

AUGUST 2020



# 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.



"We are closer to God when we are asking questions than when we think we have the answers."

- Abraham Joshua Heschel

**Sunday Worship - 10:00 am  
(LIVESTREAMED)**

**Wednesday Prayer Service - 10:00 am  
(LIVESTREAMED)**

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Contact the church at (715)356-3041 or email [office@umchurchofthepines.org](mailto:office@umchurchofthepines.org)

## Pastor's Pen

### PASTOR'S PEN



### More Questions Than Answers

I recently realized that I have been saying the phrase “there are more questions than answers” a lot. Usually, I find myself saying it in a conversation about the COVID-19 pandemic. “When will the church reopen?” “Will we have a Christmas program this year?” “What do you think the schools will do?” I don’t know. There are more questions than answers. The

worst part is when you think you have an answer and build a plan, then things change, and you’re left with more questions than answers.

Such was the case with the plan to begin limited in-person worship in August at Church of the Pines. In June, all the conditions looked to be improving. The Infection Control Team worked hard to find answers to the questions we had about how to reopen safely. Then circumstances changed, and new questions arose, more questions than answers. So, what can we do?

We keep doing the next right thing. Keep working, and figuring out what we can. Do we know when we will know the answers to the questions? Nope. Will there be more questions? Yes. We will let you know when we know. Please be patient with us, because we have more questions than answers.

See what I mean, that phrase is popping up all the time. It’s annoying. It does not instill confidence, and makes it hard to offer hope. I want to do something about that; I want to give you confidence and hope for today, tomorrow, and the future. What I want you to have confidence in and hope for, is not found in the answers to the questions before us, but is found in the foundation of our faith. Jesus is our rock and salvation.

God never promises to answer all our questions, but He does promise that no matter the situation, God will be with us no matter the storm. Jesus told a parable about two builders. One who built on sand and one who built on a rock. The key to the parable is that Jesus said, ‘**when the storm came**’ it blew against both houses, the one on the rock was still standing with confidence and hope after the storm passed.

Our confidence and hope are not found in the answers to questions, but in the one upon which we build our lives and faith. In September, I will be using Max Lucado’s book **Jesus: The God who knows Your Name**, as a sermon series. It will help us see Jesus more clearly in our worship. If you would like to read the book, you can find it at [Cokesbury.com](http://Cokesbury.com) or [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com).

We will not find answers to all the questions at this time, but we will find a place to stand, the strength to live and to love as we are called to do.

Blessings.

Pastor Mark

## Leadership, Happy 90th Birthday, Thank you!

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*We wish Hedy a very happy and wonderful 90th birthday. God's blessings on this special Milestone!*

If you would like to send Hedy a birthday card and need her address, call Merry at 715-356-3041 or send an email to [office@umchurchofthepines.org](mailto:office@umchurchofthepines.org)

**Jason Hilgart**, 2020 LUHS graduate, member of UMCOP, and recipient of a scholarship from UMCOP sent the following note:

"Thank you for the scholarship. Can't wait to expand my faith at Itasca Community College. Can't wait to get back in the pews."  
- Jason Hilgart



## Message About Re-opening for Worship, Bible Study



Dear Church of the Pines Family,

It was with the highest hopes that we were planning to reopen the church for in-person worship on Sunday, August 2, 2020. Unfortunately, this plan will need to be delayed until conditions improve.

At the July 7, 2020 meeting of the Ministry Council, it was decided to postpone the reopening of in-person worship until after Labor Day Weekend. This decision was made due to the significant increase in the spread of COVID-19 in our state and community. Council members also decided to keep the church building and ministries closed through September. This will be re-evaluated in September.

This news may relieve some anxiety for you, or it may make you upset, which would be perfectly normal. Know that we have a good plan in place and have secured the needed resources so that we can reopen when it is safe to do so. Our worship services will continue to be Livestreamed and DVDs of the services are available each week by request. Contact Merry at 715-356-3041 to receive a copy.

The Infection Control Team, in consultation with the Ministry Council, will continue to monitor the situation to determine when to begin the reopening process. We will continue to use the recommendations and gating criteria described in the Badger Bounce Back Plan and the Wisconsin Council of Churches. In brief, these criteria include a consecutive 14-day downtrend of symptoms, cases, test positivity rates, and adequate testing resources and hospital capacity.

We are all encouraged to look for what we can do individually and collectively during this time to share hope with one another and the world.

