

THE TIDINGS

the monthly newsletter of

Pineda Presbyterian Church



Sunday – October 4th

World Communion Sunday

8:45 a.m. **Choir Rehearsal** (Sanctuary)

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

(The World Communion Offering will be received.)

Sunday – October 11th

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

Sunday – October 18th

10:00 a.m. **Worship Service
with “Cross the Jordan” Band**

Sunday – October 25th

Reformation Sunday

8:45 a.m. **Choir Rehearsal** (Sanctuary)

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

(The 5 Cents per Meal Offering will be received.)

LECTIONARY

October 4th

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

October 11th

Exodus 32:1-14

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

October 18th

Exodus 33:12-23

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

October 25th

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Saturday, October 10th

10:00 - 10:30 AM

(In the Pineda PC parking lot)



Blood Drive

Sunday, October 25th

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

(In the Pineda PC parking lot)

Donors will receive a \$20 gift card & t-shirt.



Cub Scout Pack 285 which meets each week here at Pineda, will hold their annual Halloween "Trunk or Treat" in our church parking lot on Tuesday October 27th. You are invited to participate by decorating your trunks and sharing treats with all the ghosts and goblins present. No sign-up is necessary. Please arrive in time to be ready for the ghoulish and scary visitors by 6:30 p.m.



Join us for a fun "Crafternoon" with a variety of
DIY craft stations for holiday creations including
wreaths, ornaments, greeting cards & more!

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Advance registration is required.

Visit our website at: <https://pinedapc.org/event/christmas-crafternoon/>
where you will find registration & payment links.

Or sign up in the Fellowship Hall.



Greetings Pineda Presbyterians!

If you've never run a RunDisney Race, you wouldn't know that the race starts long before the runner ever hears the pop of the start gun or runs across the start line. Running in a RunDisney race is an event! It's something you have to do for the love of it, because it's certainly not something you do "just because."

The morning starts early; the race often begins at 6:00 a.m. with a runners call time about thirty minutes prior to start. But even before then, you have to make your way onto Disney property, you have to park, you have to navigate the parking lot and find the rows and rows of port-a-potties, do your stretching, any early warmups your body needs for the run, probably use the port-a-potty again, and then...then it's time for the dreaded corrals.

RunDisney places each runner, based on their running time, in a corral, A through G, lately. The fastest, most serious runners go in corral A, and they are always the ones that get to go first. I am not a fast runner. I'm spirited and determined, but fast, I am not, and usually I end up in corral E or F, waiting until 6:30 or 6:45 to hear my start gun go off.

The time in the corrals are easily my least favorite part of the race. The waiting seems endless. It's early, and a night owl up at 3:30 a.m. means that the closer I get to the start gun, the more tired I get. But the anticipation...it's the true killer! Doesn't matter if it's a 5K or a 10K, if I'm walking or running, the knowledge that it's coming leaves me hopping, foot to foot, trying to psych myself up as I wait for the main event that I know is coming. I want it to get here! To be in it and running! I want to get it over with and get back to my bed! I don't want to be stuck waiting! The corrals...they're torture!

October has arrived! In other states this is traditionally a time of Pumpkin Spice, warm sweaters, and a time to wear those cute booties. In Florida, the arrival of fall usually only has one effect: it's a really nice time of the year to take those evening strolls.

But no matter which state I've lived in, as a leader in the Church, the arrival of fall has always had a different sort of feeling to me. It's not so much about the ambiance or what I'm wearing, it's about the feeling. And for me, well...the feeling has always been a bit like being stuck in those corrals in the minutes before the race begins.

October is the month that always reminds me that the holidays are coming. We start off easy with World Communion Sunday, but when we conclude we're looking at Reformation Sunday, then All Saint's Sunday, and before you know it, we're in the thick of Thanksgiving, then Advent, it's Christmas and then POOF! Happy New Year, folks!

