuary (year round)**

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### **Did you get Pine Chips 2.0 in your email**

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office@umchurchofthepines.org

## Pastor's Pen



### Pastor's Pen

A few weeks ago, in April, we began a sermon series called Alive with Christ. The series focuses on six spiritual practices that help us live with Jesus like the first disciples. Peter, James, John, and the other disciples had a fantastic opportunity to live with Jesus after the first Easter. They were alive with Christ; they could ask questions, reach out and touch him, and break bread with him regularly. The disciples were keenly aware of Jesus' presence with them and were very responsive to what Jesus asked of them.

Today, we are not as fortunate as the first disciples to live with Jesus, but that does not mean that Jesus is not alive with us and that we cannot be aware of his presence with us. It just takes a bit more effort than it did the first disciples; it takes practice.

We understand the spirituality of our faith, and to me, the awareness of and responsiveness to the presence of God in our lives. We become more aware and responsive to God the more we practice. The Alive with Christ series has been lifting various Spiritual practices that we can use to help us be alive with Christ, just like the first disciples. The first and foremost way we can practice and live with Christ is through the spiritual practice of prayer.

As I shared in worship, prayer is foundational to all other spiritual practices and essen-

tial for a life with Christ. Prayer is God's primary way to connect and communicate with us. Prayer is like air – we breathe without thinking, and we know when there is no air. It should be the same way for our spiritual life. Throughout the Christian tradition, we have experienced how God is a willing participant in prayer. God encourages us to pray without ceasing.

It is no wonder that prayer is a common part of our faith and tradition. Prayer has become very familiar to us, and that is a good thing. Yet familiarity makes it easy to take it for granted or diminish its significance in our lives. For this reason, I want to encourage all of us, as part of the Church of the Pines to intentionally practice prayer in our lives.

Fortunately, there are lots of ways for us to practice prayer, and you try things until you find a form of prayer that works for you. I am sharing a few ways to practice prayer intentionally later in this newsletter. Remember, the purpose of prayer is connection and communication with God. As we practice prayer, we become more aware of God's presence with us and become more responsive to God's call in our lives.

Blessing in prayer.

Pastor Mark

### PRAYER PRACTICES INFORMATION

is on page 10 of the newsletter.

# Leadership, Prayers, Altar Flowers, 2023 Graduates

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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.



## Please pray for...

Please pray for...

David Bolz  
Debbie Kilps  
Helen Robinson  
Lynn Tosch

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

715-356-3041

office@umchurchofthepines.org

## Altar Flowers



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

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



# 2023 GRADUATES

Graduates will be celebrated in our June Pine Chips newsletter. If you would like to have your graduate's photo and information included, send an email to office@umchurchofthepines.org with a photo attached and the following information: Name of student; name (s) of parents and grandparents; indicate whether they are graduating from high or college; name of school (name of city if not local) and their future plans.

## May Worship, May Birthdays & Anniversaries



### Worship Information

#### Worship Services

**Attend** the 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship services year round held in the sanctuary.

**Outdoor worship services** are held at 8:30 a.m. in the back yard of the church beginning May 28th through September 3rd.

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

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

**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>



### Worship Themes for May

Alive with Christ continues in May. This worship series will help us feel Christ with us daily and encourage us to grow closer to God, to one another, and in service to the world.

#### May 7th - Sacraments/Worship

Scripture: Luke 25:14-35

Theme: Promise Fulfilled.

#### May 14th - Witnessing

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Theme: What Brings You Hope?

#### May 21st - Service to the World

Scripture: John 17:1-11

Theme: In the World.

#### May 28th - Pentecost!

Scripture: John 20:19-23

Theme: Breath of God.



