

October 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.

*God is able  
to provide you with every  
blessing  
in  
abundance,  
so that by always having  
enough of everything,  
you may share abundantly...*



*2 Corinthians 9:8*

**Sunday Worship -  
10:00 a.m.  
In-person and Livestreamed**

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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



### A Generous Witness

One of my favorite expressions is, "If you want to make God laugh, make a plan." So many times, when we carefully get things put into place, God has other ideas. However, sometimes God doesn't laugh at our plans but says, 'I like it – but here's a little twist.'

I feel like that is what happened with our plan to focus on spiritual practices this year to help us grow in our awareness and responsiveness to God in our lives. The final spiritual practice that we have emphasized is the practice of sharing our witness with others. But it wasn't supposed to be. The plan had to change so we could better communicate other things.

The plan changed; it's not a big deal – let's end with the spiritual practice of witnessing.

As a spiritual practice, witnessing is intentionally sharing our experience with God and others in various ways. There is no one way to witness how you have experienced God's presence in your life.

It just matters that you share it with others. Right here, I see God's little twist came into the plan.

God's twist is that, with the changes to the plan that moved the focus on witnessing to the October Pine Chips, we will be thinking about sharing our witness while we are doing our stewardship series in worship. Now, you might be wondering why this is a twist.

Our stewardship focus this year is on being generous, not just with our financial resources but with all that God has given us. We will be encouraged to recognize how God has been generous to every one of us and how we can share that generosity with others.

See the twist? Here it is: witnessing is sharing our experience of God's love and grace with others. Generosity is sharing what we have with others. They are the same thing! When we witness our faith, we are being generous. When we are generous, we are witnessing our faith. I could not have planned it, but God did!

Brothers and sisters, our best witness to our faith is to be generous with what God has given us. I encourage you to look for ways to be generous witnesses to one another and the entire world.

Pastor Mark



## Leadership, Prayers, Altar Flowers, Worship, All Saints' Sunday

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 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  
 Labor Day, Monday, September 4, 2023.**



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).

### **Altar Flowers**

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)

ALL  
**SAINTS'**  
 SUNDAY



November 5, 2023

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 someone's name included, please contact the church office at 715-356-3041 or email [office@umchurchofthepines.org](mailto:office@umchurchofthepines.org)

### **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>



## October Birthdays & Anniversaries, UWF Sunday, Guests & Snowbirds

### OCTOBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

#### Birthdays in October

October 4	Helen Gray
October 6	Perry Schuette
October 6	Susan Street
October 7	Marian Bloch
October 7	Peggy Eberwein
October 10	Jim Kranpitz
October 10	Mary Ellen McEwen
October 12	Jacob Rexroade
October 19	Sandy Bucklew
October 22	Bill Hilgart
October 22	Tyson Coy
October 24	Ted Voigt

#### Anniversaries in October

October 1	Skip & Sandy Bassett
October 2	Ron & Jodi Capacio
October 16	Noah & Bryn Lottig

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

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

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



United  
Women  
in Faith

**United Women in Faith Sunday is October 1st.** The worship service will be led by members of UWF. The theme is "Little Things are a Big Deal." The scripture reading is from Matthew 13:31-34, 44-52. We gather to sing praises to God, to give thanks for all God has done in our lives, and to worship our Creator, redeemer, and sustainer.

OUR SUMMER  
*Guests & Snowbirds*

#### 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.

**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...or NOT!

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

## Stephen Ministry



Often, when faced with a crisis in our lives, we do not know what to do. We basically have three choices. We could feel so overwhelmed that we simply give up. We could feel paralyzed, and don't do anything, or we could let it go, and give it to God. Rev. Hank Dunn in his poem "Giving Up, Letting Go and Letting Be" looks more closely at these three alternatives and shows us that letting go is the way to go.

If you or someone you care about has difficult choices confronting them and would like someone to talk to, contact Holly Nash, our Stephen Leader at 715-356-6861.

