

# PINE Chips<sup>2.0</sup>

## 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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**Sunday, September 3**  
 Worship - 8:30 & 10:00am  
**Beginning September 10**  
 Worship-10:00am

**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 Pen

*“This is my Father’s world, and to my list’ning ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas— His hand the wonders wrought.”*  
- Maltbie Davenport Babcock

The verse above is just one example of the great depth of environmental theology in our hymns and sacred music. The creativity of music reminds us to look beyond our rational minds and see the hand of God at work in subtle ways all around us. The above verse points us to see the sacredness of the created world around us and our responsibility to creation as people of faith. This is why I have prepared our worship focus this month, *Stewards of Creation*.

On Sunday, September 3rd, we will learn why the environment is important to God and to us. We will hear that one of the very first commands God gives us is to care for creation. Then, on September 10th, we will explore our unique role as ‘priests of creation’. God’s glory is revealed throughout all of creation, but, not fully. You and I are responsible for making that revelation clear to all. On September 17th, we will then take a look at ourselves, recognizing that humanity has a tremendous impact on the environment - both good and bad. We will be challenged to set the example of how to responsibly use the resources that God has entrusted us with. Finally, on September 24th, we celebrate that through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God is making all things new - even the whole of creation.

I encourage you to attend and listen to how God is calling you to be a Steward of Creation.

I also want to give you a sneak preview of what to expect in worship for October. We will spend some time “Going Deeper.” I want you all to look up Luke 5:4-6 and read it a few times. Following Jesus means that he is going to lead us out into deep water and challenge us to do greater things.

I am excited for the coming months in worship. I hope you are, too!

Blessings

Pastor Mark



# Church News

## Church Staff & Leadership

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## *Please Pray For...*

Nancy and James Young; Susan Teichmiller; Donna Liebenstein; Hedy Blank; Jim and Nell Goetz; Diane Treu; Beverly Kramer; Howard and Alice Fager; Michele Alexander; Marion Burmeister; Jim Bollwinkle; Doretta Strasburg; Mary Ellen McEwen; Peggy Drehmel; Betty Jones; Barb Saving; Irene Boudreaux; Sandi Rexroade; Gary Binette; Jack Peterson Family.

**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.

## *Thank You for Your Service!*

We want to say a special thank you to  
*Marilyn Remien and Karen Loichinger.*

Marilyn has served as our communion steward for many years and is now needing to step down. She has faithfully and graciously prepared the table of the Lord for us so we could all share the sacrament together.

**Thank you so much, Marilyn!**

Karen has been coordinating our ushers and greeters for a while now and also needs to pass this important ministry onto another. Ushers and greeters are a key part of our hospitality ministries.

**Thank you so much, Karen!**

## September Birthdays

September 1 - Chomee Pond

September 4 - Lori Blank

September 5 - Helen Wentz

September 5 - Warren Luy

September 8 - Sandi Rexroade

September 10 - Sue Kivi

September 14 - Julia Blank

September 25 - Jacob Kroening

September 26 - Carolyn Hendry



## Missions & Archives Retreat

### Food For Kidz

It is the mission at Food for Kidz to package and distribute nutritious meals to hungry children and their families where crisis has struck and there is an immediate need. When situations like natural disasters seem insurmountable, it's important to remember that people, like you, coming together with friends and family to package food and offer compassion to make a difference. Food for Kidz is interested in reaching a hand out across the street or making connections around the world to amplify helpful actions into sustainable solutions.

[www.foodforkidz.org](http://www.foodforkidz.org)

### Lakeland Sharing Foundation

Lakeland Sharing Foundation provides resources and facilitates relief within our community for children in need and those of any age with special developmental needs. They accomplish this through limited specialty programs benefiting children of low income individuals and families. Last year almost 1,100 Lakeland area children woke up Christmas morning to find presents under the tree that their parents personally selected at the Lakeland Sharing Foundation Christmas "store". Each August, 43% of the Lakeland school age children, all of them qualifying for federally funded programs, confidently walk into school equipped with brand new high quality school supplies stuffed into a stylish new backpack. Lakeland Sharing Foundation leads in this effort.

[www.lakelandsharing.org](http://www.lakelandsharing.org)

### Mbwizu and Nkemba Ndungu

Missionaries are vital to the work of Global Ministries as they make disciples of Jesus Christ. This husband and wife team serve in the Cameroons where Nkemba is superintendent of the Cameroon Mission. Mbwizu serves in the United Methodist Church in Cameroon and assists her husband with his responsibilities. Both work to develop ministries related to education and health care delivery services. They also serve on the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.