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Pastor's Note continued

October is the month when I start to see it all barreling toward me, and I must admit, I fall prey to that mindset I often do just before that pop gun goes off and I'm in those corrals. The anticipation is a killer; it leaves me hopping foot to foot as I try to psych myself up for what's to come. I want it to get here! I want to be in it, and I want to get it over with and get back to that slower pace! I want to feel the joy and gratitude of the seasons; I don't want to wait!

But then I take a glance outside, at all the people enjoying this beautiful Florida version of the fall weather, and I remember...God calls us to these times of anticipation on purpose. In times like these God calls us to be patient, to soak up the peace and the quiet while we still can, to enjoy that evening stroll at a pace that is leisurely, so we don't forget to live in this moment.

There are lots of good things in these months to come, lots to do, lots to look forward to. I know that help will be needed, just as it always is. And, just as it always does, help will arrive. But before we all get too caught up in the jack 'o lanterns and costumes, before the meal prep takes over, before the lights and gifts and sparkle of a certain season beg for our attention, join me in a moment of stillness.

Plant your feet on the ground, sit up straight, take a deep breath in for 4 counts, now out for 4 counts. Four more times just like that. Breathe in the love of God. Breathe out the love of God. Cherish these moments before the pop gun goes off and we're off and running, because without this pause, it's impossible to run the race ahead of us properly. Oh! And don't forget to take that evening stroll! It's gorgeous outside!

Peace to you,
Emily

	October Worship Volunteers			
	October 4th	October 11th	October 18th	October 25th
	<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>World Communion Sunday</i>			<i>Reformation Sunday</i>
Deacon of the Week	Scott Zinn	Leslie Lyman	Freda Baker	Karen Smith
Liturgist	Leslie Lyman	Scott Zinn	Susan Rush	Elizabeth Bumgarner
Communion Servers	Elizabeth Bumgarner			
	Pat Zinn			
	Scott Zinn			
Ushers	Ed Walker	Ed Walker	Ed Walker	Ed Walker
	Cliff Smith	Cliff Smith	Cliff Smith	Cliff Smith
	Herb & Lin Dankmyer	Herb & Lin Dankmyer	Herb & Lin Dankmyer	Herb & Lin Dankmyer

Every once in a while, I have thought about life and what I should be doing with mine. You only pass through life here on earth once: there is no rehearsal, this is the "big show". In those musings, my mind comes back to the line from *Standing Outside the Fire*, a 1993 hit country song co-written and sung by Garth Brooks: "Life is not tried if it's merely survived; if you're standing outside the fire." In retrospect, I feel I have lived by that philosophy.

I'd be remiss if I didn't first mention the love of my life, Claire, and our merged family of a son and two daughters, David, Andrea & Casey.



My life has been a series of activities about which I have been passionate, each enduring for decades, and most having some level of competition in my involvement. I've been a sports car enthusiast, competing in rallies and autocrosses; a martial artist, earning black belts in Judo and Iaido (art of the Japanese sword); a competitive shooter (pistol and 3-gun matches); and a Native American style flute maker. Professionally, I served 10+ years as an officer in the Air Force, on staff to a division vice president of a major aerospace company, and vice president and director of engineering of smaller aerospace companies, before I formed my own little engineering company. Finally, I'm in my 18th year as the Vice Chair of the Native Rhythms Festival, an annual 3-day festival each November celebrating Native American culture, especially through its music. Every activity involved research, learning and acquiring new skills. I've published newsletters and authored a few books and I hold a handful of patents. I've developed and presented technical courses for the companies that employed me, and taught graduate-level courses in computer science at Florida Tech.

Please don't take this as bragging. I only share it to illustrate how I have lived by that philosophy. When my time comes to leave this life, I'll have no regrets for not having had a full life. And know that most people are unaware of all I've been involved with as they only know me for the activity in which I encounter them. This is the first time I've ever put it all together for anyone.

But most of you at Pineda likely only know me for one thing: I play and sing in the Worship Band. I'd like to share how that came to be. My first formal involvement in music was back in the mid-'50s, when I sang with the children's choir at the old North Presbyterian Church in Milwaukee. We had three choirs: the children's, youth, and adult choirs. As I grew up, I sang in all of them.