### **Giving Up, Letting Go and Letting Be**

Giving up implies a struggle —

Letting go implies a partnership —

Letting be implies, in reality, there is nothing that separates

Giving up says there is something to lose —

Letting go says there is something to gain —

Letting be says it doesn't matter

Giving up dreads the future —

Letting go looks forward to the future —

Letting be accepts the present as the only moment I ever have

Giving up lives out of fear —

Letting go lives out of grace and trust —

Letting be just lives

Giving up is defeat at the hands of suffering —

Letting go is victory over suffering—

Letting be knows suffering is often in my own mind in the first place

Giving up is unwillingly yielding control to forces beyond myself —

Letting go is choosing to yield to forces beyond myself —

Letting be acknowledges that control and choices can be illusions

Giving up believes that God is to be feared —

Letting go trusts in God to care for me —

Letting be never asks the question

## Ministry Council Meeting Summary, Fall Fun Day

### Ministry Council

The Ministry Council met on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. 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, Bob Schuld, and Holly Nash. Noah Lotig and Holly Nash were absent.

Accomplishments from this past month included: A successful Rummage and Bake Sale; the August Bible Study was well attended; the Wednesday Church School has begun and is off to a good start with ten kids enrolled; the brat sale was a success; having Victor Sandberg pay this organ this summer was nice; approximately 50 people attended the Community Table that was organized by Church of the Pines and two other churches; a memorial plaque for the flower garden has been made. Jack, Judy, and Joey Jurries were at church on Sunday, September 17th and had their photos taken with the plaque.

Each month, the annual church calendar is reviewed and upcoming activities are discussed. Pastor Mark is currently leading a Bible study entitled "Making Sense of the Bible," Venus will lead an Avent Study; our Stewardship Campaign, focusing on generosity, will be held during October.

A check for \$2,500 from our church mission fund will be presented to Lakeland Pantry.

Church of the Pines is sponsoring a table for the October 21st Food for Kidz rice meal packaging held at LUHS. Information will be made available to our congregation about volunteering to assemble the rice meals. Our congregation has also been asked to provide home-baked cookies for the volunteers for the event.

After completing an evaluation of the 8:30 a.m. summer worship services, and upon the recommendation of the Key Leaders group of Church of the Pines, the Ministry Council approved changing the year-round Sunday 10:00 a.m. service to a 9:30 a.m. service and no longer have an 8:30 a.m. service, beginning Memorial Day weekend 2024.

The Ministry Council also approved recommendations from the SPRC for a revision to the Personnel

Policy health insurance stipend and also added Worker's Compensation to the personnel policies.

Lay Leader, Venus Hilgart, requested \$99 from the Mission Fund to purchase the remaining rice meals that will be needed for a youth rice meal packaging mission project. The request was approved.

There was discussion, which will be continued, regarding what a successful church looks like and how we can measure success.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Ministry Center.

If you plan to attend, please sign up in the Ministry Center, or contact the church office to let us know how many will be hiking/biking or playing games at church, and what you plan to bring to the soup potluck - soup, salad, dessert, or something else.



Colors should be near their peak on Sunday, October 1, when your church family will gather for our Fall Fun Day. At 2:00 p.m. (no Packer game that day), we will meet at the Bearskin Trail just behind the post office in downtown Minocqua for your choice of either a leisurely bike ride or hike.

Not interested in hiking or biking? Then head straight over to the church for an afternoon of snacks, games, and conversation.

At 3:30 p.m., the hikers and bikers will return to church for our 4:00 p.m. soup supper potluck. Prepare your favorite soup, side dish, or dessert to share. The church will provide beverages.

Questions? Contact Dave or Sark Kozeluh at [dskozeluh@gmail.com](mailto:dskozeluh@gmail.com) or 715-892-8611.

