# 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 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



#### A Methodist New Year

Happy New Year! It is a new year, and we are looking forward to the wonderful new things God is doing in our world and our church. As I mentioned in the December Pine Chips, we have several new things beginning here at the Church of the Pines that are building momentum to carry us into God's future.

I mentioned our new vision, mission statement, and mission focus of increasing food security for all people. Look for more information about these in this newsletter. We will also begin a new worship time on May 26, 2024.

There are a lot of good new things happening for our church. However, we are also entering a new time for the United Methodist Church (UMC).

It has been a challenging few years for the UMC, with controversies around understanding human sexuality and faith, disaffiliation, as well as a splinter denomination breaking off. This year will be the first year for the UMC after all of that, and we might wonder why staying in the Methodist Church is a good idea. To answer this, I want to share in worship this month some of the pillars of Methodism that I fell in love with and why I think the UMC is a place to be.

We will explore some of the traditional teachings and practices of John Wesley from early Methodism. John Wesley, his brother Charles, and a few others who started the Methodist movement in England that led directly to the United Methodist Church today. From these past teachings, we will see that Methodism is not only a good place to be but also that it can empower us to move into God's vision for us today.

We will practice the power of renewing our covenant with God, practice three simple rules for faith, find the peace of assurance, and claim the power of the controversial teaching of 'Christian Perfection.' Join us as we begin the New Year at Church of the Pines. It promises to be a truly Methodist New Year!

Blessings.

Pastor Mark

#### Leadership, Prayer Requests

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#### 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.

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2024.



How can we pray for you? If you or a loved one is in need of prayer, or you want to share a joy in your life, we are here to lift you or your loved one in prayer.

To request prayer, contact the church office at office@umchurchofthepines.org or call 715-356-3041.

Prayer requests can be made by going to our church website at www.umchurchofthepines.org and selecting "Prayer Requests" on the homepage menu.

You can also "clip" the Prayer Request form below and submit it to the church office to be distributed as requested.

If you are making a prayer request on behalf of another person, please make sure you have received their permission prior to making the prayer request.

prior to making the prayer request.			
Prayer Request: Your Name:	Date://		
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Private Prayer (Pasto	or only)		
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Prayer request:			

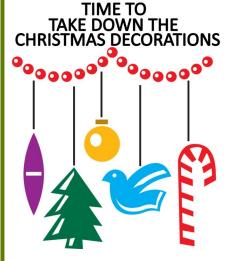
#### January Birthdays, Worship



January 4	Molly Jorgensen
January 4	Nicole Myers
January 8	Rich Klatt
January 11	Bruce Berklund
January 12	Jessica Hilgart
January 12	Micah Gilbert
January 14	Val Susor
January 16	Mark Gilbert
January 17	Sylviann Berklund
January 17	Karolynn Ross
January 19	Nancy Berklund
January 21	Nancy Grandy
January 23	Isabel Carlton
January 27	Fred Melms
January 28	Kristin Kroening

#### Blessings to you on your special day!

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



Please help take down the Christmas decorations after worship on Sunday, January 7th.

# Worship

**Attend** the 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship services 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

**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-videos.html



Please consider signing up to provide a flower arrangement or a plant for the altar on Sunday mornings in 2024. 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.

Thanks for providing flowers for the altar in the coming year!

#### **January Worship Themes**



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#### A Methodist New Year

The last few years have been hard years for the United Methodist Church. The denomination had a split, churches disaffiliated, and there were more than enough negative headlines. Yet we are here, and there is much more to celebrate in our Methodist tradition. As a new year begins, we will explore four of the foundations of our tradition, which will empower our faith this year and for years to come.

#### January 7 - Covenant Commitment

Scripture: Matthew 16:24-26

**Theme:** John Wesley and the early Methodists knew that following Christ was not a one-time choice; it was a choice they had to make regularly. He would gather Methodists together at the new year and renew their choice and commitment to God; we will do the same this year.

