



PINEVILLE UMC

Rooted in Christ and Community

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Life with Friends



NEW SERMON SERIES: LIFE WITH FRIENDS

Why does it seem more difficult to make friends these days? Connecting with people just seems more challenging. Global pandemics, social media, ideological differences...these might explain some of the reasons. Perhaps we need a relationship refresher. This January let's go back to the basics of friendship. Together we will examine stories from the Bible about how God works through strangers becoming friends. Along the way, we might just rediscover what civility and friendship can look like in a sometimes-uncivilized world. We hope you will join us!

9:00 & 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Prelude		Diane Carrouth
Greeting		Pastor Mark
Hymn	All Creatures of Our God and King	#62
Affirmation of Faith (9)		#881
Scripture	Isaiah 56:1-8	Pastor Jessica (9) Paul Claiborne (11)
Call to Prayer (9)	Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus	Choir
Prayer		Pastor Jessica
Offering	Down to the River to Pray	Choir (9)
	You Say	Ashley Bolick, Siánneth Sánchez Michael Sloan, piano (11)
Doxology (9)		#95

Scripture	Acts 8: 26-40	Pastor Mark
Sermon	An Everlasting Name That Shall Not Be Cut Off	
Hymn	Grace Greater Than Our Sin	#365
Benediction		Pastor Mark
	God Be With You 'til	
Response (9)	We Meet Again	Choir
Postlude		Diane Carrouth

Flowers

The flowers on the altar this week were donated by Mark and Debbie Gafney in memory of their daughter Deborah Morales.

PRAYERS

NEW PRAYERS: Linda Harris (Gregory Pogue's sister); Darlis Gross; Sonnie Kale; Juanita (Allie Power's friend); Amy (Allie Power's friend); Brian Naylis; Theresa Parris-Garcia; Jimmy Carter.

PRAYERS FOR COMFORT: Jason Philbin and his family on the death of their son (Rob Rose's friend); the family of Robert Fryer (Debbie and Mark Gafney's uncle) and the family of Abigail Torres Santiago (Aubrey and Joshua Morales' grandmother).

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

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Save the Date: Ash Wednesday is Feb. 14

Join us for worship and the imposition of ashes at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter.



Lead Worship and Preach at the Dorchester

On the first Sunday of every month, Pineville UMC offers worship and Holy Communion for the residents at the Dorchester. Join the rotation of leaders for this special community service by contacting Pastor Jessica at jedwards@pinevilleumc.org



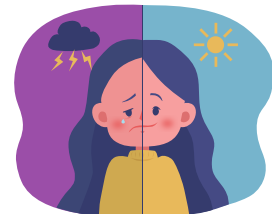
Baby Shower for the Sloans on Feb. 11

Join us to help celebrate and prepare with Mike and Leslie Sloan for their new baby boy! The Churchwide baby shower will be Sunday, February 11 at 3:00 p.m. in the Crossroads Center. They are registered at Amazon - Search for Michael and Leslie Sloan at amazon.com/baby-reg.



Youth Mental Health Workshop TODAY!

Myers Park UMC and Myers Park Presbyterian have teamed up to offer an amazing Mental Health Workshop, and we have been invited! This workshop will be held in both churches on January 21 at 4:00 p.m.



Pack Backpacks on February 4

Volunteers are needed on February 4 between services in the gathering area of the Crossroads Center to pack another round of weekend food bags for our neighborhood children at Pineville Elementary.



Farewell to Melissa McGill

Our Director of Communications Melissa McGill has accepted a full-time position with United Methodist Communications. Her last day will be January 31. She says: "My time here has been a joy, working with this amazing staff and wonderful church family. God is certainly at work here and I'm so grateful I was able to be part of it for a season." The Staff Parish Relations team will be posting this position announcement and reviewing applicants in the coming weeks.

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE & GIVING

December Attendance

DATE	9	11	WEB	TOTAL
12/3	40*	64	24	128
12/10	34	67	22	123
12/17	36	67	32	135
12/24**	94*	139	29	262
12/31	-	61	29	90

December Offering

Budget Needed	\$44,679.75
Budget Received	\$49,866.27
Difference	\$5,186.52
Memorials	\$125.00
Gifts for Christ	\$1,495.00
Other Non-Budgeted Giving	\$5,489.00
Total Funds Received	\$7,109.00

*Includes Dorchester

**On 12/24, worship times were 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

January Love Offering

The Love Offering for January supports the PUMC Backpack Ministry which provides weekend meals for children in Pineville.

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

Sunday, January 21

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
12:30 p.m. | SPRC Meeting | Stacy Hall
3:30 p.m. | Crochet & Knitting Group | Crossroads Center Room 6
4:00 p.m. | Youth Mental Health Workshop Myers Park UMC

Monday, January 22

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

Tuesday, January 23

9:30 a.m. | English as a Second Language (ESL) Class | Crossroads Center
10:30 a.m. | United Women in Faith | Fellowship Building
7:00 p.m. | Stateline Community Orchestra Rehearsal | Crossroads Center

Wednesday, January 24

6:30 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room
7:00 p.m. | Praise Band Rehearsal | Crossroads Center

Friday, January 26

4:30 p.m. | Youth Depart for Winter Retreat | Parking Lot

Sunday, January 28

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
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