

# The Tidings

*the monthly newsletter of*

**Pineda Presbyterian Church**



## Worship with Us!

### Sunday, June 7th

9:00 a.m. — Adult Sunday School (Room A)

10:00 a.m. — Worship Service with Communion (Sanctuary)

### Sunday, June 14th

9:00 a.m. — Adult Sunday School (Room A)

10:00 a.m. — Worship Service (Sanctuary)

### Sunday, June 21st (Father's Day)

9:00 a.m. — Adult Sunday School (Room A)

10:00 a.m. — Worship Service (Sanctuary)

### Sunday, June 28th

*Dress casually in red, white & blue!*

9:00 a.m. — Adult Sunday School (Room A)

10:00 a.m. — Worship Service (Sanctuary)

*(5 Cents per Meal Offering)*

11:00 a.m. — Independence Day Cookout & Potluck (Fellowship Hall)



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# PASTOR'S NOTE

*Rev. Emily Wasser*



Dearest Church Family

The summer is upon us! It's brought that beautiful, sweet heat that I (and apparently no one else) absolutely adore, and with it there is an urge to kick back, relax, find a mojito, and soak it in. It is sort of a lovely feeling, wouldn't you say? After the craziness of the holidays passes, there is this knowledge that God made us to rest a while, and so a slow period almost feels like the holiday outside the holiday; a blessing, I believe we'd call it.

But rest doesn't always have to look like "doing nothing." It doesn't have to be lazing in the backyard with nothing on our calendar. God created rest as a blessing, and in that blessing there is room to stretch, to prepare ourselves, bodies and minds, for a period that will undoubtedly come to an end with the warmer weather does.

I want to inform you about a couple of exciting things we're going to have happen for us this summer, some new things that I hope you will mark in your calendar and come out to join us for.

Starting on June 17th, in our beautifully redone Fellowship Hall, we will be inviting you, the congregation, friends, family, anyone who wants to be a part of it, to bring a sandwich (or any other kind of dinner you might want), as we bring back an old favorite...WOW.

Wonderful on Wednesday (WOW) is an opportunity for us to gather together as a Church and stretch our minds, share in fellowship, and consider how we as a Church Family can open ourselves up to becoming a bigger church family.

The fun starts at 4:15, with a short, 45 minute Bible Study. What will we be exploring? The book of Ruth! This four week study is perfect for a short trip into one of my favorite books of the Bible! We'll explore some of the customs from this time period, ask ourselves why this matters in the story of God, and make connections with our own lives and relationships as we rediscover this classic tale.

Following Bible Study, at 5:00, we will take time to have dinner together. Drinks and dessert will be provided for all, but bringing a sandwich (or any other kind of dinner) will be up to you! Enjoy fellowship with some of your favorite people and then...

At 5:30 we will come together for a study called "The Art of Hospitality: A Practical Guide for a Ministry of Radical Welcome." Friends, as someone who has taught this study before I am so excited to bring it to you. It invites us to look at our Church not through our eyes, but through the eyes of a visitor, of someone who might not know the ropes, and consider if there are things we can be doing, inside and outside of worship, to be more welcoming.

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*Pastor's Note continued*

Huh...a Bible study about two women who were searching for something and a group study about engaging with those who might be lost, that can't possibly have a connection, can it?

I'm excited for these Wednesdays we're going to have together, I'm excited for where they are going to take us and most important of all the discussions we're going to have around them. I'm excited for what it might lead us to discover at the end of them...but that's a letter for another month.

Here's to a summer of rest, of relaxation, and true discovery, Saints!

Peace to you,

Emily



Our Fellowship Hall is currently undergoing renovations through June 12th. During this time, no activities or meetings will be held in the Fellowship Hall including Coffee Hour after worship on Sunday, June 7th.

Chair Yoga and LAFF will not be held during these dates. Ministry Team meetings will be relocated to other rooms. These details will be reflected in the weekly bulletin calendar and may be seen anytime by visiting our online church calendar which you may access from our church website.

**On Sunday, June 28th, we invite you to dress casually in red, white & blue and join us for worship at 10 AM followed by our annual Independence Day Cookout & Potluck!**

**The church will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall for the side dish or dessert you would like to bring.**



Ed was the fifth and the last child born to Scottish immigrants. He was born and raised in Yonkers, New York. His young cousin lived with them, and his aunt also resided with them when she wasn't working. A very full household to say the least.

Dian was born in "The Bronx". She was raised in Yonkers, New York. Her parents lived with her grandmother, grandfather, and two uncles in a 1200 square foot house. She was brought home to that house from the hospital shortly after her birth. Another full household. This was not unusual because the end of the great depression was happening. Families helped one another.

