

November 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.

Thankful  
for All Our  
*Blessings*



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](mailto:office@umchurchofthepines.org).

## Pastor's Message

### Pastor's Message



### Giving Thanks

I often like to share something I am thankful for in the November newsletter. There are many things and people here that I am thankful for. I usually lift some of our incredible leaders or volunteers for the excellent service they are doing, but this year, I want to say thank you to someone else. Not that all our leaders and volunteers aren't doing a great job – because they are, and I genuinely appreciate them. This year, I want to say thank you to you. To you, the entire congregation, the entire Church of the Pines family. All of you are amazing, and I am so thankful to be a part of the church.

First, thank you for your support and appreciation this year. It was a fun surprise last month in worship to receive encouraging cheers and generous gifts for myself and my family. You are a wonderful congregation, and I am honored to be your pastor. More than that, I feel your support in how you, as a congregation, have engaged in what we have been doing this year.

I have seen and heard from many of you how you have engaged in our spirituality focus this year. You have shared with me your prayer practices; others have found new vitality in reading the bible. We have had more people engage in Bible Studies than ever before.

Through this, I know you are becoming more aware of and responsive to God's presence.

I am also grateful for how enthusiastically you come together as a community to grow closer to each other. I am so thankful for the experiences we've had during our church fun days this spring and fall and the laughter and conversations during coffee fellowship time. The warmth and genuineness of the community here have helped many people feel at 'home' at Church of the Pines.

Brothers and sisters, I am so grateful for all of you because you are why Church of the Pines is moving forward with excitement and hope in these challenging times for churches. All the good things happening, all we are building towards is not because of one person or just a few but because of all of you. So give yourselves a well-deserved pat on the back, and let's keep moving together.

Thank you!

Pastor Mark



## Leadership, Prayers, Altar Flowers, Worship

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Call 1-715-203-1990  
 to hear our latest sermon  
 CHURCH OF THE PINES



### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday - 9 am - 5 pm  
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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 Thursday & Friday, November 23 & 24, for the Thanksgiving holiday.



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 or [office@umchurchofthepines.org](mailto:office@umchurchofthepines.org).

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



Contact Merry to reserve dates on the calendar for altar flowers.  
 715-356-3041 - [office@umchurchofthepines.org](mailto:office@umchurchofthepines.org)

## Welcome to Worship

### Worship Information

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

**Livestream** 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  
<https://www.umchurchofthepines.org/worship-videos.html>



## November Birthdays & Anniversaries, Guests & Snowbirds, Charge Conference

### NOVEMBER 2023 Birthdays & Anniversaries

#### Birthdays in November

November 1	Sue Damske
November 2	Norah Gilbert
November 5	Don Pallin
November 8	Bob Schuld
November 12	Patty Frandy
November 16	Anna Gilbert
November 18	Dave Kozeluh
November 18	Mike Lakich
November 22	Meyer Lottig
November 23	Donna Clark
November 24	Mary McCadden
November 26	Corbin Lottig
November 27	Louise Caroselli
November 27	John Fisher

#### Anniversaries in November

November 22	Gretchen & Ted Voigt
November 26	Peggy & Dennis Eberwein

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

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



#### Mark Your Calendar

**Church of the Pines  
Charge Conference**  
Sunday, December 3rd - Noon  
All-church potluck at 11:00 a.m.



**To our Snowbirds:** Some of you will be soon heading south for the winter. We will think about you as you enjoy the warm weather, while those of us who remain here will enjoy snow, and more snow, and more snow...

#### To our Summer guests:

As the seasons change from summer to fall, we begin to say "good-bye" to folks who are heading home for the winter. We have enjoyed having you here this summer as part of our church family. We pray for safe travels and a healthy and enjoyable winter. We hope to stay in touch over the winter and look forward to your return to the Northwoods next spring and summer.

*You all will be missed! Let's stay in touch until we can be together again.*

**Clocks will "fall back" on Sunday, Nov. 5, at 2 a.m.**



## All Saints' Sunday, November Worship Themes

*"Light A Candle"*



*And I will light a candle for you  
To shatter all the darkness and bless the  
times we knew  
Like a beacon in the night  
The flame will burn bright and guide us on  
our way  
Oh, today I light a candle for you.*

On All Saints' Sunday, we light candles  
in memory of...