### Wisconsin Archives Retreat to be held on September 8 & 9

As part of this conference, the Rev. Dr. Chomingwen (Chomee) Pond, the first woman to receive full clergy rights in our East Wisconsin Conference of the Methodist Church in 1964, will recount her experiences within the context of other social justice issues of the time. For more information, go to this link:

[www.wisconsinumc.org/ministries/worship-witness/archives-history/upcoming-events](http://www.wisconsinumc.org/ministries/worship-witness/archives-history/upcoming-events)

## Fall Festival & Organ Dedication



A chance to throw "something" at  
Pastor Mark!

Beanbag Toss, Photo Booth, Minnow Races  
& much more!

(Games for both kids & adults)

Hotdogs, Brats, Chips, Veggies & More  
Cotton Candy

LOGOS Registration

Art & Craft Displays

UMCOP Ministry Information

Come one...come all!

## FALL FESTIVAL

Church of the Pines

Wednesday, September 6th  
5:00 - 6:30 pm - Ministry Center

## FUN FELLOWSHIP FOOD

Enjoy games, have supper, and hear  
about upcoming programs, activities  
and ministries for children, youth,  
families and adults.

**All are welcome!**

**There's something for EVERYONE!**

Held indoors & outdoors, weather permitting.



DEAN HALL/LAKELAND TIMES

## ORGAN DEDICATION

Internationally renowned organist David Miller performs during the Nancy Pallin Memorial Organ Dedication Concert on Sunday, Aug. 20, at the United Methodist Church of the Pines in Minocqua.

*On behalf of Nancy Pallin's Family, I would like to express our appreciation to all who played a part in the Organ Dedication Concert on Sunday, August 20th. Many of you may know that day would have been her birthday. A special thanks to Rodger Organs for sending Dan Miller all the way from Oregon to play for us, Val Bartlein for organizing the concert, Pastor Mark's kind remarks, the participation of Lisa Hernandez and the Choir, Sue Meyers on the piano and the United Methodist Women for putting on the wonderful luncheon.*

*A truly heartfelt THANK YOU!!*

*Don Pallin*

## Community Table & Rummage/Bake Sale



The Community Table at St. Matthias Church offers a free meal to everyone on the third Tuesday of the month in cooperation with area churches and organizations. It is a wonderful time to bring the entire community together for food and fellowship. Our church will host the **Community Table** on **Tuesday, September 19, at 5:00 p.m.** Our meal is a potluck with hot dishes, salads, and dessert (bars or cookies, please). We generally serve between 75-100 guests. Your help is needed! There is a sign up sheet in the Ministry Center to help with food donations, serving the meal, and clean-up after the meal. Sign up today, and

please join us for food and fellowship on Tuesday, September 19. Contact Lonni Harrison if you have any questions.

### FALL RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE

The UMW will be sponsoring their Fall Rummage/Bake Sale on Thursday, October 12 from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Friday, October 13 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the American Legion Hall (across from the Minocqua Post Office). Donations may be dropped off at the hall Tuesday, October 10 from noon until 6 p.m. or Wednesday, October 11, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. There will be a Sneak Peek Sale on Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

A lot of help is needed for set-up before the sale, workers during the sale, and clean-up after the sale. We need trucks to haul leftover goods to Goodwill in Rhinelander or Neighbors Place in Wausau. Please sign up for the days and hours you will be there and what job you'd like to do. All proceeds go to Missions. Sign-up sheets will be in the Pine Room.



Donations of fall/winter clothing, shoes, purses, kitchen items, décor, furniture (with approval), books, DVDs, jewelry, collectibles, puzzles, games, garage items, sporting goods, etc. will be accepted. PLEASE - NO ELECTRONICS.

For early drop-offs contact: Jan Reed at 715-356-6984 or Sue Damske at 715-356-3135.

## Stephen Ministry at UMCOP

This is a great story from God's Little Acre:



### How Much Does a Prayer Weigh?

Louise Redden, a poorly dressed lady with a look of defeat on her face, walked into a grocery store. She approached the owner of the store in a most humble manner and asked if he would let her charge a few groceries. She softly explained that her husband was very ill and unable to work. They had seven children and they needed food. John Longhouse, the grocer, scoffed at her and requested that she leave his store. Visualizing the family needs, she said, "Please, sir! I will bring you the money just as soon as I can." John told her he could not give her credit, as she did not have a charge account at his store.