Both Dian and Ed attended school in Yonkers, Ed graduated from Saunders Trade and Technical High School while Dian graduated from Yonkers High School. Ed went to Westchester Community College and graduated two years later. Dian attended Traphagen School of Design in Manhattan.

They knew one another through a citywide Church youth group called Christian Endeavour. They were both in organizations sponsored by The Freemasons, Ed was in DeMolay and Dian was in Triangle. Ed joined the Masons and Dian joined the Eastern Star.

They eventually started to date and became engaged. They were married in 1963 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. This is the same church where Dian's parents were married and she was baptized.



They moved to a small apartment in Yonkers and were blessed with a son named after his father, Edward. Eighteen months later another son, William, joined the family. They soon found the apartment was too small and they purchased a condo that overlooked the Hudson River. As the two boys grew even that home was tight. Three years later their daughter, Jennifer, joined the family. It quickly became apparent that a larger home was necessary. They purchased their first house in Cortlandt Manor, NY in 1970.

Ed continued his career as an Elevator mechanic, first in NYC and then in Westchester County. Dian worked in Lakeland School District. First as a teaching assistant and then running the computer Lab in an Elementary School. They both continued to pursue the same careers until retirement age.

They have been blessed with two wonderful grandchildren. Jacob was born in 1997 while they still lived within a short drive. Samantha was born in 1999, after they moved to Florida.

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When they were about to retire, they quickly sold their home and prepared to move to Florida. They found Viera and thought this would be the right place for them. But instead of buying right away they decided to rent an apartment for a year to be sure this was the right move.

In 2004, Ed needed bypass surgery. It was then decided they needed to have more time with their grandchildren while they grew up. They purchased a Park Model in Whippoorwill Campground at the Jersey Shore. They continued to be “Snowbirds” for eleven years until their granddaughter Samantha graduated from High School.

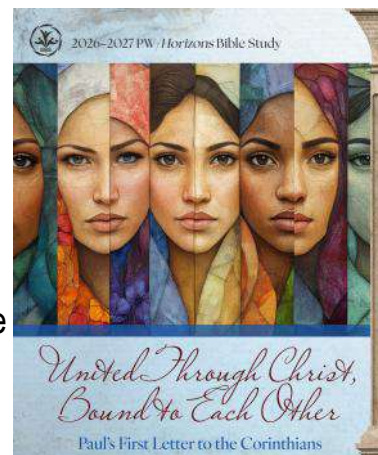
They both have been very active in Pineda Presbyterian Church for many years now. They feel very fortunate to have their daughter Jennifer and granddaughter Samantha live in Viera and become active in our church. Their son, Bill (William) lives in Orlando. Their first-born Edward still lives in New Jersey. They are truly blessed with family and close, caring friends living nearby.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY EVENT

All ladies of Pineda, please save the date for the “Presbyterian Women of Central Florida’s Annual Bible Study Event” which will be held this year at Pineda Presbyterian!

**Saturday, August 8th**  
**9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

The \$20 fee for the event which includes a light breakfast and lunch will be covered for all Pineda ladies. However, we need you to sign-up soon so we know how many to plan for. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please ask our PPW Moderator, Leslie Lyman.



## FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

In May the food pantry has assisted 81 neighbors consisting of 279 individuals. An average of 130 bags were distributed with a maximum of 136. 10 new families were served. As always thank you again for your generosity!

- Sunday, June 7th - Canned Fruit**
- Sunday, June 14th - Breakfast Cereal**
- Sunday, June 21st - Canned Pasta**
- Sunday, June 28th - Boxed Macaroni & Cheese**



***Pineda Presbyterian Women are collecting school supplies for local elementary schools. Please see the list of most needed items below.***



- ◆ Backpacks
- ◆ Large pencils for kindergarten students
- ◆ Primary Journal  
*(picture space at top/handwriting lines on bottom)*
- ◆ Fine point black dry erase markers
- ◆ Dry Erase erasers
- ◆ Boxes of tissues
- ◆ Lysol wipes
- ◆ Other general school supplies such as: pencils, crayons, erasers, glue, glue sticks, paper, folders, hand sanitizer, pencil cases, scissors, etc.

***Donations may be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall through Sunday, July 28th. Monetary donations are also being accepted. Checks made payable to Pineda Presbyterian Women may be given to Dian Walker or Hannah Webb.***

Our Fidelity Investment account increased from **\$155,133 to \$155,824**, in May and the Endowment account had a gain of **\$6,611** for the month.

The operating fund donations total \$70,941 so far this year, which is approximately \$24,000 behind the pledged amount of \$228,927 for the year.