### Birthdays in May

May 1	Debbie Kilps
May 2	Ben Susor
May 3	Ruby Rausch
May 5	Debbie Palmatier
May 7	Barb Schuette
May 7	Jonah Gilbert
May 9	Jeremy Jorgensen
May 11	Bonnie Duffee
May 14	Jack Peterson
May 16	Sandi Hodek
May 16	Eric Kroening
May 18	Kay Rhyner
May 19	June Westphal
May 24	Ella Fieck
May 26	Rikelle Rausch
May 30	Jim Anderson



### Anniversaries in May

May 6	Barb & Perry Schuette
May 21	Jean & Lee Butler
May 24	Sara & Dave Kozeluh
May 28	Dan & Joyce Frankother

*Blessings to you on your special day!*

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



## Bible Study, Spring Geranium Sale



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

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

Please RSVP to the church office if you would like to attend at 715-356-3041 or email [office@umchurchofthepines.org](mailto:office@umchurchofthepines.org)

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

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

### **Week 1 - May 4**

**Parables Remix:** What, How, and Why?  
Can we learn anything new from familiar parables?

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

### **Week 2 - May 11**

**Little Parables:** Sometimes the littlest parables have the biggest impact.  
What is a small thing that had a big impact in your life?

Mark 4:21-34

### **Week 3 - May 18**

**Party Parables:** Who doesn't like a party?  
What kind of party would Jesus throw?

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

### **Week 4 - May 25**

**Vineyard Parables:** Challenging words in familiar settings.

How might Jesus use your life to tell a parable?

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

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



### **Time for the Spring Geranium and Plant Sale!**

Can't wait to see some color in your landscape? Just wait a little longer. Holly Nash's geraniums will be available in early May. **Holly will start taking orders on May 7** (not earlier!). You may order: White, Pink, or Red.

Quantities are limited, so first come first served. E-mail Holly at [nashholly@yahoo.com](mailto:nashholly@yahoo.com) or call 715-356-6861 starting on May 7 and state how many you want of each color. We will have your order ready at church for curbside pickup on Mother's Day, May 14, between 9 am and 10am and 11-12 am.

Perennial plants, thinned from the church's Peace garden (by the Pine Room), will also be on sale, first come first served on Mother's Day. These will include Siberian iris, iris, day lilies, hostas, and more.

Donations may be designated for the UMCOP landscape fund.

# Stephen Ministry, Ministry Council Meeting Summary



God provides the seed, and we are the sowers.  
So, as you sow the miraculous seeds of God  
this month, here are some ideas:

Plant three rows of peas:

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

Plant four rows of squash:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce:

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

No garden should be without turnips:

1. Turnip for worship
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

To conclude our garden we must have thyme:

1. Thyme for God
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with  
love and watch the seeds of God grow.

*Author unknown*



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For more information on Stephen Ministry,  
contact Holly Nash, Stephen Leader,  
at 715-356-6861.



## Ministry Council

The Ministry Council met at 7:00 p.m. on April 18th with the following members in attendance: Chris Anderson, Jim Anderson, Sue Claflin, Mary Fasse, Pastor Mark Gilbert, Merry Jorgensen, Sue Loeffler, Holly Nash, Bob Schuld, and Jerry Weber. Absent: Donna Clark, Dave Kozeluh, Sara Kozeluh, and Noah Lottig.

Highlights this past month included how well the Holy Week and Easter worship services went and snow removal done by the Trustees.

The Ministry Council continues to work on establishing their annual church calendar, and identifying activities for the next two quarters of 2023 for our focus areas of Community, Spirituality, and Enthusiasm.

Chris Anderson, Jerry Weber, and Pastor Mark will review our current Winter Weather Policy and bring suggested changes to the Council next month regarding church closures during the week, which was not addressed in the current policy.

Pastor Mark, Mary Fasse, and a couple of additional people will talk about how we might best evaluate our summer worship services. There will be an 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning outdoor worship service again this summer in the backyard of the church.

Security cameras have been installed at the church, with work still being done on one of the cameras.

On May 7th, we will resume the passing of offering plates during worship services.

The Trustees are continuing to explore additional income streams for the church.

The next Ministry Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16th at 7:00 p.m.

## Mission Highlights, Golden Cross Sunday



### Mission Highlights



#### **“Onesies” are being collected for In-gathering at the June Wisconsin UMC Annual Conference**

Each year, our congregation collects items needed by Midwest Mission Distribution Center for their “Kits” that are assembled and sent where needed around the world. This year, we are collecting “onesies” that will become part of the Layette Kits. Beginning April 30th, bins will be placed at the back of the sanctuary where “onesies” can be placed. Sue Loeffler, one of our Lay Members to Annual Conference is coordinating this mission project. Thank you, Sue!

