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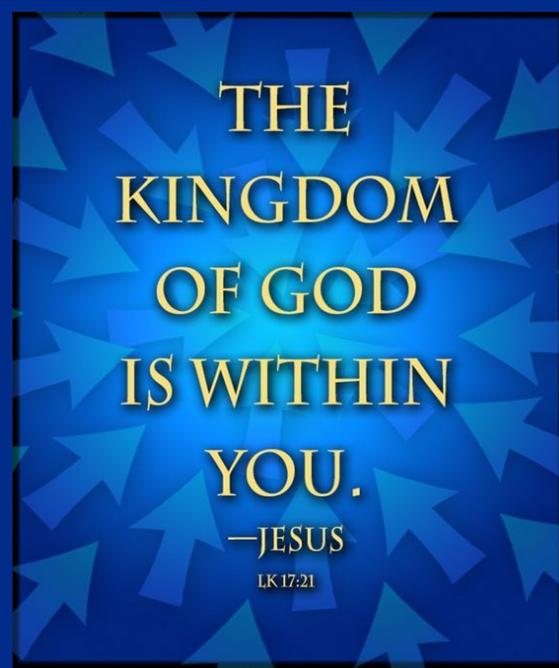
Live Christ's Love

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.



“There can be no Kingdom of God in the world without the Kingdom of God in our hearts.”

- Albert Schweitzer

**Sunday Worship - 10:00 a.m.
(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

Pastor's Pen

PASTOR'S
PEN



Thy Kingdom Come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

Have you ever wondered how many times you have said the Lord's Prayer in your life? I know some of you say it every day. I do not say it daily, but I do say it a lot each week. Let us say someone prayed the Lord's Prayer 3 times a week for 40 years. That means they have lifted that prayer 6,240 times. That might seem like a lot, but I bet some of you have said it thousands of times more.

It is a powerful prayer for us, a gift given to us from Jesus himself. The disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, and Jesus said: "when you pray, pray like this." It is a ritual that is the foundation for all of our prayers. It has power and meaning all of its own. People outside of the Christian faith know and respect this ancient prayer. With the familiarity and notoriety of the Lord's Prayer, I wonder if we have thought about what we are praying in it.

Mainly, I wonder if we have thought about the phrase 'Thy Kingdom Come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.' We have prayed it thousands of times in our lives, but for what are we praying? The Kingdom of God is essential throughout the bible, and it was the cornerstone of Jesus' ministry.

When Jesus began his ministry, he proclaimed that the Kingdom of God had come near. Think about how many of Jesus' parables start like this, 'the Kingdom of God is like...' Even when Jesus was on trial before Pilate, Jesus spoke of God's Kingdom. It is clear to me; the Kingdom of God is especially important to Jesus and us. I believe Jesus was very intentional about teaching us to pray for God's Kingdom to come. We are going to spend the month of May examining this phrase and its meaning for us today.

We will look at what the bible says about God's Kingdom. We will look at what God's Kingdom means to us. Most importantly, we will look at why praying for God's Kingdom to come is vitally crucial for our lives and the world right now.

I look forward to this meaningful time of worship
and prayer each time we say the Lord's Prayer.

Blessings.

Pastor Mark

Leadership, Prayer Requests, Reopening Church Statement

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Please pray for:

*Elva Spetz
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To have your name included on this Prayer List, in the bulletin Prayer List, or on our Prayer Chain, please call the church office at 715-356-3041 or send an email to office@umchurchofthepines.org.

Statement on Reopening the Church April 17, 2020

On April 16, 2020, the governor extended the safer at home order for the State of Wisconsin to May 26, 2020. The extended order does not mean that on May 26th or 27th, everything returns to as it was before the pandemic began. We do not yet know what guidelines and procedures the Oneida Health Department and the State will provide for us when we reopen. We have also seen the federal guidelines which suggest phases for reopening and anticipate something similar for our area. What this means for us at the Church of the Pines is this; the church will not automatically open back up on May 26, 2020. There will be no in-person worship services, meetings, gatherings for the entire month of May. When we receive guidance for the proper reopening of the church, the process and the timeline will be shared with you.

Pastor Mark

Message from Pastor Mark

In-person worship services and all church activities have been suspended until further notice. There are two ways to watch services LIVE and videos of the services will be placed on the church's website for viewing following the LIVESTREAM service. See page five for where you can view services.

