APRIL 2017

Pine Chips 2.0

United Methodist

Of Church of the Pines

Live Christ's Love

Nurture Outreach Worship

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.***

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do and he will show you which path to take.
- Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT

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Regular Worship
Sunday
10 am Worship

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

Our Life Together

On Sunday, March 5, 2017, we had a special worship service led by Rev. Dan Dick. Dan preached on the biblical theme of covenant. He shared how from the beginning God has been actively drawing humanity into relationship with Him and each other. A covenant is essentially an agreement that explains the terms and benefits of a relationship. Think of the Ten Commandments in Exodus. God essentially says you will be my people when you obey these commands, and I will be your God and protect you. In this example, it didn't take long for the people to break the terms of the covenant. Yet God didn't give up on the people of Israel, nor does God give up on us. God keeps drawing us into a relationship with Him and each other. God ultimately makes a new covenant us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus; one that cannot be broken.

After the service, Dan also led us in creating a covenant for how we are going to be in a relationship with one another and God here at Church of the Pines. The process Dan used to help us create our covenant, a description of how we are going to live in a relationship together with each other and with God, was based on John Wesley's Three Simple Rules. ***Do No Harm***. ***Do Good***. ***Attend to the Ordinances of God***. These were Wesley's rules for how to live as a follower of Jesus.

As a congregation, we came up with behaviors and activities that harm our relationship with each other and with God – and we covenant ***not*** to do those behaviors. Likewise, we came up with ways that can actively do good things that build our relationships with God and each other – and we covenant to ***do*** those. You can read a draft of the covenant on the following page of the Pine Chips. We still crafting a final version that we will share with you soon, but this will give you the idea of the covenant we created together.

Also, we are making a large copy of this covenant with space for people to sign. We know that some of you may not be able to come to the church and sign the final form of the covenant, if you give us a call or send a note we will put your name on the covenant for you. Then we will display the signed covenant in the church as a public statement of how we are seeking to live together as a community of faith.

Blessings and Peace.

Pastor Mark

A COVENANT

BETWEEN
THE PEOPLE OF THE UM CHURCH OF THE PINES AND GOD

We, the people of the UM Church of the Pines covenant with God to:

I. Do NO harm. We will **NOT**:

- Judge
- Gossip
- Talk behind someone's back
- Lie
- Post hurtful items on social media
- Cheat
- Show disrespect
- Criticize in a negative way
- Show intolerance
- Blame others
- Be Selfish
- Break the 10 Commandments, e.g., kill, steal, covet

II. Do good. We will:

- Be positive
- Smile
- Reach out to others; be in service
- Encourage and be supportive
- Sing
- Pray for others
- Love
- Be kind
- Be accepting
- Teach
- Listen
- Honor, help and care for each other
- Be considerate
- Forgive
- Be nonjudgmental

III. Attend to godly acts as individuals and community. We will:

- Obey the Golden Rule
- Thank God for blessings/all things
- Energetically sing unto God
- Love our neighbors
- Pray for all
- Study scripture
- Have devotional time
- Share God's abundance, e.g., meals
- Love and praise God
- Do God's will for His glory
- Forgive and ask for forgiveness

He will be our God, and we shall be His people. Amen.

Welcome New Members

Skip and Sandy Bassett

9125 Point Dr.
Minocqua, Wisconsin 54548

Rick and Sara Lynn Rausch

Raelynn, Ruby and Rikelle

1370 Beller Dr
Arbor Vitae, Wisconsin 54568

John Fisher

10978 Blue Lake Rd
Minocqua, Wisconsin 54548

New Ministry Coordinator

Hi, My Name is Paul Thompson and I look forward to serving you as Ministries Coordinator. I am originally from Holmen, WI and I attended St. Mary's University of MN with a degree in Theoretical Foundations of Religious Education. I have one sister named Anna.

I was instrumental in developing a youth ministry program in Darlington, WI. I found my calling in ministry after being confirmed in the Catholic Faith, volunteering at my local parish and teaching the faith. Some things I enjoy doing are fishing, reading, praying the rosary, daily mass, and spending time with my family.