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

**Generations-Lakeland Retirement Foundation.** The Lakeland Retirement Foundation’s mission is to build a community that promotes wellness, learning, services and fullness of life for the aging population of the Lakeland area. The residents of these communities are served: Arbor Vitae, Hazelhurst, Lac du Flambeaus, Lake Tomahawk, Minocqua, and Woodruff. Residents, ages 55 and older, are encouraged to use the non-profit facility to meet new people and get information that may help them in times of need. [www.lakelandretirement.org](http://www.lakelandretirement.org)

**Mujilla Falls Agriculture Center** is an official project of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. It was founded in 2000 with a grant of 2,500 acres of land from a Lunda Chief named Kanyama.

They have been developing the land as a research center and training facility for local entry level farmers.

They focus primarily on food production and increasing the protein, vitamins and mineral levels in the local diets and increasing incomes for local people. Products include milk, yogurt, eggs, rabbits, goats, sheep, pigs, turkeys, garden produce, strawberries, plantains, bananas, guavas, mangoes, lemons and citrus, field crops, pine trees and many other items.



**Golden Cross Sunday** special offering will be held at Church of the Pines on May 7th. Golden Cross began in 1908 with the commitment of Methodists in Dallas, Texas to provide the first health care to persons who could not afford it. They began to receive offerings for the expenses of the poor patients at Methodist Hospital in that city. By 1930, the concept was officially adopted throughout the predecessor denominations of The United Methodist Church. Today, Golden Cross is a ministry that reaches out in love to the laity in our Annual Conference who are experiencing financial difficulty due to excessive medical expenses. Through Golden Cross, United Methodists care for members of our local churches in time of emotional stress and financial need.

Gifts can be placed in the offering plate, checks mailed to the church, go to our church website to make an online gift, or text “give” to 833-358-0472.



## Meet the Trustees

**This month, we meet the Trustees of Church of the Pines.** The Trustees function as Christian stewards of the property God has entrusted to our congregation. This includes supervising and maintaining both the physical property of the congregation and gifts made so that the ministries of the congregation can be effective, and all legal requirements related to the property are satisfied.



**Ron Capacio** has been a member of UMCOP since 1979. He has been married to Jodi for 30 years and they have a 27 year old daughter, Carli. Ron moved to Arbor Vitae from Madison, Wisconsin in 1979. He has been a loyal choir member since 1979. He was

previously a member of the Leadership Development Committee and now is active with the Trustees Committee. After joining UMCOP, Ron was a member of various committees. He served in the Army from 1969-1971. Fourteen months were served in the Republic of Vietnam. He enjoyed Cross Country Ski Racing for 25 years and now skis casually. He enjoys bicycling, fishing, canoeing, and camping. In 2003 he retired from the Wisconsin DNR after working in Private Forestry and Wildland Fire Control for 28 years. Ron loved dressing up and playing Smokey Bear. He volunteered with Lakeland Food Pantry for some eight years. He also participated in five out of state Youth Mission Trips. Ron enjoys meeting all types of folks and making them good friends. As a member of the Trustees, he brings his experience of operating heavy and light equipment. He also has many years of experience removing SNOW!

**Tom Frandy** grew up in the Lakeland area. He attended Boulder Junction Grade School and graduated from Lakeland High School. After five years of college at UW-



Superior and four years of teaching math and physics in Chetek, Wisconsin, Tom and his wife, Patty, returned to the Lakeland area where he taught math at the high school for 32 years.

They joined Church of the Pines in 1972 when it was a two-point church served by Pastor Erv Teichmiller. Hence, Tom and Patty are among the longest serving members of the church.

Tom has been an usher for over 50 years, and has served on SPRC, Finance Committee, Trustees, Ministry Council, chaperoned youth ski trips and trips to Noah's Ark, was on a cooking team for LOGOS, prepared snacks for Wednesday Church School and was a Lay Member to Annual Conference for several years.

