



PINE Chips^{2.0}

United Methodist

Of Church of the Pines



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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.



Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
In-person and Livestreamed
The last Outdoor Worship Service for this summer is September 4th - 8:30 a.m. in the backyard of the church.

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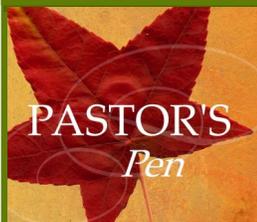
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Did you get Pine Chips 2.0 in your email

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 Pen, Let Us Know



September is a month of transition and change. Summer is not quite over, and fall is not yet in full swing – but it is coming. A fancy word for this dynamic describes September as a 'liminal space.' This simply means a

time between what was and what is to come. In many ways, churches just like ours are in liminal spaces, in-between the way the church was and new expressions of what it means to be the church. There have been societal, generational dynamics leading churches to this season of transition for a while. The COVID pandemic has accelerated this process, forcing churches to recognize that today's church is not the same as in 2019. So what are we to do in these times?

I think September in the Northwoods gives a pretty good model for what we can do as a church during a liminal time. We enjoy the warm, beautiful days by engaging in our favorite summer activities—one more time on a lake swimming, tubing, or fishing. Perhaps we get a quick camping trip in before packing up our gear. Likewise, in September, when the next day is cold and sends us back into the house to grab a jacket, we enjoy the bright beauty of the turning leaves or hunker down in a favorite chair next to a fireplace and enjoy a good book.

In September, we enjoy the familiar things of summer again before the cold days come. As a church, we can do the same. We can remember the things that meant the most to us, the circle or small group gathering for fish fry and fun. The times the church was packed, we didn't have to wonder how many

people were worshiping online... It is good to enjoy what we still have right now, even while we know things are changing. It is also good for us to grieve what has already passed, to remember them, honor them, and mourn them. But, I wonder, what is something that has changed that you miss, that you mourn?

As a church, we can also realize there are transitions that we cannot stop, no matter what we do. Like we cannot prevent the leaves from falling and the frost from coming, we can embrace and prepare ourselves for the snows of winter. We may even find that winter activity that makes the long season enjoyable. Many of the changes churches are going through are positive ones and encourage us to grow in our understanding of God and what it means for us to be church together. Positive change, but not necessarily easy. It makes me wonder again what is a positive change you have experienced recently. What is something new or different that makes you feel grateful?

This September, the ministry council is beginning an intentional process of asking these questions and a few others that will help us take the opportunities around us in this liminal space. I know that God has new and beautiful ways for us to be faithful and for us to be church together; I look forward to experiencing them with you.

Blessings, and enjoy the month of September.

Pastor Mark

Let Us Know

We all have difficulties in our lives, burdens, and heavy loads that we carry. God has promised us that we do not have to carry them alone, that God is always with us. Have you ever found it hard to feel God's presence with you? Sometimes it helps if you have physical representation with you.

I remember a time I was called by a parishioner to go to the Emergency Room to see her husband. When we got there a doctor pulled us aside to a separate room and told us her husband had died. She held my hand while she

went to see her husband for the last time, I didn't say a word. Later she said, "I knew God was with me cause you were there."

If you are having a hard time feeling God's presence, let us know. I know that myself and our wonderful Stephen Ministers would be honored to pray with you and be a physical reminder of God's abiding presence with you.

You can ask for a pastoral visit by calling the church at 715-356-3041 ext. #4. All pastoral visits are confidential.

Leadership, Prayers, Altar Flowers, Serve on Sunday

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PLEASE
PRAY FOR

Please pray for...

Barb Simic and her family, as Barb's husband, **Bill Simic**, passed away on August 11, 2022. A memorial service was held at Church of the Pines on August 19th.

Greg Krings, who remains hospitalized.

The family of **Chuck Wickman**. Chuck passed away on August 21st at the age of 94. He lived in McHenry, Illinois. A memorial service will be held on Saturday August 27th, at St John's Lutheran Church in Woodstock, IL.

If you would like to be a member of our E-Prayer Chain or Telephone Prayer Chain, let Patty Frandy know by giving her a call at 715-356-2172 or email her at pattyandtom@frontier.com for more information.



Altar Flowers

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

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

More volunteers are needed on Sunday mornings:

**Ushers
Greeters
Liturgists
Special Music**

Please contact the church office if you would be willing to help in some way.



