



NOVEMBER SCRIPTURES

November 5

All Saints Sunday, Communion, Choir
(daylight savings time ends)
Scripture: Joshua 3:7-17
Message: Those Who Got Their Feet Wet

November 12

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Message: Decision Time

November 19

24th Sunday after Pentecost,
Communion,
Choir, Blessing of OCC Shoeboxes
Guest Preacher: Rev. Rick Ormsby

November 26

Christ the King Sunday
Scripture: Psalm 100; Matthew 25:31-40
Message: Bountiful Table



HANGING OF THE GREENS

We will be decorating the church on November 26th following service. Please plan on staying to help get the Sanctuary ready for the seasons of Advent and Christmas.



Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

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TIME CHANGE



Sunday

November 5, 2017
at 2am



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Pine Chips

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Pastor Carolyn's Conundrums:

Did you hear about the man who found the devil's seed barn? It's where the devil keeps the seeds he sows in the hearts and lives of human beings. The man noticed there was a super abundance of one kind of seed. It was the seed of discouragement. When he asked the devil why he had so many of those, the devil said, "Well, if I can sow discouragement into a person's life, then I can get almost anything else I want into his life. The seeds of discouragement will sprout almost anywhere except in the heart of a grateful person." (Adrian Rogers, "What To Do When You Don't Feel Thankful")

One of the things I like about this time of year is that we are pointed, more intentionally, in the direction of being Thankful. We get easily distracted and begin to concentrate on all the things that need to get done for this day or the days ahead. Even on Thanksgiving we get distracted: preparing the meal, getting ready for family to come over or traveling, clean up, football, shopping... So many things take away from what is truly important.

We have continued with an initiative here at PIUMC to be more intentional on seeing, hearing, knowing God is with us and involved in our lives. You may have been at meetings, Bible studies, Sunday School or worship and heard a version of this question: How have you experienced God recently?

The more we are intentional about recognizing God in our lives, the more likely we are to be thankful. The more thankful we are, the more likely we are to share our experience. The more we share our experience, the more others recognize God at work in their own lives/or the need to have God in their lives and the more thankful they become ...

Seeds of discouragement cannot grow in a grateful heart.

How have you experienced God recently?

Cluster Church Conference December 10, 4 pm at First United Methodist Church in Red Wing .

Due to lack of attendance we will not be having the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service this year.

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UNIDOS EN CRISTO



Pastors Carolyn and Rick invite adults to participate in the Unidos en Cristo (United In Christ) weekend experience. Offered three times a year, the next opportunity is November 9-12 (men) and November 16-19 (women) at Evangel United Methodist Church in Rochester. Those attending have sponsors who provide transportation and donate registration fees. Those who have attended include: Donna Beckman, Margie Berg, Wade Bluemer, Mary Bluemer, Jo Canniff, Marilyn Collins, Chris Dietz, Cheryl Finnegan, Bonnie Kundert, Rachel Lange, Vicky Mancilman, Greg Nordstrom, Lynda Jo Nordstrom, Rick Ormsby, Michala Sinning, Al Trelstad, Nancy Trelstad, and Carolyn Westlake. Please speak to them about their weekend.

Sometimes called "an experience in Christian Living," UEC is designed to strengthen and renew faith and bring Christians to a new and more alive awareness of living in God's grace. Many will say "transformation" happens in a weekend; most find growth in faith, nearness to God.

EDUCATION NEWS



Operation Christmas Child: Packing of the boxes November 12th. Blessing of the boxes in church on Sunday, November 19th. Boxes will be donated following the Blessing.



Sunday School Classes will be helping to light the **Advent candles** each Sunday of Advent.

Dec. 3rd - PreK-3rd Grade class

Dec. 10th - 4th - 6th Grade class

Dec. 17th - 7th - 12th Grade class

Dec. 24th - Adult Sunday School class



Sunday School Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 17th at the 9:00 a.m. Church Service. Fellowship will be provided that day by Education Committee with cupcakes in celebration of Jesus.

Sunday School Program Practice dates: Dec. 3rd & 10th during Sunday School, and Wednesday, Dec. 13th, 6:30 - 7:00pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Christmas Eve Services will be held at **4 PM and 11 PM**. If you would be interested in reading Scripture or providing special music, please contact Pastor Carolyn by December 15, and let her know what you would like to do and for which service.

SPECIAL OFFERING

Any undesignated Thanksgiving offerings will go toward UMCOR, Food for Friends, and Apportionments.

