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THE PINE NEEDLE

So that...

And have them make me a sanctuary, so that I may dwell among them. Exodus 25:8

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By the end of the week I believe every committee of the church will have met in January. They have reorganized and begun their work for the New Year. We are excited to build on the momentum from 2017 and our successful *Honoring Our Legacy...Serving the Future Capital Campaign*. I still find myself and other Pine Street leaders praying the simple prayer, "Lord, what do you want to do through me?" These words keep us seeking God's will for our lives and the life of Pine Street UMC.

I have just returned from the Bishop's retreat that you sent Dee and me to—thank you for that time apart to be challenged and inspired. While there we heard the Rev. Tom Berlin speak and his message was so challenging. But it was two words that really stayed with me. The two words that Tom gave me were "**So that...**" Tom challenged us that as we seek to do our ministry that we would keep drilling deeper by adding "**so that...**" to all our conversations. We're going to have VBS this year **so that** we can connect with our community. We want to connect with our community **so that** children may learn more about Jesus. We want children to learn more about Jesus **so that** they may come into a personal relationship with Jesus. We want our children to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior **so that**... The deeper we drill down **so that** we make sure what we're doing is changing lives and reminding ourselves why we started doing this in the first place.

Over the coming weeks and months, we will be doing many new things. You will hear about endeavors to develop a security policy **so that** we can make Pine Street a safe place to gather and be prepared if anything were to happen. You will hear discussions about when and how we worship **so that** our worship can be the most uplifting encounters with God and inspire you to invite your friends to join us. You will hear discussion around a simplified leadership structure **so that** we can be accountable, more responsive to our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to serve the needs of our community and congregation.

Moses built a tabernacle **so that** God would dwell with him. We will continue to faithfully share our faith and serve our community **so that** God's Spirit will dwell with us. We will continue to strive to be a vital congregation **so that** through our words and actions the love of God is shown to others. We will continue not to rest on our legacy but to move forward **so that** we can serve the future. May God be our guide and help.

In Christ's service,

Pastor Doug

Witnessing to our faith and serving Christ from Pine Street for 190 years!

JANUARY SERMONS

- Feb 4th Communion
Questions of Faith: Will you do
whatever it takes for God?
I Corinthians 9:16-23
- Feb. 11th Questions of Faith
What is God preparing you to do?
2 Kings 2:1-12, Mark 9:2-9
- Feb 18th First Sunday of Lent
In the Shadow of the Cross:
Preparing for the Journey
Mark 1:9-15
- Feb 25th 2nd Sunday of Lent
In the Shadow of the Cross:
The Journey Isn't Easy
Mark 8:31-38



- 8:30AM Contemporary Service
- 9:45AM Sunday School
- 11:00AM Traditional Service

We also broadcast the 11:00AM service on
WWPA 1340AM and 101.3FM

OFFICE INFORMATION

Monday - Thursday 8:00AM -3:00PM

Friday - 8:00AM – 1:30PM

Email: streetpine@hotmail.com

Website: www.pinestreetumc.org

Also find us on Facebook under Pine Street United
Methodist Church



Would you like to provide altar flowers in memory
or honor of someone? Please contact the
following:

February: Juanita Shaw 570-327-9500

March: Glenda Breon 570-326-9519



Please have any material for the **March 15th Pine Needle** in the church office no later than Monday, February 15th. Any early articles are appreciated and helpful. Articles not received by February 15th may not be included in the February Pine Needle.