MESSAGE from Pastor Mark

Dear Church of the Pines Family and Friends,

Governor Tony Evers has extended the Safer at Home order that began on March 13, 2020, to May 26, 2020. Since the order started, we have seen how the practice of social distancing has slowed the spread of the coronavirus in Wisconsin. While there are many positive signs that things are getting better, we need to continue to support this effort by doing our part. For Church of the Pines, this means that we are still unable to gather in person for worship and other ministries of the church.

I know this has been a difficult time for us all; however, your willingness to social distance has slowed the spread of this virus and has saved lives. Stay Home. Help keep our community healthy.

We will continue to gather in spirit for worship and prayer during this extended safer at home order as we have done so far. Our services are streamed live on Facebook, and videos of the services are placed on our website. We will continue to care for one another through our collective prayers and connec-

tions. Our Calling Crew could always use a few more volunteers and will continue to reach out to our church family. I thank you for your ongoing support of Church of the Pines financially. Your gifts continue to do great things in God's hands. Thank you so much. I also encourage you to continue to be generous in the giving of your time and gifts to our community of faith. You can give electronically via Tithe.ly, or we can send you information about how to give directly from your bank account via an ACH transaction. If you have mailed your gifts into us, know that we have received them and will deposit them when it is safe.

I encourage you all to join me in taking this time to deepen your relationship with God through prayer and spending time in the scriptures. Try to find a new way of encountering God in your life during this time that we are apart. Please, also join me in praying for one another and the world at this time. Especially, pray for our leaders that they set aside all politics and personal agendas and receive God's wisdom for the good of God's children. Pray daily for those who provide for our communities, care for the sick and dying, and who will keep us safe in the future.

Stay safe and healthy.

Pastor Mark

You can now text your contribution to Church of the Pines by using your cell phone. Text the word **give** to 833-358-0472.

Birthdays, Livestream Worship Services



Happy birthday to....

May 1 Debbie Kilps
 May 2 Ben Susor
 May 3 Ruby Rausch
 May 5 Debbie Palmatier
 May 7 Jonah Gilbert
 May 7 Barb Schuette
 May 9 Jeremy Jorgensen
 May 11 Marie Aguirre
 May 11 Bonnie Duffee
 May 11 Larry Kainer
 May 11 Amanda Semmerling
 May 14 Jack Peterson
 May 15 Kurt Garoutte
 May 16 Sandi Hodek
 May 16 Eric Kroening
 May 18 Kay Rhyner
 May 19 June Westphal
 May 22 Ann Luckert
 May 24 Ella Fieck
 May 26 Rikki Rausch
 May 30 Jim Anderson
 May 31 Noah Lottig
 May 31 Bob Reed

Blessings to you on your special day!

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

Sunday worship - 10:00 a.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service - 10:00 a.m.
<https://www.facebook.com/churchofthepines/>

Join us
online

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 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, Wednesday prayer services, and Wednesday children's time.

Anniversaries, Seeking 2020 Graduates, Five Ways to Give

MAY Anniversaries

Happy anniversary to....

- May 6 Perry & Barb Schuette
- May 7 Fred & Bev Melms
- May 21 Leon & Jean Butler
- May 24 Dave & Sara Kozeluh
- May 28 Dan & Joyce Frankfother

Blessings to you on your special day!

GOLDEN CROSS OFFERING

Sunday, May 10, 2020

Supports Health & Welfare Ministries within the Wisconsin Conference

SEEKING 2020 GRADUATES



If you have a son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter who is graduating from high school or college this spring, we would like to **CONGRATULATE** them on their achievements! Please send an email to Merry Jorgensen at office@umchurchofthepines.org before May 15th with the following information: Name of student; name(s) of parents; indicate whether they are high school or college graduates; what school they graduating from (name of school and location); what was their major/minor or if a high school student who will be pursuing a college degree, what they plan on studying in college; and what heir future plans are. You are also welcome to email a photo of your student. Graduates will be celebrated in our June Pine Chips newsletter. **THANKS!**

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

Five Ways to Give



Mobile Giving



Online Giving



Text Giving



Cash/Check Giving



ACH Giving

During this difficult time, it is our hope that you will financially contribute to Church of the Pines as you are able. **NEW! You can now 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 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.

Community Table, Mother's Day, Memorial Day

COMMUNITY TABLE

May 19, 2020
will not be held



In a different time, Church of the Pines would be organizing the May Community Table that was scheduled to be held at St. Matthias' Episcopal Church on May 19th. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Community Table has been canceled.