Blessings to you.

Pastor Mark and Infection Control Team

**JAMES**

**Bible Study (Zoom)**  
**September 14 - October 5 - 2:00 pm**  
 Register by sending an email to  
[office@umchurchofthepines.org](mailto:office@umchurchofthepines.org) or call  
 715-356-3041 with your email address so that  
 the Zoom link can be emailed to you.

**The Church building  
remains closed.**

**If you are in need of  
assistance, please call  
715-356-3041 or send an  
email to  
[office@umchurchofthepines.org](mailto:office@umchurchofthepines.org)  
and your call will be returned  
or you will receive  
an email response.**

**THANKS!**

## Birthdays, Anniversaries, Prayer Requests



### Happy birthday to....

August 2 Louise Douma  
 August 2 Barb Prindle  
 August 3 Ron Capacio  
 August 4 Larry Duffee  
 August 5 Nell Goetz  
 August 5 Marcy Strasburg  
 August 7 Lynn Tosch  
 August 11 Dick Bechtel  
 August 11 Hedy Blank  
 August 11 Dominic Caroselli  
 August 14 Barb Simic  
 August 15 Scott McDougall  
 August 16 Breanna Fieck  
 August 20 Nancy Klatt  
 August 20 Greg Krings  
 August 22 Dorothy Maas  
 August 25 Josh Rexroade  
 August 26 Sarah Kozeluh  
 August 26 John McCadden  
 August 28 Kav FitzPatrick  
 August 29 Karen Loichinger  
 August 29 Brian Reed  
 August 31 Joyce Frankfother

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

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



### Happy anniversary to....

August 4 Joe & Karen Augitto  
 August 5 Ron & Lynn Romleski  
 August 8 Eric & Kristin Kroening  
 August 11 Jim & Chris Anderson  
 August 12 Tom & Patty Frandy  
 August 18 Bob & Char Binette  
 August 24 Tom & Louise Caroselli  
 August 24 Bob & Pat Schuld  
 August 28 Jeremy & Erin Jorgensen

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

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



**Fran Bechtolt**  
**Jo Bentley**  
**Barbara Jurries**  
**Sue McDougall**

**Bev Melms**  
**John Fisher**  
**Pat Schuld**  
**Helen Wentz**

To have your name included on this Prayer List or on our Prayer Chain, please call the church office at 715-356-3041 or send an email to [office@umchurchofthepines.org](mailto:office@umchurchofthepines.org).

## Livestream Worship Services, Five Ways to Give



**AUGUST**  
**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**  
**Livestream - Facebook**

*Be strong and of good courage;  
do not be afraid, nor be dismayed,  
for the Lord your God is with you  
wherever you go. - Joshua 1:9*

**10:00 a.m.**

To watch worship services live, go to <https://www.facebook.com/churchofthepines/> to participate in the service. If you have a prayer request, please email it in advance to [office@umchurchofthepines.org](mailto:office@umchurchofthepines.org) or write the request as a comment at the beginning of the service.

If you do not have access to Facebook, you can watch the worship service LIVE by clicking on the following link. To see the worship service live, you will need to go to this link just prior to the time of the service.

<https://united-methodist-church-of-the-pines.freeonlinechurch.com/live>

Following each worship service, a video of the service is placed on our church website, which can be viewed at any time.

The link to our church website is:

<https://www.umchurchofthepines.org/>

Once you are on our website home page, scroll down until you see a box that says "Worship Service Videos". Click on this box and you will be taken to a listing of all of the archived services for Sunday worship services and Wednesday prayer services.

### Giving a contribution to United Methodist Church of the Pines is now easier than ever and more important than ever!

**GIVING**  
**IS EASIER THAN EVER**

Mobile — Online — Text — Mail a Check — ACH



During this difficult time, it is our hope that you will financially contribute to Church of the Pines as you are able.

**You can text your gift on your cell phone. Text the word **give** to 833-358-0472. You will be guided through an initial registration for your first contribution.**

You can go to our church website: [www.umchurchofthepines.org](http://www.umchurchofthepines.org) and click on the green **GIVE** button on our home page and give using a debit or credit card or pay from your checking account **AND** you can designate your contribution to the fund of your choice.

**You can also make arrangements to have automatic recurring gifts debited from your checking or savings account.**

For additional information or assistance, please contact Merry Jorgensen at 715-356-3041 or email her at [office@umchurchofthepines.org](mailto:office@umchurchofthepines.org).

