



"The Mission of Pine Shores Presbyterian Church is to encourage, equip and empower each other to serve the needs of a hurting and broken world by sharing the hope and joy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed."

Resurrection is Teamwork!



Dear Pine Shores family,

One of the great joys of ministry is welcoming new companions to the journey. This month, I am thrilled to introduce **Toni Bisesi**, our new Church Business Administrator. Toni comes to us with a strong background

in management and financial administration, but what has impressed me even more is how quickly her warmth and steady spirit have woven into the fabric of our staff. Toni is the proud mother of two wonderful children, and she is eager to get to know you and to collaborate with our ministry teams. I have no doubt that her gifts will enrich our ministry and mission.

As we welcome Toni, we also pause to thank Sandy Mosher, who has served faithfully for many years and has recently served as our Transitional Financial and Membership staff person. Sandy shepherded our accounts, records, and reports with patience and diligence, and then guided Toni through a seamless hand-off. Sandy, your steady presence has blessed this congregation more than we can say.

This year's Lent and Easter celebrations were nothing short of inspiring, and that is because so many of you gave your hearts and hands. From those who arrived in the pre-dawn darkness at the beach for the sunrise service, to musicians who rehearsed many times, to greeters who welcomed neighbors with smiles and bulletins, to staff and congregants doing pre-planning, indeed to each role you all played to make this season come together - each of you helped proclaim the good news. Ushers guided worshipers, communion servers shared bread and cup, children

and adults transformed a rough wooden cross into a living testimony, and volunteers swept floral trimmings from the sanctuary floor before anyone noticed. You have shown me that **resurrection is teamwork**. Every act, seen and unseen, reminds us that we are all entrusted with this ministry of hospitality, beauty, and hope. I am deeply grateful.

A special note of gratitude goes to our Scouts, who designed and built the three sturdy crosses that anchored our Flowering of the Cross. Your craftsmanship gave us a focal point for praise, and your willingness to serve as well for the Easter Egg Hunt preached a sermon of its own. Thank you for offering your skills and time to the glory of God.

Easter morning is behind us, yet the Easter **season** continues. The risen Christ still walks our beaches and hallways, nudging us to ask: *Where might new life break forth next?* In May, I invite you to explore that question together. Perhaps God is calling you to revive a dormant passion, start a small group, visit a neighbor, or champion a new project that has been waiting for your "yes." I challenge each of us to spend this month praying, watching, and imagining - because resurrection possibilities often begin with a single, Spirit-sparked idea.

Friends, thank you for being a congregation and community that shows up before sunrise and stays until every note of grace has been sung. Thank you for welcoming new leaders, honoring faithful servants, and embodying the living hope of Jesus. I cannot wait to see where the Spirit leads us next.

With Easter joy,

Rev. Alex Evangelista

Lunch Bunch Ladies

(Lunch for Women without Partners)

The Lunch Bunch will continue meeting at Skillet's Restaurant every month. We have a private room which facilitates good communication.

Come join us for lunch!

Friday, May 9th at 11:30 a.m.

Skillet's (Oak Plaza)

8635 S. Tamiami Trail #4, Sarasota, FL

To RSVP, call Gail Kevenk at 941-271-1874

Butterflies Lunch/Meeting

Tuesday, May 13th, 11:30 a.m.

On Peggy's Porch

If you'd like Corkscrew's Tuesday turkey special or a salad let me know. I'll order and pick up.

RSVP – Peggy at 941-504-5757 phone or text.

In Betweeners!

Change of time! Change of place.

Not 8:30 at Phillippi Estate.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 17th 11:00 a.m. at Skillet's, 8635 S. Tamiami Trail #4 (Oak Plaza). This is a Breakfast, Brunch, Lunch Restaurant so you'll have lots of choices.

The Blessing Box didn't make it into our April dinner at Dutch Valley, but it will be present at Skillet's.

RSVP by Wednesday, May 14th to Sue Preece (941-350-2666)

Treasurer's Report

Year to Date as of March 31, 2025

Income

Congregation Support	\$ 92,053
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Rental Income & Grants	\$ 76,970
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Bequest & Gifts	\$ 430
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Total Income	\$ 169,453
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Expenses	\$ 138,912
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Net Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 30,541
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Adult Education

Adult Education Series

Faith & Immigration

Join Rev. Alex Evangelista for an exploration of immigration through the lenses of Scripture and history, concluding with a look at today's realities.

