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July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Kathey Hollifield, Music Director  
Bruce Ikard, Worship Technician

Kathy Miller, Organist  
Rick Schilling, Pastor

## ONLINE WORSHIP EDITION

**Prelude**

*“Holy Gifts We Offer”*

Kathy Miller - Organ

**Greeting / Call to Worship**

Tracy Deyton

God's love provides a space of respite and peace for us.

**We bless this place, a sanctuary of rest.**

Delight in the gifts of the Spirit, who welcomes everyone.

**Surely goodness and mercy are with us,**

**in the presence of our Lord, the God of abounding love.**

**Opening Hymn**

*“Thy Word is a Lamp”*

UMH 601

**Opening Prayer & Blessing of Peace**

Tracy Deyton

To our God who sees darkness and light as the same, let us pray...

**Author of Life, Living Word, Holy Breath, we have stumbled through the week and found our way back to You. Illuminate our steps before us and write your word on our hearts, for we carry the name of Jesus and walk in the light of his love. Amen.**

**Children's Message**

Sharon Drum

**Scripture Reading**

**Psalm 119:105-112**

CEB 763

*(God's word is a light for our journey)*

**Proclamation of the Word**

*“Seeing in Darkness”*

Rev. Rick Schilling

**Special Music**

*“Open the Eyes of My Heart”*

Sharon & Tim Drum

**Closing Hymn**

*“To Know You More”*

TFWS 2161

## 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.

## JULY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**IN PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE** - The Administrative Council and Worship Committee are planning to continue to reengage with an in-person worship service today **July 12 at 11:00 a.m.** This will be an outdoor service, and the church building will remain closed (**bathrooms in the Fellowship Hall will be open**). In order to keep everyone safe and healthy, we ask all who will attend to bring your own chair(s) or blanket(s) for the ground. We also are asking that we adhere to the recommended six-foot spacing, and that all of us wear a face covering. We will have disposable face coverings available for those who forget to bring one with them.

Please note that we will not hold the service if it rains or if the NC UMC Bishops and/or governor's recommendations change as a result of a rise in Covid cases and hospitalizations. Again, our first General Rule is “Do No Harm,” and we at SPUMC take this call seriously.

We will keep you updated and hope to see you in-person on July 12.

**SERMONS ON VIDEO!** Our website [www.sprucepineumc.org](http://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](mailto: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.

**HEY KIDS! (OR CHILDREN AT HEART)** Send a picture or a card to:

A RECOVERING AMERICAN SOLDIER  
C/O WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER  
6500 GEORGIA AVENUE NW  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20307-5001

**Let them know that God loves them.**

## ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONTACT PERSON** - Ginny Downs is the contact persons for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and may be called when is someone needs food, transportation, etc. Her contact number is (601) 337-2661.

**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 *
7/19	Aaron Buchanan	Kathey Hollifield	Ray & Joyce Alvarez	Meredith Hoilman	Emree Hoilman
7/26	Meredith Hoilman	Ginny Downs	Carolyn & Jack Bureson	Jessica Hoyle	Joey Stout
8/2	Dwight Willett	Beverly Green	Martha Long / Terre McNamara	Kim Ledford	Kim Ledford
8/9	Tim Drum	Melanie Murphy	John Campbell & Ginny Downs	Larry Bohannon	Brandi Miller
8/16	Bruce Ikard	Tracy Carroll	Greg & Meredith Hoilman	Chelsea Thayer	Traci Deyton
8/23	Marvin Walker	Bruce Ikard	James & Janet Ouzts	Becky Nance	Brandi Miller
8/30	Jack Riley	Troy Hoilman	Becky Nance / Jan Hamilton	Meredith Hoilman	Emree Hoilman

\* For when we return to the building

### REGULAR MEETINGS \*\* denotes currently meeting

GROUP	DAYS	ROOM	CONTACT
Blue Ridge Bridge Club	Mondays, 10 am	Fellowship Hall	Nancy Ball
<b>** SPUMC Book Club **</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 10 am</b>	<b>Rose Garden Outside</b>	<b>Margarett McGraw</b>
Weight Watchers	Tuesdays, 5 pm	Fellowship Hall	
UMW Nightingale Circle	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday - 7 pm	Welcome Center	Sharon Drum
Choir Practice	Wednesdays - 7:00 pm	Sanctuary	Kathey Hollifield
Al-Anon	Thursdays - 7:00 pm	Youth Room	467-1193 & 704-609-5379

## 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; 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; Rick Aldridge; 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; Lynda Briggs; Bob & Glenn (*Glenna's cousins*); Myra Habernack Strube; Jessie Wray; Ann Butler & family; *Michela Buchanan (baby Lily)*; Sam & Jenell Young; June Wilson; 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 Gilbert!*; New baby Daisy, daughter of Kaitlyn & Trevor, granddaughter of Amber, and Great-Granddaughter of Danna & Framton

**FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** the family of Benna Davenport (Audrey's Daughter in Law); *the family of Mabel Whiton*; *the family of Evelyn Hughes*; the family of Anette McKinney; the family of Clifton “Jitter” Cornatzer (Brooks Cornatzer's (Alicia Curtis) father); the family of Gail Rohr; the family of Dr. Lee Beall; the family of John Wellborn; the family of Reg Bezzola

**FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** Wayne Hoilman; Ozzie Hernandez; Mary Woodfrey (hip); Patti Morgan; 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); Carolyn Sproles; Phil White (recovery); Paul Long (Margaret Troxler's dad – hospital); Jerry Douglass (*Maria's* dad); Larry Lanning (surgery); *Diane Sheeley* (recovery); *Starli's* dad Tommy (surgery); Jeff (Diane Truesdell's son-in-law, surgery); Larry (transplant list); *Chelsea Thayer's* uncle David Wilson; *James Ouzts* (*Shoulder Surgery*); Carter Hoyle (hospital in Asheville); Joyce Alvarez (surgery June 9), Ernest Canipe (Richard's Father); Connie Martin (bone marrow transplant – friend of Wanda Henline)

**FOR THOSE WITH CANCER:** Judy Rinard; Joyce Woody; Holly (brain tumor); Chase Ambrose; Ava Hollifield; Janet Ward Slaughter; Gloria Smith (lung); 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; Raymond Mayberry; Lily Bray (breast cancer); Randall McKinney (prostate); Carolyn Dotts; Jeff Kaplan (leukemia); Shirl Phillips (melanoma); Diane Meatyard; *Mary Kate Appainitis* (melanoma)

**FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY:** Wanda McClellan (lupus); Mary Kay Thompkins (MS); Sandra Glenn; *Danna Gibson*; Carol Woodard; *Dwight Willet's father* (meniscus); Homer Cook (*Stan's dad*); Doris (*Eva's* aunt); Jeanette Dellinger; Benny (health); Louise Weeks (rehab); Rosemary (auto accident); Mr. Long – (nearing end of life); Keith Renfro (accident); Twyla (friend of Connie-hit by car); Ann Butler; 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); John Lacey - sepsis; *Lucy Murphy* (health issues); 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; 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:** 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				
12 – Jane Greenwood	13 – Faye Rowland	14 – Ursula Chandler	17 - Noah Byrd	17 – Chris Nash
PRESENCE:		Week of July 5, 2020		11:00 - 40
<b>GIFTS</b>	<b>Week of 7/5/2020</b>	General Fund - \$5,074.31	Weekly budget need - \$4,912.75	
		Year to Date - \$134,403.89	YTD Budget Need – \$137,557.00	
			Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 35	

**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 – July 19, 2020\*\***

Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43