Instead, arrangements were made with the fundraising effort called "#customerx," where \$3,500 is being raised. Participating restaurants will deliver 50 FREE meals to the parking lot at St. Matthias for pick up by people (while remaining in their vehicles) who are in need of meals. This will be done weekly through the end of May.

Following is a link where you can get information about this fundraising effort and where you can make a contribution.

<https://www.facebook.com/donate/1645148108958597/>

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 10, 2020

Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.

Live stream

*Talk to God.
He can hear you!*



Jaime & Molly Jorgensen send a chalk message of THANKS to all of the Essential Workers!

Lay Leader



“God is our refuge and strength, a very present and well-proved help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change and though the mountains be shaken and slip into the heart of the seas.”

Psalms 46:1-2.

As I write this, I have no idea whether we will still be social distancing or if life will have started to return to a new type of normal. What I do know is that this forced social distancing and isolation have made people slow down, be less busy, and has given many of us more time. I know many people have taken this time to clean out closets and other chores that have been left undone because of our busy lifestyles.

It has also given us more time to spend with God. We can all take the time now to "Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

I was watching television recently, and Rick Warren was interviewed. Rick Warren is a pastor of a mega-church who wrote the book, *The Purpose Driven Life*. He was asked the question of where God was in this pandemic. I thought his answer was worth noting. He said that God was in the heart of all of the people who are trying to help others. All you have to do is look around and see how people are pulling together. We have people following the social distancing, not only for themselves but because they do not want to infect others if they have the coronavirus and do not know it. Of course, we have the front line workers, doctors, nurses, maintenance people, food service people, bus drivers, truckers, mail, mail order, and other essential people so we can have food, heat, and the other necessities of life. We have states helping states—California sharing ventilators with New York, is one example. Also, billionaires—Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey, Mark Zuckerberg (Facebook), Bill & Melinda Gates, Jack Ma, Chinese billionaire

(Alibaba), to name a few, donating billions of dollars worldwide to provide test kits, PPE (personal protective equipment), and research for therapies and vaccines.

We are in this together worldwide.

Our church has the Congregational ***Care Calling Crew*** that checks up on people to see how they are doing. Also, we have ***Operation: Compassion*** started by Molly and Jaime Jorgensen. It is a ministry where our church families with children and others are writing and sending letters, cards, or drawing pictures to those who are in nursing homes, in assisted living residences, or to those who live alone. I feel that even as we get back to some sort of normalcy, that these caring ministries will continue.*

This pandemic has been terrible, frightening, and has changed many lives as we know it. Our hearts go out to all who have suffered or are suffering due to loss of loved ones, loss of jobs, loss of being with others, or any loss this pandemic has brought about. It has also brought the best out of people pulling together for the betterment of all. It has shown a spotlight of God at work through the hearts of people.

****If you are interested in joining either or both of these ministries, please contact Merry Jorgensen at office@umchurchofthepines.org or call 715-356-3041.***

Gretchen Voigt, Lay Leader

Stephen Ministry



Last month I started a series of articles on depression. Although that is an appropriate topic at this time, I am going with something a little lighter and uplifting for this month. I shared this story several years ago, but I find it worth repeating.

When I was a child, Pastor Bill and his wife were such a support to our family when my brother was going through so many health issues. We've kept in touch all these many years, and am so thankful for that friendship.

Bill had a favorite story, "The Man with the Three Hairs on his Head." Bill told it like this:



"There once was a man who woke up one morning and looked in the mirror. He noticed that he only had three hairs on his head! He paused...and he thought... and he said, 'I think I'll braid my hair today!' And he went out and had a glorious day.

The next day he woke up and looked in the mirror and noticed he only had two hairs on his head. He paused... and he thought ... and he said, 'I think I'll part my hair in the middle today!' And he went out and had a glorious day.

The next day he woke up and looked in the mirror and noticed that he only had one hair left on his head! He paused... and he thought... and he said, 'I think I'll wear my hair in a ponytail today!' And he went out and had a glorious day.

The next day he woke up and looked in the mirror and noticed he didn't have any hair left on his head! He paused... and he thought ... and he said, 'Great! I don't have to do my hair today!' And he went out and had a glorious day."

I hope, despite what you see in the mirror today and what is going on in the world, you will remember God is with us and have a glorious day! By the way, my husband, Bob, will be trying to figure out how he's going to style his hair today!"

Holly Nash, Stephen Leader.

Please call 715-356-6861 if you or someone you know would like to talk confidentially to a Stephen Minister about a life issue.

United Methodist Women, Mission Highlights



Use your Thank Offering box... May 1st is celebrated in England. Honor the Queen of the May by putting a quarter in your Thank Offering box.

