



# Pine Echoes



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## Fun Filled Weeks in August

- Thursday, Aug. 1 The Chosen Season 3, 7:00 pm, in Jesse Lee House
- Friday, Aug. 2, Youth Chapel Outing to Richardson's Mini Golf/Ice Cream, 10:00 am
- Saturday, Aug. 3 International Food Festival, 6:30 pm
- Saturday, Aug. 3 Illuminations, 7:30 pm meet at the aater pump in front of 15 Lee Park
- Sunday, Aug 4 Worship in the Vesper Circle with Pastor Seunghea "Cindie" Chae. 10 a.m.
- Sunday, Aug. 4 Camp Meeting Kick Off, 7:00 pm Mark 209 in the Tabernacle
- Monday, Aug. 5-Friday Aug. 9 Camp Meeting Week**
- Saturday, Aug. 10 Lobster Bake, 6:00 pm
- Friday, Aug. 16 Game Night, 7:00 pm in the Dining Hall
- Saturday, Aug. 17 Pie Social, 6:30 pm in the Dining Hall



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## Camp Meeting Week

Plan to attend our annual Camp Meeting, a time of worship, fellowship, and growing together in the Lord. This year's theme is "Love One Another."

### Sunday, August 4

- 10 AM: We are delighted to welcome Pastor Seunghea "Cindie" Chae from First United Methodist Church in Hamilton, MA, to Asbury Grove. Pastor Chae, who lives with her husband Jinyong Choi, also a pastor, will lead us in worship on Sunday morning in Vesper Circle. This marks a tradition of starting our Camp Meeting Sunday morning in a way that brings together the UMC Hamilton congregation and our Asbury Grove family. Pastor Chae's presence and message are a testament to our shared faith and community spirit. As we gather to worship, we are reminded of our commitment to see God in the world and to live out our belovedness through love and kindness. Please join us for this special service and celebrate our unity and faith. Let us embrace this opportunity to worship together and strengthen the bonds that connect our communities. *(Note: There will be no afternoon Vespers.)*
- 7 PM: Camp Meeting Kick-off with music from the country praise band Mark 209, and introductions from our speaker Ken Steigler and Bible Study teachers Dan and Gina Blaze.

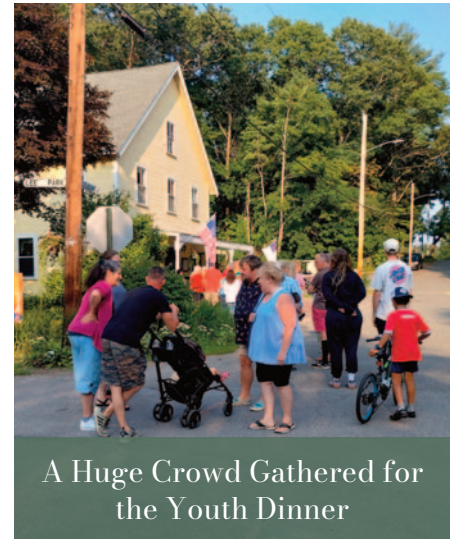
### Monday - Friday

- 9 AM: Outdoor prayer with Dan & Gina at Vesper Circle.
- 10 AM: Bible Study with Dan and Gina in the Chapel (fans will be cooling us off).
- 6 PM: Nightly community suppers in the Dining Hall; Stay tuned for menus & prices.
- 7 PM: Evening Service in the Tabernacle.

Join us for a week of spiritual renewal and community connection. We look forward to seeing you there!



Turkey Gobbler Dinner Team 2024



A Huge Crowd Gathered for the Youth Dinner

## Update: The Chosen

### Weekly in Jesse Lee

We have changed what we are showing on Thursday nights at Jesse Lee. Because an entire season takes 6 hours we've been doing half a season each night. So this coming Thursday, the 1st of August, four episodes of season 3 will be shown.

August 15th will be the rest of season 3.

August 22nd will be four episodes of season 4,

August 29th the last four episodes of season 4.

We'll be skipping Camp meeting week.

## Men's Class

### Reminder

Come join us at Men's class Sunday Mornings from 8:00-9:00 am with a coffee and Panera treat. We are building community, sharing a scripture with discussion before we head out to our neighborhood congregations. 4 Sundays in August remain.

## Planting Seeds of Faith

### How Beth Cook's Youth Chapel is Inspiring Young Hearts

In a time when children spend more time on their tablets and phones, it's refreshing to know there's a place in the Grove kids can go to connect with other children and adults, play freely and most importantly learn about God. The Youth Chapel, (part of the Grove's Youth program, overseen by Kathy Kirlis) is a program run by Beth Cook from Ipswich, that provides a place for children, ages 8-13, a chance to study scripture in a fun and engaging way. Over the past three years, Beth has seen the program flourish, growing from 15 participants in 2022 to 52 this year.

