

April 2024

PINE CHIPS



United Methodist

Church of the Pines



Living Christ's Love



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 to make and grow disciples of Jesus Christ to love and serve the world through community, spirituality, and generosity.



Sunday Worship - 10:00 a.m.
In-person and Livestreamed
on Facebook and YouTube

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Did you get Pine Chips 2.0 in your email?

Not only is the monthly Pine Chips 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



What an interesting winter season it has been in Minocqua this year. The weather couldn't decide what it wanted to be.

Now that April is here, let's hope it decides to be spring. The weather may have been inconsistent this year, but things are wonderfully consistent here at Church of the Pines. We are consistently moving forward in living out our vision and mission as a church.

So far this year, we have taken the first steps of living out our special mission focus of increasing food security. Our Change for Hunger offering is off to a great start. Our Wednesday Church School kids packed 240 rice meals, and we even had an unexpected act of generosity with a special matching gift for our mission. It has been a wonderful start, but this is not the most exciting thing about how our church is moving forward.

I am so excited by how we continue living out our core values and vision as a faith community. Two years ago, we established our core values of Community, Spirituality, and Generosity, and last year, we defined our vision as a church as 'Living Christ's Love.'

Over the past two years, especially this year, I have consistently seen you grow closer to God, each other, and our community. At the same time, we are growing more aware of and responsive to God's presence in our lives. And your generosity—how you offer all that you are and have to express God's love—is truly amazing.

Putting all this together with our mission focus, we are truly 'Living Christ's Love.'

Not only are we living out our vision as a church, but this is also why Church of the Pines is moving in a positive direction while many other churches are not. Our embrace of our vision and core values also helps us in leadership to make decisions that help keep us moving forward. It helps us set goals as a church and evaluate them in meaningful ways. Our upcoming worship time change is an example of this.

I look forward to the coming year, even if the weather is strange, because I know that Church of the Pines is 'Living Christ's Love' together.

Blessings.

Pastor Mark

The Easter Triduum, Mission Match



Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday)

March 28th - 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday is a day of quiet reflection and anticipation for Christians around the world. It is the day between the crucifixion of Jesus Christ on Good Friday and his resurrection on Easter Sunday. Holy Saturday, also known as Easter Eve, is a time to mourn the death of Jesus and to prepare for his resurrection.

Good Friday

March 29th - Noon

Good Friday commemorates the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ. This represents the sacrifices and suffering in Jesus' life.



Easter Sunday

March 31st - 10:00 a.m.



On Easter Sunday, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after his Crucifixion.

The worship services are held in person and are also livestreamed on Facebook at www.facebook.com/churchofthepines/ or on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com@umchurchofthepines/live/>

Easter Sunday is the last day of our March Mission Match!

Make a contribution to Church of the Pines' Mission Fund by March 31st and gifts will be matched by a generous donor up to \$2,000.

Contributions to Church of the Pines' Mission Fund between March 3rd and March 31st will be matched up to \$2,000! This is an incredible opportunity to increase food security in our community and worldwide. You can be part of this matching challenge by designating a special gift to "Missions." Write "missions" in the memo line if you give via check. If you give through an envelope, write "missions" on the envelope, or if you give via Tithe.ly, select "Mission Match" in the app.



April Birthdays & Anniversaries, Altar Flowers



April BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

Happy birthday to . .

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

Happy anniversary to . . .

April 11 - Mary & John McCadden
 April 15 - Karolynn & John Ross
 April 18 - Jane & Jay Hull

Blessings to you on your special day!

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



Altar Flowers

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

Arrangements can now be made online at our church website at www.umchurchofthepines.org by completing a reservation form. For folks who don't have internet access, contact the church office at 715-356-3041.

To check to see if a particular Sunday is available, you can view the church calendar link on the homepage of the church website at www.umchurchofthepines.org. On the menu, go to "More." In the drop-down list, click on "Church Calendar," where you can go to the date. If Altar flowers have already been reserved, you will see the words "Altar Flowers - and a name of the person who has reserved that date." In this case, you can select an alternative date, if you would like to do so.