Standing beside the counter was a customer who overheard the conversation between the two. The customer walked forward and told the grocer that he would stand good for whatever she needed for her family. The grocer said in a very reluctant voice, "Do you have a grocery list?" Louise replied, "Yes sir." "Okay" he said, "put your grocery list on the scales and whatever your grocery list weighs, I will give you that amount in groceries. Louise hesitated a moment with a bowed head. Then she reached into her purse and took out a piece of paper and scribbled something on it. She then laid the piece of paper on the scale carefully with her head still bowed.

The eyes of the grocer and the customer showed amazement when the scale went down and stayed down. The grocer, staring at the scales turned slowly to the customer and said begrudgingly, "I can't believe it." The customer smiled and the grocer started putting the groceries on the other side of the scale. The scale did not balance so he continued to put more and more groceries on it until the scale would hold no more. The grocer stood there in utter disgust.

Finally, he grabbed the piece of paper from the scale and looked at it with greater amazement. It was not a grocery list. It was instead a prayer which said, "Dear Lord, you know my needs and I am leaving this in your hands." The grocer gave her the groceries that he had gathered and stood in stunned silence. Louise thanked him and left the store. The customer handed a fifty-dollar bill to the grocer and said, "It was worth every penny of it."

It was sometime later that the grocer discovered the scales were broken; therefore, only GOD knows how much a prayer weighs!

If you would like to meet with a Stephen Minister, contact one of our Stephen Leaders: Dennis Harrison at 715-358-0419 or Holly Nash at 715-356-6861.

## Upcoming Activities

### Keenagers

The Keenagers will meet for potluck at 12 noon on Wednesday, September 20 in the Ministry Center. Carla and Karen will present a program on "The Fix Is In." If you'd like to learn how "The Fix" works, join us for some good food and fellowship. Just bring yourself and a dish to pass. Tom and Patty Frandy are hosting.

### Odd Couples

Odd Couples will meet on Friday, September 15th at 5:30 p.m. at Jacobi's in Hazelhurst. Dessert and coffee will be served at Rhyner's home at 9819 N Yawkey Lake Road in Hazelhurst. Reservations should be made by September 12th by calling Rhyner's at 715-356-6291 or McCadden's at 715-277-5030. Please note that you may want to be prepared to pay cash as Jacobi's adds 3% to your bill if you choose to pay by credit card.

### United Methodist Women Circle Schedule

**Esther Circle:** Wednesday, September 6th, at 12:00 noon in the Pine Room. Bring a sandwich.

**Martha Circle:** Thursday, September 7th, at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Hedy Blank.

**Deborah Circle:** Tuesday, September 12th, at 6:00 p.m. for a potluck supper at Venus Hilgart's home. Bring a side dish or dessert to pass.

**Dawn Circle:** Wednesday, September 13th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Ministry Center. Call Pat if you plan to attend.

**Ruth Circle:** Wednesday, September 13th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Pine Room. Host is Debbie Kilps.

**Lydia Circle:** Thursday, September 14th at 9:30 a.m. in the Ministry Center. We will begin a new study, "A Grace-full Life" by Jorge Acevedo & Wes Olds. Contact Sue C. if you don't have a book. Sue Loeffler will be hostess.

### United Methodist Women Luncheon & Meeting

September 27  
12:00 noon - Lunch

**Hostess: Dawn Circle**

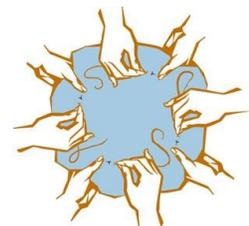
**Program: Tri-County Domestic Abuse**

Mark your calendars! Contact Pat Schuld to make your reservation.

### Between Friends

Between Friends is a group that meets the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Ministry Center from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. We do hand work – quilting, knitting, sewing machine work, etc. or just enjoy conversation!

Bring a sandwich and join our circle of friends. For more information, call Lynn Tosch for information at 715-356-6656.



Between Friends

## Lay Leader

From under...



In John 21: 15-17, the author describes the meeting between Peter and John after Jesus' resurrection from the dead:

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep".

How are we doing at feeding His flock? Ann Weems, in her book, Searching for Shalom, asks that same question, in a different format:

Feeding Sheep

He said, "Feed my sheep."

There were no conditions:

Least of all, Feed my sheep if they deserve it.

Feed my sheep if you feel like it.

Feed my sheep if you have any leftovers.

Feed my sheep if the mood strikes you.

if the economy is OK...

if you're not too busy...