SPECIAL OFFERING ENVELOPE

This month's special offering request is for **Higher Education**. This is an offering designated by General Conference for the whole church to support our United Methodist colleges in support of scholarship aid for our students. Members of Pine Street have benefitted from this fund in the past, and any member student may apply for these scholarships.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

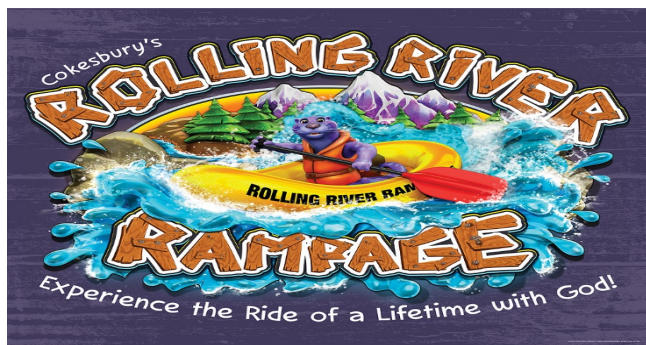
The United Methodist Women will meet on Wednesday, February 21st at 1:30pm in the lobby. Georgina will conduct the Prayer and Self-Denial Service. Hostesses are Marion Reeser and Robin Ray. Thanks to all the ladies who donated receiving blankets for Mission Central. The birthing kits are sent to developing countries to help the new mothers.

Reminder: Friday, March 2nd - World Day of Prayer sponsored by Church Women United will be held at 1:30pm at the Montoursville Presbyterian Church, 900 Elm Street, Montoursville PA.

FRIDAY NIGHTERS

Friday Nighters will be held on Friday, February 16th. We will begin the evening with a potluck dinner at 6:00PM (doors open at 5:30PM.) A meat entrée will be provided. The cost of the meal is \$5.00 per person to help cover costs. Each family is asked to bring a dish. All adults are welcome to join us for this evening of entertainment and fellowship.

There will be a sign-up sheet for this event in the lobby or courtyard hallway with a note of the type of dish you are requested to bring. Watch your bulletin



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's Vacation Bible School will be held on June 11 - 15 from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Our theme is Rolling River Rampage: Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God! A planning meeting will be held in the spring. As always, volunteers are needed to help during the week. Please prayerfully consider being an activity leader or helper with a particular age group. If interested, please call Barb Flock at 326-6970 or email flocks339@comcast.net

ECUMENICAL LUNCHEON – FEBRUARY

Join us Wednesdays for lunch and an interesting program! The lunch line opens about 11:45a.m. and you are always assured of a tasty \$6 lunch, warm ecumenical fellowship and a thoughtful program designed to enrich your life mentally, physically, spiritually and socially. The parking is free in the Pine Street lot north of the church from 11 to 1:30. No reservations are necessary, but a call to Gwen at the United Churches Office 570-322-1110 if you are not a regular attender will help the caterer know how to prepare. When winter weather makes travel difficult on Wednesdays call Gwen at 570-419-1464 or 570-3261396 to know if Ecumenical lunch has been cancelled. Join us and bring a friend.

7- Ms. Tracy Haas-Ungard, "Establishing a Local Pet Pantry"

Lenten Series: "People Jesus Met
On His Way to Jerusalem and the Cross"

14- The Woman Who Anointed At Bethany,
Speaker to be announced

21- The Disciple Who Wanted to Know More About Prayer. The Rev. Kevin Brophy, Pastor, UMC
Salladasburg

27- Missionary Jeffrey Mesendick, Church of Christ
Disciples, "Japan"

PERSONALS

Thank you to those who helped assemble the January Pine Needle. We could not do this each month without your help: Karen Kulp, Cathy Marr, Juanita Shaw, Robin Ray, Frank Little and Barb Johnson.

MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED IN 2017

Faithful members continue to bless our ministries when friends and families make **Memorial Contributions**. In the last year we have received gifts in memory of the following: Clinton Smith, Ralph Haas, Judith Fryda, Quinton and Marian Beauge, Holman James, Charlotte (Honey) Person, Curtis Johnson, James Clayton, Mary Parker, Nancy Sauer, William Todhunter, Tracy Rice, Alvin Bush, Valeria Martin, Beverly Baker, Leona Sabo, Brett Foust, Esther Mowery, Aleda Sides, Betty Ivers, Kenneth Porter, Bonnielee Kranz, Robert Banzhof, Gerald Heilman, Marion Timothy, Sylvia Ranck, Larry Helsel, Robert Bucher, Colleen Hoogheem, Robert Harder, Frank D. Fulmer, Joseph Fulmer, Jr., and David Fulmer. These special gifts supplement our ministries beyond those specified in the current operating budget.