Checks can be made out to Church of the Pines. Please write "Altar flowers" on the check memo line. Minimum order is \$45.00, which includes the delivery fee.



Thank you to all the wonderful families and volunteers who made Wednesday Church School such a wonderful and special ministry for our kids this year.

Thank you, Jodi Capacio, Sue Henning, Denise Wipperfurth, Tom Frandy, Patty Frandy, and Venus Hilgart for your time and love.

Thank you, parents, for trusting us with your kiddos—they really are Jesus' favorites.

- Pastor Mark

Worship, Stay Connected, Memorial Service, Worship Time Change Coming



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

Please be advised that we live-stream our services online through various electronic methods such as Facebook and YouTube. These broadcasts provide valuable information to visitors to our site and those planning to attend our service in person. We may use any recorded media and photos taken from the recorded media in materials produced by and for our church.

Watch Sunday morning worship services on our Church of the Pines YouTube channel by going to: <https://www.youtube.com@umchurchofthepines>

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

Watch videos of Sunday Services on our church website at <https://www.umchurchofthepines.org/worship->



Ways to stay connected at Church of the Pines

- Weekly Update & Pine Chips*
- Church Directory*
- Facebook/YouTube/Church Website*
- Bulletin inserts and bulletin boards*

Contact the church office to subscribe to publications, get help with navigating electronic publications, be included in and have access to the church directory, and submit meeting dates and event information for announcements or included in publications.



Memorial Service



Luella Lakich
7/2/1930 - 1/8/2024

Milosh Lakich
11/18/1927 - 3/2/2024

A memorial service for Luella and Mike Lakich will be held at Church of the Pines on Saturday, April 20th, at 2:00 p.m. Coffee and dessert will be served in the Ministry Center following the service.

Memorial gifts can be made to Church of the Pines.



Beginning Sunday, May 26th, the time of the worship service will be changed from 10:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and will be held in the sanctuary. This change to a 9:30 a.m. worship service will continue year-round.

Sunday Worship Service time changes to 9:30 a.m. on May 26th.

There will be no early outdoor worship service this summer. By moving the 10:00 a.m. service to 9:30 a.m., members of the congregation and summer guests will have the opportunity to attend the worship service and also have more time to enjoy other summer activities on Sunday.

In addition to this change in worship time, coffee will be available before and after the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

We look forward to a fantastic Northwoods summer at Church of the Pines!

Geranium Sale, Ministry Council Meeting Summary



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Time for the Spring Geranium Sale!

Can't wait to see some color in your landscape? Just wait a little longer. Holly Nash's geraniums will be available in late April, just in time for your May Basket! **Holly will start taking orders on April 14th** (not earlier!).

You may order:

White
Pink
Red
Coral

Quantities are limited, so first come, first served. E-mail Holly at nashholly@yahoo.com or call 715-356-6861 starting on April 14th and state how many you want of each color. Please specify if you want big plants or smaller plants. We will have your order ready at church for pickup on Sunday, April 21st, between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. and between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m.

Donations for the geraniums should be designated for the UMCOP landscape fund. This fund is used to purchase flowers for the various containers around the outside of the church, as well as some shrubs. Suggested donations are \$12 for large (gallon pot) and \$7.00 for smaller plants.

Ministry Council Meeting Summary

The Ministry Council met on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. with the following members in attendance: Sue Clafin, Mary Fasse, Pastor Mark Gilbert, Merry Jorgensen, Dave Kozeluh, Sara Kozeluh, Sue Loeffler, Bob Nash, Holly Nash, Bob Schuld, and Jerry Weber. Jay Hull and Noah Lottig were absent.

