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September 27th, 2020

17th Sunday after Pentecost

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

ONLINE WORSHIP EDITION

Prelude

“In Sacred Memory”

Kathy Miller - Organ

Greeting / Call to Worship *(Based on Psalm 78)*

Randy Hembree

Praise the Lord who is our provider.

The Lord is our hope. We trust in God.

God frees us from all our bondage.

The Lord is our hope. We trust in God.

God's acts are mighty, and God's deeds are glorious.

The Lord is our hope. We trust in God.

Opening Hymn

“More Like You”

TFWS 2167

Opening Prayer & Blessing of Peace

Randy Hembree

Let us offer our prayer to our God who is fully committed to loving us...

Gracious God, we thank you for being ever-present with us. We know we are never alone. Your mercies are faithful and rich. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we might do the work of your will. Amen.

Children's Message

Ginny Downs

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

CEB 1429

Proclamation of the Word

“All In”

Rev. Rick Schilling

Special Music

“Take Me In”

Suzanne Schilling

Pastoral Prayer

Closing Hymn

“Precious Name” (vs 1,2, & 4)

UMH 536

Benediction / Benediction Music

“Sent Forth by God's Blessing”

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.

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE FUND

Our Church has been most generous to our fund for helping needy people with energy bills, food and housing. The needs are increasing just now, please consider supporting this fund, people are in crisis. Our church is known as a Congregation who cares, we know you will do your part.

AD COUNCIL MEETING

- SPUMC's Administrative Council will meet via Zoom on Monday, September 28 (7:00 – 8:00 pm). We will discuss the 2021 church budget in order to approve it, and will continue our conversations about future dreams and plans for the ministry of the church. The Administrative Council is composed of leaders from various committees and teams in the church. If you are a chairperson of a committee or team, please attend this important meeting. A link to join the meeting will be sent via email.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

is October 4th. Please come prepared to make a generous gift to help make educational and vocational impact for students around the globe. Envelopes will be available.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

- Our annual Charge Conference will be Sunday, October 4 at 1:00 pm. This will be a Zoom meeting, and all from the church are invited to attend. A link to join the meeting will be emailed, so if you would like to join, please make sure the church office has your correct email address. Charge Conference meets every year, and the purpose is to recommend candidates for leadership within the church's ministry. It also establishes salaries for the pastor and staff, and evaluates the overall ministry of the "charge," which is the church itself. In our United Methodist connectionalism, it is the smallest unit of our connection, as it connects us with other local United Methodist churches in our area. The group of our connected churches is the Mitchell/Yancey Missional Network.

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. 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 *
10/4/20	Beverly Greene	Kathey Hollifield	Grant & Quincy Sparks	Becky Nance	Kim Ledford
10/11/20	Janet Ouzts	Melanie Murphy	Joe & Lorraine Campbell	Meredith Hoilman	Larry Bohannon
10/18/20	Matt Miller	Tracy Carroll	Lloyd & Nelle Glenn	Jessica Hoyle	Joey Stout
10/25/20	Grant Sparks	Bruce Ikard	Eva & Tom Jobin	Katie Willett	Kim Ledford
11/1/20	Tracy Deyton	Troy Hoilman	Jack Riley / Frank Baskin	Sherry Sherman	Brandy Miller

* 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	Kathey Hollifield

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; for those in addition: for recovery and sobriety in 2020; *Sandra Woodard*; Jan Hamilton’s Mother Jo (healing), *Tim Hollifield*; Muffy Dayton; Rosemary Allen (*Stan Cook’s sister*); Frank Henline; Wayne Lemzoni; Jacquelyn Taylor; 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 Pernell (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 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; the family of Satyra Askeland; the family of Jack Lail (*Eva Jobin’s Uncle*); the family of Doris Hardin (*Eva Jobin’s Aunt*); The family of Jean Johnson, the family of Gary Locklear and his brother both passed with COVID-19, the family of Louvella Arrowood, the family of John Johnson

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); 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); *Mary Kate Appainitis (recovery)*; *Jack Riley (knee replacement)*; *Ron Allen (health)*

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; Kenneth Huskins (cancer has returned); Lee - Susan Davis' brother (prostate); Patch Hailey, age 2 Keziah Nance's birthday buddy (neuroblastoma); Wayne Ledford & Billy Ledford; Caleb Watson (8 year old with cancer)

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); Frances Lail (*Eva Jobin's Aunt*, COVID & COPD); Jerry Pendley (*Mary Robinson's brother* – COVID 19); Everette & Sena Gouge (Rhonda's parents)

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; victims of Hurricane Laura; victims of Hurricane Sally

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*); Jeff Kaplan (*Tim Hollifield's* brother in law, leaving for Budapest Hungary with leukemia)

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				ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK
28 th – Laura Curtis Hodges	28 th – Tyler Dunn	29 th – Brandt Thayer	10/2 – Madeline McKenzie	28 th – Ray & Joyce Alvarez
PRESENCE:		Week of September 20, 2020		9:00 – 16 11:00 - 35
GIFTS	Week of 9/20/2020	General Fund - \$1,855.00		Weekly budget need - \$4,912.75
		Year to Date - \$178,785.38		YTD Budget Need – \$191,597.25
		Fellowship Picnic - \$38.00 (Comm. Asst.)		Change Offering - \$4.08 (Bridge of Hope
		Community Assistance - \$350.00		Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 7

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 – October 4, 2020****

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46