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November 8th, 2020

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Kathey Hollifield, Music Director
Bruce Ikard, Worship Technician

Kathy Miller, Organist
Rick Schilling, Pastor

ONLINE WORSHIP EDITION

Prelude

“Fantasy on Holy Manna”

Kathy Miller - Organ

Greeting / Call to Worship

Aaron Buchanan

The God of our ancestors has led us to this place.
We have sworn to teach God's promises to all generations.
The time is coming when Christ will come again in glory.
Let us tell the world of God's faithful love.

Opening Hymn

“Seek Ye First”

UMH 405

Opening Prayer & Blessing of Peace

Aaron Buchanan

To our God who shows us how to love, let us pray...

O Great and loving God, your wisdom is radiant and unfading, easily discerned by all who seek your way. When we faithfully live in love and work for justice, heaven breaks forth into the earth. Give us your grace to live confidently and expectantly, trusting that for all eternity you have been coming into life with compassion, redemption, and hope. Amen.

Children's Message

Chelsea Thayer

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

CEB 1206

Proclamation of the Word

“Just Showing Up...”

Rev. Rick Schilling

Special Music

“Come Christians, Join to Sing”

SPUMC Choral Ensemble

Pastoral Prayers

Closing Hymn

“I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

TFWS 2153

Benediction / Benediction Music

“I Want to Be Ready”

Online Only

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.

NOVEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

BARN SQUARE / ART FOR COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE - We have a wonderful opportunity to help with Community Assistance and take home a beautiful barn square created by our own Maria Douglass and more artwork donated by James and Janet Ouzts. They will be on display and for sale today, November 8th at the 9 am and 11 am services. We will have them outside at the Rose Garden area and practice social distancing. Please bring cash or write a check to SPUMC. It will be turned in for Community Assistance. Please be generous, as Maria and James and Janet Ouzts have donated their time and considerable talent to help our neighbors.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – Thursday, November 12 at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

MISSIONS TEAM - Our missions Team will be working locally for the week of November 16-20 instead of traveling to Burgaw NC as planned. If you can work a few hours or all week, please join us. We covet your prayers, time and financial support. For more information contact Melanie (260-1714) or Marvin (766-5379).

AD COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, November 23 at 7:00 pm – ZOOM meeting.

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.

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!

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONTACT PERSON –Melanie Murphy is the contact person for the 4th quarter and may be called when someone needs food, transportation, etc. Her contact number is (828) 467-2154.

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.

CHANGE OFFERING – Until the children can return safely, the change offering container will be at the entrance of the church. This month your change offerings go to Shepherd's Staff and M-Y Parish Food Pantry.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP SCHEDULE: (for when we fully 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 *
11/15/20	Meredith Hoilman	Sharon Drum	Don Abele / David Goodnight	Becky Nance	Tracy Deyton
11/22/20	Dwight Willett	Kathey Hollifield	Mary Robinson / Donnie Peters	Meredith Hoilman	Emree Hoilman
11/29/20	Tim Drum	Ginny Downs	Matt & Brandi Miller	Jessica Hoyle	Joey Stout

12/6/20	Bruce Ikard	Beverly Greene	John Campbell / Ginny Downs	Katie Willett	Kim Ledford
12/13/20	Marvin Walker	Melanie Murphy	Bob & Susan Davis	Sherry Sherman	Brandy Miller
12/20/20	Sharon Drum	Tracy Carroll	Bert & Diane Sheeley	Chelsea Thayer	Tracy Deyton
12/27/20	Jack Riley	Bruce Ikard	Terre McNamara / TBA	Jessica Hoyle	Joey Stout

* For when we fully 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	Kathery Hollifield
** RAPP **	Last Tuesday - Noon	Fellowship Hall	

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*); June Wilson; David Hoepfner; for those in addiction: for recovery and sobriety in 2020; *Sandra Woodard*; *Tim Hollifield*; Muffy Dayton; Rosemary Allen (*Stan Cook's sister*); 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; for DSS; Andy Grindstaff; Art Hoover & family; Bob Cook, Aticus Grindstaff; Jaden Pernel (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; James Thomas; *Lucy Murphy*; Tammy Hall (recovering alcoholic); Saylor family

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: *the family of Evelyn Hughes*; the family of Clifton “Jitter” Cornatzer (Brooks Cornatzer's (Alicia Curtis) father); the family of Gail Rohr; 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; *the family of Beth Wyatt*; the family of Frank Henline (*Wayne's brother*); the family of Jo Thomas (*Jan Hamilton's mother*); the family of Bruce Trivett; the family of Hilda Robinson; the family of Carol Woodard

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); 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); Shelby Sparks (friend of Mary Robinson, awaiting test results); *Mary Kate Appainitis (recovery)*; *Jack Riley (knee replacement)*; *Ron Allen (health)*; *Norma Smith (scheduled neck surgery)*; Ed Saunders (Amputation below the knee)

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; 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*; *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); Ann Butler; Josh (Melanie's friend – muscular dystrophy); Barbara (heart attack); Bruce Hobson (Vertigo); Brooke (kidney infection); John Lacey (Jo) - Lymphoma; Mary (Jane Greenwood's sister in Missouri) health concerns; Erin Haberneck Halpaine (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); Louie Smith (*Lila Baskin's brother* – Health/COVID); *Gary Baskin* (health)

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; Hurricane Delta victims; Hurricane Zeta victims

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); 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, 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			
8 th -Framton Gibson		10 th – Carolyn Burleson	11 th – Ann Denny
			13 th – Greg Hoilman
PRESENCE:		Week of November 1, 2020	9:00 – 20 11:00 – 28 Total -40*
GIFTS	Week of 11/1/20	General Fund - \$1,755.00	Weekly budget need - \$4,912.75
		VANCO September - \$1,506.50	
		Year to Date - \$207,943.66	YTD Budget Need – \$221,075.75
	Change Offering	\$32.31- (Centro Latino)	\$32.31 - (High Country Prison Ministry)
		MISSIONS Reimbursement - \$496.39	
		Community Assistance - \$1,805.00	Special Giving - \$90.00
		Community Assistance VANCO Sept. – 248.39	Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 5

** 8 people went to both services*

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 – November 15, 2020****

Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123 or 76; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30