As I mentioned last month, thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, we will begin replacing the flooring in the fellowship hall on June 1. After the new flooring is installed, the walls will also be painted. Funding for the painting project will come from undesignated memorial funds.

This summer, we will be holding a mission fund drive. Due to our tight budget, the mission team currently has very limited funds available for the mission projects we normally support each year. A special offering will be announced soon, and you will be hearing more about it in the coming weeks.

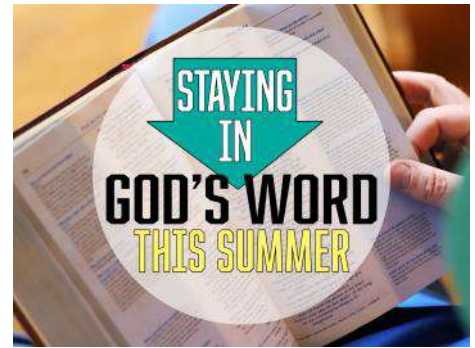
Another significant expense we must consider is the hiring of a new organist. We have been greatly blessed by the faithful service of Bonnie Griffith as our organist. With her retirement on May 31, we are now beginning the search for a new organist. Our current budget may limit the pool of potential candidates.

**Barb Mathewson**

Finance, Stewardship & Endowment Chair

# THANK YOU!

The Mission Team would like to thank all who donated items and participated in packing welcome bags during the Hands-On Mission Project on May 31st for the new residents at “Serene Harbor”. Your gifts will bring a great level of comfort to the ladies there.



## June 7th

Genesis 12:1–9  
Romans 4:13–25  
Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26

## June 14th

Genesis 18:1–15 (21:1–7)  
Romans 5:1–8  
Matthew 9:35—10:8 (9–23)

## June 21st

Genesis 21:8–21  
Romans 6:1b–11  
Matthew 10:24–39

## June 28th

Genesis 22:1–14  
Romans 6:12–23  
Matthew 10:40–42



6/6	Leslie Lyman
6/7	Joel Kelly
6/12	Marilyn Bullard
6/13	Patricia Neunie
6/19	Helga Wilson
6/27	David Ketterman
6/28	Sandy Curry

## JUNE WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	June 7th	June 14th	June 21st	June 28th
	<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>Communion Sunday</i>		<i>Father's Day</i>	
<b>DEACON OF THE WEEK</b>	Scott Zinn	Helga Wilson	Leslie Lyman	Karen Smith
<b>LITURGIST</b>	Elizabeth Bumgarner	Betty Francis	Leslie Lyman	Pat Zinn
<b>COMMUNION SERVERS</b>	Sandy Curry			
	Melissa Ketterman			
	Barb Mathewson			
	Dian Walker			
	Scott Zinn			
<b>USHERS</b>	Ed Walker	Ed Walker	Ed Walker	Ed Walker
	Cliff Smith	Cliff Smith	Cliff Smith	Cliff Smith
	John & Elizabeth Bumgarner	John & Elizabeth Bumgarner	John & Elizabeth Bumgarner	John & Elizabeth Bumgarner

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES



With May behind us, we look ahead to the summer season. The Sundays in June will largely feature our in-house musicians, including piano, guitar, bass, drums, flute, and horn. Bonnie and Jacob will return as guest musicians on June 21st (Father's Day), and Kathy Westrip will join us as guest pianist on July 7th. Our search for an organist continues, and we will be sure to provide updates as they are available.

Discussions are underway for a Sunday afternoon hymn-sing followed by an ice cream social, and we invite the congregation to help compile a list of hymns for inclusion. Please send in any hymn suggestions you may have, though preference should be given to the blue Presbyterian Hymnal. More details will come at a later date.