LAY READERS

Feb 4 th	Michelle Hopkins
Feb 11 th	Karl Ivers
Feb 18 th	Donna Diermyer
Feb 25 th	Cathy Marr

USHERS AND GREETERS

Feb 4 th	Bill Burd, Karen Wynn, Wayne & Shari Poust, Kathryn Penfield, Gene Weigle
Feb 11 th	Bill Burd, Karen Wynn, Dale & Donna Diermyer, Larry & Glenda Breon
Feb 18 th	Bill Burd, Karen Wynn, Dale & Donna Diermyer, Larry & Glenda Breon
Feb 25 th	Bill Burd, Karen Wynn, Dale & Donna Diermyer, Wayne & Shari Poust

ACOLYTES

Feb 4 th	Collin Porter
Feb 11 th	Juliette Grimes
Feb. 18 th	Ciara Beaghley
Feb 25 th	Rylie French

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Feb 4 th	Kate Heaster
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Feb 11th Volunteer needed
 Feb 18th Volunteer needed
 Feb 25th Volunteer needed

CRIB NURSERY
 Tammy Lundy

FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING 11AM SERVICE

Feb 4th Rude Family
 Feb 11th Bielski Family
 Feb 18th Snyder Family
 Feb 25th Diermyers

February Birthdays

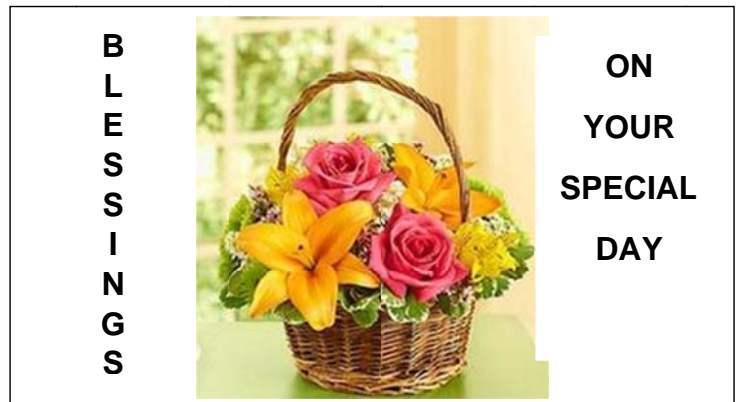
Trudy Caverly	February 1
Jane Hawkins	February 1
Daisy Montalbano	February 1
Rebecca Hayden	February 2
Alfred Knecht	February 3
George Bishop	February 4
Kaitlin Huggins	February 4
James Maeulen	February 4
Carol Myers	February 5
Debra Perry	February 5
Carolyn Rosser	February 6
Lauren Rude	February 6
Betty Haas	February 7
Mary McKibben	February 7
Clarence Shaffer	February 7
Ruth Engle	February 8
John Girton	February 8
Ciara Beaghley	February 9
Jessica Brooks	February 9
Judith Kowalski	February 9
Kristin Ivers	February 10
Juanita Shaw	February 10
Joan Schell	February 11
Nancy Lady	February 12
Lou Robbins	February 12
Becky Hall	February 13
Dawn Holmes	February 13
Amy Montalbano	February 13
Caleb Burget	February 14
Bill Hall	February 14
Beverly Karney	February 14
Shawn Scudder	February 15

