



PINEVILLE UMC

Rooted in Christ and Community

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Life with Friends



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	Jesus, United By Thy Grace	#561 (1,2,5,6)
Affirmation of Faith (9)		#881
Scripture	1 Samuel 20:1-11	Pastor Jessica (9) Michelle Babin (11)
Call to Prayer (9)	Into My Heart	Choir
Prayer		Pastor Jessica
Offering	Be Still And Know	Choir (9) Faith Walker and Sarah Willis (11)
Doxology (9)		#95
Scripture	1 Samuel 20:35-42	Pastor Mark
Sermon	Closer Than a Brother	
Hymn	Help Us Accept Each Other	#560
Benediction		Pastor Mark
Response (9)	God Be With You 'til We Meet Again	Choir
Postlude		Diane Carrouth

PRAYERS

NEW PRAYERS: Max Treece; Theresa Parris-Garcia; Joann Parris; Brian Naylis; Jimmy Carter.

PRAYERS FOR COMFORT: The family of John Summers (Stacy Hodes' father); 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.

Flowers

The flowers on the altar this week were donated by Sairy and Julius Richardson in honor of Ileana Richardson's 3rd birthday.

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Save the Date: Churchwide

Leadership Retreat on Feb.16-17

On Friday, February 16 and Saturday, February 17, we will have our annual churchwide leadership retreat. Please make plans to attend.



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.



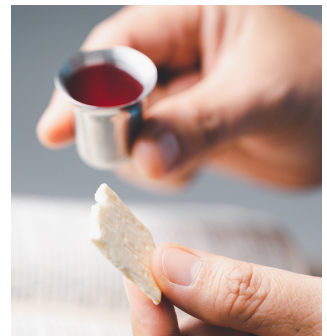
Baby Shower for the Sloans on Feb. 11

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](https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg).



**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



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.



Golden Pines on February 7

Our February Golden Pines will be on Wednesday, February 7 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Building. Our entertainment will be the Carolina Copycats featuring 20 singers and dancers. Please come join us for a fun time and good food and fellowship. If you haven't made your reservation, please call the church office at (704) 889-2022. We will look forward to seeing you!

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 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
3:30 p.m. | Crochet & Knitting Group | Crossroads Center Room 6
4:00 p.m. | Youth Return from Winter Retreat | Parking Lot

Monday, January 29

10:30 a.m. | Learn and Play Spanish | Crossroads Center
11:00 a.m. | Prayer Group | Stacy Hall
11:30 a.m. | Adult Spanish Lessons | Crossroads Center

Tuesday, January 30

9:30 a.m. | English as a Second Language (ESL) Class | Crossroads Center
7:00 p.m. | Stateline Community Orchestra Rehearsal | Crossroads Center

Wednesday, January 31

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

Sunday, February 4

9:00 a.m. | Worship Service | Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. | Journey Sunday School | Hybrid (online and room 105)
11:00 a.m. | Pack Backpacks | Gathering Area
10:00 a.m. | Sunday School | Multiple Locations
11:00 a.m. | Worship Service | Crossroads Center
12:15 p.m. | Outreach Meeting | Fellowship Building
3:30 p.m. | Crochet & Knitting Group | Crossroads Center Room 6
6:00 p.m. | Youth | Crossroads Center

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