#### January 14 - Three Simple Rules

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-21

**Theme:** Methodism emphasized action after you made your commitment to follow Jesus. They encouraged action even before theological understanding. Methodists were encouraged into action by following these simple rules: 1. Do no Harm 2. Do Good. 3. Stay in Love with God.

#### January 21 - Assurance of Salvation

**Scripture:** Philippians 3:1-14

**Theme:** While Methodists were encouraged to action, they were also encouraged to claim a powerful gift of our Christian faith - Assurance of Salvation. Methodism teaches that we don't have to fret or worry about Salvation but to trust in the grace of Christ. This sense of assurance frees us to express and share the love of Christ in our lives.

#### January 28 - Christian Perfection

Scripture: Hebrews 6:1-5

**Theme:** Methodism has always dealt with controversy; early on, one controversial topic was Christian Perfection. Methodists strove to "perfectly" live the love of Christ in their lives. It is a worthy goal, yet maybe a better word could have been used. Today, we say we are going toward perfection in love.



#### **Winter Weather Cancelation Policy**

#### **Sunday Morning Worship**

For severe winter weather, cancelation of the Sunday Worship service will be considered when there is dangerous ice and when there is a winter storm warning.

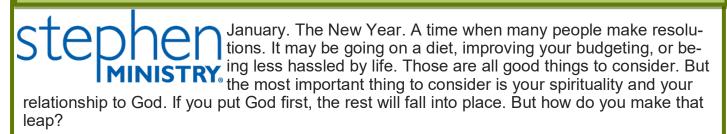
A decision to cancel worship services during a winter storm will be made no later than 6:00 p.m. on Saturday evening. A mass email and phone call will be made to the church membership, and a special notification will be sent via MailChimp to everyone who subscribes to our church Weekly Updates. Notifications will also appear on our Facebook page and sent to local television stations that provide cancelation notices for church activities.

## Weekday Church Activities and Office Hours

Children, Youth, and Family ministries will be canceled if schools are closed or if after school activities are canceled. Parents will be notified via email.

The Church office and other church adult ministries will be closed at the discretion of the pastor and/or the Chair of the related ministry, based on safety. Appropriate forms of communication will be used to inform the congregation.

#### Stephen Ministry



Rhonda Jones in her article *A New Year, A New You: Going Deeper in God* suggests one way to do that is to practice the spiritual discipline of meditation and:

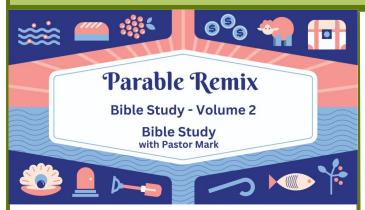
- Be still before the Lord. Know that he is God and really does have everything under control. Silence the thoughts and emotions that pull you from resting under the shadow of His wings.
- 2. Stop trying to fill your hunger and anxiety with things that can't satisfy. Instead, ask God to fill the voids in your life with his love, mercy, and grace.
- 3. Enter into God's rest. The Bible says that he can do exceedingly abundantly above what we can ask for or think. The only thing he needs from us is faith, trust, and obedience.
- 4. Keep your eyes on Jesus instead of your circumstances. Continually bring your attention back to his love, power, and faithfulness.
- 5. Meditate on the Lord day and night. Joshua 1:8 tells us that this is the surest way to success in God. Meditate on the word, his goodness, and his love. Spend time in God's presence. It can help you gain control over fearful or negative thinking, your thoughts turning to God.
- 6. Hide God's word in your heart. God's word is true and powerful and can't return void. Let his word be the fuel that drives you. Let the scriptures become the spiritual food that you crave.
- 7. Be filled with the Spirit. If we are filled with the Spirit, we will not fulfill the desires of the flesh. Give the Holy Spirit permission to live in and through you. Be receptive to his still small voice in your heart.
- 8. Become an instrument of God's love. The Bible says that God is love, love never fails, perfect love casts out fear, and we are made perfect in love. Let love motivate your every action.
- Take every concern to God. Cast every care upon Him because he cares for you. Too
  often, we will tell everybody but God our problems. But something miraculous happens
  when we turn every care over to God. He takes them and leaves us his peace that
  passes all understanding.
- 10. Wait on the Lord. This means waiting on God through all the mental and emotional pain that you may endure during this detaching process. Grow deeper in God. Listen to Him as he leads and guides you to wholeness and contentment as you eliminate the voices that cause confusion, doubt, and fear.