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member spotlight

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I was introduced to the guitar by a junior high school classmate and friend, Gary Elsenbroich. Naturally, when we were seated alphabetically, Gary was right behind me, so we got to know each other. He lived on my way home from school, so it wasn't uncommon for me to hang out at his place after school. Gary had an acoustic guitar, he showed me a few chords, and I was hooked. I asked my parents for a guitar for Christmas, and *Santa* responded. The timing was perfect for me as we were in the rise of the so-called *folk music revival* and I soon felt the draw to it as I taught myself to play to the songs of the Kingston Trio, Chad Mitchell Trio, Peter, Paul, and Mary, Joan Baez, and so many more.

My performing before the public was also introduced through the church. Our youth group was very active, and back in early '62, the group decided to stage a talent show featuring members of the group. I found out another member of our group was doing about what I was musically, so we decided to put a few songs together and perform as the *Bayou Brothers*. That show was a success, so we decided to continue playing together. Not long after that show, we added a third member, and the Bayou Brothers became a trio. We played together pretty consistently for about a year and a half until we graduated from high school in '63 and went our separate ways. When we played longer gigs, in addition to all the songs we played as the trio, we each had a solo number. Mine was: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee". Again, the effect of religion on my music.

Shortly after Claire and I found Pineda in early 2007, I was invited to join the old Praise Band. I differentiate it from our current Worship Band because it was quite different. For years, we provided music for the early service, and I was regularly performing in front of people again. In 2007, the band (Ken Holt, Kristina Brackett, Sammy Pontillo, and I) went out and started performing at some of the local coffee houses, in addition to Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall at church. Outside church, in 2012 I decided to go back to my roots in folk/blues music and started performing solo under my stage name, Johnny Kee. (I chose that name to honor my great uncle, who was said to be extremely musically talented.) When we came out of the COVID panic, the Praise Band morphed into today's Worship Band, mostly now playing with the choir with a hymn book-based repertoire, and the two services were condensed into a single service. With all these changes, I'm still up there, adapting to learn a new guitar style while picking away...

Oh, my latest focus is directed toward making audio and video recordings. You can check them out at JohnnyKee.com.

Do you enjoy getting to know more about our church members? We can only provide the Member Spotlight if people are willing to share their stories. If you would like to participate in the Member Spotlight, please email the church office or speak to Lin Dankmyer. We would love to learn more about each of you!



is coming soon!

Seveteen years ago, we undertook a new approach to stewardship. We continue to build on that success with this year's Consecration Sunday. It is a time to look forward with optimism as we grow our church and lead it into the future with faith, hope, and love.

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our Session selected the Consecration Sunday approach because it teaches biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education. Consecration Sunday is based on the philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development. Over the coming weeks, you will hear about the achievements of various committees for this past year and what their vision is for the coming year. This will help you better understand our plans for the future of Pineda Presbyterian Church.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete Estimate of Giving cards. If you have health issues or do not feel comfortable attending in-person worship, Estimate of Giving Cards will be mailed out to you. For those present in the sanctuary on November 1st, we will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration before Estimate of Giving Cards are turned in. Results will be announced during the Celebration Potluck Lunch following worship and by email later that week. Thank you in advance for your enthusiastic participation!

Your Consecration Sunday Team

Women's Prayer Group

Beginning mid-October, a Monday morning prayer group will gather weekly at the church to pray. We will meet to pray for our church families & staff members, our community and its needs, our own prayer concerns and joys, and of course other prayer requests from the congregation. As the saying goes, "what is prayed for in this group, stays in the group," so there is a layer of confidentiality among the members of the prayer group. But the joy of the prayer group is that the women begin to bond with each other and can find solace in praying for their concerns and joys.

If you are interested or have questions, please reach out to Elizabeth Bumgarner at: ebumgarner7@gmail.com or phone 813-785-5204. She needs to know how many are interested so that a date/time can be locked in.