May 11 "Immigration in the New Testament"

May 18 "Immigration History in the USA and the Church's Historical Response"

May 25 "Immigration Structures and Realities Today" (visa caps, pathways, and more)

Come to any or all sessions as we seek to understand God's call to welcome the stranger and respond with justice and compassion. All are welcome! (Note there is no class on May 04, Communion Sunday).

Looking Ahead:

Sunday, June 1st at 11:15 a.m., we will welcome Tammy Richelieu, Chief Development Officer for the Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance.

Martha Circle

Tuesday, May 20th

10:00 a.m.

**Large conference room
Administration Building**

Even though this is our last meeting until September, it's never too late for new comers to be a part of our discussion based on the book, *Finding Calcutta*.

We're learning about the love and devotion to Christ lived out by Mother Teresa and the Nuns of Charity as they live, love and serve Christ through loving and serving the poorest of the poor on the streets of Calcutta.

This month we'll be led by Ruth Schaaff as we focus on Chapters 15 and 16.

PW Gathering for Women & Men

Pastor Alex will lead us in a Bible Study on **Tuesday, May 27th at 10:00 a.m.**, Room 209 in the Education Wing of the Sanctuary Building.

Music under The Trees for May and other Music News



Greetings from Wayne Fisher and the Music Dept. from Pine Shores Church PCUSA. After a fantastic Easter Sunrise Service and the Easter service in the sanctuary, the Choir takes the lead to sing weekly until June 8, when they will be taking a summer break. What a great year they have had, providing quality music for our services every week. THANK YOU!!

If you enjoyed the reboot of our outdoor musical event in April, I hope you will join us again on Friday, May 9 for another "Music Under The Trees". Local Guitarist "Jimmy Lee" will provide the music for this special event. He specializes in popular music with a South American, Brazilian, and Spanish influence. He is well known around town, playing many venues. Hope to see you there, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., and bring a friend! Let's have a great night together. AND... The Taco Fusion Express Truck will once again be there to provide food. Let's have a great May together with fabulous music at Pine Shores!!!!



ADVENTURE CAMP AT PINE SHORES SUMMER 2025 ISLANDS IN THE SEA



June 2-August 1 8:30 - 5:00

Pre-K 4's-5th grade \$300/wk

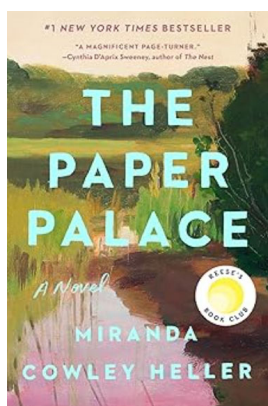
All inclusive: 3 weekly field trips, lunches,
snacks, games, crafts, indoor, outdoor play

To Register - <https://www.pineshorespres.org/contact-8>
For more information, contact Debby @ 941-780-5857

Music Under The Trees in April



Faith & Fiction Book Club



The Faith & Fiction Book Club will meet **Monday, May 12th @ 1:30 p.m. in the Administration Building.** We will be discussing "The Paper Palace" by Miranda Crowley Heller. If you haven't joined us before, please consider coming for the fellowship and interesting conversations! If you have questions, call Nancy Raymond @ 941-356-6539.

Thank you!

A special note of thanks to all of you who helped make the Easter Egg Hunt such a successful event! Thank you Barbara R. who helped plan, decorated and cleaned up after the event. Thank you Boy Scouts and members who helped buy and fill the eggs. Thank you Counselors, Scouts, and parents who helped hide the eggs! And a special note of thanks to our amazing Bunny for your enthusiasm and energy! What a special day!!!



Easter at Pineshores



Easter morning in the Sanctuary.



More than two thousand people attended the Easter Sunrise Service on Siesta Key. It was a lovely morning.