**Fun for all ages. Please join us!**



## Flower Garden Memorial Plaque

### The James "J. J." & Barbara Jurries Legacy Garden Since 1975

On Sunday, September 17th, a memorial plaque was placed in the flower garden under the Church of the Pines sign on the corner of Chippewa Street and E. Chicago Avenue. The plaque reads James "J. J." & Barbara Jurries Legacy Garden Since 1975. For the past 48 years, the Jurries family has planted flowers in this garden and in all the flower boxes at Church of the Pines. All of the flowers planted throughout these years have been donated by their family business, JJ's Acres.



Pastor Mark Gilbert, Judy Jurries,  
Joey Jurries, and Jack Jurries



Pastor Mark Gilbert, Judy Jurries, Joey Jurries, and Jack Jurries sit near the memorial plaque.

The photo of J.J. and Barbara was taken on May 23rd, 2020, which was Barbara's final time planting flowers at the church, as she passed away on November 14, 2020. Planting the flowers on May 21st, 2021, was bittersweet for J.J. and his family, as this was the first year they planted flowers without having their beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, Barbara, by their side. And sadly, on February 17th of this year, J.J. passed away. J.J.'s and Barbara's son, Jack, daughter-in-law, Judy, and their sons carried on the family tradition this past Memorial Day weekend.

We are so grateful and appreciative to the Jurries family for making the flower garden and flower boxes of Church of the Pines a beautiful sight for all to enjoy. People walking by the church every year from June through September stop to take in the beauty of the flowers. Planting the flowers each spring brings joy to the Jurries family and is one way for them to share their faith with the community and their love for caring for God's creation. Jack, Judy, and their family plan to continue this family tradition...and for that, we are very grateful and appreciative for all that J.J., Barbara, and their family have done and continue to do for Church of the Pines. **THANK YOU!**



## Contribution to Lakeland Pantry, Food for Kidz



### Church of the Pines Presents Check to Lakeland Pantry

On September 21st, several of our church members who also volunteer at the Lakeland Pantry and Pastor Mark presented a check for \$2,500 from our Mission Fund to Lorna Springate, director of Lakeland Pantry. Our contribution will be used to purchase food for the pantry.

In the photo, from the left:

Sue Damske has volunteered at the pantry for at least eight to ten years.

John McCadden has volunteered for 23 years.

Mary McCadden (presenting the check to Lorna) has also volunteered for 23 years.

Lorna Springate serves as director of the Lakeland Pantry.

Helen Gray has volunteered for the past eight and a half years.

Mark Gilbert, pastor of Church of the Pines, and Jerry Hollenbeck, member of Church of the Pines.

In addition to the church members in this photo, additional members and friends of Church of the Pines regularly volunteer at the Lakeland Pantry. These Lakeland Pantry/Church of the Pines members will be happy to tell you more about this life-changing volunteer experience. The Lakeland Pantry is open every Tuesday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and every Thursday from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.

The Lakeland Pantry's mission is to provide individuals and families with a dependable source of supplemental food, household, and hygiene products, plus offer programs designed to improve the quality of life for those in need in the Lakeland Union High School District. Areas served include but are not limited to Arbor Vitae, Boulder Junction, Hazelhurst, Lac du Flambeau, Lake Tomahawk, Manitowish Waters, Minocqua, Presque Isle, St Germain, Winchester, Woodruff, and other areas.

To learn more about Lakeland Pantry, go to <https://www.facebook.com/lakelandpantry> or the Pantry's website at <https://www.lakelandpantry.com/about>. Contributions can be made online on their website.

## Food for Kidz

### HELP FEED THE HUNGRY

Food for Kidz takes place on October 21st at Lakeland Union High School.

Over 600 volunteers are needed to package 250,000 rice meal packets.

Church of the Pines has sponsored one of the tables by donating \$500 from our Missions Fund to pay a portion of the \$45,000 needed to be raised to pay for the ingredients of the rice meal packets.

#### HELP IS NEEDED IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS;

**1, Volunteers are needed:** Help setup on Friday, October 21st from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.; Restock Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 to 12:30 p.m.; Cleanup Saturday, 12:30 to around 2:30 p.m.; Volunteer putting the rice packets together from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Ministry Center or sign up at: <https://signup.com/go/XwQuAds>, or call Laura Bertch at 715-892-1204 or Meghan Anderson 715-614-3816.

