

The Tidings

the monthly newsletter of

*Pineda Presbyterian Church
(USA)*



Sunday, January 5th

- 8:45 a.m. — Fully Devoted Class (Sanctuary Room B)
- 9:00 a.m. — Upward & Onward Class (Sanctuary Room A)
- 10:00 a.m. — Worship Service with Communion (Sanctuary)

Sunday, January 12th

- 8:45 a.m. — Fully Devoted Class (Sanctuary Room B)
- 9:00 a.m. — Upward & Onward Class (Sanctuary Room A)
- 10:00 a.m. — Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Sunday, January 19th

- 8:45 a.m. — Fully Devoted Class (Sanctuary Room B)
- 9:00 a.m. — Upward & Onward Class (Sanctuary Room A)
- 10:00 a.m. — Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Blanket Sunday Offering

Sunday, January 26th

- 8:45 a.m. — Fully Devoted Class (Sanctuary Room B)
- 9:00 a.m. — Upward & Onward Class (Sanctuary Room A)
- 10:00 a.m. — Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Five Cents per Meal Offering
- 11:00 a.m. — Annual Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)

Lectionary Readings

January 5th

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:1-18

January 12th

Isaiah 43:1-7
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17 & 21-22

January 19th

Isaiah 62:1-5
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

January 26th

Nehemiah 8:1-3,
5-6 & 8-10
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

ANNUAL MEETING

*The Session has called the Annual Meeting
of the Congregation and Corporation
for Sunday, January 26th
immediately following Worship.
All church members are encouraged to attend.*

January BIRTHDAYS

- 1/2 Karen Smith
- 1/3 Kathy Glines
- 1/9 Muriel Touretzky
- 1/19 Mike Mathewson
- 1/20 Freda Baker
- 1/25 Zan Burton
- 1/29 Paul Pratt
- 1/30 Dian Walker

Thank you for your support of Pineda Presbyterian Church by giving of your time, talents and monetary resources. Here is a summary of the church finances for 2024.

2024 Estimates of Giving: \$182,511
 Received as of 12/31/2024: \$200,426

2024 Operating Budget: \$276,712
 Expenses as of 12/31/2024: \$260,758



This is the basic information on the financial status of the church. If you would like more detailed information, please let the finance team know and we will gladly provide it to you. You are also welcome to attend the finance meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

January ANNIVERSARIES

1/4
 Cliff & Karen Smith

**Everyone is invited to attend the
 PPW & Fellowship Team
 Soup Lunch on Saturday,
 February 15th at noon!
 More details will follow in the
 February bulletins and newsletter.
 For now, please save the date.**



Per Capita Contributions

Each year our “Per-Capita Assessment” supports the work of Central Florida Presbytery; the Synod of the South Atlantic; and the General Assembly. This year’s amount is \$27.00 per active member.

When you contribute your \$27.00 per individual or \$54.00 per couple to help fulfill Pineda’s “Per-Capita Assessment” you accomplish two things. First, you free up dollars which can then be put to use in other areas of our budget. And second, you help us celebrate our connection to the other congregations and governing bodies of the (PCUSA).



There is an envelope marked “Per-Capita” in your box of offering envelopes. If you did not receive a box of offering envelopes, please contact the Church Office to request one.

*The Annual Blanket Sunday Offering
will be received on January 19th.
See how your gifts are used below.
Thank you for your generous giving!*

Blanketing the world in love is easy when people of faith unite through the Church World Service (CWS) Blankets and Kits ministry. Together, we can offer comfort, hope and warmth to our neighbors during their most challenging times.

Imagine the impact of your compassion. Each blanket and kit serves as a tangible expression of God's love—sharing warmth on a chilly night, relief in a crisis and a reminder that someone truly cares.



Join other generous donors and share tangible expressions of love with our neighbors in need:

- \$10** Provides a CWS Blanket to someone in need.
- \$25** Provides a CWS Blanket and a CWS Hygiene Kit, offering warmth and essential supplies.
- \$60** Family Bundle! Provides blankets and hygiene kits for an entire family, ensuring that they have what they need during challenging times.



Update from the Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastor Nominating Committee has completed Phase One of the Search Process!! We conducted a congregational mission study, analyzed the results, prepared a report, and used the report as the basis of our Mission Discernment Profile (MDP). In December, we reviewed both documents with the congregation, obtained session approval, and sent them to the presbytery Committee on Ministry (COM) for review. The Mission Study Report and our MDP are also posted on Pineda's website, along with a brief article explaining our progress to date. The COM approved the report and MDP at a special meeting on December 19, and we quickly entered the MDP into the PC(USA) Church Leadership Connection (CLC) system. The MDP went "live" on December 23 and we received our first batch of 25 potential matches!

The PNC is now reviewing the Personal Discernment Profiles (PDPs) of those 25 pastors. At our next meeting, we will agree upon the top candidates and invite them to apply for the position at Pineda. If they accept our invitation, we'll receive additional information and can contact them to continue the discernment process. As we move PDPs from the "Received" queue to the "In Discernment" queue, the CLC system can provide more matches. Pastors who see our MDP on the CLC system can also notify the system to send us their PDP, regardless of whether the system thinks it is a match.

This cycle of receiving PDPs, reviewing them, and contacting candidates may be repeated several times, so please be patient with us. Please continue to pray for the PNC and for the pastor whom God is calling to Pineda!