Elizabeth Kmetz	February 16
Allison Haynes	February 17
Thelma Lentz	February 17
Peggy L Whitnak	February 17
Matthew Lady	February 18
Zachary Lyon	February 18
John Rhoads	February 18
Leigh Johnson	February 19
Richard Gnoffo	February 21
Spencer Underdown	February 22
Diana Young	February 22
Renee Metzger	February 23
Harold Anthony	February 24
Allan Spotts	February 24
Tina Courter	February 25
Kate Thompson	February 25
Candace Vassallo	February 25
Evadna Cline	February 26
Danielle Perry	February 26
Emily Reed	February 27
Brian Pick	February 28
Susan Swank-Caschera	February 29

Jubilee Birthdays – over 85 years old

February Anniversaries

Miller, Dennis & Melody (Sabo)	February 14
Scharler, Mark & Rebecca	February 20



CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

Many of you have asked if we would be doing a church pictorial directory. We have begun processing an online church photo directory in January.

We will need your help in this project.

- Submit a picture to the church office either digitally or by regular photo.
- If you would need someone to take a picture of you or your family, please contact the office.

This will be a secured site and only those with an email address and password will be able to access it.

This will be a valuable resource to help build community in our church. If you forget someone's name or their children's name, you will be able look it up in the directory.

Feel free to contact the church office with any questions you may have or stop in the office and I can show you how it works.

We will soon provide the necessary information for those who have submitted a picture to be able to access the site.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS

PINE STREET LADIES BOOKCLUB

Do you like to read?

Would you like to get together with other women to discuss a book?

February 8, 2018, women will be meeting in the library at 9:30. They are currently reading, *The Chilbury Ladies Choir* by Jennifer Ryan.

"England becomes enmeshed in the early days of World War II and the men are away fighting, the women of Chilbury Village forge an uncommon bond. They defy the Vicar's stuffy edict to close the choir and instead "carry on singing," resurrecting themselves as the Chilbury Ladies' Choir. We come to know the home-front struggles of five unforgettable choir members: a timid widow devastated when her only son goes to fight; the older daughter of a local scion drawn to a mysterious artist; her younger sister pining over an impossible crush; a Jewish refugee from Czechoslovakia hiding a family secret; and a conniving midwife plotting to outrun her seedy past."

For more information, contact Shirley Springman or Dee Eberly.

Food Needed for Backpacks

The West End Christian Community Center gives food to hungry children each weekend during the school year. Currently there are 100 children enrolled in the program. The Outreach Committee will be collecting the following food item: Individual size packs of raisins; Individual packs of fruit, peaches or mixed fruit; Individual packs of pudding; and Nature Valley fruit and nut bars. The collection will be Sunday, March 11-25. There will be a box in the Narthex. Thank you for supporting "**Blessing in a Backpack.**"

Mission Sandwich is back

There will be mission sandwich sale on Friday, February 16 and Friday, April 27. Ham or turkey sandwiches will be bagged with cole slaw, condiments and a piece of candy. The cost is \$4.50. Sandwiches will be made on Thursday and be available for pick up on Thursday, 3-5 pm or Friday, 10:30-12 N in Fellowship Hall. Order forms will be available on February 4 and April 8. The profits will go into the Matching Fund Account which matches monies raised by children and youth for mission projects. Thank you for your support.



The Old Rugged Cross

The year was 1912 and George Bennard, an evangelist traveling throughout the Midwest, was heckled incessantly by several youth at a revival meeting in Michigan.

A Vision, a Melody and the Completion of the First Verse

Troubled by their disregard for the gospel, Bennard turned to Scripture to reflect on the work of Christ on the cross. He later recalled, "I seemed to have a vision ... I saw the Christ and the cross inseparable."

The melody came easily, and the first verse was completed by Bennard during a series of meetings in Albion, Michigan.

Several months later, the remaining three verses were completed in Pokagon, Michigan, where Bennard was leading meetings at a local church.

The First Performance of the Hymn

After completing the hymn, he performed the song in its entirety for the sponsoring pastor and his wife, Rev. Leroy and Ruby Bostwick, in the living room of the parsonage. The Bostwicks were moved to tears and incorporated the song in the revival service on June 7, 1913.