Worship, Birthdays & Anniversaries, Between Friends



Worship Services

Attend the 10:00 a.m. worship services each Sunday held in the sanctuary. **Children's Church** is held on Sundays for children in grades K-5.

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

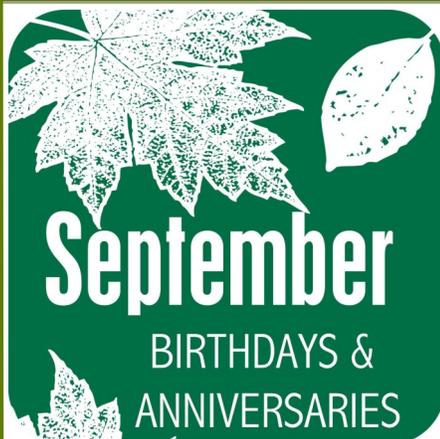
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Livestream of Sunday Worship Services on Church of the Pines' Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/churchofthepines/live/>

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



The church office will be closed on September 5th.



September 1
September 3
September 8
September 10
September 20
September 21
September 25
September 25
September 26
September 26
September 28

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

Happy birthday to...

Dan Frankfother
Mary Johnson
Robert Bucklew
Richard Burnes
Dick Wechter
Diane Salls
Jacob Kroening
Carolyn Smith
Char Binette
Carolyn Hendry
Tessa Lenz

Happy anniversary to...

September 2 - Bruce & Nancy Berklund
September 4 - Bob & Holly Nash
September 7 - Jim & Nancy Kranpitz
September 11 - Robert & Sandy Bucklew
September 15 - Gary & Mary Johnson
September 17 - Dick & Pat Bechtel
September 20 - Bryce & Heather Berklund
September 23 - John & Bonnie Margitan
September 28 - Doug & Donna Clark

Blessings to you on your special day!



Between Friends September 27th

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
in the Ministry Center.

Bring a sack lunch.

Visit with your friends while working on your own sewing or craft projects.

September Worship Themes, Upper Room, Keenagers



September Worship Series

September Worship Themes

September 3, 2022

Gathering a Crowd

Scripture: Matthew 3:12, 5:1

September 11, 2022

The Beatitudes

Scripture: Matthew 5:3-11

September 18, 2022

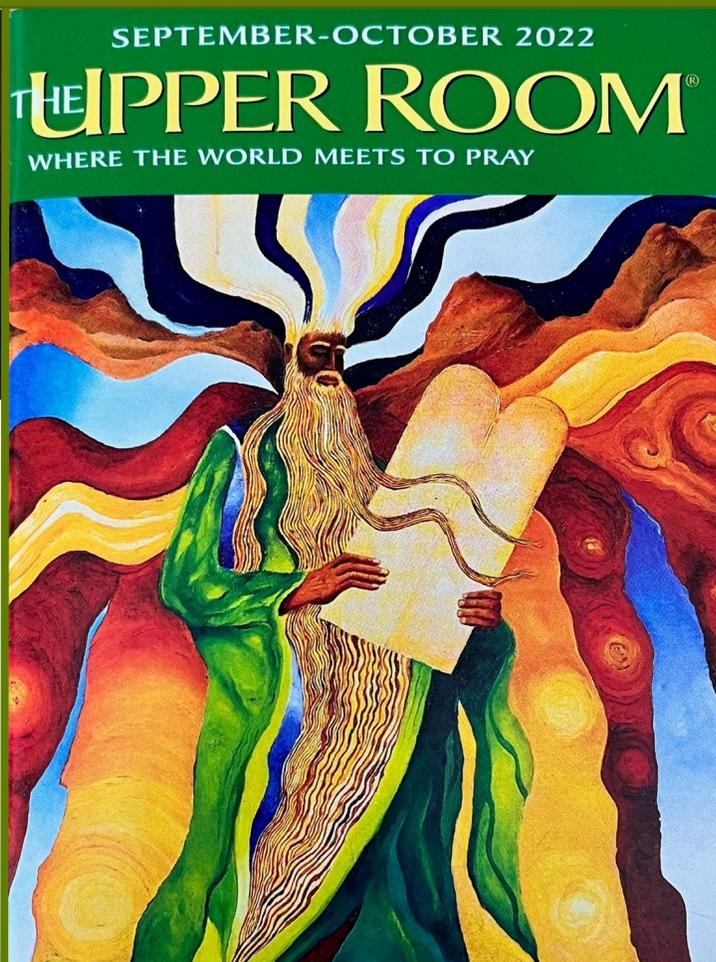
We are Salt and Light

Scripture: Matthew 5:14-16

September 25, 2022

Jesus and the Law

Scripture: Matthew 5:17-48



The September/October 2022 issue of The Upper Room is now available. If you would like to subscribe to this publication, please contact Merry at 715-356-3041 or email her at office@umchurchofthepines.org. There is no cost for the subscription; however donations to help underwrite the cost are appreciated.