Any undesignated Christmas offerings will go toward OC Ministries, Food Shelves, and Apportionments.

POINTSETTIA ORDER \$14 EACH



Your Name (Please Print All Names)

(CHECK ONE)

Name of Loved One (s)	Honor	Memory	Total



With Advent quickly approaching, it is time to order our Poinsettias.
Please have your order into the church office on or before November 15, 2017.



I want to thank all of you so much for taking the time to send cards and well wishes when I was in the hospital and at home during my recovery. I want to especially thank Pastor Carolyn for her visits and prayers. It made such a difference in my day.
 Thanks again. Carl Imhoff



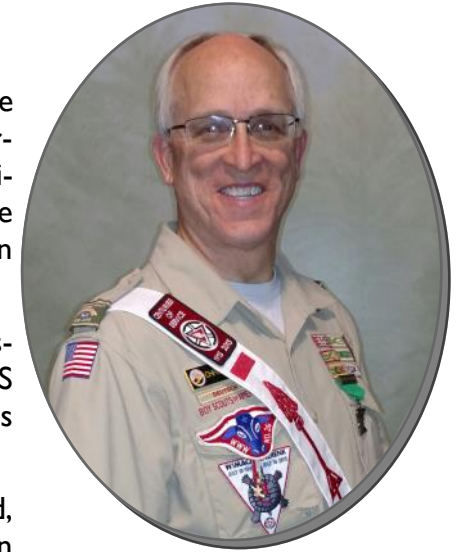
Remember to change your clocks back before you go to bed on November 4th so you won't be late for church.



November 12 11:30am at Trailhead Grill
 December 10 11:30am at Hubbell House

SEPTEMBER FINANCE: Monthly income: \$ 15,558 Monthly Expenses: \$11,121
 Giving has increased, attendance is holding steady.

CHRIS DIETZ



Chris Dietz is a fourth-generation resident of Pine Island who loves the town and has been active in the community all his life. His journey of service began as a Cub Scout and continues to the present day. He appreciates the guidance and assistance he received growing up in Pine Island. He said, "It has made me who I am today. Being a Boy Scout was a lot of fun and I believe it instilled in me a moral compass that I still use daily."

Chris earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 1970. When he served in Augsburg, Germany, Chris became a scout leader with a troop of boys of US Army families. He has been an Assistant Scoutmaster with Pine Island's Boy Scout Troop 69 for nearly 30 years.

He has seen a change in the youth population over the years. He said, "Kids are busier than ever before. They seem to have very little down time or free time. They don't get outdoors enough."

After graduation from Pine Island High School and two years at the University of Minnesota, Chris served as a Code Breaker and Electronic Warfare Specialist for the Army. His work was Top Secret and the results were often reported directly to President Jimmy Carter.

"When I came back from the army," he said, "I had a bicycle accident and was hospitalized. I saw the difference that nurses made in the care of patients and decided to go to nursing school." He met and married Joanne Judge-Dietz, who was a classmate. She now works as a public health nurse in Olmsted County. They have one daughter, Meredith, who is a Spanish teacher in Littleton, Colorado.

He went from float nurse, working in whatever department he was needed, to Associate Director of the Mayo Clinic Nurse Anesthesia Graduate Program. He loves anesthesia because, "I'm helping somebody every day. I get to keep people alive while they have their surgical procedure. It is incredibly rewarding work."

Chris served at this position for 17 years until he retired in 2014. He still works part time at the Mayo Clinic. Today, Chris's community service activities include addressing Middle School social studies classes about military service during peacetime and giving Main Street history tours to all the third grade students. He is a member of Pine Area People for the Arts (PAPA), a City of PI Commissioner of the Heritage Preservation Committee, treasurer and former president of the PI Area Historical Society. He has served on many committees at PIUMC where his favorite job is ringing the bell. Chris is also on the Board of Directors of the PI Academics, Arts and Athletics Association. This foundation funds activities above and beyond what the school can afford.

Chris is an avid collector of Boy Scout items, ties for every occasion and topic, Hummel figurines and paintings and stuffed toys of blue poison dart frogs. In the wild, these frogs the size of your little fingernail produce the poison curare which is used in anesthesia to relax muscles.

Chris is proud of living in Pine Island because people are concerned about and supportive of the schools and dedicated to helping kids succeed. Chris said, "People help each other. Everyone has some skill, talent or gift they can use to make life better for others. I'm not sure you can see that in larger cities. People smile at each other on the street. It's a happy place to live. I love living here."



