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EVENING THUNDERSTORM CONTINUED...

What the storm and the written word both have in common
the power of creation
That which is created hath been given the power of creation itself.
life and death
the power of creation
Some civilizations see the divine in nature because of this power.
life and death
Other civilizations see the divine in themselves, perceived masters of the printed page.
life and death
I smile.

Thinking about the boy who smelled the rain for the first time. Almost jealous of the boy
who that summer learned to fall in love with ink-stained paper, swept down the waters of
the mighty Missisip'
as the muddy waters flow through the mud and pine straw.

FROM PASTOR JESSICA

The Joy of the Lord is our strength. We were created by God to live in a Garden and to spread that garden to the ends of the earth.

Life as we know it can be crushing but we were meant to live in the Kingdom of God. As we pray for "Your kingdom come," we are not just asking for the return of our Savior but for His way of thinking and acting to be part of our lives here and now.

The greatest way I have found to actively bring His kingdom into my daily life is through two things: gratitude and spending time in the Word with the Word himself. Gratitude lifts us up out of our misery and spending time with Jesus teaches us how to sustain a life of joy. I pray this month that you will feel His presence as you worship Him in gratitude and spend daily time in the Word of God.



Jessica Edwards

PINEVILLE ACADEMY: IMPACTING HEARTS AND SOULS THROUGH MUSIC EDUCATION

BY MELISSA MCGILL

Launched in 2021, the Pineville Academy School of Music is an outreach of Pineville United Methodist Church with the mission to create a nurturing place for musicians in our community to explore, pursue and develop their talents.

During the week, music teachers offer lessons to more than 75 students and this month, the Academy will offer its inaugural summer band camp on June 26-30, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at our church. More than 110 students have registered so far!

"It's a way for us to welcome the community, to show hospitality and to offer a positive experience of church to Millennials and Gen Z and their families," Pastor Mark says.

Martin Dickey serves as the director of Pineville Academy in addition to his role as our church Director of Music. Martin brings more than 35 years experience as a public school music coordinator to this role.

He says, "It's unbelievable what a small grant from the Reynolds Foundation has done that has now impacted 300-500 people in the Pineville neighborhood. We really have an outreach that is really doing what our church mission says - to be rooted in Christ and rooted in community. We're doing that!"

If you would like to help out with camp (assisting with arrivals/pick ups and bringing/serving snacks), please contact Martin Dickey at mdickey@pinevilleumc.org.



Watch our video by scanning this QR code with your smart phone's camera or visiting our [YouTube Channel](#). This ministry was featured as part of the Western North Carolina Conference's *The Great 50 Days*, celebrating Resurrection ministry and the Easter season.



NEW SERMON SERIES: THE LIBRARY OF SCRIPTURE

Visit the local library and you will find a variety of sections to guide you in your search. Or perhaps you enjoy browsing the stacks, and the section titles help you know what to expect when you pull a book off the shelf. Beyond a collection of books, the Bible hosts a variety of genres, humorous word plays, recurring patterns and colloquial expressions. Together, we will open up the treasures and joys of this undiscovered country right at our finger tips. Join us during the month of June as we explore the library to be found in our very own Bible.



Stephen Ministers Commissioned on May 21



A new class of Stephen Ministers was commissioned on May 21. Pictured: (front) Jessica Edwards, George Heelan, Suzanne Gold and Rebecca Rushing; (back) Linda Rager, Diane Hill, Beth Maher and Mark Gafney. Photo by Debbie Gafney

Graduation Recognition – Sunday, June 4



BY DARLIS GROSS

The United Methodist Women would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to you and your families to attend our Sunday Morning Service on June 4 at 11:00 a.m. as we observe a special time of recognition for all of our 2023 High School and Higher Education Graduates.

You have worked very hard to achieve this milestone. As your church family we want to help you celebrate this moment. A reception is to follow. If you know of any High School graduates, please contact the Church office or Darlis Gross at (803) 431-7078 so that we can recognize them also.

Congratulations to our Graduates!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: JULY 17-21

Calling all heroes! VBS will be July 17-21, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day. We welcome all children rising Kindergarten through rising 5th grade. **Register at pinevilleumc.org/vacation-bible-school.**

We also need volunteers! For more information, contact Kelly Chiseck at kchiseck@pinevilleumc.org!



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

Prayer Ministry List for Healing:

Larry Gunter; Lisa Clark; Mary Jo Alms; Travis; Dani Morton; Mark Short; Charles and Sharon Gaskins; Robert Quick; Patsy Payne; Jeanne Long; Seth Poling and Brittany Alden and parents Holt and Mary Alice; Sue Glendening; Hannah Claire Calbreath; Lisa Johnston; Gene Pharr; Sylvia Ashcroft; Janice Walker and family; Betty Luetkemeier; Ken Walker; Carolyn Harris; Donna Threewitt; Amanda DeHeaven; Diane Snead; Mike Kish; Sharon Thompson; Barbara McInerney; John Hopkins; Sara Collins; Peter Hodes; Chris Harmon; Debbie Rivers; Vito Banci; Toi and Larry Warren.

On Going Concerns:

Sue Weed; Bob Nark; Carl Weatherman; Toni Marquette; Stephen DeCapua; Julie Della Monica; Carol Payne; Marietta Young; Eve Perry; Joe Thompson; Barbara Anderson; John Rea; Tracie Clark; Teddy Quimet; George House; Glennette Ranson; Robert Kagel; Glen Walker; Mary Ella Treece; Gloria Baker; Ray Phillips; Christel Short; Ruth Gleason; Sharlene Adams; Prakash Laud; John Racey; Larry Wadsworth; Allen Morris; Gary Short; Lisa Akers; Dr. Bill James; Doris McClee; Mary and Bill Hawkins; Mike House; Jackie; Dot Phillips; LaVon Sigmon; Les Haga; Wyamon Price; Joyce Hunter; Mark Decker; Brian Naylis; Flor Quesada; Judy Workman; Allie Gullledge; Rev. Dean Guest; Gwen Brown.

