

# Spruce Pine United Methodist Church

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May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Pentecost Sunday

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**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 IS PENTECOST SUNDAY, A FESTIVAL DAY WHEN CHRISTIANS REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT WAS GIVEN TO JESUS' DISCIPLES AFTER JESUS' RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION. AS THE DISCIPLES GATHERED TO PRAY ON THE JEWISH FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST, THEY EXPERIENCED THE PRESENCE AND POWER OF GOD IN A NEW AND MIGHTY WAY, BEHOLDING THE SPIRIT IN TONGUES OF FIRE THAT PUSHED THEM OUT INTO THE STREET TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST TO OTHERS. TODAY YOU WILL NOTICE THE COLOR RED IN THE SANCTUARY, REPRESENTING THAT FIRE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. PENTECOST IS SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS THE "BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH," BECAUSE AFTER THAT PENTECOST-EVENT, THE MOVEMENT STARTED BY JESUS BEGAN TO SPREAD EVER WIDER: LIKE A WILD-FIRE. AS YOU PREPARE FOR WORSHIP TODAY, PRAY THAT WE MIGHT EXPERIENCE THE PRESENCE AND POWER OF GOD THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome and Announcements**

DWIGHT WILLETT

**Prelude**

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

**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, AND PRAYERS

^Song of Praise

*"There's a Spirit of Love in This Place"*

WORSHIP & SONG 3148

^Opening Prayer of Confession

Let us pray together:

**God of Pentecost,**

**we confess that the spirit within us**

**has so often been the destructive spirit of this world,**

**and not your Holy Spirit.**

**Forgive us and fill us, we pray.**

**Let your Spirit descend upon us as it did upon the crowds in Jerusalem.**

**Let it strike us as a mighty wind, blowing away the chaff of our pride.**

**Let it burn within us as a tongue of fire, consuming our selfishness.**



## MAY / JUNE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SUMMIT STUDENT MINISTRIES AND HILLTOPPERS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - TODAY!** at 5:30pm at SPUMC. All kids (Hilltoppers) and all 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders (Summit) are invited to enjoy a meal, fun activities, and time to grow in faith together.
- **INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP - THIS WEDNESDAY, AT 9:30 AM IN THE SANCTUARY.** All are invited to welcome and join us as we pray for the needs of our congregation and world: we especially welcome those who are new to prayer.
- **DUE TO A CONFLICT, OUR MAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL WILL BE PUSHED BACK UNTIL NEXT WEDNESDAY, MAY 30TH @ 6PM.** All are welcome.
- **NEXT SUNDAY WE WELCOME OUR SUMMER DUKE DIVINITY INTERN, EMILY TURNER.** Please join us in extending welcome and hospitality to Emily.
- **SUGGESTION?** Our Church has a new suggestion box in our Welcome Center. Do you have a good suggestion about how our church can better serve Christ, one another, and our community? Please share it with us.
- **COULD YOU HELP WITH OCCASIONALLY OFFERING A RIDE TO SOMEONE TO CHURCH OR TO A MEDICAL APPOINTMENT?** If so, please let Pastor Jeremy or our Office Manager Tim know. Thank you!
- **SPRUCE PINE UMC BOOK CLUB** - June 5 at 10 am in the parlor. The selection for June is *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah.
- **SUMMER BIBLE STUDY** - Beth Moore's *The Patriarchs*. Starting June 7<sup>th</sup>, here at Spruce Pine UMC. The course is 10 weeks and requires a book (\$17.00). If interested, let Nancy Ball know (843) 597-1196 or by email at [hhslabsnancy@gmail.com](mailto:hhslabsnancy@gmail.com)
- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Our next "CHURCH MEETING NIGHT" (When our Ministry teams and committees meet together at the church) will be Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm.

## ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE** - We need at least one additional volunteer for our Community Assistance Committee. If interested, or if you would like more information, please contact Pastor Jeremy of the church office manager, Tim Drum.
- **CONTACT PERSON** - Danna Gibson is the contact person for this quarter (2<sup>nd</sup>) and may be calling if someone is in need of food, transportation, etc. Her phone number is 766-7176.
- **AL-ANON MEETING** - Every Thursday evening here at the church at 7:00 pm in the youth room. Contact numbers for more information are 467-1193 and 704-609-3360.
- **LEFT BEHIND IN THE HIGH COUNTRY - SUPPORT GROUP FOR SUICIDE LOSS SURVIVORS** - Meets at 6:30 pm the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday every month in the Oak Room, Sloop Medical Offices Building, Cannon Hospital, Linville, NC. Contact Bob at 321-243-1640 or Sandy at 828-467-5379.
- **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.
- **BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION** are collected to help Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. 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	PRESCHOOL
5/27	Tim Drum	Kathey Hollifield	Greg & Meredith Hoilman	Sherry Sherman	Kim Ledford
6/3	Randy Hembree	Melanie Murphy	Martha Long / Evelyn Hughes	Jen/Josh Newton	Ginny Downs
6/10	Kathey Hollifield	Greg Hoilman	LeeRoy & Sue Ledford	Margaret Troxler	Chelsea Thayer
6/17	Mike Murphy	Tracy Carroll	Eva & Tom Jobin	Joey Stout	Meredith Hoilman
6/24	Matt Miller	Ginny Downs	Jack & Ursula Chandler	Jen/Josh Newton	Meredith Hoilman
7/1	Grant Sparks	Bruce Ikard	Wayne & Rachel Hoilman	Quincy Sparks	Brandy Miller
7/8	Aaron Buchanan	Sharon Drum	Glen & Jane DeVos	Tracy Deyton	Kim Ledford