*Judith Allen  
Fran Bechtolt  
Bob Binette  
Rick Bridges  
Dandy Dillow  
Ron Frey  
Eloda Frisby  
Joyce Graf  
Gary Hahn  
Richard Hansen*

*Bob Harris  
James (JJ) Jurries  
Jim Kemnitz  
Harvey Leighton  
Charles Rowland  
Helen Rowland  
Vi Steinbicer  
Judy Streeter  
Carl Weigal  
Dick Wechter*

On **All Saints' Sunday, November 5th**, we will  
lift those who passed away this past year in  
prayer and light a candle in their memory during  
the 10:00 a.m. worship service. If you would like  
to have a candle lit on November 5th for a loved  
one who has passed away,  
contact our church office at  
[office@umchurchofthepines.org](mailto:office@umchurchofthepines.org).

*A big thank you  
bouquet goes to  
Sara Kozeluh for  
helping to water and  
care for the church  
flowers during the times  
I was gone. All her help  
is truly appreciated!  
Holly Nash*



### November 5 - All Saints Sunday

**Scripture:** 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

**Theme:** Carrying on the Work. We remember those saints in our lives who have gone before us in life, faith, and in and death. We continue the work begun with the encouragement of those saints.

### November 12

**Scripture:** Matthew 24:1-13

**Theme:** Putting God First. In this challenging parable, we are reminded that we are responsible to put God first in our lives. We need to work at our relationship with God and not take it for granted. What distracts you from God? How can you refocus on your relationship?

### November 19

**Scripture:** Psalm 90:1-12

**Theme:** In the Presence of God. How should we enter the presence of God? This week we will humbly enter God's presence with thanksgiving and praise for the love and grace God has, is, and will pour out in our lives.

### November 26

**Scripture:** Matthew 25:31-46

**Theme:** The glory of Christ, Jesus' glory is revealed not by the voice of angels, the splendor of his robes, or even by the power of his voice. Jesus' glory is revealed by the lives touched, blessed and by the love shared by us.



*The church office  
is closed on*

**November 23rd and 24th for  
the Thanksgiving holiday.**



## Ministry Council Meeting Summary, UM Student Day

### Ministry Council Meeting Summary

The Ministry Council met on October 17th with the following members in attendance: Chris Anderson, Jim Anderson, Sue Claflin, Donna Clark, Mary Fasse, Pastor Mark Gilbert, Merry Jorgensen, Dave Kozeluh, Sara Kozeluh, Sue Loeffler, Noah Lottig, Holly Nash, Bob Schuld, and Jerry Weber. Jay Hull attended as a guest.

As is done at the beginning of every meeting, Council members noted UMCOP accomplishments since the previous meeting, which included: Wednesday Church is going well; everyone enjoyed participating in the Fall Fun Day and Soup Supper Potluck; the Men's Group built a ramp at the home of Debbie Kilps; Church of the Pines and Ascension Lutheran held a combined youth gathering for 6th through 10th graders, and are planning to do this on a regular bases; an article appeared in The Lakeland Times, with a photo of Jim (JJ) and Barbara Jurries, telling about a memorial plaque that reads "James (JJ) and Barbara Jurries Legacy Garden since 1975" and will be placed in the flower garden under the church sign; there was a photo of members of Church of the Pines and Pastor Mark in The Lakeland Times presenting a check for \$2,500 to the Lakeland Pantry directory for the purchase of food for the pantry; a successful Leadership Orientation was held; Pastor Appreciation Sunday was celebrated with gifts for the pastor and a cake was served during Coffee Fellowship; and United Women in Faith Sunday was celebrated with members of the group leading worship and hosting Coffee Fellowship.

Each month the church's annual calendar is reviewed at which time ideas are discussed for future church activities and programs. Some of the upcoming activities include: a Parable Remix, volume 2 Bible Study; a 2024 Lenten Study entitled "Hunger at Our Door,"; and a January worship service theme focused on John Wesley's "Three Simple Rules."

The Ministry Council approved a new Mission and Vision Statement for Church of the Pines, which will be implemented over the next few months. A proposed Action Focus statement related to food security is being reviewed for further discussion at the Council's November meeting.

Our Charge Conference will be held on December 3, 2023, at noon in the Ministry Center, with a potluck preceding the meeting.