## Lay Leader



God,

Grant me the serenity to accept the things  
I cannot change,  
The courage to change the things I can, and  
the wisdom to know the difference.

I think wisdom is the key here, and God says he will give us wisdom if we ask for it.

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, and it will be given to him. James 1:5

God, please give us wisdom and discernment to recognize our and others' prejudices and help us to love others as you love us.

God, please give us wisdom and discernment to recognize when we and others are not showing the fruit of the spirit.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Galatians 5:22

God, please give us wisdom and discernment to keep us and others as free from the coronavirus as possible.

(Wear masks, social distance, and wash your hands)

God, please give us wisdom and discernment to love our neighbor as ourselves and to see when others are encouraging us not to do so.

God, help us to be as you would want us to be.

Gretchen Voigt, Lay Leader

## Stephen Ministry

### Blessed Assurance



I came upon a verse in the New Testament that speaks to many of us. “When our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart and knows all things.” (I John 3:20) This verse reminds us that even though we may condemn ourselves for some sin or mistake, God does NOT condemn us.

Notice the person depicted on the left in the Stephen Ministry logo. That person feels broken. It may be due to illness, grief, or other circumstances. Sometimes the brokenness is due to the person condemning themselves for an act they committed or an event in which they failed to do something they should have. Sometimes this act may be something major, or it may be an accumulation of small things that just add up to the person feeling less than worthy of God’s love.

I John 3:20, however, reminds us that God does not condemn, but instead forgives. His heart is so filled with love for us, that he will not condemn us. Multiple verses in the Bible remind us of this.

John 3:17 “For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

John 8:11 “Jesus declared, ‘Neither do I condemn you.’” to the woman caught in adultery.

Ephesians 2:4-5 “But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved.”

Acts 8:38-39 “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

II Peter 3:9 “God is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

I John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

If you are feeling unworthy of God’s love, may these verses remind you that God’s love is from everlasting to everlasting. Hold on to that promise, and have the blessed assurance that you are loved.

If you would like help in believing that God loves you and would like to talk to a Stephen Minister, contact Holly Nash, Stephen Leader, at 715-356-6861.

## When Life Gives You Lemons...

when life  
gives you  
LEMONS  
make  
LEMONADE

Everyone is familiar with this phrase..."When life gives you lemons, make lemonade!" It's a phrase used to encourage optimism and a positive can-do attitude in the face of adversity or misfortune. Lemons suggest sourness or difficulty in life; making lemonade is turning them into something positive!

This phrase comes to my mind more and more often these days as we have now been in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic for about four months. For many, this has been a time of being alone and isolated from friends and not being able to be with family or do all the things they used to do.

Thinking about lemons and lemonade has led me to want to ask YOU...What have you been doing with the lemons that have come your way because of the COVID-19 pandemic?

What have you been doing to keep a positive attitude, to keep hope, and to keep a smile on your face?

Keep reading to hear "LEMONADE STORIES" from Kay Rhyner, Merry Jorgensen, and Barbara Prindle.

You can still write your story about what you have been doing with your time, and email your story or stories, along with a photo (if possible) that shows what you have been doing. Maybe you have checked off some of the things on "your bucket list". Or maybe you started doing something that you haven't done for years.

Or maybe you decided to learn to do something new.

If you think no one is interested in what you have been doing, or you are apprehensive about sharing with others, or you don't see a purpose for sharing how you have taken your lemons and turned the lemons into lemonade...you could be very wrong. As the months have passed by, as a member of our Church Congregational Calling Crew, I have phone conversations daily with people who are alone, who are struggling with health issues, who are stuck on thinking about the unfortunate circumstances they find themselves in, and who can't seem to find a way to "make their lemonade." Send your "LEMONADE" story to [office@umchurchofthepines.org](mailto:office@umchurchofthepines.org).

**Your story could make a BIG difference for someone else and your story could be the lemonade recipe that will help them "turn their lemons into lemonade." Thanks. Merry**

"Life handed me a lemon,  
As Life sometimes will do.  
My friends looked on in pity,  
Assuming I was through.  
They came upon me later,  
and saw me reclining in the shade,  
In calm contentment, drinking  
a glass of lemonade."



