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May 24th, 2020

7th Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday

Kathey Hollifield, Music Director
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Rick Schilling, Pastor

ONLINE WORSHIP EDITION

Prelude

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

Kathy Miller

Greeting / Call to Worship

Janie DeVos

We await God's instructions for our lives.

Teach us, God, about how you need for us to serve.

The time has come for us to reach out in new and creative ways.

May God's love flow through us into our world in need.

Wait. Listen. Let's not get ahead of God.

Let us open our hearts and spirits to hear God's word for us today.

Opening Hymn

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” (2 times)

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Opening Prayer & Blessing of Peace

Janie DeVos

To the God of wisdom and revelation, let us pray...

Lord of amazing visions, prepare our hearts and our spirits this day to receive your word. Help make us ready to be your disciples in all that we say and do. For we ask this in the name of our ascended Savior, Jesus our Christ. Amen.

Children's Message

Ginny Downs

Scripture Reading

Acts 11:1-11

CEB 1340

Proclamation of the Word

“Our Instruction Manual”

Rev. Rick Schilling

The Apostles' Creed

Ecumenical Version

UMH 882

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RICK

Hello all. As the practice of “social distancing” to help curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus continues, we at SPUMC are adhering to the North Carolina United Methodist Bishops’ recommendation to suspend public worship, which now has been extended until further notice. The Bishops, who are following CDC guidelines for public gatherings, will let us know when it will be okay for public worship gatherings. Again, we are doing this out of prevention; we are not acting out of fear. Because of this, this reality affects us in numerous ways. Since we aren’t able to spend time with each other in worship and fellowship, we need to make an effort to reach out to others via phone, text, email, and social media. We especially need to reach out to those who are most vulnerable to illness, and those who might not typically get visitors.

We will continue to record the sermon and other portions of a typical “in-person” worship service to help keep us connected. Our goal is to post the videos to our church website and our Facebook page by Saturday evenings, so that you can watch and worship at your convenience – no matter the day or time.

In addition, we are reminding you that the church’s ministry doesn’t stop in the midst of this crisis. Please continue to send your tithes and offerings every week. You can send them via the “Donate Now” tab on our church website. Here’s the direct link to the “Donate Now” page:

http://sprucepineumc.org/NewSite/index.php?option=com_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=151

You can also mail your tithes/offerings to the church at “Spruce Pine UMC, 11090 226 South Hwy., Spruce Pine, NC 28777.

Thank you for your patience, flexibility, and support during this trying time. We will get through this together as a church family and community. Let’s continue to shine God’s light of love and mercy to the world in need!

In humble service with you...Pastor Rick

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

IF YOU’RE NEW HERE . . . WELCOME! We’re glad you could join us, whether you’re new to the community, new to our church, or if you might be new to this whole “church” thing altogether. We hope you won’t be nervous: it doesn’t matter who you are, what you’ve done, what you’re wearing, what you believe, or what you don’t believe – you are welcome here. You are among friends, and we hope you feel at home in this place of grace.

MAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW BABY IN THE BUCHANAN FAMILY! - The Buchanans welcomed their new son Gilbert on Monday, May 11. Details: Gilbert Wright Buchanan Born 6:12am, Monday, May 11th 8lb1oz, 20 & 3/4”
Thanks to the church for all your prayers and support. P.S. The big kids are up for play dates anytime while mom & dad rest :) -Aaron & Grace-

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 25 IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY

SERMONS ON VIDEO! Our website www.sprucepineumc.org has the current videos online! Simply click on the tab (at the top of the screen under our logo) marked "Sermons" to view them. We are excited for the progress, as we continue to connect with all our worshippers and members - locally and beyond!

COVID-19 FACE MASKS If you are making your own cloth face mask, consider adding a piece of vacuum cleaner bag material. This will help filter out smaller particles. Simply wrap it in the cloth you are using. If you need a cloth mask, SPUMC has access to several. Please contact the church through Facebook, by phone: 828.765.7446, or email: sprucepineumc@gmail.com, and we will send you contact info so that you can get one (or more).

FLOWER CALENDAR - SPUMC now has a "Flower Calendar" for those who would like to remember, honor, or celebrate their friends and loved ones. Located near the bulletin boards (near the Welcome Center), please fill in the date(s) in which you plan to have flowers in the sanctuary, and in whose honor/memory they are for.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONTACT PERSON - Larry Bohannon-Goldman is the contact person for the 2nd quarter and may be called when is someone is in need of food, transportation, etc. His number is 828-592-1156.