Military Concerns:

Joey Calbreath; Jerome Menendez; Scott Weeks; Bill Hillis; Adam McClary; Joe Soderlund; Elijah Read; Michael Douglas; Noah Lewis; Chase Lewis; Arielle Aeby; Matt Windisch; Tyler Baucom; Samuel Faulkner; Garrett Rodriguez; Cameron Jackson; Richard Beaman.

Share a prayer request:

We would love to join you in prayer. You can share a prayer request by submitting a Prayer request card in the Attendance Pads or by contacting the church office.

Join the Prayer Team

Our Prayer Team meets every Monday at 11:00 in Stacy Hall. Contact Darlis Gross at Hidol51@aol.com for more information.



Liturgical Worship in "Ordinary Time"

FROM MARCY EAKER AND DEBBIE GAFNEY, WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM CO-CHAIRS

As we enter into this season of "Ordinary Time" in the life of the Church, may each of you grow in faith and love as you live out your life in Christ!

WHAT IS ORDINARY TIME (also known as Kingdomtide)? The Christian year includes two central cycles focused on major events in the life of Christ: the Christmas cycle (Advent-Christmas-Epiphany) and Easter cycle (Lent-Easter-Pentecost).



Each of these seasons begins with a time of preparation and anticipation followed by a time of celebration. A season designated as Ordinary Time follows each cycle. The word "ordinary" here does not mean "routine" or "not special." Instead, it refers to the "ordinal numbers" (first, second, third, etc.) used to name and count the Sundays (such as the Third Sunday after Epiphany). This term comes from the Latin ordinalis, meaning "numbered" or "ordered" and tempus ordinarium, "measured time." (The liturgical color of the season is green, which symbolizes growth in Christ.)

The first period of Ordinary Time, called the Season after Epiphany, begins on Epiphany Day and ends on the day before Ash Wednesday (the beginning of Lent). The central theme of this season is the calling of disciples and the early ministry of Jesus. The second period of Ordinary Time, the Season after Pentecost, follows the Easter cycle. It begins the day after Pentecost and continues to Advent. The purpose of this season is to support new disciples and the whole congregation in living out the gifts and callings discerned during the Easter Season and commissioned on the Day of Pentecost.

Every year, Christians experience the contrast between the central seasons of Christmas and Easter, where we see God in the events around the coming of Christ, and the in-between times, where we see, speak about and join God's ongoing work in the world. We thus experience two regular cycles of preparation, celebration and action in ministry each year, with the Ordinary Times as the primary periods of action.

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JUNE

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



KEY DATES

6/4 - Graduate Recognition

6/7 - Golden Pines

6/18 - Father's Day

6/26-30 - Pineville Academy
Summer Band Camp

For the full calendar and more information, please visit pinevilleumc.org/events/month.

June Birthdays

Sandy Wilson 6/2
 Eli Dutcher 6/2
 Alec Eaker 6/3
 Debbie Rivers 6/4
 John Paul 6/4
 Lilia Carranza 6/5
 Chris Harmon 6/6
 Sharon Berman 6/6
 Koh Herlong 6/6
 Mickie Ashman 6/6
 Jason Nark 6/6
 Maisie Cahill 6/6
 Grier Bunch 6/6
 Penny Raver 6/7
 Jennifer Morales 6/7
 Desiree Shumate 6/7
 Robbie Synder 6/7
 Marietta Young 6/8
 Kenny Cable 6/8
 Millie Pierce 6/9
 Erin Moses 6/9

Lorelai Kaminski 6/9
 Betty Luetkemeier 6/12
 Jodie Dennis 6/12
 Amy Young 6/12
 Josh Eaker 6/12
 Keenan Calbreath 6/12
 Sue Conradsen 6/13
 John Adamcik 6/13
 Sara Collins 6/13
 Mike Bramlet 6/16
 Esther Willis 6/16
 Nicole Rippy 6/17
 Jonathan Johnson 6/17
 Gaby Parker 6/18
 Grace Carranza 6/18
 Carter Patton 6/18
 Suzanne Gold 6/19
 Skye Rust 6/19
 Robert Davis 6/19
 Jim Thompson 6/20
 Horace Turbeville 6/20

Shaun Mulhearn 6/20
 Heath Courtright 6/20
 Sylvia Devereux 6/21
 Kelly Rubottom 6/21
 Liam Becker 6/21
 Carrie McMillan 6/22
 Maryke Emmerton 6/23
 Julie Campbell 6/23
 Max Treece 6/24
 Max Crane 6/24
 Tricia Menendez 6/25
 Ridge Lindsey 6/26
 Bill Maher 6/26
 Jamie Sydorick 6/26
 Clinton Morrison 6/26
 John Ratchford 6/26
 Lynn Raupp 6/27
 Karen Cook 6/27
 Dallas Shumate 6/28
 George Herlong 6/29
 Ryan Mills 6/30
 Alex Claiborne 6/30

A Note About The Pineville Connection:

The Pineville Connection seeks to share the stories of our church as we fulfill our mission. If you would like to submit an article for next month's newsletter, please send it to mmcgill@pinevilleumc.org by June 15th!

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Graduate Recognition

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