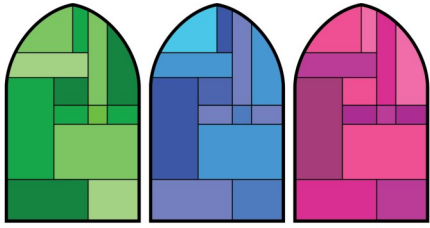
Council members highlight the following UMCOP accomplishments from the past month: Missions bulletin board has been installed in the Ministry Center; the youth of the church packaged rice meal packets and had a photo published on the front page of The Lakeland Times; the church painting done by Rich Klatt has been re-hung in a new location in the Ministry Center; nineteen people attended Hung at Our Doorstep; thirteen people attended the Cabin Fever Fun Day and enjoyed hiking, playing board games, and a soup supper on March 3rd; Sue Clafin's children surprises her with flowers and cake on March 3rd; Sarah Stewart and Sue Clafin wore festive St. Patrick's Day apparel and decorated the Ministry Center for Coffee Fellowship on St. Patrick's day.

Ministry Council reviewed the process that was done last fall to evaluate the summer outdoor and indoor worship services. As a result, the Council determined that there would no longer be an outdoor summer worship service and the indoor service time would be changed from 10:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and be offered year-round at 9:30 a.m. The time change begins on the Memorial Day weekend Sunday service on May 26th. It had also been decided that, beginning on May 26th, coffee will be available both before and after the worship service.

Additional tasks to be done include: maintaining the missions bulletin board; create a Welcome Center at the back of the sanctuary; and have a Mission/Vision Display Board to be placed at the top of the steps of the E. Chicago Avenue entrance and in the Pine Room. The Key Leaders Team will continue to work on how we can measure success of our church activities.

The next meeting is April 16th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ministry Center.

April Worship Themes, Graduates, Giving, Native American Sunday



April Worship Themes

Throughout this series, we are asking the question, "How Shall We Live?" as we explore the lectionary texts from 1 John. This short season is an opportunity to explore how our way of life is consistent with God's invitation to us to live as part of Creation. We look for opportunities to align our lives fully with God's interconnected and interdependent Creation, including human and beyond-human creatures.

April 7 - Walking in the Light.

Scripture: 1 John 1:1-2:2

How do the events of Easter affect how you live and move in the world? Today, we are encouraged to let the resurrection connect us with the world around us as we see to let the love of Christ shine through us.

April 14 - Purified in Hope.

Scripture: 1 John 3:1-7 In Christ we are made new, we are no longer bound by fear and sin. In the love of Christ, we are purified to do what is right, not to earn reward, but because doing what is right is the right thing to do.

April 21 - Abiding in Christ.

Scripture: 1 John 3:15-24

As we live in the light and hope of Christ's love, we find ourselves living closer and closer to God. May we continue to abide with Christ and live Christ's love together.

April 28 - Fruit of Love.

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us know one another for love is of God; everyone who love is born of God and knows. God.

Native American Sunday - April 14th

An offering is taken on this Special Sunday to support vital ministries and churches in the Native American communities.



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.

Giving to 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 gifts:**



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

Stephen Ministry



When going through a crisis, there are often times when you feel alone and that even God is far away. What can make you right with the world and with God? A reminder that God's Grace is always offered to you; you need only accept it. What is grace? It is the unmerited love and mercy of God. Here are some adjectives to help you understand it better.

Generous Gift: God is generous with His love and mercy beyond words. You cannot fathom it. God lavishes us with His love and grace. And there is nothing you have to do to deserve it. It is a gift. You do not have to do anything to earn it. The only thing you have to do is accept it. God offers it to you, no strings attached.

Renewing/Redeeming: Accepting God's Grace will renew you. Instead of focusing on past failures and missteps, you can focus on God's love for you. It is refreshing and renewing as you accept His grace and grow in it. Behold. You are a new creation! And you are redeemed. The list of all your sins has been erased from the chalkboard. No one is keeping score. Accepting His grace helps make you right with God.