SONS OF THE SON & BRIDGE OF HOPE, SHEPHERD'S STAFF & M-Y PARISH STILL NEED SUPPORT

SONS OF THE SON & BRIDGE OF HOPE HOMELESS MINISTRY - Needs: coats, gloves, hats, socks, blankets, sleeping bags, tarps, food, toiletries and your prayers. Thank you & God Bless, Phil White

WE INVITE EACH FAMILY TO BRING AT LEAST ONE CAN OF FOOD EACH WEEK for the Shepherd's Staff food assistance ministry. There is a box in the Welcome Center...let's fill it each week! Please check the "Best Used Before" date on the items you donate and make sure it is more than 30 days before expiration. Thank you.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE PEW REGISTRATION PADS by the windows at the end of each pew. **Pass them to the inside** and the ushers will pick them up after they receive the offering.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP SCHEDULE: (for when we return)

(If you are unable to serve on the date scheduled, please exchange dates with someone and let the church office know.)

DATE	LECTOR	CHILDREN'S TIME	GREETERS *	NURSERY *	PRESCHOOL *
5/31	Kathey Hollifield	Beverly Greene	TBA	Becky Nance	Emree Hoilman
6/7	Randy Hembree	Melanie Murphy	Margarett McGraw/Freddy Jones	Meredith Hoilman	Emree Hoilman
6/14	Beverly Greene	Tracy Carroll	Eva & Tom Jobin	Jessica Hoyle	Joey Stout
6/21	Janet Ouzts	Bruce Ikard	Jack & Ursula Chandler	Katie Willett	Kim Ledford
6/28	Matt Miller	Troy Hoilman	Bob & Susan Davis	Sherry Sherman	Brandi Miller

* For when we return

OUR COMMUNITY COVENANT

When a person becomes a professing member of the body of Christ at Spruce Pine United Methodist Church, he or she covenants to participate faithfully in the ministries of the congregation and in life in the world by their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service, and their witness.

GENERAL PRAYERS: For all who do not know the love of God in Christ Jesus the Lord; for the well-being of our community; for local, state, national, and world leaders

SUSTAINING PRAYERS: Our homebound members (*Shirley McManus*); Brian Center & Mitchell House Residents; Staff, and Families (*Barbara Day*); *Beth Wyatt & Reg Bezzola*; June Wilson; David Hoepfner; *Bretta Walker*; *Charles Hale*; for those in addiction: for recovery and sobriety in 2020; *Sandra Woodard*; Jan Hamilton's Mother Jo (healing), Weston Stout; *Tim Hollifield*; Muffy Dayton; Marcia Murphy; Rosemary Allen (*Stan Cook's sister*); Frank Henline; Wayne Lemzoni; Jacquelyn Taylor; Trevor Higgins; Jennifer Willett (*expecting*); Rick Aldridge; Mike McKinney; Faye Vickers family; Marcus Wood; Charlotte Clark; Susan Hoeg, Virginia, Charlie & William; those with mental health issues; Hannah Blanton; Mike Lewis; Ron & Linda Cromarty; Dori Ann; Beth's pregnancy (Dwight's sister); Lynda Briggs; Bob & Glenn (*Glenna's cousins*); Myra Habernack Strube; Jessie Wray; Ann Butler & family; *Michela Buchanan (baby Lily)*; Sam & Jenell Young; Richard Baker and family; June Wilson; Gloria Schulman; for DSS; Andy Grindstaff; Art Hoover & family; Bob Cook, Aticus Grindstaff; *Beth Ziemba's* Daughter in law's pregnancy; Jaden Pernell (friend of the Sparks); Kenneth Huskins; Doris Deyton (*Sam's mother - health*); Robert Kissel (stress); Shane Heath (isolated & lonely); Anonymous DSS employee (stress); Linda Seaman (Becky Dainotto's sister); Hal Harrison; *Grace Buchanan - New baby!*

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: the family of Mariana Jaeger; the family of Benna Davenport (Audrey's Daughter in Law); the family of Jana Bartleson; *the family of Mabel Whiton; the family of Evelyn Hughes*

FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY: Wayne Hoilman; Ozzie Hernandez; Mary Woodfrey (hip); Patti Morgan; Laura Moore (back surgery); Dean (Judy's cousin, heart & kidney transplant); Shannon Perdue (kidney transplant March 4 & donor Audra Wiseman); Heather Walker (back in hospital); Heather's Mom (hospital); Bud Myers (hospital); Mary Ruth Webb (waiting on kidney transplant); Catherine Andre (hip replacement); Herman Buchanan; Carolyn Sproles; Phil White (recovery); Paul Long (Margaret Troxler's dad – hospital); David Hoeppner; Jerry Douglass (*Maria's dad*); Larry Lanning (surgery); *Diane Sheeley (recovery)*; *Starli's dad Tommy* (surgery); Jeff (Diane Truesdell's son-in-law, surgery); Brenda (*Lila's daughter-in-law's sister, life support*); Larry (transplant list); *Chelsea Thayer's uncle David Wilson*; *James Ouzts (Shoulder Surgery)*; Carter Hoyle (hospital in Asheville)