Beth, who spends her summer in the Blessing with her husband Phil and two children Isla and Aaron, dedicates her Monday through Friday mornings running the program. Her efforts have undoubtedly sown wonderful Christian seeds among children from the Grove and surrounding areas. Some of her inspiration comes from her personal camp experience as a young girl. "I have great childhood memories of spending summers in a similar camp in Maine. It's a very special experience for children." Each morning, they gather at the Johnson House at 10:00. By 10:15 everyone is seated in a circle, singing praise and worship songs, as Beth strums her guitar. Beth then reads an inspirational story centered around themes like

forgiveness, love, and hope and introduces new scripture. The children listen intently, pull out their Bibles and journals and reflect on the message through writing or drawing. After enjoying a snack, the children have time to play and do crafts. But don't think this is a one-woman show. Beth depends heavily on Michelle Ortilani as well as many volunteers who keep things fresh, fun and interesting.

When asked why Beth puts her heart and soul into the Youth Chapel, she replied, "I love the Grove and this program. We are planting and nourishing seeds, and my hope is that what they learn here will stick - and be carried to their future lives."



Beth Cook



Youth Chapel 2024



## Christmas in July Wrap Up

Thanks to all who participated in the Candy Cane Scavenger Hunt and the Youth holiday-themed dinner. A special thanks to Leo Kulhavy, his crew, and the recreation committee for making the bounce house a reality during the festivities and to Kelley Farley, who brought the toy soldier character to life during the scavenger hunt.

Congratulations to the scavenger hunt winning team, Santa's Reindeers. They received the most points for collecting items, taking photos, and solving Christmas trivia questions, winning them the grand prize.

Congratulations also go to Tristan Parady for being the most "festively dressed" at the youth dinner. She received a gift card for her holiday spirit.

*Just a reminder – there are less than five months to prepare for the real Christmas celebration!*

## Turkey Gobbler Dinner

Wrap Up Thanks to the 90 people who came out for Turkey Gobbler sandwiches at the Youth Dinner on Saturday night. Many thanks to Chapel Leader Beth Cook, Sunday School Superintendent Kathy Kirlis, the kids, and parent volunteers who made this grand finale to our Christmas in July weekend possible. Here are some of the comments we heard: "It was a fun, enjoyable evening in every way. Festive, wonderful Christmas songs sung and led by the youth and Beth Cook, decorated beautifully, and the fellowship was enjoyable. Someone

mentioned mistletoe was missing. The gingerbread house outside was adorable, and the really nice centerpieces on each table, made by the kids, quickly sold." "Wow, that's incredible!!! It was so wonderful to see people lingering and enjoying each other and also so many kids and parents helping!! Your hard work paid off." "Thank you to you Kathy and Beth and all that made this week happen for the youth...and beyond. I am sure that seeds were planted to last a lifetime!"

## Face of Tomorrow – Youth Outreach

- Sunday School: Sunday School has started during Sunday vespers for all Elementary school age children. Children are dismissed from the service after the first hymn.
- Youth Chapel: Drop-in program for youth ages 8-13. through-August 23, 10AM-12PM at the Johnson Youth Center. Parents must complete a registration form for each child.
- Teen Nights: Teen Night is every WEDNESDAY night 7-9PM in the Johnson Center
- **No Movie Night Aug 2nd**

Special Dates:

- August 2: 10AM-12PM Youth Chapel Outing to Richardson's Mini Golf/Ice Cream (Ages 8-13, Parent Drivers/Chaperones Needed)
- August 23: 10AM-12PM Youth Chapel Outing to Canobie Lake Park (Ages 8-13, Parent Drivers/Chaperones Needed)
- Youth Fundraiser--
- Youth will be selling cold drinks and snacks outside the pool deck to raise money for a trip to Canobie Lake Park. We will begin with Mondays 2-4PM and may expand our days and hours as the summer goes on.

## Family Dinners for Camp Meeting Week

Join us in the Dinig Hall for our Camp Meeting Dinners, Monday - Friday at 6 pm. Enjoy fellowship and down-home cooking at a great price. Adult meals are \$7, family rate of \$28 for four or more. Kids under 3 eat free.