Tom has also served as volunteer help for both major additions to the church. He has experience in building, painting, remodeling, electrical, concrete, and roofing. These skills are useful for his work with the Trustees.

He says, though, that the best part of being a member of the Trustees is working with a group of dedicated members that take pride in their church.



You previously read about **Dave Kozeluh** in his role as a Co-Lay Leader of Church of the Pines. Dave is also a recently appointed member of the Trustees. He says he has a great deal to learn from a group of talented and hard-working men who keep the church building and parsonage in top condition. He has helped with Trustee work projects in the past, and now can be more involved in the planning and budgeting for projects. In addition, he has a strong interest in working with the Trustees and Finance Committee to promote the church's Endowment Fund.

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## Meet the Trustees

*Dave Kozeluh, continued.* On a more personal note, Dave is very appreciative of our caring church family. Dave has been a member of Church of the Pines for over 40 years.

**John McCadden** retired full time and moved to Lake Tomahawk in 2005. He and his wife, Mary, joined Church of the Pines at that time. He first joined the choir and then became a Trustee and has been a member ever since, being the chair of the Trustees a few years ago.



In his spare time, John likes snowmobiling and working in his word-working shop. He and Mary have a daughter, Kim, who is the choir director of her church and a son, Chuck, who is a member of the Trustees at John's previous church. He and Mary have five grandchildren and ten grand dogs!



"What About Bob" - Catchy title, don't you think? They even made a movie about it!

**Bob Nash** and his wife, Marge, moved to the Minocqua area in 1974, and joined Church of the Pines not long after. Bob has always believed that contributing time, talent, and financial support to our church is both a joy and is meaningful to his life. So, over the last 49 years, he has participated in many church activities and served on every committee, except finance.

In his professional life, Bob was a teacher in New Berlin, Minocqua, and Rhinelander areas, specializing in computer programming and networking. He has also been richly rewarded by his time spent coaching swimming, weightlifting, and football. For fun, his greatest love is wilderness canoe trips. He began wilderness canoeing, mostly in the Boundary Waters, with

the encouragement and help of one of his college professors in 18070. Holly, Bob's wife, and he still do four or five trips every year.

Bob's family consists of his wife, Holly, two children and their spouses, and five grandchildren.

If Bob can make or help someone laugh or smile, then he has had a good day. Bob believes that one of the greatest gifts that any person can have, is the ability to look in the mirror and have a good laugh - Bob is a happy man!

**Bill Remien** joined Church of the Pines in 2004. Born and raised in Iowa, Bill graduated high school in Illinois and graduated from Beloit College in 1963. After 38 years of service in the Department of Geological Sciences at Northwestern University and living in Evanston, Bill and Marilyn, his wife, retired to the Minocqua area. They enjoy swimming and boating at their home on Sumach Lake.



Bill served on SPRC for two terms, and one term as chairman of the Trustees, and is currently serving as a Trustee. After nineteen years in Wisconsin, Bill is still proud to shout, "Go Cubs!" "Go Bears!"



**Jerry Weber** thanks Church of the Pines for the opportunity to serve our church in an area he is familiar with. As Trustee chairperson, he and the members of the Trustee team take care of maintaining and making improvements to our church and parsonage.

He has been the Trustee chairperson for four years and plans to serve as long as he is able to do so. Jerry worked at Pukall Lumber in contractor sales before retiring. He began as a Trustee two months later.

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## Meet the Trustees, Prayer Practices

*Jerry Weber, continued.* The Trustee group includes three previous Trustee chairpersons, so there's a lot of knowledge and experience on the Trustee Team.

Jerry has been a member of our church for 15 years now. He was introduced to the church by his wife, Sue Damske, who was a member before Jerry. Sue has three children, Eric, Troy, and Jill. Jerry has two children, Bryan and Maria. Spending time with them and their spouses is one of the greatest blessings in Jerry's life.

Jerry and Sue enjoy their retirement, as they love being outside! They hike, bike, kayak, golf, camp and travel whenever they can. Jerry also spends a lot of time in Appleton where he grew up, helping his family. He is one of nine children. Of the nine siblings, two have passed and four are currently living with Familial ALS.

