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THE PINEVILLE CONNECTION

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Pineville Connection

FROM PASTOR MARK

Fall has always been my favorite time of the year for so many reasons and October in Pineville is quickly becoming one of my favorite months.

On Sunday, October 8, our Music Ministry Team will welcome back **Stateline Community Orchestra** for their Fall concert. This is an opportunity for us to be engaging in relationships with the community around us while listening to some of the best musicians in Charlotte!

On Saturday, October 14, **Pineville Neighbors Place**, in conjunction with the Society of Saint Andrews, will be hosting its seventh annual potato drop in the Carolina Place Mall parking lot.

This local potato drop had its origin here in the PUMC parking lot and it has now grown to be a community-wide event. Thanks be to God!

On Sunday, October 15, our Outreach Ministry Team will host **RISE Against Hunger**. Last year was my first time and I'm here to tell you, I make red hairnets look good! Seventy volunteers, ages 4 to 87, packed more than 10,000 meals that will be delivered to places like Haiti, Africa and Ukraine. Beyond providing food assistance, they also build schools to provide education, offer microloans to develop opportunity and skills with the hope that the communities become self-sustaining!

October 19-21 will be the **Pineville Fall Festival**, held at Jack Hughes Park. Our Family and Children's Ministry Team will once again be hosting a diaper changing station and nursing mother's tent for families with young children. We will also have a table set out to greet our neighbors, make new friends and shine the light of Jesus! How better to live a faith that is visible than eating funnel cake? Are you with me?

Our Mission to **Make Disciples Rooted in Christ and Community** is not just a banner we hang on the wall or words we print to look good on the logo. They are the words that God has given us as a guide. **We use them to define how we are to live and who we are to be.** We are Pineville United Methodist Church. And I could not be more blessed to shepherd such an amazing group of people following Christ.



Rev. Dr. Mark Curtis

FROM PASTOR JESSICA

Where does passion for God start? Often from a grateful heart, the place of gratitude for all that He has done for us. Sometimes it is a powerful curiosity that blossoms into revelation. Maybe it is the steady devotion of the heart that wanders in and out of seasons that alternate between being dry and lush.

Always it is a work of the Holy Spirit, inviting us to journey daily with the Lord of love. Whether you feel passionate about God and enjoy the ecstasies of daily communion with Him or your devotion stems from logical systematic study and prayer, it is a choice to be near to God. He has promised to draw near to us, to give us His thoughts, and to make a home with us. All we need to do is say yes everyday.



Jessica Edwards

NEW ALTAR CROSS

Have you noticed the beautiful wood wares on the altar in the Crossroads Center?

Our resident “carpenter extraordinaire,” Ralph Rea crafted the cross, candle risers and flower urns, which will enhance the altar and the worship services in the Crossroads Center for years to come!

Thank you, Ralph, for sharing your time, your talents and your love for God and the Pineville UMC family!

*Debbie Gafney and Marcy Eaker
Co-Chairs, Worship Ministry Team*



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 October 15!

PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

BY MOLLY WARNER

The Prayer Quilt Ministry was started in 2012 by Molly Warner and the UMW. The group has changed over the years, but the ministry is still committed to doing God's work. We make these quilts for members who are suffering from illness, being homebound or going through difficult times. These quilts are given with our love and prayers from the Pineville United Methodist Church.

We make a quilt with ties on it so the members of the church can tie a double knot and say a prayer for this person. We hang the quilt in the church for several weeks and we then present it to the recipient.

You are invited to join our Prayer Quilt Ministry every third Friday in each month except November and December. We start at 9:30 a.m. and end between 11 or noon. You do not need to know how to quilt or sew to join this ministry. We cut, sew, iron and enjoy our fellowship. Please come and join us. Call Molly Warner at (704) 724-5212 if you have any questions.

ROOM IN THE INN COORDINATOR NEEDED

For the past 25 years, PUMC has hosted our homeless neighbors through our Room in the Inn ministry. Roof Above (formerly Urban Ministry) located in uptown Charlotte coordinates multiple sites in the county to provide hospitality for our vulnerable neighbors during the months of December, January, and February. By hosting a site here at PUMC, we are living into our mission of being Rooted in Christ and Rooted in Community. To continue to meet the growing needs of our housing insecure neighbors, **we are in need of a RITI coordinator this year.** Responsibilities include: Maintaining scheduling with Roof Above, securing volunteers for the following positions- room set-up, van driver and rider, meal preparers, overnight hosts, breakfast, bag lunches, clean up, laundry, van driver to light rail center.

If you feel interested in this position and want some more information about the ministry, please contact Kelly Chiseck at kchiseck@pinevilleumc.org or Betty Leutkemeier, Chairperson of Outreach at gluetkemeier@bellsouth.net.

THE ABC'S OF THE PHARISEES AND SADDUCEES

A MESSAGE FROM THE PUMC EDUCATION TEAM

Throughout the Gospels Jesus was often in conflict with the Sadducees and Pharisees. There are some similarities between the two groups but important differences between them as well.