### Dick and Kay Rhyner's Lemonade Stories

Kay wrote that she had requested a book from the Minocqua Library and stopped to pick it up on March 21st. When checking out the book, Tina Bonack, library employee, suggested to Kay that she might want to check out more than one book as the library would be closing indefinitely that afternoon due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Kay said "So, I lugged out over 12 books and audiobooks! Many of the books were large print, and you know how heavy they are. I chose some Louise Penny books (recommended by some of my friends) and was delighted to get to know Chief Inspector Gamache, his wife, and the village of Three Pines in Quebec." Continued on page 10.

## When Life Gives You Lemons...

### Dick & Kay Rhyner's Lemonade Stories, continued...

Here's another thing that Dick and Kay Rhyner did in March and April when it was not nice enough to spend time outdoors. Kay shared the following: "We received an email from one of our neighbors inviting all the neighbors to go out on their decks at 3:00 on Friday afternoons and blow whistles, ring bells, bang on pots and pans, etc. so that we could connect. It might sound a little silly, but those minutes of rowdiness and solidarity were actually fun!"

"We've enjoyed the Apps of Zoom and GoToMeeting with family and our advisors. And we watch Mass on Channel 12, and enjoy watching Asbury Methodist Church in Middleton (our daughter's church) on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and follow that by watching Church of the Pines' livestream services on Facebook. We do miss all of our church family and friends. Stay safe everyone!"

### Merry Jorgensen's LEMONADE STORY

Merry is taking time to do something that has been on her **"BUCKET LIST"** for a very long time. Decades would be a better way to describe just how long this has been on her bucket list.

As a **BUCKET LIST** is a collection of goals, dreams, and aspirations that you would like to accomplish within your lifetime, playing the piano has been on Merry's **BUCKET LIST**.

"Back in the mid-1960s, I took both piano and organ lessons. But, I quit taking lessons and stopped playing when I began to attend college. I hadn't taken lessons for very long, and was a beginner. And, so decades later, I would still be considered a beginner.

Over the years, I would think about and regret that I had not continued to play. While working in Atlanta, developing programs for older adults to help them stay engaged in living productive lives, I helped older adults find ways to do things that were on their bucket lists. And as a result of this, I thought about playing more frequently, but didn't take any action.

I finally purchased a Yamaha keyboard about 10 years or so ago (the same keyboard is in this photo) but, I gave it to my granddaughters, Molly and Jaime, to use to practice, as they started taking piano lessons and did not yet have a piano at home.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, I decided to dust off the keyboard and have begun re-learning to play. Who would have ever thought I would be playing again some 50+ years later?! I'm now playing some of the songs that I played when I was 15 years old! What fun!"

**So, what's on your BUCKET LIST?**



## When Life Gives You Lemons...



### Barb Prindle's Lemonade Story

"Here is my lemonade story. Admittedly, it is one of several I could have chosen. I have always been busy going places and doing things, like going out for lunches, shopping, events, etc. I would do almost anything just so I could be out and about. Staying at home was a blow. It was coupled with health issues that got me feeling in a funk.

I hate feeling that way. And, I know from experience that changing the situation was a necessity.

Sunday was the worst day. So, I tackled the worst day first. Let's call it my most "Sour Lemon Day." In the "old days," it was the day we got out of bed, showered, headed to McDonald's for a breakfast Sandwich, went to church services, followed by brunch/lunch..... and eventually wandering home about two or three in the afternoon. In March, as you know, it's going to be dark shortly after.

Suddenly, our whole world seemed to change. Sunday was the sour lemon day. I know some people have found a little pleasure in listening to church services in their PJs. Not me, I went all out. I stayed in bed and held my little I-phone, on high volume, without so much as sitting up. If my husband had not made breakfast those weeks, I might have stayed in bed all day. I had to do something. I had to have some contact with the outside world and not just the contact of looking out to a world of whiteness. I so needed and longed for real contact with real people! Since March, I have become more or less accustomed to ZOOM. But, in early March, it

wasn't on my radar.

So, to have contact with people, I turned to Facebook. I created another Facebook page called "Barbi's Painting Pals" and invited friends to a virtual painting or crafting time together on Sunday afternoon from 2-3 p.m. We had great fun communicating with pictures, comments, and by supporting each other with compliments and yes, signs of laughter.



Use old buttons to  
create whatever  
you want!

We held these sessions until the whiteness outdoors left us. Then, we all turned to the planning of gardens and looking forward to life ahead, assuming that we were through the

worst of it.