Adapted with permission by Rhonda Jones

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Contact Holly Nash, the Stephen Leader, at 715-356-6861 if you need to talk to a person who will listen, care, and support you as you make this journey.

#### Coming in the New Year!



Join Pastor Mark for **Parable Remix, Volume 2**, a four-week Bible study, meeting on Thursdays at noon in the Ministry Center, **beginning January 11th.** 

One of Jesus' favorite ways to teach his disciples about God and how we should live was with parables. Parables are little stories of people doing real things that reveal profound truths about God and life. The beauty of parables is that they make us think because there is no one simple way to understand them, and they can speak to us today as profoundly as they did when Jesus first spoke them.

In this study we will explore some of Jesus' more famous parables, by looking at how they might have initially been understood, as well as thinking about how we might rethink them in today's world.

Bring a sack lunch, Bible, and be ready to take a fresh look at these famous parables.

January 11 - Parable of the Prodigal Son

January 18 - Parable of the Sower/Soils

January 25 - Parable of the Good Samaritan

February 1 - Parable of the Lost Sheep and of the Good Shepherd

A sign up sheet is located on a table in the Ministry Center or register online by going to our church website at www.umchurchofthepines.org.

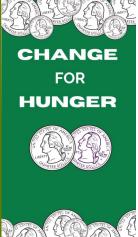
# New Church Member

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, January 14th or 21st 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.



#### Change for Hunger

As part of our new Mission Focus Plan, a special offering called Change for Hunger will be taken on the first Sunday of each month during the worship service.

So, start collecting your "change" and at the Sunday, January 7th, worship service, drop your loose 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 rice meals, and Food for Kidz.

This is one of a multitude of ways our congregation will move forward in this new year together as we continue to learn, serve, and give to increase food security for people in our community and throughout the world.

#### Pancake Brunch, Sock Drive

# Pancake Brunch SUNDAY - Ministry Center

January 28 - 11:00 - 11:45 a.m.

Pancakes - Egg Casseroles - Fruit Muffins - Coffee - Juice - Milk

Sign up to help and to attend in the Ministry Center.

Free-will offering goes to the Lakeland Pantry.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR - because Bob and Holly Nash will be "flipping pancakes" on January 28th, from 11:00 - 11:45 a.m., following the Sunday worship service. Enjoy pancakes, egg casseroles, fruit, muffins, coffee, juice, and milk. A free-will offering will be taken and donated to the Lakeland Pantry for the purchase of food for people in need. Each person who plans to attend the brunch is asked to bring one or more breakfast food items that will also be donated to the Lakeland Pantry (examples of donations include: pancake mix, syrup, oatmeal, applesauce, or other non-perishable breakfast items.)

**R.S.V.P.** - If you plan to attend, visit our church website at www.umchurchofthepines.org, click Pancake Brunch in the drop-down menu, and submit your reservation. You can also sign up in the Ministry Center. Let us know how many will attend, as we want to ensure that there are plenty of pancakes!

**HELP IS NEEDED** - A volunteer sign-up sheet is on a table in the Ministry Center. Help is needed for Clean Up and the following items are needed: Egg casseroles, muffins, cut up fruit or applesauce, orange juice, milk, syrup, and butter.