*"For where two or three are gathered in my name,
there am I in the midst of them."*

Matthew 18:20



Worship and Music Notes



Fall might not seem like a fabulous time in the life of the Church, but, in fact, it has its own set of holidays that are just as important in the grand scheme of our Church Calendar as Christmas or Easter. Christmas and Easter celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, but World Communion Sunday, Commitment Sunday, Reformation Sunday, and All Saints Sunday...those holidays and special occasions celebrate us; you and me, the Church that Christ gave birth to with his life, death and resurrection.

One of my favorite things about the Church is our commitment to celebrating our oneness in Christ. There are many followers and there are many ways that we follow, lots of diverse beliefs that we all have, but at the end of the day we all profess that Christ is Lord. Often in the Church we talk about there being something mystical about our community that transcends both time and space. This is precisely what we celebrate and practice during these special church holidays.

On World Communion Sunday (October 4th) we celebrate that the Church is not something that is limited to a certain region or geographic area, but rather that it is a global community that works side by side with each other. On this day, Churches from around the world, of all denominations, situations, and histories will be partaking of the Lord's Supper. It's a special moment that we share with people around the world. We may never meet all of them (in fact it's likely we won't), but having this special time set aside to worship in this way together is a blessing as we strive to be a connectional Church.

Here at home, Pineda Presbyterian Church, we will be spending the month preparing for Commitment Sunday on November 1st. Be sure to keep your eyes peeled for more information as we put together our budget and ask you to consider how much and in what ways you can contribute to this mission we are building.

Also on Sunday, November 1st, as we gather together to celebrate All Saint's Day, just one week after Reformation Sunday, we pause to remember that the Church does not just exist within one time, but across all time. On this Sunday we will take time to remember loved ones that have entered the Church Triumphant and now live eternally with Jesus as part of our community for all time. Reformation Sunday and All Saint's Day encourage us to take time to remember that we are a Church of past, present, and future. Once we were members of the future, today we are members of the present, and one day we will be members of the past. But under Christ we are all one.

We are all one, across time and across space, Christ as called us to be a part of this ever changing and always growing community. Christ calls us to remember our place in the grand scheme of life. Christ calls us to honor those who have gone before us, those who will come after us, and those who work beside us, even if they are on the opposite side of the world. Christ calls us to be one community. We hope to see you in-person or online so that we can celebrate these beautiful holidays together!

Rev. Emily Wasser

Session Sound Bites

September 16th Stated Meeting

- ♦ The meeting was opened with prayer by Elder Haskell Walker and a devotional from Acts 12:5-13 - an important part of prayer is looking for the answer!
- ♦ Minutes of the August 19 stated session meeting and the September 13 called meeting of the congregation were approved.
- ♦ We received a thank you letter from the Cuba Partners Network for our matching \$5,000 donation to provide solar panels for the churches of Iguará and Meneses.
- ♦ A committee will be appointed to begin planning for the Central Florida Presbytery meeting on March 6, 2027, which will be hosted at Pineda.
- ♦ Pineda will be offered as a site for a Speed Puzzling event on November 28, 2026.
- ♦ Elder-Commissioner Dian Walker reported on the September 15 Presbytery meeting. The Per Capita apportionment for 2027 will be \$31.50. Presbytery recommended a 3.5% COLA for 2027 for churches that can afford it.
- ♦ Pineda Presbyterian Women announced their "Make and Take" Craft event on October 24th. The cost will be \$20 per person, and the proceeds will go to the Thank Offering, Presbytery and the Cuba mission. More information will be provided in the October *Tidings*.
- ♦ Pineda's annual church inventory will be conducted during the month of October.
- ♦ The contract with the Platinum Show Chorus has been signed; they rehearse in Fellowship Hall on Thursday evenings.
- ♦ Faith Formation and Fellowship Team approved a proposal for a Women's Prayer Group; more information will be provided in the October *Tidings*.
- ♦ The Sanctuary south air conditioner will be replaced at a cost not to exceed \$25,000, with funds to be taken from the Capital Designated Fund.
- ♦ We will holding a capital campaign in early 2027 to replenish funds after the 2026 AC replacement.
- ♦ Finance Team reported that the current operating deficit has increased to \$17,188 and we are \$31,799 behind on planned income from estimates of giving.
- ♦ Finance Team announced the schedule for the 2026 Stewardship campaign, starting in October, with Consecration Sunday on November 1. More information will be provided in the October *Tidings* and a church-wide mailing on September 24.
- ♦ Worship and Music Team is exploring a combined worship and hymn sing with Grace Communion Church on November 15th.
- ♦ A small refrigerator has been installed in the narthex and holds small water bottles to have available during services.
- ♦ The Technology Team is submitting a request for a grant from the Synod of the South Atlantic Uderitz Memorial Fund to purchase a new video display for enhancing visibility of worship aids accompanying our services and other programs.
- ♦ Elder Melissa Ketterman closed the meeting with prayer.