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Please Pray For…

Susan Teichmiller; Donna Liebenstein; Hedy Blank; Jim and Nell Goetz; Diane Treu; Beverly Kramer; Howard and Alice Fager; Michele Alexander; Marion Burmeister; Jim Bollwinkle; Bill Spetz; Doretta Strasburg; Mary Ellen McEwen; Peggy Drehmel; Betty Jones; Barb Saving; Shirley Peterson; Irene Boudreau; Judy Adams; Sandi Rexroade, Gary Binette.

Prayers are needed for our missionaries Mateus Francisco and Dan and Rachel Gabler, and for their families. Please also pray for our church and leaders, our pastor, our youth program, and our Stephen Ministers.

My mother and I would like to thank all those who prayed for us, sent cards, brought treats, and visited during our recent accident and recovery. We are blessed to have such a caring church family and family.—Vi Steinbicer and Sandy Bucklew

April Birthdays

April 2, Max Keuer

April 2, Heather Berklund

April 3, Mary Fasse

April 3, Eve Luy

April 7, Sarah Keuer

April 7, Cody Campbell

April 9, Nicole Bruette

April 9, Kristin Reed

April 11, Nancy Kranpitz

April 16, Jean Butler

April 19, Bryn Lottig

April 21, Bryce Berklund

April 26, Bill Remien

Missions:

Your Mission Committee Working for You

April Mission Offerings

The mission committee chose to support Grace Children's Hospital in Haiti and the Twin Ports Seafarers Ministry in Duluth MN with the money donated to missions in April.

The Seafarers' Center

The Center is located in Duluth, provides Christian hospitality to cruise of ocean-going and fresh water ships that come into port. The Seafarer Center was incorporated in 1969 to provide an agency through which Christians groups and individual may cooperate in a ministry in the spiritual, social and personal life of seafarers who are in Twin Ports.

Grace Children's Hospital and Pediatric Clinic in Haiti

In the early 1960s, when the founders of the International Child Care, Jim and Virginia Snavley, visited Haiti for the first time they were shocked to witness the sight of dying children in the street from malnutrition, tuberculosis and many other illnesses. They felt God's call to stand by these destitute and opened a small clinic--this is how Grace Children's Hospital and Pediatric Clinic began. For the last 40 years, Grace Children's Hospital has served millions of individuals who came to its door regardless of every circumstance, belief and background. In the beginning there were a handful of beds with limited facilities but gradually the support and capacity began to grow with the thanks to the help of International Child Care, Churches, General Board of Global Ministries and individuals.

Mateus Asks For Prayers

Last annual conference I was indicated [appointed] by Bishop Domingos as the General Director for CETEO ESTUDOS E PROJECT office. This office is dealing with evangelism, Christian education, theological study and project for the Conference. This was the work of four people. Now I was called to lead it with one assistant only. The first meeting with the bishop told me that I was called on that office for give new life to the spiritual side of the church.

If I had as DS four provinces, now I have to deal with 12 provinces. I will be travelling more than before.

I would like your support in helping me with some idea to developing my work on these four areas of mission. Writing the Sunday school manual, children, equip the evangelist with tool as well as teacher inSunday school, working with pastors formation as well creating project to support the work and social mission of the church.

About Gerson is doing well with the attachment [internship] by the grace of God. We are now saving some money for his last semester.

The entire family are well; others are studying also. We are just facing with house problem. We did not have yet our own house, and the conference gave us one house for one year.

Graça still fighting with her business. She lost money in trying to open new business of cakes. With finance crises in the country she lost it. Now we are praying so that this year God open us the door to help her work. [They need the additional income to supplement what the Annual Conference can pay Mateus.]

May God be with you,

Rev. Mateus Francisco

Visitation Team:

I would like to reorganize our Visitation Team. I feel there is a real need for more visitation for our shut-ins. This is an important mission that any member can participate in. Of course I need your help! If you can't visit in person, notes and cards are always appreciated. Even a phone call breaks up their day.