Bob Schuld reviewed his 2023 year-end financial projections.

The next meeting of the Ministry Council is Tuesday, November 14th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ministry Center.



**SPECIAL SUNDAY**

**UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY**

**"Invest in the human soul. Who knows, it might be a diamond in the rough."**

—MARY McLEOD BETHUNE

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.  
The people of The United Methodist Church

### United Methodist Student Day will be held on Sunday, November 26th.

United Methodist Student Day invites the church to support United Methodist students in achieving their educational goals. The funds received award United Methodist scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students. Your gifts help young people achieve their educational calling with more financial freedom.

## Stephen Ministry



God our of our fathers

There are days when the burdens we carry  
Chafe our shoulders and weigh us down;

When the road seems dreary and endless,  
The skies gray and threatening;

When our lives have no music in them,  
And our hearts are lonely,

And our souls have lost their courage.

Flood the path with light, we beseech Thee;

Turn our eyes to where the skies are full of promise;

Tune our hearts to brave music;

Give us the sense of comradeship with heroes and saints of every age,

And so quicken our spirits that we may be able to encourage

The souls of all who journey with us on the road to life,

To Thy honor and glory. Amen

- St Augustine



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Throughout the centuries, people have struggled with the burdens of life. What do we do when we feel overwhelmed? As St. Augustine suggested in the first century, the best thing is to turn to God. But what if God seems far away? One way to find relief is to talk to someone who won't judge or condemn, who won't try to immediately "fix it", who will keep your concerns confidential, and who loves God and cares for you. That is an excellent description of a Stephen Minister.

As winter sets in and holidays approach, life can be even harder. If you would like someone to talk to, contact Holly Nash, Stephen Leader, at 715-356-6861.

## An Analogy, Fall Fun Day



### An Analogy

You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you or shakes your arm, making you spill your coffee everywhere.

Why did you spill the coffee?

"Because someone bumped into me!!!"

Wrong answer.

You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup. Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea. Whatever is inside the cup is what will spill out.

Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which WILL happen), whatever is inside you will come out. It's easy to fake it, until you get rattled.

So we have to ask ourselves...

"what's in my cup?"

When life gets tough, what spills over? Joy, gratitude, peace and humility? Anger, bitterness, victim mentality and quitting-tendencies?

Life provides the cup, YOU choose how to fill it.

Today let's work towards filling our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation, resilience, positivity; and kindness, gentleness and love for others.

Source: Austin Tang

Submitted by Gretchen Voigt

### Fall Fun Day

It was a perfect afternoon for Fun Day at Church of the Pines. Fun Day began with biking and hiking on the Bearskin Trail on October 1st. It was like a warm, sunny summer day, with the temperature reaching 84 degrees. There were also board games happening at the church. Everyone met back at the church to enjoy several delicious soups, side dishes, and of course, a lot of delicious desserts. Thanks to Dave and Sara Kozeluh, who coordinated the event, it was a fantastic Fun Day. While Dave and Sara coordinated the hiking and biking, Pat and John Lightfoot were at the church organizing the games and setting up for the soup potluck supper. Thank you to everyone for attending and bringing all the delicious food!



Biking & Hiking on the Bearskin Trail



Games played at Church of the Pines



Thanks, **Dave & Sara** for coordinating the Fun Day & **John & Pat Lightfoot** for organizing games at the church!



Another **GREAT DAY** at Church of the Pines for all!



**GREAT food...**

**GREAT fellowship...**

**GREAT FUN!**





## Advent Study/Advent & Christmas Worship

Four-week Advent Study Begins

November 30th

THE  
HEART  
THAT GREW THREE SIZES  
FINDING FAITH IN THE STORY OF THE GRINCH



2:30 - 3:30 p.m. - Sign up now!

Venus Hilgart will lead a four-week study based on the book **"The Heart That Grew Three Sizes,"** finding faith in the story of the Grinch. The study begins **Thursday, November 30th**, and will meet each week from 2:30 until 3:30 p.m. at Church of the Pines. Registrations can be made by emailing [office@umchurchofthepines.org](mailto:office@umchurchofthepines.org). A book to accompany the study can be ordered from the church office for \$10.50 each. Please place your order before November 21st.