First, Bennard sang his hymn with guitar accompaniment, and then a five-voice choir sang with organ and violin accompaniment.

The hymn quickly spread throughout the region and came to the attention of the evangelist Billy Sunday, who frequently utilized it in his meetings. Two years later, Bennard sold the copyright to the song for a payment of \$500, forgoing future

royalties. Upon the renewal of the copyright 28 years later, he received a final payment of \$5,000.

Bennard was born in Youngstown, Ohio, in 1873 and spent his childhood in Iowa. His father was a tavern owner and later, a coal miner. Bennard's conversion at the age of 22 through the evangelistic ministry of the Salvation Army in Canton, Iowa, led to his ordination and commissioning as a traveling evangelist in 1898.

In 1910, stepping out in faith, Bennard resigned and began his own itinerant ministry. He traveled throughout the Midwest, holding revivals until his retirement in Reed City, Michigan, more than 30 years later.

Loved for its lilting melody and words of personal trust in the cross of Christ, "The Old Rugged Cross" remains one of the most cherished hymns of the Christian faith. It has since been included in numerous hymnals and recordings by contemporary artists.

The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross / The emblem of suff'ring and shame / And I love that old cross where the dearest and best / For a world of lost sinners was slain.

*Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross / Till my trophies at last I lay down / I will cling to the old rugged cross / And exchange it some day for a crown.

Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world / Has a wondrous attraction for me / For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above / To bear it to dark Calvary. (*Refrain)

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine / Such a wonderful beauty I see / For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died / To pardon and sanctify me. (*Refrain)

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true / Its shame and reproach gladly bear / Then He'll call me someday to my home far away / Where His glory forever I'll share. (*Refrain)

Article courtesy of [Mature Living](#) magazine.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:00 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Connect - Stanzione 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	2	3
4 No Youth Group SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY 8:30 am Contemporary Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship	5 1:00 pm Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm BSF 6:30 pm Foundation Mtg. 7:00 pm 1st Place - Vance	6 6:45 am Men's breakfast 2:00 pm Connect - Eberly 4:00 pm Relay for Life 7:00 pm Alanon Meeting 8:00 pm Bower Basketball	7 12:00 pm Ecu. Lunch 6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal	8 6:00 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Connect - Stanzione 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	9 4:00 pm BSF Leaders' Mtg.	10 WESLEY HALL AND AGAPE RESERVED
11 MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY 8:30 am Contemporary Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship 6:30 pm Youth Group	12 1:00 pm SOCIAL SERVICE 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm BSF 7:00 pm Trustlee Mtg. 7:00 pm 1st Place - Vance	13 6:45 am Men's breakfast 2:00 pm Connect - Eberly 6:30 pm Finance Mtg. 7:00 pm Alanon Meeting 8:00 pm Bower Basketball	14 12:00 pm ASH WEDNESDAY 6:30 pm Ecu. Lunch 6:30 pm Ash Wed. Service 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	15 6:00 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Connect - Stanzione 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	16 6:00 pm Friday Nighters	17
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25 8:30 am No youth Group 9:45 am Contemporary Worship 11:00 am Sunday School Traditional Worship	26 1:00 pm SOCIAL SERVICE 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm BSF 7:00 pm 1st Place - Vance	27 6:45 am Men's breakfast 2:00 pm Connect - Eberly 7:00 pm Alanon Meeting 8:00 pm Bower Basketball	28 12:00 pm Ecu. Lunch 6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal			

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FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS AT PINE STREET UMC

8:30am Contemporary Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship

Feb. 4th Membership Sunday, Communion, Souper Bowl Sunday

Feb. 16th 6:00pm Friday Nighters

Check your calendar for a list of committee meetings and other events.

**Please be sure to read your newsletter for the details of the events happening
at Pine Street UMC for the month of February.**

Have you checked out the website for Pine Street? www.pinestreetumc.org

Check out Pine Street UMC Facebook page.

Show Christ's Love....Teach God's Truth...Share the Gospel...