- Monday Chicken BBQ skewers, hosted by Susan Norman and team
- Tuesday Taco Tuesday, hosted by Richard and Karen Langlais
- Wednesday Homemade Mac and Cheese/Baked Ham, hosted by the Ollett family
- Thursday Meat Loaf and roasted vegetables, hosted by the Men's Dream Team
- Friday Italian Night, hosted by Paul Ricci and team

Thanks to our team leaders, volunteers and supportive Grove community! See you there,  
Kelley Farley,  
Camp Meeting Meal Coordinator



## Decorating for Camp Meeting & The International Food Festival

### Join the International Food Festival

The International Food Festival is a delightful celebration of diverse cuisines, taking place at the center at 6:00 PM on Saturday, August 3rd. We encourage everyone to participate by bringing a dish to share or sell. You decide the price and are free to deduct your costs or donate all proceeds. While the theme is international, American foods are also welcome. If you inform Linda Young ahead of time about the country of origin of your dish, we will provide the appropriate flag to represent it. Stay tuned for more details coming next week!

### Volunteer to Hang Lanterns

At 9:00 AM on Saturday, August 3rd, we will gather volunteers at the front gate to start hanging lanterns. This task involves decorating all the main buildings and the Dining Hall lawn with beautiful lanterns to enhance the festive atmosphere. We especially welcome strong volunteers to join this crew and help make our community look its best for the celebrations.

Join us in these activities to make the run up to Camp Meeting and the International Food Festival memorable events for everyone!

## Camp Meeting

Yes every year they gather here,  
To fill their hearts and rest their fear,  
Saints, mortals, and skeptics too,  
They come to fill their hearts anew.

All the past saints are standing there,  
Among the trees this time of year.  
They whisper low they whisper strong,  
They do their best to right the wrong.

Mortals too stand beneath the pine,  
Waiting – praying for words divine.  
Trying to fill their cups once more,  
With living water fresh and pure.

Oh yes the skeptics stand there too.  
Most will leave when time is through,  
Not knowing that they've stood before,  
The Lord of Lords and missed the roar.

Oh yes it happens every year,  
Saints, mortals and skeptics appear.  
Each one plays out their own part,  
Giving their souls a fresh new start.

By: J. William Zoldak

# Illuminate the Grove

## Join Us for Illumination Night and Camp Meeting!

We invite everyone to participate in our cherished tradition of illuminating the Grove. This tradition dates back to the early days of camp meetings when folks needed lights to find their way to the meeting area at night. Today, we decorate our cottages with lights to celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit as we gather for Camp Meeting.

- Saturday, August 3rd.
- Please begin to gather at the water pump just outside the Coffee Shop at 7:30 PM. We will start our walk once it's dark enough, typically around 7:30 or a bit later.

### How to Participate:

- **Decorate Your Cottage:** Add extra lights to your home to celebrate the upcoming events and bring brightness to the evening gatherings. Make sure your lights are on before dusk.



## A Word from the Grounds

### Committee:

If you would like to volunteer to help garden, weed, and beautify some of the areas around the Grove that need attention, please contact Bruce Gingrich (at the Business Office) or Dan Moniz down in the front for the details.

The wood walkway around the pool house has been completed. Excellent job by our new Facilities Manager. A new chlorinator has been installed at the pool.

Many other projects have been completed by Bruce since his arrival at the beginning of July. The section of road in need of repair on Morris Ave. on the way to the pool has been filled in and completed. Another tree(s) has been removed, and stumps have been ground. The tree plan continues.

- **Join the Illuminations Walk:** We will gather at the water pump and stroll through the Grove, singing and praying along the way. Although we can't walk all the streets, we will do our best to cover a good sampling.

### What to Bring:

- Bug spray to stay comfortable.
- Loud, lovely voices for singing. If you have a favorite hymn or song, please bring a few copies of the lyrics to share with the group.

Additional Information: The Song Booklet is available digitally through a link in the accompanying email.

*Let's come together to light up our community and celebrate these special occasions. We look forward to seeing everyone's creativity and enjoying the festive spirit! Thank you for helping us continue this beautiful tradition. See you there!*



Tree Removal 2024 Update



## Note from COA President: The Lobster Bake Returns for 2024

Reminder: The Lobster Bake is on Saturday, August 10th at 6 PM behind the dining hall—the day after camp meeting.

Tickets are:

- \$20 for an Adult Lobster Dinner, additional lobsters can be purchased for \$12 when buying an adult dinner.
- \$10 for an Adult Hotdog Dinner
- \$7 for a Child Hotdog Dinner.

Tickets will be on sale nightly during camp meeting at the dining hall and must be preordered by Thursday, August 8th. (You can also purchase from Scott Brennan, Paula Ricci, or Aimee Otto.)

Checks are accepted, made out to AGCOA.

### Needed: Many hands make light work.

- A volunteer to make the cold slaw.
- Volunteers to cut up potatoes the night before for the clam chowder.
- A volunteer to bake a large pan of Mac and Cheese for kids' meals to accompany their hotdog meal.
- Volunteers to shuck the corn behind the dining hall at 1:00 PM on Saturday.
- Volunteer(s) to boil the corn, melt butter, and boil hotdogs in the kitchen.
- A volunteer to cut up watermelon into triangles for the meals.
- Setup and serving volunteers.
- Clean-up volunteers for the kitchen.

