

SPRUCE PINE UMC NEWSLETTER

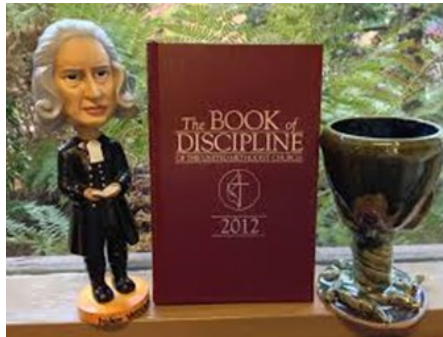
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From the Pastor's Desk



Methodism 101: Doctrine and Polity



There's a reason why Methodists are called Methodists. We have "methods" for all of our processes. For those new to the faith tradition or those who have called themselves Methodists for a while, we hope to educate/remind folks of who we are and why we do what we do. Beginning with this month's newsletter, each month we will spotlight doctrine or polity as it relates to Methodism.

Let's start with definitions. Doctrine is a collection of beliefs observed by a particular group. In the case of Methodist doctrine, it is what we believe as Methodists when it comes to our faith. Polity can be thought of as church government. It refers to how church leadership is structured.

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to be a
beacon on a hill
spreading the Good
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and Service"*



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DRIVE THROUGH ONLY THIS YEAR!! Thanks COVID :- (

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We announced during the September 27 in-person service that an Administrative Council meeting would take place on Monday night, September 28. So, who and what makes up the Administrative (or Church) Council? Let's start here.

To quote from our Book of Discipline (that may be a topic for another newsletter), the Administrative Council is the group that "shall provide for planning and implementing a program of nurture, outreach, witness, and resources in the local church. It shall also provide for the administration of its organization and temporal life. It shall envision, plan, implement, and annually evaluate the mission and ministry of the church." Put another way, they oversee all things church-related from spearheading the missional purpose of the local church, to final approval of yearly budgets, to recommending salaries for staff, to providing adequate housing for pastors. Yeah. They're a pretty awesome group.

You may be wondering who is part of this awesome group and how often do they meet? Great questions. The Book of Discipline requires that Council meets at least quarterly, but the chairperson or pastor can call special meetings. The membership of Council should consist of at least 12 participants, though we have more. Here are the titles and the individuals who make up our Administrative Council for 2021:

Chairperson of the church council – Susan Curtis
Vice Chair – Jack Riley
Lay leader – Bruce Ikard
Chairperson of Pastor-Parish Relations Committee – Mariea Tountasakis
Chairperson of Finance – Stan Cook
Chairperson of Trustees – Matt Miller
Church Treasurer – Dr. Ken Lentz
Chairperson of Parsonage Committee – David Goodnight
Worship Committee Co-Chair & Music Director – Kathey Hollifield
Worship Committee Co-Chair & President of United Methodist Women – Sharon Drum
Lay Member to Annual Conference – Melanie Murphy
Young Adult Representative – TBD
Representative of the United Methodist Youth – Meredith Hoilman
Care and Fellowship Committee Co-Chairs – Bobbi Abele & Danna Gibson
Nurture (Spiritual Formation and Education) Committee Co-Chairs – Chelsea Thayer & Matt Hollifield
Missions Committee Co-Chairs – Melanie Jirka & Aaron Buchanan
Pastor – Rev. Rick Schilling

So, there you have it – a look at one of our "methods" to kick off our Polity & Doctrine 101 section of the newsletter. If you have a specific polity or doctrine question, please call or email the church office, post it on the church's Facebook page, or send an email via the church website's "Contact Us" page. We'll address it in an upcoming newsletter for all to enjoy!

In "methodical" United Methodist service with you...Pastor Rick

Charge Conference - October 4, 1pm - Mitchell/Yancey Missional Network

Spruce Pine, Mitchell Yancey, Bald Creek - Pensacola Charge, Celo - Martin's Chapel - Windom, Higgins Memorial

Join online: <https://zoom.us/j/94801850009> Dial by phone: 929 205 6099 US (New York) Meeting ID: 948 0185 0009

Summit Youth Gathering

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 18: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Summit Youth Group will come together at Spruce Pine UMC in the Fellowship Hall for pizza and a project. We are asking that everyone wear a face covering, and we will physically distance ourselves during dinner. We want to re-engage with all our youth to catch up with them and encourage them as the school year gets under way, and we'll be building care packages for our college students to offer our love and support! Parents (and youth): please let us know who's coming so we know how many to prepare for. To RSVP, please contact Rev. John Howard at jhoward3@wnccumc.net or email Spruce Pine UMC at sprucepineumc@gmail.com.