## An Unlikely Advent

Our Advent series for worship for is based on Rachel Billups book, **"An Unlikely Advent."** We all know the main cast, the stars of the story, even "the star" of the nativity story. Yet, sometimes, we find it hard to relate with them. How do we connect our lives with someone like Mary? How do our stories relate to theirs? This Advent season we will look an the ensemble of characters in the nativity story, the people on the margin of the story.

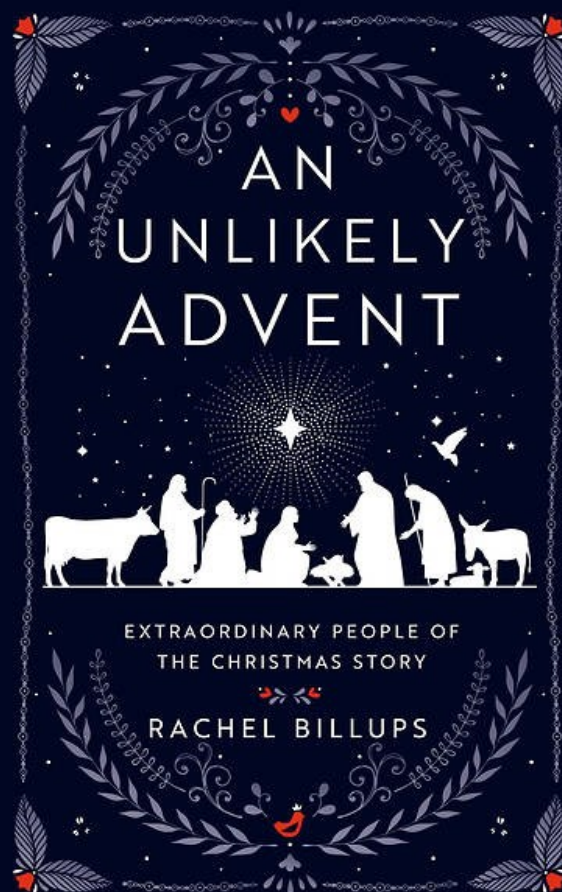
The unlikely people who we might find a closer connection with.

**December 3** - First Sunday of Advent  
Theme: Believe It or Not.

**December 10** - Second Sunday of Advent  
Theme: An Unexpected Proclamation.

**December 17** - Third Sunday of Advent  
Theme: There is Always a Villain.

**December 24** - Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Theme: Curiously Watching from the Side.



## Christmas Eve Worship Services

4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Theme:

*Sometimes God Shows Up*



## Upcoming Activities - Adult & Youth



**KEENAGERS** will meet for a potluck at noon in the Ministry Center on Wednesday, November 15th. The program will focus on the Lakeland Pantry. All are welcome to attend. Bring a dish to pass. If you would like to come for the program only, plan to arrive at 12:30 p.m.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** will not be held in November or December, but will be back in the new year.

**BETWEEN FRIENDS** plans to get together in the Ministry Center on Tuesday, November 28th, from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Bring your lunch and sewing or craft project and plan to spend the day with your friends.

**ODD COUPLES** will get together on Friday, December 1st, at Monical's Pizza in Arbor Vitae with a 6:00 p.m. reservation followed by coffee and dessert at the church. The menu includes pizza, pastas, and sandwiches. The group will first meet at the church at 4:30 p.m. to do the Christmas decorating. Call Mary McCadden at 715-277-5030 or Bob Schuld at 715-356-6872 to RSVP by November 22nd.



**A HUGE THANK YOU** goes out to all who participated in the Stuff the School Bag project. The donations were overwhelming. There were enough supplies for 61 school bags. The bags and remaining supplies were taken to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center. The school bags were assembled on October 18th and taken to MMDC on October 25th. What a great project to involve our entire church family!



The children of Church of the Pines will present a Christmas Program entitled "*Jesus Comes to Earth*" on Sunday, December 10th, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Their rehearsals will take place on Wednesday afternoons during Church School during the month of November and on December 8th. A handout with details will be sent home with the kids on Wednesday, November 1st.. Everyone is invited to come and support the youth of our church as they present "*Jesus Come to Earth*."



