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August 23rd, 2020

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Kathey Hollifield, Music Director
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Kathy Miller, Organist
Rick Schilling, Pastor

ONLINE WORSHIP EDITION

Prelude

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Kathy Miller - Organ

Greeting / Call to Worship (based on Psalm 138)

Marvin Walker

We give thanks to God with our whole heart.

We give thanks for God’s steadfast love and faithfulness!

Though high above all things,

God sees the lowly.

Even when we are in deep trouble,

God makes us live again. God’s love endures forever!

Opening Hymn

“My Hope is Built”

UMH 368

Opening Prayer & Blessing of Peace

Marvin Walker

Let us approach our present and attentive God with these words of prayer...

Lord, God, your name and your word are above everything. We are listening for your message and looking for your light. By the power of the Holy Spirit, renew our minds and hearts so we may discern your will and respond in faith. Amen.

Children’s Message

Tracy Carroll

Scripture Reading

Luke 9:18-21 (with references to Matthew 16:13-16)

CEB 1260

Proclamation of the Word

“Who Do You Say I Am?”

Rev. Rick Schilling

Special Music

“Holy Manna”

Celia Tainter Ringers

Closing Hymn

“We Will Glorify the King of Kings”

TFWS 2087

Benediction / Benediction Music

“Walk With Me”

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.

AUGUST ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSIONS will be working on a home the next two Saturdays. If you want to help, call Marvin Walker at (828) 766-5379.

IN PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE - The Administrative Council and Worship Committee are planning to continue to reengage with an in-person worship service (today) **August 23 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 again next week.

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.

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 person for the 3rd 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.

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 *
8/30	Jack Riley	Troy Hoilman	Becky Nance / Jan Hamilton	Meredith Hoilman	Emree Hoilman
9/6	Sharon Drum	Chelsea Thayer	Framton & Danna Gibson	Jessica Hoyle	Joey Stout
9/13	Jane DeVos	Sharon Drum	Don & Bobbi Abele	Katie Willett	Kim Ledford
9/20	Kathay Hollifield	Beverly Greene	Jack & Ursula Chandler	Sherry Sherman	Brandi Miller
9/27	Randy Hembree	Ginny Downs	Jon & Melanie Jirka	Chelsea Thayer	Tracy Deyton

* 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
** SPUMC Book Club **	1st Tuesday, 10 am	Rose Garden Outside	Margarett McGraw
Weight Watchers	Tuesdays, 5 pm	Fellowship Hall	
UMW Nightingale Circle	2 nd Monday - 7 pm	Welcome Center	Sharon Drum
Choir Practice	Wednesdays - 7:00 pm	Sanctuary	Kathay 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*; June Wilson; David Hoepfner; Satyra Askeland; for those in addiction: for recovery and sobriety in 2020; *Sandra Woodard*; Jan Hamilton's Mother Jo (healing), Weston Stout; *Tim Hollifield*; Muffy Dayton; 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; 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 Pernel (friend of the Sparks'); Kenneth Huskins; Doris Deyton (*Sam's mother – health*); Robert Kissel (stress); Shane Heath (isolated & lonely); Anonymous DSS employee (stress); Hal Harrison; New baby Daisy, daughter of Kaitlyn & Trevor, granddaughter of Amber, and Great-Granddaughter of *Danna & Framton*; James Thomas; *Lucy Murphy*

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: *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; the family of Agnes Pieper; the family of Rickey McKinney; the family of Mel Tehandon

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); 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; 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; Carter Hoyle (hospital in Asheville); Joyce Alvarez (surgery June 9), Ernest Canipe (Richard's Father); Connie Martin (bone marrow transplant – friend of Wanda Henline); *Barbara*

Henline (recovery); Linda Seaman - Becky Dainotto's sister (surgery); Nelson Hall (Melanie's brother – knee replacement); Ken Hollifield (heart surgery 8/28); Shelby Sparks (friend of Mary Robinson, awaiting test results)

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)*; Kenneth Huskins (cancer has returned); Lee - Susan Davis' brother (prostate); Patch Hailey, age 22 mo. Keziah Nance's birthday buddy (neuroblastoma – cancerous tumors); Wayne Ledford & Billy Ledford

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 (heart attack); Bruce Hobson (Vertigo); Brooke (kidney infection); John Lacey (Jo) - Lymphoma; *Lucy Murphy (health issues)*; Mary (Jane Greenwood's sister in Missouri) health concerns; Erin Haberneck Halpainy (health); Don Johnson (Ann Marie) (Don is in ICU w/pneumonia-covid); Helen & Joey Brooks (fall)

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 those suffering due to the coronavirus health crisis; for workers and business owners who are hurting now; victims of Hurricane Isaias

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); Jason House – Marine deployed (*Barbara Henline's Grandson*)

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					ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK	
26 – Connie Harrison	26 – Kimberly Ledford	26 – Jennifer Newton	27 – Jack Riley	28 – Weston Stout	24 – Tony & Marina Woodby	25 – Jim & Sheilah Sockwell
PRESENCE:		Week of August 16, 2020			11:00 - 48	
GIFTS	Week of 8/16/2020	General Fund - \$4,050.00			Weekly budget need - \$4,912.75	
		Year to Date - \$157,832.27			YTD Budget Need – \$167,033.50	
		Blessing of the Backpacks - \$20.00			Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 7	

Barbara Henline would like to thank the church for all of your prayers, cards, calls and food during her surgery, hospitalization and rehab. It is much appreciated.

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! AND WE ARE STILL EASTER PEOPLE!

****Next Week's Scripture – August 30, 2020****

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28