All UMW meetings and activities that were scheduled for May have been canceled.

In addition, "mission u" will be re-scheduled for 2021; the UMW Spring retreat that was scheduled for May 2 has been canceled and the UMW Rummage and Bake Sale that was scheduled to be held the week of June 9th - 12th has also been canceled.



The next time you shop online, remember to shop at AmazonSmile.com. A percentage of your purchase is donated to Church of the Pines.

Mission Highlights

Caritas

St. Matthias' Episcopal Church's major service mission, Caritas, distributes funds to those in urgent and immediate need of assistance. Caritas is the Latin word meaning charity, the Christian concept of spiritual and brotherly love for all people.

The many ways of assisting clients is evolving. Some of the assistance offered includes: medications, duplicate drivers licenses, work boots/clothing, household items, furniture and auto repair. Caritas may assist with utility bills or gasoline purchases. These needs are evaluated on a case by case basis and clients must be present for an interview. Clients agree that Caritas provides more than money and referrals. They listen, offer compassion, problem solving, and more importantly, they offer hope to those who are in desperate need.

www.stmatthiasminocqua.com

Lakeland Food Pantry

The Lakeland Food 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 quality of life for those in need in the Arbor Vitae, Hazelhurst, Lac du Flambeau, Lake Tomahawk, Minocqua, and Woodruff communities. The Food Pantry is still providing food to those in need during this time.

Contributions may be made by going to the following website: <https://www.howardyoungfoundation.org/give/> and click on "Lakeland Pantry Greatest Needs".



Be a Cheerful Giver

COVID-19 - How You Can Help



STAYING HOME... STAYING SAFE... AND SERVING OUR COMMUNITY!

Louise Douma, a long-time member of Church of the Pines, has found a way to make a difference for others while staying at home and staying safe!

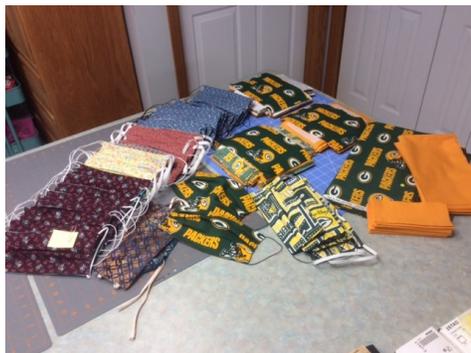
Louise had no idea years ago as a child in grade school when her mother taught her how to sew on their old “peddle” sewing machine, that today she would be putting those skills to use by sewing masks for use by patients at Marshfield Clinic.

Back in those times, girls learned how to sew out of necessity. Louise grew up on an Iowa farm, and at that time, farming was not very profitable, so her mother made most of her clothes out of necessity. Louise remembers peddling for her Mom while her mother sewed. Later, that sewing machine was modified to become “electric,” and when Louise was 11 or 12, her mother bought a new electric sewing machine — what a glorious day that was!

Now, years later, Louise is using her “gift of sewing” to help others. She has donated over 75 masks and has another 90 masks ready to have elastic attached. Unfortunately, she continues to wait for more elastic so that she can finish the masks. If you have a source for getting elastic, please reach out and connect with Louise at louisedouma@yahoo.com or call her at 715-356-7443.



Louise Douma is making masks in her home for to help alleviate the national shortage during the COVID-19 out-



Louise spends more than six hours a day sewing masks. She said, “I can do this because George is a huge help as he is cooking, cleaning and doing the laundry so I can spend the time sewing.” **WAY TO GO, GEORGE! It’s a team effort!**

Can you sew? Are you interested in making masks? If you or someone you know can help, please consider sewing face masks for Marshfield Clinic Health System. Sewn masks will be disinfected and distributed to patients to help provide a protective barrier so that medical-grade masks are conserved for health care providers. The masks that you make will be used in Marshfield Medical Center, where they are donated. For information, pattern and instructions for making masks, go to <https://www.marshfieldclinid.org/giving/>

If you have found a way of serving our community during this COVID-19 pandemic or know of “stay at home..stay safe” volunteer opportunities, please contact Merry Jorgensen at 715-356-3041 (leave a message and she will call you) or email her at office@umchurchofthepines.org.