Dear Sunrise Service Volunteers,

Thank you so much for volunteering your early morning hours! You worked together to ensure our visitors were greeted with a smile and welcomed them with bulletins, flashlights and information.

We were small in numbers, but mighty in spirit. Without you our 66th Easter Sunrise Service would not have been as successful.

Blessings to you and your families,
Sally Seeger



Thank you to all who helped decorate the Sanctuary also.

May Birthdays

May 3

Wayne Fisher

May 6

Audrey Meyer
Paulette Zundel
Jasmine Lambden
T.J. Bailey

May 9

Amanda Natherson

May 10

Amanda Robinson
Wood

May 13

Erica Amadori
Cindy Beck

May 15

Gene George

May 18

Lillian Amadori
Parker Royce

May 26

Louise Buckler

May 27

Robin Nystrom

May 30

Kathy Ogilvie

May 31

Tiffany Bailey
Bernice Cook
Matthew Fortune

May Anniversaries

May 1

Donna & John Penn

May 2

Mary & Bob Keller

May 6

Wendy & Randy Natherson

May 7

Libby Tyner & Jack Bispham

May 9

Lori & Jim Gabbert

May 12

Barbara & Andrew Faber

May 27

Mary & Jim Maurin

May 28

LeeAnn & Jim Layton

May 30

Janet & Don Harris

Sunday Morning Worship

Our Worship Service is held on Sundays
at 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Scout News

Because Pine Shores funded a camp scholarship last year, that young Scout's adventure continued all the way to the top—he has just earned his Eagle Scout rank! Thank you for investing in our youth and for living out our call to nurture the next generation. Your generosity made this milestone possible!



Men's Breakfast

Dutch Valley Restaurant

6721 S. Tamiami Trail
Every Wednesday morning at 8:00 a.m.
Newcomers are welcome!



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May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8:00 AM AA/CC	2 8:00 AM AA/CC 10:00 AM Meals-On-Wheels	3 8:30 AM Al-Anon/CC
4 <i>Care & Share Communion</i> 9:45 AM Traditional Worship / Sanctuary	5 8:00 AM AA/CC 6:30 PM Cub Scouts / CC	6 8:00 AM AA/CC 10:00 AM Staff Mtg./ Admin Building 7:00 PM Boy Scouts / CC	7 8:00 AM AA/CC 8:00 AM Men's Bkfst. / Dutch Valley 6:30 PM Troop 1920 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room	8 8:00 AM AA/CC	9 8:00 AM AA/CC 10:00 AM Meals-On-Wheels 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch / Skilletts 6:00 PM Music Under The Trees / by the Gazebo	10 8:30 AM Al-Anon/CC
11 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:45 AM Traditional Worship / Sanctuary 11:00 AM Adult Education / Rm 209	12 8:00 AM AA/CC 1:30 PM Faith and Fiction Book Club/ Admin. Building 6:30 PM Cub Scouts / CC	13 8:00 AM AA/CC 10:00 AM Staff Mtg./ Admin Building 11:30 AM Butterflies / Peggy's house 7:00 PM Boy Scouts / CC	14 8:00 AM AA/CC 8:00 AM Men's Bkfst. / Dutch Valley 6:30 PM Troop 1920 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room	15 8:00 AM AA/CC	16 8:00 AM AA/CC 10:00 AM Meals-On-Wheels	17 8:30 AM Al-Anon/CC 11:00 AM In Betweeners / Skilletts
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25 9:45 AM Traditional Worship / Sanctuary 11:00 AM Adult Education / Rm 209	26 <i>Memorial Day</i> Office Closed 8:00 AM AA/CC	27 8:00 AM AA/CC 9:00 AM Staff Mtg./ Admin Building 10:00 AM PW Gathering / Room 209 7:00 PM Boy Scouts / CC	28 8:00 AM AA/CC 8:00 AM Men's Bkfst. / Dutch Valley 6:30 PM Troop 1920 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room	29 8:00 AM AA/CC	30 8:00 AM AA/CC 10:00 AM Meals-On-Wheels	31 8:30 AM Al-Anon/CC

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Trudy Hall
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George Lavigne
Kristine Nickel

Abbie Robinson
Rebecca St. Pierre
Mart Thurmond

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