Patty Frandy Tom Frandy

# Thanks for supporting the Keenagers' Sock Drive!



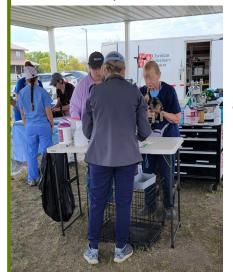


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#### Keenagers, Between Friends, CYF Ministries

#### Keenagers

Keenagers will meet for potluck at noon on Wednesday, January 17th, in the Ministry Center. The speaker will be Holly Nash who will tell us all about her recent mission trip to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. She traveled with other people to do veterinary mission work under the auspices of Christian Veterinary Mission. All are welcome to attend. For lunch, bring a dish to share. To come for the program only, arrive around 12:30 p.m.



Holly Nash (right) joins other veterinarians on a Christian Veterinary Mission trip to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota to provide medical care



Enjoy the day with friends at Church of the Pines. Bring your lunch and sewing or craft project and enjoy time **BETWEEN FRIENDS!** 



**Wednesday Church School** resumes on January 10th, at 3:30 p.m. with a lot of fun, educational, and service opportunities planned for the Winter and Spring session.

**CYF Ministry** kicks off the new year with a Potluck on Wednesday, January 25th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Ministry Center.

The **Youth Group** plans to meet on Sunday, January 17th, at 2:00 p.m.



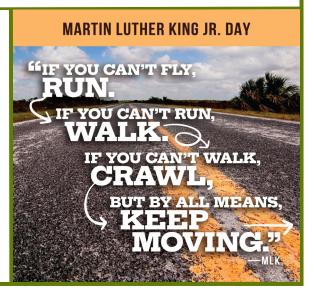
With the New Year, there comes opportunities for serving.

Opportunities 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.

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 for more information about joining our Worship Volunteer Ministry.



#### Church Vision, Mission, Core Values, and Mission Focus in 2024, Hunger at Our Doorstep

This past November 2023, our Church of the Pines Ministry Council adopted a new Mission Focus Plan, which is summarized below.

United Methodist Church of the Pines Vision: Living Christ's Love.

**Mission:** To make and grow disciples of Jesus Christ to love and serve the world.

Core Values: Community, Spirituality, and Generosity.

**United Methodist Church of the Pines' mission focus for 2024 through 2027** is to increase food security for people in our community and throughout the world.

This focus engages our core values by:

- ♦ **Community** Providing opportunities for us to connect with God, one another, and our neighbors.
- Spirituality Ensuring people have food security involves several spiritual practices that help us grow in awareness of and responsiveness to God's presence.
- Generosity Providing opportunities for us to share all that we are and all that we have with God and the world.

Our Food Security Focus Plan provides all people of the congregation opportunities to participate through learning, serving, and giving.

In the coming days and weeks, details of our new Mission Focus Plan will be shared. A Missions Committee has recently been formed for the purpose of implementing, monitoring, and reviewing the plan and will make recommendations to the Ministry Council. So stay tuned for more information and look forward to supporting our church's efforts in increasing food security for our neighbors locally and throughout the world.



#### Hunger at Our Doorstep

Have you been wondering what we mean by Food Security? Or, are you unsure of what we could do to make a difference?

If so, come and learn more about our Mission Focus on Food Security this Lenten season.

Pastor Mark will lead a class on Thursdays at noon from the Wisconsin Council of Churches called "Hunger at Our Doorstep." Participating in this program will help us learn more about hunger in our world, and even in our community, and we will explore ideas and create practical actions for caring for all of God's children.

The class begins Thursday, February 15th and will meet weekly through March 21st. Note, there will be no class on March 14th, as spring break is that week.

To register for **Hunger at Our Doorstep**, go to our website at www.umchurchofthepines.org, look for "Programs and Classes" and select "**Hunger at Our Doorstep**" in the dropdown list. Fill in the form and click "submit." A sign up sheet is also available on a table in the Ministry Center.