Ministry Council

Meet the members of
Church of the Pines
Ministry Council



Ted Voigt, Chairperson

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“I grew up in Wauwatosa, WI (East High School). Sports, basketball, in particular, has always been a big part of my life. I met my wife, Gretchen, as a student at UW-Madison and came to Lakeland in 1974 (joined Church of the Pines shortly after) to take a teaching and coaching position at Lakeland High School. We thought we would be here a year or two, but we loved the area and felt it was a great place to raise our three kids, Matt (48), Katie (45), and Scott (43). We have six grandkids in the Milwaukee area ages 1 1/2 up to 14 and enjoy spending time with them and seeing them grow up. We love to travel and do so whenever the opportunity presents itself. We have gotten much more involved with Church of the Pines since we retired eight years ago and enjoy the very caring people in our church. I think I’m pretty good with people and have a pretty good ability to see other people’s point of view. I tend to be a calming influence and don’t get too emotional very often. I enjoy helping people.”

Jim Anderson, Member-at-large, Class of 2022

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“I grew up in Sparta, Wisconsin. I bought a cottage here in 1990 and built our house in Lac du Flambeau in 2009. I attended UW-Madison and received my B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. in Soil Science and served for 32 years as Professor of Soil Science & Director of Water Resources Research Center at the University of Minnesota in the Twin Cities. I am married to Chris Anderson and have two grown children—Jason (38) and Kelsey Johnson (32) and two grandchildren—Madeline (8) and Peter Johnson (9 months). Chris and I became members of Church of the Pines two years ago and I help the Trustees and volunteer at the Lakeland Food Pantry. I volunteer at MECCA Ski & Snowshoe trails in Mercer. I previously served in a variety of roles for our church in the Twin Cities that included social concerns, finance, stewardship, and church council. We enjoy traveling. Our bucket list includes national parks in the US, Ireland, Norway, and Costa Rica. I love Church of the Pines because of the friendly, welcoming congregation!”



Ministry Council

Meet Your Ministry Council Members, continued

Jodi Capacio, Member-at-large, Class of 2022

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"I grew up in Grafton, Wisconsin. My family attended the United Methodist Church in Cedarburg, Wisconsin. We - Mom, Dad, brother, myself, and Grandma, would all attend this church. The United Methodist Church has been an important part of my entire life. I have been a member here at Church of the Pines since 1990. My husband, Ron, and I pretty much met at Church of the Pines and married here in 1993. I moved to the area in 1990 for a position at Howard Young Medical Center. I was a radiology technologist. Retiring from my profession in 2015, I have held several jobs since then with my goal to stop working at age 62 in March 2020. While our daughter was growing up, she and I were involved in a variety of youth activities and alternative church services. I have been a choir member off and on throughout my church membership. I have taught Sunday School, developed a Wednesday night worship program, been in the choir, done child care (in the new room), helped with the LOGOS food team and the original food teams on Wednesdays. I've also attended some of the Bible study classes. I love my church because my church family lifts me when I am down. My church is a big part of who I am, and I love belonging to United Methodism. I feel happy to tell people that I believe in my church and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Sue Clafin, United Methodist Women

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"I am a retired Registered Dental Hygienist. I attended Marquette when my children were all in school. I have been a Methodist my entire life and have three children. We lost a son eleven years ago. Anne and her husband live in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Bill and his wife live in Minnesota, and most of you know my daughter, Jayne, who has been here often. We lived in Waukesha for many years, originally from Mondovi in western Wisconsin. I lost my husband, Dave, eight years ago. We live on Lake Nakomis for twenty years. I have been a member of UMW and the former WSCS for 60+ years. We have belonged to six Methodist/United Methodist churches and have had active involvement in all. I have two granddaughters, each near 30 years old and married. We lost our oldest granddaughter to cancer. I am always very interested in the importance of making disciples in Christ and reaching out to all with welcoming hospitality. I take an active part in the functioning of our church. I love my church because the members and friends are a family to me. I would like to see more members be involved in some way, taking part in classes always to keep learning."