# 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 (Ruth Buchanan, Shirley McManus, Barbara Henline); Brian Center, Smoky Mountain, and Mitchell House Residents; Staff, and Families (Mabel Whiton, Audrey Davenport, Bea White, Grace Buchanan - Audrey's roommate); Beth Wyatt & Reg Bezzola; Jo Thomas; June Wilson; Barbara Miller; John Ahlquist; Bob Downs; David Hoepfner; M-Y Parish Food Bank; Lamplighters Children, Families and Staff; Bretta Walker; Charles Hale; All expectant mothers and unborn children ( Jessica Hoyle, Carolyn Boles, Taylor Byrd - high risk pregnancy, Leigha Basini); Laura Curtis Hodges; Nichole Hoyle; for those in addiction: for recovery and sobriety in 2018; Van McClintick; Sandra & Louis Woodard; Karen Wright; Wilma Garland; Lisa Cook; Amanda Arthur; Chris & Mary Wright; Jabe Lagen; Susan Carroll
- **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** Sparks family; Hoilman family; Barron family; Orndoff family; Newton family (Josh's grandfather); Alvarez family
- **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** Tim Hollifield; Martha Long(intestine); Evelyn Hughes (hip); Luke Sherman (liver); Joyce LaFar
- **FOR THOSE WITH CANCER:** Nora Murray (Neil Brown's sister); Jim Smith (radiation); Judy Rinard; Maggie Snyder (breast cancer); Diane Meatyard; Tom Wilson (tumor); Susan Wilson; Chip Smith (colon cancer); Joyce Woody; Carol Batton (breast cancer); Laurie Norman (esophageal); Holly (brain tumor); Randy Chambers (chemo); Jada Daniels (lung cancer); Larry Metcalf (liver); Debra Geer (Stage IV lung cancer); Ken Anderson (prostate); Oswaldo Hernandez (thyroid cancer); Marcia Huskins Murphy; Jane Glass; Tom Collis (lung cancer); Julian Jones (brain cancer); Natasha Hewlitt (brain cancer); Louise Weeks (melanoma); David Woodby; Chase Ambrose
- **FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY:** Wayne Hoilman; Mike Snyder (Parkinson's); Kent Brock (Parkinson's, Pneumonia); Bruce McKinney (Parkinson's); Mary Hampton (fibromyalgia); Aubree (encephalitis); Brandon Thomas (car accident); Pastor Don Sneller (fall); Suzanne Dayton, Tracy Carroll; Jack Jones (fall); Herman Buchanan (pneumonia); Jesus Pineda; Inez McCrae (stroke); Barbara Smith (stress fracture), Ima Jean & Larry Metcalf; Rich Stone (stomach); John Brasher (pneumonia); Roger Pittman; Ed Terrell (fall)
- **FOR SURVIVORS OF INJUSTICE OR TRAGEDY:** Victims of Hurricane Harvey, Irma & Maria; Victims of Human Trafficking; Survivors of Parkland School Shooting; Survivors of sexual abuse or harassment; Survivors of child abuse; Myrna DeLoach and Survivors of Hurricane Matthew
- **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) ; SPUMC (Pastor, Staff & Members)
- **FOR THOSE TRAVELING, ON MISSION, OR IN THE MILITARY:** Dallas Martin (Marines); Tucker McElrath; Lindsey Potter (Army National Guard); Ben Potter (Army); those on Mission Trips; Greyson Sundgren (Ima's Grandson) and class (mission trip to Peru); Margaret Troxler (visiting family out west)

*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	
20 - Grace Buchanan	22- Alan Beaver	24 - LeeRoy Ledford	24 Cole Martin	22 - Sam & Jenelle Young	26 - Ed & Jan Banta
<b>PRESENCE:</b>		<b>May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018</b>		<b>9:00 - 33</b>	<b>11:00 - 113</b>
<b>Gifts</b>	<b>May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018</b>	General Fund - \$4,715.00		Weekly budget need - \$4,397.00	
		Year to Date - \$85,002.22		YTD Budget Need - \$83,546.00	
		Children's Offering - \$36.80 - Kairos		Community Assistance - \$104.00	
		Children's Offering - \$36.80 - M-Y Habitat		Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 24	

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

Lector: Dwight Willett    Greeters: Dottie Myers / Becky Nance    Children's Time: Sharon Drum  
 Head Usher: Vernon Coulter    Nursery: Rachelle Shock    Preschool: TBA    Offertory: Brenda Sparks

**WITNESS:** WHEN JESUS' DISCIPLES BECAME OVERWHELMED BY A SENSE OF GOD'S PRESENCE WITH THEM ON PENTECOST, THE HOLY SPIRIT DROVE THEM OUT INTO THE STREETS TO PROCLAIM GOD'S GOODNESS. THE GOOD NEWS OF THE LOVE OF GOD IN CHRIST CAN NEVER BE KEPT TO OURSELVES - IT IS CONTAGIOUS, IT OVERFLOWS THE CUP OF OUR HEART, IT SPILLS OVER THE BOUNDS OF OUR SELVES, IT MOVES US FROM OUR PEWS OUT INTO THE STREETS AND EVEN DEAD-END ROADS. HOW ARE YOU ALLOWING THAT GRACE TO FLOW BEYOND YOUR OWN LIFE INTO THE LIFE OF OTHERS? HOW ARE YOU INVITING OTHERS TO KNOW THAT SAME ABUNDANT LOVE?

**\*\*Next Week's Scripture - Trinity Sunday - May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018\*\***

Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17