Two years ago, Jerry's family started their own charity to fund medical research for ALS. They successfully raised \$250,000.00 in their first year and are continuing growing the fund. There are currently some promising therapies that may be available as soon as next year.

Sue and Jerry both enjoy volunteering and giving back to their community wherever they can. They are thankful for the opportunity to serve!

Jerry can be contacted on his cell phone, 715-367-3153 or send him an email at [jerryweber727@outlook.com](mailto:jerryweber727@outlook.com).

- Try praying it slowly twice a day, go phrase by phrase and contemplate what you are praying.

### 2. Use the ACTS style of prayer.

- Based on the structure of the Lord's Prayer, ACTS prayer outlines our prayer when we feel we need more structure.
- A - adoration and praise, C - confession, T - thanksgiving, S - supplication

### 3. Pray the following "Willing Servant Prayer."

- If you feel comfortable in your prayer life, try being intentional about praying to be responsive to God's direction with the following prayer: *Awesome God, I am praying that you will guide me to make a real difference in the lives of people in our community. I want to partner with you now and into the future. May my heart, mind, ears, and eyes be open to your guidance so that I may open my hands in service. Amen.*
- Pick a time each morning and evening and commit praying it for at least a month.

### 4. Practice Christian meditation in prayer.

- Christian meditation is a focused form of prayer that seeks to allow God to fill our senses, minds, imaginations fully with God's present.
- Use a focal point like a short passage of scripture, an image like the wounds of Christ, or even something from creation. Allow yourself to stay focused on this while opening yourself to what God wants to share with you.

If you have questions or need support as your practice prayer, contact Pastor Mark, [pastor@umchurchofthepines.org](mailto:pastor@umchurchofthepines.org) or call 715-356-3041, ext. 4.



## Prayer Practices

### 1. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

- Jesus taught this prayer when disciples did feel they knew how to pray. It's a great place for us to start practicing prayer ourselves!

## Upcoming Activities, Upper Room Devotional



### Tom's Community Table

On May 9th, Church of the Pines will host Tom's Community Table at 5:00 p.m. at St. Matthias' Episcopal Church, along with Evangelical Free Church and the Northwoods Unitarian Church. As hosts, the three churches provide and prepare the food and recruit volunteers to set up, serve, and clean up following the meal.

Thank you, Mary Fasse, for coordinating our church's participation with this meal. This month's meal will be served as a smorgasbord, so we will be providing salads, main dishes, and desserts. Sign up sheets are located on a table in the Ministry Center. Please consider signing up to bring a salad, main dish, or dessert or to volunteer setting up and serving the meal.

Call Mary Fasse at 715-358-5032 for more information.

### Between Friends



Where can you enjoy time visiting with friends, enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, while you sew, quilt, crochet, knit, or work on your craft items? Church of the Pines would be that place.

Between Friends meets in the Ministry Center on Tuesday, May 23rd, from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Pack your lunch and projects and come for all or part of the day. Be sure to invite a friend or two to join you. You don't have to have a project to work on, as you can come just to visit with others.



### Men's Breakfast

Where will you find the men on May 23rd? At 8:00 a.m. they will be at Our Place Café, 9832 Plaza Drive in Minocqua, enjoying a delicious breakfast of their choice. For great food, great conversation, and great fellowship, plan to attend this month's breakfast!

### Keenagers

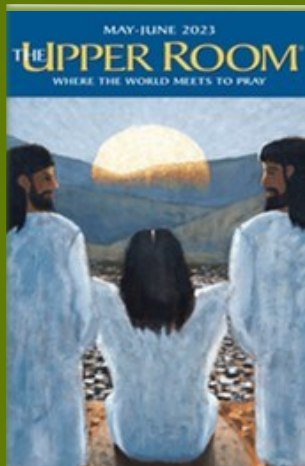


**Keenagers** comes together for its monthly Potluck & Program on Wednesday, May 17th at noon in the Ministry Center at Church of the Pines.

Venus Hilgart will talk about her adventures during her recent trip to Israel. All are welcome to attend! Bring a dish to pass. If you only want to attend the program, plan to arrive around 12:30 p.m.