The Keenagers will begin meeting again in September! We'll get together for lunch at Our Place (formerly Molly's), near Papa Murphy's. Anyone who'd like a good lunch and some cheerful company is invited to join us at noon on Wednesday, September 21. If you'd like more information, call Patty Frandy at 715-356-2172 or Sue Shapiro at 414-416-5102.

Stephen Ministry

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“When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you’re trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest, if you must, but don’t you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about,
When he might have won had he stuck it
out;
Don’t give up though the pace seems slow-
You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than,
It seems to a faint and faltering man,
Often the struggler has given up,
When he might have captured the victor’s
cup,
And he learned too late when the night slipped down,
How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out-
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far,
So stick to the fight when you’re hardest hit-
It’s when things seem worst that you must not quit.”

-John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)
Quaker poet and advocate of the abolition of slavery in the United States.



We all feel like quitting at certain times in our lives. If you or someone you love feels that way, turn to the love and strength of God. A Stephen Minister can help you walk on that journey. If you want to know more, contact Holly Nash, Stephen Leader, at 715-356-6861.

Lay Leader



Words to Live By
Emerson Coy,
Lay leader

Work and Labor

Labor Day weekend is now here and that also means it's the end of summer. Students and teachers go back to school and the season for schedules and routines begin to take place. Labor Day is a day to rest from work and also to realize that work is important. Whether you are entering the work force, in the midst of it, or retired you will or have done a lot of things. Even at home, think about how many times you have swept the floor, vacuumed the same carpet, or washed the same dish. It can be pretty uninspiring and dull at times. Do you realize that in twenty years you may wash the same dish over 20,000 thousand times if it lasts that long. I know that at our house we still have dishes we use that we got as a wedding gift over 43 years ago and washed many, many times.

Most of the world observes May 1st as Labor Day, but not us. The September date was chosen way back when because it was halfway between the 4th of July and Thanksgiving. September 5, 1882, saw the first American Labor Day parade. It was held in New York City with 20,000 participants carrying banners calling for 8 hours for work, 8 hours for rest, 8 hours for recreation.

A century has passed. The American Labor movement is not what it once was. These days less than 15% of American workers belong to unions, down from a high of nearly 50% in the 1950's. Now Labor Day is

seen by most folks as the last long weekend of summer, the day to celebrate work by not working.

The Bible refers to work even back to Adam and Eve. Work to survive took place after the forbidden fruit was consumed. God also created everything and rested on the last day of Creation. Jewish leaders honored the sabbath but the leaders even took it too far with lots of rules. Jesus went against those strict rules to love friends and neighbors from all walks of life in the spirit of servanthood. He also rested and I am sure had fun times too. What if God would like us all to take more time out for playing? What if God takes time out to have some fun?

Imagine it: God has finished creating the skies and seas, and the animals of the fields and forests, and the birds and fishes and ants and bees and cockroaches, and people. Then God says, "I just don't feel like working today. Believe I will have some fun." So that is what God did...had some fun. And having fun, created a number of things that are fun:

- Baseball, for one. Except that baseball eventually required the invention of catcher's masks and Louisville Slugger bats and such - all of which God put off until it was time to work again.
- And monkeys. It seems certain that God created monkeys for fun. Except that sometimes monkeys act like people, which surely must not be much fun for the monkeys.
- And hugging. That was one of God's better creations that fine day.

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Lay Leader, United Methodist Women

Lay Leader, continued

• And Spring. Surely God created Spring for fun. Not the Spring that causes people to get their muscles all sore and hands all blistery from trying to rearrange what God planted--trees, grass, flowers and things like that. But Spring with fluffy clouds and lazy afternoons and balmy evenings and which as a bonus gives a start to all the loveliness that is Autumn.

It may even be that God created Methodists for fun. Except that like some of God's other good creations, they began to take themselves so seriously that they mostly were no fun to God and in fact were so serious that the very thought of fun made them nervous. It may have been much the same with Congress, assistant managers or you could add many more categories to the list.