FOR THOSE WITH CANCER: Judy Rinard; Diane Meatyard; Joyce Woody; Holly (brain tumor); Chase Ambrose; Ava Hollifield; Janet Ward Slaughter; Gloria Smith (lung); Peggy Grantham (bladder); Eliza Bray (4 yr. old) and family; Marcia Murphy; Danny Gortney; Gary Graham; Erin (brain cancer); Todd Fleenor; Gloria (*Susan Curtis' friend – chemo/kidney failure*); Lawrence Glenn; Mike Willis (brain tumor); Joyce Alvarez (health issues); Raymond Mayberry; *Carolyn Brunning*; Richard (Marvin's friend); Lily Bray (breast cancer); Randall McKinney (prostate); Carolyn Dotts; Jeff Kaplan (leukemia); Shirl Phillips (melanoma)

FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY: Wanda McClellan (lupus); Mary Kay Thompkins (MS); Sandra Glenn; *Danna Gibson*; Carol Woodward; Annette McKinney (ALS); *Dwight Willet's father (meniscus)*; Homer Cook (*Stan's dad*); Doris (*Eva's aunt*); Jeanette Dellinger; Benny (health); Charlene (fall); Louise Weeks (rehab); Rosemary (auto accident); Mr. Long – (nearing end of life); Keith Renfro (accident); David DeVos (heart attack); Twyla (friend of Connie-hit by car); Ann Butler; Isabella (5 year old in hospital); *Bill Haberneck (medical)*; Josh (Melanie's friend – muscular dystrophy); Barbara (*Rae Carr's neighbor – heart attack*); Bruce Hobson (suffering from Vertigo for 3 months); Satyra Askeland (fall, broken leg and ankle); Brooke (kidney infection); *Eva Jobin (gallbladder)*; John Lacey - sepsis; *Lucy Murphy (health issues)*; *Maria Walker (Covid-19)*; Mary (Jane Greenwood's sister in Missouri) health concerns

FOR SURVIVORS OF INJUSTICE, DISASTER, OR TRAGEDY: Survivors of sexual abuse/harassment; Survivors of child abuse; Separated children & families; Victims of human trafficking; Samuel Oliver Bruno family; people of Venezuela; solutions to gun violence; for the people of Nashville (tornado victims); for those suffering due to the coronavirus health crisis; for workers and business owners who are hurting now

FOR AREA CHURCHES & MINISTRIES: Toe Valley UMC Charge (Mt. Zion - Pine Grove); Bakersville UMC, Red Hill-Deyton Bend UMC; The Newdale UMC Charge (Celo-Martin's Chapel-Windham); SPUMC (Pastor, Staff & Members); M-Y Parish Food Bank; Lamplighters Children, Families and Staff; Shepherd's Staff; Peter Constantian

FOR THOSE TRAVELING, ON MISSION, OR IN THE MILITARY: Dallas Martin (Marines); Tucker McElrath; Lindsey Potter (Army National Guard); Josh Swindler (Navy); Ben Smith (Army); Karen (Istanbul); *Tim Hollifield's sister (Pakistan)*; Will LeMieux (deployed National Guard); Ben Potter (Army); *Glenna's daughter (China)*

We want to join with you in prayer for your concerns and needs. Simply contact Pastor Rick or the church office and tell us about your prayer concern. Please submit names to the church office by Thursday morning to be included on the weekly list.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK			ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK	
24 th – LeeRoy Ledford, Cole Martin	28 th – Mary John Dye, Judy Rinard	30 th – Jan Banta, Peter Constantian	26 th – Ed & Jan Banta	27 th – Tim II & Kristen Drum
PRESENCE:		April 17th, 2020	COVID 19 - Online only	
GIFTS	April 17th, 2020	General Fund - \$5,486.00	Weekly budget need - \$4,912.75	
		Year to Date - \$92,897.99	YTD Budget Need – \$98,255.00	
		Children's Change Offering - \$8.50	Kairos / M-Y Habitat	
			Shepherd's Staff Food Donations -0	

*The Spruce Pine UMC would like to thank the following for making Memorial Donations in Memory of Evelyn Hughes:
Roger and Nancy Bursleson, Ima Conroy, Ken Lentz, and Betty Sparks.*

WITNESS: NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS IN THIS WORLD, GOD FULFILLS THE PROMISES OF NEW LIFE, FULL LIFE, AND RESURRECTED LIFE. IN THIS TROUBLING TIME, HOLD ON TO GOD'S PROMISES. LET THEM GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS. AND, IN CREATIVE AND UNEXPECTED WAYS, LET US SHARE THE GOOD NEWS WITH THIS TROUBLED WORLD – THAT NO MATTER WHAT, DEATH DOES NOT HAVE THE FINAL WORD! CHRIST IS RISEN! IT IS STILL EASTER, AND WE ARE STILL EASTER PEOPLE!

****Next Week's Scripture – May 31, 2020 - Day of Pentecost****

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12 4:3b-13; John 17:37-39