

**Oct. 17th, Tuesday: 4:00 p.m. Worship Meeting**  
**6:30 p.m. Official Board Meeting**

**Nov. 12th, Sunday at 2:00 p.m.** Rev. Vicki will be leading worship at Trillium Court. Please come out and represent our congregation by supporting this service.

**Hostesses wanted for Morning Break** on Thursday mornings. If you would be interested in meeting some of the moms and children who come to Morning Break at our church, please consider hosting this outing. As a hostess you are asked to put on the tea and coffee around 9:20 or so in the morning. After that, you might be able to hold a newborn or read to a toddler in our library. It is one of the best volunteer jobs we have here at Pine River! If this interests you please contact Betty Jones to be added to the schedule. Thank you for your interest and your help.

**Food Bank:** This week we are collecting can goods or anything else would be greatly appreciated.

**NEWS:** If you would like to be sent emails, please fill out the form in the office.

***Hamilton Conference Prayer Cycle:***  
***As a church we are called to pray for each other and our mission in the world.***  
***This week keep in prayer our brothers and sisters at Bethel-Cooks Mills, Niagara Presbytery***



# Welcome TO Pine River United Church



Blessing of the Backpacks

Sept. 24th, 2017  
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*A warm welcome to Pine River United Church.  
May this time of worship offer you  
strength for the week ahead.*

- \* INDICATES AN INVITATION TO RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT.  
CONGREGATION MAY RESPOND WITH THE PARTS  
PRINTED IN BOLD.

*We acknowledge that we gather here on traditional  
Saugeen Ojibway territory. We give thanks for the stewardship of  
the land by the indigenous peoples of Canada through the ages.*

## GATHERING

### WELCOME AND GREETING

THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
THE LOVE OF GOD  
AND THE COMPANIONSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
BE WITH YOU ALL

**And also with you.**

- \* OPENING HYMN: "COME, CHILDREN, JOIN TO SING"  
VU # 345

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

COME AND WORSHIP THE LORD!

**We come from our beds and our homes.**

COME AND GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD!

**We give thanks for our many blessings.**

COME AND CELEBRATE OUR MINISTRIES AND OUTREACH!

**We joyfully come in service to God!**

LET US WORSHIP AND GIVE THANKS!

**We worship God and give thanks to God!**

### OPENING PRAYER: (IN UNISON)

**Awesome and Creator God, we come this  
morning in awe of your creation. As the  
fields and trees and animals and birds turn  
colour and prepare for winter, we too are**

# Announcements

## Upcoming Church Services

Oct. 1st: World Communion Sunday  
Oct 8th: Thanksgiving Sunday

Today join the Ripley-Huron Legion Ladies Auxiliary for a  
Turkey Harvest Supper, 4:30—7:00 at the Ripley  
Legion Hall. Adults \$18.00, Children 5-10, \$10.00

Sept. 28th: Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

"Circle of Grace Drumming" at Pine River Church.

Sept. 29th: Men's Coffee Group, 9:30 a.m., special guest  
speaker Fire Chief Chris Cleave of Huron Kinloss,  
discussing fire safety in the home. All men are welcome.

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worship at Trillium Court. Please come out and represent  
our congregation by supporting this service.

Oct. 5th: Thursday morning, Morning Break, 9:30 a.m.

Oct, 7th: Kountry Kitchen is from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Cookie Table: Sign up sheet is in the Narthex, if you can  
help it would be appreciated.

Candy Table: Looking for donation of fudge.

Oct. 5th Thursday Fall Spendour: Scooping pumpkins, at  
1:00 p.m. at Darlene Smeltzers Garden Centre and

Oct. 6th, Friday at 1:00 p.m. pumpkin decorating, please  
drop off flowers at Smeltzers Garden Centre.

Tea Room: Upstairs. Workers please bring your own lunch  
or purchase in the tea room.

All donations of baked goods are more than welcome.

If you would like to help in any way, please call the  
office at 395-5371

Oct. 10th: UCW Meeting, 9:30 a.m. Guest speaker is  
Arlene McFarlane "Journey to self-publishing your own  
books" Jean Colling, Convenor and Anne Boyd and Barb  
Messenger on snacks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)

Our father who art in heaven, hallowed  
be thy name. Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we  
forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us  
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

\* HYMN: "GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH"  
VU # 651

\* SENDING FORTH

MAY GOD BLESS YOU AS YOU LEAVE THIS PLACE.  
MAY THE LOVE OF GOD SURROUND YOU;  
MAY THE PEACE OF CHRIST GIVE YOU COMFORT  
AND MAY THE COMPANIONSHIP OF THE HOLY  
SPIRIT GIVE YOU STRENGTH AS YOU CONTINUE  
YOUR MINISTRY AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD. AMEN.

CLOSING CHORUS (SEATED) "ON EAGLE'S WINGS"

VERSE 1: CHOIR

REFRAIN: EVERYONE VU # 808

*Thank you to everyone who  
assisted in the service today.*

*Please join us downstairs  
for refreshments and fellowship.*

slowing down a little, taking a little more  
time, noticing your creative touch a little  
more often. Be with us God of all that lives  
and breathes; touch us with your patience  
and calm. Bless us that we may seek your  
peace amidst the hurriedness of our lives.  
Draw us to you. Amen .

THE WORD

ANTHEM

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

SCRIPTURE READING: EXODUS 14: 19-31 JANICE CURTIS  
"GOD PARTS THE SEA"

GROWING WITH GOD: (AT THE SOUND OF THE "RAIN STICK",  
ANY YOUTH ARE INVITED TO COME FORWARD)

\* HYMN: "ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE"  
VU # 659

SERMON: "SEA CROSSINGS"

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\* HYMN: *MORE VOICES* "COME AND SEEK THE WAYS OF  
(INTRO BY CHOIR) WISDOM" MV # 10

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

\* OFFERING HYMN: "GRANT US, GOD, THE GRACE"  
VU # 540

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (IN UNISON)

Loving and gracious God, we give you  
these gifts in the hope that through them  
your kingdom may be glimpsed by those  
gathered here, and also by others.  
Through these gifts, you have our  
commitment to live as your people.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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