



**PINEVILLE UMC**  
Rooted in Christ and Community



**DECEMBER 3, 2023**

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**9:00 & 11:00 WORSHIP**

Prelude		Sonnie Kale
Greeting		Pastor Mark
Lighting of the Advent Candle		Stacy Hodes (9) Teresa Feola (11)
Hymn	Of The Father's Love	#184 (1,2,3)
Affirmation of Faith (9)		#881
Scripture	Isaiah 64:1-9	Pastor Jessica (9) Paul Claiborne (11)
Prayer		Pastor Jessica
Offering	Every Valley	Choir (9) Sonnie Kale (11)

Doxology (9)		#95
Scripture	Mark 13:24-37	Pastor Mark
Sermon	God is Willing to Go into the Dark Places	
Holy Communion		
Hymn	In The Bleak Midwinter	#221
Benediction		Pastor Mark
Postlude		Sonnie Kale

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**Flowers**

The flowers on the altar this week were donated by Robert and Mary Nark in memory of Sharon and Holger.

**Children's Church**

\*Mrs. Kelly will escort children to Children's Church every week at the 9:00 a.m. service and every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

# Welcome!

Welcome to this celebration of worship! We are glad you are here. Here at PUMC, we practice Jesus' call to love our neighbors.



Please sign in on the attendance pads and wear a name tag so we can better connect with each person here.



If it is your first time joining us, we hope you will leave us an address, email, and phone number so that we can connect you with more information about our church.



The tables in the worship area are for children and their families and have activities so that the children might engage in worship with the whole church family. We know children can be wiggly and noisy; both are welcome here!



Hearing devices are available at the soundboard.



## **NEW SERMON SERIES: GOD IS WILLING**

Our God is willing. Never doubt. If there is one aspect of God's character that is made abundantly clear throughout the salvation story revealed in scripture, God's consistent nature shows a willingness to make the impossible possible for you and me. Our journey during this season of Advent, this season of anticipation, is one in which we remember the God who is willing to call us beloved, by the miracle of becoming one of us.

# **THE SEASON OF ADVENT**

## **Advent Bible Study on Sundays**

On Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, join Pastor Mark for an Advent study - *An Unlikely Advent: Extraordinary People of the Christmas Story*. Rachel Billups invites us to encounter the unexpected events of that first Christmas along with the most unexpected, overlooked people.

## **Youth Christmas Events**

- December 10, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.: Christmas Caroling at the Dorchester and then meet back at the church at 6:00 p.m. for a Christmas party of our own with a white elephant Christmas gift.
- December 24, 7:00 p.m. - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service.

Questions? Contact Marissa Ruland at [mruland@pinevilleumc.org](mailto:mruland@pinevilleumc.org).

## **Parents' Night Out on Saturday, December 16**

Children and Family Ministries are sponsoring a parents' night out on Saturday, December 16 in the children's rooms in the Crossroads Center from 6:00-10:00 p.m. Families are invited to drop off children for any or all of the evening for special activities, ornament making, games, songs and snacks. Questions? Contact Kelly Chiseck at [kchiseck@pinevilleumc.org](mailto:kchiseck@pinevilleumc.org)

## **Christmas Family Night on Sunday, December 17**

Join our church family in a time of joyous fellowship and celebration at our Christmas Family Night. Covered dish dinner begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by entertainment at 7:30 p.m. The meat will be provided. Please bring a salad, side, or dessert to share!

## **Staff Christmas Gift**

As we move into the holiday season and begin shopping for gifts, we shouldn't forget our WONDERFUL church staff! The Staff Parish Relations Committee is collecting cash/check/online donations to Staff Gifts until Sunday, December 17. Please be sure to note "Staff Gifts" on your envelope/check or by selecting Staff Gifts fund online. Questions? Contact Paul Claiborne at [pclaiborne2@gmail.com](mailto:pclaiborne2@gmail.com).

# **ROOTED IN CHRIST AND COMMUNITY**

## **Golden Pines on December 6**

Our December Golden Pines luncheon will be on Wednesday, December 6 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Building. Our entertainment will be The Envoys, a Christian singing group. Please come for an uplifting time of music where Christ is exalted and focus on the artist is secondary. Please bring a dessert to share. To make your reservation, call the church at (704) 889.2022.

## **International Mission in April 2024**

A trip is being planned to Honduras with Living Water International to provide clean water for a community in need. This will be our third trip with Living Water, and promises to be a life changing experience. Dates of the trip are April 21-27, 2024. Questions? Contact Jeff Mills (jeffm@hoopaughgrading.com) or Paul Claiborne (pclaiborne2@gmail.com).

## **Tutors for Pineville Elementary School**

Support Pineville elementary students with just 1 hour per week. Sign up at [heartmathtutoring.org](http://heartmathtutoring.org). Heart provides a fun, game-based curriculum and a program coordinator onsite to ensure you and your student are successful. Pineville Elementary needs 10 more tutors to pair each nominated student with a weekly tutor.

# **PRAYERS**

**NEW PRAYERS:** Oliver Davis (Janice Walker's sister); Sam Whaley (Michelle Babin's friend); Vicky Mulhearn (Stephanie Calbreath's step mother); Bruce Heldman; Danielle Adams (Debbie and Mark Gafney's daughter); David Mattern; Sharlene Adams; Theresa Parris-Garcia; Jimmy Carter.

Share a prayer request by calling or emailing the church office.

# MONTHLY ATTENDANCE & GIVING

## November Attendance

DATE	9	11	WEB	TOTAL
11/5	54*	56	15	125
11/12	46	78	16	140
11/19	42	71	16	129
11/26	38	61	20	119

\*Including Dorchester Worship

## October Offering\*

Budget Needed	\$44,679.75
Budget Received	\$34,155.42
Difference	(\$10,524.33)
Memorials	\$625.00
Caring and Sharing	\$435.00
Stephen Ministries	\$2,938.37
Total Funds Received	\$38,153.79

\*November financials will be available in the 12/10 bulletin.

## December Love Offering

The love offering for the month of December supports “Gift for Christ” Sunday, December 17, will be the day of observance, but you may contribute this special gift at any other time this month. The gift will signify that in the midst of giving to everyone else in your family and in your life, you did not leave Jesus out. Please make checks out to Pineville UMC.

## **HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS**

### **Sunday, December 3**

9:00 a.m. | Worship Service | Sanctuary  
9:45 a.m. | Journey Sunday School | Hybrid (online and room 105)  
10:00 a.m. | Sunday School | Multiple Locations  
11:00 a.m. | Worship Service | Crossroads Center  
3:30 p.m. | Crochet & Knitting Group | Crossroads Center Room 6  
6:00 p.m. | Youth | Crossroads Center

### **Monday, December 4**

11:00 a.m. | Prayer Group | Stacy Hall

### **Tuesday, December 5**

9:30 a.m. | English as a Second Language (ESL) Class | Crossroads Center

### **Wednesday, December 6**

11:00 a.m. | Golden Pines | Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. | Praise Band Rehearsal | Crossroads Center

### **Sunday, December 10**

9:00 a.m. | Worship Service | Sanctuary  
9:45 a.m. | Journey Sunday School | Hybrid (online and room 105)  
10:00 a.m. | Sunday School | Multiple Locations  
11:00 a.m. | Worship Service | Crossroads Center  
3:30 p.m. | Crochet & Knitting Group | Crossroads Center Room 6  
6:00 p.m. | Youth Christmas Party | Crossroads Center

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