Here then is our theology of work. God gave it to us as a gift, and certainly we hard-driving Methodists do our share. But God also gave us gifts like baseball and monkeys and Autumn and other things that are called fun. ENJOY THEM, and glorify God in the process...especially on a holiday called Labor Day. Amen!

United Methodist Women

Use your Thank Offering box .

Thanks for the things we have learned and for the opportunity to keep learning. Put a quarter in your box.

Circle News:

Dawn Circle . . . will meet at the home of Marilyn Remien on Thursday, September 1 at 9:30 am.

Deborah Circle . . . will meet for a potluck supper at the home of Venus Hilgart at 6 pm on Wednesday, September 14. Families are invited to come along. Please bring a side dish or a dessert.

Esther/Martha Circle . . . will meet at the home of Sara Stewart on Tuesday, September 6 at noon.

Lydia Circle . . . meets Thursday, September 8 at 9:30 am at the home of Sue Claflin, 9797 Norway Lane, Woodruff.

Ruth Circle . . . will meet Wednesday, September 14 at 12:30 pm at Heart II.

General Meeting . . . The UMW General Meeting will be held at 10 am on Wednesday, September 28 in the Ministry Center. Ruth Circle is hosting the meeting. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Mission Trip . . . If you are interested in going on the UMW mission trip to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Springfield, IL, you can still sign up! Please contact Sue Loeffler at susanellenLoeffler@gmail.com or 815-546-5033. The trip is planned for November 8-12.

Upcoming dates:

September 28—UMW General Meeting at 10 am

October 25-28—UMW Rummage and Bake Sale (Set-up through clean-up)

October 30—UMW Sunday

UMW Fall Rummage & Bake Sale

*United Methodist Women
Church of the Pines*

Fall Rummage & Bake Sale

*Early Sale - Wednesday, October 26
5:00 - 7:00 pm*

Thursday, October 27 - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

*Reduced Prices - Friday, October 28
9:00 am - 12:00 pm*

*at the American Legion Hall
(across from the Minocqua Post Office)*

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.

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

Drop-off: Tuesday, October 25, 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm and
Wednesday, October 26, 9:00 am - 5 pm

Early drop-offs or questions,
call Sue at 715-358-0343 Email at dcsc2129@charter.net
United Methodist Church of the Pines - 715-356-3041.

**ALL PROCEEDS GO
TO MISSIONS**



Mission Highlights, Giving

Northwoods Alliance for Temporary Housing (NATH)

NATH is committed to ending and preventing homelessness. This corporation exists to provide housing and basic needs to families and individuals who are homeless, within an atmosphere of encouragement, respect, dignity and hope, while nurturing awareness of homelessness by partnership with Northwoods resource agencies and by educating the communities in our service area. NATH's service area includes Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida, and Vilas Counties. NATH and Frederick Place have established cooperative working relationships with community partners.

www.nathnorthwoods.com

UMCOR US Disaster Response

When disaster happens, it is local churches that provide the first response to their communities. It is this basic understanding that disaster response is local, that forms the foundation for UMCOR's US disaster training and response.

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

- Financial Assistance - Emergency grants may be sent when a bishop of the affected conference contacts UMCOR.
- Expertise - UMCOR's disaster response experience and knowledge are made available to those in need.
- Networking - Connections with NGOs, volunteers, experts, local government and other organizations can help communities recover from disaster.

umcmmission.org



**Giving a contribution to
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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 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



A special United Methodist offering, The Golden Cross Offering, helps pay medical costs for others who cannot afford to pay. Checks can be made out to Church of the Pines and placed in the offering plate on September 11th or mailed to the church at P.O. Box 144, Minocqua, WI 54548. You can also make an online gift by going to our website at www.umchurchofthepines.org. Thanks.

Wednesday Church School, Children's Church

Wednesday Church School **REGISTRATION**

Wednesday Church School begins September 14, 2022, for K through 8th-grade kids. The time will be 3:30 to 5:30 pm. Once again, this year, we will not be having a meal, and Wednesday Church School is free.