**Weekly Scriptures
CEB - Common English Bible**

October 4, 2020

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

October 11, 2020

- ◆ Exodus 32:1-14
- ◆ Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
- ◆ Philippians 4:1-9
- ◆ Matthew 22:1-14

October 18, 2020

- ◆ Exodus 33:12-23
- ◆ Psalm 99
- ◆ 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
- ◆ Matthew 22:15-22

October 25, 2020

- ◆ Deuteronomy 34:1-12
- ◆ Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
- ◆ 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
- ◆ Matthew 22:34-46

UNITED METHODIST MEMES



TRUNK OR TREAT DRIVE THRU ANNOUNCEMENT

The nights are chillier, the days are shorter, and that means – It's time for our Trunk or Treat Community Outreach.

Calling all Halloween-decorating, costume-wearing, candy-providing folks to join us in our first-ever drive-thru Trunk or Treat.

Come rain or shine, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm on October 31, we will provide our community children with a safe space to get their candy-gathering joy on.

Here's where you come in:

We need as many folks as possible to decorate the trunk of their cars, don a costume and handout candy in a safe manner. But, decorations and costumes are not mandatory to participate, so come one, come all. If we could fill up one side of our parking lot, it would be EPIC!

If decorating and costuming are not your 'bag,' that's okay, we need individually wrapped candies by the bagful. We ask that you keep them sealed, as we plan on following safety protocol for distributing the candy by opening the bags at the event.

For those who remember their safety patrol days, we need 4 volunteers. One team of two will stand at the entrance, near the Mitchell Veterinary Hospital, to greet families and instruct them on our drive thru. We need another team of two to make sure cars do not enter the drive thru near the 'outdoor library.' The goal is to have the flow of traffic go in one direction. And, you'll get extra points if you wear a costume!

If you would like to decorate a trunk (and hand out candy), donate candy, or be one of the "safety patrols," please text Suzanne at 704.604.2429 or email her at suzanne.d.schilling@gmail.com.

As always, your generosity of time, talent and donations are so appreciated.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE UPDATE

Thanks to your generosity we have helped 11 families and individuals with projects totaling \$2,270.77 in September 2020.

October Calendar

4th - World Communion Sunday

4th - Charge Conference - 1 PM - Zoom

6th - SPUMC Bookclub - Rose Garden - 10 am

10th - Care & Fellowship team - 2:00 pm - Fellowship Hall

18th - Summit Youth Gathering - Fellowship Hall - 5:30 - 7:30 pm

26th - Online Ad Council Meeting - 7 pm

31st - Trunk or Treat - Parking lot - Socially distanced - 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

October Birthdays

2 - Madeline McKenzie

17 - Judy Williams

6 - Ed Martin

17 - Jenell Young

8 - Randy Hembree

20 - Ernie Wells, Jr.

9 - Pat Ross

21 - Nancy Ball

10 - Mike Briggs

22 - Glen DeVos

11 - Norma Smith

22 - Jo Ann Prendergast

12 - Becky Nance

23 - James Nipper

13 - Greg Stanbery

23 - Savannah Stanbery

14 - David Goodnight

24 - Aaron Buchanan

15 - Sheilah Sockwell

27 - Bradley Willis

17 - Rachel Hoilman

31 - Wanda Henline

17 - Melanie Murphy

October Anniversaries

5 - Bert & Diane Sheeley

13 - Tom & Eva Jobin

10 - Andrew & Rachelle Shock

15 - James & Deidre Nipper

Thanks to:

- All who have helped with our return to indoor worship!
- Everyone who has been observing Social Distancing, and checking in on Church members who may need help.
- Pastor Rick & Suzanne, Bruce Ikard, Church members, musicians and others helping with the online Worship.
- To everyone who continues to financially support the church during our time of physical separation.
- All who remember the less fortunate and contribute to the Community Assistance Fund.
- Everyone who gives to the Shepherd's Staff, who allowed us to contribute **19** items in September, all who help at the M-Y Parish Food Bank.
- Members who take meals to the sick and shut ins, those who give rides to church and to the doctor for those who can't do it themselves.
- All who serve: lectors, greeters, children's time & nursery.
- Everyone working in quiet, behind the scenes ways each week.

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Shepherd's Staff

Food Donated over the years to
Shepherd's Staff:

2014 - 1202
2015 - 1078
2016 - 1030
2017 - 1062
2018 - 1213
2019 - 1526

January 2020 - 72

February 2020 - 103

March 2020 - 123

April 2020 - 14

May 2020 - 8

June 2020 - 59

July 2020 - 44

August 2020 - 39

September 2020 - 19

Total - 481

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THE INTERNET!**

NOW! - Listen to sermons and
read the bulletin at: [https//
www.sprucepineumc.org/
NewSite](https://www.sprucepineumc.org/NewSite)