No conditions... just, "Feed my sheep."

Could it be that God's Kingdom will come

when each lamb is fed?

We who have agreed to keep covenant

are called to feed sheep

even when it means the grazing will be done

on our own front lawns.

## LOGOS

# LOGOS is Coming!



## Join us at the Fall Festival

on Wednesday, September 6th

to be a part of this amazing ministry! At the festival you can:

- ◆ Register your child
- ◆ Find out how you can make a difference in a child's life by:
  - ◆ Be a table parent
  - ◆ Teach bible study
  - ◆ Be part of a kitchen crew

Contact Sue Altschwager for more information at 715-892-7458

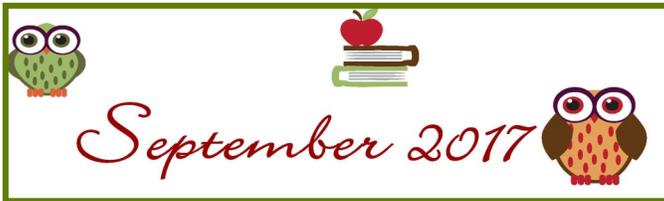
# Finance

## FINANCE REPORT AS OF July 31, 2017

	<u>July</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>Year</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>Incr (Decr) Vs.</u> <u>Year Budget</u>
<b>Income</b>			
Church	19,277	153,933	2,007
Rocking Horse	33,940	180,900	(5,827)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>53,217</b>	<b>334,833</b>	<b>(3,820)</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Rocking Horse	39,005	166,751	2,449
Pastor*	7,541	55,415	1,009
Worship	724	7,468	( 61)
Nurture	3,907	16,922	(2,519)
Outreach	(9,150)	(7,561)	(8,174)
Finance & Administration	2,770	16,561	360
Facilities Operation & Maintenance	(5,130)	16,811	(7,186)
Capital Improvements Fund	0	6,680	(22,870)
Youth Fund	0	1,500	1,500
Missions Fund**	1,689	6,212	309
Reserve Fund	311	963	(2,342)
Conference Apportionment	0	19,152	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>41,667</b>	<b>306,874</b>	<b>(37,525)</b>
<b>Net Cash Excess (Deficiency)</b>	<b>11,550</b>	<b>27,959</b>	<b>33,705</b>
<b>Total Available Funds 7-31-17</b>		<b>319,236</b>	

\* Includes Salary, Benefits, Expenses

\*\* Includes Special Sundays



# September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 8:30a Worship 9:30a Coffee Hour 10:00a Worship 11:00a Coffee Hour	4 <b>Labor Day</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	5	6 12:00p Esther Circle 5:00p Fall Festival	7 1:00p Martha Circle 6:00p Choir Rehearsal	8	9
10 9:00a Choir Rehearsal 10:00a Worship Covenant Celebration 11:00a Coffee Hour	11 1:00p Prayer Shawl Group	12 6:00p Deborah Circle	13 9:30a Dawn Circle 1:00p Ruth Circle 6:00 p Worship Service - Covenant Celebration	14 10:00a Lydia Circle 6:00p Choir Rehearsal 6:00p Cub Scout Recruitment Night	15 <b>Pine Chips information due</b> 5:30p Odd Couples	16
17 9:00a Choir Rehearsal 10:00a Worship 11:00a Coffee Hour	18 7:00p SPRC Meeting	19 9:00a MOPS 10:00a Milestone Worship Service 5:00p Community Table 7:00p Ministry Council	20 12:00p Keenagers Potluck 6:00p Worship Service	21 6:00p Choir Rehearsal	22	23
24 8:50 All Church Breakfast 9:00a Choir Rehearsal 10:00a Worship 11:00a Coffee Hour	25	26 10:00a Between Friends 6:00p Lakeland Gem Club	27 12:00p UWM Luncheon 6:00p Worship Service	28 5:30p Cub Scout Meeting 6:00p Choir Rehearsal	29	30

*Have something for Pine Chips 2.0? Email the church, [office@umchurchofthepines.org](mailto:office@umchurchofthepines.org),  
To appear in the October Pine Chips, email information by September 15th.*

**Mark your calendar for upcoming events in October:**

**October 1** - World Communion Sunday

**October 12 & 13** - UMW Rummage & Bake Sale

**October 4** - LOGOS Begins

***The purpose of Faith Formation Ministries at the Church of the Pines is that everyone grows to love, know and to serve God in their everyday lives no matter what time of season.***

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