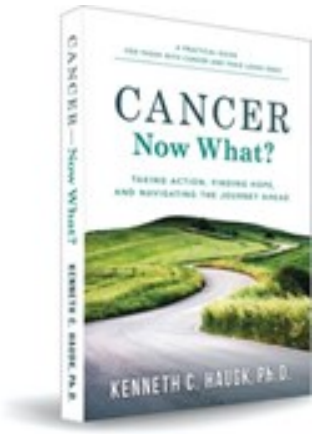
Please let me know if you would like to join my Team. I would also like to hear from those that would like to be visited.

Please leave your name and phone number on my voice mail, so I can schedule a meeting as soon as possible.

Mary Fasse
715-358-5032

Stephen Ministry at UMCOP

Stephen Ministry Program Provides Resource On Cancer



All too often we hear that someone we know is facing cancer. A friend, relative, or neighbor—or a colleague, church member, customer, patient, or client—receives the devastating news of a cancer diagnosis.

During such a difficult time, we want to reach out with support and care, to offer help and hope. But how?

A simple, powerful way is to give a copy of "Cancer—Now What?" This book from Stephen Ministries is a comprehensive how-to guide that helps cancer patients and their loved ones navigate the medical, emotional, relational, and spiritual challenges of cancer.

"Cancer - Now What?" is written by Dr. Kenneth Haugk, who founded Stephen Ministry and has had a personal experience with cancer. In writing the book, he did extensive research. He led a 16-person research team at Stephen Ministries that dedicated more than 35,000 person-hours to the project over the course of five years.

In developing the book, this research team worked with 2,741 cancer survivors and loved ones of those diagnosed with cancer, as well as 820 medical professionals in oncology and other fields. The words, experiences, and expertise of these research participants contributed greatly to the depth and authenticity of the book.

Copies of "Cancer - Now What?" are available from a Stephen Minister or Leader, or from the church library. We hope this resource will help you.

If you or someone you know has cancer, a book is often a good starting place, but more is usually needed. Feel free to ask for the assistance of a Stephen Minister, even if the person in need does not belong to the Church of the Pines. We're here to help. Call one of the Stephen Leaders: Holly Nash at 715-356-6861 or Dennis Harrison at 715-358-0419.

United Methodist Women

UMW Circles for April 2017

Esther Circle: Wednesday April 5th at 12:00 noon. Bring a sandwich. Sarah Stewart & Jean Butler are hostesses.

Martha Circle: Thursday, April 6th at 1:00 pm at Helen Wentz home.

Deborah Circle: Deborah Circle will meet at Tuesday, April 11th at 6 pm in the Pine Room. Sue Altschwager will host and also provide the program.

Dawn Circle: Dawn Circle will meet on Wednesday, April 12th at 9:30 am in the Ministry Center. Hostess is Karen Loichinger.

Ruth Circle: Ruth Circle will meet Wednesday, April 12th at 1:00 pm in the Pine Room. Patty Stone is hostess.

Lydia Circle: Thursday, April 13th, 9:30 am in the Ministry Center. Sue Loeffler is hosting. We will continue our study, “First Corinthians, Living Love When we Disagree.” Week 6 in the book, Lonni Harrison leading.

Lay Leader

During Lent, Pastor Mark and I are leading a study on baptism, using the book By *Water and the Spirit*.

Water provides the central symbolism in baptism and during the baptismal service, the Thanksgiving Over the Water (United Methodist Hymnal, pg 36) is prayed responsively. It recalls the many ways water was significant throughout biblical history: God created the waters and separated them from land; Noah, his family and the animals survived the flood in a large boat – the ark; the Red Sea was parted as the Hebrews fled Egypt; Moses struck a rock from which water then flowed to quench the thirst of the Israelites and their flocks; and finally the Hebrews crossed the Jordan River into the promised land.

We are all born of the water during our physical birth as we come out of the womb. Jesus said we must also be born of the Spirit. Jesus, himself, at the start of his ministry was baptized, not because He had sinned and needed to repent, but to identify with the human race, and how we all have fallen away from God. At His baptism, the Holy Spirit descended on Him like a dove.