Ministry Council

Meet Your Ministry Council Members, continued

Tom Frandy, Member-at-large, Class of 2021

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"I was born in Bessemer, Michigan, and spent two years there before moving to Manitowish Waters. (I don't remember a thing of those years.) I grew up on the shores of Island Lake, went to Boulder Junction Grade School, and graduated from Lakeland High School in 1962. I spent many wonderful years working at my Uncle's resort (La Fave's Resort), hunting, fishing, swimming, and water skiing. I attended Wisconsin State University in Superior from 1962—1967 and earned my Masters of Science Degree in Teaching - math and physics. I met Patty, my wife-to-be, my sophomore year, and we married during the summer of 1967. We started our professional careers teaching in Chetek, Wisconsin. We were there for four years. In 1971 we moved to our present home on Little Musky Lake in Arbor Vitae. I taught Math at Lakeland for the next 32 years, retiring in 2003. We joined Church of the Pines in 1972. We have three children: Col. Christine Novak, soon to be retired from the Air Force and moving to the Lakeland area; Dr. John Frandy, Ph.D. - Physics, teaching at Waukesha County Technical College; and Dr. Tim Frandy, Ph.D. - Scandinavian Studies Teaching folklore at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green. We have eight grandchildren ranging from 22 years old to 7 months (or 6'3" to 2' tall). Since joining the church I have been involved in many ways. I have ushered for more than 40 years, was a volunteer worker for both building additions, served on SPRC, finance committee and Board of Ministries. I was Lay Representative to Annual Conference for many years. I am a member of Keenagers, Men's Club and a LOGOS volunteer. I was also a Madrigal Dinner volunteer both years. My greatest enjoyment has been working with the Trustees on many of their projects, and my most significant award was being the recipient of the UMW special recognition pin. I believe I have a good understanding about numbers and I have good common sense, which I think is helpful in the work of the Ministry Council. What might not be helpful is that I would rather be doing something instead of talking about doing something! I love my church because there are so many kind and caring members that are willing to work for the betterment of all. If you have not laughed, loved, or extended kindness today, you have lost that opportunity forever."

Rich Klatt, Member-at-large, Class of 2022

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"I grew up in Madison, Wisconsin, and have lived in Minocqua since October 2005. Nancy and I have been married for 57 years and have two children, Tamera and Rick. We have four grandchildren ranging in ages from 16 to 28 (Dylan - 16, Emily - 20, Paige - 26, and Trevor - 28. Nancy and I have been members of Church of the Pines for 14 years. I have previously served on the Finance Committee, SPRC, and I usher about once a month. And I have served as a chaperone on a youth mission trip to Duluth, MN. Presently, I belong to Lakeland Breakfast

Rotary Club, a local chapter of the Wisconsin Alumni Association and serve as secretary/treasurer of the Timber Ridge Property Owners Association. Hobbies include landscape art, gardening, camping, golfing, and boating. I have a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from Iowa State University in Ames in 1973 and a Bachelor's degree in Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Wisconsin, Platteville, in 1965." (continued on page 15).



Ministry Council

Meet Your Ministry Council Members, continued

Rich Klatt, continued “My career has spanned over 50 years as a civil engineer. I began my professional career as an Urban Highway Design Engineer for the cities of Detroit, Michigan, and Ames, Iowa. For 14 years, I was a City Traffic Engineer for the cities of Ames, Iowa, and Omaha, Nebraska. In 1984 I became a consulting engineer for civil engineering firms in Austin, Texas, and Elgin, Illinois. I conducted transportation engineering studies for both firms. I love my church because it allows me to practice and support my Christian faith with people whom I call my friends.”

Dave Kozeluh, Member-at-large, Class of 2021

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“My wife, Sara, and I have been residents of the Lakeland area for over 38 years and have been members of Church of the Pines during that entire time. We have served in numerous roles at the church over these many years. Our children, Doug age 30, a nurse practitioner in Marquette, Michigan, and Craig 29, a dentist in Hood River, Oregon, were baptized at this church and involved in youth activities as they grew up. We are all very thankful for our church family who, offered support and friendship through all the years. I practiced dentistry for ten years with Indian Health Service in Lac du Flambeau and then in private practice in Minocqua. Sara was a public health dental hygienist and later our office manager. Outside of church, now that I’m recently retired, we spend time enjoying our extended family, travel, bicycle, cross country ski, and garden. For many years, I’ve served in leadership roles with the Lakeland Ski Touring Foundation, the nonprofit that operates Minocqua Winter Park.”



Perry Schuette, Member-at-large, Class of 2021

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“I am from Wausau and was a member at Wesley Methodist Church. My wife, Barbara, and I have two daughters. One daughter lives in Wausau, and the second daughter lives in Minneapolis. We have three grandchildren (two boys and one girl). I have lived in Minocqua for 20 years and normally go to Florida in the winter. We have a dog (Bernese Mountain Dog named Belle). Belle is our fifth one. We love the breed because of their gentleness, and they are loving. We have traveled to Europe 20 times and have relatives in Switzerland and Northern Germany. Barb is from Birnamwood and is one of eight in her family (the only girl.) I have owned my own business and have a degree in Marketing. I love my church because of its size and its people.”