As we know now, we don't know when we will be through the worst of anything. It is a time of testing us in so many ways.

When I buy lemons to bake a pie now, I am, and will be, forever reminded that those sour lemons turn out to be my favorite of all pies! If I don't have sour lemons, I'm not going to be eating any pie!"



How about doing  
some rock painting?

**How are you spending your time?**

## United Methodist Women, Ministry Council Meeting Summary



### *Use your Thank Offering box...*

August is a good time to visit Black River Harbor. There are five waterfalls there. Put in a dime for every waterfall.



**Reading Challenge** . . . All forms from the Reading Challenge should be turned in to Pat Bechtel, Patty Frandy or Sara Kozeluh. You can snail mail them or email the information. Thanks to all who participated!

**UMW Reading Program** . . . Turn in your reading list for the UMW Reading Program to Mary Fasse by August 15.

**Fall Plans** . . . Watch the future Pine Chips and the Friday Weekly Updates for news on when we will resume our UMW meetings and activities.

### Ministry Council Meeting Summary

The Ministry Council met on July 7th with the following members in attendance: Jim Anderson, Jodi Capacio, Sue Clafin, Tom Frandy, Pastor Mark Gilbert, Merry Jorgensen, Dave Kozeluh, Sue Loeffler, Perry Schuette, Bob Schuld, Gretchen Voigt, and Ted Voigt. Absent: Rich Klatt, Jerry Weber, and Sharry Wuest. Council members identified "Things to Celebrate" that included: Making phone calls as part of the Congregational Call Crew Ministry has been rewarding; successful outreach to church members; the floral gardens surrounding the church are looking beautiful and the vegetable garden is looking good; the Livestream worship services are going well; the Infection Control Team was thanked for the work they are doing in planning for the re-opening of the church for worship services.

Pastor Mark gave an update on the Infection Control Team's work to-date. Although every thing is in place for in-person worship services, the Infection Control Team recommended the date for re-opening of the church building be postponed because of the increased incidence of COVID-19 infections. This includes outside groups, church programs and ministries. No church-sponsored activities will be held on or off site through the month of September. This will be evaluated at the September Ministry Council meeting to determine October use. The Ministry Council passed the Infection Control Team's recommendation. A letter will be mailed to members of the congregation on July 13th, information will be placed in the Weekly Updates, and an email will be mailed to everyone who has an email address in our church database.

A grant request in the amount of \$1,000 has been submitted to the UMC Foundation. A new HD Camera to continue livestreaming of services will need to be purchased.

The next Ministry Council meeting is scheduled for August 4th at 10:00 a.m. (Zoom).

## Mission Highlights

### Africa University

Africa University is the first and only fully-accredited institution of higher learning established on the African continent by action of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church. This amazing institution was founded in response to the call by African Bishops for a university for the whole of Africa to foster intellectual, moral, ethical and spiritual growth in its students.

As the flagship mission of higher education of The United Methodist Church on the African continent, Africa University remains true to the enduring pan-African vision of an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa. Africa University is pan-African by design and is home to students, faculty and staff from more than 28 African countries. Thanks to this diversity, which is stronger than ever, Africa University is a place where Africa happens every day.

Africa University is a private institution that is self-governing and independent. Africa University is governed by an international Board of Directors that represents stakeholders from Africa, Europe and North America.

The University offers over 50 cutting-edge undergraduate and graduate programs that focus on meeting Africa's vital needs such as food security, improved public health, peace, good governance and sustainable economic growth. Degrees, diplomas and certificates are awarded from the following Colleges: College of Health, Agriculture and Natural Sciences; College of Business, Peace, Leadership and Governance and College of Social Sciences, Theology, Humanities and Education.

Guided by the faith-inspired vision, commitment and action of United Methodists and with steadfast investment from a diverse group of partners and friends, Africa University has developed into world-class center of academic excellence and institution of choice for leadership development in Africa.

[Africa.edu](http://Africa.edu)

### Lakeland Sharing Foundation

Your financial kindness will be put to work in providing new school backpacks filled with the essential supplies needed for success in school. A new backpack filled with educational resources is a simple gift. However, this gift will be with these children each and every day of this upcoming school year.

The students you support will be filled with confidence as they go to school with a brand new backpack and a renewed confidence in their abilities. Imagine the broad smiles and bright eyes that will light up thanks to your generosity. Your gift will keep on giving to them.