During His ministry, water was also a common and significant theme. Jesus' first miracle was to turn water into wine. He spat on the ground and with the mud he made and applied to the blind man's eyes, he caused the man to see. He walked on the water out to his disciples who were in a fishing boat. Again, when He was in a fishing boat, He calmed the sea. At Jesus' trial, Pilate washed his hands of the matter to signify he did not want to be held accountable for the shedding of innocent blood.

During Lent, we are called to look at what side of the water we're on. Are we standing on the shore as spectators, or have we gotten into the boat with Jesus to go to the other side and work with Him in His ministry? Are we washing our hands of Jesus, or are we using them to pull in the nets as we fish for men and make disciples? I invite you to get your hands and your feet wet as you get into the boat, remember your baptism, and respond to Christ's call. God's Peace be with you.

Holly Nash

Lay Leader

LOGOS Lite

Mark your Calendar

Join us in worship on

Wednesday, April 26th for the 3rd Grade Bible Presentation

On Wednesday, April 26th, our 3rd graders will receive their bibles. As a church family please join us at the worship service to help the kids celebrate the joy of being given God's Word. The LOGOS Lite children will also be doing the call to worship that night. Hope to see you there.

LOGOS is coming!

On Wednesdays we have been doing LOGOS Lite by running a smaller version of the LOGOS Ministry. The exciting news is that we will begin the full LOGOS ministry this fall. LOGOS is a ministry that takes an entire congregation to come together to minister to each other.

Please join us on

May 3rd at 6:15 PM in the Ministry Center

For a LOGOS Dinner and informational meeting

This is open to all -- families interested in LOGOS and any person who wants to find out how you can be a part of an amazing ministry that will bring joy to your week. So mark your calendars now. So we can plan food please let Sue know if you think you'll be attending no later than April 30th. 3 ways to do this: email: sue@whitebirchvillage.com, text or call: 715-892-7458 or tear off slip on the flyers around church and put in the LOGOS mailbox in the church office.

Questions? Contact Sue Altschwager

Trustee- March Report

It has been a very busy end of the month

The high winds caused the steeple to tilt about 15 degrees. Oneida roofing came in and removed it from the bell tower and they are fixing the damaged parts and will bring it back when it is fixed and install it. They are looking at around the first of the month. Thank you, Bill Remien, for taking on this project. Val Bartlein came in on March 23 and 24 to put up the new speakers for the new organ. We have an electrician coming in on April 6 to do some wiring for us. We have accepted a bid to fix the walls in the RHCC and they will be here March 29, 30, and 31.

The trustees are meeting again on April 3.

Odd Couples

Woody Hilleque and Sandi Hodek will be hosting Odd Couples at Norwood Pines Supper Club at 5:30 pm, Friday, April 21st. Anyone planning to attend should contact Sandi at 715-356-7499 or SHodek.99@gmail.com, by Tuesday, April 18th.

Keenagers

Keenagers will meet for potluck at noon in the Ministry Center on Wednesday, April 19. Our program, "Ways to Help Wildlife," will be given by Bart Kotarba of the Northwoods Wildlife Center. Anyone is invited to join us for this worthwhile program. If you'd like to come for the program only, arrive around 12:30. Sue Shapiro is hosting.