On November 15th, the youth will be decorating gift bags to sell at the Cookie Walk and Craft Sale. Christmas stickers and other decorating items (lace, trim) are needed. A bin is located in the Ministry Center for donations. All are welcome to help decorate bags at 4:20 p.m. Plan to stay for the CYF potluck that follows. Come join the festivities!

All interested in our Children, Youth and Family Ministries are invited to attend our Wednesday, November 15th, Potluck, held in the Ministry Center at 5:30 p.m. We will be talking about the CYF Ministries and planning for future activities.



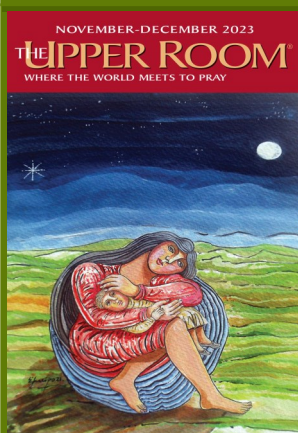
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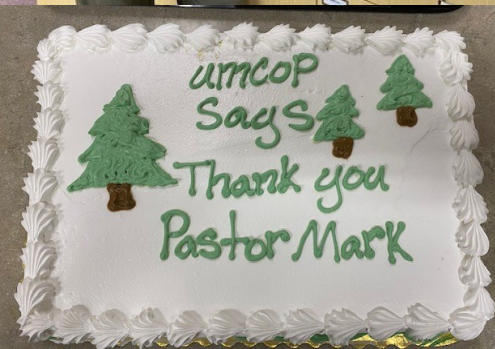


## Upper Room, Advent Devotional, Pastor Appreciation



**THE UPPER ROOM** is a daily devotional magazine that is available in 100 countries around the world. The daily meditations are written by readers of the magazine and others interested in sharing their faith experiences through writing. Every day, readers of the Upper Room around the world read the same story in many different languages and pray the same prayer together.

You can subscribe to the Upper Room by contacting Merry in the church office and indicate that you would like regular print or large print copies. Arrangements can be made to pick up your copy or you can arrange to have it mailed to you. Any extra copies are placed on the counter in the Pine Room. Donations for the devotional and mailing costs are appreciated.



On **Pastor Appreciation Sunday**, October 8th, the congregation surprised **Pastor Mark** during the worship service and celebrated with cake in the Ministry Center following the service to show our appreciation!

Thanks to everyone who helped make this a special day for our pastor!

**Advent: A Calendar of Daily Devotions 2023** provides daily devotions for Christians as they prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ. This annual favorite is a wonderful resource for churches to give to each family to emphasize the importance of the Advent of our Lord. Each day's reading, from Sunday, December 3 to Christmas Day, is based on the Revised Common Lectionary and includes the Scripture, a short devotion, and a brief prayer or practice, and is printed using a larger font for ease of reading.

Copies of the Advent Devotional will be available on the tables at the back of sanctuary beginning November 19th.



On **United Women in Faith Sunday** on October 1st, Venus Hilgart (left) presented special recognition awards on behalf of UWF to **John McCadden** (center) for always being ready, willing, and able to help do whatever is needed, and to **Sue Shapiro** (right), for coordinating the UWF Reading Program and doing so many other things for United Women of Faith.

**Congratulations, John and Sue!**





## Generosity in Action



### Caught in the Act of Being Generous

Thanks to the generosity of our Church of the Pines Men's Group members, the steps at Debbie Kilps' home were replaced with a ramp. Because of health issues, Debbie needed to replace the steps to her home with a ramp before winter. She called the church to see if we knew anyone she could hire to build a ramp because she could not find a contractor to build one. Debbie was at a loss because contractors weren't available to do this project. Because of Jerry Weber's background, he was asked if he could refer someone for the job. After mentioning this to some of the members of the Men's Group at Church of the Pines, it wasn't long before Jerry and a group of men from our church were busy building the ramp. Debbie is beyond happy and appreciates all of their help. She is so thankful for her church family. Thanks, Jerry Weber, for organizing the project and to all who helped build the ramp: Tom Frandy, Bob Nash, Ron Capacio, John McCadden, Larry Duffee, Dave Kozeluh, Skip Bassett, Jim Anderson, and John Lightfoot. Thank you!