Please contact me by text if you are able to assist. 951-833-0347, and I'll put your name down. Thanks in advance! Hope to see you there!



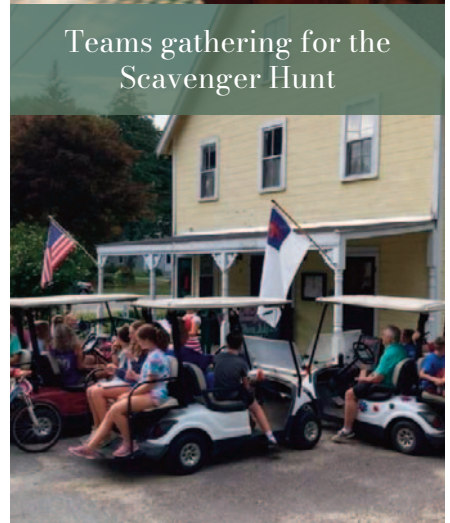
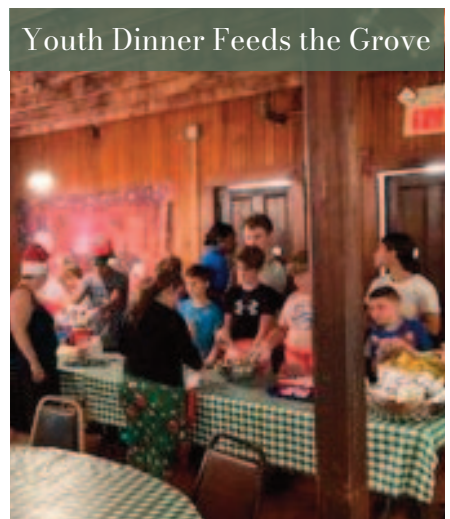
## Soul Fest 2024 Announcement

Exciting news! Soul Fest 2024 is just two weeks away. Mark your calendars for August 15-17 and join us at the Franklin County Fairgrounds in Greenfield, MA.

Tickets are available for single and multi-day passes. Use the coupon code "LOUNSI0" to get a 10% discount.

For more details, visit the Soul Fest 2024 website at [www.thesoulfest.com](http://www.thesoulfest.com).

Thank you,  
Darlene, Ground Volunteer for Soul Fest





## The Watchful Eye

Please be aware that it is Massachusetts law that operators of golf carts must have a valid driver's license. This means the driver must be at least 16 years old and hold a valid driver's license. Your cooperation ensures the safety and compliance of our community. Thank you!

## Job Posting

Asbury Grove is looking for a part-time Office Manager. See job description posted on website at [www.asburygrove.org/positions](http://www.asburygrove.org/positions) Submit cover letter and resume to [secretary@asburygrove.org](mailto:secretary@asburygrove.org) by August 16.

## The Barn is Open!

Visit Every Fri & Sat 9:30-1



## Request for Submissions

The Pine Echoes Editor asks that all submissions for the Thursday printing be in by Monday. Please make sure to mark your calendars and get submissions in! [pineechoesnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:pineechoesnewsletter@gmail.com)

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## Weekly Round Up

### Saturdays

- 8:30 am Coffee Shop Open with a made to order menu
- 9:30 pm Thrift Barn Open till 1pm
- 10:00 am Library Open till 1 pm
- TBD Historic Cottage Visits
- 1:00 pm Pool Open till 5pm

### Sundays

- 12:30 pm Pool Open till 3:30
- 4:00 pm Vesper Services at Vesper Circle or Chapel (depending on weather)
- Sunday School t Johnson Youth Center (After the first Hymn)

### Monday - Friday

- 10:00 am Youth Chapel at Johnson Youth Center
- 1:00 pm Pool Open till 5 pm

### Mondays

- 6:00 pm Foot Races
- 6:30 pm Library Open till 7:30

### Tuesdays

- 6:00 pm Ice Cream Shoppe
- 6:00 pm Library Open till 7:30 pm
- 7:00 pm Bible Study at Jesse Lee House (Starting July 16th)

### Wednesdays

- 6:30 am "Share and Prayer" at the Coffee Shop

### Thursdays

- 10:00 am Ladies Prayer Group at 'All is Well' on Mudge Ave.
- 6:00 pm Library Open till to 7:30 pm

### Friday

- 8:30 am Coffee Shop Open with coffee & Pastries
- 8:00 pm Movie Night at the Dining Hall
- 9:30 pm Thrift Barn Open till 1pm