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16th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremy I. Troxler, Pastor

Kathey Hollifield, Music Director

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Kathy Miller, Organist

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! THE WORD "WORSHIP" COMES FROM THE OLD ENGLISH WORD FOR "WORTHY." WHEN WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD, WE ARE DECLARING THAT GOD ALONE IS "WORTHY" OF OUR LIVES AND OUR PRAISE. TODAY IN WORSHIP WE CONTINUE IN OUR SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF THE BIBLE CALLED "ROMANS."

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

DWIGHT WILLETT

Prelude

"Fantasy on 'Holy Manna'"

FROM COLUMBIA HARMONY

Entry of the Light of Christ

PLEASE USE THIS TIME TO FOCUS YOUR WHOLE SELF - MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT -
ON WORSHIPPING GOD, THE FATHER, AND THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

OFFERING OUR PRAISE, GIFTS, & PRAYERS

^Song of Praise

"We Are One in Christ Jesus"

TFWS 2229

^Prayer of Confession

Let us pray together:

We confess, Lord,

that as your disciples we have often dishonored the holy name we bear.

We ask your forgiveness for the times when we have failed to labor for your kingdom;

when we have not followed your call to seek first the kingdom of God;

when we have hidden our light from the world;

when we, as the salt of the earth, have lost our strength.

Have mercy on us, and restore us to the joy of faithful discipleship.

Amen.

(time for silent prayer and confession)

The Lord, your Redeemer has said:

'With everlasting love, I will have compassion on you.

Therefore serve the Lord with gladness;

witness to his goodness and mercy;

SEPTEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY** - are placed by Ray & Joyce Alvarez in celebration of their 65th Wedding Anniversary!
- **HILLTOPPERS AND SUMMIT STUDENT MINISTRY TODAY!** - All kids (K-5th grades) and youth (6th-12th grades) are invited to meet at the church from 5:30 - 7:30pm for a time of food, fun, fellowship, and faith.
- **WILL YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD? OUR LAMPLIGHTERS AFTERSCHOOL READING PROGRAM BEGINS IN OCTOBER, AND WE ARE SEEKING VOLUNTEER READING BUDDIES** who are willing to bless and be blessed by wonderful group of children. Volunteers are needed for one and a half hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons. Please contact Pastor Jeremy, Rachel Hoilman, or the Church Office for more details.
- **INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP** - Every Wednesday Morning at 9:30 am.

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SPUMC BOOK CLUB** - Tuesday, October 3rd at 10:00 am in the parlor. They will discuss “The Last Bus to Wisdom” by Ivan Doig.
- **HURRICANE RELIEF MISSION** - November 12-17th we are sponsoring a building team to Lumberton, NC due to the October 2016 Hurricane Matthew. We will be working to get families from temporary housing into their own homes through UMCOR . We will be staying at Chestnut Street UMC. No experience is required. There are still hundreds of families in temporary housing in Lumberton alone. For more information contact Marvin at 765-0663

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SONS OF THE SON & BRIDGE OF HOPE HOMELESS MINISTRY** - Winter is coming. We need: 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.
- **BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION** are collected to help Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. **No more Campbell’s soup labels, as Campbells has discontinued that program.** Please continue to save the box tops. Thanks to each of you for your participation. This is an on-going project so keep placing your donations in our Red Bird Mission box on the table in the Welcome Center. - Marie Brown
- **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:

(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
10/1	Tim Drum	Greg Hoilman	Wayne & Wanda Henline	C. Thayer / Q. Sparks / M. Troxler
10/8	Bruce Ikard	Tracy Carroll	Margarett McGraw / Freddy Jones	Katie Willett / Tracy Deyton
10/15	Marvin Walker	Glenna Tasedan	Jon & Melanie Jirka	Rachel Shock / Brandy Miller
10/22	Jack Riley	Bruce Ikard	Grant & Quincy Sparks	Meredith & Emree Hoilman
10/29	Sharon Drum	Mike Murphy	Joe & Lorraine Campbell	Grace Buchanan / Margaret Troxler
11/5	Greg Hoilman	Sharon Drum	Beth Ziemba / Bill Dailey	Chelsea Thayer / Quincy Sparks
11/12	Grant Sparks	Melanie Murphy	Ed & Jan Banta	Katie Willett / Tracy Deyton
11/19	Jane DeVos	Glenna Tasedan	Lloyd & Nelle Glenn	Rachel Shock / Brandy Miller
11/26	Tracy Deyton	Greg Hoilman	Mary Robinson / Donnie Peters	Meredith & Emree Hoilman