#### **Christmas FUN!**



#### Ministry Council Meeting Summary, Ministry Council

#### Ministry Council Meeting Summary

The Ministry Council met on November 14, 2023, with the following members in attendance: Chris Anderson, Jim Anderson, Sue Claflin, Donna Clark (Zoom), Mary Fasse, Pastor Mark Gilbert, Merry Jorgensen, Dave Kozeluh, Sara Kozeluh, Sue Loeffler, Holly Nash, Bob Schuld, and Jerry Weber. Noah Lottig was absent. Guests included Jay Hull and Ted Voigt.

Church activity highlights from the previous month included: The focus on stewardship; Generosity Challenge; Fall Yard Clean Up; Mission trip to Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Pawnee, Illinois; School Bag Mission Project done by the youth of the church; Volunteer participation in and sponsorship of Food for Kidz.

During a review of upcoming church activities for December and the first quarter of 2024, it was shared that an Advent study, entitled A Heart That Grew Three Sizes, led by Venus Hilgart, would be held. A Parable Remix - Volume 2, Bible study, will meet beginning in January. A Lenten study, entitled Hunger at Our Doorstep will begin February 15th. A Pancake Brunch will be held on Sunday, January 28th, following the worship service from 11:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. Proceeds from the free-will offering will be donated to the Lakeland Pantry. Everyone attending the brunch will be invited to bring breakfast food items (non-perishable) to donate to the Lakeland Pantry. On March 3rd, our second annual Cabin Fever Fun Day will be held.

SPRC presented the Pastoral Compensation 2024 to the Council, which was approved.

A new Mission Committee is being organized for the purpose of overseeing the newly adopted Food Security Mission Focus Plan which the Ministry Council recently approved.

There will be a December 19th Ministry Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Ministry Center, followed by a year-end celebration.



**Thank Offering:** Thank you, God, for our beautiful northern winters! Put 31 cents into your thank offering box, one cent for each

Deborah Circle will meet Wednesday, January 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the Ministry Center. Rosalie Widstrand will host and the video se-

ries will be continued.

**Dawn Circle** will meet Thursday, January 4th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Ministry Center.

**Esther/Martha Circle** will meet Tuesday, January 2nd, at Jeanne Van Order's home.

**Lydia Circle** will meet on Thursday, January 11th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Ministry Center.

**Ruth Circle** will meet Wednesday, January 10th, at 12:00 p.m. in the Ministry Center.

#### **Upcoming dates:**

**Executive Board** meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 3rd, at 10:00 a.m. in the Ministry Center.

Thanks to all members who baked or worked at the Cookie Walk and Craft Sale. Thanks, also, to the men who helped!

Please have all information for the new Circle books to Patty Frandy by Friday, January 9th. The books will be dispersed at meetings in January and February. Also, the voting for the disbursement of mission funds will be completed at Circle meetings. If anyone has input regarding this, please contact Venus Hilgart or one of the board members prior to January 3rd.

#### **Endowment Fund, Giving, Human Relations Day**

#### **United Methodist Church of the Pines**



#### **ENDOWMENT FUND**



We are the seeds of hope for those who succeed us. We dream and envision and set things in motion. The fruition of our decisions will be known only to others whom we will not meet. We are called to partner in faith with those who have gone before us and to offer the best that we have to give to those who will follow.

## 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.

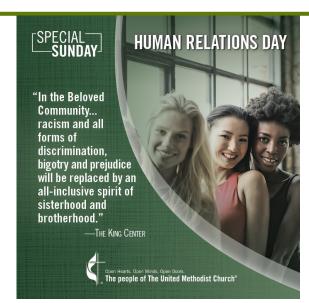
Thank you for considering an endowment gift to United Methodist Church of the Pines.



#### 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 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.
  - Drop off or mail a check made out to Church of the Pines to P.O. Box 144, Minocqua, WI 54548.