A amazing/Abundant. What's one of the most familiar hymns? "Amazing Grace." That's because its verses describe how unbelievable this grace is. It floats us on a never-ending stream of love. You can't use up grace. You don't have to feel like there won't be enough. It will be more than sufficient for your needs.

Constant. Grace is always available, always there. It won't be taken away if you make a mistake. It is NOT here today and gone tomorrow, as are most things in the world. You can depend on grace.

Everlasting/Empowering. God's grace will last you in this world and beyond. It will energize you as you feel right with God and the world. You will be given the courage, tenacity and wisdom when you are in the close relationship with God that grace supplies.

If you would like some help in discovering grace for yourself, we can help. You can talk to a Stephen Minister one-on-one in a Christian, caring, and nonjudgmental climate. If you would like to talk to one, contact Holly Nash, Stephen Leader, at 715-356-6861 or the church office.

Missions - Hunger at Our Doorstep

The last Hunger at Our Doorstep study class was held this afternoon at Church of the Pines. Facilitated by Pastor Mark, eighteen people participated in the study. Lorna Springate, director of the Lakeland Pantry, shared information about the pantry with the class.

Throughout the study, the group explored and learned more about why our neighbors are hungry, what can be done about hunger, hunger in our community, and how we can take action against hunger. Thanks, Pastor Mark, for facilitating the study and to these folks for attending: Cathy Calvetti, Sue Claflin, Deb Harris, Venus Hilgart, Jane Hull, Jay Hull, Dave Kozeluh, Sara Kozeluh, Sue Loeffler, Holly Nash, Donna Polarski, John Ross, Bob Schuld, Sue Shapiro, Loran Susor, Val Susor, Gretchen Voigt, and Ted Voigt.

We look forward to our next steps as a congregation and a community in increasing food security locally and worldwide. Contact the church at office@umchurchofthepines.org if you want to attend this study when it is held again this fall.



Mission Focus:
To increase food security for people in our community and throughout the world.

Missions - Pancake Breakfast, Rice Meal Packet Project



Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday, April 21 - 11 a.m.

Donations are accepted to support the purchase of rice meal packet supplies.

Sign up to attend and to bring a dish to share in the Ministry Center or online at www.umchurchofthepines.org

Pancake Breakfast to raise funds to purchase supplies for rice meals

The second quarter of 2024 is fast approaching. A pancake breakfast will be held on Sunday April 21st, after the church service. Sign up sheets will be out on Sunday, March 11th. A free will offering will be collected, and all donations will be used to purchase rice meals for 2025. In 2023 and 2024, 240 rice meals were purchased and assembled, the goal for next year is 300 meals. The cost will be \$600, of which \$500 still needs to be raised. Hope to see you all there. Sign up in the Ministry Center

Church Youth Assemble Rice Meal Packets

On Wednesday, March 6th, the church youth gathered in the Ministry Center for the second time to assemble rice meal packets. They assembled 240 packets. Each packet is enough to feed six people, so because of the kids' efforts, over 1,400 meals will be provided to people who need food. The rice meal packets will be taken to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Pawnee, Illinois (located near



Springfield). They will then be distributed throughout the United States and worldwide, wherever there is a need for food.

Thanks, kids, for participating in this important mission project. And, thanks also to Venus Hilgart, Sue Loeffler, Rosalie Widstrand, Sue Henning, Pastor Mark, and parents for supporting our youth in their mission efforts!



Church Youth Assemble Rice Meal Packets

Missions - Lakeland Pantry, Change for Hunger



Did you know?... Church of the Pines teams up with the Lakeland Pantry where members of our congregation serve as volunteers helping to distribute food and other necessities at the pantry for our neighbors in need.

Please consider becoming a member of our church team of Lakeland Pantry volunteers, by completing an application form to serve either on Tuesday mornings or Thursday afternoons. Application forms can be found on the bulletin board in the Ministry Center. Complete the paper form and return it to the Lakeland Pantry or go online and print off a volunteer and background check forms from the website: <https://www.lakelandpantry.com/>. All volunteers are required to have a background check done.