November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 Comunion Sunday 9am Sunday Worship /Choir 10:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:15am Fellowship & SS	6 NS 6pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship	7 7pm Trustee Meeting	8 9am Better Brew 11:30am Rotary 6pm Meal & Children's Worship 6:30pm Creed Study	9 11:30am Ministerial	10 6pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship	11 9am PC in Mankato 2pm Service at Pine Haven
12 9am Sunday Worship 10:15am Fellowship & SS 10:30am Choir Rehearsal 11:30am Lunch Bunch at Trailhead Grill	13 7pm Boy Scouts	14 6pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship	15 9am Better Brew 11:30am Rotary 6pm Meal & Children's Worship 6:30pm Creed Study	16 PC at Walk to Emmaus 6pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship	17 PC at Walk to Emmaus	18 PC at Walk to Emmaus LOVE project sharing day
19 PC at Walk to Emmaus Comunion Sunday Blessing of Boxes 9am Sunday Worship /Choir 10:15am Fellowship & SS 10:30am Choir Rehearsal	20 6pm Lions in Fellowship 6pm Girl Scouts in Heritage	21 6pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship 7pm Finance	22 9am Better Brew 11:30am Rotary	23 NS OFFICE CLOSED 	24 NS	25
26 9am Sunday Worship /Choir 10:15am Fellowship & SS 10:30am Choir Rehearsal Hanging of the Greens	27 7pm Council	28	29 9am Better Brew 11:30am Rotary 6pm Meal & Children's Worship 6:30pm Creed Study	30 	PC = Pastor Carolyn PH = Pine Haven NS = No School BB = Better Brew SS = Sunday School Cluster Church Conference December 10, 4 pm at First United Methodist Church in Red Wing .	4 10am Jamaica Team Meeting Set your clocks back before bed.

MISSIONS

November Mission Box focus is the Christmas **LOVE Project** (Lots of Volunteer Effort).



Our church will continue to coordinate for the PI Christmas LOVE project as we have for over 35 years! Instead of monetary donations - we would like members to again pledge their time for this rewarding project.

It was so refreshing to have so many individuals and groups working together to make this a success in 2016! Please consider doing the same task or perhaps trying a new task this year!

Lots of Volunteer Effort (as the name states) will be needed to continue this great tradition. Please consider taking one of the tasks listed below. Joni Brooks, Renee Richter and other Mission Committee members will be available to assist volunteers. We would love to have two people willing to work as a team on each task - many of which would only take a couple of hours. Both adults and youth are welcome and appreciated! Some tasks need to be done on a set date - others can be accomplished on your schedule!

Please take a look and see where you could be involved. You will be making a holiday much happier for Pine Island children and their families!

Tasks and Timetables:

November Tasks

N-1. November 18: Pick up family information and toys from Red Wing. Return to church where we will sort and label toys for individual children.

N-2. November 18-19: Call families to confirm contact information and children's clothing sizes. Send out cards with delivery instructions.

N-3. November 19-21: Prepare a list of children with sizes to deliver to St. Paul's Lutheran Church (they supply an outfit for each child)! A second list will go to Nancy Kent who has generously volunteered to knit mittens and hats for children!

N-4. Correspondence: Contact community groups who regularly donate to this LOVE project, and later send thank you notes.

December Tasks:

D-1. Determine amount of food needed for family members and order food at local grocery store. Order meat certificates from local merchants. Pick up boxes from grocer.

D-2. Pick up toothbrushes from local dentist and other sort into family groups.

D-3. Shop for other toiletries with funds from PI United Fund.

D-3. December 15: Pick up food from grocery store and sort into family groups.

D-4. December 15: Purchase baskets (containers) and wrap for fruit baskets.

D-5. December 15: Arrange fruit basket for each family.

D-5. December 15: 3- 6pm: Organize community and 4-H members as they sort groceries/toys/toiletries at our church.

D-6. December 15: 3-6pm: Sort groceries/toys/toiletries for families.

D-7. December 15: 5pm: Organize Snacks/pizza for volunteers

D-8. December 16: Don your Santa hat to hand out and deliver Christmas gifts to appreciative families!

We will also need donations of gloves for teen age boys, wrapping paper and tape. Families responded positively to wrapping their children's gifts last year as they were able to see what their children are receiving for gifts. Please contact Joni Brooks at Jkbrooks76@gmail.com or sign up on the Mission Poster with your contact information to volunteer.

PINE ISLAND SHARING SHELF: November is Soup or Stew Month.