Come for some great food, fun fellowship, and an informative talk about Venus' trip to Israel.

There is no need to RSVP.  
**How about inviting a friend  
to attend with you?**



### Upper Room

The May/June 2023 issue of the Upper Room Devotional is available. If you would like to subscribe to the Upper Room, contact the church office. You can arrange to pick up your copy (regular and large print available) or have a copy mailed to you. Donations are accepted to help pay for the subscription and mailing costs.



## Church Happenings in April



### April Keenagers

There was a special treat for folks attending the Keenagers' Potluck today, as Bonnie Margitan shared historical information about the Minocqua Museum. Bonnie serves on the Minocqua Museum's Board and has been volunteering at the Museum for over two decades.



For Bonnie, it has been a family affair - like mother, like daughter! Bonnie followed in her mother's footsteps, as her mother also served on the Minocqua Museum's Board of Directors. Bonnie is a member of United Women in Faith at Church of the Pines and attends Keenagers, a monthly get-together held on the third Wednesday of the month at noon at Church of the Pines where folks bring a dish to share and enjoy some type of program - educational and/or entertaining....always! She "jumped" at the opportunity to talk about the Minocqua Museum.



Sue Damske

### Spring Cleaning



What is something that most people do not enjoy doing, but it's something that most people do every spring? Why, it must be **SPRING CLEANING!** Let's give a **BIG SHOUT OUT** to

**Jerry Weber, Sue Damske, Rudy Vlosak,**

**Holly Nash, Bob Nash, Patty Frandy, and Tom Frandy**

for spending April 20th at Church of the Pines doing **SPRING CLEANING!**

We thank everyone who gives of their time and talents doing good deeds here at church and beyond the walls of our church, making our church, our community, and our world a better (and cleaner) place, we say

**THANK YOU !**



Bob Nash & Jerry Weber



Rudy Vlosak



Patty Frandy



Holly Nash



Tom Frandy



## Easter Plants 2023, Lakeland Pantry Volunteers Needed



### Easter



*Thank you to the following people who purchased plants to decorate the Altar on Easter Sunday.*

*Pat & Dick Bechtel  
Sue Claflin  
Sue Damske & Jerry Weber  
Dawn Circle  
Mary Fasse  
Carolyn Hendry  
Venus & Bill Hilgart  
Sandi Hodek  
& Woody Hilleque  
Holly & Bob Nash  
Valarie & Loran Susor*



**Lakeland Pantry** in Arbor Vitae provides individuals and families with food, household, and hygiene products, plus offers programs designed to improve the quality of life for those in need in the Arbor Vitae, Hazelhurst, Lac du Flambeau, Lake Tomahawk, Minocqua, and Woodruff Area.

The Pantry provides: Bi-weekly supplemental food; new & used donated books for all ages plus current magazines; new & gently used clothing for children and adults; infant and toddler needs; medical screenings and programs; and community involvement.

The Pantry receives no government funding or subsidies and relies solely on donations.

The hours of operation are: Tuesday Mornings from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., and alternate Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

The pantry is located at 1707 Hwy 51 N, in Arbor Vitae, (1/2 mile north of Hwy 51 & 70 E. intersection.) For information, call 715-358-2222.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Church of the Pines has partnered with the Lakeland Pantry for over 20 years, providing volunteer assistance and collecting and donating needed items.

### **HERE ARE WAYS YOU CAN HELP:**

**VOLUNTEER** - Our church's Lakeland Pantry Team needs more volunteers. Do you have a few hours each week or month to volunteer at the pantry helping in a variety of ways? If you would like more information about the types of things volunteers do at the Pantry, call Marilyn or Bill Remien at 715-356-9489.

**DONATE ITEMS** - We make donating items **EASY!** In the Pine Room of the church, there is a bin under the counter, making it easy for you to bring items to the church and placing them in the bin. The items in the bins are delivered to the Pantry. Non-perishable food items, books for all ages, current magazines, and new/gently used clothing for all ages are needed.