Justin Walker  
Music Director

## SESSION SOUND BITES

*May 20, 2026 Stated Meeting*

- ◆ The meeting opened with prayer and devotion led by Elder Sandy Curry from Psalm 139:14 on how there's no need to be insecure if we believe that God's plans and purposes will come to pass in our life.
- ◆ Minutes of the April 22 stated and May 3 called session meetings, and the May 17 installation service, were approved.
- ◆ Pineda Presbyterian Women announced that the Spring Gathering/Birthday Offering Brunch will be held after worship on July 12th. PPW will recognize the men in church on Father's Day, June 21st, and provide a cake for fellowship hour.
- ◆ The Deacons are developing a "Next of Kin" database for their flocks and friends.
- ◆ Barbara Mathewson was elected as Elder-Commissioner for the June Presbytery meeting.
- ◆ Session approved a streamlined process for receiving new members.
- ◆ The June session meeting was rescheduled to Tuesday, June 16 to accommodate the hospitality class.
- ◆ The Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy was updated and approved to meet Book of Order requirements.
- ◆ Safety and security concerns were raised about continued intermittent issues with the doors in Fellowship Hall, and the importance of double-checking that the doors are securely locked.
- ◆ The Facilities Team pressure-washed the wall in front of the sanctuary, repaired damage to the fascia on the sanctuary, and installed pew racks on the choir pews which were missing them.
- ◆ Fellowship Hall and the kitchen will be closed from May 28 - June 8 for painting and installation of new flooring. An anonymous donor provided funding for the flooring.
- ◆ Session designated two or three bookcases in Fellowship Hall for the use of the Cub Pack; the rest of the bookcases will not be returned to Fellowship Hall after the new flooring is installed.
- ◆ Books currently on the shelves in Fellowship Hall are being offered to members of our congregation or friends, and the remaining books will be recycled.
- ◆ A new mid-week Bible Study, led by Pastor Emily, will begin on June 17th, followed by a bag supper. Fellowship Team will provide a snack, a beverage, and dessert. After the meal, Pastor Emily will lead a study on "The Art of Hospitality". The program will continue until July 15th.
- ◆ Pineda's annual Independence Day celebration and cook out will be held after worship on June 28th.
- ◆ The Nominating Committee is seeking nominees for two Member-at-Large positions on the Endowment Team; one nominee must be a ruling elder.
- ◆ The Fellowship and Mission Teams will host potluck lunches on Mission Connection Sundays July 26th, August 23rd, and September 27th. The mission speakers will be announced in upcoming newsletters.
- ◆ A request has been submitted to the Endowment Team for \$5,000 toward installation of solar power systems at Meneses and Iguará, our sister churches in Cuba.
- ◆ Elder Melissa Ketterman closed the meeting with prayer.

## CUBA PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Central Florida Presbytery's Cuba Partnership Team committed to send a shipment of food each quarter to each of the 12 churches in El Centro. I ordered the food for Meneses and Iguará last week and received photos and profuse thanks from both churches. Mercedes and Milagros, the ruling elder leaders at the churches, distributed the food quickly so that it could be cooked before it spoiled.



Some of the food at Meneses was used to provide a meal (hotdogs and milk) for the elderly. Both churches used to provide monthly meals for the elderly and for children, but food shortages and high costs have greatly limited their ability to do so in the past two years.

Both churches are continuing to worship, distribute the medicines we sent in February, and hold programs for children and adults. Milagros reports that in Iguará (the smallest church), they now have 38 people coming to worship! (In 2025, it was 10-12 people on Sunday.) She says, "We are working every morning from 9:00 to 10:00, and everyone is attending; we hold morning sessions of the Word and prayer. Sending kisses and many blessings to you and the Church. Greetings to all the brothers and sisters in Christ. Amen."

In April, the roof of the Iguará church was waterproofed - a big blessing! The church in Meneses is building an outdoor kitchen, next to the laundry area. Both churches are cooking with charcoal now, because of the electrical blackouts lasting 15-36 hours. Food, already scarce, has to be thrown away because of the loss of refrigeration.



Eight of the twelve churches in El Centro have solar power installations which power lights, internet connections, fans, refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners. They also allow people to recharge their phones and portable lanterns. Pastor Dargel recently oversaw the installation of a solar system at Taguasco, and wants to install them at Meneses and Iguará. The cost will be \$5,000 for each installation. A member of First Pres, Vero (who partners with Cabaiguán, where Pastor Dargel also serves) has pledged \$5,000 toward solar systems at Meneses and Iguará. Pineda's Mission Team has requested \$5,000 from the Endowment Fund and that request is under consideration. If granted, the impact of the solar systems on the two churches - and their communities - will be tremendous!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 6:00pm Worship & Tech Team Meeting (Sanctuary Room A)	4 2:00pm Presbyterian Meeting (St. Cloud Presbyterian) 6:00pm Choir & Worship Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	5	6
7 9:00am Adult Sunday School (Sanctuary Room A) 10:00am Worship Service with Communion (Sanctuary) 11:30am Fellowship & Faith Formation Team (Sanctuary Room A)	8	9 6:00pm Mission Team (Sanctuary Room A)	10 4:00pm Finance Team (Church Office)	11 3:00pm Facilities Team (Church Office) 6:00pm Choir & Worship Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	12	13
14 9:00am Adult Sunday School (Sanctuary Room A) 10:00am Worship Service (Sanctuary) 11:30am Administration & Personnel Team (Fellowship Hall)	15	16 10:30am Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall) 11:00am LAFF - Lunch & Fun Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) 6:00pm Session Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	17 4:00pm Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 5:30pm "The Art of Hospitality" Study (Fellowship Hall)	18 6:00pm Choir & Worship Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	19 5:30pm Game Night (Fellowship Hall) 	20
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