If you become a volunteer, please let us know at office@umchurchofthepines.org, so that you can be added to our church's Lakeland Pantry Ministry Team.

Current Pantry Needs: Each month, the Lakeland Pantry staff email us a list of items that are needed.

There is an immediate need for dog and cat food.



Bags or containers of any size can be donated by bringing them to Church of the Pines or they can be taken to the Pantry on Tuesday mornings or Thursday afternoons. There is a bin under the information counter in the Pine Room where items to be donated to the Lakeland Pantry can be placed.

Thanks!

Change for Hunger Special Offering

On Sunday, April 7th, the ushers will pass our special "Change for Hunger" offering plates during the worship service.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to collect your change and bring your coins and drop your "change" into the decorated cans as the offering plates are passed.

The funds we collect through our "Change for Hunger" offerings will be donated to the Lakeland Pantry, the Midwest Mission Distribution Center for the purchase of rice meal supplies, and Food for Kidz.

And, yes, dollar bills (of all denominations), as well as checks made out to Church of the Pines with "missions" written in the memo line are accepted and greatly appreciated!

Contributions can also be made online by going to www.umchurchofthepines.org, click on "giving", and select "missions match." Of, scan the code below on your smartphone to make a gift.

Text a gift by texting the word "give" to 833-358-0472.

Change for Hunger is one of many ways our congregation is providing food security to people in need. We continue to learn, serve, and give to increase food security for people in our community and worldwide.



New Church Member Classes, Easter Plants, Worship Volunteer Opportunities



Become a Member of Church of the Pines

Why consider becoming a member of United Methodist Church of the Pines? Plan to attend one of our New Church Member classes

to learn more about what it means to become a member of the church.

Sunday, April 7th or 14th - 11:15 a.m. in the Pine Room

Contact the church office at 715-356-3041 or send an email to office@umchurchofthepines.org to let us know which Sunday works best for you.

Consider making Church of the Pines your church home where you feel a sense of community, experience spiritual growth, enjoy opportunities to serve, and participate in learning opportunities and fun and meaningful activities.

Thank you to the following people for providing the beautiful plants for Easter Sunday:

Bryce & Heather Berklund and family in memory of our loved ones in heaven.

Sue Clafin in honor of her church family.

Sue Damske & Jerry Weber in memory of their family members who have passed.

Mary Fasse in memory of Lyle Fasse.

Deb Harris in memory of Bob Harris.

Sandi Hodek & Woody Hilleque in honor of our children and grandchildren.

Sue Loeffler in honor of Merry Jorgensen and all who serve on church committees.

Holly & Bob Nash in memory of Ray and Joan Frisby and Marge Nash.

Chris and Kelli Sarver in honor of our new church family.

Carolyn Smith in memory of Bob Smith.

Loran & Valarie Susor in honor of our grandson, Emmitt, in memory of Daroll & Nancy Mueller, and in memory of Fran Susor.



Your Help is Needed and Appreciated!

We hope you will consider joining our Worship Volunteer Ministry for worship services as a greeter, usher, or liturgist. Or maybe you have a musical talent to share, like singing or playing an instrument. If you are interested in audio/visual technology, there is a need for assistance during the worship services.

How about becoming a Hospitality Host for our Sunday morning Coffee Fellowships, helping to prepare an after-worship snack of your choice, helping to set up, serve, and clean up following the fellowship time?

Contact Merry Jorgensen at 715-356-3041 or send an email to office@umchurchofthepines.org for more information about joining our Worship Volunteer Ministry.

CONTACT information



Your help is needed as we update our church member and associate (those who participate in church activities, however, are not church members) records. When you receive an update form, please update the form and return it to the church office as soon as possible.

Church Directory - We invite and encourage everyone to include your contact information and photo in our online Church Directory. If you are currently listed in the directory, would you please check to make sure the information is correct and place a current photo into the directory? If you are not listed in the directory, please contact the church office for assistance in getting set up. Thanks.

