

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL - We need to have a short council meeting 12/1/19 at 12:45 - 1:30. Since we will be having only one service on that date, hopefully everyone will be at church and can attend the meeting. We want to touch base with everyone and to wrap up anything that needs to be voted on by the council.

LOVE OFFERING - Phil White, a long-time worshiper here at SPUMC, recently had surgery. His employer has established an online fund to help raise money to offset the cost. We would like to take up a love offering this Sunday, November 24 at both the 9:00 and 11:00 services to help take care of Phil. Please make checks payable to the church. The church will pledge to the online account after we know how much comes in offerings. Thank you for being such a loving and generous church family!

ADVENT STUDY - Pastor Rick will be leading an Advent Devotional based on Matt Rawle's book, *The Redemption of Scrooge*. We will discover how the teachings of Jesus can be found in Dickens' Christmas classic. From the ghosts of Christmas past, to the Life of the present, and the resurrection of Christmas future, this Advent devotional will reinvigorate our spiritual journeys as we look at this familiar story through the lens of faith. Time is 6:15 p.m., and the location is still to be determined (based on how many sign up). Dates are Tuesday, Dec 3, Tuesday, Dec 10, Tuesday, Dec 17, and Monday, Dec 23. If interested, please sign up ASAP so we can plan accordingly.

UNDERGROUND FELLOWSHIP - Saturday 12/7 at 8:30 am. Meet at the Bakersville Fire Department. It is a little over an hours drive to the cave. We will be underground for 3 1/2 hours. Participants must be at least 9 years old, able to hike 3 miles and climb over boulders. It is dark and 56 degrees in the cave. You will get wet and muddy. Be sure to bring a complete change of clothes with you for after the adventure. Appalachian Underground will provide all safety gear. Cost is \$10/person. Please visit our website for detailed information. www.tennesseeecaving.com Call or text Mel with questions 828-260-1714. We look forward to sharing this unique and fun place with you all.

LESSONS AND CAROLS - The seventh annual Advent Procession with Lessons and Carols will be Sunday, December 1, 2019, 5:00pm at Trinity Episcopal Church in the English Woods neighborhood of Spruce Pine. Advent Lessons and Carols is the telling of the coming of Christ. It begins with the story of the expulsion of Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden and ends with visitation of Gabriel to the Virgin Mary. Each lesson is enlightened with a carol either sung by the Choir of Trinity Church or by the congregation. This year's music selection is music of the 20th Century featuring works by Philip Ledger, John Tavener, Zoltan Kodaly, and Arvo Part. Organ music for the evening will be Johann Sebastian Bach's *Wachet Auf* which was written for the first Sunday of Advent and the "Allegro" from the Fourth Concerto of Georg Frederick Handel. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Trinity Church is located at 15 Hemlock Avenue in Spruce Pine.

HELP PROVIDE FOOD FOR MEALS ON WHEELS THANKSGIVING MEAL - We traditionally partner with Trinity Episcopal Church in Spruce Pine to help provide a hot meal to those in need or some who are alone, unable to cook for themselves, or simply can't afford a Thanksgiving meal. There is a sheet explaining the need and listing the items needed (and volunteers) along with dates. We have to return our filled out sheet by November 26th, and food on Thanksgiving morning.

ANGEL TREE GIFTS – need to be returned to the church for pickup on or before December 6th. Thanks for all you do.

SHOP WITH A COP – Please contact the office to assist through donations to help Mitchell County Children this Christmas. Please make checks payable to the Spruce Pine Police Dept. or Mitchell County Sheriff's Dept. by December 8th in order for us to deliver our contributions by the deadline of December 13.

THE 5th ANNUAL SPUMC COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE FUND HOLIDAY SALE

Are you looking for unique, hand-made gifts made by local artists for birthdays or Christmas giving?

Would you like to support the SPUMC Community Assistance Fund at the same time?

Would you like to have that shopping done by early December?

The sale will run for 2 consecutive Sundays: December 1st and December 8th. It will be set up in the Welcome Center after the Early Service (10am) and after the 11am service. It will feature hand-built and wheel-thrown pottery, Christmas ornaments, paintings, jewelry, and many other creative items DONATED by SPUMC family artists.

IF you are one of our artists who has shared your work in the past or if this your first time wanting to donate, please contact Larry Bohannon-Goldman (Text: 828-592-1156 or email: mrbooprstudio@aol.com). He can arrange pick up or drop off of any donated items by Saturday, November 30th. Larry may also contact you if you are a local artisan in our congregation to see if you would be willing to contribute.

ALSO, if you can assist during the sale by answering questions, collecting money and wrapping/bagging items, please notify Larry, Kathey Holifield, or Melanie Murphy. There will be at least one other informed artist/crafter there to assist you with any questions.

Remember, 100% of the price of these pieces created by local artists goes to the SPUMC Community Assistance Fund!