Similarities

Both groups believed:

- There was only one true God, the God of Abraham as revealed in Hebrew Scripture.
- This God created the universe and everything in it.
- This God selected the people of Israel as his chosen people.
- This God would protect them if they obeyed his law but punish them if they did not.

Differences

Despite these agreements, Sadducees and Pharisees had significant differences in the areas of religion and politics.

Sadducees	Pharisees
Smaller but more politically powerful sect than the Pharisees	Larger but less politically powerful sect than the Sadducees
Comprised majority of the Sanhedrin – the Jewish governing council	Comprised minority of the Sanhedrin – the Jewish governing council
High Priest Caiaphas was a Sadducee	Paul was a Pharisee before his conversion
Politically elite, wealthy, and religiously influential, with power centered in the Temple in Jerusalem and the high court of the Sanhedrin	More representative of the common working people and had the respect of the masses with power centered in the synagogue
Considered only the Torah, the first 5 books of the OT as sacred. They interpreted these books strictly literally. Strongly believed in strict adherence to Temple worship and sacrifices.	Accepted the OT scriptures and meticulously defined what behaviors were acceptable under the Laws of Moses, attempting to define away any ambiguity. They avoided people who did not follow their purity practices. They considered their prescriptions for rightly observing the law authoritative and conveyed them orally across generations.
Given their positions of social and political power, they could often be conciliatory toward the Roman occupiers	Resisted any Roman and Greek-inspired culture in Palestine as abomination against the one God. We get an idea of the self-identity of Pharisees in the name itself. Pharisee means "separated one."
Since they believed only the Torah, they did not believe in resurrection of the dead or an eternal afterlife.	Pharisees believed the dead would be resurrected at the end of time.

ABC'S OF PHARISEES AND SADDUCEES, CONTINUED...

Interactions with Jesus

Jesus had more run-ins with the Pharisees than with the Sadducees. This is first because the Pharisees had greater influence (and often respect) from the everyday Jew than did the Sadducees, and secondly, because their insistence that Jews abide by their strict interpretations of the law completely missed – and more importantly caused others to miss – that God wanted His people to live with hearts of love.

As an illustration, there were 1,521 separate regulations just regarding keeping the Sabbath! This misguided zeal for the keeping the law was basically an attempt to make it impossible for a person to sin. Jesus knew all too well that humans were not capable of dealing with the problem of sin. The Sadducees had turned the observance of the day intended for rest and worship into a legalistic ritual. Although sometimes well-intentioned, nothing about their approach to Judaism resembled Christ, and therefore nor could it be pleasing to God, the Father. “You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” Mark 7:8 NRSV

Because the Sadducees were often more concerned with politics than religion, they ignored Jesus until they began to fear He might bring unwanted Roman attention and upset their comfortable status quo. It was at that point that the Sadducees and Pharisees set aside their differences, united, and conspired to put Christ to death. “If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation.” John 11:48 NRSV

Where are they now?

The Sadducees as a group ceased to exist after the destruction of Jerusalem, but the Pharisees' legacy lived on. In fact, the Pharisees were responsible for the compilation of the Mishnah, which then expanded into the Talmud - a primary source of Jewish religious law and theology. In this way the Pharisees laid the groundwork for modern-day Rabbinic Judaism.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER - OCTOBER 15

Rise Against Hunger is Sunday, October 15. We will have one service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, the packing event starts at 11:00 in the Crossroads Center. Sign up to help!



Happening This Month

Stateline Orchestra's "The Suite and The Incomplete"

Plan on joining Stateline Orchestra on Sunday, October 8 at 3:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Center for suite and incomplete music! A concert of about an hour with music by Saint Saens, Dvorak, Mendelssohn and Schubert. This will be a free concert with donations accepted.

Pineville Neighbors Place Potato Drop

On Saturday, October 14 from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the parking lot at Carolina Place Mall, join our friends at Pineville Neighbors Place to bag 40,000 pounds of potatoes!

Sign up: dash.pointapp.org/events/89414

Welcome to Pineville - Sunday, October 29

Interested in learning more about Pineville United Methodist Church? Held in months with a fifth Sunday, join Pastor Mark and other church leaders in the Fellowship Building after the 11:00 a.m. worship service for an introduction to the mission and ministry of Pineville United Methodist Church and how you can get involved.

Register online: pinevilleumc.org/get-connected

Upcoming Mission Opportunities

Pineville Fall Festival on October 19-22

Our Church will host a tent at Pineville Fall Festival again this year to offer families a clean, safe and private place to change diapers and/or nurse children. It's a wonderful way to be out in our community serving families. This year, the festival is also a celebration of Pineville's 150th birthday and will include arts, crafts, music, rides and food.



The festival is held at Jack D Hughes Park at 513 Main Street on Thursday, October 19 from 6:00-10:00 p.m., October 20 from 6:00-10:00 p.m., and October 21 from 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. We will need smiling, friendly faces to work our booth in 2-hour increments throughout the event as well as to help set-up on Thursday and clean-up on Saturday night. Please know that parking may be remote depending on crowd and there may be a significant walk sometimes on unpaved surfaces to reach our tent so consider this before signing up. Contact Kelly Chiseck at kchiseck@pinevilleumc.org for more information.