**2. Homemade cookies are needed.** Can you bake a couple dozen cookies? If so, please take a moment to sign up in the Ministry Center or call the Church of the Pines office at 715-356-3041 or send an email to [office@umchurchofthepines.org](mailto:office@umchurchofthepines.org) to let us know how many dozen cookies you will make. Cookies need to be delivered to Church of the Pines by Friday, October 20th, before 12:00 p.m., and someone will deliver them.

**3. Financial contributions.** Checks can be made out to "Food for Kidz" and mailed to Food for Kidz, Att. Laura Bertch, % BJ Lions Club, P.O. Box 61, Boulder Junction, WI 54512.



## Stewardship, October Worship Themes



### Being Generous

We all want to be generous, but most of us find this hard to accomplish. Demands on our time and money make scarcity a real problem. Marketing creates a compulsion to buy things that are new or the latest version of the old. Instead of enjoying the freedom to bless others with the best of our lives, we feel trapped. We are held down and held back by forces that seem beyond our control.

But there is good news! Jesus offers us a way to defy gravity and break free from the culture of more. Defying Gravity is a four-week stewardship program exploring what the Bible says about how to experience a generous life. When we follow Jesus, we develop a spirit of generosity that makes us eager to give. It's not about should or ought to. It's about want to. It's about overflowing with love and the desire to bless others as Jesus blesses us.

Join us this October in worship as we learn to defy gravity together. Each Sunday will have an opportunity to be generous with a special collection for the Lakeland Pantry.

#### October 8

**Discovering Gravity:** What is financial gravity and how does it affect our lives as followers of Jesus?

*Scripture:* Matthew 19:16-26.

#### October 15

**Breaking Free:** We explore the nature of generosity as a form of discipleship.

*Scripture:* Luke 15:11-32.

#### October 22

**Tethered to God:** How we can budget and set goals through our relationship with God.

*Scripture:* Matthew 6:19-21.

#### October 29

**When We Get it Right!** A celebration of the generosity of God and of each and everyone in the life of the Church of the Pines.

*Scripture:* Luke 16:10-13.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION TO BENEFIT  
THE LAKELAND PANTY DURING  
OCTOBER.  
STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS.**

## Upcoming Activities



### Did you know Church of the Pines has a Prayer Shawl Ministry?

There are prayer shawls in a basket located on a table in the hallway between the Ministry Center and Pine Room that can be given to someone to help bring comfort to someone who is ill, grieving, homebound, or going through a tough time. If you take a Prayer Shawl, please fill out the spiral notebook that is on the table and take a Prayer Shawl card that you can fill out to give with the Prayer Shawl.

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, please consider becoming involved with our Prayer Shawl Ministry, which meets in person once a month. If you are unable to meet at the church, you can still be a part of this Ministry and make the prayer shawls at home. Call the church office for more information at 715-356-3041.

**Prayer Shawl meets on Monday, October 9th, from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. in the Pine Room.**



### Tom's Community Table

**Tuesday, October 10th**

**5:00 p.m. at**

**St. Matthias' Episcopal Church**

**The community is invited to attend this monthly meal.**



Visit us on Facebook.

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

**Keenagers** will meet for potluck at noon on Wednesday, October 18 in the Ministry Center. Pastime Club Director Rebecca Johnson and Board Member Karen Loichinger will give an overview of how they currently fulfill the Club's mission to positively impact the lives of persons with early dementia and those who care for them. Come learn about their program and how they survived during the pandemic. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you'd like to come for the program only, come around 12:30 p.m.

**Odd Couples** will get together on **Friday, October 20th** at the **Thirsty Whale**, with a 6:00 p.m. reservation followed by coffee and dessert at Church of the Pines. Call Mary McCadden at 715-277-5030 or Bob Schuld at 715-356-6872 to **RSVP by October 13th**. A volunteer is needed to provide the coffee and dessert at the church. Contact Mary McCadden if you are willing to do this.