Be sure to meet and read about the remaining Church of the Pines’ Ministry Council members in our June 2020 Pine Chips 2.0: Sue Loeffler, Holly Nash, Bob Schuld, Gretchen Voigt, Jerry Weber, Sharry Wuest, Merry Jorgensen and Pastor Mark Gilbert.

Congregational Care

Congregational Care Calling Crew Comments

“Why be a part of the Calling Crew? Why Not? I could not think of any reason not to do it. I am retired and enjoy talking to others. If a call to someone who is homebound might be a bright spot in their day, then I can do it. How did making calls make me feel? Well, they call it a war. So, I want to be part of the war effort. I feel grateful that there is something I can do. Some people I've called have a lot to say. They tell me about the experiences that they've had that perhaps took place many years ago. Others express gratitude for the care they're receiving from their friends and families. I'm fortunate to have this opportunity to get to know our church members better, and I'm proud of our church for having facilitated this connection. What were the reactions from those to whom I spoke? At first, many are surprised that they are getting this call. At the end of the conversation, they remark about how much they appreciated the call. They're thankful for being remembered.”

- **Sharry Wuest**

“When Merry emailed people to ask them to contact various members of the congregation to check on them during this pandemic, I thought it was important and an excellent idea. Too many people and families could fall through the cracks and may need help but not know how to get it. And it helps for isolated people to know someone is thinking of them. I enjoyed talking to old friends and to people I have barely met. I learned new facts about some people and shared stories with others. I had several reactions to the phone calls. Some answered hesitantly, probably because their caller ID said “Robert Nash,” and they were worried Bob was going to ask them to volunteer for a committee!! Seriously, the reactions were positive. People were appreciative of the call, and some were surprised

and delighted. All in all, a great experience!” - **Holly Nash**

“I would say that I was glad to call, as it was something I could help with even though I still work. The people I spoke with were generally pleased to receive a phone call and visited for a while. It's an honor to help.” - **Venus Hilgart**

“In doing our congregational care calling, the thing that impresses me the most is how appreciative people are to receive the call and that we care about them. They are willing to share about their situation, both the ups and downs of what they are personally going through. They also appreciate the opportunity to “tune in” to the live stream or posted videos of our church services. They appreciate that we are doing this, and they have mentioned that it is being done very well. They thank me several times for calling.” - **Ted Voigt**

“We think that caring for our congregational members is one of the most important things we can do as a church. Thanks for giving us the opportunity to visit with many of you on the phone. It lifted our spirits; hopefully, it did for you as well!” - **Sara and Dave Kozeluh**

“I have enjoyed calling and talking to people and finding out how they are doing. Everyone has been very appreciative of the calls, and it is fun getting to know some people a little better. I feel that this is what our church community is all about - caring for each other. I also appreciate all the time and effort that Merry puts in to keep us all organized.” - **Gretchen Voigt**

Congregational Care

More Calling Crew Comments

“This is a great opportunity for me to get to know our friends better. It is a good feeling to make someone’s day a little brighter. I know I have enjoyed talking with people, and I have had some pleasant times. Some people are surprised, but pleased, and with some, we talk for quite a while. All said and done, enjoyable. Thank you.” - **Sarah Stewart**

“We volunteered to be on the calling crew because it seemed like the best way we could keep in contact with our church family and friends in this time of social distancing. Usually, we have many venues that provide that contact (worship services, coffee fellowship, Keenagers, Odd Couples, Men’s Group, Circle, and so on). Email contact does help, but it doesn’t seem as personal, and many times you can get more real information from the manner of the spoken word over a written statement. It is easier to sense real worries and concerns that might need follow up. Those that we have called seem appreciative of the visit and thanked us for our concern. Calling has been a good way to support our church family.” - **Tom and Patty Frandy**

“It did not take me more than a few minutes to decide to offer my help with making outreach calls to our church family. Once a nurse, always a nurse, so why not use my talents. I am pretty good at reaching out to people, listening carefully, and assessing needs. I had successful contacts with seven of our members, several of whom I did not know. Everyone was appreciative of the call, willing to chat with me and to share their circumstance. My outreach calls were a service provided to others, but on reflection, I wonder who serviced who? I know that I enjoyed all the conversations and the opportunity to “meet” people I did not know before. I believe that these contacts were mutually beneficial. Thank you, church members, for accepting my calls.” - **Sue Loeffler**