International Mission Trip Spring 2024

Are you interested in being part of an international mission trip to Central America in Spring 2024? We're gauging interest for a possible trip with Living Water International (water.cc), an incredible organization committed to providing safe drinking water and hygiene clinics in developing countries in conjunction with sharing the word and love of Jesus Christ. If you are interested in learning more or contributing to the planning process, please contact the church office at (704) 889-2022 or Jeff Mills at jeff@millsandrea.com or Paul Claiborne at pclaiborne2@gmail.com.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

Prayer Ministry List for Healing: Dallas Wall; Patsy Payne; Brian Naylis; Harry Dwyer; Stoo Potts; Everest Nykel and parents Shelby and Adam Nykel; Teresa Feola; David Morrison; Gary; Thomas Cassidy; Dr. John Byer; Genovia Ragin; Betty Lemon; George Harmon; Larry Warren; Sharon Baucom; Mary Hawkins; Ken Walker; Denise Mills; Tara Murray; Dot Phillips; Bill McGough; Saretta Burns; Martha Turner; Sharon Truesdale; Mary Ann Rippy; Nicole Rippy; David Bennett; Mary Jo Alms; Dani Morton; Charles and Sharon Gaskins; Robert Quick; Hannah Claire Calbreath; Lisa Johnston; Janice Walker and family; Carolyn Harris; Donna Threewitt; Amanda DeHeaven; Mike Kish; Sara Collins; Peter Hodes; Chris Harmon; Toi Warren.

On Going Concerns: Gene Pharr; Jeanne Long; Brittany Alden and parents Holt and Mary Alice Poling; Larry Gunter; Vito Banci; John Hopkins; Joann Parris; Dwight Keller; Marietta Young; Nancy Nyilyk; Sue Weed; Bob Nark; Carl Weatherman; Toni Marquette; Joe Thompson; Barbara Anderson; John Rea; Teddy Quimet; George House; Glennette Ranson; Glen Walker; Ray Phillips; Christel Short; Sharlene Adams; John Racey; Larry Wadsworth; Allen Morris; Gary Short; Lisa Akers; Dr. Bill James; Doris McClee; Bill Hawkins; Mike House; Jackie; LaVon Sigmon; Les Haga; Wyamon Price; Joyce Hunter; Mark Decker; Flor Quesada; Allie Gullede; 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.



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KEY DATES

- 10/4 - Golden Pines
- 10/8 - Stateline Orchestra Concert
- 10/14 - Pineville Neighbors Place Potato Drop
- 10/15 - Rise Against Hunger
- 10/18 - Golden Pines Hendersonville Trip
- 10/19-21 - Pineville Fall Festival
- 10/22 - Laity Sunday
- 10/24 - United Methodist Women
- 10/29 - Welcome to Pineville

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- Andrea Giangiorgi 10/1
- Al Beauvais 10/2
- Lisa Thomas 10/2
- Tommy Miller 10/3
- Stoo Potts 10/3
- Linda LaRue 10/3
- Angela Owens 10/3
- Randi Smith 10/3
- Casey Harris 10/4
- Joann Parris 10/4
- Pat Claiborne 10/4
- Jordan Ratchford 10/4
- Sandy Lindsey 10/5
- Bobby Bass 10/5
- Millicent Francis 10/6
- Kelly Price 10/6
- Frank Nelson 10/7
- Ron Cordero 10/7
- Olivia Bioletti 10/7
- Nancy Yawn-Luss 10/9
- Steve Jankowski 10/10
- Barbara Maphis 10/10
- Jessica Raver 10/10
- Larry Young 10/11

- Serenity Snyder 10/11
- Gabbie Dyar 10/11
- Ray Phillips 10/12
- Brandy Kressner 10/12
- Gloria Allcorn 10/13
- Carol Walker 10/14
- Jan Jankowski 10/14
- Naomi Richardson 10/14
- Mary Quick 10/14
- Ada Mlincek 10/16
- Reilly Vaughn 10/17
- Sherri Smith 10/18
- Lee Childers 10/18
- Jeffrey Long 10/18
- Julie Ebert 10/18
- Emily Townsend 10/18
- Tom Herin 10/19
- Elaine Treece 10/19
- Jason Mills 10/19
- Isabel Chiseck 10/19
- Rita Randolph 10/20
- Rebecca Tanner 10/20
- Marion Wright 10/21
- Crista Coffman 10/21

- Sherri Read 10/21
- Gillian Kaminski 10/22
- Gene Pharr 10/23
- Charlotte Ashman 10/23
- Jamie Hatmaker 10/24
- Michelle McElhany 10/24
- Judy Phillips 10/25
- Susan Rose 10/25
- Joe Rea 10/25
- Julius Richardson 10/25
- Sophia Parris-Garcia 10/25
- Noah Walker 10/25
- John Meeks 10/26
- Gail Hubbard 10/26
- Vivian Forehand 10/26
- Mark Gafney 10/28
- Wilson Owens 10/29
- John Wilson 10/30
- Melanie Smith 10/30
- Will Hatmaker 10/30
- Dawn Childers 10/31
- Paul Soderlund 10/31

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