**MAKE A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION** - You can give a gift through Church of the Pines and designate it to Lakeland Pantry or make an online gift by going to our website, [www.umchurchofthepines.org](http://www.umchurchofthepines.org) and clicking on "Giving" in the dropdown menu. Be sure to select Lakeland Pantry in the designation list. Or, go to <https://www.lakelandpantry.com/donate> to make an online gift.

## United Women in Faith, Giving, Endowment Fund



United  
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in Faith

### Circle Meetings:

**Deborah Circle** meets Wednesday, May 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Ministry Center. Rosalie will host. "The Case for Christ" will be watched.

**Lydia Circle** meets Thursday, May 11th at 9:30 a.m. in the Ministry Center.

**Dawn Circle** will meet Wednesday, May 3rd at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Kay Rhyner. Members will watch "Small Town Wisconsin" with Bill Heck. Bill is the grandson of Jeanne Heck and stars in the movie. Bring snacks and be ready for a fun-filled afternoon prior to the Circle's summer break.

**Esther/Martha Circle** meets Tuesday, May 2nd at the home of Jeanne Van Order, at noon.

**Ruth Circle** meets Wednesday, May 10th at 12:30 p.m. at Our Place Café.

**Thank Offering:** Be thankful for mothers and kind women everywhere with a quarter in your Thank Offering.

### Upcoming Events:

**Executive Board Meeting** - Wednesday, May 3rd at 10:00 a.m. in the Ministry Center.

**General Meeting** - Wednesday, May 24th at 10:00 a.m. in the Ministry Center. Ruth Circle will host. Venus will share her Holy Land experience from this year.

**Quilt Show and Pie Sale** - Friday, July 14th

**YOUR GIVING  
MATTERS!**

### 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 or savings account; go to [www.umchurchofthepines.org](http://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.

### United Methodist Church of the Pines



### ENDOWMENT FUND



Thank you for considering an endowment gift to 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](mailto:office@umchurchofthepines.org) to arrange a confidential consultation with a member of the Endowment Committee.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 9:00am - Leadership Development (Library) 12:00pm - Esther/Martha Circle (Jeanne Van Order's home)	3 10am - Women in Faith Executive Board (Ministry Center) 1:00pm - Dawn Circle (Kay Rhyn-er's home)	4 10:00am - Key Leaders (Library) 12:00pm - Remix Parables (Ministry Center)	5 <b>National Day of Prayer</b>	6
7 <b>Golden Cross Sunday</b> 10:00am - Worship Service/Communion 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship 2:00pm - Youth Group	8 1:00pm - Prayer Shawl (Pine Room)	9 10:00am - Worship at Milestone 1:00pm - Worship at One Penny Place 5:00pm - Tom's Community Table (St. Matthias' Church)	10 12:30pm - Ruth Circle (Our Place Café)	11 9:30am-Lydia Circle (Ministry Center) 12:00pm - Remix Parables (Ministry Center) 1:00pm - Stephen Ministry (Library)	12	13
14 <b>Mother's Day</b> 10:00am - Worship Service 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship	15 7:00pm - SPRC (Library)	16 7:00pm - Ministry Council (Ministry Center)	17 12:00pm - Keen-agers (Ministry Center) 5:30pm - CYF Potluck	18 12:00pm - Remix Parables (Ministry Center)	19	20
21 10:00am - Worship Service 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship	22	23 9:30am - Between Friends (Ministry Center) 6:30pm - Lakeland Gem Club (Ministry Center)	24 10:00am - United Women in Faith General Meeting (Ministry Center)	25 8:00am - Men's Breakfast (Our Place) 9:15am - Trustees (Library) 12:00pm - Remix Parables (Ministry Center)	26	27
28 <b>Pentecost</b> 8:30am - Outdoor Service 10:00am - Worship Service 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship	29 <b>Memorial Day</b> <b>Church office is closed</b> 4:00pm - Piano/Violin Recital	30	31			

*Have something for Pine Chips 2.0? Email the church at [office@umchurchofthepines.org](mailto:office@umchurchofthepines.org).*

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

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

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](http://www.umchurchofthepines.org) and clicking on "Upcoming Events" in the menu dropdown box.



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

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.  
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