UMCOP Community News and Events

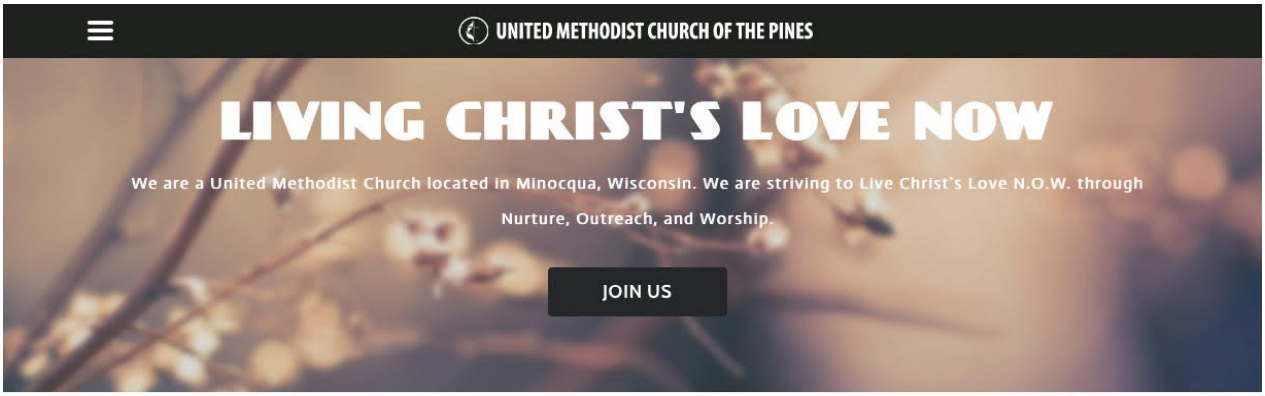
Worship on Wednesday is back!

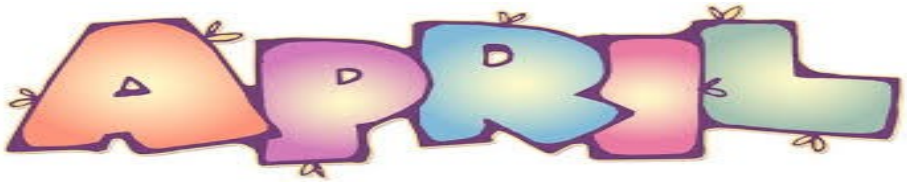
We are now worshiping weekly on Wednesday evenings at 5:15 pm in the Sanctuary.

This service is a contemporary service with a variety of music styles.

This a come as you are service, everyone is welcome to come and worship together!

Our church website has been updated. Please visit umchurchofthepines.org to see the changes that have been made.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee Hour	3 5:30 Missions 6:30 Trustees	4 9:00 MOPS	5 12:00 Esther Circle 3:30 LOGOS Lite 5:15 Worship 6:30 Bible Study 7:00 Youth Night	6 1:00 Martha Circle	7	8
9 *Palm Sunday* 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee Hour	10 1:00 Prayer Shawl	11 6:00 Deborah Circle	12 9:30 Dawn Circle 1:00 Ruth Circle 3:30 LOGOS Lite 7:00 Youth Night	13 *Maundy Thursday* 9:30 Lydia Circle 1:00 Stephen Ministry 6:00 Worship	14 *Good Friday* 12:00 Worship	15
16 *Easter* 8:30 Worship 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee Hour 12:00 Potluck	17	18 9:00 MOPS	19 12:00 Keenagers 3:30 Logos Lite 5:15 Worship 6:30 Bible Study 7:00 Youth Night	20	21 5:30– Odd Couples (Norwood Pines)	22 11:00-2:00 Tammy Schroeder Presentation
23 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee Hour 30 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee Hour	24 6:00 Strategic Planning Meeting	25 9:00 Steering Team 10:00 Between Friends 6:00 Lakeland Gem Club 6:30 Laity Circuit Meeting	26 10:00 UMW Exec Meeting 3:30 LOGOS Lite 5:15 Worship 3rd Grade Bible Presentation 6:30 Bible Study 7:00 Youth Night	27 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:00 Cub Scouts	28	29

Children are important…

We offer children the gifts of love, acceptance, and participation. Children learn about the love of God in our LAMBS and King's Kids programs. Children are invited to participate in Time for Children during worship, and older kids can serve in worship.

So are youth…

Our youth participate in worship in youth group. Students are asked to serve as ushers, liturgists, and with special music. 6th-8th grade students are mentored in our G.R.O.W. Confirmation program, and we plan special events and a summer mission trip.

And adults…

We offer weekly Bible studies, small group meetings, fellowship events, and opportunities for Outreach. No matter your season of life, there is a way for you to encounter God at UMCOP.

Live Christ's Love NOW.!

We grow in our relationships with God and one another. We reach out beyond ourselves and our church to love others. We live lives that glorify God, every day. Together, we are ***Living Christ's Love NOW!***

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