United Women in Faith, Spring Rummage & Bake Sale



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Thank Offering: Thank God for rain and the beautiful rainbow. Put in 50 cents in celebration of Easter.

Circle Meetings:

Deborah Circle meets Wednesday, April 10th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Ministry Center. Sue Henning will host and give a presentation of Midwest Mission Distribution Center.
Esther/Martha Circle meets on Tuesday, April 9th, at the home of Sarah Stewart at 12:00 p.m.
Lydia Circle meets Thursday, April 11th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Ministry Center.
Ruth Circle meets Wednesday, April 10th, at 12:30 p.m. at Our Place Café.
Dawn Circle meets Wednesday, April 4th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Ministry Center.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, April 17th - **Executive Board Meeting** at 10:00 a.m. in the Ministry Center.
 April 23th - 26th - **Spring Rummage and Bake Sale**
 Wednesday, May 29th - **General Meeting** at 10:00 a.m. in the Ministry Center.



Spring RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE



EARLY SALE:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 - 5-7 PM

SALE:

THURSDAY, APRIL 25 - 9 AM - 5 PM

SALE (Reduced Prices):

FRIDAY, APRIL 26 - 9 AM - 12 PM



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Proceeds support
Missions



Held at the American Legion, Minocqua



It's spring cleaning time! Please consider donating items for the Rummage Sale.

Donations of clean clothing, shoes, jewelry, books, antiques, household goods, outdoor/garage/sport items, crafts, small furniture, collectibles will be accepted at the **American Legion Hall**, 121 Front St., Minocqua.

Please NO old electronics of any kind, microwaves, coffee makers, or other old appliances.

Drop-off: Tuesday, April 23 , 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm and
 Wednesday, April 24, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Upcoming Church Activities, Endowment

Tuesday, April 9 - 5:00 p.m.



Tom's Community Table St. Matthias' Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited to attend this free community meal that is held monthly at St. Matthias' Episcopal Church. The April meal is on Tuesday, the 9th, at 5:00 p.m. at St. Matthias' Episcopal Church, 403 E. Chicago Avenue (across from Church of the Pines).



Help is needed! Church of the Pines is one of the organizing churches for the May 14th Tom's Community Table. Watch for upcoming information about how help is needed in providing food items and the need for volunteers to help set up, serve, and clean up at dinner. Thanks, Mary Fasse, for coordinating the dinner for Church of the Pines!

KEENAGERS

Wednesday, April 17th - Noon
Ministry Center

Program: Holly Dionne, GrifeShare

Mark your calendar for Keenagers' Potluck on Wednesday, April 17th, at noon in the Ministry Center. Bring a dish to share, and don't forget to invite a friend or two to attend.

Holly Dionne, Pastoral Care Coordinator at Holy Family Catholic Church, will present information about the GriefShare program, held at Generations Community Center.

No reservation is required to attend Keenagers. If you want to come for the program only, plan to arrive at 12:30 p.m.

BETWEEN FRIENDS

Gather your sewing, knitting, or craft project, and lunch and plan to spend the day BETWEEN FRIENDS at Church

of the Pines on Tuesday, April 23rd, from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the Ministry Center. All are invited to enjoy good conversation and fellowship!

Men's Breakfast is held at Holiday Café on Thursday, April 25th, at 9:00 a.m.



United Methodist Church of the Pines



ENDOWMENT FUND



Why Donate to the Endowment Fund

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

Gift Designations & Recognition

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

NEXT STEPS: IF YOU HAVE MADE A GIFT, THANK YOU!

If you are still exploring, speak with your advisors. Contact the church by phone at 715-356-3041 or by email at office@umchurchofthepines.org to arrange for a confidential consultation with a member of the Endowment Committee.