“I joined the Calling Crew because the church is the people, and I believe we have to care for each other. I consider all of our church family friends and want to help where I can. Making phone calls is a case of win-win for me. I not only get to talk to friends, but I get to help at the same time. Nearly everyone is starting to feel the loss of daily communication, and this is also a good way to beat back that boredom a little. So, checking in on friends and having a short chat with them just plain feels good.” - **Bob Nash**

“I wanted to be part of the calling crew as I was happy to reach out to our members that are safe at home and often alone. I enjoyed talking to them, and I think they enjoy having contact and thought about at this time when many are home and can’t go out. I think it makes those we call feel more cared about, and I enjoy reaching out.” - **Sue Clafin**

“All the members that I called were well. They were pleased to hear from the church and appreciated the thoughtfulness. I enjoyed the conversations.” - **Nancy Berklund**

“If there is one thing I can do without physical exertion, it’s talking on the telephone. That’s why I’ve enjoyed being a part of the calling group from church. I’ve made several calls, and fortunately no one needed anything at the time. Some were going to take a walk, and some had family and dogs spending time with them. Others just enjoyed the phone call. I spoke to someone who is experiencing the same problems as I am, unsteady, and trying to avoid falling. We had a lot in common. Everyone was pleased to receive the call and know that the church is thinking of them. It’s an excellent way to keep in touch with other members of the church.” - **Jeanne Heck**

More Church News

Have something for Pine Chips 2.0? Email the church at office@umchurchofthepines.org.

To appear in the June Pine Chips, email information no later May 15th.

Announcements for the Weekly Updates are due Monday for the following weekend.

Call the Church Office at 715-356-3041 with questions.



If you want to know what is happening at Church of the Pines, go to our Facebook page: [facebook.com/churchofthepines/](https://www.facebook.com/churchofthepines/)



CALLING ALL KIDS!

On Wednesday afternoons at 4:00 p.m., ask Mom and Dad to go to our church Facebook page

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

for Church of the Pines' Livestream **CHILDREN'S TIME** with Pastor Mark.

See you there!

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Begin each morning with a scripture reading and reflection by going to our Church of the Pines' Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/> or by going to our church website <https://www.umchurchofthepines.org/>. Questions are asked that will cause you to reflect on the words and how they might impact your life. There are words of hope, encouragement, and love that can help us in these uncertain times. Be sure to comment on our Facebook and our Website and share your thoughts.

Daily
Devotionals



We know teachers are going way "above and beyond" during this "social distancing" time and we say **"THANK YOU!"**

Finance Report

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE PINES FINANCE REPORT AS OF MARCH 31, 2020

	<u>March Actual</u>	<u>Year Actual</u>	<u>Incr (Decr) Versus Year Budget</u>
<u>Income</u>			
Operating *	8,770	83,636	(5,074)
Reserve Fund	13	34	(10)
Total Income	<u>8,783</u>	<u>83,670</u>	<u>(5,084)</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
Pastor **	7,943	23,670	(298)
Worship	2,400	4,826	1,575
Nurture	92	1,695	651
Outreach	152	3,547	797
Finance & Administration	5,761	16,204	177
Facilities Operation & Maintenance	2,596	10,475	(1,056)
Capital Improvements Fund	0	716	16
Youth Fund	0	0	0
Missions Fund ***	2,300	2,425	(469)
Reserve Fund	0	1,200	0
Conference Apportionment ****	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	<u>21,244</u>	<u>64,758</u>	<u>1,393</u>
Net Cash Excess (Deficiency)	(12,461)	18,912	(6,477)
Rocking Horse	917	(11,364)	715
TOTAL	(11,544)	7,548	(5,762)
Total Available Funds 3-31-20		187,989	

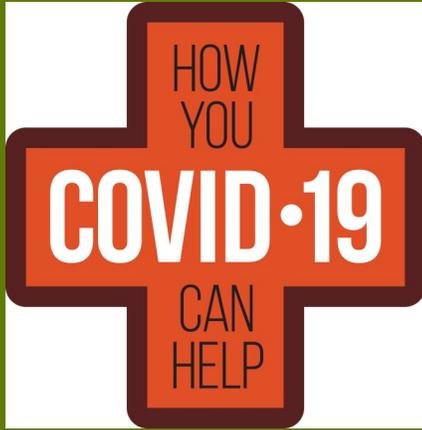
* Prepaid Pledges of 48,564 were included in January

** Includes Salary, Benefits, Expenses

*** Includes Special Sundays

**** 2020 Assessment is 36,108

Net cash excess (income minus expenditures) for 3 months is 7,548 which is 5,762 worse than the approved operating budget.



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