**Between Friends** will meet on Tuesday, October 24th, from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Pack your lunch and your sewing or craft project and meet in the Ministry Center and enjoy the day visiting with friends while you work on your projects.

**Men's Breakfast** meets at Holiday Cafe, 1107 1st Ave, Woodruff on Thursday, October 26th, at 8:00 a.m.

Watch our church services on



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



## Children, Youth & Family Ministries



Sara Kozeluh buys lunch from Venus Hilgart.

### Brat & Hotdog Sale Raises Funds for Youth Mission Projects

Through efforts of one of our Lay Leaders, Venus Hilgart, Church of the Pines held a brat and hotdog sale at Trig's outdoor food stand to raise

funds for upcoming youth mission projects.

Seventy-five brats and ten hotdogs were sold for total funds raised of \$381.00. Venus' friends, Rose Doucette, Sharon Warsaw, Mike Rowland, along with Venus' husband, Bill, volunteered to help. Some of the members of our congregation stopped by to buy brats and hotdogs and provide encouragement and support - Mary Fasse, Barb Hallock, Sara and Dave Kozeluh, Holly Nash, Debbie Palmatier, and Sharry Wuest. Thanks, everyone!

### Gift Bags for Cookie Walk Craft Sale

Greetings, everyone. Thank you so much for your donations for the school bags. What a fabulous way to help our youth throughout the world. **Our next project will be to decorate gift bags that the United Women in Faith will sell at the Cookie Walk & Craft Sale in December.** This idea was shared by Pat Bechtel, who saw students in Hawaii selling bags they had decorated in a grocery store as a fundraiser. The youth here at Church of the Pines will be decorating bags on Wednesday, November 15th. All are welcome to come and help. We're asking members of our congregation to donate stickers, lace, and supplies other than markers and crayons, which we already have, for the kids to use to decorate the bags. There will be a bucket placed in the Ministry Center beginning October 1st where items can be placed. Thanks, in advance, for your donations for this project.

Venus Hilgart, lay leader

**THANK YOU** to all who donated school supplies! There are enough supplies to stuff at least 61 school bags without the purchase of additional supplied. The funds

that were raised from the brat sale will, instead, be used to purchase rice meals for a special youth mission project in March of 2024. The youth will stuff the school bags on Wednesday, October 18th, at 4:00 p.m., so stop by the Ministry Center to support the kids with this mission project.



### Did you know?

You can keep up-to-date on additional activities that have been added to the church calendar and stay informed of any changes by going to our church website at [www.umchurchofthepines.org](http://www.umchurchofthepines.org) and clicking on "Upcoming Events" in the menu dropdown box.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

**Church School** will meet on October 4th, 11th, 18th (stuffing school bags with school supplies), and the 24th.

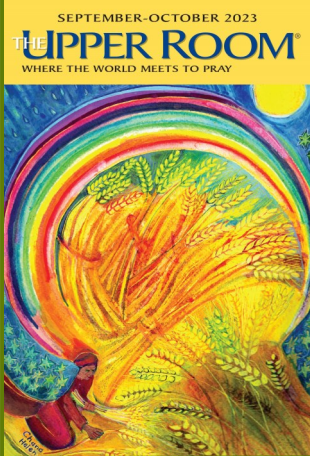
**A CYF Potluck** is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Ministry Center. All who are interested in our Children, Youth, and Family Ministry are welcome to attend.



Stay connected by visiting us on Facebook.  
<https://www.facebook.com/churchofthepines/>



## Upper Room, Church Directory



We still have some copies of the UPPER ROOM for this month. 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.

### Are you listed in our Instant Church Directory?

It has been three and a half years since Church of the Pines published our online Instant Church Directory. Currently, there are currently 53 church members and friends listed in the directory.



The directory is where you can go to find emails, addresses, and birthday and anniversary dates of church members and participants. **Only those who have their information in the directory can access the Directory.** The directory is accessible via a link on your computer and tablet through our church website. Or, you can download a free Instant Church Directory app on your cell phone. Go to the app store on your phone and search for “Instant Church Directory.”