Year-round planning for this program is done in order to efficiently deliver the right supplies to each child, customized by grade and by school. Items are purchased in bulk primarily from Wisconsin-based businesses to stretch your contributions.

The 4 elementary schools in the Lakeland Union High School District partner to develop the shopping list and to distribute the backpacks directly to qualifying students. We are particularly grateful to Arbor-Vitae Woodruff Elementary School and Lac du Flambeau Elementary School for providing staff and resources that allow the Foundation to ship our supply purchases directly to the schools during the summer break. They also provide space to bring in volunteers to organize the supplies and stuff the backpacks.

43% of elementary school children in the Lakeland Union High School District are provided with the high quality supplies they need to succeed – all stuffed into stylish, brand-new backpacks.

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

## Finance Report

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE PINES  
FINANCE REPORT  
AS OF JUNE 30, 2020**

	<u>June Actual</u>	<u>Year Actual</u>	<u>Incr (Decr) Versus Year Budget</u>
<b><u>Income</u></b>			
Operating *	15,688	131,096	3,327
Reserve Fund	3,224	(14,204)	(16,042)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>18,912</b>	<b>116,892</b>	<b>(12,715)</b>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>			
Pastor **	7,407	46,470	( 1,591)
Worship	0	5,078	( 1,551)
Nurture	379	2,129	41
Outreach	0	3,655	655
Finance & Administration	4,791	31,002	( 1,254)
Facilities Operation & Maintenance	5,548	19,199	( 3,634)
Capital Improvements Fund	0	716	( 284)
Youth Fund	0	0	( 1,000)
Missions Fund ***	0	2,548	( 1,889)
Reserve Fund	132	1,878	250
Conference Apportionment ****	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>18,257</b>	<b>112,675</b>	<b>(10,257)</b>
<b>Net Cash Excess (Deficiency)</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>4,217</b>	<b>( 2,458)</b>
Rocking Horse	0	(11,363)	715
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>( 7,146)</b>	<b>( 1,743)</b>

**Total Available Funds 6-30-20**

**172,332**

\* Prepaid Pledges of 48,564 were included in January

\*\* Includes Salary, Benefits, Expenses

\*\*\* Includes Special Sundays

\*\*\*\* 2020 Assessment is 36,108

Net cash deficiency (income minus expenditures) for 6 months is 7,146 which is 1,743 worse than the approved operating budget. This was the result of a 14,538 decrease in investment value of the Morgan Stanley Reserve Fund in the first 5 months partly offset by lower church expenditures.



The logo for Amazon Smile, featuring the word "amazon" in black and "smile" in orange, with a curved orange arrow underneath "amazon" pointing to the right.

The next time you shop online, remember to shop at AmazonSmile.com and register so that a percentage of your purchase is donated to Church of the Pines.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10:00a Livestream Worship/ Communion	3 2:00p Bible Study (Zoom)	4 10:00a Ministry Council (Zoom)	5 10:00a Livestream Prayer Service	6	7	8
9 10:00a Livestream Worship	10	11	12 10:00a Livestream Prayer Service 6:00p Men's Book Club (Zoom)	13	14	15
16 10:00a Livestream Worship	17	18 6:30p Turn the Page Book Club (Zoom)	19 10:00a Livestream Prayer Service	20	21	22
23 10:00a Livestream Worship	24	25	26 10:00a Livestream Prayer Service	27	28	29
30 10:00a Livestream Worship	31					

*Have something for Pine Chips 2.0? Email the church at [office@umchurchofthepines.org](mailto:office@umchurchofthepines.org).  
**To appear in the September Pine Chips, email information no later than August 15th by 5:00 pm.** Announcements for the Weekly Update are due Monday for the following weekend. Call the Church Office at 715-356-3041 with questions.*

## Who in your family to CONTACT in case of an emergency



There have been times when we have had to try to contact family members of people who attend Church of the Pines as a result of an illness or other emergency situation. We would like to offer to place emergency contact information for your family members in your church record. Complete, sign, and return the form to the church office if you would like to do this. If you would like to have the form mailed to you, please call the church office - 715-356-3041 or email [office@umchurchofthepines.org](mailto:office@umchurchofthepines.org). The form can also be printed by going to our website [www.umchurchofthepines.org](http://www.umchurchofthepines.org) and click on the Emergency Contact Form on the homepage.



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Hope makes our lives shine brighter.  
Peace brings us closer.

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