The schedule for Wednesday church school is below:

Church School for pre-k-8th grades. Wednesdays 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

3:30-4:00 pm Snacks and recreation gathering time

4:00 pm – 4:40 music/drama/arts and crafts/community service

4:45 – 5:30 pm – Bible class time

K-2nd Grade -Holy Moly

3rd-5th Grade – Holy Moly

6th -8th Grade with Pastor Mark

Fall Session: September 14, 2022, and run through December 14, 2022

No Class on November 23, 2022, or December 21, 2022.

The Christmas program's tentative date is December 18, 2022, with December 14 as the final rehearsal/ Christmas party.

Spring Session: January 11/ 2023 – April 26, 2023

No Class on March 15, 2023 – Spring break

No Class on April 5, 2023 – Holy Week

Wednesday Church School is open to the whole community, so feel free to share this with friends and neighbors.

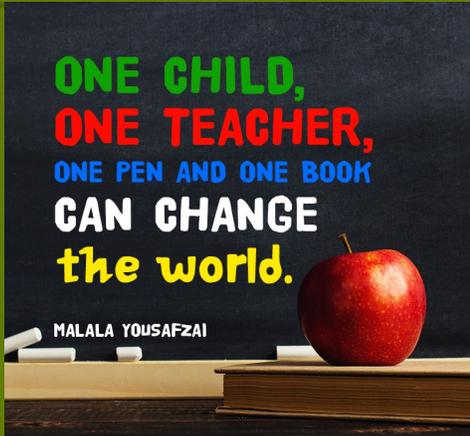


Sunday mornings after Children's Time
for grades K-5.

A time of worship and hands-on
exploration of scripture.

Middle and high school helpers are very welcome!

Back to School, Grandparents Day, Food for Kidz



Have a GREAT year!

Back to School Prayer

Lord, we pray for knowledge and understanding for teachers, students, and parents.

We pray that you will be with teachers and students as they start a new school year.

We prayer that you will give pupils tenacity as they seek understanding and new revelations in their studies.

Father, we also pray for parents, that they will support students by building a close working relationship with teachers and staff.

This we ask in Jesus' Name. AMEN.



Food for Kidz

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 22, 2022

8 - 10 am and 10:30 am - 12:30 pm at

Lakeland Union High School

Sign up at <https://signup.com/go/gxzaVac>



Watch our church services on



In addition to watching Sunday morning worship services on Facebook, you can also watch services on our church YouTube channel.

Go to our church website - www.umchurchofthepines.org for a link to the YouTube channel.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:30am - Dawn Circle (Marilyn Remien's home)	2	3
4 8:30am - Outdoor Worship Service/ Communion 10:00am - Worship Service/ Communion/ Children's Church 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship	5 Church office closed 	6 12:00pm - Esther/Martha Circle (Sarah Stewart's home)	7	8 9:30am - Lydia Circle (Sue Clafin's home)	9	10
11 Golden Cross Sunday 10:00am - Worship Service/Children's Church 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship	12 1:00pm - Prayer Shawl (Pine Room)	13	14 12:20pm - Ruth Circle (Heart II) 6:00pm - Deborah Circle (Venus Hilgart's home)	15	16	17
18 10:00am - Worship Service/ Children's Church 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship	19 7:00pm - SPRC (Library)	20 7:00pm - Ministry Council (Ministry Center)	21 12:00pm - Keenagers (Our Place)	22 8:00am - Men's Breakfast (Perkins) 	23	24
25 10:00am - Worship Service/ Children's Church 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship	26	27 9:00am - 3:00pm - Between Friends (Ministry Center) 6:30pm - Lakeland Gem Club (Ministry Center)	28 10:00am - UMW General Meeting (Ministry Center)	29	30	

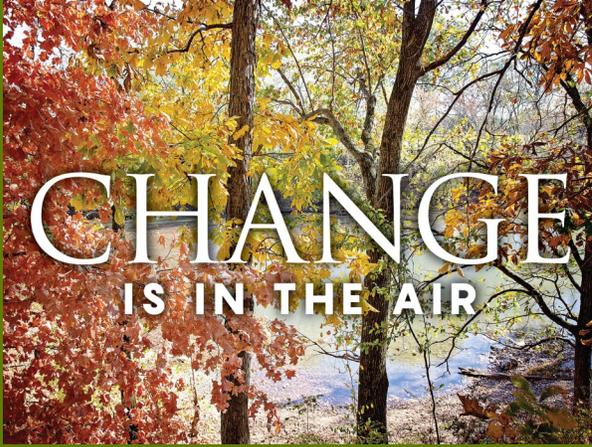
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