## United Women in Faith, Cookie Walk & Craft Sale



United  
Women  
in Faith

**Thank offering:** Being Thankful brings its blessings. Put a quarter in your Offering Box.

**Circle meetings for November:**

**Dawn Circle** meets in the Ministry Center on Thursday, November 2nd, at 9:30 a.m.

**Deborah Circle** will gather in the Ministry on Wednesday, November 8th, at 6:00 p.m. Mary Fasse serves as host for the meeting.

**Esther/Martha Circle** will meet on Tuesday, November 7th, at 12:00 p.m., at Jeanne Van Order's home.

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

**Ruth Circle's** meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8th at Lida's Restaurant.

# Cookie Walk & Craft Sale

**Saturday  
December 9th  
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.**

**Church of the Pines  
415 Chippewa Street  
Minocqua**

**Cookies/Candy - \$10/lb.**  
**Proceeds go to MISSIONS**



United  
Women  
in Faith

**715-356-3041**

## Finance Report, Giving

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

	<u>September Actual</u>	<u>Year Actual</u>	<u>Incr (Decr) Versus Year Budget</u>
<b><u>Income</u></b>			
Operating *	11,266	144,092	( 5,545)
Reserve Fund	( 3,091)	2,332	( 5,903)
Endowment Fund	5,400	11,800	1,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>13,575</b>	<b>158,224</b>	<b>(10,448)</b>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>			
Pastor **	7,918	75,323	( 433)
Worship	126	3,836	236
Nurture	1,823	5,712	1,712
Outreach	459	3,476	1,976
Finance & Administration	7,150	53,563	( 113)
Facilities Operation & Maintenance	2,119	31,082	34
Capital Improvements Fund	0	2,601	1,701
Youth Fund	0	1,000	1,000
Missions Fund ***	3,010	6,056	1,776
Reserve Fund	218	2,374	349
Conference Apportionment ****	5,400	13,352	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>28,223</b>	<b>198,375</b>	<b>8,238</b>
<b>Net Cash Excess (Deficiency)</b>	<b>(14,648)</b>	<b>(40,151)</b>	<b>(18,686)</b>
<b>Total Available Funds 9-30-23</b>		<b>243,287</b>	

\* Prepaid Pledges of 26,986 were included in January Operating Income

\*\* Includes Salary, Benefits, Expenses

\*\*\* Includes Special Sundays

\*\*\*\* 2023 Assessment is 37,305

Net cash deficiency (income minus expenditures) for 9 months is 40,151 which is 18,686 worse than the approved operating budget.



**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 graphic 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, or place in the offering plate on Sunday.



# November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1 Deadline for December Pine Chips</b> 3:30pm - Church School (Lower Level) 4:00pm - Christmas Program Rehearsal	<b>2</b> 9:30am - Dawn Circle (Ministry Center) 10:00am - Key Leaders (Library)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 
<b>5 All Saints' Sunday</b> 10:00am - Worship Service/ Communion 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 12:00pm - Esther/ Martha Circle (Jeanne Van Order's home)	<b>8</b> 12:30pm - Ruth Circle (Lida's) 3:30pm - Church School (Lower Level) 4:00pm - Christmas Program Rehearsal 6:00pm - Deborah Circle (Ministry Center)	<b>9</b> 9:30am - Lydia Circle (Ministry Center) 1:00pm - Stephen Ministry (Library)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 10:00am - Worship Service 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship 2:00pm - Youth Group (Youth Room)	<b>13</b> 1:00pm - Prayer Shawl (Pine Room)	<b>14</b> 10:00am - Worship at Milestone 1:00pm - Worship at One Penny Place 5:00pm - Tom's Community Table (St. Matthias') 7:00pm - Ministry Council (Ministry Center)	<b>15</b> 10:30am - Keenagers Set Up (Ministry Center) 12:00pm - Keenagers 3:30pm - Church School (Lower Level) 4:00pm - Christmas Program Rehearsal 5:30pm - CYF Potluck (Ministry Center)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
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<b>26 UM Student Day</b> 10:00am - Worship Service 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:00am - 5:00pm - Cookie Baking (Kitchen) 9:30am - 3:30pm - Between Friends (Ministry Center)	<b>29</b> 3:30pm - Church School (Lower Level) 4:00pm - Christmas Program Rehearsal	<b>30</b> 2:30pm - Advent Study #1 3:30pm - Trustees set up Christmas trees		

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