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; for those seeking employment; for all teachers and educators; Those who suffer from racism
- **SUSTAINING PRAYERS:** Our homebound members; Brian Center, Smoky Mountain, and Mitchell House Residents; Staff, and Families (*Mabel Whiton, Audrey Davenport, Anna Baird, Bea White, June Wilson*); M-Y Parish Food Bank, Bridge of Hope Homeless Ministries; Lamplighters Children, Families and Staff; for those in addiction, for recovery & sobriety in 2017; *Bretta Walker; Charles Hale*; All expectant mothers and unborn children; victims of child abuse; *Beth Wyatt*; Blue Ridge Regional Hospital; *Laura Curtis Hodges; Shirley McManus (homebound); Chelsea & Bryan Thayer (new baby Stokes); Jason & Anna Wilson (new baby Jesse Ray); Nancy Moody; Joy Chissolm*
- **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** the families of: Jack Swofford; Ben Bonner; Mike Queen; Doris Terrell
- **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** *Bruce Ikard (heart cath); Frank Baskin; Alan Beaver (Heart tests); Sue Lanier (Heart); Marie Davis Henson (kidney failure); David Hamlyn (recovery); George Wray (hip surgery); Judy Broadway (hip surgery); Maggie Snyder (biopsy)*
- **FOR THOSE WITH CANCER:** *Nora Murray (Neil Brown's sister); Shirley Hise; Hal Harrison; Ken Hall; Butch Hoyle; Ken Ellis; Gib Barris (prostate); Steve Murphy; Jim Smith (chemo); Ava Hollifield (cancer surgery); Judy Rinard; Evangeline Wyatt (friend of Lorraine Campbell); Russell Carroll; Marty Kind (Paul Kind's father); Carmen Finkle (cancer gene)*
- **FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY:** *Sandra Woodard; Ruth Buchanan (Louise Hembree's mother); David Hoepfner (vision); Wayne Hoilman; Barbara Henline; Evelyn Hughes (leg), Reg Bezzola (infection); Mike Snyder (Parkinsons); Ken & Sue Phillips; Suzie (broken hip); Sandra Sherwood (broken hip); Don Gordon; Bobby Boone (heart failure)*
- **FOR VICTIMS OF INJUSTICE OR TRAGEDY:** Refugees from ISIS; Persecuted Christians in the Middle East; Wayne & Rachel Hoilman (Home fire); Victims of Hurricane Harvey, Irma & Maria; victims of the Earthquake in Mexico
- **FOR AREA CHURCHES:** The Toe Valley UMC Charge (Mt. Zion - Pine Grove); Bakersville UMC, Red Hill - Deyton Bend UMC; The Newdale UMC Charge (Celo-Martin's Chapel-Windham)
- **FOR THOSE TRAVELING, ON MISSION, OR IN THE MILITARY:** *Dallas Martin (Marines); Tucker McElrath; Lindsey Potter (Army National Guard); Tim & Laurie Cahill and Baby (sick child); Neil Brown (mission work in Florida)*
We want to join with you in prayer for your concerns and needs. Simply contact Pastor Troxler 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	
24 th - Emree Hoilman	26 th - Bryan Thayer	28 th - Laura Curtis Hodges	28 th - Tyler Dunn	26 th - George & Glenna Tasedan	28 th - Ray & Joyce Alvarez
PRESENCE:		September 17th, 2017		9:00 - 36 11:00 - 111	
GIFTS	September 17th, 2017	General Fund - \$2,940.00		Weekly budget need: \$4,310.22	
		Year to Date - \$158,664.84		YTD Budget Need: \$159,488.14	
		Children's Offering - \$65.50		Bridge of Hope Homeless Ministries	
		Rise Against Hunger - \$300.00		Hurricane Relief - \$325.00	
		Wireless Hearing Assistance - \$200.00		Flood buckets -\$50.00	
		Community Assistance - \$250.00		Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 51	

SERVICE: Thanks to those who are serving in special ways throughout the past week and today ...

Lector: Dwight Willett Greeters: Evelyn Hughes / Betty Sparks Children's Time: Gloria Hoepfner
 Head Usher: Vernon Coulter Nursery: Meredith & Emree Hoilman Offertory: Sharon Drum

WITNESS: ROMANS 12:21 TELLS US, "DO NOT BE OVERCOME BY EVIL, BUT OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD." OFTEN THE BEST PROTEST AGAINST THE BAD IS THE PRACTICE OF THE GOOD. AMID THE RACIAL AND POLITICAL DIVISIONS IN OUR COUNTRY AND OUR COMMUNITY RIGHT NOW, WHAT IS ONE GOOD, CONSTRUCTIVE THING THAT YOU (AND OUR CHURCH) CAN DO TO BUILD A BRIDGE OF UNDERSTANDING AND LOVE BETWEEN PEOPLE? HOW CAN YOU NOT ONLY PROTEST OR STAND AGAINST THAT WHICH IS EVIL, BUT CREATE A POSITIVE SOMETHING BETTER? HOW CAN YOU WITNESS TO CHRIST BY OVERCOMING EVIL WITH GOOD?

****Next Week's Scripture - October 1st, 2017****
 Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16, Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32