If you are currently listed in the directory, please go into the directory and check to make sure all of your information is correct. You can make and submit changes. You can also upload a new photo to appear in the directory. If you did not have your phone number or email listed, please consider adding this information, especially if you serve in church leadership roles or are involved in church activities. When the directory was first published, there was an opportunity for you to set up a password for access. Go to our website at [www.umchurchofthepines.org](http://www.umchurchofthepines.org) and in the top menu bar, select “More,” and then click on “Church Directory” in the dropdown box. You can also do this on your phone if you have downloaded the Instant Church Directory app. If you originally set up a password, sign in using the email that you used in the directory and enter the password you previously established. If you cannot remember your password or if you did not initially set up a password, you will need to contact the church office for assistance.

If you are not currently in the directory and would like to participate, you will first need to complete a form, which can be obtained from the church office or print off a copy of the form from our church website. You can email a digital photo to [office@umchurchofthepines.org](mailto:office@umchurchofthepines.org) or contact Merry to arrange to have a photo taken at church. Thanks. We hope to add some additional features to the directory in 2024.

## United Women in Faith, World Communion Sunday



United  
Women  
in Faith

### THANK OFFERING -

Give thanks for the loving work and good missions of the United Women in Faith.

### CIRCLE MEETINGS:

**Deborah Circle** meets Wednesday, October 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the Ministry Center. Sue McDougall serves as host for the meeting.

**Esther/Martha Circle** meets Tuesday, October 3rd at 12:00 p.m. at the home of Jeanne VanOrder.

**Lydia Circle** meets Tuesday, October 12th at 9:30 a.m. in the Ministry Center.

**Ruth Circle** meets Wednesday, October 11th at 12:30 p.m. at Our Place Café.

**Dawn Circle** meets Thursday, October 5th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Ministry Center.

### Upcoming Events:

**United Women in Faith Sunday** - October 1st.

**Executive Board Meeting** - Wednesday, October 4th at 10:00 a.m. in the Ministry Center.

**General Meeting** - Wednesday, October 18th at 10:00 a.m. in the Ministry Center. Please bring a toy to donate to the Lakeland Sharing toy drive.

**Baking Day for Cookie Walk** - Monday, December 4th at 9:00 a.m.

**Cookie Walk Set Up** - Friday, December 8th at 4:00 p.m.

**Cookie Walk** - December 9th from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.



Bassett Jewelry.) **Bakery:** \$584.00 **Early Sale:** \$129.35

Sue Clafin, rummage sale coordinator

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with the Fall Rummage & Bake Sale! Because of everyone's generosity, United Women in Faith raised \$2,082.66 for Missions!

**General sales:** \$984.71 (including the Bag Sale)

**Jewelry:** \$457.55 (includes \$220.00 from jewelry sold to

**UNITED METHODIST SPECIAL SUNDAY  
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**50%**  
FUNDS TRAINING  
PROGRAMS & GRANTS

**35%**  
RACIAL & ETHNIC  
SCHOLARSHIPS &  
MENTOR PROGRAMS

**15%**  
FUNDS LEADERSHIP  
DEVELOPMENT  
& SCHOLARSHIPS

**SUPPORT**  
Donations support racial and ethnic students with scholarships, grants, mentoring and training for leadership development.

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### October 1st is World Communion Sunday.

There will be a special offering during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Donations support racial and ethnic students with scholarships, grants, mentoring and training for leadership development. Please write "World Communion Sunday" is your check memo line and place in the special envelopes in the pew rack. You can also mail checks made out to Church of the Pines, or go to our church website, click on the green "give online" graphic, and select World Communion Sunday in the dropdown box.