*Thank you for supporting
Church of the Pines!*

February Finance Report

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE PINES FINANCE REPORT AS OF FEBRUARY 29, 2024

	<u>February Actual</u>	<u>Year Actual</u>	<u>Incr (Decr) Versus Year Budget</u>
<u>Income</u>			
Operating *	21,375	80,222	5,949
Reserve Fund	531	5,903	3,671
Endowment Fund	0	0	0
Total Income	21,906	86,125	9,620
<u>Expenditures</u>			
Pastor **	8,468	17,600	7
Worship	94	454	70
Nurture	192	478	(23)
Outreach	135	427	10
Finance & Administration	5,803	12,325	438
Facilities Operation & Maintenance	2,522	4,595	(786)
Capital Improvements Fund	0	0	0
Youth Fund	0	0	0
Missions Fund ***	0	220	20
Reserve Fund	227	418	(22)
Conference Apportionment ****	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	17,441	36,517	(286)
Net Cash Excess (Deficiency)	4,465	49,608	9,906
Total Available Funds 2-29-24		278,664	

* Prepaid Pledges of 49,688 were included in January Operating Income

** Includes Salary, Benefits, Expenses

*** Includes Special Sundays

**** 2024 Assessment is 37,176

Net cash excess (income minus expenditures) for 2 months is 49,608 which is 9,906 better than the approved operating budget.



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<https://www.facebook.com/churchofthepines/>

Watch our church services on



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

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 12:00pm - Esther/ Martha Circle (Sarah Stewart's home)	3 3:30pm - Church School (Lower Level)	4 9:30am - Dawn Circle (Ministry Center) 10:00am - Key Leaders (Library)	5	6
7 10:00am - Wor- ship Service/ Communion/ Change for Hunger Offering 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship 11:15am - New Church Member Class (Pine Room)	8 1:00pm - Prayer Shawl (Pine Room) 1:00pm - Missions Team (Ministry Center)	9 5:00pm - Tom's Com- munity Table (St. Matthias' Episcopal Church)	10 12:30pm - Ruth Circle (Our Place Cafe) 3:30pm - Church School (Lower level) 6:00pm - Deborah Circle (Ministry Center)	11 9:30am - Lydia Circle (Ministry Center)	13	13
14 Native Ameri- can Sunday 10:00am - Wor- ship Service 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship 11:15am - New Church Member Class (Pine Room)	15 7:00pm - SPRC (Library)	16 7:00pm - Ministry Council (Ministry Cen- ter)	17 10:00am - UWF Gen- eral Meeting (Ministry Center) 12:00pm - Keenagers (Ministry Center) 3:30pm - Church School (Lower level)	18 5:00pm - Turn the Page Book Group (Pine Room)	19	20 2:00pm - Memorial Service - Luella & Mike Lakich
21 9:00-10:00am - Geranium Pick Up 10:00am - Wor- ship Service 11:00am - Pan- cake Breakfast (Ministry Center) 11:00am - 12:00 pm - Geranium Pick Up	22	23 9:00am - Table Set Up (American Legion) 9:30am - Between Friends (Ministry Cen- ter) 12:00 - 5:00pm - Rum- mage Sale Drop Off (American Legion)	24 9:00am - 3:30pm - Rummage Sale Drop Off (American Legion) 3:30pm - Church School (Lower Level) 4:30pm - Donut hole making set up (Kitchen) 5:00 - 7:00pm - Early Rummage Sale (American Legion) 5:30pm - CYF Potluck (Ministry Center)	25 5:30 - 11:00am - Donut hole making (Kitchen) 8:00am - Men's Break- fast (Holiday Café) 9:00am - 5:00pm - Rummage & Bake Sale (American Legion)	26 9:00am - 12:00pm - Rummage & Bake Sale-Reduce Prices (American Legion) 12:00 - 2:00pm - Rummage Sale Clean Up	27
28 10:00am - Wor- ship Service 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship	29	30				

Have something for Pine Chips 2.0? Email the church at office@umchurchofthepines.org.
The deadline for receiving information for the May Pine Chips is on 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.



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

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



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