#### Sunday, January 14th

The **Human Relations Day** offering supports social justice and outreach ministries that empower all God's children to realize their full potential as human beings in relationship with one another. This fund helps encourage that potential through ministries like the Community Developers Program, multiethnic ministries and countless other projects across the United Methodist connection.

#### Finance Report



#### UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE PINES FINANCE REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2023

	November <u>Actual</u>	Year <u>Actual</u>	Incr (Decr) Versus <u>Year Budget</u>
Income	4.4.0.4.0	4=0=00	(10.070)
Operating *	14,616	170,732	(10,373)
Reserve Fund	( 1,917)	( 2,509)	(12,559)
Endowment Fund	0	11,800	1,000
Total Income _	12,699	180,023	<u>(21,932)</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
Pastor **	8,160	91,826	( 763)
Worship	403	4,328	( 257)
Nurture	172	6,473	`2,139 <sup>′</sup>
Outreach	0	3,789	1,955
Finance & Administration	6,042	65,398	385
Facilities Operation & Maintenance	•	38,518	1,003
Capital Improvements Fund	0,101	3,353	2,453
Youth Fund	0	1,000	1,000
Missions Fund ***	1,010	7,820	2,715
Reserve Fund	196	2,770	295
Conference Apportionment ****	0	13,352	0
Total Expenditures	19,420	238,627	10,925
rotar Experiultures	19,420	230,021	10,925
Net Cash Excess (Deficiency)	( 6,721)	(58,604)	(32,857)
Total Available Funds 11-30-23		226,519	

- \* Prepaid Pledges of 26,986 were included in January Operating Income
- \*\* Includes Salary, Benefits, Expenses
- \*\*\* Includes Special Sundays
- \*\*\*\* 2023 Assessment is 37,305



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Watch our church services on



https://www.youtube.com@umchurchofthepines



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office is closed  Hoppy New Uear!	2 12:00pm - Esther/ Martha Circle (Jeanne Van Order's home)	3 10:00am - UWF Exec- utive Board (Ministry Center)	4 9:00am - Dawn Circle (Ministry Center)	5	6
7 Epiphany Sunday 10:00am - Worship Service/ Communion 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship (Ministry Center) Take down Christmas Decorations	8 1:00pm - Prayer Shawl (Pine Room)	9 10:00am - Worship at Milestone 1:00pm - Worship at One Penny Place	10 12:30pm - Ruth Circle (Jeanne Van Order's home) 3:30pm - Church School (Lower Level) 6:00pm - Deborah Circle (Ministry Center)	11 9:30am - Lydia Circle (Ministry Center) 12:00pm - Parable Remix #1 (Ministry Center)	12	13
14 Human Relations Sunday 10:00am - Worship Service/ Program 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship 11:15am - New Member Class (Pine Room) 2:00pm - Youth Group (Youth Room)	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 7:00pm - SPRC (Library & Zoom) MARTIN LUTHER KING JR * Day *	16	17 12:00pm - Keenagers (Ministry Center) 3:30pm - Church School (Lower Level) 5:30pm - CYF Potluck (Ministry Center)	18 12:00pm - Parable Remix #2 (Ministry Center)	19	20
21 10:00am - Wor- ship Service 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship 11:15am - New Member Class (Pine Room)	22	23 9:30am - 3:00pm - Between Friends (Ministry Center) 7:00pm - Ministry Council (Ministry Center)	24 3:30pm - Church School (Lower Level)	25 12:00pm - Parable Remix #3 (Ministry Center)	26	27
28 10:00am - Worship Service 11:00am - Pancake Brunch	29	30	31 3:30pm - Church School (Lower Level)			

Have something for Pine Chips 2.0? Email the church at office@umchurchofthepines.org.

The deadline for receiving information for the February Pine Chips 2.0 is January 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 we are available to assist you.

Call 715-356-3041.



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