Updated PNC Action Plan and Status Checklist - January 2025

Phase One: Planning

- Elect Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)
- Train PNC - led by Presbytery Interim Co-Execs and Committee on Ministry (COM) representative (Rev. Debra Cox) and assign PNC roles and responsibilities
- Conduct Congregational Mission Study
- Report Mission Study results to Congregation
- Develop the Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP)
- Obtain Session and COM approval of the MDP
- Post MDP to PC(USA) Church Leadership Connection (CLC) web site

Phase Two: Search

- Broadly communicate position, and network with presbyteries, synods, and seminaries
 - Receive resumes and Pastor Discernment Profiles (PDP)
 - Evaluate received resumes and PDPs
 - Conduct telephone and video interviews with qualified applicants

Phase Three: Selection

Pastor Nominating Committee: Betty Francis, Leslie Lyman, Barbara Mathewson, Gordon Nelson,
Dian Walker, Haskell Walker, Pat Zinn
COM Liaison: Rev. Debra Cox

Donations for February Cuba Trip



Pat Zinn will visit our partner churches in Iguará and Meneses as part of the February 18th – 25th Presbytery trip to Cuba, and is again asking for your help. Her goal is to take 2 suitcases of supplies for each church. The impact of your donations - even simple things like aspirin and vitamins - is far beyond what you might imagine and is truly life-saving for children and others with fevers. Please place your donations in the blue Cuba bin in the Fellowship Hall.

The most needed items are:

- ◆ pain relievers (aspirin, ibuprofen, acetaminophen),
- ◆ antihistamine pills and creams (Benadryl, Zyrtec, Meclizine),
- ◆ multivitamins (child and adult - no gummies please!),
- ◆ antacids (bicarb of soda, Alka-Seltzer, Prilosec),
- ◆ anti-diarrheal (Pepto-Bismol, Immodium),
- ◆ skin ointments (triple antibiotic, Clobetasol, Triamcinolone),
- ◆ analgesic creams (Voltaren, Ben-Gay).
- ◆ left-over prescriptions meds, especially those to treat high blood pressure, and antibiotics.

Craft supplies are also welcome:

- ◆ crayons and markers, glue sticks, scissors, watercolor paints, paint brushes to go with tubes of aquarelles, pipe cleaners, old cookie cutters (used for tracing).
- ◆ Pat also needs three large rolling suitcases (26”) or rolling duffel bags - garage sale “finds” are perfect!

If you prefer to make a cash donation, please write a check to Pineda with “Cuba supplies” on the memo line, or put cash in an envelope designated for “Cuba”.

Thank you for your generosity!

Food Pantry Donations

Thank you so much for your faithful giving to the Advent Food Pantry!

Sunday, January 5th - Canned corn

Sunday, January 12th - Pasta sauce

Sunday, January 19th - Peanut Butter

Sunday, January 26th - Canned Seafood (*Tuna, salmon, sardines, etc.*)





January Worship Volunteers

	January 5th	January 12th	January 19th	January 26th
	<i>Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.</i>
	<i>Guest Preacher Rev. Mary Sample</i>	<i>Guest Preacher Rev. Sam Rutland</i>	<i>Guest Preacher Rev. Sam Rutland</i>	<i>Guest Preacher Rev. Mary Sample</i>
Deacon of the Week	Scott Zinn	Karen Smith	Leslie Lyman	Sue Lundgren
Liturgist	Barb Mathewsom	Pat Zinn	Joel Kelly	TBD
Communion Servers	Elizabeth Bumgarner Sandy Curry Dian Walker Scott Zinn			
Ushers	Ed Walker Cliff Smith	Ed Walker Cliff Smith	Ed Walker Cliff Smith	Ed Walker Cliff Smith

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 6:00pm Choir (Sanctuary) 7:30pm Worship Band (Sanctuary)	3	4 10:00am PW Coordinating Team (Fellowship Hall)
5 8:45am Fully Devoted Class (Sanctuary Room B) 9:00am Upward & Onward Class (Sanctuary Room A) 10:00am Worship Service with Communion 11:30am Fellowship Team (Fellowship Hall)	6	7 10:30am Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall) 11:00am LAFF - Lunch & Fun Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) 1:00pm "Heart Strings" Knitting & Crochet Group (Fellowship Hall) 6:00pm Worship Team (Room A)	8 11:00am Book Study (Fellowship Hall) 2:00pm Deacons' Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 4:00pm Finance Team (Fellowship Hall) 7:00pm Lydia Circle (Pat Zinn's home)	9 10:30am Dorcas Circle (Fellowship Hall) 1:00pm PNC Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 3:00pm Facilities Team (Fellowship Hall) 4:00pm Land Develop- ment Team (Fellowship Hall) 6:00pm Choir (Sanctuary) 7:30pm Worship Band (Sanctuary)	10	11
12 8:45am Fully Devoted Class (Sanctuary Room B) 9:00am Upward & Onward Class (Sanctuary Room A) 10:00am Worship Service <i>Installation of Presbyterian Women Officers during worship</i> 11:30am Administration Team (Fellowship Hall)	13	14 10:30am Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall) 11:00am LAFF - Lunch & Fun Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) 7:00pm Mission Team (Room A)	15 11:00am Book Study (Fellowship Hall) 6:30pm Session Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	16 6:00pm Choir (Sanctuary) 7:30pm Worship Band (Sanctuary)	17 5:30pm Game Night (Fellowship Hall)	18
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26 8:45am Fully Devoted Class (Sanctuary Room B) 9:00am Upward & Onward Class (Sanctuary Room A) 10:00am Worship Service <i>5 Cents per Meal Offering</i> 11:00am Annual Meeting of the Congregation (Sanctuary) <i>Election of Church Officers during Annual Meeting</i>	27 6:00pm Technology Team (Sanctuary)	28 10:30am Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall) 11:00am LAFF - Lunch & Fun Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)	29 11:00am Book Study (Fellowship Hall)	30 6:00pm Choir (Sanctuary) 7:30pm Worship Band (Sanctuary)	31	