## Finance Report, Giving

### UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE PINES FINANCE REPORT AS OF AUGUST 31, 2023

	August Actual	Year Actual	Incr (Decr) Versus Year Budget
Income			
Operating *	11,688	132,826	( 2,965)
Reserve Fund	3,796	5,423	( 1,897)
Endowment Fund	0	6,400	1,000
Total Income	15,484	144,649	( 3,862)
Expenditures			
Pastor **	8,436	67,406	3
Worship	754	3,709	483
Nurture	762	3,890	56
Outreach	615	3,017	1,683
Finance & Administration	5,233	46,413	( 602)
Facilities Operation & Maintenance	3,474	28,963	2,083
Capital Improvements Fund	0	2,601	1,701
Youth Fund	0	1,000	1,000
Missions Fund ***	10	3,046	( 509)
Reserve Fund	224	2,155	355
Conference Apportionment ****	0	7,952	0
Total Expenditures	19,508	170,152	6,253
Net Cash Excess (Deficiency)	( 4,024)	(25,503)	(10,115)
Total Available Funds 8-31-23		257,950	

\* 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 8 months is 25,503, which is 10,115 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.





# October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>World Communion Sunday</b> 10:00am - Worship Service/ Communion 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship 2:00pm - Fun Day - Hiking/Biking on the Bearskin Trail or Games at Church 4:00pm - Soup Supper (Ministry Center)	2 10:00am - Key Leaders (Library)	3 12:00pm - Esther/ Martha Circle (Jeanne Van Order's home)	4 10:00am - UWF Executive Board Meeting (Ministry Center) 3:30pm - Church School (Lower Level)	5 9:30am - Dawn Circle (Ministry Center)	6	7
8 <b>Pastor Appreciation Sunday</b> 10:00am - Worship Service 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship	9 9:00am - Leadership Development (Library) 1:00pm - Prayer Shawl (Pine Room)	10 10:00am - Worship at Milestone 1:00pm - Worship at One Penny Place 5:00pm - Tom's Community Table (St. Matthias' Church) 6:30 - 8:00pm - Leadership Orientation (Ministry Center)	11 12:30pm - Ruth Circle (Our Place Café) 3:30pm - Church School (Lower Level)	12 9:30am - Lydia Circle (Ministry Center)	13	14
15 10:00am - Worship Service 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship 2:00pm - Youth Group (Youth Room)	16	17 7:00pm - Ministry Council (Ministry Center)	18 10:00am - UWF General Meeting (Ministry Center) 12:00pm - Keenagers 3:30pm - Church School (Lower Level) 4:00pm - Stuff School Bags (Ministry Center) 5:30pm - CYF Potluck (Ministry Center)	19	20	21
22 10:00am - Worship Service/Mission Trip & School Bag Blessings 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship	23	24 <b>Mission Trip</b> 9:30am - 3:00pm - Between Friends (Ministry Center) 6:30pm - Lakeland Gem Club (Ministry Center)	25 <b>Mission Trip</b> 3:30pm - Church School (Lower Level)	26 <b>Mission Trip</b> 8:00am - Men's Breakfast (Holiday Café)	27 <b>Mission Trip</b>	28
29 10:00am - Worship Service 11:00am - Coffee Fellowship	30	31 				

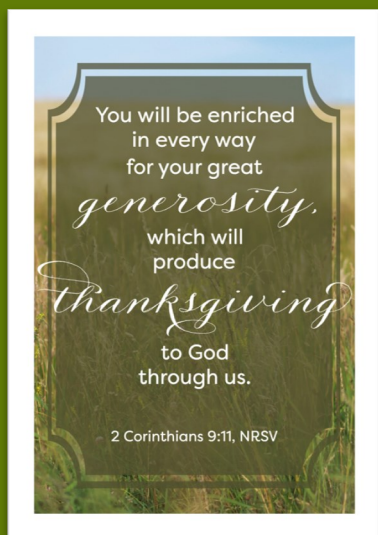
Have something for Pine Chips 2.0? Email the church at [office@umchurchofthepines.org](mailto:office@umchurchofthepines.org).

**The deadline for receiving information for the November Pine Chips 2.0 is October 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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