NOTE: If you have questions about any of these items, or would like more information, please contact the clerk of session or the appropriate ministry team chair. A list of session members and team chairs is printed on the back of the Sunday bulletin and is on the Our Team page of the church website.

Food Pantry Donations

In the past month we have assisted the food pantry as it has assisted 83 neighbors consisting of 263 individuals. An average of 119 bags were distributed with a maximum of 134. 9 new families were served.

I would like to pass on this week's message from Jeff Jacobi, the food pantry manager (among other titles at Advent Lutheran).

I'm excited this week to highlight a long-standing mission partner: Blue Sky Community Garden! For a decade, Blue Sky has grown and shared fresh, organic produce with local neighbors in need through Advent's Food Pantry, all while educating our community on sustainable gardening and healthy eating. We are so grateful for every volunteer who makes this ministry possible. This past Saturday, I had the privilege of joining them as they received a \$5,000 Wellness Across the Lifetime Grant from the Sprouts Healthy Communities Foundation! This grant will help expand their crop yield, grow their volunteer base, and broaden their impact. Thank you, Blue Sky! [This provides a fresh food supplement to our packaged, long shelf life contributions. (Long shelf life at the final destination, not Advent Lutheran)].

Paul's letter to the Philippians holds up a simple but demanding picture of life together: look not only to your own interests, but to the interests of others. That's what a Thursday at our pantry looks like. Neighbors in the drive-through line are met by people who have set aside their evening to make sure someone else's family has enough. It isn't done for recognition. It comes from the same humility and care Paul saw in Christ, who emptied himself for the sake of others. We see that spirit in our volunteers who give their time, in our mission partners who share what they have, and in our supporters who give and pray without seeking anything in return. Thank you all, for so faithfully putting others first. As always, many thanks for your faithful support for the ministry!

Sunday, October 4th - Canned corn

Sunday, October 11th - Pasta sauce

Sunday, October 18th - Peanut Butter

Sunday, October 25th - Canned Seafood

(Tuna, salmon, sardines, etc.)



10/4	Marie Hoffman
10/8	Jim Lyman
10/10	Haskell Walker
10/12	Jay Steinke
10/14	Hannah Webb
10/21	Claire Ellis
10/27	Moiria Eddleman



10/10
<i>Jay & Lisa Steinke</i>
10/17
<i>Mike & Barb Mathewson</i>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4  8:45am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 10:00am Worship Service (Sanctuary) <i>World Communion Offering</i> 11:30am Fellowship & Faith Formation Team (Fellowship Hall)	5	6 10:30am Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall) 11:00am LAFF - Lunch & Fun Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) 1:00pm Knitting & Crochet Group (Fellowship Hall)	7	8 10:30am Dorcas Circle (Fellowship Hall) 2:00pm Facilities Team (Fellowship Hall)	9	10  10:00am Blessing of the Animals (Parking Lot) 10:30am PW CT Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
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18 8:45am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 10:00am Worship Service (Sanctuary)	19	20 10:30am Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall) 11:00am LAFF - Lunch & Fun Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)	21 6:00pm Session Meeting (Room A) 	22	23	24  1:00pm - 3:00pm Christmas Crafternoon (Fellowship Hall)
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